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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the muwinina people, the Traditional Owners and Custodians who for thousands of generations, lived and cared for the land on which our College stands today.

We acknowledge the continuing relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country that was never ceded and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Words & Deeds is a magazine for the St Virgil's community.

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Treaty Day
Front cover
Junior School boys in playground




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It is with pride that I introduce our latest edition of 'Words & Deeds', the magazine that touches on the broad and colourful life of the St Virgil's community in 2022 - from the excitement of young boys new to school, through selected highlights and events across the College and Old Virgilian community, to the sad farewells and gratitude for the lives of those who have recently passed.

Most gratifying is seeing the re-emergence of a full and dynamic College and community life after the isolating experience of a pandemic. Boys need a life full of friends, events, activities, community, and teaching and learning. They need school, and that renewed experience is on full display in these pages.

2022 has also been a year of considerable change and development at St Virgil's. 'Words & Deeds' features preparations for the reintroduction of Senior Secondary -Year 11, in 2023, with associated building developments, along with changes in our approach to student well-being.



A Word from the Principal

New facilities have been blessed and opened, and special events and achievements celebrated in the arts, sport, study, and a diversity of other programmes.

This edition of 'Words & Deeds' also features stories from the rich lives our students go on to when they leave school, and as adults the fascinating paths that unfold for them in their professional and personal lives. There is also sadness in the passing of loved ones and old friends, and for us as a community, reflections on the life of colleague Mark Waddington, who we remember in our thoughts and prayers.

As the new Principal of St Virgil's College in 2022, my eyes have been opened to the unique richness of this community, one I am proud to serve, and I believe is wonderfully reflected in this publication.

With my best wishes, for the rest of 2022.





Mother's Day and Father's Day

Who loves their mum? Who loves their dad?
Who loves their boy?

The photos say it all, captured over three events at the Junior School this year. With COVID-19 hurdles retreating into the past, including postponement, proud boys welcomed mums, dads, grandparents, siblings and assorted special others into their school for a Mother's Day breakfast in May, and Father's Day breakfasts in August (Kinder) and September (Prep and Grade 3-6).

The time-honoured breakfast at all three events, featuring bacon and egg rolls (hundreds of them),

was put on thanks to many P&F, and parent and staff volunteers who arrived early to set up, cook and clean-up. Additional attractions included a raffle and door-prize at the Mother's Day Breakfast, Kindergarten dads received a gift of a toolbox which the boys had made on a trip to Bunnings, together with a biscuit they had baked, and the successful sale over the two Father's Day events of all available tickets for the AFL Football Margin Ticket fundraiser.

Special moments and memories for boys, parents and families.



Climbing trees and building huts. Slithering through mud, exploring the bush, discovering what's edible and building a campfire. It used to be what boys did when free of school routines - on weekends and holidays. Now, a part of the St Virgil's Bush Programme, it's what they do at school as well.

The Bush Programme gives boys time to wonder at and explore the natural world. The weekly visits immerse them in nature, helping them to step in time to its natural beat. As the programme runs in all weathers, the boys learn to be prepared for all experiences. This means hats and sunscreen in summer and, during the wetter winter months, waterproof overalls, gumboots, coat, beanie and scarf. Through the programme the boys freely engage with the environment, collecting and sorting natural materials, exploring, discovering, building cubbies and climbing trees.



Bush Learning

Rain, puddles and mud are part of the experience - a change of clothes being essential! Curiosity, risk-taking and resilience are developmentally important for boys - dispositions the programme cultivates.

In 2022 both the Kindergarten and Prep class visited St Virgil's Austins Ferry Campus regularly. Jamie Graham-Blair helped connect the boys to Country and Aboriginal culture, introducing them to bush foods and captivating them with his story telling. Mr Smith supported the boys to build huts and experience a campfire in a safe setting.

On International Mud Day the Kinder students had a particularly fabulous time, all rugged up in wet weather overalls and boots, jumping and sliding in the mud. Mr Smith had a campfire going and the boys had a wonderful time collecting wood and keeping warm around the fire. And after such a day, only natural that a few fell asleep on the bus on the way back.





Little Legs

October saw the dawn of a new era in athletics at St Virgil's, as the first Early Years Athletics Carnival took place. Sunshine, parents, siblings and grandparents formed the backdrop for Kinders and Preps to enter the arena of athletic and fun activities.

Participation was the main game. There were bean bags relays, sack races, vortex throw (who could throw as far as a superhero!), the 25m sprint, parachute games and the Cat, Mouse and Cheese game.

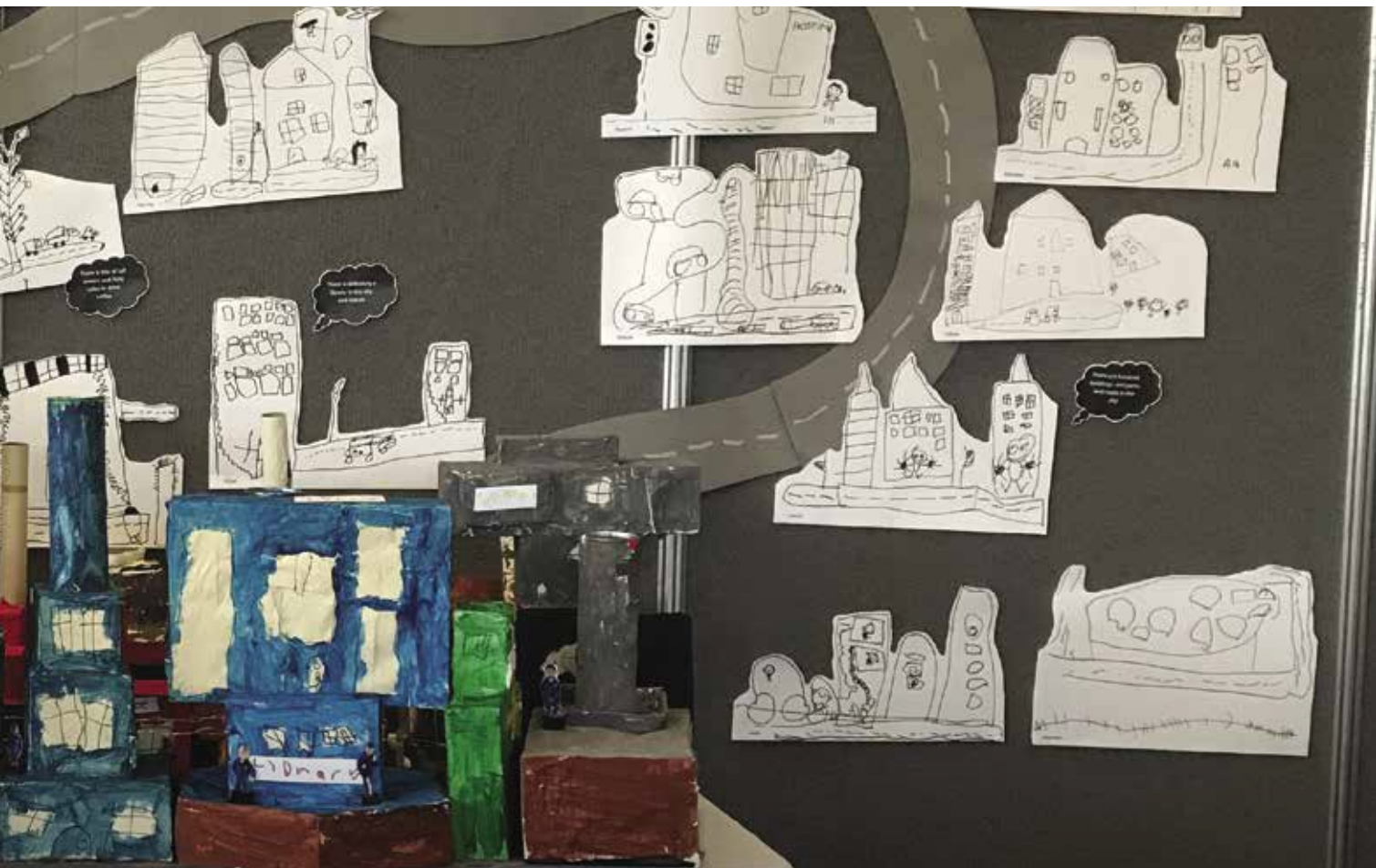
But there is no true sporting event without contention - emerging in the final event, the sponge race: which team really had the most 'blue water' in their tub! Thank you to Karryn McCullagh for her efforts in organising such a smooth, well-run carnival which included so much fun and participation from all the boys.



Cranes, diggers and building sites fascinate young boys. And it was curiosity about a big crane seen by the boys from the kindergarten window that sparked a quest to discover the city, under the guidance of Director of Early Years Learning Sandra Mazengarb, and staff Heather Priest and Sarah Mazengarb. First, they learned the crane was building a building in the city, prompting questions: What is a city? Who is in the city? How are we connected to the city?

Shared discussion led to some understandings about a city. "There are lots of cars and buses in the city and roads and signs," said Archer. "There are lots of shops in the city," said Freddie. "There are lots of buildings in the city," said Rupert.

So, let's explore. First, a visit to the top of the school campus where they could see the whole city from above, using Google Maps to follow and plan a path through the city. City walks to the library, then the post office and past shops and hotels - following the boys' interests and investigating their wonderings.



Connecting to our City

The children discovered they had lots of connections to the city. It was where someone in their family worked.

“Maybe we could build our city!” Said William. The boys used their understanding of the city and their local community to construct a city. The students worked together to plan the buildings for the city and design the city. They built buildings, then brought all their ideas together to present their city community project. To make their understandings visible. “We wanted to show everybody and even the big people our city,” said Finn.

A wonderful project led by the Kindergarten educators, who asked themselves, how do children connect to place, how do they come to an understanding of community? Which led to an encounter with place - creating a dynamic and direct experience of connection and community.



Competing Australian Rules Football teams from St Virgil's College and The Hutchins School met again on Thursday June 13 this year at the Alex Gadomski Gala Day, honouring the life of the former St Virgil's student, who died from bone marrow failure at the age of 21 in 2017.

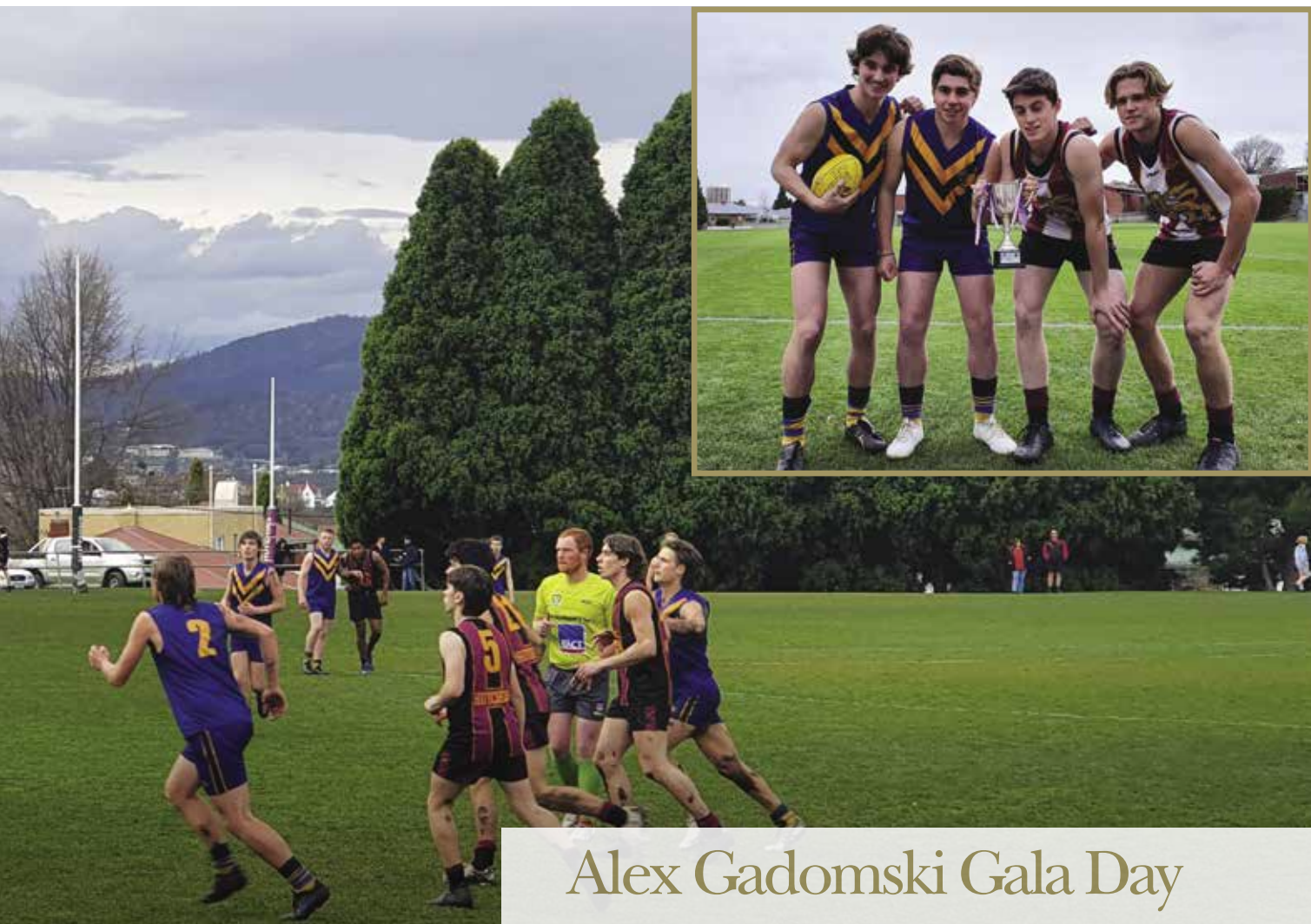
Created by the Gadomski family and now in its fifth year, the Alex Gadomski Cup raises awareness and funds for the Alex Gadomski Fellowship, supporting Maddie Riewoldt's Vision in researching Bone Marrow Failure Syndrome.

Teams from St Virgil's College and The Hutchins School

went head-to-head on the Gala Day, with St Virgil's taking home the Cup and the Year 9/10 SSATIS Grand Final with a score of SVC 11.9.75 def. HUT 7.7.49.

Lachie Gadomski attended the event to present the Alex Gadomski Cup and Courage Medal for the Year 9/10 match to St Virgil's College student, Harry Sylvester, 16.

While St Virgil's College and The Hutchins School have proud football heritages and rivalry, the sportsmanship and courage on display epitomised the greater cause, and players instinctively understood the expectations that come with the honour of participating in the Gala Day.



Alex Gadomski Gala Day

Alex Gadomski was a smart, very fit and healthy 16-year-old who enjoyed playing football and rowing when he was admitted to hospital with appendicitis. Routine blood tests showed an abnormality and from there a variety of diagnoses, biopsies, surgeries and treatments followed over the next five years.

Alex Godomski was passionate about following a career in medical research and was posthumously honoured with his degree. Although he passed away before he could put his degree to use, the family and community are devoted to bringing awareness of and research into Bone Marrow Failure Syndrome.

The results of the day were:

Curtain Raiser 1 - Year 5/6
HUT 2.10.22 def. SVC 2.1.13

Alex Gadomski Courage Medal Winner - Billy Banks-Smith, HUT

Curtain Raiser 2 - Year 7/8
SVC 13.9.87 def. HUT 2.3.15

Alex Gadomski Courage Medal Winner - Samuel Orr, SVC

Alex Gadomski Cup and SSATIS Grand Final - Year 9/10
SVC 11.9.75 def. HUT 7.7.49

Alex Gadomski Courage Medal Winner - Harry Sylvester, SVC



Adding to the amazing sporting and co-curricular opportunities on offer to our boys, in April our 1st XI Soccer team travelled to Brisbane to compete in the National EREA Football Tournament, conducted at St Joseph's Nudgee College.

With facilities rivalling English Premier League clubs overseas, the tour for the boys is so much more than football.

It's all about opportunities that will enhance their football experiences whilst also further reinforcing school spirit and the holistic education provided to all students.

A big congratulations to Team SVC on their dedication and commitment in their preparation for the Tournament - and for becoming National Champions.

Day 1 Results

Match 1

SVC 2 def. St Joseph's Nudgee College 0

Match 2

SVC 7 def. Ambrose Treacy College 0



National EREA Football Tournament

Day 2 Results

Team SVC continued to make great inroads in the tournament with a 0-0 draw against the fancied St Joseph's Gregory Terrace and followed it up with an emphatic 8-0 win against St Laurence's College. Team SVC finished the early rounds on top of Pool B (scoring 17 goals and conceding 0).

Day 3 Results

Semi Final vs Ignatius Park College
SVC 2 def. IPC 1

Grand Final

SVC 2 def. Gregory Terrace 0

It was a magnificent performance over the three-day tournament, with St Virgil's scoring 21 goals and conceding only 1. Congratulations to all the boys and coaching staff.

Who are we? ...SVC!



NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

A flourishing co-curricular Music programme linked to a strong classroom offering, from junior to senior years, is the aim of newly appointed (2022) St Virgil's Director of Music, Mr Jack Machin.

"I really want opportunities for all boys to have an outlet for music. To have the enjoyment of learning to play." Mr Machin emphasises, "Inclusiveness is our No 1 priority. There is so much enjoyment in being part of a non-competitive team. If we provide opportunities for all students, then excellence will follow."

A trombonist by musical background, Mr Machin moved to Tasmania through education in 2020. He was formerly Director of Music at Hunter Valley Grammar, and in Newcastle established and was a founding member of the Newcastle Youth Orchestra. He sees music as at the heart of a quality education, including at St Virgil's. "There are so many benefits that flow from music being part of a boys' education and development."





Tuning Up

Turning up, tuning in and tapping into latent talent. Music could be described as the ultimate holistic co-curricular activity at St Virgil's. Music engages body and brain - coordination, concentration and creativity - language, literacy and mathematical concepts - emotion and discipline - team work and training. And the chance to perform.

Inclusiveness and a place for all are hallmarks of the music programme. Opportunities for the boys include Concert Bands, a Senior School Stage Band, various rock bands,

the Junior School Choir, and more. Performances in 2022 have ranged from Choomalaka, featuring all the above, as well as a K to 4 Music Showcase, along with performances supporting school events including Liturgical Music for the Mary Rice Mass, end of year Thanksgiving and Awards Evening, and the Blessing and Opening of the Waterford Centre. The latter includes new teaching, tuition and rehearsal spaces for musicians.



Hands-on science ignited intellect and imagination at St Virgil's during National Science Week. Making 'Science' real for students was the aim and having different practical activities every day, the strategy.



Real Science

Activities in the Senior School included bottle rockets, building catapults, making sugar glass, tempering chocolate, making honeycomb, and using a virtual reality machine to explore the national space station - and play a few games.

With Senior Secondary coming back to St Virgil's in 2023, Head of Science, Mr Dan Robinson said staff have been working to build the profile of the Sciences, with subject selections for Year 11 2023 showing a healthy level of interest. "Making science real" is at the centre of building that interest, he noted.

Sparking interest early - meaning in the Junior School - fits this agenda. There was also a different experiment each day and attendance at The Festival of Bright Ideas. In Prep, students investigated what happened when they placed white flowers in food coloured water and were amazed to see them change colour and see the pathway of the dye trace up through the petals.


Another notable experiment was creating an erupting volcano, (complete with dinosaurs!) in the sand pit, with squeals of delight when the 'lava' bubbled out of the crater!



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Gospel Spirituality
We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.



Top St Virgil's students this year were presented at the Academic Excellence Assembly in September, receiving bursaries and scholarships to recognise their efforts and support their studies at the college in 2023.

All-Round Excellence Bursaries

Awarded to students who have displayed all round excellence at the College, including in areas such as Academic Studies, Leadership, Music, the Arts, Service and Co-curricular commitment. Thanks to the generosity of the Old Virgilians Association and other College benefactors, the recipients for 2023 are:

- Charles Lennon
- Tyler Barrett
- Hamish Chilcott



Scholarships and Bursaries for 2023

Scholarships for 2023

The Harold Gatty Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Oscar Brewer. Harold Gatty himself won a bursary to attend St Virgil's College, after growing up in Campbell Town. Harold went on to have an esteemed international career in aviation.

The Old Virgilians Association Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Thomas Marr. This scholarship honours all facets of college life and academic excellence shown by so many of our past students.

The Leo Doyle Memorial Scholarship in honour of the first day student of St Virgil's College, was awarded to Angus Percy. Leo Doyle was an academic and prize-winner throughout his education and went on to be held in high honour in the legal profession.

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Deputy Principal Appointment

Mr Daniel Lapolla's appointment as Deputy Principal this year comes during a time of growth and change at St Virgil's. Along with responsibility for operations, staffing and deputising for Mr Franzin, Mr Lapolla has been deeply involved in the development of a new College approach to student wellbeing - 'The Virgilian Way'.

In his words, "The old system had run its course". Previously Mr Lapolla held roles including Acting Deputy, Head of Student Welfare, Head of House, Religious Education Coordinator and Director of Identity. He commenced at St Virgil's as an experienced teacher in 2013.

COMMUNITY

We belong to a community where we have respect and empathy for each other.

Like Blessed Edmund we recognise each person's story and invite them in.

INTEGRITY

We are people of truth who live by our motto 'by deeds not words alone'.

Like Blessed Edmund we act in ways that may not be comfortable but are right.

THE VIRGILIAN WAY

Proactive, rather than reactive. Values based decisions, ahead of simple rule following.

Forming individuals, above and beyond group management. Situated in the fundamental relationship between teacher and student, rather than from the top down. 'The Virgilian Way' draws on these ideas in a renewed approach to student wellbeing at St Virgil's, moving beyond 'behaviour management' - to the equipping and support for each boy to enable him to deal with the diversity of life's circumstances - at school and in life.

JUSTICE

We work for equality by acknowledging our rights and responsibilities.

Like Blessed Edmund we champion fairness and each person's dignity.

KINDNESS

We use our time, words and deeds to be gentle and caring people

Like Blessed Edmund we show compassion and respect to all.

LEARNING

We are all learners and believe learning is a liberating opportunity for everyone.

Like Blessed Edmund we contribute to creating an environment that supports learning for all.

AN WAY

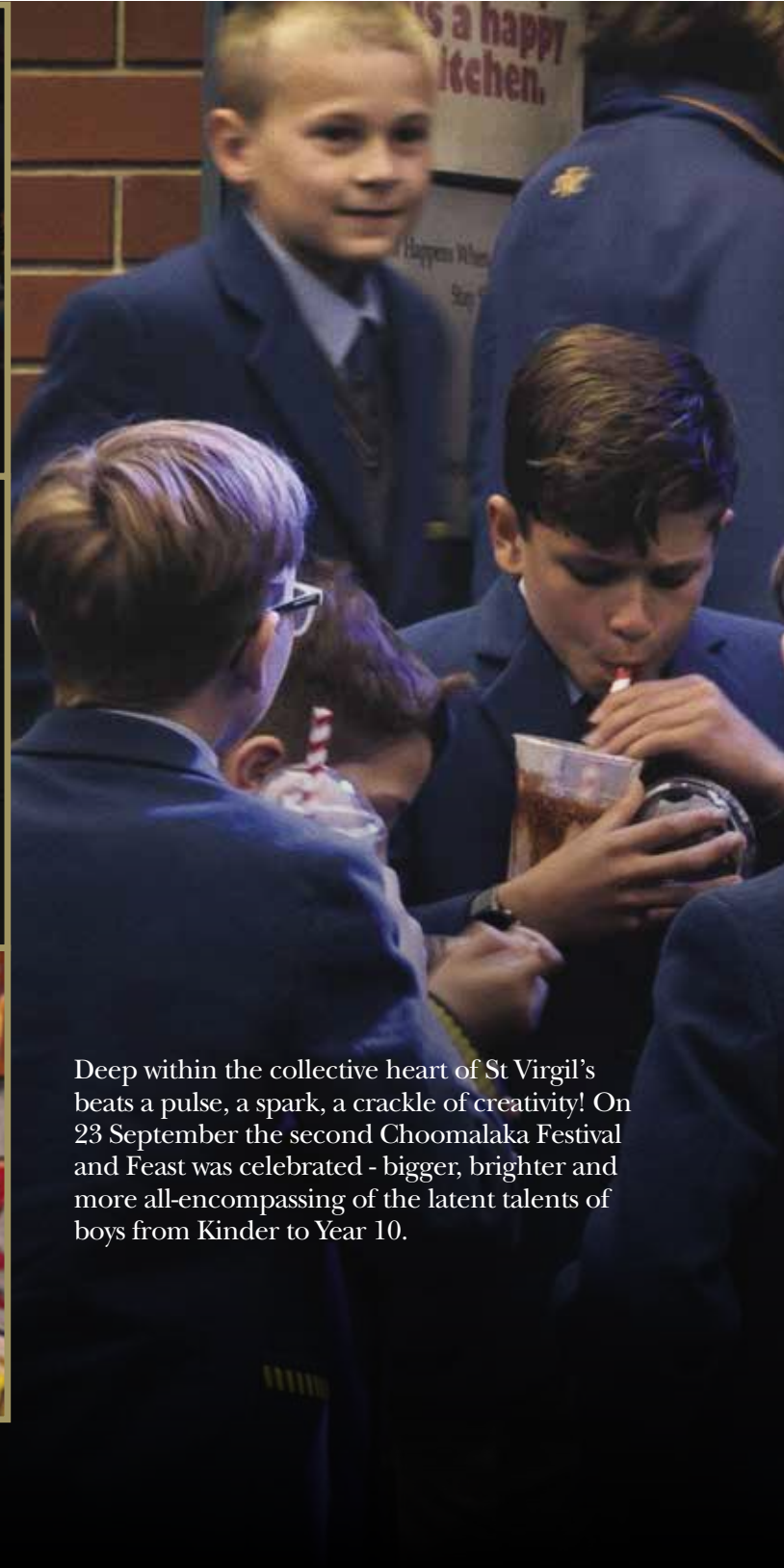


Student Wellbeing - The Virgilian Way

The Virgilian Way is the product of staff collaboration, including with Mr Lapolla, Miss Farron Boxall (Head of Student Welfare), Heads of House and the Student Support Team; workshoped with staff and informed by student and parent feedback. From this process emerged the 'Values' which are the markers and foundation of the 'Way':

- Community - based in respect, empathy and invitation
- Integrity - exhibiting truth 'by deeds not words alone'
- Justice - which acknowledges rights and responsibilities, fairness and dignity
- Kindness - practising gentleness and care, compassion and respect
- Learning - as a liberating opportunity for everyone, in a jointly built supportive learning environment.

Trialled in Term 4 2021, the 'Way' is now common practice, with a plan to review it after a year. As it is part of a broader review of pastoral care, the aim is to build on it with further developments in 2023. Already, previously scattered student welfare services have been gathered into the newly developed Student Welfare Hub in the Waterford Centre, to physically help enable a collaborative and networked approach to student wellbeing.



Deep within the collective heart of St Virgil's beats a pulse, a spark, a crackle of creativity! On 23 September the second Choomalaka Festival and Feast was celebrated - bigger, brighter and more all-encompassing of the latent talents of boys from Kinder to Year 10.



Choomalaka Festival & Feast

With a move to the top carpark and surrounds, including the Joyce Performing Arts Centre, the event grew to include even more to see, do and eat! Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Media, Languages, Science and Technology were vehicles for the creative talents and skills of many boys to be displayed through performance, singing, installation, videos, animation, display, demonstration - and food and drink!

The Choomalaka format is inclusive in vision, allowing all boys to find, harness and display their creative potential. The whole of K to 4 were involved. Other highlights included the Year 7 Rock Band, the Murder Mystery

Drama, art displays, Billy Carts, Solar System, Hologram and Helix models, and the lively and energetic performances of the Stage and Concert Bands.

To experience it live, is to grasp the potential for creativity in all boys. So, make a mental note to be there in 2023. Thank you to Ms Amelia Clark, Mr Jack Machin, Mrs Jill Norton and Mr Aaron Lucas, and all the staff who planned, organised, inspired, guided and supported the boys. Thank you also to parents and families for encouraging and attending.





Combined Year 3 and 4 Camp

Memories from school camps last a lifetime, and the 2022 Grade 3 and 4 Camp delivered a rich array of experiences the boys will carry with them for a long time.

Based at Spring Beach Youth Camp in Orford on the east coast, day one saw the boys take a ferry trip to Maria Island; sunshine and exploration taking in everything from beaches and wombats, to the search for and discovery of fossils at Fossil Cliffs. The journey on the ferry itself was especially memorable, rough enough on the way over, but nothing compared to the return trip! Dry land looked good. This was followed by a barbecue, bonfire and bed for very tired people.

Day two saw rotational activities such as the commando course, obstacle course, low ropes course, orienteering and the flying fox. The evening was beautiful, so the most of made of it by spending it on Spring Beach. The weather was not so great on day three, but the boys were kept busy on the rock-climbing wall and indoor activities before the return to school.

During a normal school week, the Year 3s and 4s collaborate in most subject areas. It only made sense to take them on camp together, a combined camp for the first time. Thanks to Miss Pugsley, Mrs Coleman, Mr Wootton, Mr Ditton, Miss Gardner and Mr Terhell for organising what was a great success and remains a great memory



The Waterford Centre was blessed and opened on October 28. It comprises the newly refurbished Library, Student Services including Learning Enhancement, Careers, Counselling and Psychology services, general learning areas and outdoor education office and general learning areas.

Principal Mr Jon Franzin spoke at the opening: "Accepting the heart of a school lies in the human dynamic of learning and teaching that takes place between students and teachers and the support and wellbeing of our students..."

the blessing and opening of what could be reduced to mere buildings...has much more importance." Centrally located on the campus, the facility "...is the beating heart of our contemporary and student focused learning and wellbeing hub for all who attend our College."

The Centre was blessed and opened by His Grace Archbishop Julian Porteous - Archbishop of Hobart and Ms Philomena Billington - President of the Trustees of Edmund Rice Education Australia. In front of guests, including representatives of Edmund Rice Education, Catholic Education, parish, the Christian Brothers, SVC Advisory Council, former Principals of St Virgil's, other



Waterford Centre Blessing and Opening

Catholic schools, architects and builders, and students and staff, Mr Franzin acknowledged the contributions and support of many, placing them in the context of the hopes, aspirations and contributions of the families of Southern Tasmania and the Christian Brothers who founded and built St Virgil's over a century ago.

The Name - The Waterford Centre Event - A Beating Heart: Waterford Centre Blessing and Opening

"The Waterford Centre, a place synonymous with our founder Blessed Edmund Rice, who commenced his working life in Waterford City, Ireland. By his late twenties, through his entrepreneurial skills, Edmund had earned

himself a comfortable living. After the tragic death of his wife Mary, Edmund turned to his special vocation, which was to provide dignity for the poor, especially to the young boys of Waterford through education. In 1802, Edmund commenced the building of a monastery comprising living accommodation and a school. Through these humble beginnings Edmund Rice started a worldwide educational movement and as such the naming of this learning and wellbeing centre is a fitting tribute to his life's work in Waterford City and our aspirations as a learning and faith community." (From Mr Franzin's speech)

Year 11 2023 - Serious Possibilities

Moving from Year 10 into Year 11 is serious for a student. It asks questions with consequences - about subject choices, capacity, effort, career pathways and aspirations.

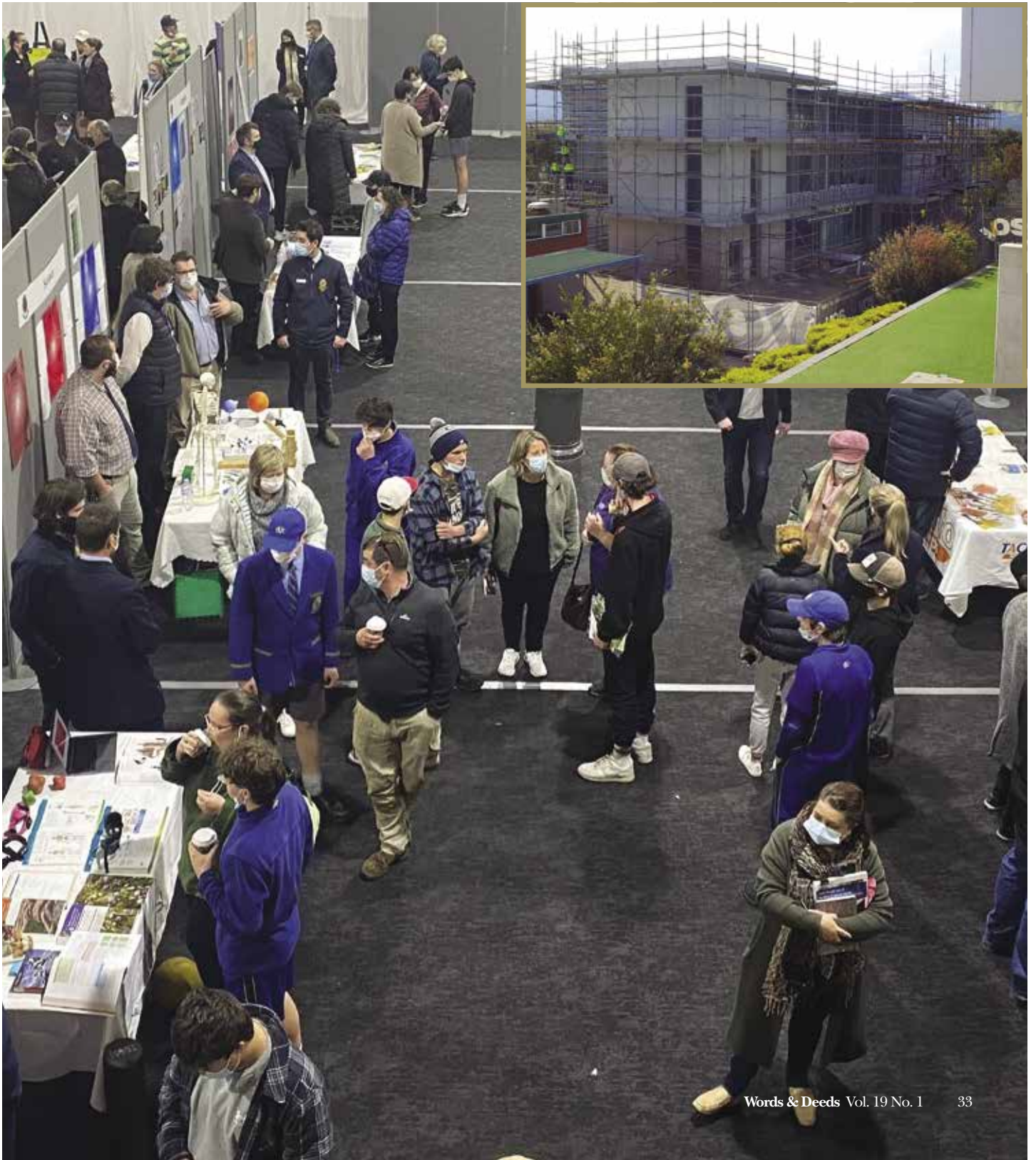
All at the same time as physical and social growth is coming to a head - earning money, driving cars, deepening relationships, and growing autonomy in faith and belief. This makes it a serious time for parents too, and a very serious responsibility for a school providing senior secondary education.

The return of senior secondary education for boys at St Virgil's after a 30-year gap has been years in the making, with 2022 a time of peak preparation. Planning, staffing, timetabling, counselling, educating, building, equipping - and dreaming about the possibilities and potential, have all been feeding into an accelerating atmosphere of anticipation. A key staff member in the middle of the planning, Director of Administration, Mrs Mary-Jane Anders, has noted the enthusiasm of the pioneering Year 10s who will form the Year 11 class of 2023, "Boys in the first cohort for 30 years are very excited. There are great opportunities for them ahead." Not least creating a sense of legacy, building on the Virgilian culture of belonging and pride, and providing role models for younger boys - the seniors of the future.

Getting Ready

Recommencing senior education with a clean slate, unencumbered by routine, requires clarity of purpose, new thinking and openness to differing approaches. Mrs Anders outlined some key elements adopted at St Virgil's to set up each boy's journey through senior secondary in 2023 and beyond.

- Informed Student Decision Making - Already underway, the course counselling process has students plan two years in advance, drawing on career aspirations, interviews and new course handbooks. All focused on them as individuals, directed towards informed and appropriate choices for individual success - their own pathway, academic and/or vocational, and to get a TCE.
- Careers Expo - To open horizons for the boys and inspire them; to help them see beyond their immediate experience to the breadth of exciting possibilities.
- Aligned Advice - Boys, teachers and parents using data and knowledge built up on each boy by the school over years, particularly on academic achievement, strengths and potential. Also aligning with insights from the strong St Virgil's Pastoral Care and Welfare Team, their knowledge of individual boys, socially and emotionally, including individual needs such as differentiation and adjustment.
- Student Choice Driven Timetable - Constructing a timetable based on boys' subject choices, rather than them being restricted to a predetermined timetable. An important philosophical starting point for enabling student course choice, without assumptions.
- Staff Capacity Planning - Staff recruitment in recent years has included the capacity to teach subjects at senior levels. The College is now staffed to offer a wide range of subjects to cater for all career pathways, from pre-tertiary to workplace, including the different levels of English and Mathematics, various Sciences, Humanities including Psychology, and extending to Religious Education, Music, IT subjects and VET courses such as Construction.
- Regional Collaboration - Collaborating with four other Catholic Schools to expand subject choice and timetable flexibility. Where a subject lacks student numbers to be viable or is not offered, or there is a timetable clash, students may be able to take that subject at another school. This initiative between St Virgil's College, St Mary's College, MacKillop Catholic College, St Aloysius Catholic College and Guilford Young College is on a new scale, with potential benefit to students from all the schools.



Vale - Mark David Waddington

On August 25 2022 the St Virgil's was told the very sad news of the passing of much loved member of the College community Mr Mark Waddington, aged 57, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Devoted husband of Jacinta, loving father of Declan, Elijah, Tadhg and Matilda, cherished son of Margaret and Mike, loved colleague at St Virgil's and his previous school St Patrick's Ballarat, and friend, supporter and inspiration to many in the College and wider community, Mark was farewelled at his funeral on Thursday September 1, held at St Virgil's College, Austin Ferry. The funeral was led by St Virgil's Chaplain Fr Suresh and the College was closed for the day in respect for Mark and to enable the many who mourn him to attend.

Mark was on staff at St Virgil's College, Hobart from 2012 until his passing, and a staff member of St Patrick's College, Ballarat from 2002 until 2011. He dedicated much of his working life to these two school communities where he was a wonderful example of the charisma of Blessed Edmund Rice in action. In his role as Director of Development at St Virgil's College, he provided great support to the Old Virgilian's Association, Parents & Friends Association and College Advisory Council. He had a deep commitment for the Mary Rice Centre in Kenya

and was instrumental in supporting this community during his time at the College. He was the co-founder of the St Virgil's College Reconciliation Action Plan and our tunapri makuminya Project.

The St Virgil's community continues to offer its prayers for Mark, and prayerful support for Jacinta and their family.

The following reflections on Mark are taken from the eulogy delivered by Mr Terry Blizzard, current Principal of St Mary's College, St Kilda, former Deputy Principal of St Virgil's and a close friend and colleague of Mark.

Eulogy by Mr Terry Blizzard

The story of Mark Waddington at St Virgil's is one of a much-loved community builder, with a vision of a community that sees inclusion and advocacy for the marginalised as its heart and soul. It is a story of a dignified presence, and it is a story of humility that influenced many. A man passionate about standards (for goodness' sake punctuate!), a model of humanity who graciously shared his life with us.

Choosing to relocate his family, our family, in 2012 was such an adventure, he saw something in the people and the lifestyle that spoke to him and to Jacinta. I think the challenge of where he could take the school appealed to him too.

To summarise Mark's story at St Virgil's College in so few words is flawed, but there are some achievements that must be celebrated.

Right from the beginning Mark set about understanding the culture of this community, it was so important to him, immersing himself in every aspect of the school. Early on he prioritised connection with the old boy network, to listen and to learn. You see Mark passionately believed that schools are communities, and that alumni and parents and friends and students and staff are intrinsic to that community. With his old boy committee he set in place community building events such as the football lunch, the grand Role of Honour event held annually paying tribute to distinguished old boys and organised alumni reunions in Melbourne and Sydney. He saw a need to, if you like, bring them back to the fold. I think it was for this reason that Mark so passionately took on the enormous task over recent years of developing the extraordinary feasibility work for the return of Year 11 and 12. He was determined to be at the opening in 2024. I know that Mark came to call many of the old boys he worked with his dear friends, and I know many of them are here today to celebrate his life.

Mark's time at St Virgil's College was characterised by his extraordinary compassion and empathy and his want to make a difference. His commitment to and love for the

specially abled children at the Mary Rice Centre in Africa was a profound example of this - they were his people and he loved them. His great dream was to lead a group of students and others to Nairobi to work with the Mary Rice community in the Kibera slum which came to fruition in 2019. We saw him there so utterly full of joy and love for these people, and in looking back at the photos is to see someone who could think of no other place he'd rather be. The impact on the young people who Mark led on this immersion was life changing. There are many in Nairobi mourning today.

As we have heard from his time at St Patrick's, Mark was inspired by the spirituality of First Nation Australians and had a passionate commitment to reconciliation. It was in a sense his life's work. Mark found kindred spirits at St Virgil's, who in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community set upon a journey over several years of developing the College's Reconciliation Action Plan. I know Mark and the members of this group spent many hours over a number of years developing this extraordinary work. In so doing developing a culture in the school that has reconciliation deep in its heart. In 2021 Reconciliation Australia announced the St Virgil's College RAP as winner of the Narragunnawali Award, recognising and celebrating the school and its

implementation of outstanding reconciliation initiatives. St Virgil's RAP was named as the nation's leading school at the 2021 Australian Reconciliation Convention.

It is hard to speak of Mark's story at St Virgil's without referencing his great passion for sport, involving himself in organising and coaching a range of sports including soccer, football and something called water polo! The greatest game of all though, cricket, was his great love, and he spent so many hours offering the young men of the school the opportunity to participate. Feature games against the old enemy down the channel, the Coyle-Clingeffer Cup with St Patrick's Launceston, and the tri-series every summer against the two St Patrick's, Launceston and Ballarat. Mark loved the discipline of cricket, and he loved the inclusive nature of the great game and he loved working with and teaching the youngsters.

It was such a privilege that he shared his life and passions with us as he built community over his ten years - he had an amazing impact in this regard.

Mark, the amazing educator in and out of the classroom, a love-hate relationship with the Blues, a person with questionable dress sense, a friend to us all, who considered the marginalised in the school community as its heart and soul.

A leader who showed that gentle humanity is a powerful means of change. What a privilege for us all.



OVA Committee

President:

Zac Piesse (SVC 2008-11)

Vice President

Bruce Woods (SVC 1955-60; Staff 2012 -)

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Graeme Rainbow
(SVC 1957-63; Staff 1971-82, 1985-2001, 2012 -)

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Paul Boutchard
(SVC 1967-75; staff 1983-85, 1987-91)
Tony Rainbow (SVC 1958-1963)

Website

www.oldvirgilians.org.au

The OVA website provides Old Virgilians with greater options to stay connected and support the College and OVA.

Feedback is welcome and all contributions to The Old Virgilian greatly appreciated.

In the News

Please note - an extensive list of news stories from old boys across the world can be found in OVAations - the monthly e-newsletter of the OVA. To subscribe or to access past editions, please visit the OVA website

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The Old Virgilian



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A Catholic boys school in the Edmund Rice tradition

Events

Upcoming events found at:
www.oldvirgilians.org.au/whats-on

20 year reunion

Join the class of 2002 for a 20 year reunion

The class of 2002 will be getting together for a reunion on Thursday December 29. The opportunity to tour the College will be on earlier in the day, with dinner and drinks (pay your own way) later in the evening.

Thursday December 29, 7.30 pm
T42, Elizabeth Street Pier, Hobart
RSVP to George Miller: gsmiller87@gmail.com

The event coordinators have reached out to nearly 70 old boys however there are still quite a few missing. They would appreciate it if you can please spread the word about this event.

Open Day at Austins Ferry

The projected open day for OVs to view the major developments on Austins Ferry Campus will be held in February 2023 when greater access to buildings will be possible. The buildings are progressing nicely and are looking fantastic. I can't wait to get back to Austins Ferry to be able to view the developments on the campus. Details regarding this event will be posted in the December edition of the OVAtions newsletter.

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OVA President's Message

The Old Virgilian's Association is a proud supporter of St Virgil's College and represents, through our membership and camaraderie, the bonds that are born from a St Virgil's education and a life-long thread that links us back to the community that launched us on the many and varied paths we have taken.

As a member of the 2011 Centenary Year Graduating Class I have remained close to many of my mates, and on moving back to Tasmania at the beginning of 2021 became increasingly involved with the Association, accepting the privilege of serving as President.

Relatively young in the role, I hope to build the engagement of our younger cohort of Old Virgilians, drawing in our most recent College graduates, whether this is through the Friday Night Drinks, the OVA Golf Day, or events such as the recently celebrated OVA Annual Dinner. At the Dinner, about which you will read further in these pages, we announced our deserving Roll of Honour inductees for 2022. Congratulations to Martin Scurrah, the late Greg McNamara, Jack Riewoldt and Leighton Kearney.

Throughout the past 12 months, the Old Virgilians Association has been working with the College to help create scholarships as the College moves back to Year 11 and 12 schooling in 2023. The first group of Year 11s are locked in for next year, and the Association is helping support the College financially in providing three Academic Scholarships to students that have shown outstanding results in their schooling to date.

I wish to thank all who have supported the activities of OVA this year, especially the members of the Committee, and Graeme Rainbow in particular for his constant organising of events. Given the multiple luncheons held at the Maypole Hotel in New Town, I must also thank Justin Devine for providing such wonderful hospitality to so many old boys.

Finally, and importantly, I must pay respect to our friend Mark Waddington, recently and sadly passed, for his outstanding contribution to OVA, his tireless work, for leaving us in a much better position because of his presence, and personally because of his support, guidance and belief. Deeply missed by his family, the College community and by his friends in the OVA.



Opposite**Top left:**

Paul McNamara (SVC 1988-93) receiving the posthumous award on behalf of his father, Greg (1950-60 d. 2015). The presenter is former Tasmanian Supreme Court Judge, Pierre Slicer (SVC. 1951-60)

Top right:

Dr Leighton Kearney receiving his award from the OVA Chaplain, Fr Mike Delaney

Below left:

What a wonderful gesture! Paul McNamara visited his father's grave the morning after the Annual Dinner – the medallion and certificate are shown adorning the headstone

Below right:

Former Premier of Tasmania, Hon. Doug Lowe, presenting Dr Martin Scurrah with his award (SVC 1951-58)

Right:

Damian Messer with Tilly, Jacinta and Tadhg Waddington - with the Honorary Life Membership Certificate and the plaques to be placed in the St Virgil's Centenary History Centre



OVA Annual Dinner

After the disappointment of the cancellation of the 2021 dinner due to the COVID lockdown, this year's event went ahead with a goodly number present.

The Association was finally able to induct Dr Martin Scurrah, Greg McNamara (dec. 2015), Dr Leighton Kearney and Jack Riewoldt onto the St Virgil's College Heritage Roll of Honour. Martin and Leighton travelled from interstate to receive their awards, and Greg's younger son, Paul, came from Sydney to accept the posthumous award on behalf of the family. Jack, unable to be present, sent a video acknowledgement of his inclusion onto the roll.

The Association was honoured to have Hon. Doug Lowe AM (SVC 1950-59) propose the 'Toast to the College'.

Jacinta Waddington and two of her three children - Tilly and Tadhg - were guests of the Association at the function.

The Association had determined to confer Honorary Life Membership of the Association on Mark Waddington, (the Director of Development at St Virgil's College from 2012- 2022) in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the Association. Sadly, Mark passed away before the award was conferred.

Former SVC Principal, Damian Messer, a close friend and valued colleague of Mark's for over a decade, accepted the Association's invitation to speak to the enormous contribution Mark had made to the College and its Old Boys Association, and to present the award to the Waddington family.

One further touch was to display two plaques that had been prepared for addition to the Centenary History Centre (shown below) - permanent reminder of the contributions of Mark and Damian to St Virgil's College.



St Virgil's is why I am who I am - I was blessed with some wonderful teachers, some great classmates and school friends, many of whom I have continued to come in contact with, in a variety of places and circumstances.



Serving Tasmania

Doug Lowe AM (SVC 1950-59)

Elected Premier of Tasmania 1977, Australia's youngest Premier at 35, Doug Lowe's contribution to the Tasmanian community through politics, community development, education, sport and in other ways represents a life of commitment and achievement. Although as he would put it, his greatest achievement has been his life partnership with wife Pam and their provision of a safe, secure and loving environment for their children, now grown to adulthood with partners and families of their own.

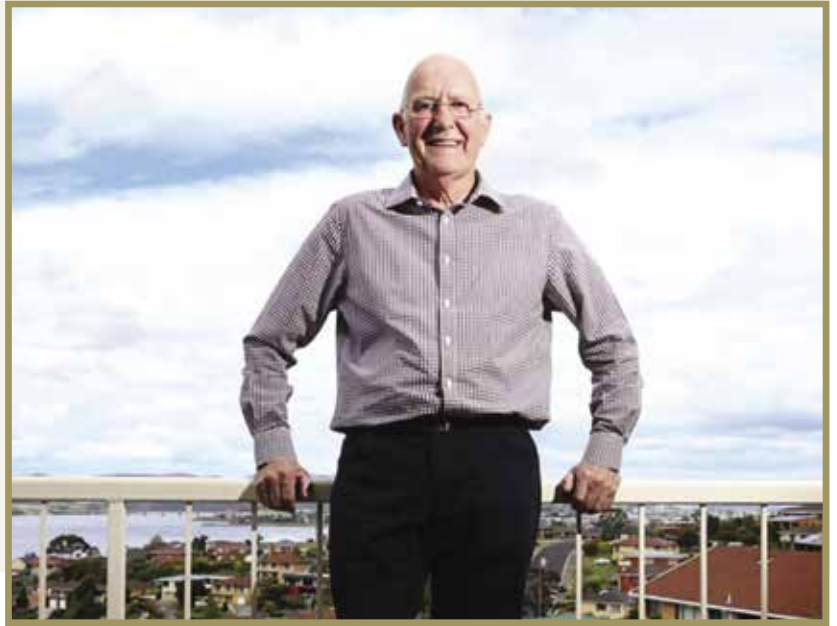
After schooling at St Virgil's (1950-59), Doug undertook an apprenticeship in Electrical Fitting at the EZ Company from 1960 to 1965. Marriage to Pam (Grant) in 1963 was blessed with four children, Debbie, Greg, Joanne and Michael, with Greg and Michael following in their father's footsteps as students at St Virgil's

Labor Party State Secretary (1965-69), Doug was elected Member of the House of Assembly in 1969, serving in the House in various roles until 1981. During this time Doug became a Minister in 1972, Deputy Premier in 1975 and Premier in 1977 until 1981. Ministerial portfolios he held included Housing, Chief Secretary (including Museums, Galleries and Libraries), Local Government and Consumer Affairs, Environment and Planning, State

Planning and Development, Industrial Relations, Health, Energy, and Treasurer and Finance. Doug later became a Member of the Legislative Council (1986-92), serving as Deputy Leader of Government in the Council from 1989-92.

Doug was central to a number of notable initiatives during his time in politics, including:

- As Housing Minister introducing reforms in Tasmanian Public Housing subdivisions including placing all power and telephone lines underground by integrating services, along with the preservation of foreshore and special reserves to provide greater community recreational amenity.
- In what became a most significant event in reconciliation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, in 1974 ordering the removal of the remains of revered elder Truganini from the storeroom of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, to be respectfully stored and documented, and in partnership with the representatives and friends of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre the cremation of her remains and, two days later, 8 May 1976, the scattering of her ashes in D'Entrecasteaux Channel adjacent to her homeland, Bruny Island, exactly a hundred years after her death at the age of 73.



- In 1978 introducing the Hansard Parliamentary Recording Service to both the Tasmanian House of Assembly and the Legislative Council for the first time since the inception of responsible Government in Tasmania in 1856.
- From 1978 until 1981 being at the heart of the 'Dams Debate' in the Parliament and the Tasmanian community. In 1980, Government accepted a package of decisions which resulted in the conservation of the Franklin and Lower Gordon rivers and the establishment of the South West Wild Rivers National Park, later to become known as the South West World Heritage Area, which in 1982 was listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. These events are detailed in his book 'The Price of Power: The Politics behind the Tasmanian Dams Case', Macmillan Australia 1984.

Post politics, Doug held the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Tasmania Branch of the AMA (1992-2004) and Chairperson of the Premier's Physical Activity Council (2004-07). He has been and continues to be active in a number of Community, Catholic Education and Sporting organisations, and is a Life Member of both the Lady Clark Geriatric Association and of Tasmanian Swimming Incorporated, and a Senator in Australian Jaycees.

Doug has been honoured for his work: Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2000 Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to the Tasmanian community, particularly in social welfare, to the development of health policy and to the Tasmania Parliament. He is also a Centenary Medal recipient, established in 2001 to commemorate the Federation of Australia and honour people who have made a significant contribution to Australian society or government, and a recipient of the Australian Sports Medal, established in 2000, honouring people who have contributed to the development and advancement of sports at State and/or National levels, for his contribution to Swimming.

Inducted into the St Virgil's Heritage Roll of Honour in 2007, Doug said, "I remember vividly the night of my induction and I regard my medal as one of my most treasured possessions."

Looking back, Doug reflects, "St Virgil's is why I am who I am - I was blessed with some wonderful teachers, some great classmates and school friends, many of whom I have continued to come in contact with, in a variety of places and circumstances."



Top Brother

Peter Clinch cfc - Global Congregational Leader of the of Christian Brothers

In February, the Christian Brothers' Chapter delegates gathering in Dublin, elected Br Peter Clinch as the new Congregation Leader for the new Leadership Team of the Brothers. These Brothers, based in Rome, will lead the Congregation globally over the next six years. Br Peter is only the second Australian to be elected Congregation Leader in the Congregation's history.

Many Old Virgilians will remember Brother Peter as a generous and outstanding teacher during his seven years at the College, 1976-77 and 1985-90.

Peter was the Oceania Province leader prior to this appointment. Oceania Province is a cross-national entity as it spans five sovereign nations, New Zealand, Australia, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, and Timor Leste.

The Old Virgilians Association wish Brother Peter and the new Brothers' Leadership Team all the best and offer our congratulations and prayerful support.

His new team includes:

Congregation Leader:

Br Peter Clinch (Oceania Province)

Deputy Leader:

Br John Casey (European Province)

Councillors:

Br Senan D'Souza (African Province)

Br David Ryan Silva (Indian Province)

Br Hugo Cáceres (American Province - Latin America)



So Close

Jack Hale & Jacob Despard

OVA congratulates two former students on their selection in the Australian Men's Athletics Team that competed in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham UK (July 28 - August 8). Jacob Despard (SVC 2010-13) and Jack Hale (SVC 2011-14) were chosen as part of the six-person squad for the 4 x 100m relay, both going on to compete in the heats on August 7.

After great runs by Despard and Hale, a stumble on the final change saw the team bow out. A devastating end but both are to be commended on the way they conducted themselves in light of the outcome.

OVA congratulates the two lads on making the team and shares their disappointment - so much work, time and effort had been expended in getting to that event. A great achievement in itself. Hopefully both will continue with the sport and will be in Paris for the 2024 Olympics.



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Medical R&D ‘Beyond Borders’

Kevin Lynch

Kevin Lynch MD (SVC 1977-82) was deputy Head Prefect in his final year at St Virgil’s and during his time at the College excelled in Soccer (a key member of the SSATIS premiership team) and Athletics (winner of the prestigious Brother Bill Wilding Trophy for the Most Determined Athlete in 1980).

Kevin went on to study medicine at University of Tasmania and proceeded to a professional life in research and development that has spanned 30 years and in various locations around the globe. Currently residing in Sydney, where he is Chief Medical Officer at Antengene, Kevin is married with four children - two boys and two girls.

Antengene Corporation Limited is a leading clinical-stage R&D, a global biopharmaceutical company focused on innovative first-in-class/best-in-class therapeutic medicines for oncology and other life-threatening diseases. Driven by its vision of ‘Treating Patients Beyond Borders’, Antengene aims to provide the most advanced anti-cancer drugs to patients in the Asia Pacific Region and around the world.

Since initiating operations in 2017, Antengene has obtained 19 investigational new drug (IND) approvals in the APAC region and the US, submitted six new drug applications (NDAs) in multiple Asia Pacific markets, with the NDA for selinexor/ATG-010 in South Korea already approved through a priority review process. Leveraging partnerships as well as in-house drug discovery, Antengene has built a broad and expanding pipeline of 15 clinical and pre-clinical assets. The Company has global rights on 10 programs and Asia Pacific rights, including the Greater China region, on five programs.

“Dr Kevin Lynch is highly experienced and enthusiastic industry physician, having managed all disciplines in drug development at national, regional and global levels. Experience across multiple geographies and organisations at both start up level through to larger, multi-national operations. Built from ground up the multi-disciplinary medical teams needed to develop and successfully launch transformational medicines in oncology, haematology and immunology.” (Antengene Corporation 2020)



A Legal Journey

Malcolm Schyvens

Recent news coverage of an appeal hearing to assess the Mount Wellington Cableway Company's cable car plans has included the name of former St Virgil's student Malcolm Schyvens (SVC 1985-90). The appeal is being conducted at the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT), of which Malcolm is the inaugural President.

Much has happened in Malcolm's life since his days at the College, as is evidenced by the following 2021 profile - 'President of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT)'.

Mr Malcolm Schyvens was appointed as the inaugural President of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) and commenced in the role in May 2021. Prior to commencing in this role, Mr Schyvens was a Deputy President of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT), and Head of NCAT's Guardianship Division. He has also held a variety of related roles in both NSW and

Tasmania including President, (2011-13) and Deputy President (2008-11) of the former Guardianship Tribunal of NSW, Legal Member of Tasmania's former Guardianship and Administration Board (2003-08) and former Forensic Tribunal (2007-08). Prior to this, he completed his university studies and commenced his career in legal practice in Tasmania at Dobson Mitchell and Allport. He was subsequently Managing Partner of Ogilvie Jennings. He is also a former President of the Law Society of Tasmania (2007-08).

Up until his appointment as President of TASCAT, Mr Schyvens was Chair of the Australian Guardianship and Administration Council (AGAC), Convenor of the NSW Chapter of the Council of Australasian Tribunals (COAT), and a Member of the Elder Law and Succession Committee of the Law Society of NSW. He is currently the Secretary of the Council of Australasian Tribunals (COAT) and a Member of the Cultural Diversity Justice Network auspiced by the Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity.



Aquacultural Success

Mark Ryan

The name Mark Ryan (SVC 1976-84) is synonymous with Tassal - the Tasmanian salmon farming operator.

Mark has been Managing Director/CEO of Tassal since 2005. Upon leaving SVC Mark went on to University of Tasmania where he gained a Bachelor of Commerce degree. In June 2002 Mark was appointed administrator of the then-struggling aquaculture firm. He chose to stay on and listed the firm on the stock exchange the following year. The share value initially was about 50 cents.

Today, Tassal employs 1700 people across its Tasmanian and mainland farming operations, producing Atlantic salmon and black tiger prawns for domestic and export markets.

On August 15 it was announced that Canadian seafood giant Cooke has won over the board of Tassal with a \$1.1B bid.

Mark is a board member of AFL Tasmania, Salmon Enterprise Tasmania Pty Ltd, Food Industry Council of Tasmania and the National Aquaculture Council. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Sam Siggins



Mark Beck



Harri Loveless and Tony Freeman

Football News

Sam Siggins

Lauderdale footballer Sam Siggins (SVC 2007-10) has had an outstanding year in the Tasmanian Statewide League, winning both media's Cripps Player of the Year Award and the Alistair Lynch Medal awarded by the umpires.

In the Cripps Statewide League Player of the Year Award, Sam finished with 27 votes, six ahead of the runner up. His 27 votes included eight best-on-ground performances. In the Lynch Medal, Sam did not gain votes in the first six rounds but stormed home to finish with 30, four ahead of the runners-up.

It was Sam's second Alistair Lynch Medal having previously won it in the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season. He is the third player to win this award twice - the others being Josh Ponting and Brad Cox-Goodyer. Former Glenorchy star and current St Virgil's Old Scholars coach, Jaye Bowden, won the award three times.

A Big Night for the Saints at the Old Scholars Awards Night

Alex Blair (SVC 2011-14) was the recipient of the Peter Fitzgerald Medal awarded to the best and fairest player in senior division the Old Scholars Football Association. He had a two-vote buffer to the runner-up, Hutchins' George Burbury. Alex also won the goal kicking competition amassing 88 goals during the roster games.

The reserves best and fairest went to veteran, Mark Beck (SVC 1995-98). Mark, who was on staff at Austins Ferry for many years, moved to Guilford Young College this year. This was a fitting reward to Mark who has contributed so much to the 'old boys' over recent years.

Other Old Virgilians featured on the night - Tony Freeman (SVC 1964-70) as president of the association and Mitch McPherson (SVC 2000-03) was co-opted to MC the event.

Amidst the players included in the 'team of the year' was recent student Harri Loveless. Harri plays with DOSA - totally excusable since his father, Brendan, played 417 games with the club spanning 25 years.

Honorary Life Memberships

Damian Messer

It was a unanimous decision of the Old Virgilians Association Committee that Honorary Life Membership of the Association be granted to outgoing Principal of St Virgil's College, Damian Messer.

Damian is the longest serving Principal of the College. He joined the staff in 2003, was appointed Deputy Principal in 2007 and became Principal in 2010.

The award citation reads as follows:

The Old Virgilians Association has determined that Damian Messer be granted Honorary Life Membership of the Association in recognition of his extraordinary commitment and leadership of St Virgil's College and for his outstanding and ongoing support of the Association during his period as Principal of the College (2010-2021)

The Association wishes Damian every success in his position as Principal of St Mary's College.

Furthermore, its best wishes also go to Damian's wife, Jo, who is the Head of the St Virgil's College Junior Campus.

Bruce Woods

Like his father, Bruce Woods (SVC 1955-60) started his education at Sacred Heart School in New Town before moving to SVC. Rather than be coerced into the Army Cadets, Bruce opted for the Air Cadets and went on to

gain an Air Force Flying Scholarship which enabled him to gain a light aircraft pilot's licence at the age of 16.

After completing Year 10 at SVC Bruce entered the workforce with Small's Camera Store in Hobart. In 1968 he began working at TVT6 in New Town as a telecine and videotape operator. He left the television station in 1972, after being approached by Wrest Point Casino to set up the lighting and audio system in its new Cabaret Room. A year later he returned to his old position at TVT6 and progressed to the position of Senior Technician.

Whilst working at TVT6 Bruce was involved in designing one of the company's Outside Broadcast Vans. He developed a mount for cameras to be attached to helicopters for aerial photography, and after the devastating fire to the transmitter building on Mount Wellington, Bruce did preliminary plans for the construction of the replacement building. Not all his work was behind the camera, as on a number of occasions in the 1980s he joined the on-air commentary team for the finish of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Bruce's artistic side has also saw him design and build two award-winning floats for the Blue Gum Festival parade and design a set for the Miss Tasmania Quest broadcast. Away from work Bruce designed and built floats for the school attended by his children, Abbotsfield Primary School, that won the best community float award at the Hobart Christmas Pageant for five years in a row.

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Bruce's many skills have benefited both the Old Virgilians Association and the College. He is very much a 'go to', 'can do' man - anything to do with film, sound, lighting, or construction.

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He has also designed and built two floats for Village Cinemas, one of which, Harry Potter, won best Commercial Float in the Christmas Parade.

TVT6 was bought out by the WIN Corporation in the 1990s, and in 2002 Bruce was made redundant and entered semi-retirement. This has not stopped his involvement in television production as his services are still sought by both the Nine and FOX Networks when international and interstate cricket matches are held at Bellerive. His role at the matches is to sit with the commentators as their technical supervisor. This was an extraordinary situation in that Bruce is not the least bit interested in cricket, and whilst the likes of Chappell, Greig and Bill 'rattled on' about the glorious game from the best seats in the house, Bruce would immerse himself in a novel.

In 2009 noted local historian, Allison Alexander who had been commissioned by the College to prepare material for centenary festivities, requested the support of a person with sound and video expertise. She approached Bruce about the position, totally unaware that Bruce was a former student, and thus, an association with the College was rekindled and is still very much in evidence to this day.

He became an invaluable member of the History Committee that assisted with the setting up of the History Centre and the production of the DVD/CD package to mark the 100 years.

Following the Centenary celebrations in 2011, Bruce, along with Graeme Rainbow, was invited by the then Principal, Damian Messer, to continue to work as an archivist at the College and to maintain and further develop the History Centre. Furthermore, he has served on the OVA committee since 2011.

Bruce is married with three adult children and has six grandchildren. Christine, his wife of 40+ years, whose background is in 'research' volunteered to produce the book celebrating the centenary of the Old Virgilians Association. A mammoth task and one greatly appreciated.

Bruce's many skills have benefited both the Old Virgilians Association and the College. He is very much a 'go to', 'can do' man - anything to do with film, sound, lighting, or construction. Amongst Bruce's many contributions are: filming College and Association events, assisting with the maintenance (and more) at the Marine Studies Centre (formerly the Austins Ferry Yacht Club), assisting with building sets for Drama productions, the construction and operation of the TV Studio necessary for maintenance of staff/student contact during the 2020 COVID19 lockdown, and due to grandsons' involvement in rowing at the College, Bruce has been an integral part of the associated operations for the past five years.

His generosity knows no bounds. Congratulations on the award Bruce - well deserved.

Your prayers are requested for the following recently deceased Old Virgilians and friends of St Virgil's and for their family and friends.

Vale

DEEGAN, Brian Stanley
SVC 1935 - 42

16.10.1925 - 2.07.2021 Loving husband of Veronica for 71 years. Loving father of Peter, Michael, Mary & Paul.

LENNON, Peter Charles
SVC 1961 - 68

20.07.1952 - 14.01.2022 Passed away peacefully at home after a long illness. Son of the late Charles and Marjorie Lennon. Brother and brother - in - law of John (SVC 1955 - 63) and Julie Lennon; Kathy and Pat O'Dwyer; Paul (SVC 1965 - 73) and Margaret Lennon; Pat (SVC 1967 - 75) and Di Lennon; Margaret and Kevin Carey; and Susan & Bob Kennedy.

SULZBERGER, Darryl Patrick
SVC 1954 - 58

8.09.1941 - 10.12.2021 Darryl passed away peacefully on December 10 in Deloraine. Son of Charles and Gwen Sulzberger (both deceased). Husband of Patricia. Loving partner of Loraine. Loved father of Andrew, Mark and Anna (dec.) Devoted and loved

grandfather of Annaliese, Charlotte and Zara. Brother and brother - in - law of Marlene and Rob, Margaret and Ted (both dec.), Francis and Helen, Chris, Debbie and Glen.

MADDOCK, Shandon 'Harry' Thomas Gregory
SVC 1958 - 1968

10.2.1949 - 8.3.2022 Loved father of Cameron. Loved son of the late Leslie and Eileen Maddock. Loved brother of Kerry and Kevin Morgan (SVC 1948 - 56) and Michele (dec).

MCCABE, Brother Mark cfc
SVC Staff 1964 - 67

Brother McCabe was a member of staff at St Virgil's Austins Ferry 1964 - 1967. He passed away peacefully at Labrina Southern Cross Care in Prospect (Adelaide).

REARDON, Francis
SVC 1953 - 1957

Passed away peacefully after a long illness. Loved and loving husband of Rose for 57 years. Beloved father and father - in - law of Matthew (SVC 1979 - 83) and Leanne, Sandra and Paul

and Brian (SVC 1989). Brother of Allan (SVC 1959 - 62).

SPAULDING, Junior
SVC 1949 - 51

12.04.1937 - 3.03.2022 Passed away peacefully at the Royal Hobart Hospital. Loved and loving husband of Wanda (dec.) Father of Lance (SVC 1972 - 77) and Steven (SVC 1977 - 82). Grandfather of Dane (SVC 1998 - 2001) and Ryan (SVC 1999 - 2002).

CATE, Derek John (Dexter)
SVC 1954 - 59

2.6.1943 - 9.4.2022 Loved and loving father of Mark and Anji, much loved father - in - law of Melinda and Paul. Adored Poppy of Brody, Ryan, Holly, Bronte and Sophia and friend of Danni. Brother of Mervyn (SVC 1948 - 49) and Bruce (SVC 1954 - 58).

FEARNLEY - SANDER, Desmond
SVC 1949 - 57

7.05.1940 - 4.04.2022 Desmond Peter Fearnley - Sander died peacefully in Melbourne on April 4 2022, after a long illness, aged 81. Loved by his wife Mary, his children, Benjamin,

William and Amy, his brother Tony Fearnley - Sander (SVC1951 - 59) and all his grandchildren, nieces and nephews and their families. Many thanks to the Respiratory Clinic team at St Vincent's hospital for their support through Desmond's illness and the caring staff at Bapcare Westhaven Community, Footscray.

WOODWARD, Anthony (Tony)

SVC 1950 - 54

06.05.1937 - 29.04.2022 It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Tony, a wonderful and loving husband to Jan for 61 years. Devoted and loving father to Mark and Jo - Anne (Strong). Father - in - law to Kelly and Chris. Loving grandpa to Jake, Duncan (dec), Corey and Natalee.

ATKINSON, Mark Anthony (Ackie)

SVC 1985 - 1990

19.08.1972 - 01.06.2020 Ackie passed away suddenly in Western Australia. Much - loved son of Tony (SVC 1956 - 60) and Christine. Adored brother of Leanne and Janelle and loving uncle of his nieces and nephews. Mark was the 1990 Head Prefect at St Virgil's College.

NATION, Ian Anthony

SVC 1954 - 62

9.08.1944-11.05.2022 Passed away peacefully on May 11, 2022. Proud father of Tim and Matthew. Father - in - law of Kathryn and Bree. Loving Grandpa to Sophie, Isobel, Mia and Harriet. Brother of Roger (SVC 1957 - 65) and Beth

LOCKETT, David Anthony 'Sticks'

SVC 1965 - 66

01.08.1949 - 28.06.2022 David passed away peacefully at home in Canberra. Loving Husband of Liz. Loving Father of Richard (dec) and Claire. Father - in - law of Rhianna and Hugo. Loving Poppy of Harvey, Alex and Jesse. Brother of Beth, Christine and Tim. Brother - in - law of Rudy and John and Friend of Sue. Son of the late Des and Josie. David played football with North Hobart and the Old Virgilians - the old boys wore black arm bands in his honour at the match against OHA at Geilston Bay on Saturday July 2.

LYNCH, Brian Robert 'Barney'

SVC 1962 - 65

13.8.1949 - 2.7.2022 Cherished Husband and soulmate of Anne. Adored and adoring father of Amanda, Deanna and Jaclyn. Father in law and friend of Scott and Jason. Greatest Poppy and mischief maker of Christian and Edward (SVC - current school captain of the St Virgil's Junior School). Brian played with the Old Virgilians football side for a number of years. "One of life's true gentlemen"

HOPE, Philip James

SVC 1963 - 65

10.10.1946 - 24.07.2022 Passed away unexpectedly at home. Sadly missed, loved and loving husband of Maureen Hope (nee Ward). Eldest son of Paul Douglas and Patricia Marion Hope (both dec). Brother to Damian (SVC 1965 - 66), Katrina, Rebekah (dec) and Ruth.

JARVIS, Rodney Stephen

SVC 1959 - 61

16.03.1943 - 20.07.2022 Loved husband of Adrienne (dec). Loved father of Damien (SVC 1984 - 89), Rebecca and Alistair (SVC 1991 - 94), and father in - law of Meegan, Maurice and Stephanie. Loved Pop of Liam, Poppy, Callum and Stellar. Brother of Garry (SVC 1958 - 61), Brother - in - law of Angus (SVC 1956 - 59), Alistair (SVC 1960 - 66) and Quentin (SVC 1961 - 66) McCulloch.

VALENTINE Geoffrey Michael

SVC 1956 - 62

14.02.47 - 22.07.2022 Loving husband of Margaret (nee Ward) who passed away March 2021.

Much loved father of Helen, Andre, Maria, Jessica, Geoffrey, Michael & John. Grandfather of fifteen.

Geoff was the son of Eric and Pat (both deceased) and the brother of Kerry (SVC 1953 - 58) and Peter (SVC 1958 - 65). Many would remember Eric as a wonderful contributor to St Virgil's College, particularly with swimming and football teams.

DOOLAN, Phillip Ian

SVC 1965 - 71

15.01.1955 - 25.01.2022 Nephew of Geoff Doolan (SVC1946 - 55), ex RAAF, died in Adelaide. Grandson of Mrs Tilley who was housekeeper/cook for the Brothers in the early days at the Austin's Ferry campus and grandson of Eric Doolan a first year student of SVC in 1911.

GAUNT, Jefferson Leigh

SVC 1955 - 64

17.05.1945 - 13.08.2022 'Incredible husband, a loving father and a wonderful grandpa. He was an incredible man who we dearly miss and has left a hole in our hearts. He was always 100% and he always will be.' - Mercury Tributes. Son of Leigh (dec.) (SVC1930 - 35); brother of Simon (SVC 1957 - 67)

GLENNON, Stuart James

SVC 1975 - 80

28.12.1961 - 11.8.2022 Loved son of Max and Mary (both dec). Brother of David (dec. 2006 svc 1965 - 73), Craig (svc 1967 - 73), Louise (dec), Therese and Gerard (svc 1981 - 86), and brother - in - law of Margaret, Stephen and Sue. Loved uncle of all his nieces, nephews, and great - nieces and great - nephews. Passed away peacefully in the company of his family. Special thanks to the staff at the Oncology Ward of RHH for their wonderful, respectful care.

MCTYE, Alan Arthur

5.9.1927 - 2.9.2022

Passed away peacefully. Loving and devoted husband of Dorelle (Pix). Loving father of Christine Woods and Suzanne. (Christine is the author the book on the centenary of the Old Virgilians Association). Father - in - law of Bruce Woods (SVC 1955 - 60 . current SVC Staff) and Paul.

ROBERTS, Maxwell James (Max)

SVC 1955 - 58

13.11.1942 - 31.8.2022 Passed away peacefully. Dearly loved Husband of Jenny. Much loved Father of Danny, Jamie & Karen, and loved Father - in - law of Kim. Son of John and Kathleen Roberts (both dec). Brother to Phillip, Greg (dec), Peter and Keith (dec).

WADDINGTON, Mark David

SVC Staff 2012 - 22

18.02.1965 - 25.08.2022 Passed away peacefully on August 25 2022, aged 57, after a courageous and inspirational battle. Dearly loved and devoted husband of Jacinta (SVC Staff 2019 - 2022). Adored and loving father of Declan (SVC 2012 - 15, SVC Staff 2020 - 21), Elijah (dec), Tadhg (SVC 2012 - 18) and Matilda. Cherished son of Margaret and Mike. Treasured brother and brother - in - law of John and Megan, and Michael and Carrie, and much loved uncle of their children. A humble, wise soul, who always responded to others with overwhelming kindness and huge compassion. We are heart - broken that you no longer walk with us. You will live on forever in our hearts and minds and you will always be remembered with deep and true love. Yours today and forever, Jacinta, Declan, Tadhg and Matilda.

ALLEN, Samuel James

SVC 1982 - 87

16.10.69 - 25.09.2022 Sam passed away peacefully on Sunday September 25, aged 52, surrounded by love and with his family. He was

the deeply loved husband of Andy, devoted and loving father and father - in - law of Sarah, Andrew, Thomas, Jessica and Isaac.

BOUTCHARD, Brian Harry

SVC 1939 - 46

2.05.1928 - 9.09.2022 Cherished husband of Mavis (dec) for 64 years. Son of Harry and Lillian (née Dilger) (both dec). Brother of Joan, Betty, James, Alan (SVC 1939 - 46) and Marjorie (all dec). Loving and proud father of his children Anne, Julie, Stephen (SVC 1969 - 72), Paul (SVC 1967 - 75), Susanne, Kathleen, Andrew (SVC 1973 - 81), Richard (SVC 1976 - 84), Clare and their partners John, Peter, Jenny, Michelle, Richard, Andrew (dec), Marea and Andrew. Twenty - one grandchildren (including Edward & Justin Boutchard, Sam Oloney and Liam Kelleher) and 12 great grand - children. Died peacefully surrounded by his family.

BUCHER, Herbert ('Karl') Alfred

SVC 1961 - 64

14.11.1948 - 16.09.2022 Much loved husband of Eileen, cherished brother of Susan, Peter (SVC 1966 - 71), Carmen and Markus (SVC 1971 - 76) and their families, beloved son of Charles (dec) and Anne Marie (dec), and dear friend of many. Karl had been a member of the Christian Brothers Congregation from 1967 - 1987. Karl died suddenly at home in Mittagong on September 16 2022, aged 73.

COOLEY, Kenneth Charles
SVC 1847 - 52

23.1.1939 - 11.9.2022 Loving son of the late Headley Cooley and Dawn Balmforth. Treasured husband of Ludavina (dec). Brother and brother-in-law of Sue; Richard and Nicolina; and Kaye (dec). Now at Rest.**FOALE, John Peter "Skipper"**
SVC 1964 - 73

14.7.1954 - 6.10.2022 Passed away peacefully in Hobart, in the presence of his five loving daughters. Second eldest son of Kevin (Peter) (SVC 1937 - 44) and Mary Foale (both dec). Devoted and much loved father and friend of Caitlin, Natalie, Bridget and Todd, Molly, and Gabrielle. Treasured brother and brother-in-law to Graeme (SVC 1962 - 71) and Julie Foale, Robert (svc 1965 - 74) and Anne Foale, Mary Foale (dec), Rosemary and Brendan Dwyer (dec), Damian (svc 1965 - 75) and Lee Foale, Catherine and Brendan Kelly, Louise and Giovanni Paoli and Richard Foale (dec).

VERMEY, Bruce David
SVC 1985 - 90

18.04.1972 - 23.09.2022 Passed away 2022 in Western Australia. Bruce was the SVC Deputy Dead Prefect in 1990 and captained the victorious athletics team in the same year. Dearly loved son of Rhonda and Guy (dec). Dearly loved brother and brother-in-law of Jane and Greg Swan, Craig and Natalie Vermey, Lisa and Michael Reidy, Tricia and Glenn King.

ALLEN, Samuel
SVC 1982 - 87

Passed away September 25 2022. Tasmanian Police Officer of over 10 years and Tasmania Fire Service volunteer of 25 years, Samuel Allen was a highly esteemed man with a passion for protecting and serving the Tasmanian community. His is an incredible story of courage and perseverance, as he fought cancer from 2014 with optimism and zest for life until his passing. A talented photographer, an exhibition of his work 'Lutruwita, Behind The Scenes' was organised to be held at the Sidespace Gallery at the Salamanca Arts Centre from September 9 - 12, thanks to the support of wellbeing support officers at the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management in consultation with Sam, when it was identified that his printed photographs were stored in his garage ready to be framed. "Sam should be commended for the way he's remained optimistic in his approach to life while confronting his own mortality," said Matt Richman, Director of DPFEM Wellbeing Support, at the time.

FUNSLOW, Terence John
SVC 1966 - 67

7.03.1954 - 22.10.2022 Passed away peacefully in the presence of his family. Loved and loving son in law of Graham and Betty Coad (both dec).

PETERS CFC, Br Russell Edward
(SVC Staff 1961 & Principal 1991 - 96)

Brother Russell Edward Peters cfc died on Monday 24th October 2022 at Mercy Place, Rice Village, Marshall. Beloved son of Thomas Edward and Lorna May (McCusker) (both dec) and much-loved brother of Dennis and Marlene and a highly respected member of the Christian Brothers. Aged 82 years.

Br Russell first association with St Virgil's was in 1961 when he was plucked out of the training college at Box Hill in Victoria to cover for the sickness (and eventual death 2nd March) of the legendary Br E D Joyce. The following year he was transferred St Patrick's College in Launceston.

Br Peters was appointed Principal of St Virgil's in 1991. This was a difficult appointment given the prospect of the restructuring of Catholic Secondary Education in Southern Tasmania which was to eventuate at the end of 1994. Br Daryl Barclay became the new Principal of the College in 1995 but Br Peters was to continue as the Manager of the Barrack St Extension for the following two years - the extension catered for the progressive termination of the SVC 7 - 10 grades on that site.

Br Peters graduated in Education and Science in Victoria and was later to study Spirituality in Pittsburg in the USA. He had been a principal and teacher in several schools, as well as being Director of Family Services in Geelong. He then spent time living and working in Nairobi, Kenya where one of his roles was in the area of formation for young aspirants to the Christian Brothers.



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