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# The Eagle

Caboolture

Albion Heights

90th Anniversary  
Edition 13 – May 2018

Welcome to the  
90th Anniversary edition of the Eagle

## Past Students Win Gold, Silver and Bronze at the Commonwealth Games

A huge congratulations to our four past students who represented the Australian Team with great success! Lucky (Lakeisha) Patterson OAM (2107) Graduate Paralympian, Swimming (para) – two Gold Medals – 50 and 100m freestyle. Jodie Kenny (Schulz) (2004), in Australian Women's Hockey Team – Silver Medal. Evania Pelite OAM (2012) Australian Women's Rugby 7's – Silver Medal.

Taylah Robertson (2015) Boxing – Bronze Medal. Past student Jordan Ryan (2011) refereed Rugby 7's games and two current students, Blake Collett, who was a Nipper and represented Surf Lifesaving in the Opening Ceremony and Nick Bamford as a ball side-lines official in Rugby 7's!



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### 90th Anniversary Events

- Charity Golf Day – Friday 20 April, Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club
- Anzac Day Liturgy – Tuesday 24 April, Caboolture
- Open Day – Saturday 12 May, 9.00am - 1.00pm, Caboolture
- Blessed Edmund Rice's Birthday Celebration Mass – Friday 1 June, 7.45am, Caboolture
- 90th Anniversary Race Day Saturday 23 June 11.30am - 5.00pm Doomben Racecourse
- Vintage Past Students Luncheon – Friday 20 July 11.00am, St Columban's College Caboolture
- Soaring Eagles Reunion 19 October, 6.00pm, CBD Brisbane Tattersalls Club

## Celebrating the Wisdom and Legacy of the last 90 years.

**Touchstones for the Future: Advocacy, Future, Change, Diversity, Dream- Developing Skills, Resilience, Faith and Hope**

These words established the tone of the St Columban's College whole staff conference in January 2018. The Conference was designed to celebrate the 90th Year of the College and 21 years at the Caboolture site, celebrating the past and laying the foundations for the future. The list of guest speakers was impressive, each one chosen to reflect the direction the College wants to take to secure a strategic edge for the students, now and in the future.

St Columban's College is proud to be an Associate College of Edmund Rice Education and as part of the 90th celebration, we were extremely proud to have Br Peter Harney cfc speak addressing the staff on Human rights and Advocacy. This has been a key focus in recent years within the Religious Life of the College and as the APRE, I certainly resonated with the passion and conviction Br Peter spoke. He was followed later in the evening by Patrick Okimaru a close affiliate with the Edmund Rice charism since 2007. The insights provided from Patrick's work in Kibera, Nairobi, his work in the Gone Fishing program and as an Immersion guide, reinforced to the staff the importance of supporting the relationship established between St Columban's College and the Ruben school in Nairobi. The relationship was established because of the Edmund Rice Beyond Borders conference in 2016 where Ann Rebgetz Principal of St Columban's, met Scholastica Opiyo, Principal of the Ruben school and formed a solid friendship.



Principal Ann Rebgetz with Guest Speakers Ray Paxton - National Director, Identity and Liberating Education - EREA, Patrick Okimaru - Edmund Rice Foundation and APRE Raechel Fletcher

The last session of Day 1 with Marty Wilson explored the importance of resilience. Peppered with ... continue reading page 2

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humorous anecdotes, interesting insights and authentic exchanges between staff, Marty highlighted the importance of strength through adversity. Suffering is a part of the human condition, no one can escape it, but his stories and pearls of wisdom equipped everyone with a compassionate way of navigating the complexities of modern living.

The second day of the conference began with Ray Paxton launching the new and improved Charter and Touchstones. The 90th celebration allows all who are a part of the St Columban's College community recognise the wonderful legacy of the Christian Brothers and feel part of a larger network of those who are faithful to the Edmund Rice charism.

To ensure that St Columban's College continues to provide that strategic edge to the students; the other two guest speakers addressed the staff on 2 key issues, resilience and the future of the work place. Nick Wyman, an international author, delivered 2 sessions exploring the future directions of the workplace and skills that will be sought by employers. St Columban's College has a very strong vocational component for all students who attend the College regardless of academic or vocational pathways. The College believes that every student needs to have the necessary skills to equip them for any workplace. Students who are studying to undertake a career in a profession such as medicine, can gain significant experience working with patients and a hospital through the partnership with Caboolture Hospital. Nick Wyman's key messages supported this approach and reinforced to the whole College, the importance of the educational mission of the College.

The two days of the St Columban's College whole staff conference provided relevant and challenging professional development. More importantly, it was the chance for all staff to come together and celebrate what is unique and special about the College and each other, and to focus on the future ahead.

**Rachel Fletcher, Assistant Principal Religious Education**



Guest Speaker Patrick Okimaru



Guest Speaker Nick Wyman



Principal Ann Rebgetz



Teachers L-R Michael Dougherty and Shaun Manning at morning liturgy



9 March 2018

Dear Ann.

Greetings from the Ruben Centre in Nairobi Kenya.

Hope the year is moving on swiftly for you and the St. Columban's College. We are doing well here at Ruben Centre with all our programs running well. We have had exciting developments including the raising of the school field and the construction of the school assembly ground project that you supported. We are starting a birthing unit for women in Mukuru Slums. Many women have not been able to access maternity services and therefore many end up going through home deliveries or deliveries in illegal Chemist shops which are often run by quacks. The story of Jackline (Attached) is an example of the plight of women in slums.

Our Director Br. Frank O'shea is impressed by your generous donation and expression of Kindness and most importantly the fact that your school is guided by the Charism of Edmund Rice. I have put up an article on our Ruben Centre Website ([www.rubencentre.org](http://www.rubencentre.org)) on the work that your donation was put to. We really appreciate your kind donation. Our children have a good field to play in without worrying of the floods. The rainy season has come early in Kenya and we have been able to assess the field and lucky for us, the flooding of the field is a solved problem now.

I am attaching photos of the work done, a link to the website and a few articles that you would be interested to have a look at as they reflect on some of the impacts of our work here at Ruben.

Also pass our Regards to the St. Columban's College students and staff. Please understand that you have assisted us greatly. A little bit goes a long way here in Africa.

<http://www.rubencentre.org/index.php/news-and-events/305-st-columban-s-college-steps-up-for-ruben>

Kind Regards.

MARGARET KARIUKI  
Public Relations Officer



**\$1732.35 was raised by staff at the Touchstones for the Future retreat and was donated directly to the Ruben Centre in Nairobi.**



As we step into 2018, and my privileged 10th year of principalship at St Columban's College, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the 90 years of the College's history. From the humble beginnings in 1928, the College has only flourished, with 1050 students enrolled in the 2018 school year.

The last decade particularly has seen the growth of mission, technology, urbanisation, facilities, diversity, musicality, physicality, social media, and partnerships.

During its 90-year journey, the College has seen much change. We have moved from:

- Albion to Caboolture
- Christian Brothers to Brisbane Catholic Education
- Slates to laptops
- Students walking, to driving cars
- Learning Latin to navigating digital media
- Colana Carnival to Concert Band Spectacular
- Boys to boys and girls
- Chalk to whiteboards
- Phone booths to mobile phones
- Religious staff to lay staff
- Catechism to Study of Religion
- Basic buildings and off campus fields, to expansive fields and facilities.

This change has been significant to our school community and our collective sense of growth and wholeness, and for that we are appreciative.

We are also grateful to have held fast to areas that are the cornerstones of our teaching and learning philosophies, including:

- Generous and enthusiastic spirit of the College
- Inclusivity
- Tradition of ANZAC respect
- Staff commitment
- Contribution of community to have best facilities
- Support of Mission
- Innovation and problem solving
- Enthusiasm
- Community Spirit
- Student courage
- Sporting prowess in TAS
- Musicality of students and Performing Arts productions
- Spirituality of St Columban's

Over 10 years I have seen 1700+ students graduate from the College, and over the College's 90 years, about 8000+ students have made their mark. We have had many great inspirational leaders come out of the College including some outstanding young men and women from Caboolture. To name a few, they include: Olympians, academics, professionals, priests, bishops, surgeons, sporting legends, politicians, builders, engineers, lawyers, physiotherapists, teachers, journalists.

However, it is always the war-cry and spirit of love and sharing that come to the fore as we celebrate the heart of the adventure and commitment of St Columban!

## *Happy 90 years!*

I would like to thank each of you for your very treasured support, which is always valued. May you always feel very welcome in visiting the College.

I would also like to pay tribute to those who have gone before us including young past students whose lives have sadly been shortened, but whose passion for the College will always inspire us. We remember especially and pray for the families of Blake Tunks (2016 graduate) and Kirsty Cini (2012 graduate) whose remembrance ceremonies were held at the College in the last year.

A special gratitude is expressed to the 1969 group with their bursary support, 1967 past students for their generous tribute and financial support, Terry Fogarty and the 1965 Veteran group, the decade groups this year, 1958, 68, 78, 88, 98, 2008, and the many other families who have honoured our College.

Our staff are very proud of the College and we build on who and what has gone before us.

In closing, a special thank you and congratulations to Ms Cathy Galvin for her 20 years at the College and best wishes to Cathy in her appointment as Principal of St John Fisher College. We welcome back Mr Stephen deLaurence in his new role as Deputy Principal.

Overall, we thank Past Student Presidents and all alumni and wish you all every joy and blessings in your life journeys. We hope to see you at least at one of our many celebrations over the year! **Ann Rebgetz, Principal**

## *St Columban's College Bursaries Make An Extraordinary Difference To Students' Lives*

### *Inviting donations to the college bursary program.*

The bursary fund is administrated by the Catholic Foundation and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations can be accepted as one off contributions or by planned giving or bequest arrangements. For more information about how you can give, please get in touch with **Heather Depasquale, Business Manager, St Columban's College, +61 7 5495 3111, hdepasquale@bne.catholic.edu.au** All donations to the bursary program over \$2 are tax deductible. Google St Columban's Bursary Fund Catholic Foundation or visit [www.catholicfoundation.org.au/articles/endowment/st-columbans-bursary-fund/](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au/articles/endowment/st-columbans-bursary-fund/)



### *Vani Pelite*

Gold Olympian and Silver Commonwealth Games medallist and Australian Rugby Sevens Team Member Vani Pelite is one student who has benefitted from the college bursary program.

Peter Arnall, past bursary organiser said: "Vani was a recipient of our second year of "Class of '69 Bursaries' in 2011,"

"Whilst she was doing well academically and in representative sport, our Bursary in 2011 in some small way assisted her in remaining in school and completing years 11 and 12."

# 2017 GARMA Festival and Northern Territory Immersion Trip

On the 3rd August a group of 50 traversed up to the Northern Territory. The purpose of the annual trip is immerse staff and students thoroughly into Indigenous and TIWI culture. The theme of the GARMA festival was Makarrata - making peace after conflict, and the whole GARMA experience at the festival was imbued with a sense of people from all walks of life, coming together to reconcile differences.

Both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition attended. To hear the Prime Minister speak to the Indigenous People on their land and in their language, felt like we were all witnessing an important moment in the history of Reconciliation of Indigenous Australians.

There were many important messages framed around the theme of Makarrata. The take home message from one of the Elders was to see Indigenous Australia as a gift and not a problem or an issue to contend with for our people.

Denzel Borthwick represented our College and Indigenous students speaking to an adult forum. Holly Baxter and Ashleigh Johnson demonstrated courage and maturity as they were part of the Channel 2 ABC Q & A rehearsal. Others took part in radio and television interviews. Overall, the trip was a moving experience for all.

**Rachael Fletcher, Assistant Principal Religious Education**

## *Insights from students who experienced Garma 2017*

*"I think the major thing I learnt on this trip is to appreciate everything, especially the little things. The other thing I learnt is the massive socio-economic and health gaps between Indigenous lives and our lives and how much that needs to be closed. The Constitutional change needs to be reached so that everyone feels welcome."* Georgia Hyland

*"I would like to improve by Australia acknowledging and owning our history and being proud of our indigenous history and to hope to use this life changing experience as a way to grow and move forward as a nation."* Ashleigh Johnson

*"My trip highlight was to have the opportunity to be chosen to go to Bathurst Island and experience TIWI culture, the whole experience was astonishing. It was a privilege to be able to listen to the Prime Minister's speech on the first day at the Garma festival - I felt like I was witnessing an important moment in history."* Ebony Butler

*"I've learnt ways on how we can settle our differences (Makarrata). I've also learnt some words in their language and how to walk on a tight rope. The highlight of this trip was experiencing different cultures and exploring Litchfield."* Campbell Nass

*"I learnt that as a nation, we know so little about our Indigenous history, which is a crucial step in the process of reconciliation (understanding through education). If I were not to have attended Garma, my outlook on the Indigenous populations of our nation would still be one of misunderstanding."* Charlotte Scott



# ANZAC Day 2018 – Remarkable Tributes

ANZAC Day commemorations saw remarkable tributes to our 90 years and our college legacy in terms of generosity, service to our country and our current students showing the ultimate respect and witness.

- 400 students marched and attended ceremonies outside of school on ANZAC Day in Caboolture, Bribie Island and Kilcoy.
- Inaugural launch of the marching band in the ANZAC Day March at Caboolture.
- Moving College Ceremony with Fr David Pascoe, Past Students, Veterans and Guest Speaker Major General Shane Caughey
- Participation in ANZAC Day Parish Mass with an address by College Captains
- Gubbi Gubbi Dance Troupe performed passing on the stories of the traditional owners and preservers of the land
- Tribute to Past Students Killed In Action in Theatres of War

The college ceremony was very special. Special guests included Fr David, guest speaker Major General Shane Caughey, Mr Terry Fogarty and veterans. The lives of our 25 past students who gave all for us are well remembered as are all of our fallen and wounded. The ANZAC spirit of courage and camaraderie is well and truly with us!



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## *Brittany Evans is headed to the Czech Republic as part of her university studies in security, intelligence and international relations.*

The Caboolture Rotary Club have thrown their support behind Brittany financially and presented her with a cheque during the recent Caboolture Rotary Club Changeover Dinner.



In a speech to the club Brittany thanked them for their support.

“I am deeply honoured and appreciative of your support,” Brittany Evens said. “I look forward to my ongoing relationship that I have established with Rotary, so thank you.”

St Columban’s College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz praised the support Caboolture Rotary give to the community.

“Rotary is fantastic, their community support and service to the community,” Principal Ann Rebgetz said. “Rotary have a lot of their meetings at the college.”

The college encourages students to develop a greater community service mentality and attitude through activities such as this.

# Spotlight on Past Student Achievements

## Dr Paul Bauert OAM

Dr Paul Bauert has given many years of service as Director of Paediatrics at the Royal Darwin Hospital and as President of the Australian Medical Association, NT, and a member of the Federal AMA Executive.

He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of almost 30 years working in Indigenous health in the Northern Territory and was listed as a finalist for the 2017 Northern Territory Senior Australian award.



## Dr Mark Sayers



Mr Sayers has been a private practice barrister since 1998 and is a presiding member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in Queensland. Mark holds a PhD in Thomistic natural law which included research at St Benet's Hall and Blackfriars, Oxford.

Mr Sayers was announced as the Chairman of the Catholic Education Council in 2009 and has continued to hold this position.

## Professor Christopher Maher OAM

Professor Maher was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day this year for distinguished service to community and international public health through technical, operational, and management roles in the global eradication of poliomyelitis, an infectious viral disease that affects the central nervous system and can cause temporary or permanent paralysis.



## Fr Morgan Batt



Since his ordination into the priesthood in 1991, Fr Batt has held a series of positions that have included chaplain at the Australian Catholic University, state spiritual adviser for the St Vincent de Paul Society, chaplain at Enoggera Army Barracks, and vocations director for Brisbane archdiocese. Fr Batt is currently on long service leave and upon his return to work, will take up a new appointment as parish priest of Burleigh Heads in November.

Among many of his achievements, Fr Batt is also claimed to be the first Australian and first priest to have climbed and celebrated Mass on the highest mountain of every core country of Europe. He has also climbed the highest peak of every country in the Caribbean. Of his list of 259 peaks to climb, he has climbed 217.

## Bishop Michael Putney (20 June 1946 – 28 March 2014)

Bishop Putney was ordained into the priesthood in 1969, as a Bishop in 1995, and appointed the Fifth Catholic Bishop of Townsville in 2004. In June 2013 he received a Queen's Birthday Honour for significant service to the Catholic Church in Australia, to the promotion of inter-faith dialogue, and to the community of Townsville. He had been a member of many Catholic governance bodies and was the President of the National Council of Churches in Australia. He was well known for his ecumenical outreach to other Christian denominations.



Bishop Putney was diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer in 2012 and passed away while in office in 2014, having worked up until his hospital admission.

## Fr Daniel Ryan



Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Lourdes Parish Sunnybank. Fr Daniel Ryan is also the Dean of the Brisbane South Deanery.

Brisbane South Deanery is comprised of six parishes - Sunnybank & Acacia Ridge, Annerley Ekibin, Holland Park Mt Gravatt, Moorooka - Salisbury, Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart, Yeronga.

## Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly

Fr Farrelly is a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane currently he is the part-time vice rector of Holy Spirit seminary. In addition to these duties he is a member of the College of Consultors, chair of the Council of Priests, Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Queensland Lieutenancy and a member of the Royal Queensland Golf Club.



## Rev. Dr. Anthony Mellor



Fr Mellor is a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Academic Dean of Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo, Parish Priest of Clayfield Parish and Theological Advisor to Brisbane Catholic Education. He also contributes to adult faith education and formation within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. He has a special interest in the relationship between faith and culture in a secular world.

**ST COLUMBAN'S COLLEGE**

**OPEN DAY**

*All Welcome*

**SATURDAY 12 MAY 2018, 9.00AM – 1.00PM**

**Welcoming Past Students to the cutting of the anniversary cake.**

**Visit the Past Student tent with Rugby starting at 11.00am with other TAS games, Netball, Hockey and Tennis.**

**Welcoming all Past Students to Open Day and upcoming events and especially those celebrating decade anniversaries... Did you graduate in 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998 or 2008?**

**We'd love to see you at one the upcoming events!**

# 90th Anniversary Race Day

As part of 90th Anniversary celebrations and to pay tribute to our beginnings and Albion history we are hosting a 'Day at the Races at Doomben' – we have a room with a view, and tickets are available via the website!

When at Albion, St Columban's held a huge fundraising carnival each year called "Colana" which featured a special event famously known as "The Hobby Horse Race"! Past students say they could see Eagle Farm and Doomben racing events from their classroom, being on the hill at Albion – I am sure this did not affect their concentration!

We especially invite our past students and staff. Tickets are available on our website and need to be purchased by Friday 1 June.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

## GALA RACE DAY C E L E B R A T I O N AT DOOMBEN RACECOURSE

TO MARK THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST COLUMBAN'S COLLEGE

S A T U R D A Y  
**23 JUNE 2018**

**GATES OPEN AT 11.30AM WITH FUNCTION COMMENCING AT MIDDAY**

**Entry ticket \$120.00 per person**

Ticket includes entry to the Tattersall's Club Race Day with exclusive access to the West Terraces Room featuring full length windows overlooking the home straight, substantial canapés and drinks, and private tote/bar facilities.

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF ST COLUMBAN'S IN RICH IRISH TRADITION!**



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# St Columban's College History

The history of St. Columban's College over the past seven decades, has seen enormous social and educational changes. The school was founded and managed by the Christian Brothers, who began and developed the cultural ethos, along with the academic and sporting tradition. In the last 33 years, the college has been managed by the Catholic Education Office, and operated by lay staff.

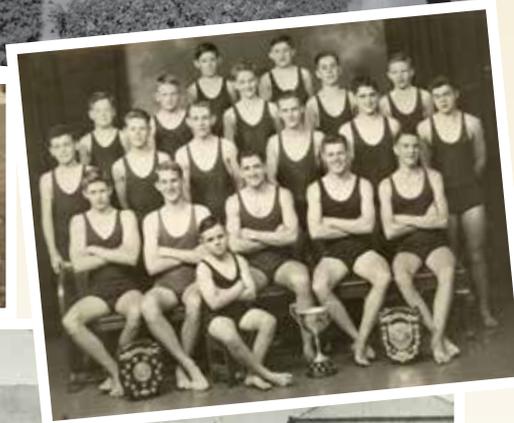
St. Columban's College began in 1926, when the Archbishop of Brisbane, James Duhig, bought a property named Highlands, built in the 1860's. It stood on Albion Heights, overlooking the Brisbane river. The newly built St. Columban's College, later known as O'Driscoll Hall, opened in January 1928, with the Christian Brothers of Ireland, who were the pioneers of Catholic boys' education throughout Queensland. The site was hemmed in by a row of houses along New Sandgate Road, but commanded an unrivalled view of the Brisbane river and the city. The school initially catered for primary classes, from grade two to grade six. There were four Christian Brothers, including the principal, Brother Pius O'Driscoll, to teach 120 boys who enrolled on the first day.

The numbers reached about 190 by the end of 1928, and the future looked promising. In 1929, the Great Depression began, and many parents lost their jobs. There were few unemployment benefits available at that time. The Brothers strove to keep the fees to a minimum, to accommodate the lower income groups most affected by the high rates of unemployment. Over the next few years, the school expanded to incorporate secondary classes. One of the most important sources of finance for this was the State Scholarship. Students sat for an examination and if they won a scholarship, their fees were paid for the next two years. The best teachers would therefore take grade six, and ensure that as many boys as possible gained the coveted scholarship. The scholarship teacher was always referred to as The Bread Winner of the school, because he brought in a secure income.

The hungry 30's was followed by the Second World War, and many of the old boys of the college joined the armed forces, going on to fight overseas. Sadly, a number were killed and other wounded. Everybody knew someone who had lost a son or a father. The college eventually erected the Henry Byrne Douglas Memorial Chapel, as a memorial to those who served. Fear of invasion led to the evacuation of many pupils to safe country areas, and this reduced the numbers in the school for a time. The basement of O'Driscoll hall was allocated as an air raid shelter.

The 1950's were marked by continued shortages of materials and slow growth. Gradually, the numbers grew until the school population reached 472, by 1959, when Archbishop Duhig bought Whytecliff and the adjoining property on Sandgate Road. In time, the houses facing Sandgate Road were bought, as money was raised. Duhig science hall was opened in 1962. It was the first major building to be erected since O'Driscoll Hall in 1928.

The 1960's saw spectacular growth of buildings and numbers. St. Columban's, at last, became a college in its own right, attempting to cater for the commercial, business and trade sector of the community, whilst still making provision for those with tertiary aspirations. This period saw the building of the Reimer Pool, the chapel, Parry Hall, the renovation of Whitecliff, the levelling and paving of the playground and the development of the Bannair sporting field. Huge fundraising activities were undertaken, including Colana Carnival, which began in 1963. It was the second only to the exhibition in size and money raising. The school population peaked at 839 in 1965, and the secondary school became larger than the primary. Boys were being enrolled at birth. The building continued unabated in the 1970's, with the biological science laboratories, the Monsignor English library, the Molloy primary building, extensions to the pool being



completed and the Corner sporting complex begun.

The 1980's saw the building of the Mooney Manual Arts block, a concrete grandstand erected on the pool, the development of Camp Allery, the completion of the Corner Sporting Complex and the covered area. This development of the site realised the Brothers vision of education, which included an all-encompassing campus of primary and secondary students. However, by 1985, the Brothers were unable to staff the college and they handed over the school to the Catholic Education Office. This transfer initiated a number of administrative changes, including the closure of the primary school.

The college could no longer rely on its traditional drawing area of the inner city, and had to encourage new enrolments from further afield on the northern rail line. However, despite an increased proportion of students from the northern suburbs, the intensive effort to attract greater numbers were unsuccessful. It was inevitable that with the widespread and rapid development of Brisbane's northern regions, that new schools would have to be built in these areas. Finally, the Catholic Education office announced that a new school was to be built at Caboolture and the college would transfer there in 1997. To ease the transition from a boys only to a co-educational college, the school became co-educational in 1996, and the first girls started in year eight. St. Columban's stood at Albion Heights for 69 years and educated thousands of students.

The spirit of St. Columban's now continues at Caboolture. The new college has all the Albion site had and more. Located in McKean Street, Caboolture, it features a large administration block, styled and designed similar to Highlands at Albion. Two general studies in the modern science building, all double story, having been built with exterior facades, which resemble the style of architecture of duke. A resource centre, where the shape of the building was a reflection of the chapel at Albion. Five computer laboratories to accommodate the expansion of technology. Two fully equipped art rooms. A manual arts complex, and a new addition to the college, a home economics block, including a kitchen, dining and textile areas. The multi-purpose building provides a covered area for assembly's and courts, as well as a gym, tuck shop, music and speech and drama room. Of particular note, other six outdoor sports areas, and of course the ovals on site, which are in constant use.

Even though the school was new, it had a very familiar look about it. The old names had been retained on new buildings, and the well-known O'Driscoll arch was evident on most buildings. To additional buildings were the home economics building, and the multi-purpose building, Albion. Nothing, however, could compare with the tranquil green surroundings seen from every window in the school. The college opened on the 28th of January, 1997, with a healthy enrolment of 360 students. 230 boys and 130 girls. Enrolments the school had not seen in many years. The future was looking promising. The official opening of the college was performed by Archbishop Battersby on the 30th of April, 1997.

In attendance were old boys for as far back as 1928, past Brothers, teachers and principals, past mothers, official dignitaries and of course, the current students and teachers. This event demonstrated the talents of the newly formed college band and choir. Members of the school community had come together and created their own mix of dearly held traditions and hopes for the future in a new school song, played and sung publicly, for the first time that day.

Together we will rise. Till tomorrow we will know.

Even though the buildings, teachers, students, curriculum and traditions may change, the spirit within St. Columban's will always live on.

"We pay tribute to our college architect, Mr Lyndsay Mack who sadly passed away recently. The legacy of his visionary work will always be with us." *Ann Rebgetz, Principal*



# Australian Training Awards

## *First School to be Recognised for Excellence in Two Categories*



*Principal Ann Rebgetz and RTO Manager, Sherry Gregory at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra.*

*Assistant Principal – Senior Phase Learning and Pathways, Kate Ruddy and Trade Training Centre Manager and Design & Living Technologies Leader, Amanda Schimke at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra.*

Not only is this unprecedented, it has been achieved by a secondary college in regional Caboolture, which continues to outperform national averages in education. St Columban's College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz pointed out the achievement at the recent awards evening held in Canberra. "And amazing, because we've been a national finalist in over seven years, but to get to two award categories and no other school has ever done it," Principal Ann Rebgetz said. "We're a mainstream secondary college, and what we have achieved and what we are showing is exemplary, and we are so proud of that, and we thank our community and commend our staff, parents and families and our industry partners. They are our brothers and sisters to our community. We are in hand-in-hand partnership with them, and that's what makes it happen."

This led Alan Waldron from Hutchinson Builders to reflect on the relationship the large building company has with the college.

"The idea of our partnership is a very important one, because not every school is as smart as St Columban's, and actually knows it's a great idea to get in partnership with an industry body like ourselves," Alan Waldron from Hutchinson Builders said.

Ms Rebgetz also talked about the importance of both an academic and vocational approach in education that work together. "Because, it's that academic and vocational together that equips our students to really be successful in the 21st century," Ms Rebgetz concluded.



The two categories the college was recognised in at the Australian Training Awards were School Pathways to VET and Small Training Provider. To find out more about how St Columban's College, Caboolture works towards Every Student Every Success – visit <https://everystudenteverysuccess.com/>.

## *Concert Band Spectacular*

***The recent Concert Band Spectacular hosted by St Columban's College, Caboolture, brought school concert bands from all over Southeast Queensland into the Moreton Bay region to perform.***

With over 700 students attending from 16 schools, creativity and excellence were in abundance.

The St Columban's College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz attended and took in the wide-ranging entertainment. "So, it is a fabulous event," Principal Rebgetz said. "It brings people together who share the one common joy, that they love music, and it allows our students in this school and across schools to showcase what they are doing."

"And some of the bands were absolutely phenomenal, including Banksia Beach primary school that competed into the secondary section, who have already played the Sydney Opera House, so we love all of these schools coming into our community so that we can actually strive for the best and encourage our students to really think big."

"They are just as equal as any student throughout the world, and that's what really came home to me, and so the potential for them to reach their dreams is so strong, and this is another step on that ladder."

This event was started by the college Parent and Friends Association and all school concert bands and ensembles are invited to participate.



# 2018 Charity Golf Day

## A Great Success!

The Charity Golf Day was another absolute success this year. The generosity of our players was very gratifying! The day achieved a wonderful outcome of \$12,500 in profit which will go directly to our Global, National and Local initiatives in outreach.

Overall, a huge thank you to the incredible Committee chaired by Mr Pat Greene consisting of Ms Heather Depasquale, Ms Toni Prickett, Ms Prue Uhlmann, Ms Jenny Butler, Ms Raechel Fletcher and all the helpers including Mr Elliott Thompson, Mr Brad Anderson, Students, our Senior Leadership Team, P & F volunteers, and many more - along with our sponsors including Gold Sponsor Academy Photography!



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# STEAM Centre Opening

*Officially opened the all new STEAM CELTIC Centre with a ceremony attended by students, community leaders and Father Wrex Woolnough, the local Parish Priest.*



This event also showcased some tremendous student talent when they performed for the audience.

The St Columban's College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz talked about how the new centre will benefit the college students. "Really, what this centre is about is the arts and the technologies coming together," Principal Ann Rebgetz said.

Both STEAM and CELTIC make up meaningful acronyms. STEAM stands for *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics*. While CELTIC stands for *Create, Engineer, Learn, Transform, Inspire and Collaborate*.

It is these core functions of the new high-tech centre along with the college culture of Every Student Every Success that will see the new CELTIC Centre prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.



## SMART Teachers

*The SMART Teaching Team at St Columban's College, Caboolture won the Team Excellence in Learning and Teaching award at the 2017 Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) Excellence in Teaching Awards.*

The Strategic Measurement Analysis Review Team, referred to as the 'SMART' team, won the award for their team approach to student improvement and the results achieved overall.

SMART team member and Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing, Kristina Dolejs said the team had made a positive impact on student achievements. "Since the inception of this team, we have seen marked improvement in the senior outcomes for our year 12 students particularly, and have achieved results, which in many cases exceed the State and Brisbane Catholic Education average levels of performance," Kristina Dolejs said.

Other St Columban's College, Caboolture finalists celebrated on the night were: Excellence in Learning and Teaching (4+ Years Service), Ian Sweeney and Greg McCormack; Excellence as an Early Career Teacher (Less than 4 Years Service), Riley Brown; and Excellence in Mentoring, Cathy Galvin and Carla Wells.



*Back Row L-R: Riley Brown, Ann Rebgetz (Principal St Columban's College), Pam Betts (Executive Director, Brisbane Catholic Education), Greg McCormack, Veronica McMahon, Gail Reinstra, Ian Sweeney, Carla Wells.*

*Front Row: Kym Smart, Kate Ruddy, Deborah Holland, Steve Ruddy and Sharon Sweeney.*

# 2017 Elders Gathering

*St Columban's College, Caboolture hosted the 2017 Elders' Gathering, which saw Aboriginal Elders from across the region and invited guests come together and discuss a range of issues.*

The Honourable Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO also attended the forum and took questions in a question and answer session.

St Columban's College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz said that the event resulted in a greater awareness and was a great opportunity to strengthen partnerships.

"Very important to the Caboolture region because of the fact that it actually engages people in partnership," Principal Ann Rebgetz said.

"It brings in people from, obviously for us, education, people from health, people from industry, all coming together to say, 'How can we bridge those gaps?'"



## Youth Innovation Awards

### *'Insight Project' Wins Youth Innovation Excellence Award*

St Columban's College, Caboolture Insight Project has won the Sesame Lane Care and Kindergarten Youth Innovation Excellence Award at the 2017 Moreton Bay Business Excellence and Innovation Awards.

The award recognises young innovators who have developed innovative programs, practices, activities and solutions.

During the live-stream telecast of the awards, Division 12 Moreton Bay Regional Councillor, Adrian Raedel applauded and commended all the finalists for their innovative approaches.

"Folks, they're our next business owners, they're our next inventors of the Hills Hoist, the next inventors of Facebook and whatever else is yet to come that we haven't invented yet," Cr Raedel said.

The team behind the Insight Project comprises of year-10 students Matthew Glasgow, Caitlin Little, Elle-Louise Kidd, Max Prescott, and Enoe Gapusan.

The goal of the Insight Project is to assist health and educational institutions provide services to the visually impaired and blind.

The Insight Project is a portable text to braille scanner which provides the blind and visually impaired access and improved freedom.

A second project from the college, What Now, submitted by year-11 student, Holly Baxter, was also recognised as a finalist at the awards ceremony.

Assistant Principal – Senior Phase Learning and Pathways, Ms Kate Ruddy expressed her pride at the achievements of both finalist projects.

"I am very proud of the students on their win and it shows their commitment to creating an innovative project that works to make people's lives better," Ms Ruddy said.



# 2017 Reunion Wrap Up

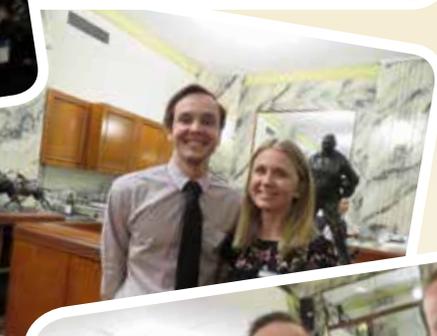


An excellent atmosphere pervaded the room on Friday evening at Tattersall's Club with over 80 past students from a range of year levels attending!

1977 "took the cake" with a significant group gathering for their 40 years since leaving school – they still managed the war cry and spoke glowingly of many school memories at St Columban's – friendship being a major factor!

It is always fabulous to hear the stories of different life journeys. Thank you to Ms Jenny Butler, Ms Margie Hallinan, Mr Pat Greene, Ms Heather Depasquale and all involved in making this annual event such a terrific evening!

It was lovely to have Mr Terry Fogarty present Ms Cathy Galvin some beautiful flowers on behalf of the Past Students.







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# Launch of Business Network – B2C at StC



## B2C at StC *Business to Community*

*An open network committed to cultivating  
future community business leaders*

### Meetings

Friday mornings, monthly from February to November with the occasional evening event.  
St Columban's College, Cells Cafe Entry and parking via Pettigrew Street  
7.00am - 8.00am

### Vision

To be an open network recognised and respected for professional development of businesses across the Moreton Bay Region and the St Columban's College community.

### Mission

To foster successful collaboration with the wider Moreton Bay Region business community that leads to increased employment, improved outcomes, greater social capital, succession planning, training pathways, and a more responsible, thriving, sustainable community in which to live.

The open network is committed to cultivating future community business leaders and St Columban's College students through growth, guidance and mentoring opportunities.

Monthly meetings focus on bringing the local business community together through a range of high-quality networking activities devoted to professional development and collaboration in promoting opportunities and future vision in employment and training possibilities.



## Dates for 2018

7.00am – 8.00am

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Friday, 27 July

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Friday, 30 November - evening event

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# Commonwealth Games



## Mr Jordan Ryan (Class of 2011)

Mr Ryan, who graduated in 2011 as O'Driscoll House Captain, has been selected as part of the refereeing team for the Rugby Sevens tournament at the XXI Commonwealth Game in April 2018.

Mr Ryan has been heavily involved in refereeing Rugby Sevens and has officiated events across Australia and on international playing fields for many tournaments and world series.

He is one of 19 officiating Rugby Sevens referees of the XXI Commonwealth Games and his selection was made because he has excelled at refereeing at both national and international tournaments within the past few years.

## After Lucky's Success... A Thank You from Mum

Lucky's mother Sherryn wrote:

"We as a family just would like to extend our heart warmed THANK YOU to all of the St Columban's Community for such incredible love and support for 6 time Paralympic Medalist Lakeisha (Lucky) Patterson OAM success at Commonwealth Games.

Fortunately Lucky qualified from a S8 class up to a S9 enabling her to race the S9 100 Freestyle which was a huge challenge with athletes more able and an uncertain outcome. Lucky dug deep and pulled out her determination to gain a World Record and Gold in 1:03:96 seconds.

Then came the S8 50 Freestyle which is a splash and dash and another tough race for Lucky as she is a distant racer, but she managed to get up and boogie when it was needed just 100th second behind her PB at 30:14 seconds earning another Gold.

Hearing the crowd chanting for Lucky made us cry. Officials had to request the athletes step off the blocks to quiet the arena.

Then to hear 10,000 people erupt into applause once Lucky completed her races was an epic moment that we as a family shall remember forever."



## 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

# Kenny in five-goal spree

### Silver caps off top comeback

EMMA WILLIAMS  
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JODEE Kenny has made a convincing comeback, scoring five goals and gaining a silver medal during the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The Burpengary resident, who took time off from hockey for the birth of her son Harrison, scored Australia's only goal in the gold medal match against New Zealand. Kenny described the match, where Australia lost 4-1 as "an extremely hard game".

"We always knew it was going to be challenging," she said.

"It was great to get back into it, not only in front of a big crowd, but our crowd, a home crowd. It is hard to describe the feeling but it was just amazing looking up into the crowd and recognising so many faces."

Kenny said it was hard being away from her nine-and-a-half-month old son while in the athlete's village. "I missed him like crazy," she said. "It was awesome to



Jodie Kenny celebrates scoring for Australia in the gold medal match against New Zealand. Inset: Evania Pelite, who was in the Australian Sevens team which also took silver.

have him in the crowd. I managed to get him down from the crowd and took him for a lap. He was waving and clapping. He had the best time. He had a little outfit with my number on the

back." Kenny said while she was still reflecting on the Commonwealth Games, she would be back training next week.

"I'm having this week off letting the body rest. I'll still

probably do something to keep the legs ticking over," she said.

Kenny said she was hoping to be selected for the Tri-Series to be held in New Zealand next month against

### PELITE SO CLOSE TO GAMES GOLD

EVANIA Pelite, the former St Columban's College student, put the heartbreak of losing the weekend's Commonwealth Games Rugby Sevens gold medal match behind her as she jetsetted to Japan this week for the World Rugby Sevens Series.

It was revenge for New Zealand who won 17-12 with a 75m extra-time try. Pelite, who used to live in Deception Bay, started Australia's comeback by setting up a try at 12-0 down, but was denied a try on the line in the final minutes of extra time. "Honestly I thought I was in," she said. "I was pretty confident, but I didn't realise how close behind me the New Zealand girl was. That's probably the hardest part, knowing I was really close to the match-winning try."

New Zealand and Japan, and then the World Cup, which will be held in July.

"Those are the two major competitions I have my sights set on for this year," she said.

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## ***Two St Columban's College, Caboolture students have brought GOLD home from the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games held in the Bahamas.***

Year-12 student, Ben Schmidtchen won silver in the long jump after achieving a 7.54 metre jump. Meanwhile, Ella Connolly who is also in year-12, won silver in the 400 metres and bronze in the 200 metres.

To top it all off, both Ella and Ben brought home gold after winning the four-by-100 metre mixed relay.

And now Ella has been named in the Australian team for the London 2017 IAAF World Championships where she will compete in the four-by-400 metre relay.

The St Columban's College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz expressed her excitement over the success of the two students.

"So what else can I say?" Principal Ann Rebgetz said. "We are so proud of being able to support Ella and Ben in their ventures. At St Columban's, we have a culture of excellence, a mantra of excellence, equity and strategic edge. It pervades all aspects of the college, so we have an incredibly strong sporting programme." Ms Rebgetz went on to talk about how the continuing success the students experience is achieved. "So a big secret to our sporting excellence is what we offer in our curriculum programme, in our health and PE, in our excellence programs there. In our certificate for in fitness and the certificate programs, we make sure they all work together to get the best possible outcomes in terms of sporting pathways and achieving dreams, as well as in sporting academic pathways and achieving those dreams.

Recently another student, Lakeisha (Lucky) Patterson came first in a world series through points accumulation.



Ella was awarded a sporting Scholarship with Griffith University and is studying a Bachelor of Secondary Teaching majoring in Physical Education.

## ***Moreton Bay Region local and St Columban's College, Caboolture student, Lakeisha Patterson has been announced as a baton holder for a leg of the Queen's Baton Relay.***

Also known affectionately as 'LUCKY', the world record holder and Order of Australia Medal recipient expressed her honour at the privilege. "It's really exciting, and so that means that I think on about the 95th day of the Australian Relay, I will be able to carry the baton as part of the relay process for the Commonwealth Games next year," Lucky said.

St Columban's College, Caboolture Principal, Ann Rebgetz displayed excitement at Lucky's news. "I'm so excited, because we're so proud of Lucky," Principal Rebgetz said. "Out of all the people in the Moreton Bay region, for her to be selected is really an honour, and it acknowledges the incredible challenges that she's faced in achieving what she has."

Lucky is studying Architecture at the University of Queensland after being awarded the University Link Scholarship (Academic), the University Queensland Achievement Scholarship (Sporting) and the Clem Jones Scholarship.

Ms Rebgetz also talked about the culture of the college which has enabled students like Lucky to realise their goals and dreams.



## ***Australia's Junior Champ***

Congratulations to Benjamin Schmidtchen Alumni 2017. He won the long jump at the 2018 Australians Junior Championships and has automatic selection in the World Youth Under 20's team. He jumped a wind legal PB of 7.64m. StC continue to do well leaving their mark on the national and international stage!

# Vintage Luncheon

## Well Attended Vintage Luncheon for our Valued Pre 1970 Graduates

Wednesday, 6 September 2017 in Bobbio Restaurant at St Columban's College

The Spirit of St Columban's revels! We welcomed 17 past students to the College for the annual Vintage Luncheon. This is an event for those who graduated prior to 1970 from the Albion Campus, with our most senior guest — Mr Brian Coman, graduating in 1947!

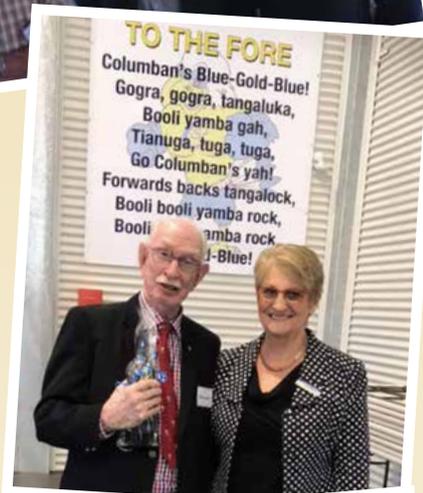
The gentlemen were taken on a tour of the College, including visits to the new Celtic Centre, science labs, Archives and MMPC. They were blown away with the new rooms and state-of-the art equipment and many were very keen to experiment with the 3D printer!

This was followed by a two-course lunch prepared and served by the Hospitality students. During lunch, there was a Q & A panel of Ella Connolly (Yr 12), Denzel Borthwick (Yr 11) and Mr Paul Schaumberg (a past student and teacher at Albion). Ella entertained us all with success stories from her recent ventures to the Bahamas for the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games, immediately followed by her trip to London to compete in the World Athletics Championships. The Mentor Academy Program run by the College has been essential in helping her cope with the demands of Year 12, travel to competitions and her daily training schedule. She is also very grateful to College Staff who continue to encourage and support her on this exciting journey. Denzel spoke of the opportunities he has been given in sport, academically and spiritually whilst a student at St Columban's.

Highlights for Denzel are his inclusion in the Queensland U15 Rugby League team and his recent trip to Garma where he spoke at the Youth Forum and was able to share his experiences with other participants. He too spoke of the major role the Mr Brian Coman - graduate of 1947!

Mr Paul Schaumberg related his memories of being a student and teacher at Albion and the importance of mateship which he sees carried on at the Caboolture campus today.

Having taught at all boys schools for nearly twenty years, he is thoroughly enjoying the challenges and positive experiences of being in a co-educational College. The message below was sent from a past student - Mr Denis Street - regarding the Vintage Lunch. Having attended the Vintage Luncheon on Wednesday, I would like to express my thanks for the hospitality extended to us by the students and members of management and staff of the College. The lunch itself was excellent and the tour eye opening. I was greatly impressed. I haven't been to any social functions for many years and I am glad I didn't miss this one. Again, thank you all so very much. It makes me very proud to be an old boy of St Columban's. P.S. with all that walking, my back and legs are still recovering. LOL :-)



# Farewell and Welcome

## *Farewell Fr Wrex Woolnough and Welcome Fr David Pascoe*

The ceremony was centred on a Mass concelebrated by Fr David Pascoe and Fr Wrex Woolnough. It provided an opportunity to farewell Fr Wrex and welcome Fr David (prior appointment was at the Cathedral). Fr Wrex's very much valued contribution to St Columban's and the parish over 17 years was well acknowledged with the making of a farewell video and a framed collage of photos.



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*Former St Columban's student Paddy Macrae has teamed up with Caboolture region colleague Zane Harris to form The Dreggs - and fans across the state are digging their sound.*

The pair, who met in April last year and have since travelled as far south as Byron Bay and as far north as the Town of 1770.

"We have played over 40 of our own gigs and opened for four unreal bands as well as two mini festivals," the duo said. "We find it pretty unreal how everything has taken off so far."

The boys are working on their first album for release this year. "Both Paddy and myself are super passionate about the ocean so we are calling our EP Seas Embrace," Mr Harris said.

Mr Macrae said despite only meeting each other less than a year ago, the pair had similar goals for their music career. "It clicked soon after we met that we wanted to write our own music and share it with everyone," he said. "So it wasn't long after that we decided to make an album because we found our writing styles to be in sync."

"It's hard to say when the album is going to be complete because making an album is so much more difficult than it seems and we want to make sure, even though it's our first EP, we want to be 100 per cent happy with it."

The 21-year-olds describe their sound as a mixture of roots and indie folk and if social media is anything to go by, people are loving their tunes.

During the week Mr Harris works in civil construction while Mr Macrae is a salesman at JB HiFi.

Visit [facebook.com/TheDreggsMusic](https://facebook.com/TheDreggsMusic) to check out their songs and keep up to date.



# College History

## College Logos Since 1928



1928



1947



1985



1998

## College Principals since 1928

Date	Principal	Date	Principal
1928 – 1934	<b>Br Francis Pius O'Driscoll – Foundation Principal</b>	1967 – 1973	Br Leonard T Marshall
1934 – 1935	Br Laurence B Tevlin	1974 – 1976	Br Alan J Mooney
1936 – 1937	Br T Nereus Burke	1977 – 1978	Br Brian B Grenier
1938 – 1943	Br John Gilbert Molloy	1979 – 1982	Br William G Long
1944 - 1948	Br Vincent A Doody	1983 – 1984	Br B Edward Walker
1949 - 1950	Br G Benedict Neil	<b>1985 – 1989</b>	<b>Mr Peter Crombie – St Columban's College first lay Principal</b>
1951 – 1952	Br Oswald Stanislaus Adams	1990 - 1996	Mr Michael Harkin
1953 – 1955	Br Daniel E Mooney	1997 - 2000	Mr Chris M Branson
1956 – 1961	Br Kenneth V Gunn	2001 - 2007	Mr Alan Sauvage
1962 – 1966	Br Raymond G Whiteman	2008 - present	<b>Ms Ann Rebgetz - St Columban's College first female Principal and longest serving Principal to date</b>

**O'Driscoll**

Brother Francis Pius O'Driscoll was the foundation Principal of St Columban's College and led the College at Albion, Brisbane from the period of 1928 to 1934. The College at Albion began as a school for boys catering for students from upper Primary to Senior Secondary. Br. O'Driscoll was best known for his energy and enthusiasm, and was described as a "human dynamo". He was also very dedicated to his calling, faithful to prayer life as well as the demands of establishing a school. This dynamism was instrumental in the development of the College in the early years. He was a man of vision, integrity and inspiration who possessed a strong work ethic and superior organisational skills. Today at the Caboolture site we honour Br O'Driscoll as the Patron of one of our Houses and the namesake of the O'Driscoll building as a testament to the work of the Christian Brothers in Catholic Education.

The foundation Principal of St Columban's College was Br Francis Pius O'Driscoll. The main administration block at the Caboolture campus is named after him.

The first College Chaplain was Dr Monsignor John English who joined in 1939. The library at the Caboolture campus is named after him.

**English**

Dr Monsignor John English became the College Chaplain in 1939 and for many years he championed much needed financial support for the College. He was a strong advocate for the College both in its financial and spiritual development. Not only did Monsignor John make a name for himself throughout Brisbane, he was recognised throughout Australia as a skilled orator, preacher, lecturer, scholar, educator and conversationalist. He was in high demand as a speaker at Catholic functions and throughout the Diocese. To recognise his great contributions, the library at St Columban's College, Albion was named after Monsignor English, and to preserve this legacy, the library at St Columban's College Caboolture is also named in his honour. The library precinct is a modern integrated learning space incorporating a "safe arts culture".

**Vale** – *We pray for those we love who have gone before us in faith.*

CINI, Kirsty Leanne – Late of Morayfield, passed away 26th January 2018. Aged 24 years. Loving Daughter and Step Daughter of Glynnis and Bruce, Vincent and Christine. Loved Sister to Adam and Step Sister to Alex, Ashlee, Breanna, Anna, Ben and Scott and loving Girlfriend to Jordan.

COOK, Hannah Louise – Late of Calliope, formerly of Caboolture, passed away 28th February 2017. Aged 25 Years Loving Mother, Daughter, Granddaughter, Sister, Sister-in-law, Niece and friend to many.

HAWGOOD, Sasha – Late of Northgate, passed away 13th January, 2018. Aged 30 years. Dearly loved Daughter of Geoff and Sue, much loved Sister to Niki, Kye, Zane, Robert and Ella, Aunty to Tiarni, Ayla and Charlotte and loving Granddaughter of Phyllis.

TUNKS Blake Jackson – Late of Ningi, passed away on 27 May 2017. Aged 19. Beloved son of Lorraine and Ian, and brother of Chloe.

# 50th Reunion – 1967 – 2017

Under John Leahy's guidance and working committee, over a number of lunch time meetings, and people contacted, we successfully brought to fruition an evening of nostalgia, humour and renewed friendships for the 50th Reunion of the 1965 Junior and 1967 Senior Students of St Columban's College. Some travelled great distances both domestic and overseas. Paddy Boland, his first school reunion since 1967 coming all the way from Malawi.

College Principal Ann Rebgetz as the special guest speaker spoke about the vibrant life on campus that has evolved and continues to grow into a caring community under the banner of "Spirit, Tradition and Community." Representing her husband Pat it was great for all the old boys to meet her and share stories. Sadly we remembered the passing of 24 classmates. Looking at the commemorative photo, a few observations – hair is thin, going gone, grey is in, ties are out, knees are stiff, reading glasses are in the shirt pocket, belts are tight but the smiles and facial expressions are still the same. I made sure I was beside Paul Hodgkinson (Past St Columban's School Teacher.) just so I could look younger.

To mark the significance of 50 years, the committee put into place a special award presented at the 89th Annual Presentation Evening. The award is called "The Edmund Rice Award – In memory of Dr Pat Rebgetz College Captain 1967". The award is in honour of his inspiring work in the field of equitable indigenous health. Representing our cohort I had the honour of presenting this award to its first worthy recipient Cevrine Coralie. I have given the College my commitment that I will undertake to keep in touch with all future recipients so that Pat's work and passion and the 1967 Cohort is celebrated in the life of the college. To finance this annual award a plan is underway to solicit donations from our cohort to an ongoing fund as the award as well as recognition comes with an original work of Artwork from the Tiwi Islands. I appeal to any former students to support our humble efforts for the college.



As you know the college curriculum offers many activities in academic, sporting, social and community areas. Any support to encourage present students is a rewarding way of giving back in a practical way as well as a focal activity for your graduating cohort.

A few years ago I was able to support the Rugby Program with an award called the "Spirit of 66". As a member of the 66th FIRSTXV it was a means of connecting the Albion Heights campus with the new Caboolture Campus through a shared love of Rugby. Ah.....the memories!

Aldous Huxley said "Every Man's memory is his private literature." Thank you St Columban's College. Thank you Class of 1965 and 1967 you are my library.

**George Minehan**  
St Columban's College Vice-Captain 1967

## 1967 Reunion Reflection

I was privileged to be invited to the 1967 Past Students Reunion Dinner last Saturday evening at the Brother's Rugby Union Club. It was wonderful to see 60 students and staff from this graduand year gather, and hear of all their journeys. I was asked to address the group and felt very moved and touched by the spirit of connection, particularly with the respect and acknowledgment of my late husband Dr Patrick Rebgetz (College Captain 1967). They were all delighted to hear of the success of the school at Caboolture and how the College has embraced the continuing traditions of Edmund Rice and the Albion rich triumphs and tribulations. I would like to thank Mr George Minehan and all the group for their invitation, for their support of our Awards night, and the 50th Anniversary Social Justice Edmund Rice Award. George spoke so well about the importance of friendships, commitment in life and the legacy of his Columban education.



Ann Rebgetz



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