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We cordially invite you to attend our StC Past Student Association Annual General Meeting at the Aspley Hotel on 8 February 2012, 7pm.

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Eagle.

Another year has come to a close in the history of StC and I am pleased to report the Association continues to reach members of the Columban's family far and wide.

2011 has not only been a successful year for the Association, but the success stories for the College in 2011 are many. The wonderful achievements in sport, cultural activities and mission are astounding and only confirm the true Spirit of the Columban's tradition. Ann Rebgetz (Principal) and her staff are truly committed to the growth of the College and students, while keeping to the teachings of Edmund Rice and our founding Christian Brothers; and strive to provide a sound education for all.

I had the pleasure of hearing some tales from Les Conroy (Assistant Principal Middle Phase) regarding him and his fellow StC pilgrims on their journey in the footsteps of the great St Columban. What a great experience for Ann, Les and the other staff and students who made the

journey to the Edmund Rice Centre at Waterford, and followed Columban's footsteps from Bangor to Bobbio and then down to Rome. Well done and I hope this becomes a StC tradition.

The Association is always open to ideas of how the past students can help the College. If you have ideas, or if in some practical way you are able to help the College in its growth, please let us know.

Again a lot of the achievements in 2011 could not have been possible without the tireless work of Linda Upton. Linda is a true friend to the Association and we thank her for her ongoing coordination of events and news. Thanks Linda.

All the best for the Christmas season and 2012 and we look forward to catching up.

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Eugene Waugh
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Old Boys' Cup Challenge 2011



The Old Boys XI celebrated their fourth consecutive win in as many years on 6 August, winning 3 -1 against our First XI squad of 2011. Since the inaugural match in 2008, the Old Boys remain undefeated.

The Old Boys led 2 nil at half time with goals from Justin Foster and Justin Reedy, however the First XI pegged the score back to 2 – 1 in the second half with a cracking strike from a free kick outside the penalty box by Connor George. Ben Hayward sealed the match for the Old Boys putting away a third goal late in the second half.

The game as always was played with great spirit and sportsmanship from both sides and all players were a credit to the College. Despite the loss, the First XI demonstrated a considerable depth of talent and should have a successful campaign in the TAS football season starting this Saturday.

Many thanks to all the players, First XI coach John Clarke, Michelle Wust, parents and friends who attended and Heny and Deanna Rose for their assistance on the day.

Below lists the players with a little extra information about the Old Boys team of 2011:

George Goves Cup Coordinator

First XI Squad 2011		Old Boys' XI 2011	
Name	Name	Alumni	What are they up to?
Connor George	Michael Ashkar	2002	Business Manager
Andrew Robb	Ryan Honsa	2004	Plumber
Jack Krone	Andrew Wilson	2004	
Elijah Butler	William Holland	2006	Studying B Applied Science
Patrick Burden	Daniel Clauss	2006	Carpenter
Luke Jones	Nathan Costin	2006	Campus Minister
Jay Myers	David Upton	2007	Studying B Engineering
Peter Rose	Justin Foster	2009	Studying B Law
Patrick Barton	Bradley Upton	2009	Carpenter
Ray Serafin	Hayden Griffiths	2009	Studying B Law
Cullen Jensen	Justin Reedy	2009	Farmer, Studying B Education
Jacob Payne	Ben Hayward	2010	Studying B Business
James Davis	Travis Russell	2010	Apprentice Plumber
Charlie Shaw	Douglas Robb	2010	Studying B Justice & Legal Studies
Trent Thomas	Dean Reichle	2010	Retail
Brandyn Kelly	Patrick Grixti	2010	Retail
	Tony Murdoch	2010	Hospitality
	Tom Clarke	2010	Personal Trainer
	Alex Mitchell	2010	Post Office Worker

From the Principal

We thoroughly enjoyed the annual Soaring Eagles Reunion on 22 October, where past students and staff gathered to catch up and recall stories of the past. I would like to thank Eugene Waugh and the Past Students' Committee for their support and also acknowledge the wonderful efforts of Linda Upton (Alumni Officer), Margie Hallinan (Archive Officer), Lea Rubio, Louise Seaton, Les Conroy, Cathy Galvin, Frank McCullagh, Darren Crilly and Kris Johnson.

Thank you also to Gerard Wylie, Mark Neilsen, Paul Reid and Angelo Lauro for the presentation of a framed article about Max Christmas and Max's memorable 1990 presentation of \$5000 of Gym equipment. This was fantastic and will hold a special place in our gym.

Our World Youth Day pilgrimage provided an amazing experience for our group, who journeyed to Spain led by our Assistant Principal Religious Education & Identity, Cathy Galvin. Mitchell Petterson described it as life changing and this coincided with our Footsteps trip.

I was delighted to hear that we were the first Australian school to do an Edmund Rice charism trip. Edmund was the founder of the Christian Brothers and our Waterford visit was truly moving.

Our group, who have just been to Kiribati under the auspices of Catholic Missions, have just experienced cultural enrichment in a context of poverty – forever life-changing.

The College has achieved outstanding results in many areas – academically and vocationally, TAS Sport and its outreach to community through the mission and arts. We are pleased to embark on our building of a Trade Training Centre, Multi-function Centre and expansion of administration/staff facilities.



Overall, I am so thrilled that the Past Students support us so well. The Past Student Bursaries awarded to students this year has seen outstanding results and it is only with your generosity that we can continue this program.

On Friday 18 November we farewelled our graduating Year 12 students with a beautiful Mass, signing of the College register, farewell assembly, war cry and the traditional morning tea provided by our Year 11s. Overall, it was a great day with tears of sadness and laughter from excitement as they took their next steps to journey into the world, now past students like yourselves!

May the spirit of Christmas bring you much joy!

**Merry Christmas
Ann**



Class of 1967 Pics

Photos courtesy of Denis Street



Past Student Guest Speakers

It is always fantastic to see Past Students connect with our current students. At our annual Careers Expo Brett Lenske (1992) represented Brisbane North Institute of TAFE. Brett also made a surprise visit to our senior Hospitality students, offering some sound advice about the hospitality industry.

As is StC tradition, past College leaders Barney Wray and Tahnee Brahim (1977) spoke to current students at our Presentation Evening.

We sincerely thank our past students for giving their time to foster the well-being of our current students. If you have experiences to share, please contact the College Past Student Association events@stc.qld.edu.au. We'd love to hear from you!

Calling Past College Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Committee Chairs.... We need to enlist your help by asking you to liaise with your classmates.



Where are they Now ?



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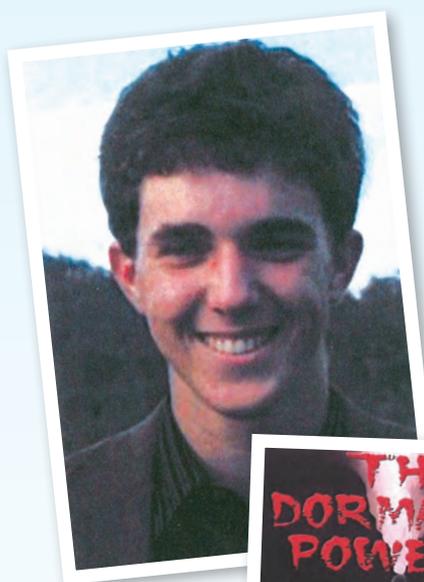
Jodie Schulz (2004)

Jodie, who has played for the Qld Scorchers women's hockey team since 2009, realised her dream of representing our country as a member of the Hockeyroos at the Four Nations Invitational Tournament in Argentina early this year. In her debut she scored two goals, the first in the 70th minute to tie the score, followed a minute later by the winning goal! Both shots came off penalty corners.

Her Australian Institute of Sport scholarship has necessitated her move from Wamuran (and her home team of Kedron Wavell) to Perth to enable her participation in the national hockey training camp which brought together Australia's top 60 female hockey players.

Life is extremely exciting for Jodie. At the time of writing this article, Jodie is in Holland on a ten day training exercise. Rumour has it that Jodie is on track for the Olympics next year!

Congratulations from the StC Community!!



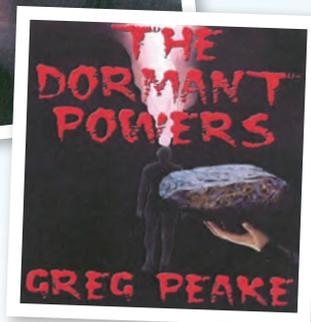
Greg Peake (2009)

Right through school Greg knew he wanted to write and it wasn't until his junior years at High School that he started to write and eventually completed *The Dormant Powers*.

The book follows the extra-ordinary adventures of Jack Sanderson, who unlocks his telekinetic ability and comes up against a formidable opponent bent on destruction and developing supernatural powers. Two paths: One path of nurturing, relationships and personal growth. The other path is pain; torment an example of how absolute power corrupts absolutely. Eventually these two paths must meet. It is only a matter of time.....

The book can be purchased on line at www.poseidonbooks.com

Greg is currently studying for a Bachelor of Journalism at the University of the Sunshine Coast, hoping one day to be a journalist who will also have a string of successful novels to his name.



Where are they Now ?



Erin Low (2004)

Erin Low is starting to make quite a name for herself. She's still rather unknown...but recently people are starting to wake up and take notice of her. As her elder sister I am a little biased, but extremely proud of her as she is an amazing individual who is rather talented.

Currently she is performing with the Southern Queensland Independent Dramatic Society (S.Q.U.I.D.S) in a production of Nunsense, playing Sr Mary Amnesia Prior to this she was Assistant Director in their performance of Man of La Mancha and before this she was in several productions with the Pine Rivers Musical Association (PRIMA).

She is amazingly talented and I honestly believe that you should keep an eye out for her in the local papers (however, she will be taking a break next year when she goes off to the UK travelling for nine months). For more information visit www.squids.org.au/shows/current-productions/ or www.stagewhispers.com.au/reviews/nunsense



Kirsty Watts (nee Low 1998)

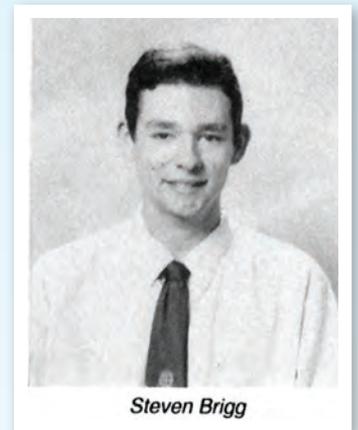
Nic Piva (2009)

It was wonderful to catch up with Nic Piva at this year's Sunshine Coast Careers Expo. Nic was representing the International School of Hotel Management. He had received a scholarship to attend the school following his graduation from StC.



Vale Steven Jeffrey Brigg (1997)

It is with deep sadness that we received notification of the passing of Steven Brigg on 16 November this year.



Steven Brigg

Tribute:

Colleague, Friend and Teacher whose loss has been deeply felt by the Staff and Students of Marian College, West Sunshine. Steven's faithfulness to God will always be an example for our lives. Now in God's Care.



Vale Br Ray Whiteman (Principal 1962-67)

It is with sadness we were notified of the passing of Dr Ray Whiteman in July this year. Ray was renowned for leading the College in a very dynamic way, taking it to new heights. He was also a man of great faith.

Some tributes to Ray:

I am sorry to hear about Ray's passing.... I am sorry that I missed it (the funeral). Not only was Ray one of my predecessors at StC, but he was one of my lecturers and mentors at ACU. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen.

Michael Harkin

He was a great teacher and leader – I remember being a little afraid of him when we first met. Many of the administrators of his ilk were probably why StC is so rock solid all these years later. He had us all busy years ago helping to clean up after the construction of the new chapel back then.

John Mclean

The six years prior to 1967 were years of colossal expansion, unsurpassed in the history of the College. Duhig Science Hall was completed, Parry Hall erected and Henry Beirne Douglas Memorial College Chapel erected. All the houses and shops in the block (except one) have been purchased for the College. The roll call has risen to just under eight hundred and the reputation of the college educationally has been greatly enhanced. Great credit for these advances must be given to the headmaster between the years 1962-67.

Br Marshall (1968) from 'To the Fore'

Our sympathies and prayers are with his wife Anne and family. The legacy of his work and spirit at StC is there forever.



Vale Len James (P&F Treasurer 1960s)

It is with great sadness that we received notification of the passing of Len James in July this year. Len made a remarkable contribution as StC P&F Treasurer throughout the growth years of the 60s. Len's six sons, all great competitors and

fiercely proud students of StC, remain great supporters of the Past Students Association to this day.

We extend our sympathies and gratitude to the James family.

Vale Sid Everingham (College Counsellor 1987-2003)

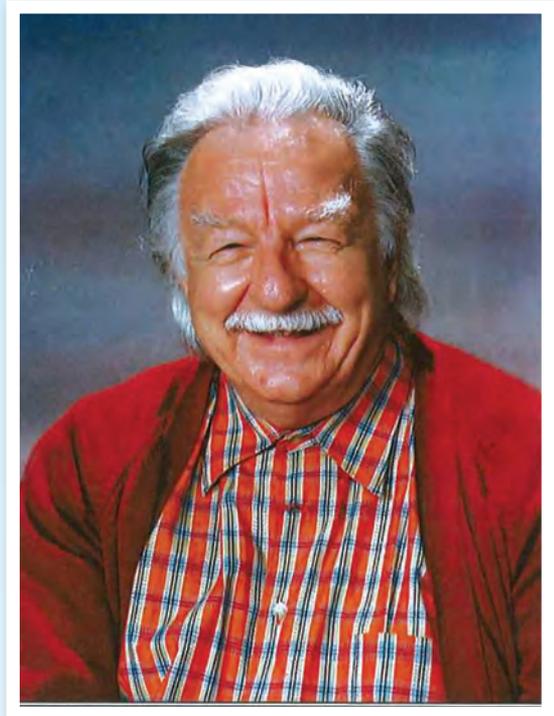
It is with great sadness that we received notification of the passing of Sid Everingham in July this year. Sid would be fondly remembered by many parents and past students for his 'bell curves'. Sid had a great affinity with the students of StC. When the College was still located at Albion, Sid ran many after school parent workshops.

Sid was a true gentleman, very giving and generous with his time, and when not at school, he could often be found working in the community – with youth at Woodford Correctional Centre, with the homeless on Brisbane's city streets, SIDS Australia Board of Management, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Deaths in Custody program, as well as many other groups over the years. In 1993 Sid's work was acknowledged with the Child Protection Week Award, and once again in 1994 with the Lord Mayor's Australian Day Citizen Award for 'Outstanding Commitment to the Community and Service to the People of Brisbane'.

....I knew, worked with and deeply respected Sid as a great human being....

Patrick O'Shea (author 'To the Fore')

We extend our sympathies and prayers to Sid's wife Jan and their family.



Vale Gregory Fox (1955?)

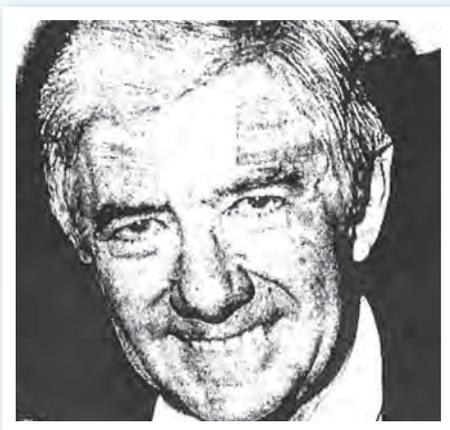
It is with great sadness that we received notification of the passing of Greg Fox in May this year. Greg was raised in a Catholic home by loving parents, Pat and Dot. He began his schooling at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point, followed by St Columban's College. During this time he developed his lifelong devotion to his Catholic faith and a strong sense of responsibility, loyalty and fun.

QBE to purchase a newsagency at Hamilton and later in Brisbane with his friend Dick McCann.

His other passions were his tennis and his music, holding the position of President of the Qld Catholic Lawn Tennis Association for 15 years. He was QCLTA men's open singles champion in 1970. As recently as six months before his death, Greg was playing in a band, visiting retirement homes and playing gigs.

Greg's determined fight against his illness could be attributed to his desire to see his family grow and mature. His faith sustained him through all his trials.

(Excerpt from The Catholic Leader)



After a period of National Service, Greg decided on a career in insurance, rising through the ranks to Qld Claims Manager at Bankers and Traders, and then climbed the corporate ladder in QBE. Greg later left

Vale Brian Ford (1955)

reproduced with permission from Karl Schubert – Australian Rugby Union

Australian Rugby Union is mourning the loss of former Wallaby, Brian Ford, who passed away 8 November, aged 72.

In 1957 Ford was handed the distinction of being the youngest ever player to make his Wallabies Test debut at the tender age 18 years and 3 months, a record that still stands to this day.

Born in Sydney in 1939, Ford came from good Wallaby stock. His father, Monty Ford, was the brother of Waratahs, Eric and Jack Ford, who both gained international honours in 1927-28 with the Waratahs against the All Blacks.

After growing up in Sydney, Ford moved to Brisbane at the end of World War II and after leaving school played his Rugby with Southern Districts ('Souths') C Grade side.

In 1956 after showing tremendous ability, he won promotion to South's first grade side on the wing.

Ford's efforts and talent didn't go unnoticed by State selectors who, in 1957, rewarded his hard-hitting defence and speedy dashes down the left wing with a spot in the Queensland side that played two matches against the touring All Blacks.

Following their tour matches against Queensland the All Blacks had two Tests against the Wallabies. During the first of the Tests the Wallabies incumbent winger Ken Donald broke his arm.

Donald's injury opened the door for Ford to make his debut and on the 1st of June 1957 the young Queensland winger ran out on the field for his first Test cap and became the youngest Wallaby in the history of the game.

Unfortunately it would be Ford's only Test cap, with selectors overlooking him for a number of tours before injury and work finally saw Ford hang up his boots in 1960.

Despite never being recalled to the Wallabies line up following his fairy-tale Test debut Ford did manage games for the Australian Barbarians during the All Blacks tour in 1957 and for Queensland in 1960 when they took on the British and Irish Lions in a tour match.

The game against the Lions would be Ford's last representative cap after he sustained a back injury during the encounter, an injury that would lead him in the amateur era to concentrate fulltime on his work pursuits. (Brian featured in Edition 1 of *The Eagle*).



Soaring Eagles Reunion 2011

Our fifth annual Soaring Eagles Celebration saw over 100 past students and some past staff from both Caboolture and Albion campuses at the Irish Club.

Whilst the numbers were down a little from last year, the atmosphere was vibrant, the conversations boisterous and animated; and yes the Rugby finals played on the big screen! Did I mention the War Cry??

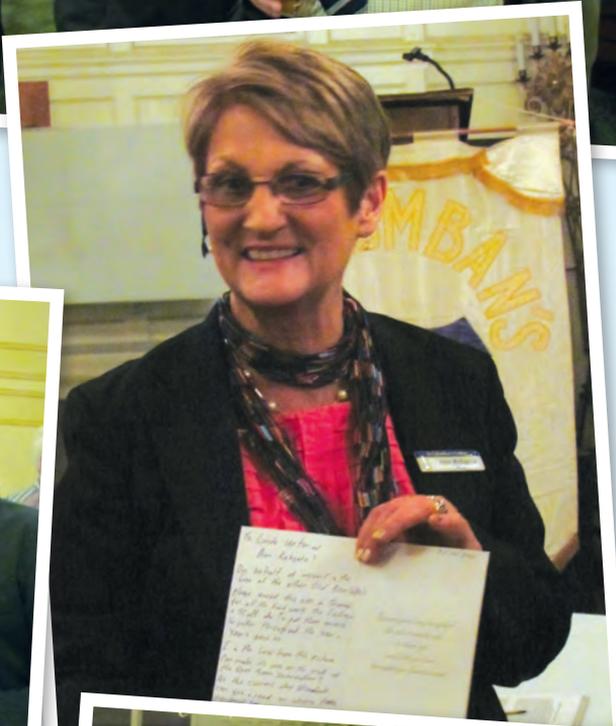
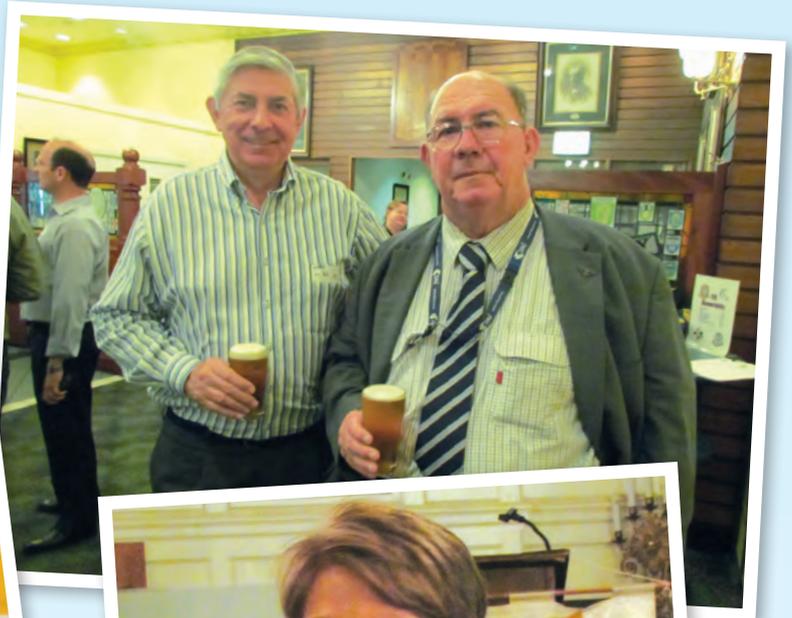
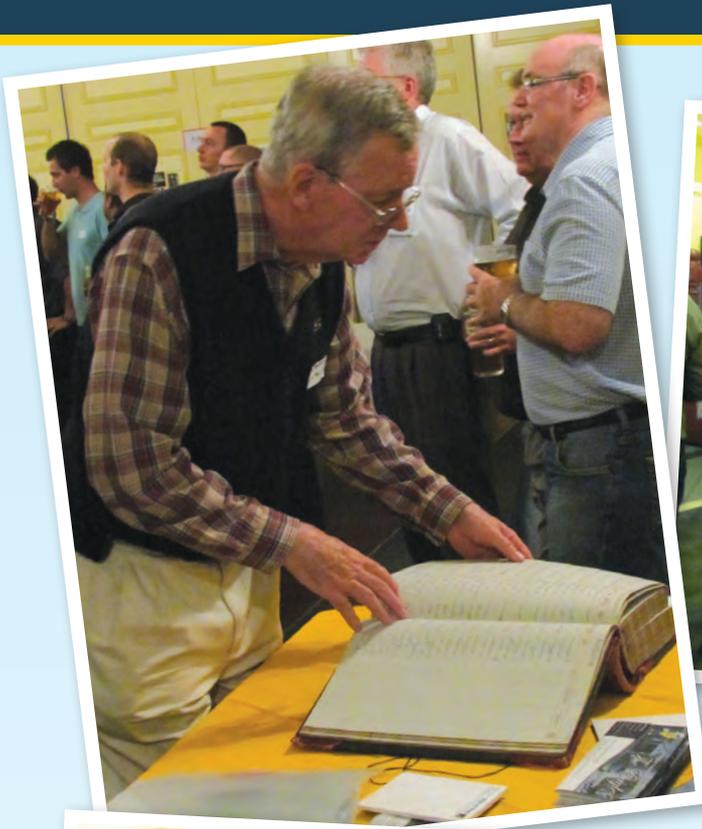
Thank you to 1990 students, Gerard Wylie, Mark Neilsen, Paul Reid and Angelo Lauro who kindly donated a framed newspaper clipping to go in the College gym. I would also like to thank Dick Bennett (1966) who donated an old

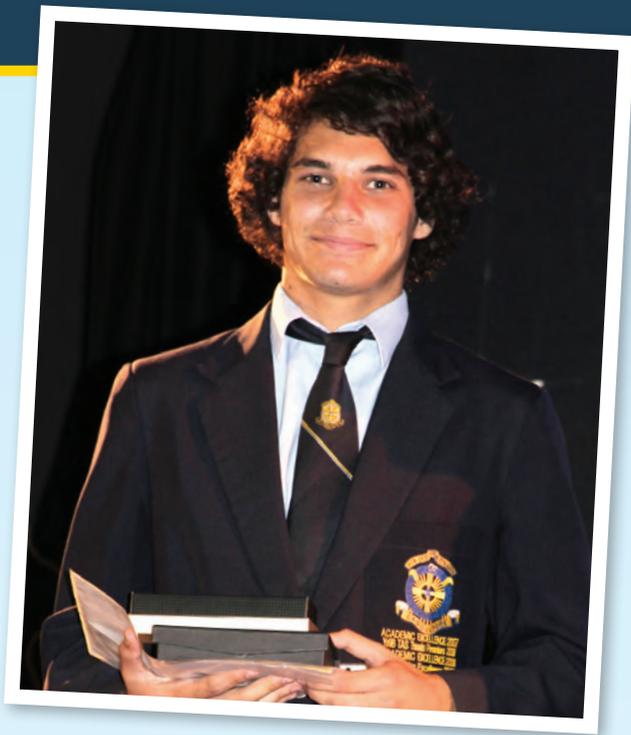
College bag, badge and some articles; and Tim Kelly (1989) who stumbled across an old track suit at the old school camp – Camp Allery. Tim also gave us a CD containing photos depicting the camp.

Thank you to the StC Past Student Executive Committee and StC Staff who assisted with the lead-up and on the night of the event; and a HUGE thank you to all the past students who attended this event. Mark 19 October 2012 in your calendar for next year.

Linda Upton
Alumni Officer







Past Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following StC Past Students for their outstanding achievements as follows:

Peter Rose (2011)

College Dux 2011

Inclusions for this section are welcomed, please email events@stc.qld.edu.au

Retirement of Archbishop Bathersby

In November Pope Benedict accepted the resignation of Archbishop Bathersby effective immediately.

The Pope has also announced that Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, Bishop of Lismore, will be apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Brisbane until such time as a new Archbishop is appointed. We welcome Bishop Jarrett to the Archdiocese during this interim period.

We offer our thanks and best wishes to Archbishop Bathersby for his wise and pastoral leadership of the Archdiocese for the past 20 years. We wish the Archbishop a long and healthy retirement as he returns to his home town of Stanthorpe.

David Hutton

Executive Director

Brisbane Catholic Education Office

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StC Past Student Committee AGM – Aspley Hotel

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Soaring Eagles Reunion – Venue TBA

8 February 2012, 7pm

May 2012, November 2012

Friday 19 October

Please check the College website www.stc.qld.edu.au for current information and to update your contact details.

Reunions

All Past Students: Friday 19 October 2012, 6pm-9pm

Venue TBA (awaiting outcome of Past Student Feedback form)

Please email events@stc.qld.edu.au and we will forward your email to your reunion coordinator. Please let us know if you are planning a reunion.

Please go online www.stc.qld.edu.au to update your contact details.