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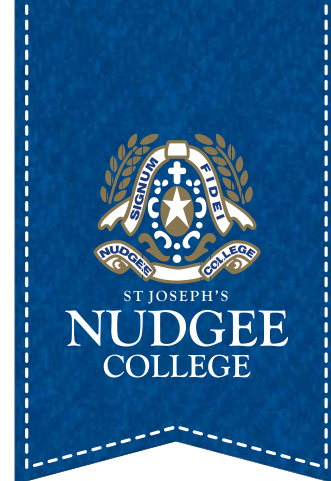
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Welcome to the 25th edition of *Nth Degree*.

2017 marks the 10th year since the first edition of *Nth Degree* was published. Since 2008, it has been a vital and vibrant publication for the extended Nudgee College community. It has told many stories of the people, events and places of significance to the College over that time. This year *Nth Degree* will become a biannual publication allowing each edition to feature more content and to align with both Semesters of the academic year.

During 2017 the College has continued to make significant progress in many dimensions of College life. The academic results for the Senior class of 2016 were outstanding overall and a clear indicator of our improved academic culture. There is much happening in teaching and learning at Nudgee College and some innovative initiatives are featured in this publication.

Clearly evident to every visitor and member of the College community has been the completion of the new entrance to the College, off Sandgate Road, and the creation of Edmund Rice Way as a new roadway into the grounds. This is stage one of this project, with work continuing to complete a new passenger drop off and pick up area beyond the McKennariey Centre. This has been the major capital project for 2017 and represents the continuation of the vision outlined in the College's Master Plan.

The 2017 school year officially commenced in February with our Investiture Mass. This occasion was made particularly special by the engaging and warm presence of His Excellency the

Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland. Certainly one of the features of that memorable day was the outstanding speech made by College Captain Freddie Carlton-Smith. Freddie captured the essence of Nudgee College in stating that "our real success [as a College] lies in the relationships that the boys here build with one another. Relationships which can provide a home away from home, a happy place to learn and a sense of community that lasts a lifetime."

The entire transcript of Freddie's moving speech is featured in the article about the Investiture Mass on page four.

The common thread of strong relationships and the community dimension of College life, as well as ongoing change and renewal, has been evident throughout daily College life. They also feature throughout many of the articles in this Semester's edition. Our cover photo is taken from the College Musical *Guys and Dolls*, which was one of the highlights of Semester 1. The return of the College Musical to the extra-curricular program created much excitement; and thus a full wrap of the spectacle accompanied with a selection of photos is featured in this edition of *Nth Degree*.

One of the most strategic changes made to College life in 2017 has been the appointment of Mr Christian Oneto, as the new Dean of Boarding, to the College Leadership Team. The introduction of this role follows last year's external review of Nudgee College Boarding, and during this Semester Mr Oneto has led changes to enhance the Boarding experience. Boarding was at the heart of the founding vision for the





Cast, crew and orchestra for Guys and Dolls musical.



Freddie Carlton-Smith at Investiture Mass.



Peter Fullagar at Open Day in May.

College, and since 1891 thousands of young men, from across the state and the nation as well as overseas, have been proud Nudgee College boarders. Boarding life has continuously evolved since 1891, and in this edition of *Nth Degree* we share with you a snippet of Boarding life in 2017.

As we look to the future, enrolment growth is a clear strategic direction. Ms Susan Shakespear, our recently appointed Director of Admissions, has been influential in the increasing enrolment numbers over the past year. With continuing strong demand for places we anticipate that the student population will increase from 1550 to over 1600 in the next three years, and

ultimately to over 1650 as our optimal student population. To facilitate this growth the College has restructured the Enrolments Office, whose operations are highlighted in this edition.

Also highlighted are some of our longstanding Nudgee College families whose history with the College goes back four generations of students. These families reflect the strong relationships and community connections that are the bedrock of Nudgee spirit.

It is with some pride that I commend to you this edition of the *Nth Degree*. ✨

Mr Peter Fullagar
College Principal

GOVERNOR VISITS FOR OPENING MASS AND SENIOR INVESTITURE



The annual Opening Mass and Senior Investiture at St Joseph's College is always a special occasion; however, this year's event was made even more so by the attendance of His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland.

Held on Friday 3 February in the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre, the Mass featured the presentation of Senior Badges to the Year 12s, music by College ensembles, and speeches from College Principal Mr Peter Fullagar, College Captain Freddie Carlton-Smith and the Governor of Queensland.

During His Excellency's address to the crowd of students, parents, staff, and special guests, he spoke about the importance of rituals, and the proud history of earlier governors visiting the College.

"I am often asked, 'what inspires you most as Governor,'" he said. "And I frequently respond, visiting schools."

His Excellency also commented on the merit of College Captain Freddie Carlton-Smith's speech during the ceremony, calling it an "inspiring display of leadership".

The transcript of Freddie's speech follows:

Good morning His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, Mr Fullagar, special guests, staff, parents and students.

Few people would dispute the fact that Nudgee College boys are fortunate. To attend a College that is rich in history and tradition, but also at the forefront of change, is a privilege and an honour. A Nudgee College education permeates the boundaries of a traditional schooling experience and opens us up to the world. Our fortune must never be forgotten.

All Nudgee College boys, past and present, have been part of a culture of excellence. In all that we do, we aim high, whether that be through our inspiring Social Justice Program, our well documented sporting achievements, our talented students of the arts, our central mission of academic success, or our Reach for the Stars Boarding Program.

Our accomplishments in these areas are worthy of praise; they help to make us a great College. Yet, what makes us truly great has little to do with these celebrated facets of Nudgee College. Our real success lies in the relationships that the boys here build with one another. Relationships which can provide a home away from home, a happy place to learn, and a sense of community that lasts a lifetime.

More than this, our real success lies in the relationships amongst the boys, staff, Christian Brothers, parents, Old Boys and all members of the Nudgee College family who enrich our lives, as we tap into the fundamental human desire to belong.

In my short life, I have not experienced another community quite like this one, which cherishes its own members and reaches out to others. There is an intangible quality about Nudgee College that is inexplicable and never





From left to right: Corbin Duncan, McKinley Anderson-Brown, Freddie Carlton-Smith, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, Mr Peter Fullagar, Ryan Shepherd, Isaac Schmidt and Josh Purkis



College Captain Freddie Carlton-Smith

truly understood by those who haven't experienced it. We call it Nudgee spirit. This spirit shapes young boys into men of conscience, who are driven by their experiences on these grounds.

Our students come from every path of life and it is this diversity that allows us to learn so much from each other. Through the personal narratives we share, we can catch glimpses of life in Far North Queensland, out west, Papua New Guinea, and indeed, all corners of the globe. These stories become the memories which inspire a dedication to this College, a College that Old Boys live

and die by. This is a tradition we must protect.

My hope in 2017 is for Nudgee College students to be present to all the opportunities that we have here. Our five-pillared star speaks of the liberation we receive by attending this school. All of our Nudgee College Old Boys, including those who are eminent in their chosen fields, once sat in an Investiture Mass like the one we celebrate today, and perhaps wondered what the future held for them. Their successes are not beyond our reach. We too can achieve if we dare to create change - positive change.

I have no doubt that in years to come, future College Captains will convey a similar message to the students before them. After all, change is inevitable and every generation hopes that they are prepared for it. At Nudgee College, we do more than hope. We act on opportunities to bring about change. That is why the Seniors of 2017 have chosen 'inspire the change' as the motto for 2017.

We are dedicated to fostering a culture of action that enables every boy to achieve what is best for himself, for those around him, and for the College.

How will we do this? The answer is through encouragement and recognition of excellence. In doing this, the values of Nudgee College will not be forgotten. We will continue to be *Signum Fidei* – *Signs of Faith*. Our 2017 symbol comprises six flames, which represent the foundation of College life - Faith, Boarding, Spirit, Academics, Culture, and Sport. At different stages of the year, we will light a flame, allowing it to burn brightly to remind us of who we are and what we value.

At the end of the year, our symbol will be complete and, like kindling to a fire, we will have inspired students to learn, to achieve, and to change for the better.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, formerly known as Mother Teresa, tells us, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples". Be the ripple effect, and never underestimate the change even your smallest efforts can make. As a community, our ripple effect has the power to make a genuine difference.

No matter how big or small, change is ahead of us all. Let us not miss opportunities to embrace it. Let us do that together.

Inspire the change. ☆



2016 College Dux Lewis Begg



Perry Edmondson-Clark

2016 SENIORS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The diversity of opportunities available at St Joseph's Nudgee College is one of the school's greatest assets. This diversity is reflected in the various career pathways that the boys embark upon in their Senior years and after they graduate. The boys from the 2016 cohort were no exception.

University Pathway: Lewis Begg

As the 2016 College Dux, there was no denying that Lewis Begg would go on to achieve great things after graduating. During his school years he developed an interest in medicine, and as such is now studying a Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith University.

"Watching different TV shows, such as *Scrubs*, got me interested in working in hospitals in general," he said. "Additionally, the concept of helping people and driving a healthier, happier world is something I really want to achieve."

Now that he is a university student, Lewis said the flexibility and freedom that comes with it can be both a blessing and a curse.

"Tailoring my own timetable is particularly useful when events and other commitments pop up, and if

needed I can catch up on my university work by watching lectures online," he said. "All this being said, if you aren't careful, your study can fall on top of you pretty quickly."

Lewis is a man with immense Nudgee spirit, and said he loved every aspect of his experience at the College.

"The diversity of Nudgee College is one thing that has helped me since starting university," he said. "Having a little bit of knowledge and experience in a range of topics, backgrounds and sports has helped me find friends and meet interesting new people."

At university, Lewis said it is extremely important to stay organised.

"Unlike school, your lecturers and tutors don't have time to build a personal connection with every student and keep you on top of your work," he said. "They will provide you with the content, and what you need to know to succeed, and if you're organised, you will."



Seniors who achieved OP1s, including Hamish Lindsay and Lewis Beggs

Hamish Lindsay

After hearing about the University of Queensland's Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours) degree at one of the College's scholarship information nights, Hamish decided that this was what he wanted to do in 2017.

"I had a keen interest in UQ, and I knew I wanted to study a business-related degree, but up until then I wasn't sure which one," he said. "I'm hoping it will lead to a career in investment banking or company management."

While adjusting to university life can be difficult for some, Hamish said the skills he developed at Nudgee College helped make the transition easier.

"I still organise myself in the same way that I did in high school, and my study routine is the same," he said. "Nudgee College really encouraged me to take control of my own learning, which is absolutely necessary at university where you don't have the same assistance as you do in high school."

For current students who are hoping to attend university after they graduate, Hamish said it was particularly helpful to set goals.

"Figure out what you need to do to achieve your goals, and stick to it," he said. "I would also encourage all students to seek help from their teachers, as they are there to help you and can give you invaluable advice about getting into your degree."

Trade Pathway: Lachlan Berge

In Term 3 of his Senior year, Lachlan applied for an electrical and air-conditioning refrigeration mechanic apprenticeship through the Get Set for Work Program. Two weeks later, Lachlan was hired and asked to begin in January 2017.

"I decided to seek out an apprenticeship in this field, because I was interested in learning more about this area," he said. "I also have a good friend who is completing an electrical apprenticeship, and this greatly influenced me to apply."

Lachlan said that starting his apprenticeship straight out of school made the transition to the workplace much easier for him.

"I was still in the school mindset of working for five days when I started," he said.

When deciding on a career path, Lachlan said it was important for students to choose an area that particularly interests them and that they are keen to learn more about.

Workplace Pathway: Perry Edmondson-Clark

It was only the day after Valedictory last year that Perry found out he had been hired as an associate at Queensland Sotheby's International Realty. He had his first day on 6 December. In

his new role, Perry assists with listing presentations and negotiating deals, as well as database management and liaising with administration staff to prepare paperwork.

Perry knew from a very young age that he wanted to work in real estate.

"I had my first real estate role at 15, completing a school-based traineeship with Ray White Real Estate," he said.

While going straight into the workforce after graduating high school can be daunting for some, Perry said that it was the best decision for him.

"I truly love what I do and I didn't see the point in delaying the start of my career," he said. "Real estate is a people-based industry and is all about building relationships with people, so the sooner I could start, the better."

During his time at Nudgee College, Perry completed a Certificate III in Business, which he said gave him the opportunity to learn about real-world situations that have become useful in his work.

"Nudgee College has prepared me for life after school by teaching me to think independently, to problem solve, to build relationships, and to work with people from diverse backgrounds," he said.

Get started early and be persistent are two of Perry's key pieces of advice for students who are hoping to enter the workforce immediately after graduation.

THE HEART OF THE COLLEGE





When the bell rings each day at 2.55pm, more than 1550 boys scatter in a myriad of directions. Some dive into awaiting cars and buses, while others race out the gates on foot.

However, there is a group of boys who make their way to the centre of the College at days' end. They are the boys who live and breathe Nudgee College. They are our boarders.

For a short while after school, the campus falls quiet as boarders retreat to their rooms to get ready for the afternoon ahead of them. For some, this may involve Rugby training at the Flats, while others could be heading to the Cleary Building for an individual music lesson or group ensemble practice. On those rare weeknights when a boarder does not have an extra-curricular commitment, you may find them engaging in a touch football

match on Wilkes Oval, or chatting with friends in one of the Boarding Village common rooms.

Year 12 student Sam Nugent is a local boarder from Brisbane's northern suburbs who reaps the benefits of living on campus.

"It's really convenient when I need to get to training after school," he said.

As the sun sets and stomachs start to rumble, the boarders head to the dining room. After filling up their plates at the servery the boys settle into table groups of six or less, chatting happily in a way reminiscent of a family enjoying their evening meal together. The Boarding Village courtyard also accommodates dinner time festivities, with Houses often holding spontaneous barbecues. The boys often cook the barbecues themselves, learning another valuable life skill in the process.

In the evenings, the campus falls quiet again as boys settle into classrooms in the Learning Centre for their nightly study program, referred to as 'Reach for the Stars'. This year, Dean of Boarding Mr Christian Oneto is emphasising a focus on academics. He speaks highly of the College teachers who make



themselves available to help students in the evenings.

"We are so fortunate to have such dedicated teachers here at Nudgee College who are willing to support our boarders in their learning," he said.

It is not only weeknights that are filled with activities for Nudgee College boarders. On weekends, in addition to weekend sport and cultural activities, boys are given the opportunity to head off campus for one of many planned outings by the College's dedicated Recreation Coordinator Mr Josh Rigg.

From trips to South Bank, to rugby matches at Suncorp Stadium, to one of the Gold Coast theme parks, and everything in between, boarders are never left saying “I’m bored”.

While the College Boarding community is known for being a hive of activity, the most important part of being a boarder, brought up by every boy who is asked, is the relationships formed.

Year 9 student from Winton Injarra Harbour has been Boarding since he was in Year 7, and said that you become best friends with your Boarding mates.

“After the first week in Boarding, you feel like you have known all the boys since you were five years old,” he said.

Assistant Head of Murphy Boarding House Mr Graham Moore, who came to Nudgee College at the start of 2016, reiterates this strong connection among the boys.

“There is a real sense of community, and they appear to genuinely love coming back for a new Term to see each other again,” he said.

Year 10 boarder Joe Stark summed up the experience of Boarding at Nudgee College perfectly.

“I like the atmosphere of Boarding,” he said, “it feels like it’s the heart of the College.” ☆



A day on the plate of a boarder	
BREAKFAST	French crepes and berries <i>All breakfasts include toast, spreads and cereal</i>
MORNING TEA	Vegetable soup and bread rolls <i>All morning teas include fresh seasonal fruit</i>
LUNCH	Brioche pork rolls <i>All lunches include sliced meats and salad bar</i>
AFTERNOON TEA	Greek yoghurt with fruit
DINNER	Portuguese chicken and saffron rice <i>All dinners include fresh seasonal vegetables, salads and sliced fresh fruits</i>
DESSERT	Assorted cheesecake



Boarders studying as part of the Reach for the Stars Program



Boarders' Dining Room

New Dean of Boarding

The new Dean of Boarding at Nudgee College for 2017 is already well-known to many in the College community. Mr Christian Oneto has worked at the College for the past eight years in many different roles, including his most recent six-year stint as Rowing Director.

While Christian was at the helm of Rowing, the College won the overall GPS Championship and the Open 1st VIII Premiership five times, and there was a dramatic increase in the number of boys participating in the sport. Despite these successes, Christian defines his greatest achievement as leading the creation of a positive and passionate environment within the Rowing community.

As part of his role as Dean of Boarding, Christian joined the College Leadership Team, thus rejuvenating a focus on developing the Nudgee College Boarding experience.

It is evident that Christian places a strong emphasis on academics, defining himself as a teacher first and foremost.

He has already instigated a change in the Reach for the Stars Program this year, splitting the original 90-minute study session into two shorter ones with a break in between.

"With this, the outcome we are looking for is that the boys are more energised and focused for each session," he said.

Christian grew up in Brisbane with a close connection to rural Australia. He would often visit his uncles on their properties in south-western Queensland. These experiences taught him the value of hard work and discipline, but also instilled in him a love of country life. Christian has also spent time teaching overseas, providing him with a great breadth of educational experience.

As the Dean of Boarding he is looking to build upon the wonderful Boarding life at Nudgee College by focusing on academic support, establishing good routines and continuing to foster a positive Boarding community.

Christian is joined on campus by his wife Kym and their three children, John, Sophie and Chelsea. ✨



FOURTH-GENERATION FAMILIES

Every year the St Joseph's Nudgee College Annual features photos of students who are sons or grandsons of Nudgee College Old Boys. This photo provides a visual of the generational connection that many families have with the College. For some families, this connection is so deep that it is shared among sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, cousins, uncles and great-uncles across four generations. The following families know this connection well.



Freddie, Adam, Brian and Stuart Carlton-Smith

The Carlton-Smiths

This year's College Captain Freddie Carlton-Smith is a young man with an immense level of Nudgee spirit. Not only has he immersed himself in all aspects of College life since he entered the Junior School in 2010 as a Year 5 student, he also has a deep familial connection to Nudgee College. The first Carlton-Smith to attend the College was Freddie's great-grandfather Bill, who was a student at the College from 1916 to 1917. During this time, Bill's family lived on George Street in Brisbane's CBD. Bill's sons, Brian (NC 1952–54) and Morris (NC 1954–55), were the next Carlton-Smiths to experience all that Nudgee College had to offer. Brian greatly enjoys recounting his time at the College, with a highlight being his two Premierships while playing for the 1st XV in 1952 and 1953.

Brian had two sons who attended Nudgee College 10 years apart. Adam, Freddie's dad, was the first, starting in 1980 and graduating in 1984, while Brian's other son Stuart was a Nudgee College student from 1990 to 1994. Although their family lived in New Farm, Adam was a metro boarder, and said one of his most memorable College memories was his first day of boarding.

When it came time to decide where Freddie would see out his schooling, Adam said that while tradition was one element in the decision, it was ultimately Nudgee College's culture of striving for excellence and the diverse range of opportunities that cemented it.

Freddie was nine years old when he started at Nudgee College and, at the time, said he was most looking forward to the facilities offered.

"Having an Olympic swimming pool, basketball courts, a track, so many ovals and, at the time, a golf course, brought a young kid who loved sport a lot of excitement!" he said.



Jack, Tommy, Henry, Bill and Tom Kidd

Now that he is in his Senior year, Freddie said his favourite part of the College was the well-rounded education it brings.

"In not many places around the world do Old Boys speak of how they not only gained a lot of knowledge, but also an understanding of how to be a man in the modern world," he said.

"If I have a son one day, I will – without a doubt – send him to Nudgee College, because I know that, no matter who he is, he will find his place there, and it will give him the opportunities to do whatever he wants to."

The Kidds

Nudgee College Boarding has been a strong influence across four generations of the Kidd family. It started with James Edward 'Jim' Kidd, who began boarding at the College in 1919, closely followed by his brother Thomas Frances 'Tom' Kidd in the mid-1920s. Jim and Tom grew up in Mayfield near Windorah in Western Queensland, and were authentic 'boys from the bush'. James' son, James Alexander 'Sandy' Kidd, was the next Kidd to board, beginning at Nudgee Junior

in 1949 before starting at the College in 1954. Now in his late 70s, Sandy still talks about his Nudgee College days. He keeps in contact with his former school mates, and can still recite the Nudgee War Cry word for word.

Sandy's son, Thomas Francis 'Tom' Kidd, began his boarding experience in 1977 while attending Nudgee Junior, and then began at the College in 1979. Tom's brother, James William 'Dude' Kidd, soon followed, beginning at Nudgee Junior in 1979, and moving on to Nudgee College in 1983.

Tom's memories of Nudgee College demonstrate how much the school has changed in more than 30 years.

"I can still remember what the Brothers' cane felt like!" he said.

"I also remember trying very hard to make the Cross Country team because I thought they were served a better breakfast than the boarders."

Tom now has four sons, three of whom are Old Boys and one who is a current student. Their family lives at Tabletop Station near Croydon in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Jack Alexander Kidd was the first of Tom's sons to begin boarding at Nudgee College, starting in 2005 and graduating in 2010. During his years at the College, Jack was Captain of the Rodeo Club for three years, and the Cattle Club President when he was in Year 12.

Thomas William 'Tommy' Kidd joined his brother as a boarder in 2007. Tommy was an avid cricketer, and had the opportunity to tour the UK with the Nudgee College Cricket Program in 2010.

This was also the year that a third Kidd joined the Nudgee College Boarding family.

Bill Edward Kidd boarded at the College for six years. During this time, he was heavily involved in the Rowing Program, as well as the Social Justice Program, spending countless hours rolling swags for the homeless. He was also a College Vice Captain in his Senior year in 2015.

The youngest Kidd, Henry, has been at the College for three and a half years and is currently in Year 9. With so many family members already having attended Nudgee College, Henry had a wealth of knowledge at his disposal.



Sean, Liam, John, Jack and Paul McBride

"I was told that Nudgee College was a big sporting school, and that boarding is great because of all the friends that you make," he said.

"I was looking forward to making new mates, as well as finally getting to play cricket and other sports."

Henry's Senior year in 2019 will also mark the 100-year anniversary of the first Kidd, his great-grandfather, starting at Nudgee College.

Henry's dad Tom said there had been some big changes in the years since he attended.

"Since I went to the College, the facilities have improved, and there are more opportunities available to the boys, especially the Cattle Club and the Trade Training Centre," he said.

"I like that Nudgee College has stayed true to its country boarders, and whether it is sport, academics or spending time down at the cattle yards, there is something for everyone."

The McBrides

Junior School students Jack and Liam McBride are cousins who have a family connection to Nudgee College that spans 100 years. In 1917, Jack and Liam's great-grandfather Hugh McBride started at the College. Hugh grew up in Childers,

Queensland, and attended Nudgee College as a boarder. After leaving the College and starting a family, Hugh decided to keep up the family tradition of attending Nudgee College.

The family was living in Wavell Heights when Hugh's son John attended the College from 1950 to 1955. During his time there, John excelled at many sports, making the top teams for both Rugby and Cricket, and also participating in Tennis and Boxing. Apparently, John was also money savvy, earning the nickname 'Scotchie' for self-financing his weekly pocket money by renting out the newspaper to his school mates for a half-penny per read. John's former Nudgee College peers still call him 'Scotchie' to this day.

In the 1980s, John's sons Sean (NC 1983–87) and Paul McBride (NC 1985–89) were next in line to don the blue and white. Rugby and Cross Country were their sports of choice as students, with Paul also taking part in the Debating Program. In a feat few would have achieved in competitive school sport, Paul managed to go through his five years at Nudgee College without losing a GPS Rugby match.

Nudgee College also played a small part in Paul finding his wife Lesley. They met at the combined 21st and 22nd birthday party of fellow Old Boys Andrew (NC

1985–89) and Geoffrey McNamara (NC 1983–87), which was held at Brothers Rugby Club in Brisbane in 1992.

Paul and Sean now have sons of a similar age attending Nudgee College at the same time. Paul's son Jack is a Year 6 student, and Sean's son Liam is in Year 5.

"Whenever we used to drive along Sandgate Road, my dad would point out the huge grounds at Nudgee College and comment on how much space there was to play sport," Liam said.

Jack and Liam take after their dads, both having a great interest in sport. Between the two of them, there is a McBride participating in Rugby, Cricket, Cross Country, Swimming and Tennis.

Nudgee College has changed a lot in 30 years, with Paul and Sean noting the addition of the Junior School as one of the most significant advances.

The family tradition is set to continue, with Liam and Jack saying that if either of them has sons in the future, they would like to send them to Nudgee College.

The O'Regans

St Joseph's Nudgee College had been established for only seven years when the first O'Regan began his schooling here. Maurice O'Regan grew up in Maryborough, Queensland, and began

boarding at Nudgee College in 1898. After finishing his education, Maurice bought 'Neaavie', a cattle property in Goomeri, which is where his sons John 'Jack' and Kevin O'Regan grew up. Jack started at the College in 1931, while Kevin began in 1932.

Jack also bought a cattle property post-school, heading back to his father's childhood town of Maryborough. He owned 'Mt Benmore' on the McKenzie River in Central Queensland, and raised two sons, Tom and Tony O'Regan, who would go on to experience a Nudgee College education.

Tony said his father had fond memories of Nudgee College, and often said his time there was the happiest of his life.

"He always regretted that he never did his Senior year; he was from a large family and had to leave to give other family members a turn at an education," he said.

"This was during the Depression years, so things were financially tight."

During these tough times of his father's youth, Tony said that everyone had to pitch in.

"Dad and the other boarders often had to get up early in the morning to milk the College's dairy herd," he said.

"This was one thing in plentiful supply in the kitchen, so much so that Dad, to

his dying day, refused to eat custards, bread-and-butter puddings, and other milk-based recipes!"

Jack's first son to attend Nudgee College, Tom, began boarding in 1972. Tony started nine years later.

During Tony's time at the College, Nudgee College sport was going through a bit of a drought, with the 1st XV only winning a few games in his Senior year of 1982.

"The team and the grandstand were distraught after losing the last game of the season, as there was so much hope and expectation that it would be the year that things would turn around," he said.

"When they were leaving the field, the whole grandstand, led by the Seniors, gave them a standing ovation and a War Cry, almost as though they had won."

In the year that followed, the 1983 team, containing several of the 1982 players, lost only two games.

"It showed that Nudgee College had weathered the storm and used its fighting spirit to get back on the horse," he said. "It took another couple of years before the College won an undefeated Premiership; I credit a lot of the turnaround to the grandstand that day."

Tony has continued the family tradition of working on the land through his

ownership of irrigation farm 'Emerald Hay' at Emerald. His nephew Shaun Rains (NC 1998–2002) is an Old Boy, and his sons, Paddy (Year 12) and Thomas (Year 11), are current boarders at the College. His other son, Hugh, is preparing to start boarding in 2018.

Based on what he had heard about Nudgee College before starting there, Thomas said he was looking forward to meeting mates for life, being part of the Nudgee College community, having access to the many educational opportunities and, of course, watching a Nudgee College versus Gregory Terrace 1st XV home game.

A lot has changed from when Tony attended the College in the early 1980s to the school Paddy and Thomas attend today, with Tony citing the food, the dormitories, the facilities, and the fact that day boys now outnumber boarders as some of the biggest changes.

Tony said his dad would have been so proud that his grandsons went to his old school, and that they could experience all that Nudgee College had to offer, including its famous spirit.

More fourth-generation families will be profiled in the December edition of Nth Degree. ✨



Tony, Paddy, Hugh, Tom and Mary O'Regan

NUDGEE COLLEGE OLD BOY TAKES ON OXBRIDGE



Byron Hewson

St Joseph's Nudgee College Old Boy Byron Hewson (NC 2001–05) has become quite the scholar, which will come as no surprise to those who knew him during his school days. Byron always displayed a gift for academia.

"In Year 12 I participated in a program that allowed me to be enrolled in and complete a university subject in International Relations at the University of Queensland," he said. "I received a seven for the subject."

To receive a seven, the highest possible score for a subject at Queensland university level, is most impressive for any university student, let alone a secondary school student.

In regard to his school days, Byron speaks of Nudgee College fondly.

"I enjoyed my time at Nudgee College, and remain close to many of the friends

that I made there," he said. "Nudgee College is a big school with students from a diverse range of backgrounds, which made it a great place to spend my formative high school years."

Byron was also impressed by the wide variety of activities on offer at the College.

"Over the five years I was a student, I enjoyed participating in Basketball, Volleyball, Debating, Chess, Rowing and even a few cooking classes," he said. "I appreciated the opportunity to try new things and discover what I was interested in."

What stood out most for Byron at Nudgee College was the emphasis on pastoral care and social justice.

"In my time at Nudgee College I saw that the commitment to social justice was deep and sincere, and often manifested in ways that were known to the people directly affected," he said.

Many members of Byron's family were also given a Nudgee College education, including his brother, two of his uncles and several cousins. Byron noted he had many great teachers, but he particularly remembers Ms Margie Wills, his House Dean.

Margie has vivid memories of Byron, describing him as a gifted and talented young man.

"Byron consistently produced work of the highest calibre, which demonstrated a maturity way beyond his years," she said. "But it was his kindness, generosity, humility and creativity that stood out for me."



Margie also commented on Byron's resilience, which became evident in his final year when, despite illness and injury, he became Dux of the College.

Although Margie had a lasting influence on Byron, so did his whole journey of attending Nudgee College. He firmly believes that a high school education provides the foundation for future career opportunities.

"For me, specifically," he said, "it was participating in the College Debating team that influenced me to study law as an undergraduate."

He completed his undergraduate studies in Brisbane, receiving the University Medal in Economics and First Class Honours in Economics and Law.

Byron wanted to further his undergraduate studies, and was accepted into Financial Economics at the prestigious Oxford University in England, where he received a Distinction in his Masters studies last year.



Byron Hewson with friends

Apart from his academic life, Byron relished immersing himself in Oxford's unique university culture, saying it had many historic and distinctive traditions. He gained a richness in experience as well as learning.

"All students are members of different colleges, which provide an important residential, social and pastoral function at the university," he said. "One of the best things about this system is that you get to meet and live alongside students from different disciplines and backgrounds."

Byron has advice for students looking to further their education abroad.

"Studying overseas is often expensive, but there are several scholarships and grants available to defray the cost," he said.

"Make sure you research your intended program and compare it with similar ones offered by other universities.

"If possible, try to speak with people who have completed your proposed course of study to get a better sense of it."

This year Byron is studying Public Policy at Cambridge University in England, another of Europe's most famous academic institutions, which, together with Oxford, are often referred to as 'Oxbridge' universities.

Margie eloquently described Byron as having an inquiring mind.

"This will ensure he's a lifelong learner," she said. "Byron will always be interested and interesting." ☆



Ms Margie Wills

NUDGEE COLLEGE EVENTS

Anzac Day

On Monday 24 April, St Joseph Nudgee College commemorated Anzac Day with its annual ceremony on Ross Oval.

This year's guest speaker was Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) Commissioner and Year 10 mum Katarina Carroll, who spoke about her values, aligning them with those of the College, as well as the men and women of the armed forces.

"In my role with QFES, I have around 48,000 staff in my department, and every day they put their lives on the line to help others," she said.

"As their Commissioner, I have a deep sense of responsibility for all of these people; I have lost dear friends and colleagues who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty."

Commissioner Carroll also spoke about

the disaster response to the recent Cyclone Debbie crisis in Queensland.

"I had staff putting their lives on the line, with some saving people in the nick of time from rooftops, as the floods washed houses away," she said.

"On Anzac Day, it is important to stop for a moment and reflect, to remember all of those people who contribute to the safety of our community, and remember the fine men and women who sacrificed their lives in service of their country."

In a tradition that certainly demonstrates the diversity of the College, members of the many different groups that make up the Nudgee College community laid wreaths of remembrance.

The ceremony concluded with special guests walking back across Ross Oval through a guard of honour formed by the Year 12 students.

Lest we forget. ☆





Race Day

Race Day Fashions on the Field winners

Cross Country and Track and Field Race Day

In June Nudgee College celebrated its second annual Race Day at Doomben Racecourse, hosted by the Athletics Support Group. A perfect winter's day greeted 150 guests for a great day out. Year 11 parent and event master of ceremonies, Mr Dean Miller, did a fantastic job interviewing the many special guests throughout the afternoon. Brisbane Racing ambassadors Kris Smith and Rozalia Russian popped by to say hello, as did Nudgee College Old Boy and

Brisbane trainer Mr Chris Henderson (NC 1996-2000). A highlight of the afternoon was the special presence of the 1999 Melbourne Cup and its owner Ms Wendy Green, who recounted her fantastic story of winning the Cup with Rogan Josh. Many families would also know Wendy through her work in the Nudgee College Boarding dormitories.

The punters club had a few wins over the course of the afternoon, which bolstered the prize pool for the lucky few, as well as added to the fundraising for the Athletics Support Group. And of course, no day out at the races would be

complete without Fashions on the Field. This year's hotly contested competition, judged by Dr Fiona Hinchcliffe and Mrs Deanne Johnston, was won by Mrs Tina Tomassetti and Mr Brent Christofferson.

Thank you to Race Day sponsors Westpac, Total Care, Skin Savers Beauty, All Things Containers, Rode Meats, Richardson and Wrench, and Brisbane International Virginia.

Finally, the College wishes to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Jo Harris and Mr Chris Langton for their tireless work in organising the stellar event. ✨



From left to right: Brian Boulton, Maggie Shaw, Br Peter Harney, Br Stephen McLaughlin, Br Vince Connors, and Wendy Parker



Goondiwindi Trip

From 5 to 7 May this year, Dean of Boarding Mr Christian Oneto travelled to Goondiwindi with Director of Admissions Ms Susan Shakespear and Nudgee College stalwart Mr Paul Curran for the Boarding Schools Expo. Together, they met prospective families, caught up with current families, and reunited with former ones.

The expo coincided with the Goondiwindi Show, where the Cattle Club were displaying some of the College's award-winning cattle.

"These boys do a fantastic job representing the College," Christian said. "They demonstrate why a Nudgee College education gives a breadth of experience with which few schools can compare." ✨

Open Day

Nudgee College's biggest Open Day for the year was held on Saturday, 20 May. Friday's wet weather did little to frighten off the masses, with more than 800 people presenting to the registration desk over the course of the day. From 10.00am to 2.00pm, guests were treated to student-led tours, barbecues, music performances, science experiments, a scene performance from the recent *Guys and Dolls* musical, and much more.

The many parent support groups at the College set up displays under a large marquee in Edmund Rice Mall, allowing prospective families the opportunity to chat to current parents. There was also a Q&A session in Tierney Auditorium, where attendees could direct questions to the Principal, the College Captain, a parent, a teacher, a boarder, and a Junior School

student. The entire day was set against the backdrop of a Football and Tennis home game versus Brisbane Grammar School, which added to the atmosphere of this important event in the Nudgee College calendar. ✨

Maggie Shaw's 90th Birthday

The Past Mothers' Association held a 90th birthday celebration for Shaw House's namesake Mrs Maggie Shaw on Wednesday 31 May at the College. As Maggie arrived, the students of Shaw House were gathered in Chapel Mall to sing her happy birthday. Guests were then treated to a luncheon in Ryan Hall. Old Boy and NOVA 106.9 breakfast presenter Mr David 'Luttsy' Lutteral (NC 1989-93) was the master of ceremonies for the event. Four former Nudgee



Rugby Tour Fundraiser

College Principals were also present for the celebration; Mr Brian Boulton, Br Vince Connors, Br Stephen McLaughlin, and Br Peter Harney. Thank you to the Past Mothers' Association for organising this event to celebrate the Nudgee College icon that is Maggie Shaw. ☆

Rugby Tour Fundraiser

This September, Nudgee College Rugby travels to Fiji for their sport and service tour. In June, over 200 Nudgee College Rugby supporters attended a fundraiser cocktail party for this tour at the Kingsford Smith Memorial. This exclusive event space was very generously offered by Brisbane Airport Corporation, which has only ever been previously used on two other occasions.

The evening was opened by seasoned master of ceremonies and Year 11 parent Mr Simon Brown, and guests were treated to a traditional Fijian dance by the Matana group. The night also welcomed special guests Laura Geitz (Australian Netball Captain), Georgia Page (Australian Rugby Union player), and Nemani Nadolo (Fijian Rugby Union player) who shared some of their touring experiences.

Thank you to event and tour sponsors Brisbane Airport Corporation, oOh! Media, and Mercedes-Benz Brisbane.

The College also wishes to thank the Rugby Support Group for their endless support of Nudgee College Rugby and their outstanding work in delivering this fantastic event. ☆



CHOOSING NUDGEES COLLEGE FOR YEAR 5

The Junior School at St Joseph's Nudgees College is approaching its 10th anniversary this year. When it began in 2008, the Junior School had 22 students enrolled in Years 5 and 6. Today there are 128 students in Year 5 and 150 students in Year 6.

So why choose to start your son's education at Nudgees College in Year 5? In my opinion, there are five compelling reasons why parents are electing to take this path.

1. Academic advancement

The academic advancement of every student is at the forefront of what we do in the Junior School. Students are challenged in every facet of their education. As a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school, access to digital learning is central in every classroom. Students have access to our digital classrooms online. These Google classrooms provide students with all the resources they need to reinforce their classroom learning. Every subject has its own site, with each containing videos explaining concepts and criteria sheets. Additionally, these sites provide extension material for students to further investigate a topic. Essentially, it's like having access to a tutor 24/7.

Students in the Junior School engage in processes that are common across the entire College. The use and understanding of the Google Calendar, the Student Cafe, and the common academic language, are what students learn in these early years. Both students and parents develop the habit of checking in during the first weeks of Term to see what assessment lies ahead and the subsequent due dates. Students and parents can also receive feedback on each assessment two weeks after completion. This practice is standard from Years 5 to 12.

"As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, we are impressed by the approach Nudgees College takes, not only in educating our sons, but also teaching them to become young men of strong personal character."

YEAR 5 PARENT

NAPLAN results certainly validate why a boy starting in Year 5 gains an academic advantage. The My School website contains comparison graphs that show how impressive our students' academic performance is from Year 5 to 7. The improvement over the years indicates their scholarly gains are greater than students who start on the same score and who are in similar schools. They also show greater growth compared with the national average. This demonstrates how our Junior School academic programs can offer the best possible start to your son's education.

2. Pastoral development

The Pastoral Program at Nudgees College is one of its greatest assets. From the start of a Year 5 student's journey, they feel part of not only the Nudgees College Junior School, but their House. The House system forms the basis of our Pastoral system across the College, and students in Years 5 and 6 are joined every day by their Year 12 Big Brothers. House Deans get to spend two years getting to know their students, while the Director of Junior School interacts with parents regularly to discuss their son's pastoral development.

Our camp programs are sequential in nature in Years 5 and 6, and feeds into the experiences the students will be exposed to in our Year 7 and 8 programs. By having the same camp across these year levels, we can ensure students in the Junior School get the best possible preparation for their outdoor education experience.

3. Social justice/religious development

Students who enter in Year 5 are exposed from day one to the social justice and religious life of the College. They engage in activities that are aligned to our four Touchstones. EREA schools





strive to offer a liberating education, based on a gospel spirituality, within an inclusive community committed to justice and solidarity. Students engage in Eucharistic celebrations and are active participants in fundraising for people who are marginalised in our community and abroad. As such, the boys develop empathy and learn to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalised. By the end of their Junior School journey, they will have an understanding of our College motto, Signum Fidei – ‘Sign of Faith’ and how this can be displayed through their actions.

“The ‘boy focused’ teaching methods ensure that the boys experience a multitude of learning opportunities and they are challenged daily to become articulate, confident learners who increasingly take responsibility for their own learning.”

YEAR 5 PARENT

4. Technology

When boys leave the Junior School, they have already learnt to successfully navigate our Google platform. They are familiar with Google Docs, Slides and other programs used by teachers across the College. They have also learnt to manage their daily routine with our Calendar, which provides them with forthcoming events and is the central location for all set homework. The BYOD platform is pivotal to a student’s advancement at Nudgee College, and boys starting their journey in Year 5 have the advantage of understanding our processes before entering their

secondary education, offering a seamless transition into high school.

Junior School staff have completed exceptional professional development opportunities in how to embed technology into everyday learning and assessment. These practices allow students to access information, deepen their understanding, and communicate their learning more successfully. By the end of Year 6, students have not only developed a substantial knowledge of many technological tools, but they have also grown into responsible digital citizens.

5. Co-curricular involvement

Nudgee College offers its students a co-curricular program that is both diverse and competitive. Boys can engage in activities covering every sporting field and every cultural aspect, including the College’s renowned Cattle Club.

Ten-year-old boys can be fiercely competitive, and the GPS sporting

program offers them a competition second to none. Students can participate in a vast array of sports, such as Cricket, Football, Rugby, Tennis, Track and Field, and Cross Country. Alongside sporting activities is a wide selection of cultural pursuits. Debating, Chess, bands and musicals, for example, are available to Junior School students, and provide an excellent outlet for boys who want to pursue both sporting and cultural activities. The repertoire of activities that Nudgee College students can take part in from the moment they begin in Year 5 is one of the College’s greatest assets.

The growth and success of the Junior School over the past 10 years is testament to the increasing value placed upon it by parents who enrol their son from Year 5. As the Director of the Junior School, I am so proud of what we offer, and would be delighted to engage with any prospective parents as to the benefits of a Year 5 start for their son at Nudgee College. ☆



“Commencing Nudgee College in Year 5 allows the boys to develop social networks and friendship groups prior to hitting Year 7. The Junior School focuses on teaching the boys to be resilient and strive to be the best that they can be.”

YEAR 5 PARENT

STEAM

“The future belongs to the curious; the ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it and turn it inside out.”

ANONYMOUS

STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking. The end results are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experiential learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and often work through the creative process. St Joseph's Nudgee College has identified our students' exposure to STEAM as critical to their future success as 21st century citizens.

STEAM and Robotics clubs

Under the guidance of Head of Information, Communication and Technology Mr Richard Bauer, a large number of Years 5 to 7 Nudgee College students have opted to join an after-school STEAM club. Students are engaged in activities that involve the various STEAM disciplines, while at the same time utilising highly technical equipment, such as drones and virtual-reality headsets. Additionally, students have had the opportunity to be involved in building robots and controlling them to complete a variety of tasks.

Year 5 STEAM Program

On 28 and 29 March, all Year 5 students participated in a range of activities promoting the STEAM disciplines. Across the two days, students:

- Investigated the properties of water in a range of science experiments
- Used technology to design a space base station on Mars, experimented with 3D printing, and explored

virtual environments with virtual-reality headsets

- Were challenged to engineer a range of structures using simple materials, such as paddle pop sticks, bulldog clips and clothes pegs
- Created artwork using wax crayons and water colour paints to produce vibrant paintings
- Determined a mathematical relationship between water volume and the height that a projectile (water rocket) travels

The feedback from students after the program was overwhelmingly positive:

“It was an awesome experience that I would like to do over and over.”

“It was very fun and the Year 9 students

were very helpful in the activities. I enjoyed Technology, where we flew drones and we made a 3D base! We had to include in our base water, food, oxygen and radio supplies.”

Thanks to the Year 9 student coaches who worked alongside the supervising staff and assisted the Year 5 students in their creative and problem-solving endeavours. Thanks also to those leading the various workshops: Mr Ben Williams, Mr Jack Dahms, Ms Lara Morgan, Ms Poppie Kenneally, Ms Melanie Wallace and Mr Paul Masters. Now in its second year, the Year 5 Nudgee College STEAM Program looks set to be a permanent part of not only the Year 5 curriculum, but of a bigger plan of programs that encourage problem-solving, innovation and inquiry learning in all students. ☆





LIFE IN THE LEARNING CENTRE

Teacher-librarians at Nudgee College have three loves: reading, learners, and bringing the first two loves together to inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a love of learning.

A lot has happened in the DJ Hanly Learning Centre since it was officially opened in April 2015. It is an amazing space and many students, teachers, parents, visiting authors, Old Boys, and members of the wider community have walked through its doors and experienced what it has to offer. The vision for the Library is to be a thriving centre of learning – something integral to the way the entire College functions.

As we move increasingly towards an environment of instant and infinite information, it becomes less important for students to know, memorise or recall information, and more important for them to be able to find, sort, analyse, share, discuss, critique and create information. They need to move from being simply knowledgeable to being knowledge-able (Wesch, 2008, www.academiccommons.org). It is for this reason that all Years 5 to 7 students have weekly literacy lessons to help prepare them to become responsible digital citizens who function effectively in a complex information landscape. The Learning Centre also provides flexible access to computers, printers and other resources, including teaching expertise before school, after school and during other non-class times. This provides a social network where students and teachers participate in activities such as research lessons, book chats, book clubs, homework support, quiet games, group study, Book Week activities, author talks, parent information evenings – the list is endless.

In 2016 and 2017, the Learning Centre was the venue for *Romancing the Stars*,



an event run by Book Links Queensland, where those who attended 'speed dated' around 20 authors and illustrators who shared insights into their most recent books and current projects. The exciting line-up of 'stars' included authors Tristan Bancks, Robert Hoge, Pamela Rushby, Michael Gerard Bauer, Nick Earls, Terry Whidborne, Amanda Francey, Ben Long, Lynette Noni and Richard Yaxley. This year's event included the launch of Brian Falkner's new book *Shooting Stars*, as well as an entertaining 'Story Sports' session.

One of our main passions is to promote a love of literacy and reading; we all know reading is the 'gateway to knowledge'. Many successful people make reading a major part of their daily lifestyle. The co-founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates, reads about 50 books a year. The founder of Tesla Motors and SpaceX, Elon Musk, aims to read three hours a

day. The co-founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, aimed to read one book every two weeks in 2015, and Oprah Winfrey selects one of her favourite books every month for her book club members to read and discuss.

Here at Nudgee College we promote and support reading in a variety of ways. 'Nudgee champions read' is our motto. Boys who are exceptional borrowers and readers are rewarded with certificates and badges, and encouraged to write reviews of what they have been reading. These reviews are then displayed so other students might be inspired to read.

Each year, Years 5 to 8 students have the opportunity to be part of a state-wide Readers Cup Challenge. Last year's Year 7 and 8 team comprised of Manraj Birk, Joshua Price, Tom Walsh, Patrick McGillion and super coach Ms Kathleen White. Many weeks of reading and



Senior Book Chat Breakfast

quizzing each other on the books read resulted in them placing 18th out of 25 teams. This year we are aiming to be in the top 10.

The introduction of Senior Book Chat Breakfasts and a Literary Lunch Bunch book club have proven very popular, and provide another avenue for the promotion and celebration of reading. Once each Term, Year 10 to 12 boys are invited to meet for breakfast and share what they have been reading. A special guest from the Nudgee College community is always invited. Special

guests to date have included Mr John Christie, Mr Peter Todd and our 2017 College Captain, Freddie Carlton-Smith.

Life in the Learning Centre is always a hive of activity, with new displays and activities every week. We encourage all members of the Nudgee College community to come by for a visit and check out a book. In the illustrious words of famed children's author Dr Seuss: "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more things you know, the more places you'll go." ✨

Editor's note: As the magazine was going to print, the College was informed that the DJ Hanly Learning Centre had been named the inaugural winner of the schools category at the Australian Library and Information Association's Library Design Awards. Principal Mr Peter Fullagar said the award is a credit to the Library staff, as well as to m3architecture who designed the building.



Year 7 and 8 Readers Cup Challenge Team

LEARNING TOGETHER

It will come as no surprise that teachers need to continually learn and grow throughout their careers. Like any profession, there are changes that teachers must stay abreast of, including (but not limited to) developments in communication, technology, pedagogy, curriculum, testing and legislation.

While the essential nature of children does not change a great deal from year to year, the techniques we use to engage students is constantly evolving. The handouts and overhead transparencies (ask your parents, boys) that I used in my earliest years of teaching do not cut it with today's students. They expect quizzes in Kahoot, computer-generated modelling and video feedback on their drafts. So, if teachers have any chance of staying relevant and engaging to a generation of children who can replace them with a TedX video, they need to engage actively and frequently in professional learning.

However, how do we ensure that the learning we engage in has an impact on the young men who sit in front of us? We have all been there – you attend an externally provided professional learning opportunity, spend anywhere from a day to a week being inspired by experts in your field only to return to your place of employment to find the strategies don't or can't work because of the unique requirements of your workplace.

With these imperatives of currency and relevance in mind, the staff at Nudgee College are starting the process of becoming a Professional Learning Community (PLC). A PLC is a group of educators who met regularly, share expertise, and work collaboratively to



improve teaching skills and the students' academic performance.

An expert on school leadership, Shirley Hord, came up with perhaps the most efficient description of the strategy: "The three words [in the name] explain the concept – professionals coming together in a group, or community, to learn." Put simply, they are:

- Strong communities of teachers working collaboratively and productively
- Discussing what works and what doesn't
- Sharing best lessons and techniques
- Working together and not in isolation

As a result, student performance improves and schools become more energised and fulfilling places to work.

Importantly, they are, and should be, as individual as the communities in which they exist. There are many different models of PLCs in education, each claiming to be the most effective in improving learning outcomes. The research says PLCs:

- Offer an environment where we learn most from our peers within the setting that we work in
- Should be specifically designed for the situation in which they are developed
- Have to be responsive to the needs of the learning environment
- Must be flexible, allowing choice to participants (one size doesn't fit all)
- Can provide leadership opportunities as well as learning opportunities



The Nudgee College PLC model has been specifically designed in response to feedback from our staff, and is purposefully structured to fit into our very busy and unique culture. It consists of teachers meeting regularly in both teams and learning rotations. Within intimate team meetings, teachers are led through goal-setting, interactions with the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Professional Standards for teachers, requirements of the Queensland College of Teachers framework for continuing professional development, and collaboration on topics which are of common interest to the staff. These teams are made up of a mixture of teachers from different curriculum areas, leadership positions and years of experience, so that each can learn from the other. They are led by staff who have generously volunteered for the position, and who play a vital role in facilitating these groups.

In the learning rotations, teachers can choose their topics for learning from

a range of workshops offered by their peers in sessions held throughout the year. A large part of the success of the program is the work of the presenters, who give their time and experience to work with their peers for the benefit of their profession and, ultimately, the students.

The topics for these rotations have been diverse during Semester 1: literacy strategies, leadership skills, visible learning, 21st century skills, use of popular culture text, physiology of learning, differentiation, project-based learning, use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and much more. It is so pleasing to see that the offers to present have increased since we began, which is a testimony to our staff's enthusiasm, professional generosity and boundless energy.

So far, the feedback has been very positive. Following a recent session, Director of Pathways Ms Lara Morgan said, "it was great to get PD in an area that I am passionate about and

interested in. I felt like I was at a PD smorgasbord and only had to eat dessert." Many others have expressed similar thoughts and are feverishly implementing what they have learnt in their sessions.

One of the greatest positives of the program is its ability to evolve and meet the changing needs of the College and its staff. The concept is not set in concrete; instead, it is deliberately designed to adapt and grow. What it will look like next year will depend on the feedback from this year and the needs of the College and its staff.

Its other great strength is the professional commitment shown by the College staff. There is no task too great for these teachers, particularly when they can see the relevance for our boys. We believe these students will soon see the benefits flowing through to them, and will learn from their teachers setting the standard in lifelong learning. ☆





From left to right: Ms Karen Clarke, Ms Susan Shakespear, Ms Robyn Tilyard, and Ms Michelle Hills

THE ENROLMENTS OFFICE

They are the first point of contact for parents considering a Nudgee College education for their sons. They are the first step in a family's journey through Nudgee College. They are the women of the Enrolments Office.

At the helm of this team is Director of Admissions Ms Susan Shakespear. Starting at the College in May last year, Susan is the newest member of the team, but certainly no stranger to the Nudgee College community. For the last three seasons, she has been heavily involved in the College's Rowing program, taking on coaching duties, as well as a year group coordinator role. As Director of Admissions, Susan oversees every aspect of enrolments, from acting as a tour guide for prospective families, to managing enrolment applications and reviewing current enrolments.

"There are many educational areas at Nudgee College, and in Enrolments we get to see all of them and explain what difference a Nudgee College education

can make for someone's son," she said.

"As someone relatively new, I have found the Nudgee College community to be extremely welcoming."

Susan is well-supported by Enrolments Officers Ms Karen Clarke and Ms Michelle Hills, whose tasks involve handling enrolment enquiries, maintaining student records, and processing enrolments.

Karen began in the Finance department at Nudgee College more than nine years ago before making the move to the Enrolments Office. In her role, she said she thoroughly enjoys helping families through the enrolment process. Michelle, like Susan, is a new face to the team, having started at the College only a year and a half ago. She said she is finding the contagious enthusiasm of the boys and their parents for the school to be a particularly special part of working at the College.

Finally, the first face to greet people as

they enter the Treacy Building is that of College Receptionist Ms Robyn Tilyard. A stalwart of the administration staff, Robyn has worked at Nudgee College for almost 18 years.

"I love that there is no such thing as a typical day at Nudgee College," she said. "Every day is different and, even though it can be challenging at times, I enjoy interacting with parents, staff and students and forming great relationships with them all."

In her many years at the College, Robyn said she has found staff members to have a remarkable passion for what they do.

"The teachers are dedicated to their profession, and truly take an interest in the students as individuals," she said.

The Enrolments team are based in the heritage-listed Treacy Building, and are always at the ready to welcome new faces to the College. ☆

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BLUE AND WHITE

...AND GREEN?

In the 1939 St Joseph's Nudgee College Annual, there is a long-forgotten picture of Terry McKenna and three other students meeting cricketing legends Stan McCabe, Bill O'Reilly and Les Fingleton in the grounds of the College. Though there is no hint of any agenda beyond the welcoming of three Australian Test players, it is difficult to ignore the fact that it occurred in a period when Australian cricket was subject to the same sectarian divide that marred daily life. It was only a couple of years before the visit that a number of Catholic players were carpeted by the Australian Cricket Board for allegedly spending too much time in hotel bars and the more egregious sin of failing to offer their full support to their captain, the legendary batsman Sir Donald Bradman.

The targeting of players was based on issues that almost certainly had little to do with the frequency with which they could be found in a bar. In fact, it reflected a deep sectarianism in Australian cricket that saw administrators and players who were Masons, such as Bradman, Bert Oldfield and Bill Ponsford, aligned on one side, and on the other, Catholic players such as Fingleton, Bill O'Reilly, Stan McCabe, Leo O'Brien and Chuck Fleetwood-Smith. Indeed, during a match at the SCG, Bradman learnt that Fingleton had had his bat sprinkled with holy water by a Catholic bishop. When passing his team mate at the boundary's edge after he had been dismissed cheaply, the great batsman commented that "we'll see what a dry bat will do out there". The story is all the richer for the fact that Bradman went on to score a century, presumably without the need for divine intervention.



That the College leaders might have been motivated to invite the players to the College because they viewed developments through the prism of anti-Catholic bias is speculation, but it would be hardly remarkable. For a people whose loyalty could easily be questioned, sport allowed a safe expression of identity in a socially accepted and inclusive manner. The list of sporting Premierships, particularly in the early days of the College and then again after the advent of the GPS competition in 1918, often obscures the fact that it was never merely a hunt for trophies. Instead, it reflected the Irish Catholic experience in Australia and the role that sport played in asserting both a cultural link with Ireland and a commitment to the new land. The interplay of the social and economic conditions in Queensland, the background of Irish Catholic migrants, and the educational aims of the Christian Brothers ensured that sport found fertile ground at the new College when it opened in 1891.

Between 1840 and 1914, one-third of a million people migrated from Ireland to Australia, four-fifths of them Catholic.

The preferred migrant types were young, single adults or married couples with at most one or two offspring. The average age of migrants was 21 with men outnumbering women three to two. The gender imbalance, though not as marked among the Irish, created an almost unrelentingly masculine culture that was even more pronounced in the 'outer' states, such as Queensland. The fact that by 1880, 40 per cent of colonists were illiterate or semi-literate (higher among the Irish) was one outcome of a preference for those deemed able to survive the rigours of a frontier society. As they joined a population in Queensland dominated by other new arrivals, the able and enterprising found a fluid context in which social mobility was possible for those prepared to seek it with the necessary vigour. The competitive nature of sport and the intense parochialism and rivalry that it generated was a particularly good fit for this pioneer context.

The Irish migrants were, as historian Patrick O'Farrell characterised them: ambivalent, ambiguous people thinking Irish, talking English; hating the tyranny yet serving the tyrant. This ambivalence reflected a desire to integrate to take advantage of the opportunities on offer in Queensland, while simultaneously retaining an Irish identity. The Irish were helped in this endeavour by the fact that they were a large enough group to express a sense of a shared heritage through national clubs or societies; they could engage in a shared religious affiliation and involvement; they could express a shared reaction to foreign events; but they could not assemble the numbers to get their way. Integration



and separation were therefore complementary, rather than competing, drives. Sport allowed the expression of a 'tribal' identity, but one that would not prove injurious to the cause of Irish advancement.

The balancing of apartness and integration was entirely consistent with the Christian Brothers' agenda, one motivated by the twin desire to offer a Catholic education, but one that facilitated social and economic mobility. In Queensland, the potent mix of a masculine environment, a fluid class system that offered opportunities for advancement, an ethnic group aware of its minority status, and a religious order determined to see their brethren access the opportunities offered in the colony, left no room for half-heartedness, either in the classroom or on the sporting field. The Christian Brothers needed hard men – practical men – to face the challenge. Ideologically, they were a good fit for this frontier land. They were ready to pursue academic success and social advancement with an unwavering determination that recognised no barrier. It was not merely pressure from the Christian Brothers themselves,

however, that drove the juggernaut. In the intense drive for examination success that underpinned the quest for social mobility, the Brothers had the support of their working-class clientele.

University lecturer Peter Horton might as well have been describing Nudgee College when he observed that "Australian sport was, and is, a wonderfully potent expression of the nation's soul". Though the Christian Brothers might have preferred the use of 'heart' instead of 'soul', it remains a valid observation of the place of sport in the College's sense of self. Yet though it was Test cricketers who stood on the front lawn, it was rugby that became the pre-eminent sport, a development driven by pragmatic considerations. Rugby requires fewer facilities than cricket or swimming, is comparatively cheap to play, and it permits a wide participation across all ability levels. These were important considerations at an institution that sought to educate students from rural areas and who often attended under considerable financial strain. Long hours at a boarding school needed to be filled in some way, and rugby offered an outlet for young

men, many of whom were well used to physically demanding lives on rural properties. Yet rugby at the College must be understood as something more fundamental than the expression of an abstract ideal of Irish identity. By its very nature, sport is a communal experience, one that is intrinsically relational and that demands interaction between players, spectators, teams and opposition, as well as the growing army of Old Boys who followed the teams' fortunes long after graduation.

To understand the historical place of sport at the College, one does not need to look towards Ross Oval. Instead, one must look to the front lawn. In 1904, the students donated two statues – one of St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, and the other, St Francis Xavier, patron saint of Australia. To this day, they continue to stare at each other from opposite ends of the front lawn, mute witness to the Irish determination to have 'their' world view incorporated into whatever it might mean to be Australian. Sport would prove to be a vehicle eminently suitable for just this type of integration and separation. ✧

SNAPSHOT



In celebration of Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day on 5 May, members of the College community gathered to stand in solidarity with the marginalised, and to share an important message of extending a hand of friendship to those in need.



Nudgee College Old Boy Mr Brad Duke (NC 1978–79) was recently named a distinguished alumnus of Central Queensland University in Rockhampton.



Year 12 student Mitch Herrigan and Year 11 student Elijah Tabuarua came second in the Beach Volleyball Senior Boys 2-a-side division at the Beach Schools Cup in March.



Ten Nudgee College students competed in the Great Wheelbarrow Race in May to raise money for the Aussie Farmers Foundation. With a time of six hours and 40 minutes, the Nudgee College team won the schools division and broke the record previously held by last year's Nudgee College team.



Nudgee College Old Boy, Fr Tim Harris (NC 1976–80) has become one of the youngest bishops in Australia, following his ordination as Bishop of Townsville in May.



Year 10 student Mitchell Pascoe was named in the Australian Under 16 cricket team in April. He was selected on the back of his performance at the School Sport Australia 15 Years and Under Championships.

THE GUY'S ONLY DOING IT FOR SOME DOLL

St Joseph's Nudgee College presented its first musical in almost 10 years from 11 to 13 May.



Alongside students from St Rita's College and Mary MacKillop College, the Nudgee College boys performed the iconic Broadway hit musical, *Guys and Dolls*.

The cast, crew and orchestra delivered three evening performances in Tierney Auditorium, as well as a Saturday matinee.

Guests arriving at the venue were greeted by swing music and casino displays in keeping with the 1920s New York underworld theme of the show. Saturday night attendees were also treated to a pre-show swing-dancing performance.

The planning and preparation for the musical began in August last year, led by the show's director and Head of Drama Ms Alison Kilgour.

Alison said the cast displayed an exceptional level of commitment throughout the rehearsal period.

"It was wonderful to see each and every one of them grow on stage," she said. "We even discovered voices we'd never heard before."

Audience members shared their praise after the final curtain fell, as well as on social media, with many commenting on the wealth of talent on display.

"I am very proud of the fine efforts of the cast and crew who made each performance a great success," Alison said. "It has been a very memorable experience."

Principal Mr Peter Fullagar said the performing arts were vital to Nudgee College.

"This production reflected the vibrant school culture," he said. "It enabled many students to be involved in this creative and collaborative pursuit, on the stage, in the orchestra, or in the vast production crew behind the scenes." ☆









ACTIVITIES

WRAP-UP

Cricket

The 2017 Cricket season kicked off with the annual T20 match on 27 January, with the Nudgee College 1st XI taking on the Bulls Masters team.

With the likes of former Australian cricketers Jimmy Maher (NC 1990-91), Andrew Bichel, Michael Kasproicz and Ian Healy lining up for the Bulls Masters, the College cricketers had some tough competition. Even the crowd featured a few familiar faces, with Brisbane Heat players and Nudgee College Old Boys Joe Burns (NC 2002-06) and Mitchell Swepson (NC 2006-10) dropping by to enjoy the festivities.

The event was well-supported, despite the drizzly weather, with many students, family members, Old Boys and friends flocking to Ross Oval to watch the match.

After the Bulls Masters' batsmen compiled a respectable 175 runs, it was

up to the College cricketers to show what they could do. Despite their best efforts, however, the boys fell short against the more experienced side, and were all out for 110.

Round 1 of the GPS season took place the following day, with the Nudgee College 1st XI suffering a loss to the Gregory Terrace 1st XI. Unfortunately, this set the tone for the following three rounds, with the 1st XI winning only one of their first four matches.

The second half of the season, however, saw a dramatic turnaround, with the team going on to win all four final matches. Coach Terry Oliver credited the boys' hard work at training and a great team dynamic for their improvement.

"This showed a fair amount of character and I genuinely believe that the group finished the season much better than when we started," he said.

The Nudgee College 1st XI finished the GPS season in third position. ☆





Cross Country

About 150 students represented the College at the GPS Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 31 May.

The Junior runners were the first to tackle the challenging course at Limestone Park, Ipswich. It was the first Championships for many of the 10 Years runners, but this certainly didn't affect their performance. All top three finishers in the 10 Years 2km race wore the blue and white, with Findlay Jones in first, Sam Kewley in second, and George Gillam in third. The 11 Years group tackled the 3km course against a strong competition and ended up earning six spots in the top 15. Jacob Johnson led the pack for Nudgee College, finishing fourth. The top age group in the Junior competition, the 12 Years, was also a strong division. Despite this the boys pushed themselves to go that little bit further. Nudgee College's top scorer for this race, Callum Turner, finished third.

The Nudgee College 10, 11 and 12 Years groups finished first, first and second respectively to take out the title of Junior Cross Country Champions for 2017. Head of Junior Cross Country Mr Anthony Steele said the boys showed tremendous courage, determination and grit to achieve this outstanding result.

The Senior competition kicked off after the Juniors' trophy presentation, starting with the 13 Years 3km race. Nudgee College earned two top 10 spots in



Junior Cross Country GPS Champions

this division thanks to the efforts of Malachi Tuck (sixth) and Paddy Dallimore (seventh). The 14 and 15 Years runners needed to complete two laps of the 2km course to complete their race. Lachlan Hill-Lewis finished in 14th place and Michael Jones finished 18th to place two blue and white competitors in the top 20 of the 14 Years group. In the 15 Years event Ben McMillan was the top scorer for the College, finishing 11th. Completing two laps of the 3km course were the 16 Years group and the Opens. The 16s were the standout of the day, coming third overall for their age group. Stephen Lean finished sixth to make the top 10, and Oliver Diggles and Will Harris

were not far behind in 13th and 16th place respectively. In the last race of the day, the Opens, Cross Country Captains Nelson Birogi and Flynn Easton were leading the pack and in the top 10 on the first lap. Nelson ended up placing 10th, despite an injury riddled season, while Flynn Easton unfortunately had to withdraw after the 5km mark.

The Senior team finished the competition in fifth place overall. Earlier this year, Head of Cross Country Ms Maureen Toohey announced that this would be her final year in charge of Cross Country. The College would like to thank Maureen for her 10 years of service to the Cross Country Program. ☆



Senior A Debating team



Patrick Long with Rowing coach Mr John Bowes

Debating

The 2017 GPS Debating season has proven to be one of the most successful years yet for Nudgee College Debating. We have routinely gone head-to-head with GPS Debating powerhouses and come away with several wins. At all levels of the competition, Nudgee College has been well-represented by our debaters. The 10.1 Debating team has shown itself to be a force to be reckoned with in future years. Moreover, the development of a strong base of debaters in the Junior School has started the process of making Nudgee College a strong academic and debating school well into the future. With four teams in Years 5 and 6 (numbers only matched by Brisbane Grammar School), Nudgee College will have a competitive talent pool as these debaters enter the secondary school competition. The Senior A team has progressed through to the finals of the Queensland Debating Union competition and are in strong form. Freddie Carlton-Smith and Sam Quinn have been reliable team members and consistent debaters. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our fourth man, McKinley Anderson-Brown. He proved a great help with case preparation, particularly with short preparation debates. Head of Debating Mrs Monica See, the team of coaches and Senior debaters have laid a great foundation and I have no doubt that the Debating Program will go from strength to strength in years to come. ☆

Corbin Duncan

Debating Captain

Rowing

The Nudgee College Rowing Program has once again made history, recording its fifth consecutive 1st VIII Head of the River Championship on Saturday 11 March.

Coach Mr John Bowes has been at the helm for all five of Nudgee College's Head of the River victories. This is an unprecedented achievement by any coach in more than 95 years of Queensland GPS Rowing.

On race day, the Nudgee College 1st VIII overtook The Southport School at the 1000m mark to take the lead. They managed to stay in front until they crossed the finish line to win by 1.7 seconds.

"It took a lot of courage for the boys to back themselves the way they did to hang on to the lead," John said.

Year 12 student Isaac Schmidt has been the coxswain of the 1st VIII crew since 2015, making him one of only three boys to be listed three times on the O'Connor Cup for being part of a 1st VIII winning crew.

The Nudgee College rowers also managed to win the Old Boys' Cup for the fourth consecutive year, which is awarded based on the results of all crews competing for their school at Head of the River.

All these feats were achieved despite various setbacks and crew changes throughout the season. Captain of Boats



1st VIII Rowing Head of the River Champions

Harrison Cannon, while originally part of the 1st VIII crew, took it upon himself to step down to the 2nd VIII when he was struck down with illness. Principal Mr Peter Fullagar commended this decision, saying that, by stepping down but at the same time not giving up, Harrison set an example for every other rower.

"In what had been a pretty tough season, his actions proved to be the turning point for many in the Rowing Program," Peter said.

This year's theme for the Rowing Shed, 'resilience', was certainly poignant considering the season that was, with Harrison drawing attention to this during his speech at the Presentation Dinner on Head of the River night.

"With each disaster, we came back stronger as a team and as individuals," he said.

"We didn't fear, we trusted the process and each other, and we battled through like Nudgee College men do."

Rowing success didn't stop after the 2017 Head of the River. At the Sydney International Rowing Regatta at the end of March, Year 10 student Patrick Long won the Under 17 Men's Single Scull event. ☆

Swimming

After months of training and meets, the Nudgee College GPS Swimming team competed at the GPS Swimming Championships on Friday 3 March.

The Junior team were first up, with many swimmers recording personal bests and a high number of top three finishes. Khy Dhawan and Blair McKittrick won two Division 1 races each, with Khy dominating 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke, while Blair topped the 50m butterfly as well as the 50m backstroke. Overall, the Junior team finished second, which is the highest a Nudgee College Junior team has ever placed in the GPS Championships. Prior to this year, the Juniors had not placed higher than fifth.

The Seniors followed and had a lot to prove, after finishing last in 2016. Lachlan Gough and Hayden Cotter were the standout swimmers among the Seniors, producing several dominant swims. Lachlan came second in the Open 100m (53.62) and 200m freestyle (1:56.16) and third in the Open 400m freestyle (4:05.53). In the 100m race Lachlan was in eighth position at the 50m mark; however he managed to push through and overtake several of his competitors to finish second. Hayden finished second in the 16 Years 50m backstroke (28.24) and 200m freestyle (1:59.04), and came third in the 100m freestyle (54.33). There were also some fantastic team performances in the relays, with the 14 Years relay team coming third, and 15 Years relay team coming second. Overall, the Senior team managed to finish the day in fifth position. Swimming Director Mr David Proud said all 50 swimmers who competed for Nudgee College on the day contributed to the great overall team result. ☆





Volleyball

After a pre-season where the College volleyballers competed in the Senior Schools Cup, the Province Cup, and the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, the 2017 GPS season was always going to be hard-fought.

The 1st VI took on Gregory Terrace in Round 1 and, despite a close match that saw each team go into the fifth set with two wins apiece, Nudgee College were defeated 3–2.

The 1st VI recovered from this loss to win the following match against Ipswich Grammar School in straight sets. On the Saturday of Round 3, the extreme heat caused all games except the 1st VI to be cancelled. This away game at Toowoomba was rescheduled to an earlier timeslot to beat the heat; however, these factors did little to slow down the Nudgee College boys, with the team securing the win.

The second half of the season was not so propitious for the 1st VI, who recorded

straight-set losses to Brisbane Grammar School and Brisbane Boys' College. The Round 7 match against Anglican Church Grammar School, the previous year's Premiers, saw a reinvigorated effort from the Nudgee College team, where they displayed teamwork, were strong on the block, and served to zones. While the 1st VI were eventually defeated 3–1, it was a tough encounter with plenty of skill on display.

In the final round, the College took on Brisbane State High School in a home game, where they finished the season strongly with a straight-set victory over the State High team.

Outside of the GPS competition, several Nudgee College volleyballers attracted some attention in the beach volleyball world. In March, Year 12 student Mitch Herrigan and Year 11 student Elijah Tabuarua won the silver medal at the 2017 Beach Schools Cup. Elijah also represented Queensland at the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships in April, making it through to the quarter-finals. ✨



Football

The Nudgee College Football Program has shown significant growth in recent years, increasing from 28 teams in 2013 to a staggering 46 teams for the 2017 season.

This year many of the Junior teams, consisting of boys in Years 5 to 8, recorded undefeated seasons.

The 1st XI began their season strong with a convincing 4-0 win over Gregory Terrace, and a 2-1 victory over Ipswich Grammar School. Despite this early success, the team suffered crucial losses in subsequent games against Toowoomba Grammar School and Brisbane Grammar School. While the blue and white regained their intensity in the second half of the season with wins against The Southport School, Brisbane Boys' College and Brisbane State High School, it wasn't enough to earn a back to back Premiership, and the team finished their season in third place.

Football Director Mr Jamie Pybus said



there were a couple of players who proved to be standout team members during the season.

"Goal-keeper Riley Stent barely put a foot wrong in his two years of playing in the 1st XI, and Kai Fiechtner was consistently excellent in the heart of the mid-field," he said.

It won't be too long before the players will need to start preparing for the 2018 season.

"In October, Nudgee College Football's biggest ever academy program will commence, where about 80 Year 5 to 8 boys will take part in intensive training to fast track their skill development," Jamie said.

"This should stand these boys in good stead for their footballing journey through Nudgee College and beyond." ☆

Tennis

One-hundred and five young men took to the courts this year to represent Nudgee College in the 2017 GPS Tennis

season. The 1st IV of Seth Macute, Sebastian Hanna, Alec Reverente and Patrick Kropp was strongly supported by the 2nd IV of Aaron Fahey, Campbell Bentley, Tristan Knibbs and Charlie Seymour.

Rounds 2 and 3 against Ipswich Grammar School and Toowoomba Grammar School respectively saw strong wins by not just the 1st IV, but by all the Open teams. The 1st IV also recorded a convincing win over Anglican Church Grammar School in Round 7. Heading into the final round against Brisbane State High School, both teams were sitting equal fourth on the ladder. The doubles and reverse doubles saw the score at two sets each, with the singles to go. Despite some very hard fought games and skilful rallies, the match eventually went to State High, and the Nudgee College 1st IV finished their season in sixth place.

Head of Tennis Ms Robyn Harrison said the motto for Nudgee College Tennis, 'hustle, hit and never quit', was definitely on display throughout the season.

"We had some very strong wins by the boys in Years 5 to 8; the future of Nudgee College Tennis has never looked brighter," she said.

"None of this would be possible if we didn't have such wonderful coaching staff, led by Head Coach Mr Gary Stickler and 1st IV coach Mr John James, who always bring out the best in our players." ☆





NUDGEE COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

From the President

The Nudgee College Old Boys' Association has progressed well over the last 12 months, and I am happy to report that our events and level of engagement continue to improve and evolve. Our executive and regular contributors do an excellent job at rolling out the annual program of activity, and we have a strong and respectful relationship with the College.

In particular, I am most pleased about our improved engagement with the Nudgee College Foundation including Mr Gary Mark, Mr Danny O'Reilly, Mr Scott McEwan, and other leaders in that area. We have strengthened the structure and purpose of the Jack Ross Bursary going forward, and I want to particularly thank Mr Peter Fullagar for his understanding of our passion and commitment to the bursary, and for his genuine support for all Old Boy pursuits.

Another highlight has been our continued success with senior Old Boy activities and the Memorial Mass. With the passing of the great Lawrence 'Lawrie' Cusack (NC 1947-50), we were concerned that this area might weaken; however executive member Mr Vince Rao (NC 1955-56) has ensured a growing level of support and attendance from the more senior aged Old Boys. More information about the Memorial Mass is

available at www.ncoba.com.au.

I wish to thank the current executive and supporters, including Vice President Mr Andrew McNamara, Treasurer Mr Doug Carrigan and Secretary Mr Anthony Gleeson. Our networking, mentoring and engagement with the Old Boy community has been excellent. I want to also thank Ms Erina Hitchings, the College's Alumni and Community Manager, whose attention to detail is second to none, and continues to provide amazing support to the Association. Our meetings are well attended, and further thanks goes to regular contributors Mr Aldo Varricchio, Mr Anthony Hart, Mr Brendan Williams,

Mr Clayton Williams, Mr Adam Carlton-Smith, and College representatives Mr Peter Todd and Ms Tara Shipperley.

We are looking forward to upcoming events such as the Old Boys' Reunion Weekend, Mentoring Breakfast, annual Friday Night Drinks, Nudgee Gala, and more. Please ensure you like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NudgeeCollegeOBA) or check our website for all upcoming events. It has been an honour to lead the Association this year so far, and I am greatly looking forward to seeing many Old Boys and supporters at the upcoming events. ☆

Mr Hugh Hamilton
NCOBA President



NCOBA AGM

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The NCOBA 2017 AGM was well attended this year, even though some wild weather forced the postponement of the meeting for a week later than scheduled. We had a full long table of Old Boys from different eras, and there was ample opportunity for swapping some good old stories. I would like to offer our sincere thanks to our host for the evening, Mr Nick Gregorski (NC 1993), as the new owner of the Port Office Hotel. Continuing office bearers Hugh Hamilton (President), Andrew McNamara (Vice President), Doug Carrigan (Treasurer) and myself (Secretary), all gave reports, and the College's Dean of Operations Mr Neil O'Hare and Mr Peter Fullagar provided a full update regarding future College projects and recent successes. The dinner format works well for AGM purposes, and we encourage Old Boys to attend next year; the AGM always occurs in the first quarter of the year. ☆

Mr Anthony Gleeson

NCOBA Secretary

NCOBA at Open Day

The NCOBA thoroughly enjoyed the College Open Day on Saturday 20 May. It was great to catch up with fellow Old Boys, current and past parents, as well as meet prospective families. Many of the attendees greatly enjoyed flicking through old College Annuals on display to search for themselves, their sons, brothers and old friends.

A few highlights of the day were when Old Boy dads would point out pages in old Annuals to their sons and say, "I told you I was in that team!"

We look forward to the next Open Day and promise to have more Annuals and other memorabilia available. ☆

Mr Andrew McNamara

NCOBA Vice President



Mr Vince Rao at Anzac Ceremony

Old Boys at Anzac Day

On Monday 24 April, in the presence of the students of Nudgee College, Old Boys, special guests, and community representatives, we paused and thought about those service men and women who fought for our freedom and our country.

Lighting of the flame was carried out by official guest Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) Commissioner Katarina Carroll, while the presence of the 1st Signal Regiment Catafalque Party, Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera provided the military pomp.

The prayer service was conducted by Nudgee College Old Boy Fr Peter Dillon (NC 1969-72), with College students

participating in the laying of the crosses and the poppies. The solemn laying of the wreaths to honour the fallen followed, with members of the many College community groups, including the NCOBA, taking part. The ceremony concluded with an address by the Principal, followed by a spectacular guard of honour across Ross Oval by the Year 12 students as the official guests returned to Ryan Hall for refreshments.

The event was a very moving and meaningful ceremony to commemorate current and former Old Boy servicemen, and those who gave their lives for their country. ☆

Mr Vince Rao

(NC 1955-56)



Open Day



Father Michael Peters

A lifetime of service

After 45 years of service as a priest in the Catholic Church, predominantly in the Townsville Diocese, Father Michael Peters (NC 1961–64), known by all as Father Mick, has retired to spend more time with his family in Brisbane. As a child, Father Mick lived with his family on a farm in Freestone, outside of Warwick.

"I would ride my bike to school five kilometres away, but I graduated later to riding my horse there," he said.

Father Mick is the great-nephew of Father James 'Spud' Murphy, who first became College Chaplain in 1947 and is well-known to generations of St Joseph's Nudgee College Old Boys of that era.

"My mother had four Irish uncles who were also priests, with Spud being the youngest, and in that family there were also two nuns," he said. "Luckily for me, there were also another five children – one of whom was my mother's father!"

Father Mick believes that Father Murphy influenced him in his priestly aspirations.

"We always went to Mass on Sunday and my sister Mary, a retired Sister of Mercy, also had some influence," he said.

Father Mick had two older brothers, John (NC 1957–58) and Austin (NC 1959–60), who attended Nudgee College, as well a younger brother, Eddie (NC 1963–66).

Father Mick remembers Father Murphy as always welcoming to him and his siblings.

"We didn't have to break bounds to go over the road to Sue's Corner, as biscuits and soft drinks were always provided," he said. "It was definitely an advantage having a great-uncle as College Chaplain!"

In Father Mick's final year at Nudgee College, he captained the 3rd XV and led them to that year's Premiership.

"I loved rugby, which was the Nudgee College sport in those days," he said. "We certainly didn't have the range of sports played at the College now."

In the time that Father Mick was at Nudgee College, there were 400 boarders and 35 day boys.

"My Senior class of 125 celebrated its 50th reunion in 2014," he said. "Some names that spring to mind include Chris Martinez, an all-round sportsman; Justin 'Tutt' Duncombe who played in the 2nd XV; Brian Burley, who was Captain of the 1st XV; and the College Captain, John O'Neill."

It was in his Senior year that Father Mick seriously considered his priestly vocation.

"I just had this feeling that I wanted to help others," he said. "I hadn't thought about the celibacy side of it – it wasn't a

great concern to me at the time."

Father Mick has fond memories of one of his teachers, Brother Herb McKennarney (a name well-known to generations of Nudgee College Old Boys).

"Herb was a 'man's man' and a great coach of the 1st XV, who also encouraged me to be the best person I could be," he said.

After seven years at Banyo Seminary, Father Mick was ordained in 1971 at Saint Mary's Church in Warwick and, in 1972, was appointed as an assistant priest in St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Toowoomba.

"In 1973, I was lent to Townsville for 12 months by the Bishop," he said with a laugh. "He gave me three minutes to think about it, and I told him not to worry about it, as I would go!"

Father Mick had various pastoral duties in Townsville, and was administrator of the Cathedral Parish there for six years. It was there he developed a particular interest in working with Aboriginal communities.

"My first introduction to this pastoral work was in 1973," he said, "when an elderly Aboriginal man asked if I would like to meet with his family.

"I readily accepted and subsequently got to know many Aboriginal families in Townsville."



Father Mick was then appointed part-time Aboriginal Chaplain in 1975 and, in addition to his other priestly duties, full time Chaplain in 1978.

"I lived in an old St Vincent De Paul house near the Townsville Catholic Cathedral with an Aboriginal couple," he said.

Father Mick returned to Toowoomba in 1982, where he continued his work with Aboriginal people, until he received a call to return to the north in 1983.

"I received a phone call from the then Bishop of Townsville, requesting that I go to Palm Island," he said. "I went on to serve the Aboriginal people at St Anne's Parish for nine years, and enjoyed every moment."

In a lifetime of priestly and pastoral duties, Father Mick detailed another very pleasant duty, which he performed in May this year.

"I was able to participate in the ordination of the new Bishop of Townsville, Father Tim Harris (NC 1976–80) by Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge," he said, "because it occurred just prior to my return to Brisbane."

It was an occasion particularly poignant for Father Mick – helping to ordain a fellow Nudgee College Old Boy. ✨

Mr Raoul Giudes
(NC 1963–66)



Clayton Williams with family

Paying it forward: the story of Clayton Williams and Bernard Power

No phones. No radio. Food was basic. Life was simple. St Joseph's Nudgee College in the post-war years was a very different place to the College you see today. Despite the changes, there are more similarities than differences. The spirit of mateship, love of rugby and expansive 'boy heaven' grounds remain intact. Most importantly, the dictum of 10,000 brothers is as prevalent today as it was in the 1950s.

Old Boy Bernard Power boarded through the spartan years at Nudgee College between 1955 and 1959. He is a proud Nudgee College Old Boy and was committed to giving his own sons the same educational opportunity he received.

"Looking back at my time and my sons' time at the College, and seeing what they achieved and the wonderful things Nudgee College gave them, and now my grandchildren; I am absolutely delighted with what I see and what this

College offers," Bernard said.

"The teachers here are so good, understanding, and very caring; I couldn't hope for anything better."

Bernard Power is an integral part of Brisbane's history. He established Power's Brewery in the late 1980s, now CUB Brewery and Power Hotels. The venture began as an upstart brewery to compete against the major Queensland brewery Castlemaine Perkins, namely XXXX, during the Australian beer wars of the late 1980s. Power also sponsored the Brisbane Broncos and Cronulla Sharks NRL teams, and is often credited with playing an integral role in the startup of the Broncos.

Despite Bernard's accomplishments, he remains humble, kind and eager to support a fellow Old Boy wherever possible. Old Boy Clayton Williams (NC 1984–88) attributes his own success to Bernard, after meeting him through his class mate, and Bernard's son, John Power (NC 1985–88). They remain great friends today. Bernard gave Clayton his first working opportunity while he was holidaying at the Sunshine Coast,



Bernard Power at this year's College Anzac Ceremony

washing glasses at the Mooloolaba Hotel. He then worked full time with Power Hotels in various locations, from South-east Queensland to Darwin and Cairns.

"The whole Power family were very good to me," Clayton said. "I am forever grateful for the opportunities and experience they gave me."

According to Clayton, Bernard saw what a 'loose cannon' he could be and thought those traits would suit the hotel industry. Clayton is now a successful businessman in his own right, owning a multitude of Queensland restaurants and hotels.

Most people who have met Clayton would say he possesses a great deal of determination.

"He is very smart, very determined and really a nice fellow and great friend," Bernard said. "He can't help himself; I'm not sure where he's going to end up, but he is heading up, I can assure you that."

Clayton has never forgotten the mentorship Bernard so freely offered him and he has now committed to

paying it forward and helping future Nudgee College men. Most recently, Clayton helped to establish the Halley Appleby Scholarship, in memory of Sunshine Coast Old Boy Halley Appleby (NC 2005–07), who sadly lost his life at the young age of 21. Halley was an exceptional rugby talent who went on to play for the University of Queensland. The Halley Appleby Scholarship will provide a Nudgee College education to rugby students from the Sunshine Coast region who can demonstrate reasons of equity.

Both Clayton and Bernard are blue and white to the core. They have remained in close contact with many fellow Old Boys since graduating, are the first to step up and help any of their 10,000 brothers, and are true representations of Signum Fidei - *Signs of Faith*.

While they are both proud to be Nudgee College Old Boys, so too is the College proud to call them their own. ✨

Ms Erina Hitchings
Alumni and Community Manager

Upcoming Events

- **Reunion Weekend**
15 July
- **Senior Reunion**
19 August
- **Nudgee Gala**
9 September
- **Networking Evening**
5 October
- **Mentoring Breakfast**
19 October
- **Memorial Mass**
4 November
- **Young Alumni BBQ (2017 Seniors)**
7 November

**For more information
visit www.ncoba.com.au**



Nudgee College Old Boys Reunion Weekend

Nudgee College

2199 Sandgate Road, Boondall, Brisbane

Saturday 15 July 2017

12.00pm to 1.30pm

COLLEGE MUSEUM

The Nudgee College Museum will be open for enthusiasts to view our treasured Nudgee College history.

LEVEL 1, TREACY BUILDING

2.00pm

FIRST XV vs Terrace

Rally your mates for a get together on Old Boys' Hill or bring your family to watch the game. Support the Ladies' Auxiliary Tuckshop & BBQ (ground level, DJ Hanly Learning Centre).

ROSS OVAL

3.30pm

BOARDER'S BASH

Follow the crowd for post-game food and refreshments hosted by the Boarder Parent Support Group. Another chance to gather as part of the Nudgee College community.

EDMUND RICE MALL

This is a Nudgee College community event, hosted by the Nudgee College Old Boys' Association Inc.

Event Enquiries
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The Nudgee College Old Boys' Association Inc.
request the honour of your presence at their

Annual Memorial Mass

Saturday 4 November 2017

7.30am Mass at the College Chapel,
followed by breakfast in the
Boarders' Dining Room

Gold coin donation towards the Jack Ross Bursary

MEMORIAL MASS



WHO WOULD YOU
LIKE REMEMBERED?

This event is to celebrate the lives of deceased Christian Brothers,
Nudgee College Old Boys and members of the Nudgee College
family. This is a Nudgee College community event hosted by the
Nudgee College Old Boys' Association Inc.

Kindly RSVP by Friday 6 October at ncoba.com.au
for further enquiries please email
oldboys@ncoba.com.au or call 07 3865 0316

Vale Neville Clifford (NC 1956-57)

Our association wanted to pay homage to our former NCOBA Treasurer Neville 'Nev' Clifford, who recently passed. Nev boarded at Nudgee College for two years, and was an amiable and passionate Old Boy, culminating with him being awarded a Signum Fidei Award in 2013. A legend in the banking industry, where he survived several armed hold ups and had great success over a period of nearly 40 years, Nev always displayed warmth and humour, and was an excellent mentor for those around him. He exemplified the very decency and mateship that Nudgee College men aspire to possess. He will be sorely missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with Glenda, Joanne, Michael and family. ✨

Mr Anthony Gleeson
NCOBA Secretary

In Memoriam

The NCOBA and the College would like to acknowledge the Old Boys who have passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

- Grant Carrigan (NC 1995-99)
- John 'Jack' Carroll (NC 1950-53)
- Neville James Sinclair Clifford (NC 1956-57)
- Raymond James Conway (NC 1944-45)
- Paul Dobbins (NC 1982-86)
- John Herbert Eales (NC 1942-42)
- John Michael George (NC 1962-64)
- Dr Ronald Gordon Hurst (NC 1947-50)
- Kevin King (NC 1935-38)
- Patrick Thomas King (NC 1942-42)
- Colin David Moloney (NC 1943-43)
- Patrick John O'Shea (NC 1979-83)
- Mark Palm (NC 1973-78)
- Kevin Rogers (NC 1955-57)
- Dr William 'Bill' Sugars (NC 1958-61)

The College also wishes to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the passing of John Francis Treacy. John was a student at the College when he died on 5 July 1967.



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