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UPCOMING EVENT

Alumini Cocktail Party
Saturday 26 October 2019

Front cover: Student Club General Committee (GC)
Back cover: St Mary's Premiership Cricket Team 2019



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



St Mary's commenced the year with an intake of 78 eager and excited new students arriving in late February. The 2019 academic year commenced later than usual with the first classes on 4 March; our Commencement Mass and Dinner were on the evening of Friday 8 March. As throughout the college's first century, regional and rural students form the majority of our students – this is now unique among the Melbourne colleges. After the hectic series of events of the centenary year of 2018, life has returned to some degree of 'normality' – if that can ever be an accurate description of life in such a dynamic environment as a university residential college!

A significant new feature of college life this year is the presence of Sister Natalie

Houlihan ibvm two days per week; I am most grateful to the Loreto Sisters for facilitating Natalie's presence among us. As well as being a St Mary's alumna herself, Natalie's presence reconnects us with the college's Loreto heritage. We are also benefiting from the presence of Tom Chalkley as our Youth Engagement Co-ordinator. Tom is a St Mary's alumnus and has vast experience in youth ministry. Natalie and Tom are together making a significant contribution – organising retreats, spirituality initiatives and other activities, in addition to their wonderful presence interacting with staff and students alike.

As I write this, six students and Maria O'Donnell, our Dean & Deputy Principal, are in Spain preparing to embark on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage – this is now becoming established as a regular undertaking in college. Students on the previous two such pilgrimages in 2016 and 2018 speak of the lasting impact of their Camino experience and I hope this unique opportunity for our students can continue in the future.

A particular focus of our efforts this year is to support students and their families who are struggling financially. At its December 2018 meeting, the college council resolved to do whatever we can to support such students. I believe this initiative goes to the core of the college's mission and I am delighted with the response we have received from donors to a letter that I sent to alumni in May. I wish to thank all who have responded with donations small or large. Your support is deeply

appreciated by the students and their parents and, on their behalf, I thank you.

We are fortunate indeed to have first class facilities here at St Mary's – it is currently the time of year when many prospective applicants and their parents come to see the college; invariably they comment on the high standard of presentation of the student rooms and the common areas alike. But what makes this college even more attractive is the widespread awareness that this is an authentic and supportive community with pastoral support and encouragement for each person at its core, with extraordinary academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting opportunities. It is the sense of community with respect for the individual that permeates everything in this college. More than anything, this is a community that supports and challenges each of our students to strive to reach their potential for the benefit of others before self – to strive always to "Be seekers of truth and doers of justice" (Mary Ward, 1585-1645; founder of the Loreto Sisters). It is so encouraging to see this being lived out daily by our students.

Finally, a reminder that Open Day at St Mary's and at The University of Melbourne is approaching – Sunday 18 August. Please encourage any friends or relatives to come along and gain an insight to life at St Mary's!

Dr Darcy McCormack

Principal



A WORD FROM THE DEAN & DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



As another year began at St Mary's, and new students arrived, so too did the numerous opportunities to encounter the wonderful potential in each person. On Sunday 24th February the college came alive with 78 new, excited and slightly apprehensive students moving in. Our "Welcome and Orientation" team had done an enormous amount of planning for the week and months ahead to make this new cohort of young adults feel welcome and at home. This first week gave many opportunities for our new students to transition into living away from home through events like the scavenger hunt, ice-skating and finding their way to the Queen Victoria Markets. Over the next few months of the semester

St Mary's continued to have events to help students build closer bonds with each other, that many already say will be life-long! For example, floor dinners, the Indigenous Recognition Evening, College Mass and Dinner just to mention a few. Students have also excelled in the sporting arena this semester, but I am particularly impressed with their attitude and sportsmanship. They have been commended on their attitude both on and off the field by many.

It was obvious early in the semester that the pursuit of high academic results is a priority for our college. The commencement dinner, where scholarships were awarded for high academic achievement last year, highlighted this fact and motivated both our returning and new students to settle down and take their study seriously. Tutorials began in the second week and provided extra support, especially to our first-year students. Some of our own residential tutors work within the tutorial program to support our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our residential tutors for both the academic and pastoral care they provide.

Over the weeks leading up to Easter we ran a Lenten program and invited students to reflect and discuss the Sunday Gospel during Lent. Small groups of students participated in this as well as others engaging in a one-day retreat with Sr Natalie and

Tom Chalkley. Other opportunities have been organised for our students to ponder their spiritual lives and ask the 'big' questions.

It has been a privilege to be a new member of the Intercollegiate Indigenous Subcommittee this semester. I look forward to working closely with this group and Murrup Barak to support our indigenous students engage fully in events organised by the University of Melbourne and beyond. Murrup Barak is the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development and takes its name from the Woiwurrung Language. 'Murrup Barak' means the Spirit of Barak. The name was chosen to honour the memory of the visionary Aboriginal leader William Barak.

The students have displayed a wonderful approach to college during this first semester. Their engagement with all aspects of college life has been remarkable, and I believe they have balanced the academic, social, physical and spiritual dimensions of their lives very well, highlighting again the holistic approach to developing young adults that St Mary's aspires to.

Ms Maria O'Donnell

Dean & Deputy Principal

ST MARY'S MENTOR PROGRAM

We are currently inviting alumni in different professional fields to advise current St Mary's students in working towards their career aspirations. This may take the form of offering internships, advice with their portfolio, curriculum vitae or perhaps the occasional discussion about prospects in the future. This has recently commenced.

Stephanie Challis (right) met with four current students and discussed issues relating to Agronomy. Kate Fogarty, Principal at Assumption College Kilmore, will be meeting Education students in Semester 2. We have students interested in a variety of career paths including:



ST MARY'S MENTOR PROGRAM

Can you help mentor our students?



Hugh Gibson & Jesse Burgess career path Veterinary



Erin Beeton career path Nursing



Bree Booth career path Law



William Archibald career path Music Therapy



Rob Snelling career path Sustainable & Resilient Architecture & City Design



Pippa Trevella career path Medical Doctor

Psychology (Educational, Organisational, Clinical, Behavioural), (Engineering – Mechanical, Aerospace, Systems, Software, Chemical, Biomedical and Electronic), Anthropology, Economics, Youth Justice, Politics, Law, Chemist, Finance, Teaching, Marketing, Architecture, Editing, Sustainability, Journalism, Genetics, Property valuer, Economic

policy, Museum Curation, Speech Pathology, Immunology, Physiotherapy, Criminology, Financial Advisor, Medicine, Zoologist, Animal researcher, Environmental Scientist, Relationship Therapist, Media, Neurosurgeon.

If you would like to be part of this mentor program and could offer our students time to discuss aspects of your

profession to help guide them, please email: dean@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au

Ms Maria O'Donnell

Dean & Deputy Principal

STUDENT CLUB NEWS

Welcome & Orientation Week

Following months of training, organisation and excitement, the St Mary's College community welcomed 69 brilliant first years to our family in February 2019. In order to ensure a smooth transition to city life, a team of GC Members, Mentors, Workschemers, Photographers and our International Representative, worked tirelessly for six days to deliver an action-packed Welcome and Orientation Week timetable.

First years experienced the landmarks of Melbourne in the Scavenger Hunt, dressed up for formal breakfast, tested their skills at ice-skating and enjoyed a quiet night at the Queen Victoria Markets among other amazing activities designed to orientate them with the city. Watching friendships form as the week

went on reassured leaders that the wider Mary's community was in good hands. Students soon began to feel that Mary's was a home away from home as they learned more about our tight-knit community first-hand, and in the blink of an eye, the week was over and returners back, ahead of a new university year.

After only a few months, it is hard to believe that many of us were strangers as the year began, and we continue to build strong relationships and enjoy the rare friendships nurtured by life at St Mary's. A huge thank you is extended to everyone who enabled Welcome & Orientation week to run smoothly, as well as to the new students who continue to contribute so greatly to our college community.



Abbey Zito

Student Club President



COMMENCEMENT

The guest speaker at Commencement Dinner on 8 March was former Residential Tutor at St Mary's, Associate Professor Roger Rassool from the School of Physics, who spoke with great affection for St Mary's and highlighted some of the memories that he and his wife, Anne, have of their five years (1984-89) as Residential Tutors in the college. Below are some extracts from his address in which he outlined the

extraordinary journey of his team's work in inventing and developing 'FREO2' – the world's first electricity-free oxygen-concentrating machine, which is being deployed in hospitals and clinics in developing countries. The machine produces, stores, and delivers oxygen to critically ill newborn babies without the need for a stable source of electricity. Roger's team of scientists includes St Mary's alumnus, Dr David Peake. The

team are working also to empower local communities to adapt and maintain the technology. Roger then enthralled the audience with video clips of his work in developing countries – particularly 'before-and-after' footage of newborns who have benefited directly from the FREO2 machine. This life-saving technology was awarded the 2017 ANSTO Eureka Prize for Innovative Use of Technology and several other prestigious awards.

"Pneumonia remains the biggest cause of death in children under five globally and 99% of these deaths occur in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). Oxygen plays a vital role in the treatment of children afflicted with pneumonia. To reduce mortality, the global strategy must therefore include access to reliable, low-cost sources of oxygen in every health facility that cares for in-patients. The statistics are shocking. Pneumonia is the leading infectious cause of death among children, killing 2,500 children every day; the majority of the children dying are less than two years old. Even if a child suffering from severe pneumonia is administered antibiotics, without a steady flow of purified oxygen their lungs struggle to cope and the condition becomes fatal. Most deaths occur at home or in small health facilities in remote areas, and go unreported. Oxygen is designated by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as an essential medicine and should be used as emergency treatment but is often lacking due to lack of funds, logistics and too frequent power failure. The harsh, simple reality is that when the lights go out, lives are lost."

"Pneumonia is the second most common respiratory condition among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and it is a significant contributor to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander respiratory-related deaths. Pneumonia is also a significant cause of health inequality, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children going to hospital much more often for pneumonia than non-Indigenous children. And in the Pacific Islands, the incidence of pneumonia and other hypoxic illness is moderately high, and hence there is a definite need for medical oxygen. The Australian government's development assistance program has identified health facility readiness as a priority for future investment and the provision

of consistent oxygen supply for the treatment of patients with pneumonia and other hypoxic illness is a key element of facility readiness."

"WHO mortality rate data (2016) for children aged under five from respiratory disease illustrate starkly the seriousness of the challenge: Timor-Leste 21.48%; Myanmar 18.40%; Solomon Islands 17.90%; Lao PDR 17.65%; Cambodia 16.44%; Uganda 16.21%; Papua New Guinea 15.65%; Kenya 14.43%; Vanuatu 14.13%; Mozambique 13.88%; Fiji 11.99%; and Tonga 10.33%."

"The core aim of FREO2 is to turn the statistics around by making oxygen readily available in remote areas of the health service, and by providing training in the diagnosis of hypoxia and the proper use of oxygen therapy. In this way, we will reach the sick children whose parents cannot reach the larger health facilities; this has the demonstrated ability to dramatically reduce child pneumonia mortality."

"In developing our innovative oxygen technologies, we have designed specifically for low resource environments and tested in sub-Saharan Africa where a large proportion of the global mortality occurs. The current approach in that region relies heavily on the use of pressurized oxygen cylinders, each costing about USD20 per refill. In collaboration with experts from Harvard, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital, we have conducted an extensive study of the FREO2 Low Pressure Oxygen System which produces the equivalent of two oxygen cylinders per day - sufficient to support 4-6 patients. We have documented the costs associated with the deployment, use and maintenance of the system and calculated an annual cost saving exceeding USD10,000. The pay-back period would therefore be less than a year."

"Training medical staff in the use of FREO2 is one part of the story. We are also transferring our technical knowledge to local communities, so that they learn how to maintain the equipment and thus keep the oxygen flowing. We have developed a new business model for maintenance which uses a 'swap-n-go' approach and provides a regular service to exchange any components which require maintenance with freshly refurbished units, thereby avoiding the need for local experts providing on-site repairs at each site. We strive to empower local communities with new skills and abilities to ensure that this life-saving technology is sustainable."

A 3-month trial of FREO2 in Tanzania delivered a 100 per cent oxygen reliability result – the first time such a result had been achieved. The technology has also been used in Kenya, and has recently been taken to Mozambique, and its use is continuing to expand in Uganda.

We congratulate Roger and his team on their extraordinary journey to date with FREO2 and wish them every success in their efforts to enhance access to this life-saving technology.



Assoc. Prof. Roger Rassool

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

St Mary's College Scholarships - First Year Students

Awarded to the first year students with the highest ATAR:

Fabienne Blythe Loreto College, Ballarat VIC
Bachelor of Arts

Claire Dempsey The Hamilton & Alexandra College, Hamilton VIC
Bachelor of Commerce

Cooper Little Braemar College, Woodend VIC
Bachelor of Science

Charlie Liu Hale School, Perth WA
Bachelor of Science

Junhong Liu Ballarat & Queens Anglican Grammar School, Ballarat VIC
Bachelor of Science

Luka Ryan The Essington International College, Nightcliff NT
Bachelor of Science

Cassandra Savvas Darwin High School, Darwin NT
Bachelor of Design

Ming-Rui Seet Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Brisbane QLD
Bachelor of Biomedicine

An Trinh The Geelong College, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Science

Jack Tuohey Ballarat & Clarendon College, Ballarat VIC
Bachelor of Biomedicine

St Mary's College Scholarships - Returners

Awarded to returning students who achieved an H1 average across their entire previous year's enrolment:

Kimiya Bari Methodist Ladies College, Claremont WA
Bachelor of Biomedicine

Michael Bell Trinity College, Colac VIC
Bachelor of Arts

Hannah Billington Victory Lutheran College, Wodonga VIC
Bachelor of Arts

Annabelle Brennan SCEGGS, Darlinghurst NSW
Bachelor of Biomedicine

Jesse Burgess Don College, Devonport TAS
Bachelor of Science

Hugh Gibson Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Bendigo VIC
Bachelor of Science

Nicola James Geelong Grammar, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Patrick Ngo Sydney Grammar School, Sydney NSW
Bachelor of Biomedicine

Danielle Said Emmanuel College, Warrnambool VIC
Bachelor of Science

St Mary's College Scholarship - non University of Melbourne

Awarded to returning students who achieved a High Distinction average across their entire previous year's enrolment:

Nathan Sonnberger Horsham College, Horsham VIC
Bachelor of Engineering

Archdiocese of Melbourne Scholarships

Awarded to first year students who are parishioners of the Archdiocese of Melbourne with a strong ATAR:

Bebe Bax Sacred Heart College, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Arts

William Devine St Joseph's College, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Social Work

Liam Houlihan Xavier College, Kew VIC
Bachelor of Science

Catherine Lidgett Ballarat and Queen's Anglican Grammar School, Ballarat VIC
Bachelor of Teaching/Arts

Brigid Raven Sacred Heart College, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Science

An Trinh The Geelong College, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Science

Culican Ward Scholarship

Awarded to a returning student of the humanities with the highest average mark across their previous year's subjects:

Michael Bell Trinity College, Colac VIC
Bachelor of Arts

Kallady Gippsland Scholarship

Awarded to the first year student from Gippsland with the highest ATAR:

Julia Enter Genazzano FCJ College, Kew VIC
Bachelor of Arts

Maria Jens Scholarship

Awarded to a returning student who has contributed significantly to college life by living out its values with a high degree of commitment:

Abbey Zito Goulburn Valley Grammar School, Shepparton VIC
Bachelor of Teaching/Arts

Loreto Sisters Scholarship

Awarded to a returning student who demonstrates both academic promise and a lived commitment to the values of the college:

Bridget Bennett Sacred Heart College, Geelong VIC
Bachelor of Nursing

Mother Patrick Calnan ibvm Scholarship

Awarded to a returning student with consistent academic results and who has made a valuable contribution to the building up of our college community:

Asher Kelly Nagle College, Bairnsdale VIC
Bachelor of Arts

Patrick and Susan Houlihan Science Scholarships

Awarded to two returning students in the broad area of Science who make a significant contribution to college life and who have the potential to achieve significantly in science-related fields:

Kelan Galbraith Warrnambool College, Warrnambool VIC
Bachelor of Science

Sophie Grayley South Gippsland Secondary College, Foster VIC
Bachelor of Science

St Mary's Alumni Scholarship

Awarded to a returning student who has made an outstanding contribution to college life:

Jesse Burgess Don College, Devonport TAS
Bachelor of Science

Professor Lea Waters Psychology Scholarship

Awarded to a student who is studying Psychology and who has performed consistently at a high standard:

Danielle Said Emmanuel College, Warrnambool VIC
Bachelor of Science

Charlie and Pat McCormack Scholarships

Awarded to two returning students whose contributions to college life are characterised by generosity and humility:

Hugh Gibson Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Bendigo VIC
Bachelor of Science

Jasmine Pierce Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School, Byron Bay NSW
Bachelor of Arts





INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION EVENING

The college's third annual Indigenous Dinner was held on 5 April. Mr Kiernan Ironfield, who last year played the didgeridoo at our Indigenous Dinner, was invited to return to speak and to perform again with the Yidaki. Kiernan spoke movingly of his experiences

as a young indigenous person who proudly embraces his culture while also undertaking postgraduate study at the University of Melbourne; he then performed on the Yidaki, a slightly different instrument to last year. All our students and staff warmly embraced the evening and,

most especially, our six indigenous students. The Indigenous Dinner is now a highlight of Semester 1 and follows on from the Welcome to Country and the Smoking Ceremony held in the courtyard in February.

Indigenous Smoking Ceremony & Recognition Dinner

The year at St Mary's College began with Welcome and Orientation Week. This year we were lucky enough to have Wurundjeri elder, Uncle Colin Hunter Jnr, to welcome the new students to the college and onto Wurundjeri land with a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony. This event was held in the courtyard and was a time for students to pay their respects to the people of the land on

which they are residing and to learn more about the history of Melbourne.

A few weeks into the semester on Friday 5 April, the college held its third annual Indigenous Recognition Dinner. The evening consisted of learning, music and delicious food, with our special guest for the evening Kiernan Ironfield performing a beautiful piece on the Yidaki. While Kiernan was performing I felt a sense of calmness and strength, and as I sat feeling embraced by my surroundings, I took a moment to look

out at my peers to see almost everyone with their eyes closed as if they were in a complete state of tranquility. In that moment, I felt so thankful for the respectful and loving community I live in. As a whole the evening was a total success and I look forward to the continuation of this new tradition over years to come.

By Caitlyn Grace-Long



SPORTS REPORT

College sport has proven to be an integral part of life here at St Mary's over the past semester. The support shown at games has been phenomenal as well as the sporting results. This semester's sports included cricket, softball, table tennis, athletics, rowing, soccer and hockey. Mary's not only won many games but as true to community spirit, friendship was the real winner.

Softball was the first sport up for the girls with over 50 people excited to 'give it a go'. Although we had strength in numbers, the girls went down to IH 15-7. The next match was against Ormond who were clearly a skilful team. Friendship was the real winner in that game, although An Trinh displayed excellent pitching skills and became softball All-star.

Table tennis was the first mixed sport of the year with plenty of Marians keen to give it a go. Due to all the eagerness an in-house tournament was held in the JCR to select the team of 4 girls and 4 boys to represent the red and the blue. With the team selected it was time to face our first opponent: Trinity. Our team fought valiantly but couldn't match the skill going down 4-1. Game 2 was against Newman and proved to be a much closer match. Locked at 2-2 it was up to the mixed doubles to bring home the win, unfortunately losing in a tight game.

Athletics was next, starting with the big 3000m on Wednesday night. A crowd of over 50 came down to support our four runners: Issey Conheady, Kate Hadkins, Lachlan Smith and Juan Arriag Penagos. On carnival day friendship was the real winner although there were some stand out performances by Mary's finalists including the men's 4 x 400m relay team, Ellie Nethersole (200m), Tom McMullin (100m), Lucy O'Shea Carre (400m) and Dom van Slageren (400m).

Boys hockey and girls' soccer were next, with both teams keen to have a crack.

In the end neither team advanced to finals but had close games. The boy's hockey team drew 0-0 against a very experienced Queens team which unfortunately led to a 2-1 loss in penalty shootouts. The girls' soccer team, in a similarly close match, went down to Newman 1-0 ending the season early. Congratulations to Emily Molnar and Will Archibald on becoming All-stars. More than 80 supports made their way down to the Yarra in the early hours of the morning to see the crews put all their early mornings of trainings into practice. Unfortunately, neither boat would be taking part in an A-final, instead both were racing for fourth. Both crews managed to finish the regatta strongly and win their B-final's. It was a great morning and although neither crew managed a podium position, the crews became very close over the month of early wake ups and hard training sessions. In this case friendship really was the real winner.

Boys soccer was set to be a great season from the start. In their first match against UC, the boys had a tough match but came out on top 1-0. The second match against IH pulled a decent crowd where the boys once again won 1-0. After two wins the boys were feeling confident going into the quarter finals against St Hilda's and this clearly showed with the 4-0 defeat with goals from Hugh Gibson, Nathan Brock, Leo Filer and Henry Ward. Now the only thing standing in between them and the grand final was Trinity and in a thrilling semi-final the boys won 2-1 - making Mary's history. In the grand final against Ormond the team went down 2-0. Over 80 Marians came to watch the boys in what was our biggest crowd of the season. Congratulations to Nathan Brock on becoming All-star.

The girls' hockey team had a great season this year. The team went down 3-0 to a strong Trinity side in their first match, however this didn't hinder their

spirits going forward. In their next game against IH the girls were determined to redeem themselves and so they did with a 4-0 win. The quarter final was set to be a close game against UC and it was as it went to penalty shootouts after a 2-2 draw, although the girls managed to grab the win. Next was Queens College who boasted the strongest college hockey side to date and comfortably beat the girls in a sad defeat. Although with their heads held high the girls had a shot at 3rd place in the minor final against Ormond. The game ended with a 1-1 score line and the girls found themselves in penalties again. An amazing effort by Rachael Gay in goals who made an incredible save, however Ormond came out on top 1-0. Congratulations to Kaytlyn O'Neil on receiving All-star.

Overall, sport this semester has been a great success in both results and its support. It has been great to see the college spirit shining through at every match. Managing to achieve a greater crowd attendance than Ormond will be a major highlight for Mary's sport this year. Thanks to everyone who contributed to sport and we hope to see this in semester 2.



**By Kaytlyn O'Neil and
Dom van Slageren**

2019 Sports Representatives

Cricket Premiership

The 2019 Mary's cricket team got sport at St Mary's College off to a great start for the year. After taking out the premiership in 2018, the Mary's boys had set their eyes on going back-to-back in 2019. Welcoming a quality squad of first year students into the team, the team trained hard and the

match results showed. Undefeated throughout the series, Mary's went on to achieve their second consecutive premiership in an outstanding display of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship.

The team put on a strong opening display for the competition against Hilda's, featuring an absolute clinic from captain Jack Noonan, smashing

boundary after boundary to reach 120 before retiring. The team went on to make a total of 288, and restricting Hilda's to just 80 in their innings. Less than a week later, on the very next Saturday, the finals series had been scheduled. Due to this scheduling, this first quarter-final match had been cut to a 10-over per innings game, rather than the standard 20/20 format.

Mary's bowled first against Queens in the quarter-final, not allowing the opposition to score many runs at all. Despite windy conditions that morning, the top-order Mary's batters comfortably reached the target with six overs to spare.

Progressing to the semi-final against Newman, bowlers Dom van Slageren and Lachlan Smith kept the neighbours quiet with tidy figures of 2/2 and 3/3, respectively. This was again chased down in even less time, with the top-order

finishing off the game in just three overs. A Mary's contingent of more than 75 had gathered in anticipation to see if our boys could go back-to-back in the Grand Final against International House. Captain Noonan won the toss and elected to bat, combining with fellow captain Lach Smith to put on a respectable opening stand of 72. First and second drop batters, Nathan Brock and Hughie Gibson, continued the batting display with a solid 84-run partnership. Reaching an innings total of 171, the Mary's team were then able

to restrict the opposition to just 140 to bring the cup back home.

Massive thanks to coaches Lachie McIntyre, Will Harrod and Anthony Argento for leading the boys this year. And to the whole team who trained and played for their commitment and spirit. Sights are set for a three-peat in 2020.

By Lachlan Smith



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

In early May, Gabriella Taranto, a second-year mathematics and engineering student, was invited to be part of a youth-focussed panel discussion at 'Spirituality in the Pub' at St Andrew's Hotel in Fitzroy. The evening focused on how the speakers felt about the future of the Catholic Church. The questions posed to the

panel were 'What do you think of the church today?' and 'What are your hopes and dreams of what the church can be?'. The general consensus among the group was centered around a desire for the church to be more about community and service and aligned closely with Jesus of Nazareth's teachings. Gabriella spoke passionately

of her experience of church as a caring and supportive community via a shelter for homeless people in her home town of Perth. Gabriella was well supported by the attendance of seven St Mary's students, staff, and two Loreto Sisters, Marg Finlay and Margie O'Sullivan.



THE ALLAN & MARIA MYERS ACADEMIC CENTRE NEWS

St Mary's College Chapel Exhibition at the Academic Centre

The current exhibition on Level 2 of the Academic Centre celebrates the history and beauty of the Chapel at St Mary's College. This brief article about the Chapel at St Mary's will hopefully tempt you to visit for the first time, or even if only to have a few moments of calm contemplation whilst appreciating the intricate and beautiful woodwork.

Planning for the Chapel began in 1965 as the College was being built in its current Swanston St location. Mother Francis, Principal of St Mary's College, was instrumental in selecting the artisan cabinet maker, Schulim Krimper, for the design of the Chapel. Mother Francis had seen his work a year earlier in a church in Hobart and was impressed by his beautiful workmanship. Schulim Krimper (1893-1971) was a cabinet maker from Romania who had immigrated to Victoria in 1939 and eventually became

a prominent craftsman supplying custom made furniture across Australia. His knowledge of different types of timber was legendary and visitors to his workshop were often educated, for extended periods of time, on the properties of the timbers he like to use. A very positive working relationship developed between Mother Francis and Schulim as visits were made by both between the College and his workshop. An unidentified letter to a former Principal of St Mary's fondly recalls the relationship between Mother Francis and Schulim below.

Many visits were paid to his workshop, all of which were a joy as he had so many pieces of furniture of great beauty on which he was working. M. Francis would tell him what she thought would be suitable and he would work out her ideas and submit them for approval. I can still hear him saying after she had expressed her delight with something he had done "Zank God!" ...Although he had a

number of ideas himself, he would always submit them before putting them into practice. One day we were looking at a number of doors and admired the effect of the horizontal panelling on one- and then queried the design for the other side - Mrs. Krimper who was there on this occasion, smiled and then said "Ah..." - implying that she knew something of what he was planning - the result was the beautiful Tree of Life which one sees at the end of the passage when the chapel door is closed.

The Chapel was completed in 1966 and remains an integral part of the College. The exhibit in the Academic Centre features additional information about Krimper, as well as photos of the Sanctuary wall, which is panelled from floor to ceiling in Thai teak, the Organ Screen, the Tabernacle and the Lectern.

Kathleen Kilmartin

Director

OUT AND ABOUT



COLLEGE DAY

College Day was celebrated on Friday 10 May. The day commenced with a formal breakfast and various activities were conducted throughout the day including the debate between the resident tutors and the first-year students.

Mass was celebrated in the Frewin Room by Fr Michael Elligate and the college choir was, once again, outstanding. The Guest Speaker at the

evening dinner was St Mary's alumna, Dr Annmarie Elijah. Annmarie holds a B.A (Hons) and PhD from the University of Melbourne. Her doctoral thesis examined Australian policy on the British decision to join the European Community in the 1960s and 70s.

Annmarie has worked as a policy officer in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, an academic, and as one of the directors of the ANU Centre for

European Studies. Recently, Annmarie co-edited a book on Australia-EU trade relations and in 2017 she was a recipient of the ANU Vice Chancellor's Award for Public Policy and Outreach for her work explaining Brexit.

In 2019 Annmarie returned to policy work for Agriculture Victoria, where she works on food policy. Annmarie was an undergraduate at St Mary's from 1993-1995, and senior tutor from 1999-2002.



COLLEGE DAY

College Day Dinner Address by Dr Annmarie Elijah 10 MAY 2019

Thank you, Darcy, for your warm welcome and for the invitation to join in the College day festivities. It's great to be here!

Darcy has (wisely) reminded me that College Day is a big day and perhaps not the occasion for lengthy or solemn speeches, so I'll be brief.

In any case what I want to say can be said quickly. It's this: you are lucky that you have landed here. It might not yet occur to you: but believe me, you've hit the jackpot.

We could probably all list the reasons why life in a university college is brilliant. Any College worth its salt is far more than a roof over your head. And this is likely true of any of the Colleges around the crescent. But today on College day you are celebrating THIS college. And what is it about St Mary's – in particular – that is worth celebrating?

In the past couple of years I have been giving this some thought. (Certainly more thought than I gave it as a student.) For me the reflections started with a thought-provoking conversation with one of my brothers-in-law. At a family gathering we were contemplating why people end up where they do, and his (impertinent) question to me was this: 'what made you, a girl, from the back of nowhere, think that you could go to Melbourne University and do a PhD, and do whatever you liked?'

My answer at the time was inadequate, and it was this: It honestly didn't occur to me that I couldn't. This says something (well first) about my general naivety and also about the courage and imagination of my parents, but of course the answer also lies here at St Mary's.

Until just recently I worked at a large prestigious university, which in various disciplines has enviable world rankings. It is an environment which is elitist, often unapologetically so. To its credit, the university has been soul searching about how elite institutions can also be inclusive: how to make room for people from remote areas, and students who are the first in their families to attend

university. In spite of best efforts, this is proving difficult. The problem is how to marry elitism and the pursuit of excellence with any kind of meaningful inclusiveness. The difficulty of enrolling students, for example from remote areas, and helping them to thrive and graduate is well documented. The retention figures are often woeful compared to students from urban backgrounds.

St Mary's turns these figures on their head and it has been doing this for decades. This place has long succeeded in the pursuit of excellence without presuming that there are limits to what excellence looks like.

I think a significant debt here is owed to the Loreto women who somehow infused the walls of the place with this sentiment. After all, their mission was to educate girls and women at a time when that was largely counter-cultural.

In the year I started here as an undergraduate we were about 70 per cent girls. There were plenty of students from 'the back of nowhere' as my Sydney brother-in-law put it, who were the first in their families to attend university, and who could only just scrape together the College fees. I can't remember anyone who was here because they felt entitled to be, or because their parents were eminent. To say that the place didn't smack of entitlement was something of an understatement!

It is a mark of the success of this College that these students went on to do an astonishing array of useful things. And when you contemplate the fact that this College has now been turning out graduates in this way for 100 years, it's hard not to be in awe of the cumulative impact of the place.

The world generally can look like a bit of a mess. I've been working on Brexit these past few years. It's a debacle, and that is not the half of the challenges we are collectively facing. The talent and dedication and intellect and creativity in this room is much needed and it gives me enormous hope just looking at it.

In short then, the genius of St Mary's is not that it provides a roof over your head (which of course it does); or that

it can help you in very practical ways with your studies (again, which it does); or even that the people and the sense of community that you find here will be with you for many years to come (which they will).

The genius of this place is that it empowers students from anywhere and everywhere to get a cracking education and pursue whatever professional path they choose, not in spite of who they are or where they're from, but somehow because of it. It is one thing to work on inclusiveness. It is another to genuinely value the different backgrounds and life experiences of students as they strive to become whole people who contribute in their chosen professions.

The more time I spend in institutions which in some form strive for excellence, the more I realise that this is a hard thing to do. It is a rare thing, and a remarkable thing, and it really is something to celebrate.

My wish for each of you is that you are able to do exactly whatever you want, and that it never occurs to you that you can't.

Happy College Day!



Dr Annmarie Elijah

MOTHER TERESA -SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Dinner address by Tilly Keenan
St Mary's 2017-2018

Thank you, Darcy, for inviting me this evening. For those who don't know me, I am in my third year, studying to be a Secondary Math and Art teacher at ACU. I am also a portrait Artist; as a side hobby people commission me to generally draw late family members and pets. The most rewarding aspect of my practice is being able to support and help individuals as they go through the grieving stage of losing someone. Knowing my art can impact people on such an emotional level, inspires me to continue drawing for both myself and others. I have been doing this since year 10 and am now at the stage where I'm trying to get my name and artwork out into the wider community. My art practice explores personal stories and beliefs through my family and the people around me. I work in a range of mediums, however, my most preferred is oil paint or pencil.

Art has always been a huge part of who I am; it allows me to express myself and feelings when I can't put it into words. I think it is important in life to have something that you can use as a release and for me, this is art. When I draw, it literally feels like I've stopped the clock and I'm in my own world where I'm at peace, and no one can interfere with

that. Living on college, sometimes it can get quite overwhelming when there is a lot happening at once. So it's important to find some personal time where you can take your mind off things and let it rest, whether it be exercising, sport, music, drawing, reading or whatever your hobby may be. For me though, it was painting.

This here is one of the paintings I did during my spare time at college. As mentioned before, it's an Oil painting of Mother Teresa. She is one of the greatest Humanitarians who devoted her life to aiding the unwanted, the uncared for and the unloved, living in widespread poverty. Mother Teresa once said "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." This quote is so powerful and highlights how simple acts of kindness can have a great influence on other people's lives. I chose to do this painting because I love exploring and sharing peoples' life experiences and, to me, Mother Teresa's is one to be heard by all. When I paint, I always start with their eyes because they tell me the story. For me, when I look into Mother Teresa's eyes, I can feel her spiritual wisdom, her universal love, hope and kindness. I am so honoured that this painting has found a fitting home here at St Mary's.

During my time here, I was so grateful for the college supporting my passion

for art. There was a spare room in the basement that I utilised as a studio space. This is where many of the current second years would have found me doing this painting of Mother Teresa. This was a special space because it allowed me to be who I am while at College. Even though we are here to focus on achieving our best academically, we are also here to pursue our interests and talents. We are so lucky at St Mary's that it does have so much to offer outside the academic scope. I do encourage you all to really get involved and make the most of what this college has to offer.

Lastly, I would again like to thank St Mary's for purchasing my artwork. It's nice to know that even though I have entered a new phase of my life outside of College, my painting will continue to reside here and hopefully remind students of the college values through the selfless and intelligent acts of Mother Teresa.

"It's not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts" – **Mother Teresa MC**

Thank you.

By Tilly Keenan



EXCHANGE NEWS

Never did I think that studying abroad would have allowed me to develop so much as a person. The life that I made for myself at Mary's has been one that I will forever hold dear to my heart. If I had known that I would make such meaningful and raw relationships as I have made here, I would have restructured my course to allow for one more semester in Melbourne. Mary's has given me a place to call home when mine is so far away and a family that truly cares about me fundamentally as a person. From all the events at college to weekend camping trips into the country (something I never would have been comfortable doing at home), I reflect back on my time and know for certain that these past six months have been the highlight of not only my time at University, but of my life. Australia and specifically Mary's and all the people here will never fade in my memory or heart.

- **Karina Ramos**

St Mary's has given me the most memorable few months in my entire life. I never thought I could make so many close connections with so many people in such a short amount of time. Thank you to all of the people that helped to bring me out of my shell and encouraged me to try so many new things. Even though I am going back to the US to finish my degree, St Mary's and the wonderful individuals that call it home will always have a special place in my heart! If you are ever remotely close to Philly please let me know, there is always room at my house for my Australian people:)

- **Marissa Bradley**

I can't thank you enough for making my past few months here at Mary's a time I will never forget. Never before have I been immersed in such a caring and vibrant community. I am so grateful to have had the chance to live with and learn from all of you genuinely lovely people. I will surely miss seeing your bright faces every day and Mary's will forever hold a special place in my heart. You are all going amazing places in life. Please keep in touch xx

- **Lauren Canha**

Ever since I was a little girl, I'd always wanted to travel to Australia. I wasn't sure in what capacity I would make it here, but I knew I would make it someday. Nothing, however, could have prepared me for this. The last

365 days have been nothing short of a blessing. From crazy music festivals, to impromptu beach trips, to camping among wombats and wallabies, I have created memories I will cherish for the rest of my life. Formal dinners, PA's, terns, and sporting events; a few of the many moments I will forever cherish while sifting through my photo albums. And it was all made possible because of my beautiful Mary's family; I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to share these moments with. You all showed me genuine kindness, validation, and affection; not something many people can say after their study abroad experience. Although my gratitude cannot be captured in a few words, know this: I am forever indebted to you all for showing me what true love and happiness are. So thank you for everything, from the very bottom of my heart... thank you. Until we meet again. Much Love,

- **Gabby Tejeda**

I can't begin to explain how much my family at Mary's means to me. The memories I have made with each and every person will stay with me forever. The friendships I formed are so special to me, and are the reasons leaving are

going to be so difficult. From my hall mates, my teammates, and my band mates to my late night Accy and Jace mates to the incredibly welcoming faculty, staff, and kitchen staff, I have learned so much. I can surely say without a doubt that I'll always have a home to come to here at St Mary's and that my heart will always beat true for the red and the blue!

- **Eli Nassar**

St Mary's has changed my life. Despite coming alone from my home near Boston last year, the welcome I received and friends I made have carried through every sport, music performance, and activity I engaged in alongside my Mary's family. I cannot express my love and gratitude enough to everyone I have come into contact with here. Even though I will be returning back to Holy Cross to finish my studies, I know that I will forever be a part of the Mary's community for the rest of my life, and the thought of this will forever fill me with hope and humility. Thank you all for the best year of my life; you inspire me to reach new heights.

- **Nick Leone**



