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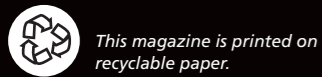
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From the Editor

Welcome to our Winter Edition of Xavier News.

As always, there's much to enjoy and savour as we get closer to leaving the gloom and cold behind.

This has been a tough winter and with COVID still rampant, it's made life challenging for students, staff and families alike.

2022 however, has been a year of greater normality as our College has returned to school life minus lockdowns and begun to enjoy again many of the events and signposts of a year at Xavier College.

College Captain Matthew Clark embodies the passion and energy that 2022 has brought as he encapsulates many of the wonderful moments the year has thus far delivered. From the return of the House Chorals to a much anticipated Gender Forum, Matt provides a real and enlightening window into what makes Xavier College really tick.

Our feature from past-parent Jane Kanizay is uplifting beyond measure as we read of her conquering of Mt Everest and the unbridled joy of achieving this alongside her daughter.

Jane and Gabby, we salute you both!

Our Winter edition also introduces a wonderful new addition to the Xavier College staff in the immensely talented Lamar Johnson. You will enjoy his story along with one of the College's real treasures in Belinda Harmer.

There's an interesting piece from Dave Howard on a new and refreshed approach to Expeditions in our post-COVID world.

Talented architect Sean Godsell features and there is a wonderful overview of a memorable St Ignatius Day Mass in the Sports Centre.

It's been busy too on the theatrical front with *Beauty and the Beast JR.* and *The Ladykillers* real highlights.

The year is flying by and there will be much to enjoy again in our final edition in December.

Meanwhile, sit back and relax and enjoy the many thought-provoking and inspirational articles herein.

Sursum Corda!

Shane Healy and the Editorial team

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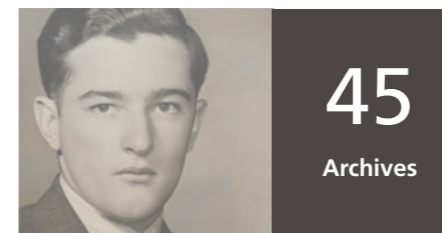
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The God and Science Connection

Fr Chris Middleton SJ
Rector

The assumption that there is a fundamental conflict between faith and science remains prevalent, even in Jesuit schools. Indeed, research shows students in early adolescence are making decisions around faith based on a perception that a scientific world view is incompatible with religion. There is widespread ignorance of the contribution of the Church and of people of faith to the history of science. The extraordinary record of involvement of Jesuits and Jesuit schools in the sciences is also largely unknown.

As a Jesuit, I see no necessary contradiction between evolution and my faith. In part this stems from the influence of the Jesuit paleontologist and mystic, Teilhard de Chardin, whose writing drew a connection between the science of evolution and a spirituality that holds that God can be found in all things. Reading de Chardin on evolution, or watching a nature documentary, or considering the billions of stars that make up billions of galaxies or reading the first two chapters of the biblical book of *Genesis*, all point to the wonder of a God who is the very author of life, and who bestows the great gift of freedom on the universe.

Evolution, however, threatens some Christians' basic understanding of their relationship with God, because that relationship is shaped by a fundamentalist or literalist understanding of the Bible as God's Word. Catholics share a much more complex understanding of the Bible. We see it as a library of books, with varying literary genres that needs to be interpreted according to those genres. It is to be understood primarily within the tradition of the community for which it was compiled, the church, under the guidance of the Spirit. Thus, the Bible needs to be read in terms of its genres, as history, as theology, as poetry, as apocalyptic literature, as wisdom sayings, as gospels etc. The Word of God is addressed to thinking beings, and our response to the Word includes our ability to reason. Catholic faith is primarily relational in nature, and centres on the heart and the spirit, but it is also a thinking faith.

Traditionally, Catholic theology sees no fundamental conflict between faith and reason. St Anselm wrote a millennium ago *"that Faith seeks understanding"*. Even earlier, St Augustine wrote *"I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe."* Questioning, philosophical enquiry, research, these can all be part of our response in faith. We are not called to wipe our minds to be believers, but we give love the primacy, and at times trust in faith to carry us when our understanding may fail us.

There have been times of course when the Church has allowed itself to be fearful of scientific investigation, as happened with Galileo, or, for many Christians, with Darwin. But just as surely the Church has been a patron of science through much of its history, and indeed Galileo himself came under its patronage (his major work was dedicated to the Pope).



Prejudice and fear go both ways. In our secular curricula there is almost no mention of the debt owed to the Church in areas such as Science. To take a few examples: Roger Bacon, one of the earliest advocates of modern scientific method was a Franciscan, Copernicus was a cleric, Gregor Mendel, who laid the foundations for modern genetics was a Benedictine monk, and Roger Boscovich, who devised an atomic theory that was to influence John Dalton (himself a devout Quaker), was a Jesuit scientist.

Or it could be put another way: how many science books describe Louis Pasteur, the pioneering microbiologist, as a devout Catholic, or Georges Lemaitre, the author of the Big Bang theory, as a priest, or today, Francis Collins, the geneticist and leader of the Human Genome Project, as a committed Christian? Then, and now, many scientists have been able to combine deep faith with great scientific contributions, yet many continue to assume a false narrative of division and confrontation.

Jesuit education too, has a long tradition of involvement in the sciences. For example, three of the main units in measuring electricity, ohms, volts and amps, are named after their discoverers, Georg Ohm, Alessandro Volta and Andre-Marie Ampere, all connected to Jesuit schools. Jesuit astronomers such as Christopher Clavius have had a major influence in this scientific discipline, and today the Jesuits still look after the Vatican observatories in Rome and at Mount Graham in Arizona. The Jesuit paleontologist, Teilhard de Chardin, contributed to our understanding of evolution. Francesco Lana-Terzi SJ has a place in the history of aeronautics. The diffraction of light was discovered by Francesco Grimaldi SJ. Fr Roberto Busa SJ gave us hypertext in computing. There have always been Jesuit astronomers, physicists, biologists, chemists and geologists.

One of our tasks here at Xavier is to form students who will not automatically accept that to have a living faith and a scientific viewpoint is mutually exclusive. The Catholic tradition, at its best, and Jesuit education within it, have always accorded respect to scientific enquiry specifically, and the intellectual enterprise more widely, as a gift from God. An important part of this education is also to impart a Catholic, reasoned and mature understanding of the Bible as the Word of God.

Casting out into the Deep



William Doherty
Principal

Through the first half of this year, Xavier played a leading role in the development of thought on weighty issues connected to the future of education – no small topic! Working through Jesuit Education Australia, three forums were devised to examine pressing issues of the 21st century and in particular, the changing landscape that has emerged from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through various forces our world is shifting in profound ways, whether we like or agree with these shifts or not. The Education Futures Forum series was titled ‘Casting Out into the Deep,’ taken from that line in Luke’s Gospel (5:4) where Jesus said to Simon: “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” We observed that Jesus encourages us to go further and deeper to realise mission. To do so, one often needs to venture into unknown and possibly uncomfortable territory, but also needs to have faith that they can find riches there.

The desire was to consider more deeply not only the nature of many of the changes or developments that are occurring, but importantly the implications that they might hold for our school communities and for the education and learning opportunities that we deliver.

Over three monthly online forums hosted by Jesuit Education Australia and Xavier College, on behalf of Jesuit and Companion Schools across Australia, we heard from experts and considered the shifts that are occurring across digital transformation, tertiary education and the health and wellbeing sector. The experts shared their knowledge, insight and wisdom on how they saw changes impacting our lives and the world of work, prompting questions and curiosity as we began to consider the skills and attributes our students will need to thrive in this fast-paced and ever-changing environment.

The expert panels were substantial – Simon Dawson from the Innovative Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre, Maree Mamo as a partner at Ernst & Young (Digital and Emerging Tech) and Nic Marchesi, the co-founder of Orange Sky mobile laundry for the homeless, all covering off the first theme of Digital Transformation; the second theme, of the school to tertiary transition being headlined with a keynote presentation from Professor Slatko Skrbis, the Vice Chancellor and President of the Australian Catholic University, who was then joined in a panel by Professor Suzanne Le Mire from University of Adelaide (and outgoing Chair of St Ignatius College Adelaide), Barbara Watkins the former Principal of Loreto Normanhurst and Professor Elizabeth Labone from the University of Notre Dame; and the third topic of Health and Wellbeing being championed by Professor Catherine Bennett (Deakin University and leading epidemiologist), Professor Alex Parker from Victoria University, Dr Nic Nicoloudis (from SAP) and Reverend Dr Michael Smith SJ (ACU) and all compered so capably by the Forum series host Genevieve Jacobs AM.

The balance of tertiary experts and industry leaders proved a wonderful combination to break open the themes and issues inherent within. Significant insights and common threads emerged. The fact that technology is so rapidly advancing and is fundamentally altering jobs and entire industry sectors; the requirement for our students of today and tomorrow to have an appetite for life-long learning, resilience, curiosity and an openness to change and adaption; that our students will need technical but also and perhaps even more significantly, the soft skills such as communication, teamwork, creativity and lateral thinking; that they will benefit from identifying and playing to their passion and becoming expert collaborators, who are prepared to play their part in teams to solve real world problems.

Here at Xavier, we will be reflecting deeply on what we have learnt throughout this forum series and, in turn, seek to take this learning and put it into practice. We are unsure of what it might lead to, but we certainly intend to be aware and considerate of our current climate and context as we map out our future programs and priorities.

If you didn’t get a chance to tune into these forums in real-time, they will be available for the rest of the year through the following link: xavier.vic.edu.au/2022-education-futures-forums-0

Whether you are a leader looking to implement change, a teacher looking to remain current in your practice, or a parent and/or student starting to map a path to the world of work, we expect you will find some valuable take-outs from this series.

As a College, we strive to be curious and passionate about pursuing the possible. While we are living through an era of significant turmoil and challenge, it is also a period of enormous potential. A time when we have both the opportunity and the responsibility to make a difference for and be more considerate of, the good of others and our planet. We wish to provide an education for Xaverians that honours this opportunity and responsibility.

In an exciting era at Xavier of restructure and realignment, in conjunction with the emergence of new facilities, it would be easy to get caught up with the excitement of these new buildings and features. While we are so grateful and enthused by the project currently emerging from the grounds of the Chapel Oval and the northern edge of the Senior Campus, we will always be driven to the advancement of programs and learning opportunities to enhance the education of our students, those with us today and those to come in the future. This is the privilege of being an educator and of working in and for a school such as Xavier.

In this same vein, I hope that you enjoy reading about many of our recent happenings and past stories in this latest edition of *Xavier News. Sursum Corda*

Farewell to two valuable and cherished Board Members



Tony Nunan
Chair, Xavier College Board

This month I am sorry to inform members of the Xavier community that we are losing two valuable College Board members for health reasons.

Fr Gerry Healy SJ was first appointed to the Xavier School Council as the Provincial's delegate in 2004 and was an inaugural member of the Xavier Board being one of two Jesuit Education Australia (JEA) appointments. Father Gerry is an alumnus of St Patrick's College East Melbourne. Fr Gerry was a teacher at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education from 1996 until 2016. He has served as chair of the school education committee of the Board since its inception. Although retiring from the Board, Fr Gerry will continue as a member of the education committee. I would like to thank Fr Gerry for his guidance, not only in my role as Chair of the Board, but in his advice to me as a member of the former College School Council.

Mr Chris Callinan was first appointed to the Board in 2019. An Old Xaverian (OX 1966), Chris attended Xavier with his four brothers. His two sons, Peter (OX 1992) and Michael (OX 1998) are alumni. Peter is a teacher at Xavier having previously taught at Kostka Hall. Chris has two grandsons at Xavier. He was President of the Old Xaverians' Association from 2010 to 2013. He has been a member of the Board of the Xavier College Foundation since 2014 and was elected as its Chair in 2019. My thanks go to Chris for his friendship, advice and work on the Xavier Board. I wish Chris all the best with his health challenges at this difficult time.

Taking Fr Gerry's place on the Xavier Board is Fr Eka Tanaya SJ.

Fr Eka has, amongst a broad academic curriculum, a Master of Theology (New Testament) from the Boston College School

of Theology & Ministry, a Graduate Diploma in Finance and a Bachelor of Commerce from the Australian National University, Canberra. Fr Eka is currently the assistant parish priest of St. Ignatius' parish at Norwood, South Australia.

I welcome Fr Eka, a current member of the education sub-committee which reports to the Xavier Board. Fr Eka will be continuing his role on this committee.

As many Xavier people would be aware the sale of the Kostka Hall property in Brighton has been completed with the sale price of \$100 million. The Kostka site is owned by the Society of Jesus.

A total of 15 interested parties spent time on the property as part of the expressions of interest sale period. The Kostka Hall site spans nearly 3.3 hectares and includes the historical Maritima residence, home to Jesuits for many years, along with the school buildings and sports fields. The property was bought by Melbourne property developer, Mr Jeff Xu.

The College Board is very aware that the sale of Kostka Hall will elicit, once again, many strong memories and emotions from those in our community for whom Kostka has played such a special part in their lives. We are delighted that the spirit of Kostka will live on in our new Year 7&8 building, to be named Kostka. Building of this project is currently well underway. You can view progress of this development on the Xavier school website. We thank all the past and present Kostka community for the contribution their school has made as part of Xavier.

I would thank Mr Stephen Gorman and Mr Michael Jackson who advised Fr Des Dwyer SJ on the sale.



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The Energy and Buzz is Back

Matthew Clark
College Captain

Term 2 was a terrific part of the year that began with welcoming back the annual Maytime Fair for the first time in two years. The energy and buzz brought through the school gates on Saturday 4 May was palpable as stalls including books, art, food, drinks, lollies and numerous raffles were up and running due to the kindness and service of many volunteers. Activities run by students were also popular and well attended, from the favourite chocolate coin toss to the many great performances on mainstage in the Rigg Quad and the Battle of the Bands in the Montague Theatre.

The Maytime Fair is not only a fundraiser; it is a unique community effort bringing together friends, family, students and staff and neighbouring schools, for a cause that directly supports the Jesuit Missions in India and Africa to provide food, shelter and health services to those in need. On behalf of the student cohort, I would like to sincerely thank Katrina Varis and her team for their many hours of hard work and to all those who gave their time. Many generous volunteers continue to do so each and every year.

Amongst the students, academic demands ramped up not only for Year 12s but also for students in Year 9, 10 and 11 who completed mid-year exams. While this meant that the halls were quiet for a couple of weeks, it was encouraging to see boys embrace the exam challenge and put effective study habits into action. SACs continued for our Year 12 cohort and the recent three-week winter holiday break has provided a period of rest and regrouping before we enter the final stages of our school lives.

The Music department has showcased a large variety of talented musicians' performances, with String, Choral, Wind and Brass concerts filling the Chapel and Great Hall with beautiful musical pieces and notes. Early morning and lunchtime rehearsals are taking place as our music students work towards the Xavier in Concert, to take place midway through Term 3 at Hamer Hall.

As part of National Boarding Week, under the wise guidance of Mr Smith and Boarding Prefect Nick Honeyman, various activities were celebrated including the Boarders Formal Dinner, Boarders Social and Boarder vs Day Student's basketball competition. Fittingly, the boarders won the basketball, evening the ledger at 1-1 and setting up a large showdown for Term 3.

It has also been so refreshing to see the return of a wide range of Winter sports including soccer, AFL, rugby, basketball, hockey, cross country, tennis, table tennis and Aikido. Highlights include the First XI Soccer team taking out the Premiership, the First XV Rugby team defeating favourites Scotch in a comprehensive victory and the First XVIII beating St Kevin's at their home ground in front of many enthusiastic supporters. The Gary McAllister House Cross Country was completed by many students; it took place around the school with Ignatius House taking out top spot on the day. Sport at Xavier is not only pivotal for health and fitness but also builds lifelong friendships and connections as students communicate and collaborate when being challenged both on and off the sporting field.

Our Catholic faith continues to play a strong part in our community. Poignant reflections given by Henry Stewart (Ricci House Mass), Atticus Scally, Enricho Luizzi and Angus Silvers (Voluntary Masses) help us reflect on our own lives and create a profound sense of gratitude for our family and friends.

After years of interruption and delays, the inaugural Gender Forum finally took place at Xavier College on 22 June. 120 Students from schools in and around the suburb of Kew including MLC, Genazzano, Carey, Trinity and Ruyton met in the Great Hall to discuss gender and identity related issues and the way they can affect our everyday lives. A huge thanks to Beth McConnell for giving a memorable personal reflection that set the scene for the day. Dante Reid (OX 2021, College Captain) and journalist Susie O'Brien also contributed their powerful ideas to discussions along with a panel of students from each school. Thank you to Mr Aldcroft, Mr Nicholls and Marco Jim for organising this successful event that will hopefully spark and create further discussions in the future.

Finally, and perhaps a favourite highlight for many students this term, was the Xavier College 2022 House Choral Competition. Adjudicated by Fr Christopher Wilcock SJ, a wide range of songs were performed with great gusto, from Justin Bieber's 'Baby' to ABBA's 'Mamma Mia'. Mannix House won the cup with a rousing rendition of Bastille's 'Pompeii'. The way in which each student stood proudly to sing for their house with enthusiasm and strong spirit was commendable and reflected both pride and enjoyment in every performance. Singing together as a group is uplifting; it cements a strong sense of belonging and reflects true school spirit.

I wish all Xavier College staff and students a wonderful Term 3.



XAVIER SPORTING SUCCESS



Oliver Maxa

Oliver (Year 6) has been selected in the School Sport Victoria 12 Years and Under Basketball Team. This is a fantastic achievement to have been selected for the squad amongst the hundreds of boys across the state who participated in the selection pathway. Oliver will now compete in the School Sport Australia Combined Basketball Championships in Bendigo from 13 to 19 August. We wish him and his Victoria team mates all the best of luck.



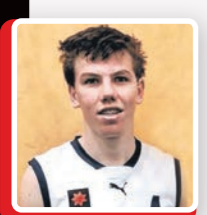
Joe Zanolunghi

Joe (Year 8) and the Victorian U15 Ice Hockey team has secured a bronze medal in the 2022 Kurt DeFris U15 National Ice Hockey Championships, held in Newcastle, NSW. Joe and his team played phenomenally, and Joe was able to help his team with one goal and four assists throughout the tournament. We are incredibly excited to see how the lacrosse teams perform at the U15 National Lacrosse tournament in Perth at the end of September, to which he has also been selected to participate.



Ned Brammall

We congratulate First Basketball player Ned (Year 9) who was part of the victorious U16 Vic Metro team that won the Gold Medal at the Australian Junior Championships in Perth on Sunday 10 July. The team took out the national title beating QLD South 85-70!



Finn O'Sullivan

Finn (Year 10) was crowned the Kevin Sheehan Medallist after the Under 16 AFL National Championships finished up on Saturday 9 July. The medal recognises the best player at the championships. Current AFL players to have won the award include Gold Coast's Noah Anderson (2017), Western Bulldogs' Adam Treloar (2009) and Hawthorn Brownlow Medallist Tom Mitchell (2009). If the names of past winners are anything to go by, Finn has an incredibly bright footy future ahead of him. On 4 August, Finn was named as captain for the All Australian U16 Team.



Thomas Colgan

On Friday 1 July, Tom (Year 10) participated in four fencing competitions in Sydney and managed to score four medals: silver in the U17 individual Oceania Championship, bronze in the U17 individual National Championship, gold in the U17 teams Oceania Championship (representing Australia) and gold in the U17 teams National Championship (representing Victoria). It was a long but very rewarding day and we are so proud of Tom for making such an incredible mark in the fencing world.



Henry Laussen

In July, Henry (Year 10) was selected in the State Boys 16 & Under Hockey team for the National Championships. They will be held in Hobart over the next few months.



Lachlan Severn

It was a close one, but Lachie (Year 11) and the Victorian U18 team won at the Australian Rowing Championships in May. They beat Queensland by 1.5 seconds with WA only a further 2 seconds behind! Congratulations to Lachie and the team.

PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS 2021

The annual Premier's VCE Awards recognise the top-performing students in the state.

Congratulations to Edward Newman (OX 2021), Jake Agelopoulos (OX 2021), Nicholas Gustin (OX 2021), William Madden (OX 2021) and current Year 12 student and College Captain Matthew Clark, who have been recognised with a Premier's VCE Award for their outstanding academic results in 2021.

STUDY AWARDS RECEIVED IN 2021

- Edward Newman - Literature
- Jake Agelopoulos - Further Mathematics
- Matthew Clark - Australian History
- Nicholas Gustin - Texts and Traditions
- William Madden - Australian Politics

This year, 298 students across 90 subjects were recognised with awards for their outstanding results.

The entire Xavier community is incredibly proud of Edward, Jake, Nicholas, William and Matthew, and would like to congratulate them on being the recipients of such a prestigious award.





Celebrating 20 Years of the Early Years

Elena Serraglio
Head of Early Years

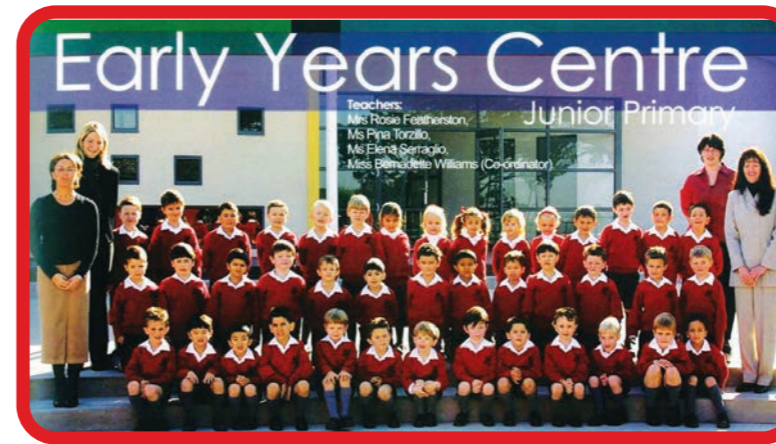
In 2002, it was with great excitement that we opened the doors of St Louis House on the Burke Hall Campus to our first co-educational groups of 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds (Prep).

The media coverage of our first full day of operation and the official opening of our Centre in Term 1 2002 certainly highlighted the enormous amount of planning and preparation that went into making St Louis House the very special place that it is. In the 20 years since, we have had 792 students walk through these doors.

In 2005, the House System was introduced at St Louis House. The program is an inclusive experience for all Kindergarten to Year 3 students, providing the framework for developing self-confidence, respect for others, caring and understanding, cooperative skills, leadership, empathy and a sense of community.

At the end of 2006, the inaugural 2002 Preparatory students moved on to Middle Years education. We also farewelled our Year 4 girls, our youngest Old Xaverians at the time! The journey we began in 2002 had been consolidated.

In January 2008, the Early Years Centre at Burke Hall was officially welcomed into the global community of the International Baccalaureate Organisation, gaining authorisation to offer the Primary Years Program (IBPYP). The IB PYP brings to our community a powerful vehicle for open-minded learning and action. It promotes the core values of Ignatian education.



THE FIRST CLASS OF THE EARLY YEARS IN 2002

As Head of the Early Years, I have had the pleasure of being involved in the first and most formative years of our young students' educational journey at Xavier College, working closely with staff and families at St Louis House.

Foremost in the Early Years, we aim to provide a learning environment in which students feel happy, productive and secure. The students will long remember Whole School Assemblies, Level Assemblies, the pop-up Italian restaurant in the Piazza, author visits, co-curricular sport, choir, House Carnivals and House Competitions, Three Campus Concerts, Strings Concerts, Maytime Fairs, exhibitions, Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, Christmas Plays, the Year 2 sleepover in St Louis House, the Year 3 overnight stay at Anglesea, Year 4 Outdoor Education Camp at Sunnystones, Masses in the Chapel and in the Piazza and excursions and incursions.



Clearly, this centre for the Early Years belongs to its students. Our students, from those in Kindergarten where it all begins, to our leaders in Year 4, all have a strong sense of their place at Xavier College. Each stage of schooling is distinctive reflecting the age and stage of development of its cohort. At every level there is a sense of looking forward and yet an appreciation of what has gone before.

From the earliest age, students learn to express themselves as competent communicators and to develop self-reliance. Assemblies, educational trips, visiting performers, guest speakers enhance the learning experience. Beyond the classroom they have been encouraged to participate in a variety of musical groups: Strings, St Louis Singers, Choir. Co-Curricular Programs and Outdoor Education Programs provide additional opportunities for friendship, teamwork and leadership.

Creativity, enthusiasm for learning and a sense of fun and enjoyment are clearly visible in our youngest Xaverians. It has been wonderful to see in such lively, inquiring minds, a willingness to strive for the 'Magis' as they continue to explore and engage, to observe and wonder and to challenge and question their world.

It is exciting to witness how students and staff are engaged with their learning and the way all have developed trusting and respectful relationships. In the excitement and bustle of Early Years programs, we continued to maintain our strong focus on excellence across all areas of the curriculum and pastoral care. This is our core purpose and it is reflected through the unwavering efforts of the committed staff who work with students and families daily. Parents are also involved as active partners in their children's education. This combination of teacher excellence and parent enthusiasm provides a perfect environment for children in the EYC to flourish.

Despite the many challenges we have faced during 2020/21, we gratefully acknowledge our continued blessings. Our College is openly inclusive, welcoming all children to a caring and happy environment where they can achieve to the very best of their abilities. Visitors to St Louis House regularly comment upon the warmth and friendliness of both the students and staff and the cheerful "hum" that radiates from room to room.

Our children's future is at the heart of everything that we do. We try to ensure that our pupils leave us as caring, happy, confident and internationally minded young people who are equipped for life in the 21st century.

Finally, we must recognise the girls who have been part of the Early Years Xavier story and their families. Their contributions have been incredibly significant and appreciated. We wish them every blessing as they strive to become leaders in our world.



"My learning and practice has allowed me to work in schools, literally all over the world, gleaning best practice around one central question: what practices, pastoral approaches and programs foster independence, personal development and critical thinking in teenagers."



A passion for teaching has carried me across the globe

Lamar Johnson
Head of Learning - Years 7 & 8

I planned to leave school and work as a filmmaker, specifically in the area of research and docu-drama. Having studied African Diaspora and Filmmaking at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, I secured accommodation in Brooklyn, New York, a placement to audit filmmaking courses at Columbia and went home to Houston, Texas to volunteer in my old neighbourhood. I landed at a KIPP school in 3rd Ward Houston, Texas. KIPP is America's largest network of charter schools and targets low-income communities throughout the United States with the simple mission of getting young youngsters like me, to and through University. During my first week in their summer program, teaching visual teaching strategies and textual analysis through film and photography, I was KIPP'notised. I learned early on the role that school culture can play in transforming the lives of young adults.

I put story telling on the back shelf and never looked back. I was hired as a teacher and leader. As a teacher, I was trained in pedagogy in the evenings and practiced my learning on my 5-8 grade history classes throughout the day. As a leader and through KIPP leadership training, I was offered the opportunity to visit KIPP schools throughout the poorest communities not just in Houston, but across the United States. This travel across the US with KIPP sparked a passion in me as a researcher of pedagogy, pastoral care and age-appropriate program design.

It is a passion that, after 15 years, still burns bright; a passion that has carried me from Houston to Cameroon, South Africa, Ghana, Australia and Sweden; in each capacity I've worked both as a teacher and a leader alongside teachers. My learning and practice has allowed me to work in schools, literally all over the world, gleaning best practice around one central question: what pedagogical practices, pastoral approaches and programs foster independence, personal development and critical thinking in teenagers? My goal here at Xavier is to share this set of practices and develop more alongside the nuanced approaches from the teachers and programs here.

I really have found a home here at Xavier College; the environment fostered by staff and students feels like walking into a warm hug. The depth and breadth of experience within the college staff is vast, offering several points of difference to locate and strengthen one's own practice. Teachers also speak up; lively discussions around teaching practice, policy, the College's direction, areas in which we can grow are commonplace. It is a wonder to me that in a College so large, our community can feel so very embracing.

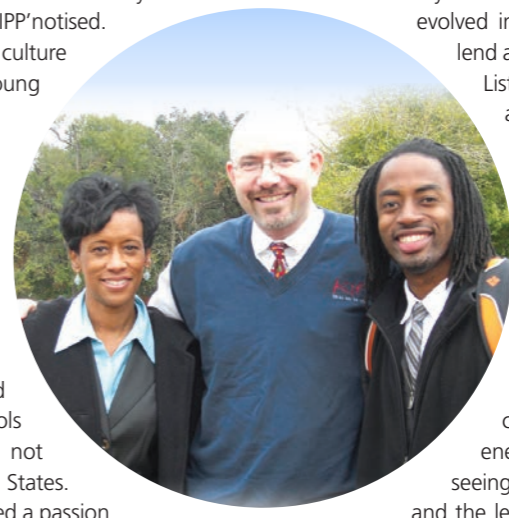
The students here are also special. I have found that taking the time to pause and discuss a student's interests, hobbies, ideas and fears will really offer a window into how much has changed and evolved in these few short years. Having a chat can lend an ear to that which has been left unchanged. Listening reminds me daily how resilient children are, how intelligent they have always been, but also how wise they can be. Working with Xaverians also grows you; seeing students give time, share their talents, open their heart, engage with the community and take on challenges will humble any teacher. Moreover, guiding them through service opportunities, encouraging them to strengthen their talents, being a conduit through which their heart is opened to challenges is transforming work. What re-energises me though, among many things, is seeing the boys take ownership of their learning and the learning across the community. They not only take ownership of the subject learning, but also the spiritual growth within the College. You see our students carrying teachers' books, organising the learning environment, cleaning up behind one another, leading Mass, school tours and tutoring. You also hear them positively pushing the boundaries around identity, masculinity and care for one another.

It is both an exciting and challenging time to be teaching and working at Xavier. For teachers everywhere, change is our only constant; and that has been amplified in the past two years. I can confidently say that I am proud to join a team of staff who are weathering change while not losing track of care for one another. *Cura Personalis*, sustains us, it sustains me; it focuses me. This is the hug, this is the home.



Lamar Johnson with students of the Afrian Union International School in President Park

Image below: L-R Tori Dugar (First Principal and Founder of KIPP Liberation College), Mike Feinberg (Co-Founder of KIPP), Lamar Johnson - (Teacher) at KIPP Liberation College, Houston Texas.





Mother-Daughter Inspiration Reaching the Top of the World

Jane Kanizay
Past Parent

As a mum, we often carry unusual loads as part of parenthood, so when your child has a request to help them grow we say "yes"; science projects in the kitchen, building a model for a presentation, driving to training or climbing Mt Everest. We do what we know will help our children be the best version of themselves and that is what set me on the journey with my daughter Gabby to become the youngest Australian to summit Mt Everest at 4:30am on May 14, 2022.

Gabby initially set her sights on Everest when she was goal setting as a 14-year-old. In April 2018 when Gabby was 15, we set off together for what I imagined to be a mother-daughter trip of a lifetime to Everest Base Camp where Gabby displayed her inner strength and resilience. Her elder brother Sam (OX 2019) had done a World Challenge Nepal trip also at 15 years old, so it was wonderful for them to share the memories of their experiences.

That initial trip was to become the first step in a four-year journey where Gabby returned to Nepal every six months to progressively climb and train on higher mountains across Asia and the Himalayas, finally summiting Cho Oyu (8201m) in September 2019. We felt heartbroken when our 2020 Everest summit plans were cancelled within days of departure; put into perspective as the pandemic played out.

Arriving in Kathmandu in March 2022, we delighted in joining our CTSS team, Tendi Sherpa and Pasang Sherpa, to begin the trek once again to Everest Base Camp; our home for the next six to eight weeks. Living at base camp is a fantastic experience, amongst an international team of climbers, guides and our wonderful Sherpa. The Himalayas belong to the Sherpa and they hold a deeply spiritual connection.

Training continued on surrounding peaks and in the Khumbu Icefall; the ancient glacier that wraps down the face of Everest. The Icefall is a dynamic tumble of ice and snow, broken up by seemingly bottomless crevasses and towering ice seracs so navigating up the mountain was a combination of ice climbing and rappelling down, vertical and horizontal ladder crossings and nights camped at sub-zero temperatures. We'd wake with frost on our sleeping bags to begin each day often before sunrise. Over the weeks we completed multiple trips through the Icefall to touch higher altitudes, then descend to recover at base camp.

I found Gabby became a source of inspiration, the tables turning from me supporting her. The strength in her companionship was essential. A little piece of home always with me when homesickness struck.

Our summit bid took four days, ascending via the Khumbu Icefall, across the immense snowy landscape of the Western Cwm and up the sheer ice of the Lhotse Face to Camp 4

South Col at 7900m, in the 'Death Zone'. Above 8000m the air has 30% less oxygen than sea level. High altitude sickness is a life-threatening risk for all climbers. Our plan was to climb by torchlight through the night to crest at sunrise. Given our climbing pace was different, I left the South Col earlier than Gabby so we were both overwhelmed with joy when she caught me within sight of the summit. We traversed the famous Hillary Steps with sheer drops on each side of the ridge. Our Sherpa team of Tendi and Pasang, with the support of Lhapka, Kusang and Namgyal, did a phenomenal job of guiding us not only safely but timing our arrival perfectly.

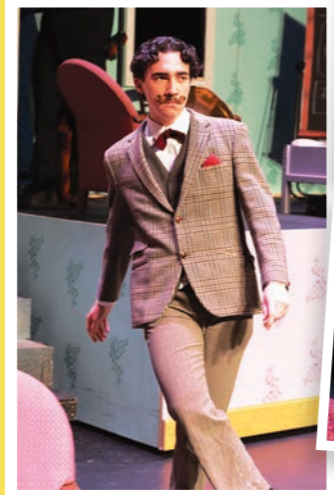
To be on top of the world as a mother-daughter team was indescribable. The feeling of joy and accomplishment was absolutely surreal. It took our breath away. "We just looked at each other and I teared up." Gabby recalls, "I gave Mum a huge hug and said 'I can't believe I'm actually here with you'." To say that I am proud of Gabby is an understatement. She displayed resilience, tenacity and kindness well beyond her years.

The feat was both physically and emotionally exhausting, definitely a much tougher challenge for me than for Gabby. The support of Gabby's three siblings at home, Sam, Joe (Year 11) and 14 year old Anna helped on those tough days. I climbed with the message of Chanel Contos' education campaign @ teachusconsent. To have a message to take to the summit gave me additional strength on those days when I felt I had reached my limit. We both will be forever deeply grateful to the full Sherpa team on our expedition who carried loads up and down the mountain for the high camp supplies.

The sense of achievement certainly outweighs the challenges. Not satisfied with just Everest, within 24 hours Gabby was on the summit of Lhotse, the world's fourth highest peak. There are 14 peaks above 8000m so Gabby's next goal is to reach the summit of the remaining eleven. She already has three under her belt at just 19 years old and is keen to gain sponsorship to allow her independence and spread her message of determination and resilience.

For me, my involvement with the Xavier Social Justice Network is a reminder it's time to give back to the country that has given me so much. I'd love to now use my skills as an educator in Nepal rather than always using my mountaineering skills. But I am sure there is still one more mountain in me.

The Ladykillers



Peter Robert
The Ladykillers Director &
Head of Learning Area – Arts

The recent performance of *The Ladykillers* was the twentieth Winter Play which made it to the stage. The last two plays were forced to close before opening due to COVID. The tradition of the Winter Play started in 2000 as a senior production produced in association with girls from Loreto Mandeville Hall. Over the years this collaboration has changed. In 2019 both Loreto and Genazzano girls were involved and in the last three years only Genazzano girls have participated. Each year we strive to produce a play which showcases the extraordinary talents of our students and provide them with a vehicle to extend their skills and, hopefully, develop deep and long-lasting relationships through the collaborative nature of the experience of making theatre.

Our 2022 production, *The Ladykillers*, was an adaptation by Graham Linehan of the Ealing Studio film from 1955. It is a black comedy about a group of hardened criminals planning a robbery, who rent out a spare room from an elderly lady. Led by the sinister, but charming Professor Marcus, played by Grace Brewer, the gang comprises a delightful bunch of characters, including Major Courtney (Callum Tozer), Harry Robinson (Inez Brear and Oli Martin), Louis (Andre Destefanis and Gerard Crough) and One-Round (Pascal Novella). The plan starts to go awry when their host, Mrs Wilberforce (Maysie Major) uncovers their ruse and threatens to call the police.

The strength of this play is in the characterisations of each of these principals. They need to balance the comic with the dramatic. In addition to the gormless Constable (Max Maclsaac), they were a wonderful group to work with. Each rehearsal found these terrific young actors trying different things and taking wild risks with their physicality or their vocal ranges. The script provided plenty of scope for both slapstick pratfalls as well as sophisticated witticisms. The cast ensured they varied each performance to make the play lively and fresh each night.

There is always a great deal of interest from students wishing to be involved in the Winter Play, so we felt it important to give as many people a go as possible. As there is a short scene involving several elderly ladies, we felt it would be fun to incorporate these elderly women in the entire production, by having them move the set around in the more complicated scenes. This proved to be a lot of fun for us in rehearsals as well as for the audience.

It is my hope that the tradition of the Winter Play continues for many, many more years to come, and, after surviving the ravages of COVID, there seems to be no reason why it shouldn't.



Team Xavier
raises
\$50,000+
for **Cancer**
Research
& **Support**

'A Chop for Charity'

Michael Aldcroft
Head of Student Culture

The World's Greatest Shave raises much needed money to assist the Leukaemia Foundation in their incredible work supporting blood cancer patients, their families, and researchers who strive to find the next big treatment breakthrough.

This year at the Senior Campus, our World's Greatest Shave event took place on 31 May. On the day, 55 students shaved their heads for the cause raising an incredible total of \$50,694, a Xavier College record. Of the 55 students, 14 raised well in excess of \$1,000 each, an incredible effort.

Team Captain (and Prefect for Ignatian Service) Oliver Dalton organised and led the Xavier team very well. The staff barbers were ably assisted by Danny and Georgette Hachem, parents of Leon in Year 12 and Neo in Year 11.

Xavier College has participated in The World's Greatest Shave since 2011, with this year being our 12th year of participation. It all started when one of our Year 12s was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and his peers wanted to offer their support to him in a very meaningful manner. The event a much loved fixture in the Xavier calendar and another example of how well our student community comes together to support a wonderful cause.



The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon – a comedic, bold take on traditional fairy tales



Lucas Yee (Year 9)
Xavier cast member of
The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

Late in Term 1, auditions were held at Genazzano for the play *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. The humorous play that involved 25 Year 9 students from Xavier and Genazzano, showcased the Brothers Grimm fairy tales in a comedic, bold and creative way. From the wicked Enchantress to the unfortunate Talking Fish, to the street-smart interpretation of Little Red Riding Hood, to the Crab People who were unjustly stripped of their spotlight, *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* displayed the traditions of children's fairy tales, with a sprinkle of modern humour making the play bright and colourful. All of the fairy tales performed were introduced and explained by the enormously talented Narrators. The show was enjoyed by all and the cackling of laughter could be heard from down the street. The cast worked incredibly hard on transforming themselves for the stage and were thrilled to see the applause and accolades they received. The bonds the cast and crew created with one another made the play even more special for all who were involved. I am very grateful to have been a part of this wonderful experience.



Kostka Treasures on Display

Two panels of the Resurrection from Alan Sumner's Stations of the Cross stained-glass windows from the Kostka Hall Memorial Chapel will be on display at the Hamilton Art Gallery from 20 August to 30 October 2022. They will be included in the exhibition LUMINOUS: the stained glass of John Orval and although it will focus on the decades he worked in the Western District of Victoria, it will explore his Dutch artistic training, Modernist and Australian culture in the post-Second World War period. Dr Bronwyn Hughes OAM, President of GLAAS Inc. Aust. is co-curating the show with Dr Alison Inglis AM, Associate Professor of Art History School of Culture and Communication at the University of Melbourne, they are juxtaposing Orval's work with other Dutch emigre artists and Australian 'home-grown' Modernists, namely Alan Sumner and John Ferguson.

Teacher Feature

Belinda Harmer



Belinda Harmer
Head of House - Cheshire

I began my Xavier journey in 2001, having commenced at the College as a Media Technician before joining the teaching staff a few years later. Teaching was not my first choice of career. I have long had a passion for film and television and made several short films at university. After completing an undergraduate degree in Media Studies at RMIT, I headed to New York to study at the New York Film Academy. Upon returning to Australia, I worked voluntarily on various Australian Television programs before being accepted into Melbourne University's Diploma of Education in 2000. I quickly realised that I loved teaching, my 'back-up' career choice had become my career inspiration and so began my teaching journey. I have not looked back since!

It is a privilege to be part of the Xavier community, and to work alongside so many wonderful people. I have benefited from many amazing role models and mentors at the College, not only in my early teaching career, but also today.

I continue to grow and learn as an educator. In addition to teaching Media Studies, I have undertaken various roles and responsibilities, including as a subject co-ordinator, Director of the Xavier & Genazzano musical, an assistant year level co-ordinator, and more recently as a Head of House. Many experiences stand out for me over the years; however, a common quality continues to shine through, throughout the Xavier community. Just as I have benefited from the kindness and encouragement of others, I have also learnt the importance of 'paying forward' the opportunities gifted me by peers and colleagues across the College community.

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Unlike some other professions where time can work against you, teaching is a vocation savoured for a lifetime. I feel blessed to work every day with people who have dedicated their life to the betterment of young people and through their wisdom and tutelage have inspired generations of Xaverians, which now includes my own three sons.

It is often said that the future is what we make of it. As I reflect on my own future at Xavier, I hope to continue to build lasting and authentic relationships with my colleagues, to stay true to my values and to remain open to new challenges and learnings. It will be my greatest pleasure to continue to accompany our wonderful students and their families during their time at Xavier College.

Sursum Corda

Let the Mountain Speak

David Howard
Head of Expeditions



The word 'inspiring' is one of those adjectives that pops up regularly at this time of year, as schools across Australia begin enrolment preparations for next year. From inspiring learning to inspired students to inspirational teachers to classrooms that inspire. It seems that schools, students and parents are filled to the brim with inspiration and having their minds blown at every minute of every school day!

The cynical ones among us might see through all of this phrasing and surmise that this is all just 'marketing speak'. Sound bites or catch phrases ripe for the billboards, newspaper ads and the all important social media advertising. But what if a school was able to take this word 'inspiring', add a few more; 'learning experiences' and begin to build programs that sharpen the focus on what this word really means in a tangible and practical way?

A key element of the Xavier strategic plan is our intent to "...form exceptional graduates through inspiring learning experiences and our distinct Jesuit character". I started my role as Head of Expeditions at the end of 2019, bright eyed and bushy tailed. Then COVID happened. Effectively two years of sitting at home, regular

Teams meetings and nursing a sourdough starter as one of my own, all interspersed with a jolt of exercise once a day within a 5km radius. For someone who is used to exploring the map, this gave me time and space to think deeply about how might my area of 'Expeditions' approach the challenge put before me to build 'inspiring learning experiences'.

The idea that 'experiences' have force is not a new one. Even before the likes of Kurt Hahn, John Dewey and David Kolb put forward the foundations for Experiential Learning as we know it today, the Jesuits were exploring this concept centuries before. For St Ignatius, an inspiring experience was "to taste something internally". An experience should stir the soul, to prod or shift something inside. Couple this with the importance of **reflection** and the natural outcome is **action**. Hence...

"The ultimate aim of Jesuit education is that *full growth of the person* which leads to *action*; action, especially, that is suffused with the spirit and presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the 'man for others'."

How do you know if an experience is genuinely inspiring?

This is the holy grail of any experiential educator. In the world of Outdoor Education, we use a term called 'let the mountains speak for themselves'. For me, you know you have achieved an inspiring experience when nothing needs to be said from staff, when young people are *fully* absorbed, when the whole scene seems to be in high definition and all your senses seem to be amplified.

It is worth noting that this doesn't have to be on some Himalayan mountain top. It can happen anywhere. Have you ever been triggered by a smell that takes you right back to a particular moment in time? That was an inspiring experience. You tasted something internally. I bet it happened when you were a young person.

This is the work of the Expeditions department. In fact, this is the work of the entire College. We are trying to pursue inspiring experiences. Not for the colourful billboards or the web traffic through the website. We do it because it is part of our DNA as a Jesuit school and we fully understand the enormous power it has to affect young people who are facing a complex and uncertain world.

This year we introduced a brand-new suite of Expeditions. So far, we have had all of our Year 7 students explore the Dughala/Murray River on a five day canoe journey. Our Year 6 students challenged themselves on a three day Expedition to the Lake Eildon area. In the Senior Years, our Year 10s took part in a four day experience across Victoria designed to build stronger House communities. They rode horses in the Howqua Valley, rafted the Goulburn River, climbed at the Cathedral Ranges, explored the subterranean world in the Warburton area and waxed up the surfboards on the Great Ocean Road.

In Semester 2, we have all Year 8s donning the harness and helmets and heading to the Gariwerd/Grampians National Park for a significant rock climbing Expedition for five days. Lastly, we have our Year 5 students experiencing their first Expedition journey at Xavier in the Rubicon Valley for three days.

We are hugely excited about the opportunities these experiences present. We are keen also to see what other opportunities (locally/globally) are available within our broader community base to help facilitate powerful experiences for the young Xaverians coming through the gates each day. Please feel free to get in touch!



2022 EDUCATION FUTURES FORUMS

Leanne Barnes
Executive Project Manager

Over three, monthly online forums hosted by Jesuit Education Australia and Xavier College, on behalf of Jesuit and Companion Schools Australia, we have been seeking to better understand some of the major changes occurring in society and what this might mean for primary and secondary education. In these sessions we have heard from experts in digital transformation, education and health and wellbeing, who have shared with us how these changes are impacting our lives. All teachers, parents and students were invited to these forums to gain current knowledge and to allow reflection on what this might mean for teaching and learning, as well as for life beyond Xavier College.

In our first session on 'Digital Transformation and Learning', we heard from Simon Dawson from the Innovative Manufacturing Cooperative Research Centre, who shared with us advances in technology and data utilisation, currently underway across the manufacturing industry and how this is changing the face of work and skills from operating theatres to farms and factories. Maree Mamo from Ernst & Young shared with us the transformation underway in businesses across Australia which are moving from an organisation focus to a more customer centric focus. She stressed how this move was changing the structure of organisations and leadership, creating flatter structures and the creation of cross-disciplinary teams to solve customer problems.

To conclude the session, we heard from Nic Marchesi the co-founder of Orange Sky Mobile Laundry for the homeless, who shared with us how his social enterprise was using technology and innovation to streamline his processes and reach many more people in need. Three key themes arose from this forum: firstly technology is rapidly advancing and the nature of jobs along with it, requiring an appetite for life-time learning, resilience and an openness to this change; secondly our students need to be armed with technical skills, as well as the softer skills such as communication, teamwork, creativity and lateral thinking; and thirdly students need to identify where their passion and expertise may be and then become expert collaborators, prepared to play their part in teams to solve real world problems.

Forum Two had a focus on 'Secondary and Tertiary Education'. This session commenced with a keynote presentation from Professor Slatko Skrbis, the Vice Chancellor and President of the Australian Catholic University. In his presentation, Professor Skrbis outlined the many changes occurring globally that are impacting the tertiary education environment and stressed again the importance of resilience, collaboration and creativity in problem-solving. He also spoke to how tertiary and secondary education should look to find better ways to engage with one another and with heads of industry to develop better pathways for students into tertiary education and beyond.

This was further reiterated by the group of experts, Professor Suzanne Le Mire from University of Adelaide, Barbara Watkins who is the former Principal of Loreto Normanhurst and Professor Elizabeth Labone from the University of Notre Dame, who joined Professor Skrbis in a panel discussion lead by our forum series MC, Genevieve Jacobs AM.

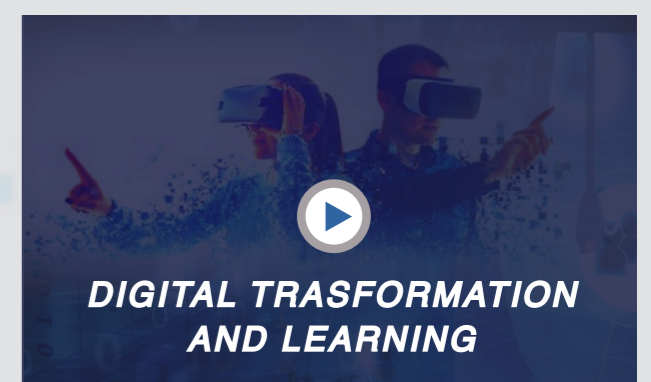
The final forum, held in May, was focused on 'Health and Wellbeing'. Again, we were treated with another wonderful panel of speakers from industry and academia sharing with us their insights. We heard of health system changes and the impacts of the pandemic from Professor Catherine Bennett, Deakin University, who featured prominently in the media over the past few years with her calming epidemiological view of the pandemic as it unfolded. We heard of the importance of physical activity and the positive effects it has on our mental health from Professor Alex Parker, Victoria University and we heard from Dr Nic Nicoloudis, SAP, about how wearable technologies are being embraced by both consumers and employers to enhance health and wellbeing. Finally, Reverend Dr Michael Smith SJ, ACU, presented on how embracing spirituality is as important now as it has ever been in ensuring a positive mindset and allowing us to be resilient in trying times.

Many thanks to the wonderful speakers who gave of their time and expertise, so that all schools in the Jesuit Network could benefit. Xavier College is now exploring how we best take this learning into practice.



Watch the forum videos at xavier.vic.edu.au/publications

FORUM ONE



FORUM TWO



FORUM THREE



Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.



Andrea Hamilton
Director of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*
Head of Drama (Middle Years)

The recent performances of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* were a triumph that exceeded all expectations. After months of rehearsals and sheer grit the hard work paid off in the most delightful way possible for our students of Burke Hall and Manresa. The audience truly adored the production and the standing ovation on our closing night performance was a fitting tribute to the dedication the production team, cast and crew have committed, not just this year but over the past few years.

The musical theatre talent across the Middle Years is extraordinary and I believe we have some future stars of Australian Musical Theatre right here at Xavier. The opportunity to provide such breadth and quality to our students' education via the Performing Arts typifies the diversity a Jesuit education can provide.

From our Dress Rehearsal for St. Pauls, Giant Steps and Trinity Primary, right through to our matinees for our friends from Prep to Year 8 and the evening public performances; the depth of learning, improvement and development in our students cannot be denied. The Middle Years are buzzing off the back of this incredible production. We teach our students through Drama to experience being anyone or anything at any time, in any place. They used their imagination and emotional intelligence to draw out and maximise the possibilities of characters like Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Madame de le Grand Bouche, Babette, Gaston, Le Fou and Maurice. Our boys certainly shone on stage in every way this year and deserve the abundance of wonderful post show accolades.

And so now as we move on from the magic that was *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, and the musical momentum is gaining speed, the big question is... what are we doing next year?! The possibilities are so very exciting!





XSJN DINNER

Supporting Jesuit Refugee Service

WE CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE

Charlie Wright-Smith
Year 12 Reconciliation Prefect

The speakers were inspiring and focused on both personal experience and the broader issues surrounding refugees and asylum seekers. Sahema Saberi, a Hazara Afghani refugee, talked personally about the battle she has endured since coming to Australia to seek asylum. It was inspiring to hear about her determination and endurance that displayed true grit and led to her completing her law studies at the University of Melbourne and present work as an associate at the County Court of Australia.

Ben Doherty, a reporter for Guardian Australia and a three times Walkley Award winner was an inspiring speaker and his key message was for us to focus on three L's: language, legislation, and localism. He described the way in which the language we use to describe asylum seekers and refugees has shifted significantly over time and how this has diminished our ability to see the humanity in people. Refugees and asylum seekers fleeing war have a humanitarian right to seek refuge but are now referred to as 'illegals'. It was evident in the way Ben spoke that he was passionate to help make change and referred to many of the stories he had reported on during his time as a journalist based overseas. He urged us to support advocacy groups like Jesuit Refugee Services so they can advocate on our behalf but felt it is at the local level we can do the greatest good. The Xavier Social Justice Network has many relationships with agencies like the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEB) that offers opportunity for people to connect with refugees and migrants to help them learn English and meet people from Australia.



Guest Speakers: Sahema Saberi and Ben Doherty

Danusia Kaska
XSJN COORDINATOR

The Xavier Social Justice Network thanks everyone who attended the XSJN Dinner in support of Jesuit Refugee Service on Thursday 9 June 2022. This was the first XSJN event run without restrictions since the pandemic began two and a half years ago and it was an enormous success!

The buzz in the room told the story. Not only was there a full house of passionate and energised people, but there were new relationships built, new networks created, new members and volunteers signed up, plenty of dialogue and discussion on refugee issues shared and many hearts touched! Importantly, the attendance and generous donations made on the night will allow the Jesuit Refugee Service to continue its work. The Xavier community's ongoing goodwill and genuine support and interest in all aspects of social justice is a true testament to the College's commitment to a more just world.

A very big thank you to all those who contributed to organising the Dinner. A particular thank you to XSJN Working Committee for their tireless efforts in the lead-up preparations for the XSJN Dinner and on the night: James Whelan (OX 2020), Joe Ireland (OX 2020), Fiona Townsing, Bindi Saxena, Rosa Huddy, Henrieta McKay and Mikhail Ruzhanskiy.

A huge thank you to the MC, Xavier's own Chris Runciman (OX 2006), for the fantastic job he did on the night. Chris created a warm and inviting atmosphere that made everyone feel comfortable.

Our outstanding guest speakers, Sahema Saberi and Ben Doherty spoke memorably. Sahema told us her raw and personal story of fleeing Afghanistan, building into the bigger picture of Australian and international responses to the global refugee crisis. She had simple and concrete suggestions about how Australian attitudes and government policies can improve. Ben spoke incisively about Australian policy approaches and the realities of their impact on individual people and refugees as cohorts. His professional history of research and analysis, combined with his capacity to build relationships with refugees, made for a galvanising presentation. A special thank you to the self-effacing Fr Andy Hamilton SJ, who was put on the spot when the XSJN acknowledged his many years of advocacy work in this space and to start off the Q&A session.

So many people to thank! Our gratitude extends to all the supporters of XSJN, JRS and Xavier College: the Rector, Principal and Directors, the Xavier Board and Foundation, wonderful parents, including Tania and the XCMA, the College staff involved, the student leaders and other students who attended, Jesuits who were present (including the Provincial Fr. Quyen Vu SJ), Newman College Rector, Provost, Deans, staff and students, our guests from River Nile Learning Centre and School, the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and from the Adult Melbourne English Program, administration of the Catholic Leadership Centre. To the right are some quotes from Sahema Saberi.

We look forward to seeing you at the next XSJN event 'Dare to be Different Forum' on Thursday 1 September.



"My hope as a 7-year-old young girl was that no father should ever remain separated from his family because of an immigration policy."

"The only thing I cannot do with my hijab is have a bad hair day."



"As a lawyer, a former refugee and advocate, I look at ways that I can use to assist current refugees. You can do this too by assisting organisations such as Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Refugee Legal and Refugee Advice and Casework Service."

"Do you have an extra hour each week to tutor someone in English? Do you have food that you could donate or shampoo? The help I refer to is steps as small as this."



XSJN DARE TO BE DIFFERENT FORUM

Accompanying Women and Children

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022
7:00PM – 9:00PM

Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre, Xavier College

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St Ignatius Day

A joyous celebration

Frank Cumbo
Head of Faith and Service

Jubilee anniversaries are typically marked with particularly joyful celebrations in Catholic communities and this year's feast of St Ignatius was no exception. Xaverians commemorated 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola and the 400th anniversary of his canonisation with Mass on Friday 29 July. Our homilist for this liturgy was Fr Ramesh Richards SJ, Rector of The Cardoner Project. Using references to popular culture as a springboard to encourage Xaverians to look with fresh perspective on the life of Saint Ignatius, Fr Ramesh linked our celebration to a fundamental truth; God is love. As trite or clichéd as these words may appear, they convey a profound reality that is the very foundation of our community of faith. Our Ignatius Day Mass reminded us never to lose our sense of wonder at the self-sacrificing and transformative love that Christ offers us all.

As we paused from our normal routines and tasks to reflect purposefully on the great gift of God's love for us, how could we not burst out in songs of praise and thanksgiving? Assembled in the Sports Centre, Xaverians young and old joined in one voice throughout the liturgy, led by our talented musicians, cantors and choir. In this way, all who were able to be present helped to transform the hall into a sacred space, a place of prayerful encounter with Christ infused with a sincere spirit of reverence. A particular highlight for many was the rousing rendition of *The Power of Your Love*, which brought a smile to the face of staff and students alike.

Junior members of our College community who were unable to attend this liturgy participated in a prayer service at Burke Hall earlier in the day. Whilst we were separated by time and distance, we were united in one spirit as one College community, giving thanks to God for the example of Saint Ignatius and the way Jesuits follow in his footsteps by inspiring faith, hope and love in the lives of young people, those most in need and the marginalised around the world.

Long may the echoes of our joyous celebration resound in the hearts of all who were privileged to participate in this Jubilee Mass.
Sursum Corda.



XAVIER IN ACTION



EY Inquiry Exhibition and Book Launch



Y12 Social Awareness Week



Burke Hall House Athletics Carnival



Y12 Mothers Day Mass & Morning Tea



Burke Hall St Ignatius Day Activities



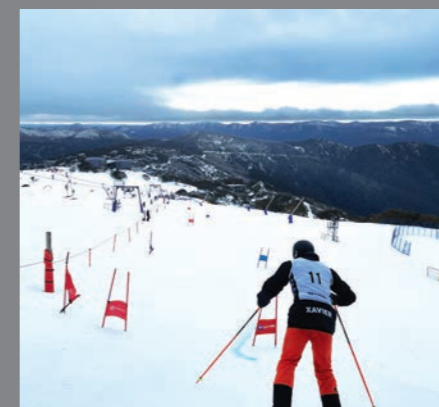
Ash Wednesday Mass



Maytime Fair



Snow Sports at Mt Buller



XAVIER IN ACTION

Eight Years with a wonderful Community



Christopher Callinan
& Janine Burgess

Christopher Callinan
Chairman

I want to take this opportunity to advise that as a result of recent health issues, I will be resigning from my positions on the Foundation and Xavier College Boards effective end of August.

My eight years on the Foundation Board and especially the last three as Chair, have exposed me to wonderful people in the Xavier Community and especially those on the Board, in the Executive and the Investment and Advancement Committees and so many others who provide support to Xavier.

It has been a tonic for me to work with you all. I am confident that the Foundation team is well placed to continue to deliver on its key functions of investment and of course fundraising; especially to fund the College Masterplan. The Corpus is now \$52 million and we have a strengthened Board and Executive.

I am grateful for and have very much appreciated the support shown to me. Whilst I am stepping down from direct involvement, Xavier will continue to have my support in whatever ways that I can give it.

Heather Murphy
Administration & Finance

Xavier College New York Event on Thursday 29 September 2022

We are delighted to announce that Mr Patrick Loftus-Hills (OX 1984) will host an evening for Alumni, Current, Past & Future Parents either based in the US or who will be in New York on the Thursday 29 September.

The Principal, Mr William Doherty, will be in attendance and will share details of the College Masterplan and future plans for the College.

“A Save The Date” has been sent to those whose contact details are up to date, however if you are based in the US or will be travelling at that time and would like to attend, please contact Heather Murphy at foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au to register your interest and to receive an invitation.

Benevolent Fund

The Xavier Foundation’s Benevolent Fund is an effective way for us to channel our generosity to those within and beyond the Xavier family who are experiencing hardship.

If you are experiencing hardship and would like to find out how the Foundation can assist you confidentially, please contact the Foundation at foundation@xavier.vic.edu or call 03 9815 4542.

Inspiring Excellence in 2022

The Foundation is extremely grateful to our Xavier Community who have supported the 2022 Inspiring Excellence Appeal. At the time of writing, I am pleased to advise that we have raised over \$255,000 which will support Bursaries, the upkeep of our Heritage Buildings, the Benevolent Fund and our Libraries. Thank you so much.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Heather Murphy at the Foundation at foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au

Making a Bequest

Xavier College has evolved through the immense generosity and unconditional giving of a great many selfless men and women who have given across its history. A bequest to the Xavier College Foundation is an investment in our College’s future and is a way to ensure that within a spirit of excellence, we can continue to challenge our students to pursue their best, make a contribution and unlock their every potential.

If you would like to leave a bequest to the Xavier College Foundation, please contact the Foundation on +61 3 9815 4542 or email foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au

Staying in Touch

Be sure to keep your details up to date to ensure you are staying in touch with all the College news and events. Send changes to foundation@xavier.vic.edu.au



Global Young Leaders Dinner

What a pleasure it was to welcome back to the College our Global Young Leaders recipients, for a dinner in the Dalton Room on Wednesday 25 May after a two-year hiatus due to COVID. It was a great turn out and wonderful to hear what these fine young men are currently doing with their lives.

Amongst our guests for the evening was Peter Walsh (OX 1959) Trustee, Eldon Hogan Trust who so generously funds our young men to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference. The Eldon Hogan Trust also funds students from Loreto Mandeville Hall and we were pleased to welcome their Principal, Angela O’Dwyer, and Director of Development, Judy Reid, to join us.

David King (OX 1987) Head of Advancement stood in for our Principal, William Doherty, who had succumbed to COVID. David spoke fondly of his time at Xavier and provided details of the College Masterplan which was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Denzil Furtado (OX 2013) thanked Peter Walsh on behalf of the group and expressed their gratitude for the many opportunities they had been given by being a recipient of this award.

A special thank you to Jono Reid (OX 2019) who celebrated his 21st birthday on the night by attending the dinner.



Seamus Horan (OX 2014) & Thomas Ellingworth (OX 2014)



Samuel Barson (OX 2014)

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A Constant Connection

Davina Calhaem,
Executive Officer of the
Old Xaverians' Association



Whilst we have experienced so much change in our lives recently, it is wonderful to reflect on the constants in our lives, whether that be family, friends, church, sporting clubs or work.

Another constant in our lives is the OXA. We are a community of nearly 14,000 members, bound by shared values and experiences and we are here to support and connect with each other and the College every student who has attended Xavier.

We have been able to connect many Old Xavs in recent weeks; at the 2022 OXA Dinner held at Leonda by the Yarra on Friday 22 July where we were treated to a fabulous fireside chat between Jobe Watson (OX 2002), Luke Ball (OX 2002) and Ted Richards (OX 2000). The guys shared with their classmate Nick Hulett (OX 1999) their memories of Xavier College, their amazing teachers, playing football and particularly their time at Kostka Hall.

The 2022 Generations Breakfast held on Tuesday 21 June provided for intergenerational Old Xavs to come together in the Great Hall and for grandparents to share with their sons and grandchildren their experiences and memories of Xavier College in their time and how it compares to today.

The Class of 1982 40-year reunion also took place in the Great Hall. The night was an overwhelming success and really hit the mark in achieving the organising committee's objective of connecting back with the Xavier College Class of '82, as for many it was the first time they have been back to College since their final exam. Many thanks to Joe McGrath, John Bowes and Richard Armstrong for putting together the evening.

Whilst the world changes around us, I invite you to reconnect with old school friends, network and/or mentor fellow Old Xaverians of your vintage, older or younger.

There are still several events scheduled for 2022 and I look forward to seeing many of you at these.

If you wish to assist in the organisation of your reunion, a business networking or special interest event, please do not hesitate to contact Davina Calhaem davina.calhaem@xavier.vic.edu.au

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Alan Robertson (OX 1924)

We are looking for relatives and friends of noted architect Alan Robertson (OX 1924) (dec.)

Alan worked as an architect in Melbourne before World War II. He enlisted in 1940 and by 1942 was listed as being a P.O.W. of the Japanese.

Alan arrived back in Melbourne in 1945 and later picked up the threads of his architectural practice. In 1952 he designed our current Boat Sheds and in 1957 commenced work on the new Kostka Hall Memorial Chapel, as well as the Morris and Keenan Wings, Montague Theatre and Dining Room in 1969-70.

If you knew Alan or members of his family, please contact the College Archivist, Catherine Hall on xavier.archives@xavier.vic.edu.au



QUEEN'S HONOURS LIST 2022

Clinical Assoc Prof Christopher Hogan OAM (OX 1969)
For Service to Medicine

Rear Admiral John Timothy Rush AO RFD QC (OX 1969)
For distinguished service to the law, notable as an Australian Defence force senior legal officer and to the Community of Victoria

Peter Douglas Toms OAM (OX 1962)
For service to the community through a range of roles

Francis James Lynch OAM (OX 1964)
For service to the community and to the law

EVENTS

2022 OXA Golf Day
Monday 22 August - 11:30am
Royal Melbourne Golf Club

Class of 2020 and 2021 St Ignatius Mass and BBQ
Wednesday 7 September - 6:00pm
Xavier College and the Skinny Dog Hotel

APS Athletics Reunion
Saturday 15 October
Lakeside

Tech Careers Forum
Tuesday 30 August - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
EHPAC Xavier College

REUNIONS

Class of 1992 30 Year Reunion
Friday 19 August - 6:30pm
The Railway Hotel
Windsor

Classes of 1970, 1971, 1972 50 Year Reunions - Friday 7 October
Morning Tea and School Tour - 10:30am
The London Tavern Richmond - 12:00pm

Class of 2017 5 Year Reunion
Friday 7 October - 6:30pm
Prince of Wales Hotel
Richmond

Class of 1982 Boarders and Friends Reunion
Saturday 8 October - 1:00pm
Lakeview Hotel
22 Wendouree Parade
Lake Wendouree

Class of 1990 30 Year Reunion
Friday 21 October - 6:30pm
The Railway Hotel
Windsor

Mass of Remembrance
Sunday 13 November - 10:00am
Memorial Chapel
Xavier College

Sean Godsell (OX 1978) recipient of the 2022 Australian Institute of Architects (AIA) Gold Medal

How did your interest in architecture first form as a young man? Was it in the classroom? Inspired by a particular building or design that you saw? Was it a family industry?

By the time I'd started at Kostka Hall (in Year 2 in 1968) I had already decided that I wanted to become an architect. In Prep at St Joseph's Black Rock, in answer to the question 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' I wrote 'I want to be an architect and draw all kinds of houses with my Dad' I also wanted to play football for Melbourne. In the end I played a couple of games for St Kilda so I guess I came close to realising my childhood dreams! I had a peaceful childhood; we lived in a house in Beaumaris that my father, the noted Melbourne architect David Godsell, designed in 1960.

What was the moment you recognised architecture as a career? Were there any other career possibilities for you as you approached graduation?

I actually missed out (just) on gaining entry into architecture at Melbourne University at my first attempt. I did a year of Arts in 1979 and then transferred into Architecture in 1980. I was so preoccupied with football in those days that I paid very little attention to my studies and it was only when injuries forced me to abandon my league career that I turned my attention to being the best student I could possibly be. All the energy that I'd committed to playing football was transferred to my studies. I finished at Melbourne University in 1984 with a first class honours degree. In the same year, having not played football for two years, I played a season for Old Xaverians where I was lucky enough to win that club's best and fairest award. The next year I left Australia for London where I lived and worked for a number of years.

What do you think is the most important role architecture plays in society today? What role do you see yourself playing as an architect?

Architects interpret, in built form, the material needs and psychological aspirations of society. In the Fatal Shore the great Australian critic and writer (and St Ignatius Riverview old boy) the late Robert Hughes, when writing about Francis Greenway and Lachlan Macquarie, made the observation that 'Architecture means permanence – it announces the intention to stay.' More than ever, in this time of climate crisis, the intelligent creation of our built environment is critical and architects are at the forefront of this issue. Xavier boys are taught to be 'men for others.' A lesser known aspect of my practice is the work we have done to help raise awareness of the plight of the homeless and displaced in our community. Projects like Park Bench House or Bus Shelter House deliberately poke at the inhumane design of urban infrastructure, where architects are typically briefed to design-out the homeless. These are provocative projects that force debate and occasionally controversy. I am an adjunct Professor of Architecture at Deakin University and am acutely aware of the need for students to understand and tap into the zeitgeist. Good architects are keen observers of all levels of society and architecture reflects the cultural values of the time at which a building is commissioned.



Architectural Aspirations



What were some of the feelings that came up for you when you were awarded the AIA Gold Medal? What does this mean to you at this point in your career?

Honoured. Privileged. Humbled. To have my work recognised in this way by my peers is a significant milestone in my career. At some point there will be a chance to reflect on the significance of this achievement but for now and as one colleague wrote: 'Congratulations on your achievement it is well deserved. Now, back to work!'

Any other favourite stories you would like to share?

In 2017 I was in Venice in a meeting with engineers, contractors and my friend, Professor Francesco dal Co, a leading academic, former head of architectural history at Yale and the curator of the Vatican Chapel project for the 2018 Venice Biennale. The project was running behind time and I had flown to Venice for 72 hours to help troubleshoot some problems. Francesco, seeing that I was concerned, turned to me and said 'Sean, don't worry, we have been doing this for over 2000 years!' I immediately channelled 1976 and my great fourth form Latin teacher Mr Graham Sharp. I said to Francesco 'quae vetus est nova iterum' (what's old is new again). The chapel was completed successfully and stands for all to see on the island of St Giorgio Maggiore.

OXA EVENTS



OXA Generations Breakfast



OXA Alumni Dinner



Meet the Brewers at Breheny Beer



Meet the Brewers at Breheny Beer



1st XVIII APS Premiership Reunion



1st XVIII APS Premiership Reunion



Tim Martyn Memorial Prize



Class of 2012 Reunion



1st XVIII APS Premiership Reunion



Class of 2000 belated reunion

OXA EVENTS

A Dream Come True

AFL Umpire Andrew Heffernan (OX 2011)



When did the idea of umpiring first cross your radar? What were your first steps in getting started? Was it playing footy that got you interested, or was it a separate interest from the start?

You couldn't work when you were 12 however you could umpire and earn pocket money (tax free) as a hobby! It started out this way while I also had a cousin involved as a Senior VFL Umpire that got me interested. I loved footy, gave out plenty of lip to the umpires myself and thought I could do a better job, so I took it up. I started at the Yarra Junior Football League on the boundary, then moved to field umpiring halfway through my first season. I then went to the VAFA when I was 16 to give senior football a go. I umpired the 2012 VAFA Grand Final between Old Xaverians vs Collegians as an 18-year-old. From there, I trialed for the VFL and was successful in getting on the development list in 2013. I umpired VFL Reserves as well as what was known back then as the TAC Cup (Under 18s). The next year I was put onto the Senior Squad, umpiring VFL Football, taking part in 110 games at VFL level. I then umpired the AFLW Grand Final in 2019, was promoted to the AFL list and have done 28 games to date. Overall, it started out as a way of making pocket money and fuelling my love of footy and has continued to be a source of mateship and physical and mental challenges.

When was that first moment of realisation that you could take this to the very top, to AFL level?

I had always dreamed of it through my teens and when I was selected at the VFL I realised it was a chance. There was only a couple of list spots comprising of all umpires across the country though therefore it was always going to be a challenge. I was more of a cricketer (even tried to pursue it professionally) and was no good with playing footy, so in Year 11 I decided I wanted to give umpiring a crack and that meant umpiring in the VAFA in the afternoon. There was no way physically that I could play in the morning and then run a game in the afternoon, so I umpired a school game as part of school sport in the morning and then went and umpired a VAFA game in the afternoon.

Tell us about your first match as an AFL umpire. Fears? Challenges? Surprises? Excitements?

My first game was Carlton v Melbourne at the MCG in 2019. I was very nervous, all of a sudden everything you did was highly scrutinised and your decisions seemed to have much bigger consequences than first appeared. Everything occurs so much faster out there under the lights and you come off the ground physically and mentally exhausted. The pathway provided to this point however teaches you to deal with this and gets you well equipped.

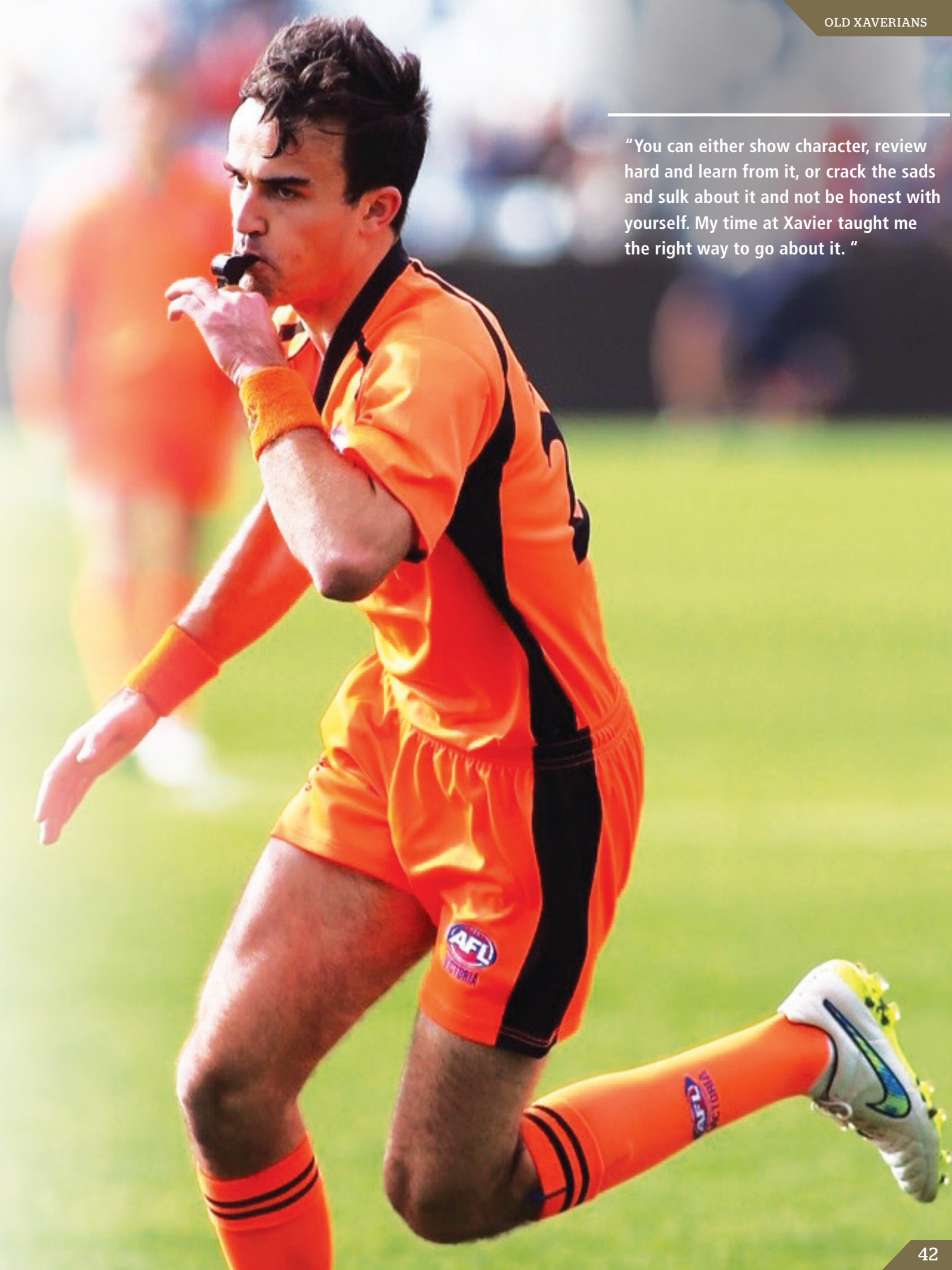
How has umpiring helped you grow personally?

Umpiring has helped me manage situations including conflict. It has taught me self-discipline (strict dieting/training/preparation etc.) It has helped me build the greatest relationships. It is a whole new network of people in your life and many of which I've met along the way are now lifelong friends. But most important has been the development of confidence, as you are continually dealing with various situations and putting yourself out there.

How did your time at Xavier prepare you for the world of AFL umpiring?

There was a great sense of team and camaraderie through my time at Xavier, whether it be in sport or the classroom. Umpiring may seem individual based but in the modern game, teamwork is one of our values and something we get assessed on in our matches. How did my performance assist the team to get the best possible result for the game? This is through things such as support communication (we're mic'd up), assists out of zone where an umpire cannot see the contest etc or running to a position where we are vulnerable amongst other numerous examples where teamwork is required. We also train together, consult each other and support each other along the way. The team skills I learnt at Xavier certainly helped my team performance with umpiring. There are so many ups and downs in life and umpiring is no different. I've had multiple injuries along the way, from stress fractures to muscle strains etc. There are also the ups and downs from a performance perspective. Having a bad game or making mistakes along the way is part of the journey and although frustrating, it's up to you to choose how you deal with it. You can either show character, review hard and learn from it, or crack the sads and sulk about it and not be honest with yourself. My time at Xavier taught me the right way to go about it.

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Christopher Worsnop
OXAC President

The Old Xaverians' Athletic Club is having a great winter season of cross country and road running. In the opening round of the APS Old Collegians' competition at Scotch College we had wins in Division One and in the Women's Division, and we were second in Division Two. These team results were repeated at the Dyson Relay hosted by Old Melburnians.



We did even better at the Williamson 5km at Haileybury, despite the difficult boggy course. The first four to finish were wearing the Red and Black: 1st Aidan Jackson (17:03); 2nd John Kuol (17:07); 3rd Jason Paisley (17:19); 4th Ben Haseler (17:29).

At the minimarathons, Pablo Campillos won the 21.1km, and Aidan Jackson was second in the 10km. Margaret Fitzgerald was the second fastest woman (62:56). Di Guiney (27:41) was the second fastest woman in the 6km.

At the Lodge Handicaps at St Kevin's, Ben Haseler (55:40) won the 16km event outright. Montana Whiteley ran strongly to win the Brighton 9km handicap. We also won the team event at Brighton.

The Club also competes in the Athletics Victoria winter season with all athletic clubs in the state. Our men's 50+ team (Bruce Davie, Pablo Campillos and Alan Colman) won their division at the 12km cross country championship at Cruden Farm.

Then at the 10km cross country championship at Bundoora Park our men's 60+ team won their division as Bob Meek, Sebastian Harvey and Richard Dickman battled the tough, hilly 10 km course, cold drizzly rain and stiff opposition.

Individual achievements include Tom Willems competing for Colorado State University. He has impressive times in the 400m at a recent NCAA meet. Beata Janetzki and Penny Townshend have been selected in the Victorian team for the Australian Half Marathon Championship.



James Woods
OXFC General Manager

The Old Xaverians Football Club have again fielded 11 teams this season, including two women's sides and three Under 19s teams. Of the 11 sides, five currently sit on top of the ladder, with the Under 19 Premier side undefeated at the time of writing (14-0). Our Women's teams did not qualify for finals, but are likely to avoid relegation and stay in Premier A grade. All other teams are in the top four or on the cusp of, fighting for a spot.

The Seniors are in a tight tussle, with the top five teams all exchanging defeats. The remaining rounds of the year all carry great importance and will definitely be a close watch as to who settles in the top four.

Finals are always an exciting time for the football club, with the warmer weather approaching and the chance to hold the cup aloft. Check out our website at www.oldxavs.com.au for updates on finals fixtures and results.

The Toorak Park development is moving as planned, with demolition of the existing infrastructure to take place in October. Round 18 on Saturday 27 August 2022 will be the last game played at Toorak Park until completion of the development. So please come down and support the Seniors against University Blues in what is sure to be a momentous day for the club.

Saturday 27 August is also the annual school leavers lunch, where the club invites current Year 12s from Xavier College and Genazzano for lunch to introduce them to the club and welcome them for the coming seasons. Details will be circulated through the school.



John Howell
OXHC President

The Hockey Club is in a great position for success in the 2022 winter season, with four of our five teams in finals contention (three rounds to go at the time of writing this).

Our Firsts and seconds are both sitting in the four, with the Firsts in fourth position and the Seconds on top spot. The Thirds are in fourth position, two games clear of fifth and our Women's Firsts are in third and unlikely to miss finals. Unfortunately, our open Monday night Masters team won't be competing in finals action, but have enjoyed the season and bonded as a team.

Some club members achieved significant milestones, with club stalwarts Tony O'Callaghan (OX 1990) and Luke Smith (OX 1990) both bringing up their 250th game for the club. Both Tony and Luke were founding members of the club and have been heavily involved throughout its 27 year history. Tony and Luke are both not only great hockey players, but part of the fabric that make such a great culture. Congratulations Tony and Luke.

Looking forward, we're excited to get into some finals campaigns and build on the early successes of 2022. Hopefully our next update is with some silverware.

As always, these moments wouldn't be possible without the support of our sponsors, a particular thanks to Venus Packaging and Chimera Financial for their continued support throughout the season. Go Xavs!

From the Archives

Catherine Hall
College Archivist

In 2016 the Archives received a request from retired physician, Dr. Kerry J. Breen AM who had embarked upon writing a biography of Professor Carl de Gruchy (OX 1938).

Gordon Carle (Carl) de Gruchy attended Xavier College in 1937 and 1938 for his Leaving Certificate (Pass Division) and Leaving Certificate (Honours Division). In his final year he matriculated with Second Class Honours in Latin, French, Physics and Chemistry. Carl was top of the Physics and Chemistry classes and was awarded the Dr John Niall Prize for Science. He went on to study medicine at Melbourne University, taking honours in his final exams in both Medicine and Surgery. He decided to specialise in haematology and travelled to England in 1949, returning in 1952, having established a brilliant reputation abroad.

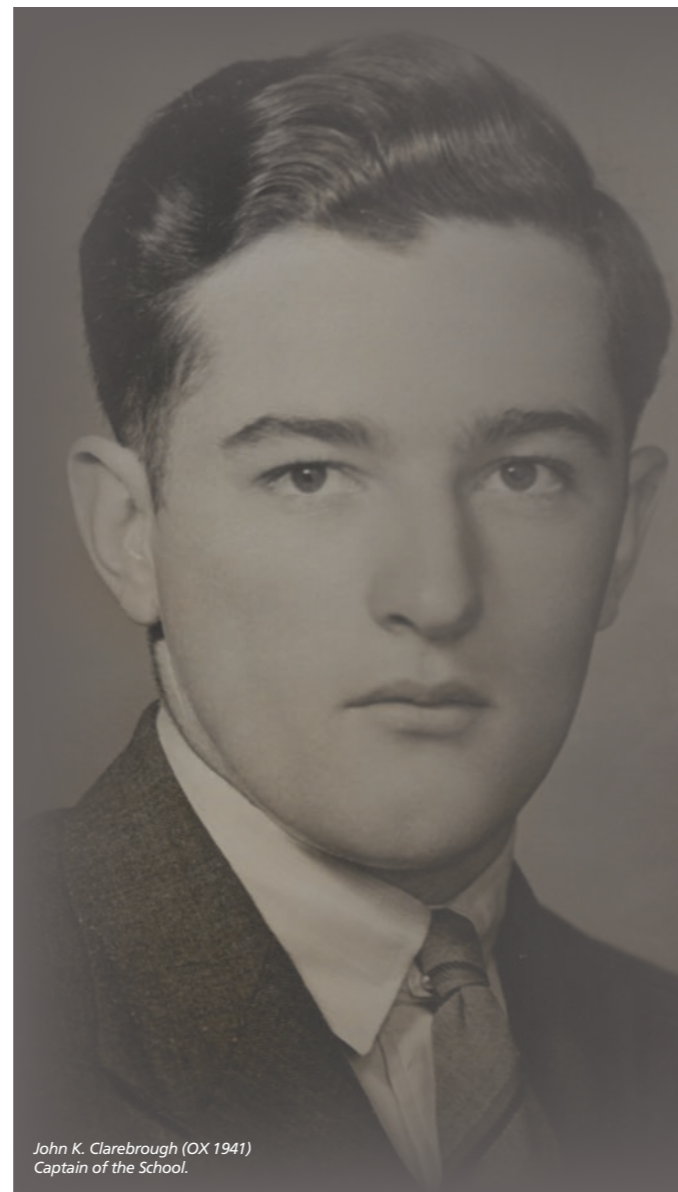
Dr Rowland Eric (Eric) Seal (OX 1937) wrote in the 1974 *The Xaverian*, 'On October 13 1974, Carl de Gruchy died at his home in Findon Crescent, Kew, at the age of 52. He died of a malignant form of cancer for which he first underwent surgery in 1969. Those of us who were privileged to bear with him throughout his long ordeal were inspired, but not surprised, by his unwavering courage and cheerfulness. His spirit literally towered above his sufferings and physical infirmities and for all his outstanding achievements and triumphs in medicine, he was never more splendid than in his last months of life.'

Carl's life story was one of continuing and brilliant success. He rose by his own talents and dedicated enthusiasm from modest beginnings to a position of international eminence in medical practice and research. He had a lifelong association with St. Vincent's Hospital, becoming one of its greatest alumni.

On his return from abroad in 1952 he was appointed Research Scholar in Haematology, a combined University and St Vincent's appointment. His work in haematology commanded world acclaim and he laboured hard and long as a clinician, teacher, administrator and research scholar. Throughout the 1960s his name was held in great reverence in medical circles throughout Australia and the world. One of his most important and far-sighted projects was to found the special Department for Alcoholism and later for Community Medicine at St Vincent's, a flourishing and highly important medical unit of national and international importance.'

Dr. Breen's book, *The Man We Never Knew: Carl de Gruchy Medical Pioneer* was published in 2019 by the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, University of Melbourne.

In January 2021, Dr Breen again contacted the Archives, seeking information for another biography, this time on Dr John Kevin Clarebrough (OX 1941) who was Captain of the School in 1941. His younger brothers Leo (OX 1941) and Peter (OX 1951) also attended Xavier as did their father, renowned dentist John Augustus Clarebrough (OX 1913), Dux of the School.



John K. Clarebrough (OX 1941)
Captain of the School.

John Kevin Clarebrough attended Xavier Preparatory School, Burke Hall from 1933 to 1936 and Xavier College from 1937 to 1941. He showed great academic promise early on, taking out Dux of the Class for Rudiments in his first year at Burke Hall. By his final year in his Leaving Certificate (Honours Division) he matriculated with Second Class Honours in English, German and Latin and a Pass in Chemistry. He was awarded The Argus Prize for Combined Proficiency in Study and Cadet Training, as well as The Xavier Prize for Conspicuous Influence in the Life of the School.

John went on to study medicine at Melbourne University where in his final exams in 1947, he took out: First Place in Final Honours List, Exhibition in Medicine, Jamieson Prize in Clinical Medicine, Keith Levi Memorial Scholarship, Ryan Scholarship in Medicine, Exhibition in Surgery (ex aeq), Beaney Scholarship in Surgery (ex aeq), Exhibition in Gynaecology & Obstetrics and the Wyeth Prize in Clinical Medicine. He went to England for further study in 1952, returning to St Vincent's Hospital in 1956 as Thoracic Surgeon. In 1963, John led the team that performed the first open heart operation using cardiopulmonary bypass at St Vincent's. Over the next 27 years, 10,000 open heart operations were conducted at St Vincent's. John became a highly skilled heart surgeon as well as being known as an outstanding teacher, mentor and administrator. In 1973 he was made an Officer of the British Empire for 'services to medicine' and in 1992 was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his 'service to medicine, particularly in the field of cardio-thoracic surgery'.

John's retirement was a gradual process, first giving up surgery in 1988 and then letting his membership of the Medical Board of Victoria lapse in 1994. John passed

Pioneering Medical Men

Books by Kerry J Breen



away on July 18 2010 and his Requiem Mass was held in the Memorial Chapel. There is now a John Clarebrough Memorial Lecture at St. Vincent's, with the inaugural Lecture in November 2012 delivered by John's former trainee and Mayo Clinic surgeon, Dr Charles Mullany (OX 1963).

Dr Breen's book, *Ten Thousand Heart Operations: The Life of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon Dr. John Clarebrough* was published in 2022 by Arcadia, Australian Scholarly Publishing, North Melbourne.

Dr Kerry J. Breen, AM, MMBS, MD, FRACP, served as a resident medical officer and registrar at St. Vincent's Hospital under Carl de Gruchy, later becoming the hospital's inaugural director of gastroenterology. He has a long term interest in ethics and law in medicine and in doctors' health. He is a past President of the Australian Medical Council and of the Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria and a past Chairman of the Australian Health Ethics Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council and the Victorian Doctors Health Program. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine at Monash University and is a part-time member of the Federal Administrative Appeals Tribunal as well as a member of the Australian Research Integrity Committee of the NHMRC/ARC. In 2007 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia 'for service to medicine through the advancement of medical ethics and professional standards of training and practice and to the specialty of gastroenterology as a clinician and teacher'.

The Xavier Archives thanks Dr Kerry Breen for his work on the lives of these two Old Xaverian medical pioneers. Their time at Xavier was comparatively short, but the influence of the Jesuits and their teachings is evident throughout their lives of service, to the medical profession and to the wider community.

Gifts to the Archives

The Xavier College Archives would like to thank the following members of our community for their generous gifts to the College Archives. (February 2022 – July 2022).

Toby Johnston (OX 2019) – 1991 Mass of Thanksgiving for the Society of Jesus booklet.

Phillip Naughton (OX 1963) – c. 1920s Print from etching of *Xavier College* by Robert Stockfield.

Peter Riordan (OX 1955) – Papers, photographs, slides, programs.

Ann Murray – c.1991 *Xavier-Burke Hall Cookery Collection* BH Ladies Association.

Patrick Dalton, Paula Dalton, Jeremy Dalton (Yr 10) – Ernest McGinley (OX 1885) prize book.

Robert de la Sala (OX 1953) – Songbook, *School Songs of Xavier*.

Gary Henry – OXFC 1938 Premiership team photograph.

Patrick Hawkins (OX 1990) – Peter Hawkins' (SPC 1958), Jesuit robe, papers, school reports.

Michael Corrigan (OX 1968) – Papers, notes, lists, KH Fathers' Association, Maytime Fair.

Jackie Horsburgh – Photographs, programs, from her father John (Jack) Cass (OX 1928), uncle Len Cass (OX 1925) and brother, James Cass (OX 1954).

Kerry Breen AM – published book on Dr. John Clarebrough AM (OX 1941).

Brian Lightfoot (OX 1963) – George Lightfoot's (OX 1917) 1916 *The Xaverian*.

Graham Sharp – VHS, CD, tape recordings, photographs.

Amelia Dozzi – Bruno Dozzi's (OX 1966) tie pin, tie, school bag, correspondence, ephemera.

Denis Tucker (OX 1960) – Family history, *The Youngest Boarder*.

Ken Penaluna (OX 1968) – Blazer, belt, tie, reports, photographs, correspondence.

WEDDINGS

Roman Bastone (OX 2010)

On Saturday 7 May Roman Bastone (OX 2010) married Bianca North at St Peter's Toorak.



L-R - Patrick Whelan, Hassan Barakat, Chris Mattiuzio (OX 2010), Roman Bastone (OX 2010), James Fewings (OX 2010), James North



L-R - Will Rule (OX 2010), Roman Bastone (OX 2010), Rob O'Bryan (OX 2010), Chris Rule (OX 2010)

William and Sophie Dobbyn (Past Parents - James (OX 2017) and Nicholas (OX 2019))



Then and now - William and Sophie Dobbyn

BIRTHS



Joseph Ward Tehan

Patrick Tehan (OX 2006)

Congratulations to Patrick Tehan (OX 2006) and his wife Kate on the birth of their son Joseph Ward Tehan on February 2 2022. He becomes a little brother to big sister Alice.



Bianca North and Romeo Bastone (OX 2010)

On Tuesday 10 May, William Dobbyn surprised his wife Sophie Dobbyn (née McIntosh) on their 25th wedding anniversary by meeting her at the Xavier College Memorial Chapel steps with a bouquet of flowers that replicated her wedding bouquet.



Millie May Bianchin



Millie May Bianchin

Sophie Coultas (Staff)

Congratulations to Sophie Coultas (Staff) and her partner Jack on the birth of their daughter Millie May Bianchin on Wednesday 11 May 2022. She becomes a little sister to big brother Tommy.

OBITUARIES

Awburn, George Thomas (OX 1946 – Past Parent)

Died 5 June 2022, husband of Nance (dec), parents of George (OX 1975), Elizabeth, David (OX 1979), Catherine Gomez (past parent) and Anne, parents-in-law of Libby, Richard, Rosie, Phil Gomez (past parent) and Steve. George and Nancy were the grandparents of Audrey and April, Bennett, Myles and Oliver, Ruby and Camille, Alex, Daniel (OX 2013) and Grace, Lily and Hugo, great grandparents of Huxley.

Awburn, Nancy (Past Parent)

Died 4 June 2022, wife of George (OX 1946 – past parent) see notice above.

Bladin, Peter Francis (OX 1946 – Past Parent)

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Borghesi, Lionello (Lio) Aldo (OX 1957 – Past Parent - Captain of 1st XI Cricket Team)

Died 7 May 2022, husband of Ann, father of Anthony (OX 1979 – past staff member Senior Campus), Edward (OX 1980 – current staff member Senior Campus), Virginia, Richard (OX 1984), Alexandra and Julia, father-in-law of Gerardine, Sara, Andrew, Andrew and Martin. Lio was the brother of Bart (OX 1950) (dec) and Raymond (OX 1951) (dec), brother-in-law of Tim Houston (OX 1967), uncle of Gerrard (OX 1978) and Bart (OX 1985) Borghesi. Lio was the grandfather of Georgia, Samuel, Nicholas, Francesca, Freya, Prudence, Myfanwy, Billy and Ned.

Conlon, Martin (Past Parent – Treasurer Xavier College Fathers' Association for 9 years)

Died 1 March 2022, husband of Stella, father of Sean (OX 1988), Michelle and Christian (OX 1992), father-in-law of Masako, John, grandfather of Louis, Keith and Mia.

Corby, John Stephen (OX 1953)

Died 15th January 2022, husband of Noela, father of Jacque, Anne-Marie, Virginia, Julia, John and Stephen, father-in-law of David, Karl, Michael, Kim and Vanessa, grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of 4.

Dalton, Janette Marion (Past Parent)

Died 15 May, 2022, wife of Denis, mother of Matthew (OX 1983), mother-in-law of Kate, grandmother of Millie and Holly.

Danek, Christine Louise (Past Parent)

Died 1 February 2022, wife of Stefan mother of James (OX 2009), Oliver (OX 2015) and Nicholas (OX 2018).

Davies, Roderick (OX 1975 – Past Parent)

Died 10 May 2022, father of Jack (OX 2008), Anna, Hugh (OX 2011) and Nick (OX 2013).

Dillon, Robert John (OX 1995)

Died 4 June 2022 after a long battle with cancer, son of John and Alison (past parents), brother of Marion, Chrissie, Andrew (OX 1988), Michael (OX 1990) and John (OX 1999), brother-in-law of Amanda, Andy, Caitlin and Lou. Robert was the uncle of Lulu, Pippa, Josie, Chloe, Bridget, Jimmy, Patrick and Charlie.

Emerson, Steven Brian (Past Parent)

Died 21 November 2021, father of Angus (OX 2016) (dec).

Fitzsimon, Kevin Michael (OX 1951 – Past Parent)

Died 10 May 2022, son of Frank and Eileen (both dec - past parents), husband of Nola, father of Catherine, Julianne, Elizabeth, Andrew, Matthew, David, Michael (OX 1991) and Paul, father-in-law of Dominic, Andrew, Fran, Leah, Petrina and Emma, grandfather of 12. Kevin was the brother of Denis (OX 1958) (dec).

Honan, Geoff (Past Parent – Grandparent)

Died 21 April 2022, son of Francis William (OX 1914), husband of Marie (dec), father of Elizabeth Nolan (past parent), Sue-Ellen Stafford (past parent), Marianne Hartmanis, Amanda Honan, Damien (OX 1980 – past parent) and Matt (OX 1983). Geoff was the father-in-law of Anthony Nolan (past parent), Peter Stafford (past parent), Edgar Hartmanis, Sally Honan (past parent) and Christine Honan (past parent). Geoff was the grandfather of Cameron (OX 2001), Andrew (OX 2003) and Jonathan (OX 2005) Nolan, Adam (OX 2002) and Nicholas (OX 2006) Stafford and William (OX 2015) Honan.

Howells, Ian David SJ (OX 1948)

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Kelly, Kenneth (OX 1973)

Died 5 August 2021, husband of Jennifer, father of Nicole, Michelle and Daniel, brother of James (OX 1978), Louise and Clare.

Kiernan, Edward (Ed) Peter (OX 1979 – Past Parent)

Died 24 April 2022, son of Michael and June (both dec – past parents), husband of Julie, father of Darcy (OX 2012) and Gareth (OX 2015), brother of David (OX 1978), Susie, Rosemary and Michael (OX 1983).

Lonergan, Barbara Ann (Past Parent – President Xavier College Mothers' Association 1990)

Died 11 July 2022, wife of Thomas Gerard (Gerry), mother of Dan (OX 1986), Tim (OX 1987) and Stephen (OX 1990), mother-in-law of Anna, grandmother of Laura, Alex, Hugo and Clementine.

Lynch, Peter Vincent (OX 1942 – Past Parent – Grandparent)

Died 7 March 2022, husband of Kath, father of Nina Mary, Steven (OX 1966) and Victoria, father-in-law of Peter Burke (OX 1963). Peter was the grandfather of Christopher, Nicholas and Jack Lynch, Monique Barwell, Edward (OX 1993) and Andrew Burke (OX 1995), Frances Taylor, great grandfather of Ollie, Fletcher, Alfie, Betty, Ziggy, Annie, Wally, Alexander and Arthur.

Mahon, Michael (OX 1953)

Died 18 June 2022, son of Patrick Mahon (OX 1922) and Winifred (both dec), husband of Val, father of Teresa, grandfather of Liam, nephew of Bryan Mahon (OX 1923) and Doris (both dec), and cousin of Garry (OX 1960) and Peter Mahon (OX 1966).

McLean, Ewan Bruce (OX 1954)

Died 4 May 2022, son of Bruce (OX 1920 – past parent), brother of Rev Fr Alister McLean (OX 1948) and Bill (OX 1949), brother-in-law of Ann.

Midgley, Anthony (Tony) Charles (OX 1974 – past parent)

Died 9 May 2022, son of Mary and Noel (both dec – past parents), husband of Virginia, father of Jacqui, Georgie and James (OX 2012), brother of Blaen, John (OX 1970) and David (OX 1972), Margaret, Robyn and Dina.

O'Brien, Terence (Past Parent)

Died 13 April 2022, husband of Josephine, father of Tendy (OX 2003), grandfather of Jemima.

Paciocco, Tom (Past Parent)

Died 18 May 2022, father of Stefano (OX 2006) and Vanessa.

Petroff, Richard John (OX 1957)

Died 13 April 2022, husband of Patricia, father of Garry, Lisa, Mark and Marnie, father-in-law of Ginnie and Matt, grandfather of Connor, Ryan, Heath, Dylan, Riley, Stella, Zach and Zoe. Richard was the brother of Douglas (OX 1960) (dec), Kenneth (OX 1960) and Jeffrey (OX 1962) (dec), uncle of James (OX 1988), Michael (OX 1992) and David (OX 1994).

Raffaele, Peter (OX 1957 School Captain - Athletics Captain 1956 & 1957 - Past Parent)

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Reynolds (née Billings), Helen (Past Parent – Past Staff Member of the Learning Enhancement Centre, Senior Campus from 2000-2016)

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Stanley, Joseph (Grandparent)

Died 21 March 2022, husband of Mary, father of Peter, Christine (past parent), Rose and Helen (current parent), father-in-law of Jane, John Corridon (OX 1976 – past parent) and Gabriel Szondy (current parent), grandfather of Alannah, Eamonn and Andrew, Nick (OX 2007) and Maddie Corridon, Henry and Imogen Bismann and William Szondy (Year 7), uncle of Edward, Shane and Terry Stanley (OX 1975).

Thornton, Ian (Past Parent – Current Staff Member)

Please see the extended obituary on page 52.

Townsend, Corvan (Past Parent – Past President Xavier College Fathers' Association 1995)

Died 5 June 2021, husband of Anne, father of Anne-Maree, Michelle and Matthew (OX 1995), father-in-law of Jonathan and Ingrid, grandfather of Zoe, Gemma, Eva and Alexandra.

Tynan, Andrew (OX 1951)

Died 19 January 2022, son of Stan and Joan (both dec – past parents), brother of John (OX 1956), father of Innis and Piers.

Waller, Anthony Frederick (Past Parent)

Died 5 May 2022, husband of Debbie, father of Andrew (OX 1998), Ashley (OX 2000), Timothy (OX 2004), Christopher (OX 2006) and Olivia, father-in-law of Tammy, Kate, Sarah, Andrea, and Rick, grandfather of Max, Harry, Indigo, Zara and Tommy.

Ward, Justin (OX 1983)

Died 7 July 2022, son of Thomas and Claire (both dec – past parents), husband of Claire, father of Frankie, brother of Jervis (OX 1981), Leila, Jane and Sarah, brother-in-law of Marc, Ant, Krissy, Stu and Mel. Justin was the uncle of Nick and Oscar, Sebastian, Fergus, Hamish, Sam and Sophie, Emily and Jessie, Eva, Tommy and Benny.

Winnett Patricia Ann (Past Parent)

Died 25 May 2022, wife of Murray, mother of Francine, Greg (OX 1985) and Elise, grandmother of Tahlia, Shae, Bree and Ashton, mother-in-law of Leigh and Jackie.



Current and Past Staff Reflections

I always knew that if I wanted a professional, considered and honest opinion or advice on a matter that concerned a student, parent or colleague, I could rely on Helen Reynolds. She always had the time to assist even though we knew how busy she was as Head of House or Head of Learning Enhancement. The 'green dot' in the SEQTA program highlighted LEC students. After many a plea to have staff investigate the information behind the green dot, she wore a green polka dot dress to a staff meeting to highlight her point yet again. She cared for so many students and especially those who may have not had the resources at their fingertips as others did. At parent meetings she was understanding and supportive of her students but also firm to express inappropriate behaviour so that staff members always felt supported. My friendship with Helen extended beyond the gates of XC. To think that I will never get to laugh or chat with her again is a loss too much to contemplate at the moment. **Jane Morcom**

Helen was our Head of House in Ricci and the personal care, empathy and genuine relationships she developed with the students during their time at Senior Campus is well remembered by those students who are now adults and look back at how much she looked after them. She was their 'school mum'. She was like a second mum to us, the Ricci tutors, too. She truly looked out for us, looked after us and made the house a second family. I've never laughed so much in my life. Any opportunity to share something funny, a quick anecdote, a really dark-humoured take on something ridiculous that others take too seriously, or some alternate view on a social cliché, or a running joke, phrase or facial expression, would bring howls of laughter and genuine tears. Even now I keep thinking, "Oh, Helen would LOVE this!". I'll tell her next time I see her. **Chris Cole**

The ties between the Billings and Seal families go back to Xavier in the 1930s when John Billings, Helen's father, was Dux in 1935 and Eric Seal was Dux in 1937. My first acquaintance with Helen came in 1995/96 when I was First XI coach and Lucien was Captain, and an excellent Captain at that. I also taught Classical Greek to Paul in 2005/06, a subject in which he excelled, helping him to become Dux in 2006, following in the steps of his grandfather and leading him on to successfully complete a Masters Degree in Classical Philosophy at Oxford in 2017 (I think). I was a tutor in Ricci House when Helen became Ricci Coordinator, a role which she fulfilled with aplomb from 2008—2012. It was during this time that my friendship with her began to really blossom. As Head of House, she was hugely caring of all members of the house, both boys and tutors and was loved by all. She always had the capacity to put aside time for anyone, no matter how busy she was. A highlight of this period were the regular Ricci tutor dinners she would organize, she loved to socialize and these gatherings were always joyful and memorable. Moreover, Helen was an expert and highly prized special ed teacher who was especially loved and valued by her students. I know how much she helped and encouraged my nephew Michael Seal. She gave him so much confidence to embrace life after Xavier. He has always regarded her as his best and most effective teacher. Whether it be at summer barbecues or dinners at Harrison St, or drinks in the Percy Beames Bar at the MCG at Hawthorn matches or at the Boxing Day Test, Helen was always the life of the party, feisty, naughty, ebullient, uproarious, full of laughter and jokes, often irreverent ones; she was always up for some fun with a wicked gleam in her eye. Helen was so loved by Dave and her children. She will never be forgotten! **David Seal**

Reynolds (née Billings), Helen (Past Parent – Past Staff Member of the Learning Enhancement Centre, Senior Campus from 2000-2016)

Died 9 July 2022, daughter of John (OX 1935) and Evelyn Billings (both dec – past parents), wife of David, mother of Ben, Clare, Gabe (OX 1992), Lucien (OX 1996), David (dec), Paul (OX 2006) and Genevieve, mother-in-law of Lauren, Elle, Emma and Campbell. Helen was the grandmother of Chloe, Thomas, Polly, Max, Pearl, Daisy, Archie, Raphael and Beatrice. Helen was the sister of Eve Provan (past parent), James (OX 1963), Peter (OX 1964), David (OX 1967 - past parent), twin sister of Ruth (dec), Joan, John (OX 1973 – past parent) and Catherine. Helen was the sister-in-law of Jim Provan (dec – past Head of Music at the Senior Campus from 1959-1997), Jen, Ro, Kate (dec), Andrew, David, Elisabeth Wentworth (past parent), Andrew, John (dec) and Jill Reynolds (current staff member – Senior Campus). Helen was the aunt of 32 including Anton (James) Provan (OX 1983), Chris Billings (OX 2001) and Hugh Billings (OX 2010).



As one of the original Heads of the re-imagined House system in 2008, Helen's wisdom, experience and insights were pivotal. She appreciated the great opportunity of the role and helped us all find our own way of understanding how to show genuine concern for the students under our care. She modelled compassion but also held students to account. Students knew when they had fallen short. Many may know that she was a regular winner on the 3AW breakfast show Sports Quiz. The usual prize for winning was a set of "Krosno" glasses. Once, I left a sticky note on her desk, simply saying, "Don't cross the Krosno!". I never dared "Cross the Krosno!" **Paul Burke**

Helen was one of the best people to go to for advice ON ANYTHING, and her rich life experiences set her up beautifully for a community such as ours. She had most of the answers to life's issues, didn't matter how serious, or not these were. Her wicked sense of humour was magnificent. Helen was a great believer in the natural goodness that exudes from pets and one day she gained permission (maybe) to get a dog for the Learning Enhancement Centre. Helen would bring the dog everywhere, even to staff meetings. The dog certainly livened things up on more than one occasion! At Heads of House meetings Helen would only make a comment when she thought it was absolutely necessary and consequently her opinion was very much respected and valued. When Helen spoke we all listened. We will miss her. May she rest in peace. **Jason Slingo**

Helen was one in a million. Her death has been a devastating shock to those who knew and loved her. She was funny, wise, intelligent, called a 'spade a spade' and had a great antenna for nonsense. Helen cared deeply about all of us, friends, colleagues and students. I will remember Helen so fondly as someone who cared deeply and genuinely about her students and as a dynamic, erudite complement to the English Department. But above all else, I cherish all those wicked belly laughs we shared, they were, of course, just an outward manifestation of love. Always the love. Rest easy, gorgeous girl. **Nick Franich.**

Helen was pure love; a beautiful soul, champion of others, generous in spirit and wise in counsel. Helen introduced my favourite canine colleagues, Rosie and Cyril, to Xavier. She, and they, brought such unbridled joy and caught everyone off guard with the strength of their unconditional love. Arriving from Ireland, Helen swooped in, took me under her wing and recruited me as a Hawk. She was dedicated to teaching me the rules and spent many hours tutoring me at Percy Beames, where we occasionally remembered to watch the game in between the mischief. I have a feeling that St. Peter is a Hawthorn supporter now too. My heart, like countless others, is broken that Helen had to leave so soon. I am humbled by, and thankful for, her loving friendship, courageous example and playful sense of humour. We, who loved Helen, are diminished by her loss but empowered by the legacy of her love. I will never forget my friend. Go gently Helen and rest easy, surrounded by and safe in our love, which is yours forever. **Mary Hennelly**

In a similar way to the Hawthorn scarf she wrapped around my neck when she found out that I hadn't chosen a team, Helen wrapped her arms around me early in my time at Xavier and made me hers. I adored her humour, her harmless wickedness, her love of life and her love for others. As an educator, I was inspired by her commitment to each and every boy in her care. She modelled the true meaning of pastoral care, and I benefitted from it. Landing in a new country somewhat lost, I was extraordinarily fortunate to fall into Helen's orbit. She'd push me forward and rein me in. She'd encourage me and challenge me. She helped me find my way to happiness and we shared many bottles of wine along the way! "Trust was accumulated quickly, due primarily to the brute strength of the man's gentleness, his thereness" (*The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak). I will forever remember the brute strength of Helen's gentleness. She was a kindred spirit, a colleague and my friend. She will always be there. **Craig Muir**

Prof. Peter Bladin AO (OX 1946)

Bladin, Peter Francis (OX 1946 – Past Parent) Died 11 May 2022, husband of Dawn (dec), father of Christopher (OX 1975), Lisl Foley (past parent) and Peter (OX 1985), father-in-law of Sandy, Jim Foley (past parent) and Catherine, grandfather of Matthew, Stuart and Simon. Peter was the brother of Jacqueline Crock (dec) (past parent), Sandy Curnow (past parent), grandfather of Simon Foley (OX 2018), uncle of John (OX 1977), Peter (OX 1982) and Paul (OX 1986) Crock and Thomas (OX 1979) Curnow.



Professor Prof. Peter Francis Bladin AO (OX 1946) (BSc, MB, BS, MD, FRACP, FRCPEd) who passed away in May aged 93, was a Neurologist, academic, Australian and international pioneer in the treatment of patients with stroke and epilepsy, mentor, much loved family man, friend and colleague.

Peter Francis Bladin was born in Melbourne on 11 December 1928, the oldest of three children. His father was Air Vice Marshall Frank Bladin who had a very distinguished military career in the Airforce. His family lived at the Airforce base at Point Cook, so Peter went to boarding school at Xavier College from the age of about seven years, as was the custom of the time.

After completing school at Xavier, Peter commenced his degree in medicine at the University of Melbourne. He distinguished himself by graduating first in his year in 1955 and was Captain of the Melbourne University Athletics team. The following year he was a doctor to the Australian Athletics team for the Melbourne Olympics of 1956. The following year in 1957 he married Dawn Greville, a medical librarian who was the love of his life and fully supported him in all his many medical ventures. He missed her greatly when she passed in 2018 after 62 years of marriage.

After completing his general medical training at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne, he obtained a post at the Neurology Hospital Queen Square, London in 1959 where he flourished in the academic environment of what was the world's leading centre for neurology at the time. The establishment of the Austin Hospital as a major academic centre in the early 1960s provided an ideal opportunity for Peter to 'run his own show'. In 1977 Peter established Australia's first stroke unit and indeed one of the few in the world. This was visionary, if not somewhat controversial at the time, but in later years this approach was well and truly substantiated and stroke unit management became accepted practice worldwide. Peter's great gift was to bring people together and to inspire them. He realised that to have an impact on changing the face of medicine one had to concentrate on major problems affecting the brain. Peter's legacy is enormous and the loss is immense. He was one of the most significant catalysts of change to health care for those with neurological disorders, particularly stroke and epilepsy in Australia and indeed, world-wide. He inspired a whole generation of neurologists to do better, to follow their dreams, to advocate for their patients and to dare to succeed against the odds.

He is survived by children Christopher (also a neurologist), Lisl, and Peter Mark Bladin, and grandchildren Matthew, Stuart, and Simon. He will be greatly missed by all.

Peter Raffaele (OX 1957)

Raffaele, Peter (OX 1957 School Captain - Athletics Captain 1956 & 1957 - Past Parent) Died 21 June 2022, father of Emily, Michael (OX 1995), father-in-law of Amber, grandfather of Ruby and Jack, father of John (OX 1999), father-in-law of Caroline, grandfather of Lila and Lenny, uncle of Sebastian (OX 1994) and Courtney (OX 1997) Leeder.



Peter Rhoden (OX 1956) and Neville Gibson (OX 1956)

Peter Raffaele commenced at Burke Hall in 1945. He was a boarder, as his parents lived overseas where his father Jack was a prominent jockey. He was the number one jockey in India and Ceylon riding for the stable of a Maharaj.

As was the custom at Burke Hall in those days, all new boys were given a nickname, so 'Rats' it was for the rest of his life. During his time at the Senior Campus, he was often addressed in class as Rats by his teachers.

Burke Hall Headmaster and Choir Master Fr Thomas Montague SJ soon identified him as a very talented singer and his musical career at Xavier included parts in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas *The Mikado* and *Yeoman of the Guard*. In 1956 he had a leading role in *Patience* and the following year played Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd in *Ruddigore*. On leaving school he played many roles with the Manresa Musical Society.

He was Captain of the School in 1957 and Captain of Athletics in 1956 and 1957. He was a very good footballer, playing in the 1st XVIII in 1955, 1956 and 1957, playing an important part in the 1955 Premiership team. He continued playing with the Old Xaverians' Football Club and at one stage held the record for the highest number of games played. He was a champion athlete, always winning the long jump, but sprinting was his strength. He won the APS 100 yards in 10.3 seconds and the 200 yards in 21.2 seconds. He was College Captain of Athletics in 1956 and 1957 but his crowning glory was to win the APS 100 yards. With this, he became a hero of the College.

His athletic ability attracted the attention of a bookmaker who suggested running at Stawell as an unknown entrant and have a big collect from the bookmakers, but he declined the offer as he wanted to retain his amateur status to be able to play football with the Old Xaverians'.

On leaving school he worked with Neville Gibson (OX 1956) in the insurance field but later purchased a delicatessen with his wife Jan.

Peter and Jan had three children: Emily, Michael (OX 1995) and John (OX 1999).

Ian Thornton (Current Staff)

Thornton, Ian (Past Parent –Current Staff Member)

Died 24 June 2022, husband of Evelina (dec) (past parent), father of Xavier (OX 2007), Gianluca (OX 2009) and Julian (OX 2011) (dec).



Xavier Thornton (OX 2007) Ian's son

Ian Thornton was a kind and loving dad and husband, who loved his children and his wife. He supported his three children through school and helped them to graduate from Xavier College and enter the world as young men.

He was a friendly and popular librarian and teacher for over 20 years at Xavier College, who would go out of his way to support the many students who needed help in the library. He was the Senior Librarian at the Xavier College Library and despite the cancer diagnosis, he continued to come in to work and help the students in the library.

He helped the students start Xavier College's first ever Chess Club and each week organized the Xavier College book club for parents and teachers. He helped out as a Teacher in Charge of multiple sporting activities each year, including hockey and futsal. He drove the bus and helped organize sporting activities, volunteer activities, spiritual activities and camps and was always willing to put his hand up to help people out.

He regularly attended church and lived out his faith through work and family life. He valued and appreciated the support from the Xavier community and will be sadly missed.

George Awburn (OX 1946) and Nancy Awburn

George began at Kostka Hall in 1937, a part of the first intake at Kostka, and graduated from Xavier College in 1946. George died aged 94 on June 5, 2022, only a day after his wife, Nancy, died. George and Nancy had known each other since primary school and even attended the Xavier Prefects' Ball together in 1949. They celebrated their wedding at the Xavier College Memorial Chapel and were married for 65 years. They had 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

George was a keen Xavier rower. He graduated from Medicine at Melbourne University and spent his career as a General Practitioner in Warrnambool.

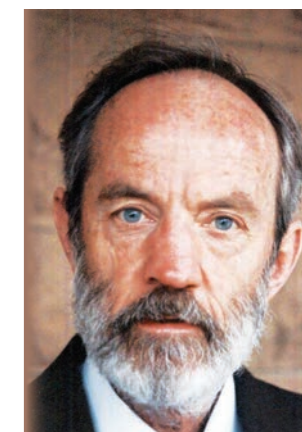
George's sons George (OX 1975) and David (OX 1979) both boarded at Xavier in the 80s and his grandson Daniel Gomez graduated in 2013. *Catherine Gomez, daughter of George and Nancy*



Fr Ian Howells SJ (OX 1948)

Howells, Ian David SJ (OX 1948)

Died 23 April 2022, eldest child of Eric and Rosamond née Eccles (both dec), brother of Barbara Jimenez (dec), Rosemary Wilson (dec), Juliana Griffiths (dec), Elizabeth (formerly Leeman) and John-Peter (dec). Ian was the uncle of Gerard, Alexander, Susana, Jacqueline, David and Robert Jimenez, Anthony, Philippa, Daniel, Rachel and Anna Wilson, Simon (OX 1989), Ruth and Bronwyn Griffiths, Grusha and Adam Leeman, nephew of Sir John Eccles.



Courtesy of Australian Jesuits

Fr Ian Howells SJ was born in Melbourne in 1931 and educated at Xavier College where he was Dux of the school in 1948. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1960 armed with a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from Cambridge University. Ian's intellectual pursuits ran seamlessly alongside his pastoral and priestly ones. He went on to devote the whole of his priestly life to the tertiary apostolate, lecturing and researching in Mathematics at the Universities of Melbourne, Adelaide and Queensland. He was Catholic Chaplain at the last two, where he was very much at home working as part of an ecumenical chaplaincy team, especially in Brisbane.

Most of the last 40 years of Ian's life were spent in Brisbane, where he resided in the Jesuit communities at St Leo's and Toowong and for the last six years at St John's Aged Care. He was a much revered member of a remarkable group of Jesuits based at Toowong for many years, all of whom he outlived.

Ian's combination of intellectual brilliance and strong religious faith was of upmost value to his academic colleagues. His holiness, humility and charity were unmistakable.





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