

OLD SCHOLARS

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Old Scholars from the Class of 2000 celebrating their 10 year reunion during April

Greetings to our alumni, you are remembered and always welcome.

The College cares very much about its old scholars. They are remembered and we have a particular energy for welcome when they return. One of the joys of being Principal is meeting past students who choose to send their children to the school. In an enrolment interview we share with great depth the kind of place that they remember and the growth and change in the school today. We talk about the challenge of education and the priorities of St Mark's. What I always promise is that the fundamentals have not changed. The power of community, the search for spirituality, the demand for academic growth, the joy of friendships and the fun of daily life remain so important.

Last year a 'little virus' stopped the Old Scholars from 1990, 2000 and 2010 visiting for the annual reunion. We wanted them to visit and so invited them back in late March. We organised a tour, some nibbles and a few speeches. There were drinks on ice and a room filled with memorabilia. The event became wonderfully successful.

I felt very grateful that a huge number of staff and students went to a big effort to make sure that the Old Scholars were graciously welcomed and offered hospitality. They were fed well, given a drink, and presented with archival intrigues. They were also given a chance to tell their stories of the school. What happened was laughter and fellowship. There were hugs and greetings that were warm and heartfelt. There were delights and discoveries. Vague memories freshened and tales about each classroom, each teacher, were told.

These were beautiful people returning. They were able to define for me, by their reactions and their graciousness, the true spirit of the College. The Old Scholars were taken on a tour of the College by some generous Year 8s and some teachers. Jess Byerlee and some Year 11s kept the food coming. Catherine Caspers, Deb Slade, Shona Waters, Jo Court and Maryann Dunkley made sure that everything was set up, organized and easy. Sharon Sard took care of archives. And the teachers who helped with tours, were grateful to be able to say hello to their past pupils, remember absent friends and forgive the mischief. John and Jane Gibson took the Class of 2010 on a tour of the College - 2010 was John's first year as Year 12 Coordinator - the year that the grey hair started. It was a joyful and a fun gathering, a chance to tell a story, a chance to remember a name, or a moment, or a relationship. I took the 1990s visitors and I refuse to believe that the 1990 girls could have been that mischievous. The day was a success with some wonderful speeches given by Anna Sandercock, Abbie Arbon and Joe Keain - it ended well.

I always affirm with old scholars that we are committed to welcoming them back and showing them what has been going on. We want to hear their stories and rekindle the kind of spirit that they remember. What always surprises me is the value that they place on their experience here. It reminds me about how precious the College really is.

Warm regards

Greg Hay

Principal, St Mark's College

AROUND THE COLLEGE

Celebrating their
20 year reunion were
Melissa (Clarke) Taylor,
Teresa Gadaleta, Leah
(Hindmarsh) Wardle,
Rebecca (Hall) Wright and
Amy (Quinn) Williams



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Around the College



SPORTS DAY: And it's a win to Gallagher again for our 2021 Bosco Athletics Day (making a very happy Mr Matt Munday in the bottom right corner!)



LEADERS: Mr Hay and Ms Gadaleta with our College and School Captains, Flynn and Quinn and Eve and Angus



SPENCER GULF: St Mark's took out first place at the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival, Eve and Flynn are pictured with the winning shield



ROAD SAFETY: Old Scholar Josh Byerlee (2010) returned to the College with the Road Awareness Program (RAP) to share important messages around Road Safety. He is pictured with Ryan, Chloe, Sophie, Tyson, Ms Jesslyn Byrlee (Oxford - 2005) and Presenter Lachlan Miller



ESO WEEK: During May we acknowledged the work of our Education Support Officers across the College. These two faces would be fondly remembered by many Old Scholars- and are Old Scholars themselves! Mrs Margaret Fantinel (McMahon, 1980) and Mrs Gaye Dunning (Brown, 1976) being congratulated by Xavier and Brayden.



WELCOME: Henry officially welcomed the newly appointed Bishop Karol Kulczycki to the Magdalen Centre at Benedict Campus

Around the College



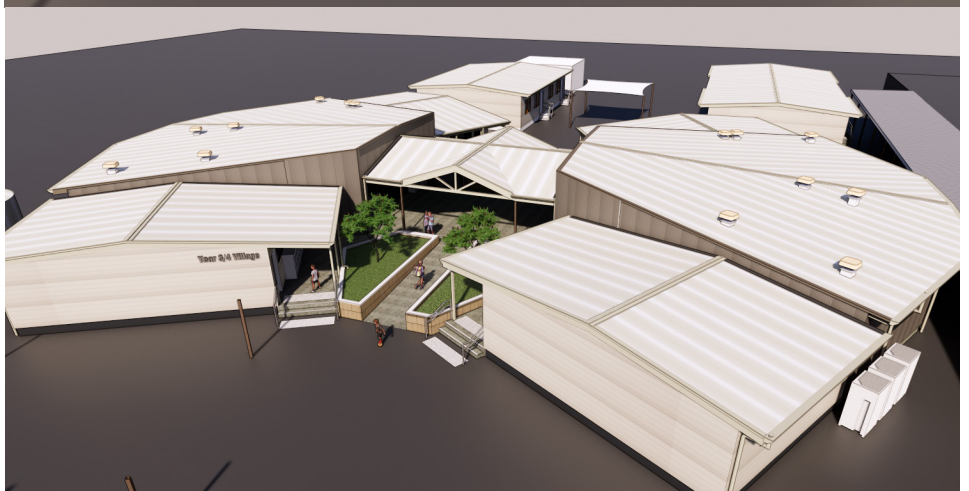
EASTER: The tradition of the annual Easter Reenactment continues with Year 5s successfully sharing the Easter story with our school community, pictured is Liam (as Jesus) greeting the crowds on Palm Sunday



SORRY DAY: We stopped to recognise National Sorry Day. Pictured are Jacob and Xzavier enjoying a campfire in the Indigenous Garden



AGRICULTURE: Old Scholar Michael Slade (2002) greeting our Year 12 Agriculture students at a sheep and grain farm on their trip to Kangaroo Island



DEVELOPMENT: Our Year 3 and 4 Village is currently under development at Benedict Campus and will be ready for Term 4



GRADUATION: Our mid-year Little Lions 'graduated', ready to start school in Term 3

Dux Assembly



At this years Assembly, we celebrated our Dux, Sophie Millard, along with Lillian Keain, Lucy O'Dea, Amelia Smart and Sophie Hall who achieved an ATAR of 90+, and our Merit Award achievers Lillian Keain, Lucy O'Dea, Georgia Salt and Chloe Wright. Our Guest Speaker was Old Scholar Dr Mark Giancaspro from the Class of 2004 who inspired our current Year 11 and 12s.



Celebrating success- Chloe Wright, Mrs Meriam De Vries, Sophie Hall, Briony Forster, Lillian Keain, Mrs Joanne Court, special guest Dr Mark Giancaspro, Sophie Millard, Mrs Katie Pole, Amelia Smart, Ms Toni Freer, Georgia Salt and Mr Greg Hay



Dr Mark Giancaspro, guest speaker at the Dux Assembly, is thanked by Year 2 student, Maha



Old Scholars Simone Atkinson (1985) and Susie Smart (Atkinson, 1989) with Susie's daughter, Amelia



Old Scholar Kate Millard (Hoffmann, 1993) with her daughter Sophie and husband Darren



Old Scholar Jack Keain (1979) with his daughter Lillian and wife, Pia (Mrs Keain, a teacher at Benedict Campus)



Old Scholar Martine Wright (Amato, 1995) with her step-daughter Chloe, husband Nick and Mel (Chloe's mother)



Year 12 student helpers included Samuel Burgess, Eve Clark and Flynn Hayes

Old Scholars' Reunion



2010: The Class of 2010 celebrated their 10 year reunion



2000: Top- Jemma Salvemini (Livingstone) and Katiana Saler (Saracino) Bottom- Emma Rawlins (Coffey), Carly Pavy and Abby Thiele (Pilkington)



2010: Top- Harry Wells, Drew Champion, Chad Rodda, Scott Bentley and Kyal Kirk Bottom- Joe Keain, Rory Allan, Patrick Munday and Matt Gray



2010: Top- Alyse Edwards (Lynch), Emma Kupsch (Barratt), Jessie Hammond, Terese Annese, Hayley Combe and Bec Kirk (Capurso)



STAFF: Peter Munday, Graham Ford and Paul Matthews enjoyed celebrating with our Old Scholars

Old Scholars' Reunion



2010: Briony Pole (Foley), Sophie Whitting, Alice Zubrinich, Elke Adams (Holze), Mae Camporeale and Madeleine Jordan from the Class of 2010



2010: Jenna Porta, Skye Steff, Tom Porta, Aleesha DeGiglio and Grace Vella



2000: Amanda Blain (Dawney), Mia O'Sullivan (Slattery), Lisa Brock, Jemma Salvemini (Livingstone) and Kirsten Hector



2000: Top- Josh Byerlee, Daniel Nicholson, Daniel Ganley and Aidan Matthews
Bottom- Brett Reid, Andrew Congdon and Tristan Larcombe



1990: Top- Fiona Aldridge (Balacco), Aileen Pisani (Brevi), Rose-Marie Hunter (Sciengalepore) and Ann Lowe (Salvemini) Bottom- Megan Clarke and Anna Sandercock (Lucivero)



2000: Abbie Thiele (Pilkington) and Bec Fahey

Old Scholars' Reunion



ABBIE WILLIAMS,

Class of 2000

Abbie, who was a College Captain in 2000 shares her speech from the recent reunion, including a number of fond memories from her time as a student at Bosco Campus.

Welcome to everyone today and especially those who have travelled far and wide to be here. A great effort!

I was Abbie Williams and represent the Class of 2000 here today. Over the last week or so I have been giving some thought to my secondary years at St Mark's College. It's a cliché, I know, but it seems like yesterday when I started at St Mark's as a Year 10 boarding student in 1998. At that time the Boarding House was in Crystal Brook and we would catch the bus to and from the Brook each day past the (fully functioning) abattoir everyday (as Carly Pavy reminded me on our way in!).

I remember feeling nervous and overwhelmed at the sheer size of the school. I was extremely homesick in my first term here. However, I stuck it out and am very thankful today that I did. It taught me resilience, independence and I gained so many new friendships and networks as a result of my time at St Mark's.

Coming back to the school today it certainly looks very different but in a good way - it's welcoming, sheltered and the facilities are certainly impressive.

I was fortunate enough to come to the school with a few of my friends from Orroroo - Danielle Piggott (who is also my cousin and we remain close today), Annie Chapman and Josh Byerlee. It was nice to go through the entirety of our schooling together.

After Year 12, I attended the University of Adelaide and gained a Bachelor of Commerce. I wouldn't say that I enjoyed University, but it was a means to an end for me, and was only a 3 year degree! After Uni, I got a job with the Auditor General's Department then with SA Health and moved to Crystal Brook (where my husband Shane is from) almost 11 years ago. We still live



Abbie (Williams) Arbon sharing fond memories of her time at the College at the April reunion

there today with our 3 children and I now work for the Federal Government promoting grants.

I have a few memories of the school and of boarding. Thank goodness we didn't have phones and social media back then- but I guess if we did, the memories would have been handy for this speech today! I felt like our year level was particularly inclusive and everyone just got along. It didn't matter if you were from the Boarding Home, or if you were a Brookie, from Pirie, Napperby or Nelshaby.

Although Chris Fogarty couldn't be here today, I remember how everyone loved having his brother Mickey on the bus and around the school yard at recess and lunch. He would follow Brother John around and chat with us all about his beloved football teams - the Brookies, the Roosters and the Crows! I also remember our daily bus trips where Trish the bus driver would make everyone say "good morning Trish" every morning or there would be trouble.

At school, I remember...
Mr Lacey teaching us random words from the dictionary in science - oifros and plethora spring to mind for some reason?!

Paul Fogarty's in depth knowledge of all things

history and religion in Mrs Gibson's class.

Ryan Arbon being our in class tutor in Maths 2 (and probably every other subject he was in).

And who could forget Robert Stephens rocking up in his red sports car everyday?!

My cousin Danielle giving us haircuts at the Boarding Home and Monday night 'Street Nights', lining up for our \$1 bucket of chips from Harry's Deli.

I remember the Graduation and all the different shades of blue dresses we wore that night! It must have been the colour of the season!

While I don't have a lot of connection to the school at the moment, we will be looking at sending our children here for schooling in the future.

St Mark's has been important to me because it was a massive period of personal growth - being away from home and learning to be independent from a young age.

Thank you to the staff and students for their contributions today and thanks for listening. Enjoy the rest of the evening!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Old Scholars
Stefan van Giesen (2007)
and Ellen Bunfield (2013)
were married at Coffin Bay
National Park last year.



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DR. SARAH (BOYLE) KILEY, **Class of 2005**

Sarah is a breast cancer researcher at The Centre for Cancer Biology in Adelaide. She is also a keen supporter of The Longest Table campaign (running now until the end of September), which provides vital funding for The Hospital Research Foundation.

Like many others, my family has been affected by cancer. Not only breast cancer, but also pancreatic, brain, blood and lung cancers. The possibility that I may in some way make a difference to future generations, to help make cancer a manageable disease rather than a death sentence, is what drives my passion for research.

I finished Year 12 at St Mark's in 2005, and my best friend was Tiphannie Kemp (now Tiphannie Scarman). My favourite memories of the College are the Year 12 Retreat at Port Hughes and being involved with school musicals (The Three Musketeers in 2001 and Back to the 80s in 2003).

There were many other wonderful teachers that I have fond memories of, however I loved Visual Arts and Biology, and Mrs Congdon and Mr Heinrich who were my teachers for those subjects respectively. I was torn between pursuing careers in those two fields. I took a gap year immediately after school, and worked in Port Pirie until September 2006 when I moved to Adelaide to start a Bachelor of Science at the University of Adelaide the following year. I completed my Bachelors in 2010, my Honours degree in 2011, and my Doctorate (PhD) degree in 2015.

My studies led me to a career in medical research at The Centre for Cancer Biology. I work in a laboratory doing fundamental research into the causes and progression of breast cancer, with the ultimate goal of helping develop new treatments for cancer. More specifically, I investigate how cancer cells 'talk' to other normal cells in the body, such as immune cells, and hijack them to help the cancer to grow rather than kill it. To do this, I design specific experiments that help me to answer a scientific question and address a hypothesis. A 'day in the office' is a mix of experimental work – at the lab



Sarah graduating from her PhD in 2015 at the University of Adelaide



bench, culturing cells or at the microscope – and computer work including analysing results, putting together applications for funding, and writing scientific papers. More widely, I also help supervise new students and assistants, attend conferences, and give data presentations. I am currently supported by The Hospital Research Foundation with whom I have a fellowship, and I am very grateful for their support of me and my research. To make a direct donation to The Centre for Cancer Biology that will support research into many different cancers right here in South Australia, visit:

www.centreforcancerbiology.org.au/support-our-research.

Work aside, I live in Adelaide with my husband and son. I enjoy going to shows and gigs especially during the Fringe Festival, spending time with my close group of friends, and travelling when I can.

I also love good food and wine. The major annual fundraiser for The Hospital Research Foundation is The Longest Table campaign. I myself have been hosting a Longest Table for the last 4 years and it is a great, fun way to raise money for cancer research. To host your own event, big or small, you can register and find out more here: www.thelongesttable.com.au.



EMILY CONDON,

Class of 2016

Emily has always been well known in the College community for her outstanding soccer abilities, competing at a National level for the Young Matilda's. Now she is in the spotlight as one of SA's newly awarded Young Achievers.

My Year 12 year was quite different to that of my peers in the Class of 2016. Amongst the usual pressures of homework, assignments and exams I was playing soccer for the Young Matildas, travelling to Myanmar and Nanjing for qualifying tournaments for the World Cup. I returned from China on the eve of Year 12 exams!



Soccer has been my life since first putting on the boots for St Mark's when I was 7 years old. Back then there were only a handful of girls playing soccer and generally I was the only girl in the team. I represented the school, then Port Pirie and at the age of 11, I started representing South Australia at the Nationals.

When I reached high school I started playing for clubs in Adelaide as well as State teams. This meant a lot of travel after school and on weekends. In Year 8, I tried my luck and was selected for an Under 19 State Team with other players who were years ahead of me in age. We had a great tournament, winning a silver medal and to my surprise I was selected for the Australian team to tour Brazil and Argentina!

I signed my first Adelaide United contract aged 15, becoming the youngest ever player to be signed. I have just completed my eighth season with the club and have made the most player appearances for the women's team.

During Year 12, I completed a Certificate 3 in Fitness. With my interest in this area, it was a subject that I was able to fit into my heavy schedule without too much fuss.

While life was hectic, I wouldn't change it. My friends from that year were Brittany, Merina and Louise, although I didn't really get to socialise out of school with friends much as I was always in Adelaide training or playing.

After completing Year 12 I moved to Adelaide to live with my Nan as at it was easier than travelling back and forth from Pirie so many times a week. During this time I completed my Certificate 4 in Fitness and also completed an online business and financial course. In 2018, I lived in Sydney as part of a scholarship program for the Future Matildas. When I returned from Sydney I resumed work as a Personal Trainer at a gym.

I have been so fortunate to have been selected to play for the Young Matilda's on several occasions throughout my soccer career and I made my senior debut for the Matilda's at the 2018 Algarve Cup in Portugal. I became #200 capped Australian woman, it is certainly a huge honour to represent your country!

My business, EC Advantage, came about as I wanted to pursue a career that combined



Emily with her 7 News Young Achiever Award

both of my passions; fitness and soccer. EC Advantage allows me to work with players from all levels either on a one on one basis or in a team environment.

It was one year to the day from launching EC Advantage to the 7 News Young Achiever Awards ceremony! It was a lovely surprise when I found out that someone (anonymously) had nominated me for the Worldwide Small Business Award. A few weeks later I received the news that I was one of three finalists in this category, which was humbling, as there were many worthy nominations.

The Awards Ceremony was held at the Hilton during May this year. I was hugely honoured and surprised to receive the award for my business and it was amazing to see so many young, passionate and committed young South Australians all doing great things in and about the community.

Currently I'm playing for Salisbury Inter in the SA WNPL in the off season and will return to Adelaide United for my ninth season later in the year. When I'm not training with my team I am coaching or training others either through EC Advantage or at the gym, life is hectic, but wonderful!

You can find out more about EC Advantage at the website: www.ecadvantage.net



GEORGE SEPPELT,

Class of 2017

George has officially made the record books! Over the past two weeks George has been part of a team of three pilots and four support crew operating the only electric aircraft in South Australia.

It is an honour to get to fly an electric aircraft. There are only 6 pilots in Australia who are certified to fly the electric aircraft and I am lucky enough to be one of them. More people have been to space than have flown electric aircraft- to me that is very special! We only completed the record a week ago on 28 June, so it still has not quiet hit me yet what we have achieved.

On our journey, we officially broke the World Records for the:

- Longest flight in an electric aircraft,
- Longest electric flight over water- 31km,
- Fastest average speed of an electric aircraft 177km/h.

Leaving Parafield, the aircraft needed to stop every 125km to charge, meaning stops at 25 regional airports across Australia before ending the journey at Adelaide Airport. The team flew an amazing 1313.5km over the course of the journey, absolutely smashing the previous record by 563.5km. When not flying the electric aircraft, I was flying a conventional powered aircraft as a camera platform for the journey.

What I really enjoy about flying is being able to just let go of anything else that may be going on at that time and being in the moment. Stewart Michael (Class of 2002) has an airfield at Snowtown that I visit quiet regularly. I have some very fun friends who fly aerobatics and on an airstrip at Port Lincoln, so I can leave Jamestown and 1.5 hours later be in Lincoln having a rum and coke at the pub.

My fondest memory of school would have to be Year 12 Retreat, getting those few days way with our cohort is something I don't think any of us will forget. My favourite subject at school was Tech Wood, however I think I gave Mr Murphy a few headaches during that time! I definitely bit of more than I could chew for my TV cabinet design.

I feel like all of the teachers at St Marks were



very influential on my schooling however a few notable teachers who really went the extra mile for me include; Mr Gibson, Mrs Gibson, Sir, Miss Russack, Mrs Haskett and Mrs (Marg) Congdon. I really enjoyed studying Aviation while in Year 10 and 11. I am thankful that the school let me travel to MNCC for 1 week each term to study something that I was truly passionate about.

I was lucky enough to be part of the Boarding Family at St Mark's. Mr and Mrs Arbon made my time in the boarding house very enjoyable. All of us boarders still catch up every now and then. I keep in touch with quiet a few people from my Class of 2017 and I think I have taken quite a few of them flying now!

Immediately after school I moved to Adelaide with Kloe Jaeschke where I started at UNI SA studying a Bachelor of Aviation, while doing this I was managing a bottleshop in Sailsbury. After a week at Uni I decided this wasn't for me and went full time at the bottle shop. After 2 years there I came home to Jamestown as I was having some issues with my health.

I am now back living in Jamestown and working as a Funeral Director for Northern Area Funerals, and a school photographer for Clive Palmer

at MSP Photography. I am also working for a company selling planes and digital aviation logbooks, and for Recreational Aviation Australia in a youth engagement role. Life is full, but I wouldn't change it!

In true George-style, this article was written at 6,500 feet in the air going over the Spencer Gulf- thankfully, he wasn't the pilot at the time!



Flying the plane into Corunna Station north of Iron Knob



HANNAH PATTINGALE,

Class of 2010

Hannah, who has always had a keen eye for fashion, has recently been awarded an SA Woman People's Choice Award for her work as a small business owner. Congratulations Hannah!

At school, I had a love of fashion, design and anything creative. My favourite subjects at school were Design and Music which affirmed my desire to work in a vibrant and creative career after school.

I have some lovely memories of being a student at St Mark's which I attended in Years 10 - 12. I remember singing in lots of musical performances, the acoustic gigs were my favourite and I fondly remember our Elton John Performance! Year 12 was particularly special, we won Sports Day (Go McNally!!!) and I fondly remember spending many lunchtimes hanging out in the Design Room, finishing projects and listening to music. My favourite memory however was our Year 12 Retreat, it was an awesome bonding event in our graduating year.

After graduating from St Mark's in 2010, I moved to Adelaide to study Visual Merchandising followed by a Diploma of Event Management at TAFE whilst working part time at Burnside Village.



After 3 years, I finished my studies and began travelling, resulting in a move to the UK. It was there that my passion for the clothing industry really started. I was very keen on becoming my own boss, and eventually my love of fashion and skills in customer service and visual merchandising all went hand-in-hand. Soon I took the plunge and opened a boutique store with my partner in England.

I moved back to Australia in 2019. After owning a business and trading in the UK, I knew that I could bring something unique to the Australian market. I got straight to work and within 2 months of being home I had opened Moda Bella in Wallaroo. Moda Bella offers a range of clothing options for women of all ages, shapes and sizes.

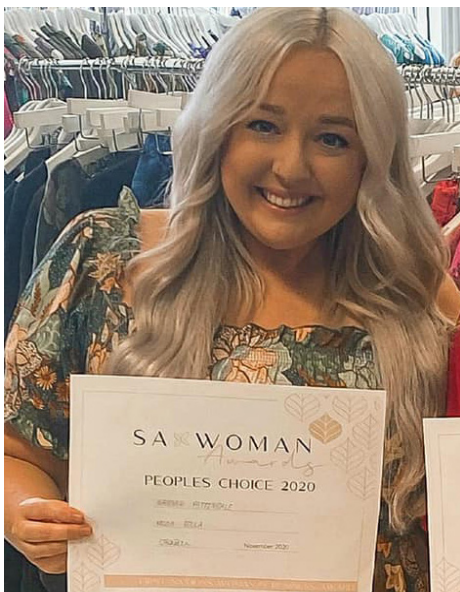
In 2020 I was nominated anonymously for the SA Womens Awards 'New Woman on the Block', an award for an owner of a new business. I was so humbled to have been nominated and even more thrilled to be chosen as one of the 5 finalists. I attended the Awards Dinner in February this year at the Adelaide Oval where I was announced

the People's Choice winner. I had so many lovely comments and messages upon receiving my award, it was a such a great experience and a real boost for my small business.

Being from Port Broughton originally, I came to St Mark's for high school. I made some great friends while attending the College, including Brittany Aitchison, Emma Dinon, Nikki Caputo, Bec Capurso, Terese Annese and many more. Our friendships continued after school and we are still in contact today.

While I haven't been to the College in many years, I have friends who teach at the school who rave about how amazing the new improvements to the school are. My nephew, Nate, also now attends St Mark's as a Reception student and he is loving it!

You can follow Hannah's business, Moda Bella, on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/modabellaboutiqueSA



Hannah with her SA Woman Award

Old Scholar Achievements



OLIVIA (THORPE) HILL

Class of 2006

Olivia has recently become a Doctor of Philosophy, completing her thesis titled "The transition from primary to secondary school and its relationship to musculoskeletal health".

Olivia lives in Adelaide with her husband and son. She is working as an academic tutor for UniSA and studying Midwifery.



ERINI SEINDANIS

Class of 2015

Erini has recently graduated with a double degree, a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of International Studies from the University of Adelaide.

Erini lives in Adelaide and works as a Para Legal.



ELLA GIBSON

Class of 2016

Ella has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy from the University of South Australia.

Ella lives in Adelaide working as an Occupational Therapist at Life Skills Hub. Her clients range from ages 8-21 and she assists them with independent living skills.



GEORGIA- ROSE SCARMAN

Class of 2015

Georgia has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of South Australia.

Georgia lives in Port Pirie and is a Registered Nurse at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.

Old Scholar Achievements



CATHRYN HIGGINS
Class of 1998

Cathryn has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of South Australia.

Cathryn lives in Port Pirie with her three children and is a Registered Nurse at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.



LACHLAN WATERS
Class of 2016

Lachlan has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of South Australia.

Lachlan lives in Port Pirie and is a Graduate Accountant at Augheys.



ELLA WARD
Class of 2014

Ella has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of South Australia.

Ella lives in Port Pirie and is a Registered Nurse at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.



HARRISON KENT
Class of 2018

Harrison was awarded the Port Pirie 2021 Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year. Harrison's passion for animals was his reason for launching a local appeal for bandages and first aid supplies to help injured kangaroos and koalas during the 2019 Kangaroo Island and Cudlee Creek bushfires. Harrison now works as a snake catcher in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

Celebrating Love



GAVIN TURCI

Class of 2001

Gavin married Emily on 6 March 2021 at the Rotunda in Memorial Park, Port Pirie and following the ceremony, at the Northern Festival Centre. Gavin and Emily live in Port Pirie, with Gavin working as a Locomotive Driver.



Gavin and Emily's bridal party included Quentin Van Weenen, Dave Monaghan, Vito D'Agostino, flower girl Alessia Van Weenen, Katrina Lineage, Michelle Catlin and Marika Van Weenen (Turci). Dave, Vito and Marika are all Old Scholars of St Mark's.



TOM JORDAN

Class of 2008

Tom married Celeste at Sunnysbrae Estate on 13 February 2021. Tom and Celeste met each other while teaching at Caritas College in Port Augusta, and now live in Adelaide, where Tom is a House Coordinator at St Paul's College.



The Jordan family- Hannah with her partner Troy, Leo with his partner Gina, Tom and Celeste, Angela and Jack (aka Mrs Jordan and Mr Jordan), Madeleine with her partner Darren and their son Franklin



Celebrating Love



MYKAYLA PORCELLI

Class of 2011

Mykayla married Cameron at their engagement party turned surprise wedding at the Port Pirie Golf Club on 13 March 2021. Mykayla, Cameron and their daughter Penny live in Port Pirie, where Mykayla is a preschool teacher.



Mykayla with her bridesmaids and fellow Old Scholars Courtney North, Nikita (Porcelli) Saunders and Adriana Porcelli



SHELBY HENRY AND EL CAPUTO

Classes of 2006 and 2003

Shelby and El Caputo were married on 16 April 2021 in Adelaide. The couple live in Port Pirie where Shelby is a SSO and School Counsellor at Airdale Primary School and El is a Personal Assistant.

Celebrating Love



ELLEN BUNFIELD AND STEFAN VAN GIESEN

Class of 2013 and 2007

Ellen and Stefan were married at Golden Island Lookout in the Coffin Bay National Park on 17 October 2020. Ellen and Stefan live in Port Lincoln, where Ellen works at CAMHS as the acting Senior Social Worker and Stefan is a teacher at Port Lincoln High School.



Old Scholars in the bridal party included Jaydon Dietman, Ethan Stephenson and Matt Ramsay.



LAUREN LOWE

Class of 2008

Lauren married Dwayne on 21 May 2021 at Harrison Crescent Park, followed by the Reception at the Port Pirie Sports Precinct. Lauren and Dwayne live in Port Pirie, where Lauren is a Personal Banker at ANZ.



Lauren with fellow Old Scholars from the Class of 2008, Hannah Sadler, Brad Ley, Kolbi Whittaker and Simone (Combe) Hewett

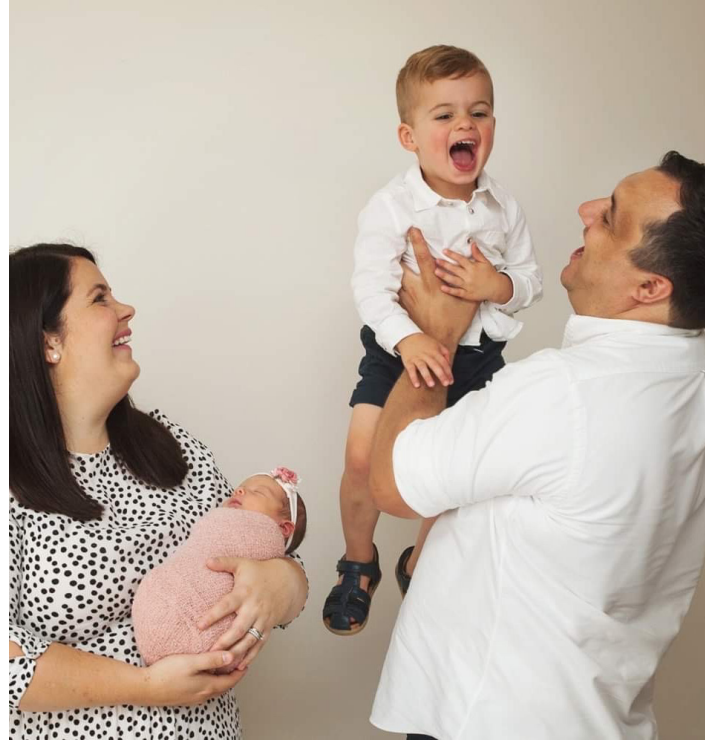


Our Newest Arrivals



ELKE (HOLZE) ADAMS, Class of 2010

Elke and Jarrad Adams welcomed their son Banksy Grant on 19 November 2020. The family live in Port Pirie where Elke is a secondary teacher at our Bosco Campus.



HAYLEY (WICKHAM) BURT, Class of 2004

Hayley and Aaron Burt along with big brother Jett welcomed Poppy Louise on 10 December 2020. The family live in Adelaide where Hayley is a primary school teacher.



CLAIRE (HARVEY) DEMARCO, Class of 2011

Claire and Jordan Demarco, along with big brother Archie, welcomed Harry Jordan on 11 May 2021. The Demarco family live in Port Pirie where Claire is on leave from Northern Caravans and Outdoor Centre.



ALYSE (LYNCH) EDWARDS, Class of 2010

Alyse and Travis Edwards welcomed Leo James on 21 April 2021. The Edwards family live on a farm in Laura, Alyse is an Occupational Therapist with the Child Health and Development team.

Our Newest Arrivals



EMILY (D'AGOSTINO) PATTERSON, Class of 2007

Emily and Marc Patterson, along with big brother Louie, welcomed Denver George on 29 April 2021. The Patterson family live in Port Pirie where Emily is on leave from her position as Office Manager at R.A. Aughey & Associates Pty Ltd.



ROSIE (WALLACE) KIRK AND KYAL KIRK, Class of 2012 and 2010

Rosie and Kyal Kirk welcomed Ivy Florence on 14 January 2021. The Kirk family live in Crystal Brook, Rosie is a registered Nurse and Midwife at the Port Pirie Regional Health Service and Kyal is an Electrician at SA Water.



EMILY CROSSMAN, Class of 2009

Emily Crossman and Rhys Colquhoun welcomed Billie Dawn on 25 February 2021. The family live in Port Broughton, Emily is a veterinary nurse working for YP Vets.



JAMES HELLMANN'S, Class of 2002

James and Sara Oehms, along with big sister Ivy Marie, welcomed Oscar James on 21 May 2021. The family live in Port Pirie where James is self employed at Hellmanns Tiling.

In Memory

BIANCA (O'BRIEN) MCBRIDE

Class of 1998

There is a cherished spirit that will remain in the hearts of the St Mark's College community after the passing of old scholar, Bianca McBride (nee O'Brien) on 23 April 2021. With courage and grace she battled cancer for 9 years.

Bianca was welcomed into our community as a Year 8 student in 1994, following in the footsteps of her cousins the Balacco's. Her quiet demeanour allowed her to slip into the classroom and cheekily watch the antics of the class unfold. With her gracious smile and infectious humour, Bianca made light of the often-tedious nature of school life. With accomplices, Amanda White and Monique Newman, they were able to regularly extend their lunch breaks without being noticed. The friendships made during her carefree days at the College endured and Amanda was ever at Bianca's side in the beautiful days before her passing.

Bianca's heart was always in netball and for 15 years she committed hours of volunteer time into running the St Mark's Celtics Netball Club. Bianca coached a generation of young netball players, always with a nurturing hand and tender guidance. She praised often and listened intently. Bianca wiped away the frustrated tears of young players, gave endless back rubs and never doubted the opportunity that the next week's game would bring. Every player was a star.

During netball season, Bianca's home was full of club merchandise. She made sure that every player had a custom fit uniform. Bianca made it her mission to ensure that players were comfortable and ready to proudly take the court. Hems were taken up or let down, sizes were swapped, more tears were wiped, and endless phone calls made. Nothing was too much trouble.

Through her husband Mathew's family business, McBride's Maintenance and Building, Bianca fostered a business partnership with the College. They have generously taken on work experience students and employed school leavers. Bianca's recruitment plan was clear and simple.

"Check with Mr Murphy and see if they are any good at woodwork and tell the student we want to talk to them, not their mothers".

The partnership has been successful, and our old scholars have been well looked after by Bianca and the McBride family.



Bianca loved the community of St. Mark's, and her adored children, Jazlyn and Aliza are current students at Bosco Campus. She was a companion and confidante of many on staff. Always a willing listener and a giver of wisdom and insight.

Bianca lived a life where other people truly mattered. Through her sacrifice and service, she has deeply influenced the lives of many. We miss her terribly and her legacy of 'doing good deeds' remains with us.

The St Mark's College Community extend our deepest condolences to Mathew, and daughters Jazlyn and Aliza, and Bianca's Mother, Francie. Rest easy friend.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall softly upon your field and until we
meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Written by Mrs Jane Gibson



*These memorials are shared with consent from the families.
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info@smc.catholic.edu.au*



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Out and About



Friends from the Class of 2002 caught up over the summer- Anita Mezzino (and baby Eli), Leah Bellifemini, Chiara Spatalis (Gaudio), Hannah Lavis (Harris) and Veronica Cutting (Maass)



Celebrating Bec Andrews (Waters, 1988) 50th birthday on the Sunshine Coast were Jane Dickeson (Waters, 1984), Sally Johns (Waters, 1986), Ella Johns (2015) and Maggie Dickeson (2017)



Celebrating the wedding of Lauren and Dwayne Ramsay were Simone Hewett (Combe, 2008), Hayley Combe (2010), Lauren and Kayla Hayes (2008)



Former teacher Andrew 'Flea' Cousins catching up on old times with Mark Murphy and Graham Ford



Lauren's bridal party included Sarah Langford (Lowe, 2002), her step-daughter Aster, Jordan Mezzino (2012), Hannah Sadler (2008) and Alexandra White (2009)



Heading for a day out at the Clare Races were Hannah Mezzino (2017), Adelita Hay (2017), Fraser Hanlon (2020), Maggie Dickeson (2017), Millie Tubb (2019), Talia Phillipps (2018) and Caitlin Brooks (2017)

New baby?
Just tied the knot?
Maybe you have graduated from Uni?
Or simply caught up with old school friends.

Send your photos or news to:
info@smc.catholic.edu.au
and we will include it in the next newsletter!

OUR ST MARK'S FAMILY

Lisa Brock, Class of 2000,
with her daughter Charlie
who has finished
Little Lions and starts
school in Term 3



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Welcome!



We welcome back many of our Old Scholars as parents of our Little Lions who will start Reception next term!



Old Scholar Shilo Pavlich (Murphy, 2005) and her daughters Lahnee (Year 1) and Adelyn



Old Scholar Melissa Taylor (Clarke, 2000) with her husband Andrew and son Spencer



Old Scholar Laura Skorpos (Caldarola, 1993) with her son Michael and mum, Yolanda



Old Scholar Janine Jacka (2006) and her daughter Elsie



Old Scholar Belinda Jackson (Palmer, 2003) and her son Asher



Old Scholar Olivia Sadler (DeGennaro, 2009) and her son Bentley



Old Scholar Leonie Deed (Pellegrini, 2003) with her husband Anthony, daughter Avery and baby Spencer



Old Scholar Nyree Young (2000) with her son Finn and partner Christian

EVENTS

join us

to celebrate your
SCHOOL REUNION!

Old Scholars' from the Graduating Classes of
1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011

Saturday 16 October 2021,
3:30pm - 7:00pm
Bishop Gallagher Centre,
Bosco Campus

RSVP by 24 September

Partners are most welcome.

Please confirm your attendance,

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