

OLD SCHOLARS

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Sophie Tattoli, Bella Porta, Aislyn Spolding, Kate Burgess and Zara Pansini-Clark from our Class of 2023 were celebrated at our Dux Assembly

We have turned another page in the history of St Mark's College. Next year marks the Golden Jubilee of the amalgamation of schools into St Mark's College and we look forward to marking this significant occasion with a commemorative Mass.

This year we have seen remarkable achievements across all areas of school life. Our Awards assemblies at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2 demonstrated strength of academic learning, but there has been so much more to celebrate this year.

Polding had a clean sweep with Sports Day success at Benedict and ended a twenty-year drought at Bosco! St Mark's was able to retain the Fr Dennis Handley Cup against Xavier College and in SAPSASA our boys won the State Championships. We are proud of Year 11 student Lucas Guilin, not only for being a Young Australian of the Year this year, but also for representing Australia in the U17 men's netball recently in Auckland.

Our Agriculture Program remains strong with prizes at the Adelaide Show. At the Copper Coast Show we achieved first place in the Grand Parade, and Alex O'Neil won first place in the steer handler competition and second place in the Cattle Young Judge Competition.

In other areas of curriculum, Amahli Nielson won the Walparra Anpa Award, and Lili Bowman will be experiencing the trip of a lifetime to Vietnam next year as a winner of the Premier's ANZAC School Prize.

Social Justice action is always high on our agenda, and our Year 11 students raised almost \$20,000 in the Vinnies Sleepout. Project Compassion raised over \$5000, and for the first year, our

primary students participated in the Day for Daniel Walkathon, raising a fantastic \$12,000 and winning a trampoline in the process for being the school that raised the most funds for this important cause. Megan Congdon has led the school in implementing initiatives focusing on ecological sustainability and we will build on this next year.

Each year we say farewell to staff as they retire or take on new challenges and this year was no exception. It is always sad when long-serving staff who have shown tremendous loyalty and given incredible service to a community move on. I extend heartfelt thanks and recognition to Mr Mark Murphy, Ms Melissa Gadaleta and Mrs Angela Jordan who are retiring, and also to Mr John Gibson and Mrs Jane Gibson who are moving to Port Lincoln and taking up position at my previous school, St Joseph's. Between them, these wonderful members of our community have dedicated over 150 years to the care and education of students at St Mark's and they will be greatly missed, although hopefully we will see Mark, Angela and Melissa back for some relief teaching in the future.

In closing, I thank all old scholars for staying connected with us and for attending the Reunion this year. There are always opportunities for you to visit and share your expertise about life and careers with students, so if you would like to be active in your support of St Mark's College, please let us know.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sandra Hewson

Principal, St Mark's College

AROUND THE COLLEGE

Old Scholar
Jess (Oxford) Byerlee,
2005 with her daughter
Stella and husband
Tim at the Little Lions
Graduation..



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Around the College



TRAINEES: We welcomed our new trainees from the Class of 2023, Morgan Cullen (Office Administration), Jazlyn McBride (Classroom Support- Benedict) and Alexa Manners (Classroom Support- PE).



DEVELOPMENT: Work began on the new Boarding House, our current Boarders keen to see each step of the process.



P+F: Movie Night made a comeback at Benedict Campus thanks to our Parents + Friends Community.



MURAL: We celebrated the opening of 'Our Journey' a mural created by local artist Judy Crosby-Woods. Pictured are Old Scholars' Sue Ganley (Faulkner- 1984) and Elise Ganley (2009) along with Xzavier and Gilbert.

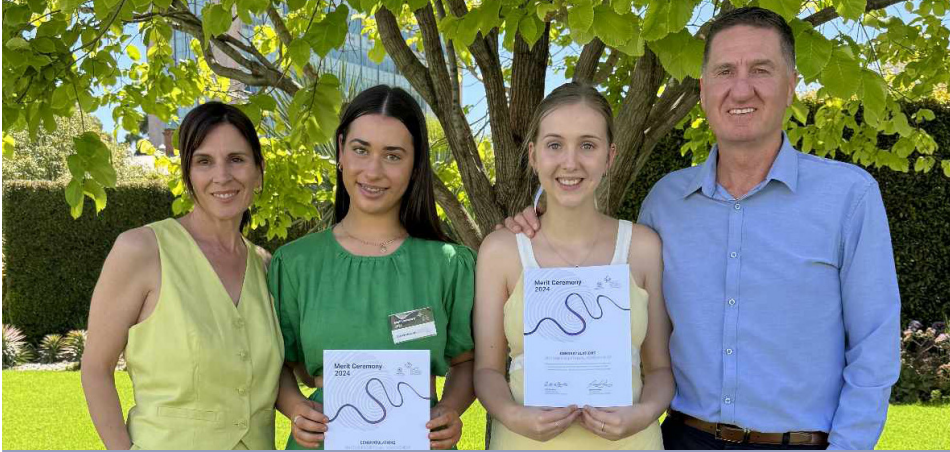


ATHLETICS DAY: After 20 long years, the drought was broken and Polding took the win at Bosco Athletics Day.



SPORTS DAY: It was a clean sweep for Polding this year as they also took the win at the Benedict Sports Day.

Around the College



MERIT: Old Scholars' Tina Pansini (1986) and Gerard Porta (1986) attending the Merit Ceremony at Government House where their daughters Zara and Bella were acknowledged for outstanding achievement (A+) in Activating Identities and Futures.



LITTLE LIONS: Our Little Lions graduated ready to start school in 2025, pictured is Eme (daughter of Jess Harvey (Allison-2002) and her Year 5 Buddy Tabitha.



AGRICULTURE: The St Mark's Agriculture Team won Best Presented School in the Grand Parade at the Copper Coast Show.



DEVELOPMENT: *If only the walls could talk!* The old change rooms at Bosco Campus were demolished to make way for future projects. Pictured are staff (and Old Scholars) Mrs Katie Pole (Keane- 1995), Mr Caleb Brown (2013), Miss Talia Phillippis (2018) and Mrs Annie Olsen (Richter- 2004)



LAUDATO SI': During Laudato Si' Week, students collected litter to add to a collaborative artwork - a giant fish that symbolises our commitment to make better choices for the environment.



STEM: Students from Year 5-8 were involved in interactive workshops with the University of Adelaide's Robogirls.

Around the College



PLAYGROUP: Our much-loved Mini Mark's Playgroup was awarded Playgroup of the Year by Playgroup SA!



KNOCK OUT: Our Open Boys won the Knock Out Football competition under the guidance of Mr Mark Murphy and Mr John Gibson.



BUDDIES: Our Year 12 and Reception Buddies bonded over special moments throughout the year.

WEAVING: Students from Year 3 - 6 participated in a Weaving workshop with Wurtati Creations this week. Their woven pieces have been connected together in a beautiful artistic piece which is displayed in the Benedict Office. The workshops were an initiative of Mrs Jenna George (Howell- 2002).



SACCS: Members of the South Australian Commission of Catholic Schools visited St Mark's College.



DAY FOR DANIEL: Our Benedict community raised \$12,100 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

End of Year Celebrations



CLASS OF 2024: Our Year 12s celebrated the end of their schooling with 100% SACE Completion.



PRESENTATION: Our Semester 2 Little Lions completed their transition to school. Pictured is James, son of Janine Jacka (2006) and Daniel Fitzgerald (2002).



PRESENTATION NIGHT: Congratulations to our students who were awarded at Bosco Presentation Night, including Isabella Martlew (Service to the College and Salesian Award), Jackson Staker (Teachers' Award) and Zara Bowman (Insignis Award).



BENEDICT AWARDS: Our Good Samaritan Award was presented to Vy Nguyen and our Salesian Award was presented to Xzavier Cameron.



FAREWELL: We celebrated the end of primary school for our Year 6 students.

Old Scholars' Reunion



CLASS OF 1984:

(Front) Kaylene Willson and Jane Dickeson

(Middle) Angela Carll, Margaret Bruce, Catherine Fitzgerald, Pauline Button, Antony Frkic, Louisa Dyer, Tim Connelly and Kylie Nelson

(Back) Sean Mullin, Vito Porta, Nic Keain, Michael Hackett, Sebastian Caputo, Andrew Wauchope, Brian Mathews and Sue Ganley



CLASS OF 2014:

(Front) Josh Frkic

(Middle) Maggie Clarke, Sarah Wood, Hannah Jordan, Claudia Maddigan, Maddie Combe and Adam Reichstein

(Back) Sean Mullin, Eliza Fromm, Madeline Leecroft, Mia Robinson, Chloe Buchanan, George Ford and Ella Johns

Old Scholars' Reunion



CLASS OF 2004:

(Front) Lisa McMahon, Shylie Brewster, John Mezzini, Brooke Hanlon, Michael Sweeney and Shaun Sadler

(Middle) Mark Giancaspro, Tara Tyler, Liz Cook, Kirby Livingstone, Rebecca Keane, Antonia Makkar and Crystal Rich

(Back) Hayley Jennings, Kirsten Saracino, Hayley Burt, Kira Gillett, Jaimie Gloede, Lauren Nayda, Zoe Yeatman, Elissa Sara, Lisa Church, Nikki Clarke and Toby Church



CLASS OF 1994:

(Front) Bernie Altmann, Rebecca Redden, Kendall Jackson and Lucianna Introna

(Back) Lee Jackson, Sean Cooper, Aimee Goode, Nathan Hayes and Ben Dunbar

If you were a student from the
Classes of 1975, 1985, 1995,
2005 and 2015...

SAVE the DATE

Saturday 1 November 2025
OLD SCHOLAR'S REUNION

See the back page for more information!

New Development



Our new 33-bedroom Boarding House is completed and ready for our 2025 Boarders to move in at the end of January. We are looking forward to a 'full house' in our first year, with 33 boarders enrolled at the College for 2025. We are grateful for the extraordinary work of Barry Ramsay Constructions to complete this state of the art facility on time with little disruption to our current Boarders!



WORK EXPERIENCE: Year 10 students Bailey Yarrow (son of Hannah Burgess-1999) and Mitchell Taylor (son of Melissa Clarke-1998) were fortunate to work on the new Boarding House while completing their work experience with Barry Ramsay Construction.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SOPHIE PORCELLI
Class of 2011

Sophie married
Nick Donnellan on
20 December 2023 at
Lake Breeze Wines.



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Old Scholar Achievements



BROOKE NORTH, Class of 2015

Space. Exploration. Minerals. Not words you find in your usual every day career! Brooke North from our Class of 2015 is head-deep in a career in geology, working with Fleet Space Technologies, a company building space-enabled technology to solve global challenges and empower humanity's exploration of new worlds.

I was dead set on becoming a geologist ever since I was about thirteen years old. I was always fascinated with rocks, collecting them and bringing them home, and my Dad suggested that it could become a career. I remember picking my degree out in a SACE book in Year 10, completing work experience at the Nyrstar Smelter in Metallurgy, and focussing my Year 12 Research Project on a career in Geoscience.

I grew up in Warnertown with my beautiful Mum and Dad, Anthony and Andrea, and older sister, Ebony(2010). I also have three older siblings who went to St Mark's too - Elouise (1995), Luke (1998) and Kate (1999). Mum and Dad are both Life Coaches so I feel incredibly lucky to have been exposed to their learnings growing up.

I had a lot of awesome teachers during school, but I have to give a special mention to Mr Andrew Sheridan. He was really supportive of me, especially during Year 12. He guided me with my Research Project, even linking me up with a geologist he knew personally for an interview! I also have a special place in my heart for my Year 3 Teacher Miss Karen Screen!

Some of my greatest memories from school included playing and coaching

hockey for St Mark's and St Andrew's. It was an awesome community to be a part of and I really enjoyed competing in carnivals in other country towns too.

I moved straight to Adelaide after finishing school to start my Bachelors Degree. The transition from home to city life was tough, but I was committed to my studies... and I baked a lot of biscuits which reminded me of home!

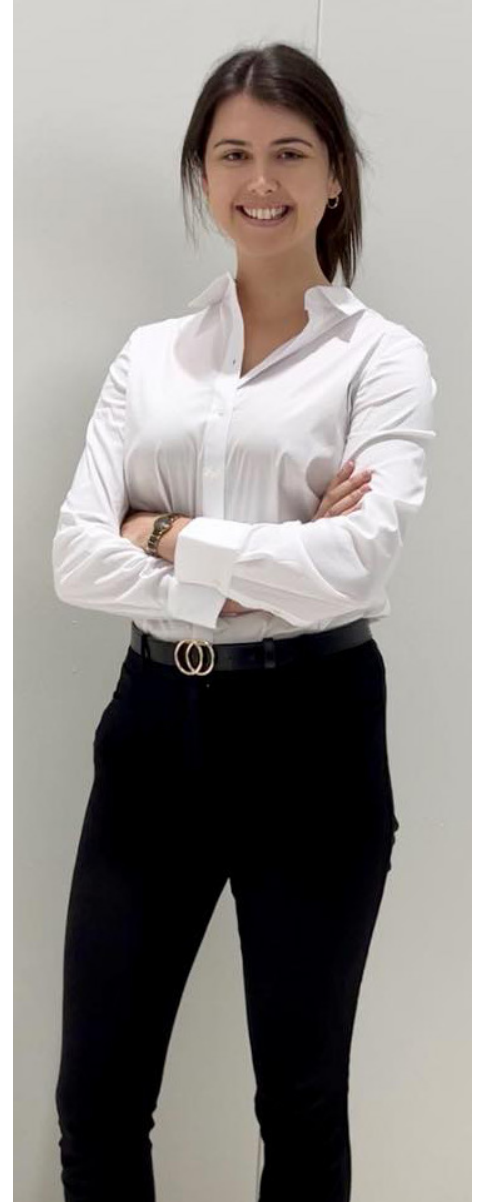
Fast-forward to today and my official title at Fleet is 'Mineral Exploration Account Specialist'. Each day is different, but usually my days involve analysing our 3D subsurface models and pulling out geologically interesting features to show clients. I do a lot of research and make presentations, write reports and technical papers to showcase my findings, and join various meetings with different teams in our company.

I love the fact that I feel like I am making a difference. Being one of only a few geoscientists working at Fleet and having experience in copper exploration (for green energy transition) I feel like I am at the forefront of change in our state, country, and the world.

A career highlight was working with OZ Minerals for a multi-collaborative research project involving universities, mining and exploration companies, and government bodies all over Australia and some overseas! It involved lots of travel to meet with stakeholders which was an awesome experience.

Although it took a few years to warm up to Adelaide, I absolutely love living here now. I have a very active friend group so we are always going on trips together and spending too much money on food!

I often grab a coffee with school friends



in Adelaide which is always lovely. Every time I go home to visit Mum and Dad, I make sure to catch up with my two closest friends from school – Kireea Cugley and Yasmin Bishop.

To see more about Brooke and her work in space technologies, [click to check out this student pathways video](#). (Ebony features from 4:27!)

Old Scholar Achievements



TOM PORTA, **Class of 2010**

In today's classroom teachers work with a number of students with a range of needs. Dr Tom Porta from our Class of 2010 is based at the University of Adelaide and has devoted his career to bridging the gap of inclusivity in schools.

I loved my schooling experience at St Mark's, so it was a natural choice for me to want become a teacher. After I finished school in 2010, I moved to Adelaide and started my studies at Flinders University.

I finished my degree in 2014 and began my teaching career. I worked in a range of schools across different education systems. During this time, I became fascinated by the school experience for people with a disability. Growing up with a cousin who has a disability, I was quite aware of the challenges he faced on a daily basis. So in 2019 I started my Masters of Education with a focus on Special Education.

Crossing that stage in Toowomba, graduating from my Master's with my parents in the crowd to cheer me on was an absolute highlight.

At the completion of my masters, and with the change from 'Mr Porta' to 'Dr Porta' my career moved into the academic world and I became a lecturer, teaching future teachers how to be teachers.

It is vastly different working at a university. At school you really are 'on the ground' watching the students progress (which I love and miss) where university is more philosophical. I am now the Program Director of the Master's of Education at the University of Adelaide. While I miss standing at the front of a classroom, I get

to do a lot of research and work towards bridging the gap in inclusion.

This year, my first book 'The Dance of Differentiation' was published. I like to think of it as a candid book and a critical friend for teachers. I am often asked about the book's unique title. Teaching is an art form which takes practice. Like dancing. It takes time. You won't be great at the beginning.

The book, based on my research, is a practical guide for teachers and a starting point for school's looking to make change. As a teacher, you aren't ever going to meet every students needs in every lesson of every day. But there are little things we can do that will make a difference.

When I think back to my school days, I fondly remember my group of friends. We still catch up from time to time for significant events and it's like we were only together yesterday. Many of my extended family members work at the College today, and my nephew Luca attends Mini Mark's Playgroup.

One of my favourite memories from school is preparing for Sports Day in Year 12. Anyone who remembers me from school knows that sport and I were not the best of friends (and wouldn't believe that I actually worked as a personal trainer while at uni!). So in an effort to avoid Sports Day all together, I lied and said I would be interstate. Mrs Kate Lavis was onto me from the get-go. No sooner had she called my Mum and confirmed that I was in fact available to compete in Sports Day. I will never forget her running up to tell me that I was signed up for every event. While I hid most of Sports Day (despite the continuous calls from Mrs Lavis over the PA 'Tom Porta to shotput, Tom Porta to high jump') I did



join in the 1500m with an enthusiastic Mrs Lavis cheering me on from the sidelines!

I attended the College for our reunion a few years ago and it's wonderful to see the developments that have happened across the years. Its great to see the school is still a place that students are taught by brilliant teachers in a supportive environment.

Old Scholar Achievements



HARPER BRIDLEY

Class of 2023

Harper was awarded the Port Pirie Junior Sportsperson of the Year for her impressive career in softball, playing at a National level.



ASLIN SPOLDING

Class of 2023

Aslin was the recipient of both the George Alexander Foundation Uni SA Scholarship and the Aquinas College Scholarship.



ELLA DUNBAR

Class of 2022

Ella received a Faculty Prize for Arts at Aquinas College.



ROSS MORGAN

Class of 1997

Ross released his first book as both author and illustrator- Glow. We are excited to show our students a copy of the book when they visit the Benedict Library.



STEVEN CANTELL

Class of 1999

Steven, owner of ActFasTraining accepted the award for the Australian Small Business Champion Awards In the Health Improvement category.



PAIGE (SMALLACOMBE) CROSS

Class of 1999

Paige was named one of 2024 SA Women to Watch for her work in the agriculture industry through her business Cross Country Management.

Celebrating Love



SOPHIE PORCELLI

Class of 2011

Sophie married Nick Donnellan in a surprise wedding at Lake Breeze Wines with immediate family on 20 December 2023. They celebrated their elopment at Carn Brae in Port Pirie on 16 March 2024. Sophie and Nick live in Port Pirie and are looking forward to welcoming their first child early next year.



Sophie and her sister Lucinda Porcelli
(Class of 2009).



TAHLIA LUCIVERO

Class of 2017

Tahlia married Tom Munzer at Lot 100 in the Adelaide Hills on 9 November 2024. Tahlia and Tom live in Adelaide, where Tahlia is the Marketing Coordinator at TAPS.

Tahlia and Tom's Bridal Party included Old Scholars Louis Lucivero (2021), Monica Turci (2017), Ellie Hunter (2018), Daniella Sciancalepore (2015), Lia Albanese (2021) and Domenic Albanese (2019).



Celebrating Love



CHRIS ANNESE

Class of 2009

Chris married Veronica on 26 April 2024 at St Mark's Cathedral followed by a Reception at the Virtus Soccer Club. Chris and Veronica live in Adelaide where Chris is a Project Supervisor at Bay Building Services.

Chris and Veronica's Bridal Party included Old Scholars' Gaeten Annese (2003), Damien Introna (2009), Nathan Introna (2011) and Phillip Introna (2009).



KARINA COSTELLO

Class of 1996

Karina married Mick Waters on 19 October 2024 in Harrison Crescent Park, Port Pirie.

Karina, Mick and their children live in Port Pirie where Karina is a NDIS Support Coordinator at Uniting Country SA.



Celebrating Love



EMMA WHITE

Class of 2015

Emma and Jace Hannaford were married in the Rose Garden at Memorial Park on 21 September 2024. Emma and Jace live in Napperby, where Emma is a Kitchenhand at the Risdon Hotel.



LARA (MEYERS) NICOLACOPOULOS

Class of 2010

Lara married Steve in March 2022 at The Manor Basket Range in the Adelaide Hills. The couple live in Adelaide with their son Felix, Lara is a Registered Midwife.



Courtney McDonald (Meyers- 2012), Paula Meyers, Steve and Lara Nicolacopoulos, Graham Meyers and Cameron McDonald (2007).



Celebrating Love



PATRICK MUNDAY

Class of 2010

Patrick married Princess Mae Ladra on 28 September 2024 at the Manor Basket Range in the Adelaide Hills. Patrick and Princess live in Port Pirie where Patrick is a Senior Mechanical Reliability Engineer at Nyrstar.

Patrick and Princess' Bridal Party included Old Scholars' Chad Rodda (2010), Matthew Munday (2012), and Ashleigh Olsen (Possingham- 2012).



New baby?

Just tied the knot?

Maybe you have
graduated from Uni?

Or 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 Newest Arrivals



ASHLEIGH (POSSINGHAM) OLSEN, Class of 2012

Ashleigh and her husband Aaron welcomed Noah Daniel in February 2024. The family live in Port Pirie where Ashleigh is an Emergency Nurse.



DANIEL BOWMAN, Class of 2021

Daniel and Ashlee, along with Rory and Isla, welcomed Leo Kai in January 2024. The family live in Port Pirie, where Daniel works for SAPOL.



EMILY (D'AGOSTINO) PATTERSON, Class of 2007

Emily and Marc, along with Louie and Denver, welcomed Hugo Marc in October 2023. The family live in Port Pirie, where Emily works for SA Health.



EMMA (BARRATT) and ADAM KUPSCH, Class of 2010 and 2012

Emma and Adam, along with Oscar and Hugo, welcomed Augie in May 2024. The family live in Crystal Brook, Emma is a midwife with the Port Pirie Regional Health Service and Adam works at Nyrstar.

Our Newest Arrivals



JAMES MADLEY, Class of 2008

James and Julia welcomed their first child, Hazel Jean in July 2024. The family live in Adelaide, where James is a Software Designer.



KYLIE (CAPURSO) MCMILLAN, Class of 2009

Kylie and Andrew, along with big sister Marlia, welcomed Archer Andrew in December 2023. The family live in Adelaide where Kylie is a junior primary teacher.



LARA (MEYERS) NICOLACOPOULOS

Class of 2010

Lara and Steve welcomed their first child Felix in December 2023. The family live in Adelaide where Lara is a Registered Midwife.



LAUREN (LOWE) RAMSAY, Class of 2008

Lauren and Dwayne, along with big sister Aster welcomed Isaac David in August 2023. The family live in Port Pirie, where Lauren works for ANZ.

Our Newest Arrivals



KATE DUNCAN, Class of 1999

Kate and Glen welcomed their first child Zach Duncan Scrymgour in May 2024. The family live in Adelaide, where Kate runs her own business, Kate Duncan Meditation.



BRIDGET (CASTLE) MCINNES, Class of 2009

Bridget and Ben, along with Nellie and Patrick, welcomed Goldie Lou in November 2024. The family live in Port Pirie where Bridget is a teacher at our Benedict Campus.



CARMEN (AMOS) and JOSHUA SEARLE, Class of 2009 and 2010

Carmen and Joshua welcomed their first child Piper Claire in June 2024. The family live in Port Pirie,



ANALEIZE (LETHBRIDGE) BROOKS, Class of 2014

Analeize and Dylan welcomed their first child Astyn in July 2024. The family live in Port Pirie where Analeize is a primary school teacher.

Our Newest Arrivals



ELIZABETH (BOSTON) and SEAN CLARKE, CLASS OF 2011

Liz and Sean, along with big sister Evie, welcomed Jack Brian in July 2024. The family live in Port Pirie, Liz is a teacher at our Bosco Campus and Sean works for O'Dea Electrical.



JESSIE (HAMMOND), Class of 2010 and DANIEL SPADAVECCHIA, Class of 2008

Jessie and Daniel, along with big brother Franco, welcomed Vera June in September 2024. The family live in Port Pirie where Jessie is a Physio Assistant at Yorke and Northern Health Network and Daniel is an Electrician for Energy Australia.

Welcome back!

We enjoyed some familiar faces dropping into the College to say hello!



Kate Oxford visiting Katie Pole, both from the Class of 1995.



Fr Nick Castelyns, who was a Principal at the College in the 1970s, visited, meeting with Mrs Annie Olsen and Mrs Katie Pole.

Out and About



CLASS OF 2002: Old Scholars' celebrating Jon-Louis Bellifemini's 40th birthday included James Hellmanns, Leigh Saracino, Hannah (Harris) Lavis, Anita Mezzino, Jon-Louis Bellifemini, Dillon Malcolm, Leah Bellifemini, Adam Cibich, Sonali Bishop and Andrew Palumbo.

CLASS OF 1997: Old Scholars' Leanne (Mezzino) Fromm, Carolyn (Mardell) Ellis, Shaya Lewis-Dermody, Channele (Freer) Mitchell and Miranda Good with Miranda's sons Ashton, Jayden and Tyson.

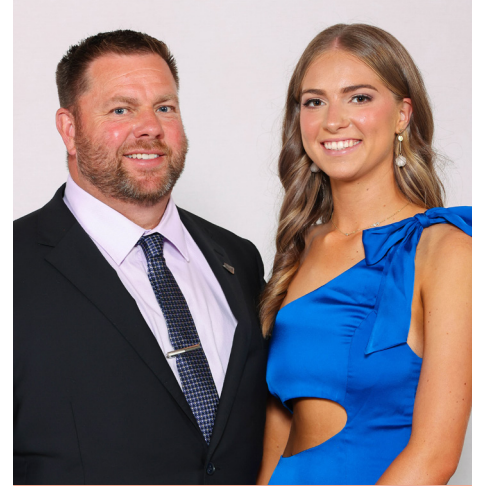


CLASS OF 2007: Old Scholars' from the Class of 2007 catching up over winter included Alexandra (Scollin) Simmons, Emily (D'Agostino) Patterson, Jess (Dunkley) Hill and Kylan (Oxford) Reddaway with their husbands Alex Simmons, Marc Patterson, Daniel Hill and Jimmy Reddaway.

Celebrating our Graduates



Graduate Bridie Mead (second from right) with her family Harry (2020), Nickie (Lang-1991), Zac (2017) and Matt.



Graduate Zara Bowman, right, with her Dad, Scott Bowman (1996).



Graduate Ruby Dunbar (centre) with her sisters, Grace (2021) and Ella (2022).



Graduate Lucas Manners with his family, Lisa (Mezzino-1996), Alexa (2023) and Craig.



Graduate Meg Hall with her family, Allan, Angus (current student) and Kellee (Harris-1995).



Graduate Zara Pansini-Clark with her family, Tina (1986) and Eve (2021).

Celebrating our Graduates



Graduate Morrie Coates (centre) with his family Leo (2019), Lauren (Kerin-1998), Matt (1998) and Isabelle (2017).



Graduate Karly Perry with her sister Emma (2021).



Graduate Max Bray with his sister Issy (2022).



Graduate Tom Merkel (centre) with his family, Sam (2022), Jacqui (Cooke-1994), Steven and Lily (current student).



Graduate Addison Roberts (centre) with her sisters Darcey (2019) and Finley (current student).



Graduate James Gebert (right) with Joel (current student) and Alicia (Salvemini-1995).



Graduate Charlie Nicolson with his Dad, Ian (1999).

OUR ST MARK'S FAMILY

John and Jane Gibson
were presented the
Rowan Ramsay Service
to the Community
Award at Bosco
Presentation Night.



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Welcome back!



This year we welcomed back many Old Scholars' as part of our College Staff team!



Kelsey Brown, Class of 2011



Morgan Cullen, Class of 2023



Anton Giancaspro, Class of 2022



Riley Hayes, Class of 2018



Ellie Hunter, Class of 2018



Chloe Liddicoat, Class of 2018



Alexa Manners, Class of 2023



Jazlyn McBride, Class of 2023



Ashton Puddy (May), Class of 2005



Suzi Tattoli, Class of 2019



Elise White (Balacco), Class of 1988



Bree Williams, Class of 2016



Alana Zubrinich, Class of 2020



Tess McKeough

In memory of Tess McKeough
who passed away on 23 March 2024.

Her commitment to young people
and the joy she shared
for fun and learning
will forever be in our hearts.

Tess was a much loved teacher
to many here at St Mark's College
between 2002 - 2016 and taught
generations of Port Pirie families
over her teaching career.



Celebrating Staff



We celebrated 30 years of service at the College for Mr Paul Cagney (College Grounds and Maintenance), Mrs Margaret Fantinel (Benedict Campus Administration), Mrs Jane Gibson (Bosco Campus Teacher), Mrs Angela Jordan (Benedict Campus Teacher) and Mr Mark Murphy (Bosco Campus Teacher).



We farewelled Mrs Margaret Fantinel after over 30 years of service.



We celebrated the upcoming wedding of Miss Meagan Parr, Class of 2015



We celebrated 20 years of service for Mrs Kate Lavis and Mrs Katie Pole, Class of 1995.



Mr Nathan Brook (2012) and Miss Sarah DeGioia (2021) received CESA Scholarships to support their pathway to teaching.

Farewelling Staff



At the end of 2024 we farewelled many College staff and familiar faces to our Old Scholars' community. We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives!

Mrs Margaret Fantinel has retired after 35 years service to the College. Marg's calm presence and beaming smile have been a hallmark of Benedict Office for years, but there is no doubt that she and her husband Shane are embracing retirement with enthusiasm.

Mr Mark Murphy and Mrs Angela Jordan (Madigan- C1976) are retiring after over sixty years of service between them. Whilst I hope we see them back for some relief teaching in the future, I cannot express deep enough thanks for all they have contributed to St Mark's College over the years. Ms Melissa Gadaleta (Class of 1989) also concludes in a permanent capacity at the end of the year, and I know will be deeply missed by staff and students across both campuses, but hopefully, we will see Melissa back for some relief teaching.

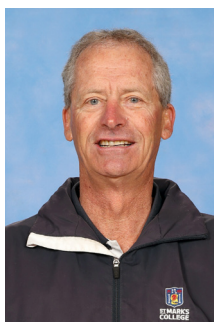
Whilst not retiring, Mr John Gibson and Mrs Jane Gibson are leaving St Mark's College after many years to move to Port Lincoln and take up positions at St Joseph's College. Our loss is considerable but is definitely Port Lincoln's gain and I wish John and Jane every blessing in their move; it is hard to leave a place when you have been part of the fabric of the College for so long. The collective years of service of these staff have had an immeasurable impact on the College and the wider community and I know many families will share my gratitude for all they have done to support them over the years.

I'd also like to thank and say farewell to Miss Bree Williams (Class of 2016), Miss Brodie Nugent, Miss Olivia Carslake, Miss Alana Zubrinich (Class of 2020), Mrs Sue Holze and Miss Morgan Cullen (Class of 2023) who are taking on new challenges next year. For each of these staff, new beginnings beckon and there are exciting times ahead as we welcome new teachers and non-teaching staff to the College in 2025.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



Mrs Margaret Fantinel



Mr Mark Murphy



Mrs Angela Jordan



Ms Melissa Gadaleta



Mr John Gibson



Mrs Jane Gibson



Miss Bree Williams



Miss Brodie Nugent



Miss Olivia Carslake



Miss Alana Zubrinich



Mrs Sue Holze



Miss Morgan Cullen

join us

OLD SCHOLARS' REUNION

Celebrating Anniversaries for
Graduating Classes of
1975, 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015

Saturday 1 November 2025

Old Scholars are invited to arrive from 3.30pm

4.00pm Tour of the College

4.45pm Drinks and nibbles in the
Bosco Centre

6.00pm College celebrations end



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RSVP to the College on 8633 8800 or
smc_reunion2025.eventbrite.com.au
