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Sydney Swans' legend Nick Davis
had fun with students from our
new AFL teams in May when he
visited the school. See page 11.
Photo by Jeremy Bowring



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Welcome to the new edition of *Wavelength* Magazine, a publication which creates an important connection between Waverley College and our wider community of Old Boys, families and friends. To keep you informed, we have expanded the magazine and given it a bright new look that we hope you will enjoy and find readable. Alumni news will be an important part of the new *Wavelength*, so I encourage you to forward to us any news you may have about reunions, major life events or

achievements of our ex students and their families. Your contributions are very welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the many years of wonderful work done by the magazine's previous editor and designer, Old Boy of 1962, Mr Col Blake. The hours of personal time he has dedicated to the task over the years cannot be underestimated. Of course, Col continues to be closely involved with *Wavelength* in his role as Vice President of the Waverley College Old Boys Union.
Jennifer Divall

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Back to Waverley
Old Boys Day and Luncheon
A special event for 50th Anniversary
Graduates 1963 or earlier
Thursday 21 October 2013 9.15am-3pm
Please refer to back cover for full details

FROM THE HEADMASTER

In Pursuit of Excellence



It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new *Waverley College Learning Statement* released at the very end of the 2012 College year. The Learning Statement is of great importance because it is an articulation of our position on learning and teaching. As such, it now underpins all of our teaching programs. The Statement is a result of extensive research and was developed in close consultation with our teaching staff. It outlines the practices we believe to be fundamental to achieving excellence.

The statement says:

"An education at Waverley College placed the learner at the core of our community within the framework of an independent Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition."

We acknowledge quality learning is characterised as a lifelong process that aims to develop students as critical thinkers who reflect and discern, ready to engage with their world. At Waverley College we respond to the diverse individual learning styles of students, facilitated by a positive and supportive learning environment. This occurs in an environment that fosters a holistic learning approach that engages the learner in the emotional, social, physical and spiritual domains."

The Waverley College Learning Statement is supported by five key learning beliefs that influence all of our teaching strategies:

- Learning must take place in a positive and supportive environment.
- Learning styles are highly individual.
- Learning must connect to each of the emotional, social, physical and spiritual domains.
- Learning involves critical thinking.
- Learning is a lifelong process.

Quality learning occurs when quality teaching occurs. Quality teaching is informed by research, inspired through collaboration and practiced in a versatile and transparent context. Quality teaching also empowers students to generate their own questions and challenges. This is the philosophy behind our Learning Statement.

A copy of the Learning Statement can be found on the Waverley College website for anyone interested in reading it in its entirety.

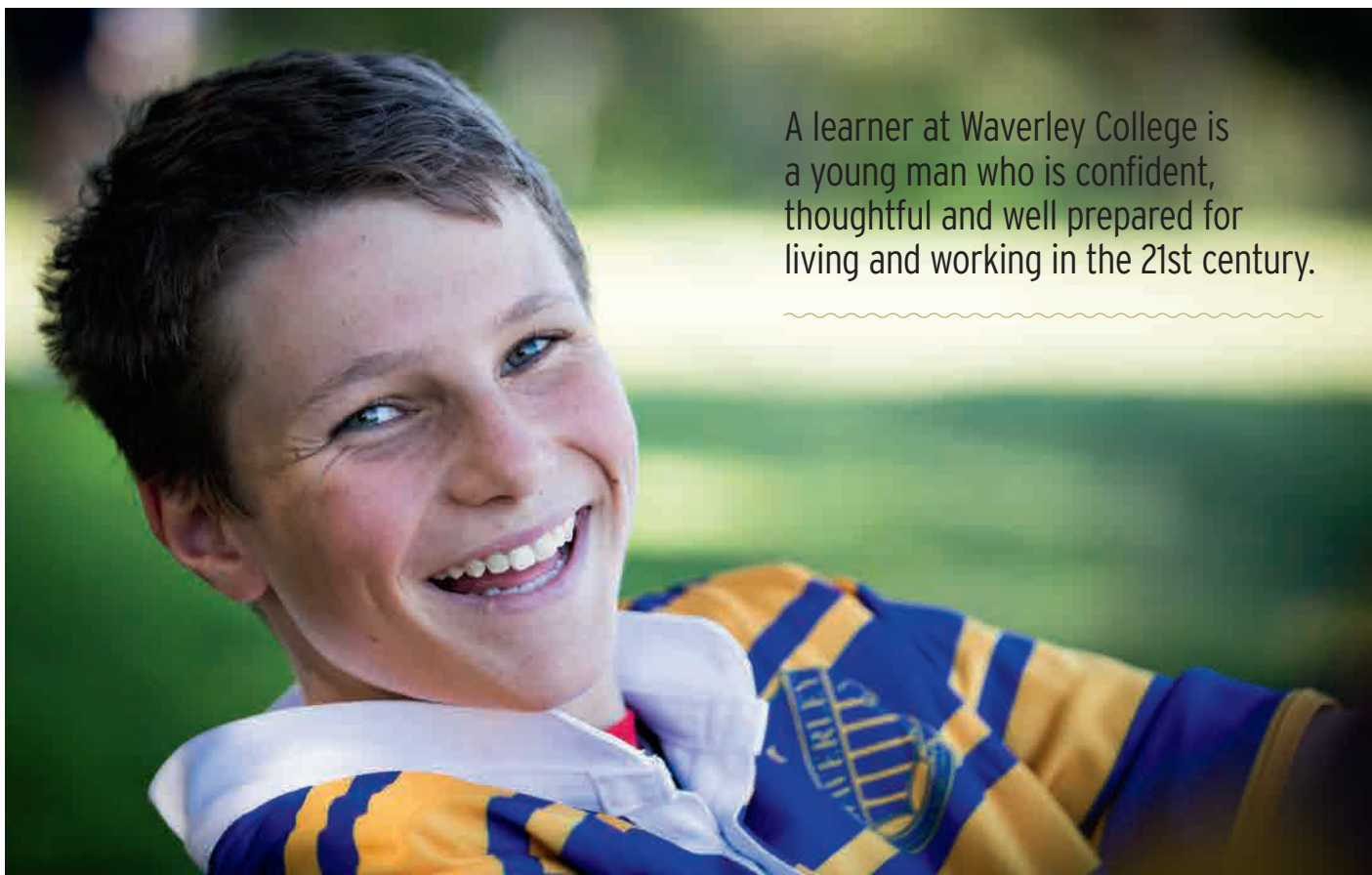
MAY PROCESSION

This year marked the 110th anniversary of the foundation of Waverley College and the 103rd anniversary of the Waverley College May Procession, Australia's oldest Marian Procession and a centre-piece of our spiritual life. Also marking a 110th anniversary is the Christian Brothers' Community of Our Lady's Mount. Many of you will be aware that the Community has recently been closed, so this year we marked this important change within the May Procession ceremony. The May Procession is also an opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Edmund Rice, our founder and inspiration. Thank you to the many who joined us on Sunday 5 May, the one day of the year when the whole Waverley Community, past and present, gather together to celebrate our beliefs and life as we have always done.

Ray Paxton
HEADMASTER

See May Procession report page 7.

A learner at Waverley College is a young man who is confident, thoughtful and well prepared for living and working in the 21st century.



OUR LADY'S MOUNT COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

OLM Community Closes after 110 Years



Dr Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director, Edmund Rice Education Australia, addressed the Commemorative Dinner, focussing on the significant contribution of the Christian Brothers to education in Australia.

Over the Christmas 2012 holiday break the decision was taken by the Christian Brothers Oceania Leadership Team to close the Brothers' Community at Our Lady's Mount on Birrell Street.

This closes an important chapter in the history of Christian Brothers in Australia, a chapter that started when the first community of six Brothers took up residence at Waverley 110 years ago in 1903. Shortly after, they opened three schools on a single day – St Francis Paddington, St Charles Waverley and Waverley College (then known as Christian Brothers College, Waverley).

There will still be two other communities in close proximity in Waverley – on the Junior School Waterford Campus in Henrietta Street and Edmund House, at Charingfield in Charing Cross.

The community at Our Lady's Mount occupied the top two floors of a five storey building and access to the community residence was by means of an aging lift. The time came in late 2012 when the lift needed to be replaced, which meant that the community quarters were ruled inaccessible from December 2012 to April 2013. As a consequence, the residents needed to be relocated to more appropriate accommodation and the decision was made to make the relocation of the three remaining Brothers permanent.

The College community thanks Br Phil Redding for his leadership of the Waverley Community during recent years, and his fellow community members, Br Alan Bradstreet and Br Jim Flynn who, together with Br Phil, provided hospitality for many Brothers visiting Sydney.

The Waverley College community marked the closure of the Our Lady's Mount Community with a celebration of the contribution of the Christian Brothers to the school over the past 110 years. A special Commemorative Dinner was held on Saturday 4 May, attended by many Brothers with an association with the community. Also attending was Dr Wayne Tinsey, Executive Director of Edmund Rice Education Australia and Br Vince Duggan cfc, Provincial Leader of the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers. The closure of the Community was a focus of this year's May Procession Liturgy. Both occasions were an opportunity to show our deep respect and gratitude for the work of the Waverley Brothers over 110 years educating young men at the College.

A booklet on the history of the Brothers at the OLM site was produced to mark its closure and is available free of charge by contacting College reception on 02 9369 0600.

Top: A photograph of the earliest community at Our Lady's Mount. Centre: All of the Christian Brothers who attended the Commemorative Dinner in May to celebrate 110 years of their Community at Our Lady's Mount. Below, left to right Br Myron Byrne, Br Michael Walsh, Br Jim Flynn, Br Lex Hall cfc and Fr Peter Clifford ofm, Guardian of the Star of the Sea Franciscan Community Waverley at the Dinner.





Waverley College's ANZAC Story

ADDRESS BY PETER FROST ON 11 APRIL 2013

“Some one hundred metres from where we are now gathered is the building that we now call the Conlon building. The second storey of that building had only just been added in 1910 when Brother Conlon returned to Waverley to resume his duties as Headmaster. So young was the College in those years that it had no remarkable history for the Headmaster to quote as an example or encouragement for his pupils. Instead he turned to the future for their motivation and told his students: “Bear in mind that the students of the future will be looking back at you.” It is probable that Edgar Fitzgerald was one of the boys who listened to just such words from Brother Conlon. He could hardly have imagined at the time that five years later he would give such an example to the future by giving his life in the agonising assault on the Dardanelles. For this boy was amongst those who became known as the Anzacs.

On April 25th, with his mates he scrambled ashore a mile from the landing place originally planned; with other young Australians fresh from school this Waverlian faced the precipitous cliffs which grimaced before him with an enemy resolute in defence; with others he must have felt the sheer frustration and bewilderment of knowing that after a day of bitter fighting they held only a ragged strip of land only one thousand yards from the beach. And had he lived, he too would have experienced that sense of waste and loss as the evacuation of Anzac Cove was completed on December 20th. Edgar Fitzgerald was probably an average boy like any of those who sit here today in uniform. Surely this is the remarkable and undisguisable fact which makes Anzac Day what it is: This man was not a hero in the sentimentalised sense of the word, but an average Australian like any one of us. What makes him unique in a strangely regrettable way is that he was called upon to give more than the average. And he was not found wanting. Nor were those who witnessed the unforgettable spectacle of Anzac Cove, for that military defeat held within it the inspiration of determination for the future victory which ultimately was achieved. In this fact lies a lesson for our present. Fitzgerald, and all other Waverlians who sacrificed their lives to the man made monster of war in two dark periods of our history, must surely have achieved what Brother Conlon had in mind when he told him that “the students of the future will be looking back at you.”

So it is that today, in this commemoration we look back at him: We see first, a man of Waverley who prayed, studied and played on this Mount dedicated to Our Lady; we see also an Australian who like so many others cast aside the desires of self, and gave of himself for others in the model of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and we see in him the harsh reality of our human condition, punctuated as it is by death. But it is also true, that we look forward from him: We gain from him an example of faith, for he believed more than enough in what he did for God and Country; we gain from him an example of hope for he faced more than we have yet been called to face and by his death as a Christian he has beckoned us to the knowledge that death is not the end, and finally (though shown in war) we gain from him an example of love, not just for his countrymen, but for God and His mother, for they were Australians, they were Christians, they were Waverlians.

Pictured: Edgar Fitzgerald



WWI Centenary Book

The centenary of World War One will be commemorated throughout Australia from 2014 to 2018. Waverley College is producing a book to honour the 17 young Waverlians who gave their lives in the conflict. The book will include a full list of all who served, biographies on those killed in action and of our Victoria Cross recipient, Bede Kenny. Waverley College Archives is currently collecting material for this publication and any contribution that can be made by the Waverley community would be gratefully received. Please contact the Archivist on phone 9369 0773 or email archivist@waverley.nsw.edu.au.

Links with a Cricket Legend

Australian cricketer **Jack Fingleton** had a close association with Waverley College. The connection was a family affair: his brothers, nephews and two grandsons all attended. In 1951 nephew Peter Fingleton was Captain of the College 1st XI, and two of his sister's sons were College Captains: Walter Jarvis (1965 & 1966), and Michael Jarvis (1971).

Jack played for Australia from the 1930/31 season (test cap no. 142), and gained his reputation against Douglas Jardine in the infamous 'Bodyline' series. He missed out on the Ashes Tour to England in 1934, but bounced back and toured in 1938 (last tour before the War) with the likes of **Don Bradman**, Bert Oldfield and Bill O'Reilly.

Jack was a courageous opening bat, a gifted fieldsman, the first to score four consecutive Test centuries and holds the record for a 6th wicket partnership with Don Bradman of 346 runs. In Tests he scored a century every 5.8 innings with an average of 42.46.

In 2008 to mark the centenary of Jack's birth his family donated an Australian Blazer, cap and one of Jack's bats (signed by the Australia XI) to the College. They are now on display in the new archives.



Back to the '70s

In February 1970, the new 'Middle School' building – now known as the Kenny Building – was opened by **Prime Minister John Gorton**. The event attracted a significant number of demonstrators wishing to voice their opinions to the PM about the issues of the day: the Vietnam War and conscription, and the level of government funding provided to Catholic and other Independent schools.

Then, in November 1970, the swimming pool was officially blessed by Fr Kieran OFM and opened by the Mayor of Waverley. The entire school community celebrated with a 'swim-a-long', an extended carnival of swimming and diving events capped off with a bbq.

This picture of the Centenary Building was taken in the very early 1970s: The building is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, having been officially opened by then Prime Minister Robert Gordon Menzies KT CH QC MP on 20 October 1963. It was designed by well-known architectural firm Hennessy & Hennessy, who were responsible for the design of many Catholic school and church buildings throughout Sydney. The lower supports of the statue of Our Lady can just be seen at top right. Together the statue and building form a prominent landmark on the highest point in the Eastern Suburbs. The building is now largely obscured by the enormous fig trees planted in front of the building.



103rd Annual May Procession

The 103rd Annual May Procession and Celebration of the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice took place in the Centenary Quadrangle on Sunday 5th May 2013. As well as honouring Our Lady and remembering Blessed Edmund Rice, the occasion was also utilised for paying tribute to 110 years of a Christian Brothers Community at Our Lady's Mount, Waverley College. This was indeed fitting, being the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. The event also marked the formal closure of this Community, as the remaining Christian Brothers have moved to other locations and different ministries. Br Vince Duggan cfc, Provincial of the Oceania Province, acknowledged the wonderful contribution of over four hundred Christian Brothers to the lives of so many Waverley students and families, in their desire to fulfil the vision of Edmund Rice. He also reminded everyone of the great challenge faced by the early Brothers to actually establish a school of sufficient enrolment.

Mr Ray Paxton also paid tribute to the Christian Brother presence over such a long period of time and the great legacy they have left the Waverley College community.

Images from the 2013 May Procession.





Greased Lightnin' Hits Waverley

Students from Waverley College and St Clare's College dusted off their leather jackets and pulled on their bobby socks for an appreciative audience of 2,500 at five shows over four days at this year's production of *Grease the Musical* from 4 to 7 June.

Grease, one of the world's favourite musicals, is set at Rydell High in 1959 and features all of the hits from the movie, including 'You're the One that I Want', 'Grease is the Word', 'Summer Nights', 'Hopelessly Devoted to You', 'Sandy' and 'Greased Lightnin'.

The co-production in conjunction with St Clare's College Waverley featured a cast of 18 principals, a chorus of 80, 17 musicians and a production crew of 23. Talented Year 10 drama student, Angus Bowring played John Travolta's starring role of Danny Zuko. The lead female role of Sandy, made famous by Olivia Newton John, starred Ellie Naylor from Year 9 at

St Clare's. Other key roles included Dean Tinellis as Kenicke, Jonty Willett as Doody, Liam Powter as Sonny, Darcy Bennett as Putzie, Patrick Lynch as Eugene, Angus Mullins as Teen Angel, Jonathan Giovenco as Vince, and Dominic McCarthy as Johnny Casino.

The production was directed by Waverley College Drama Department's Mistinguett Sutton-Pryce and Waverley's Chris Balkizas was Musical Director. Industry professionals were hired to provide choreography, set and costume design and Waverley's gymnasium was transformed into a theatre to host the performances, with extensive staging and lighting installed in the week prior to the show.

Waverley's Director of Curriculum, Mark O'Farrell, described the performances as 'five star' and a 'wonderful learning experience for students'. He said, "I was hugely proud of these boys and the outstanding performances that each put in."



Experienced Performing Arts Department gets the most out of our students

Behind the scenes of 'Grease' the College was fortunate to have a group of passionate and highly experienced staff who bring together their years of experience and expertise to foster the creative talent of our students.



Head of Music, Mr Chris Balkizas loves the sense of community created by a production such as 'Grease'. He speaks passionately about the skills developed by students who took part in the production including teamwork, discipline and commitment to the huge numbers of rehearsal hours.

Waverley's Acting Head of Drama Ms Jacqui Cowell brings a wealth of experience to her role. In the early 1990's her band Girlfriend knocked Silverchair from the number one spot on the ARIA charts with their hit *Take It From Me*. After her time with the band Ms Cowell moved into drama teaching and worked at the Bell Shakespeare Company as their Education Coordinator. Ms Cowell then worked at NIDA and the Australian Film and Television School. The students benefit immensely from her experience. Ms Cowell said she was

Performing Arts

World Premiere at College Festival

impressed by the personal growth and maturity the members of the cast demonstrated over the course of the production. She also reflected that it was a great opportunity for the boys to work



collaboratively with the girls from St Clare's. The students also worked with professional musicians and choreographers in the planning phases. Ms Cowell believes a musical increases students engagement and sense of

belonging to the College. Ms Cowell sees the co-curricular program as another vehicle where the boys can experience success outside the curriculum. The high standard of the production will also see some boys take the next step and consider a career in the performing arts, according to Ms Cowell.



Waverley's energetic drama teacher **Misty Sutton-Pryce** came to the College from South Africa via a stint at a school near London's famous West End where the performing arts was on the doorstep. Her teaching career started at a historic time in South Africa, where in 1998 black and white students attended school together for the first time. Ms Sutton-Pryce talks about the great opportunity the dramatic arts provide for boys to express creativity and imagination. Ms Sutton-Pryce enjoys seeing how the boys respond to the challenges of long hours of rehearsal and the overcoming of the stress associated with performing on stage.



Music Teacher **Mr Chris Blenkinsopp**, a professional musician and former member of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, wrote the brass arrangements for the show. He enjoyed seeing the musical build confidence in the quieter students and valued the opportunity for staff to develop rapport with students. Mr Blenkinsopp believes that co-curricular opportunities such as these promote a better working relationship in the classroom setting.



I congratulate this outstanding team including **Mrs Faye** and all staff and students associated with the production of *Grease*. What a wonderful showcase of the talent we have at the College. The Performing Arts Department continue to be an integral part of the success of the co-curricular program at Waverley College.

Mr Patrick Brennan
ACTING DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR



The annual Waverley College Music Festival held on Thursday 20 June featured the world premiere of a work commissioned by the College from a Young Sydney composer, **Alice**

Chance, performed by the College's award winning junior choir, the Cantores.

Following the Cantores success in the McDonald's Sydney Eisteddfod last year – winning first place in the Primary School Choir category – funding from the McDonald's Trust was available for the commission of an original piece composed specifically for the Waverley College junior students.

The new work, *Rescue Songs*, was dedicated to **Michelle Rollings** and the Cantores. A promising young composer, Ms Chance is an ex-student of MLC and is in her second year of a Bachelor of Music Composition at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Her work is gaining increasing recognition,



having been performed by the Sydney Youth Orchestra (where she was a Composer-in-residence in 2012), the Australian Youth Choir and the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus.

The Cantores performance of 'Rescue Songs' was outstanding, and very enthusiastically received by a packed audience of parents and friends.

The Festival featured all of the main musical ensembles of the school including the College Choir, Chamber Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Strings, Saxophone Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Cantores, Junior Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, Waterford Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble and Jazz Band. A solo was performed by Jamie McCarthy of Year 10 on Trombone. Dominic McCarthy of Year 11 was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The event showcased the impressive depth of musical talent at the College and was a credit to the Music Department's teachers and students, who produced an exciting show hard on the heels of the College musical, 'Grease'.



Waverley Sport



On 26 March 2013, 33 budding rugby union coaches and referees from local high schools attended Waverley College to participate in a Smart Rugby coaching course run by the New South Wales Rugby Union. The 'train-the-trainer' course was designed to help coaches and referees develop the confidence and safety skills required to become effective rugby coaches.

Headmaster, Ray Paxton said, "We are very pleased to be able to host the courses with NSW Rugby. There were 33 attendees with 23 of those from Waverley. It's particularly important to us to focus on excellence in coaching and refereeing, always with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and student safety. With access to these programs from Rugby NSW, and their support, we plan to set the standard for schoolboy rugby."

Michael Doyle, NSW Community Rugby Operations Manager said, "The day was a huge success and we enjoyed an encouraging level of participation from coaches and teachers employed by Waverley College and other Secondary schools such as Trinity Grammar. We're delighted to be partnering with Waverley College to run these courses and support the training of skilled and confident coaches and referees."

The course covered the broad range of skills required to qualify as a rugby coach. It specifically focused on applying knowledge related to balance and stability, tackling, support at the ruck and maul, basic scrum safety, mayday procedures, lineouts and restarts, foul play and injury management.

A further 50 aspiring coaches and referees from multiple Sydney schools and rugby clubs also attended Waverley College on 7 April for an additional foundation course.

Rugby Hopefuls Tackle the Fine Art of Coaching

WAVERLEY COLLEGE TEAMS UP WITH NSW RUGBY TO HOST COACHING COURSES



An Early Focus on Excellence

Waverley College has developed its own rugby refereeing course for students, which has gained an excellent reputation locally. Conceived and delivered by Year 12 Master, Mr Richard Chen, the course has attracted the attention of schools and clubs throughout the local region, with its graduates in considerable demand.

The course is offered to Waverley students as a full co-curricular subject alongside other sport offerings. One of its graduates, Year 12 student Tom Coyne recently received an ARU School Student Scholarship for Match Officials for 2013: This national program is designed to assist talent identified referees achieve their potential and encourage them to referee after leaving school. Tom was one of only 13 students selected from NSW.

Stephen O'Donnell, Sports Master at Waverley College said, "Waverley College has a strong sporting tradition and I'm really pleased to see the boys being enthusiastic and involved in sports such as rugby. Over the years the College has produced a number of highly successful athletes, including Adam Freier, Tom English, Morgan Turinui, Patrick Pibbs, Stephen Hoiles and Ryan Cross. We aim for our standard of coaching and refereeing to be top rung as well, so courses like these are vital. It is so important that we continue to offer coaches, teachers and students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in this area."

Waverley College continues to participate successfully in all combined sporting and cultural activities, and the school's co-curricular program has grown to include football, AFL, swimming, basketball, volleyball, judo, cricket, athletics, water polo, tennis, cycling, lawn bowls, cross country, chess and debating.



Above left: Waverley's Tom Coyne, recipient of the ARU Student Scholarship for Match Officials for 2013. Left: Students participating in the college rugby refereeing course are in high demand.



INTRODUCTION OF AFL AFL Kicks Off

The inaugural season of the AFL Independent Schools Competition kicked off on May 4 and Waverley College is a founding member. Waverley Headmaster, Ray Paxton, was instrumental in setting up the new competition during 2012 while serving as Chairman of the CAS (Combined Associated Schools).

AFL's Deputy General Manager, Craig Bolton joined Waverley College to celebrate the start of the competition, attending an assembly on 2 May when the school's AFL students were presented. AFL legend Nick Davis, Coach and ex Swans player, also attended.

"This development will provide great opportunities for our students and there has been a very positive response from parents," said Ray Paxton. "Waverley College has a strong sporting tradition, so it was a natural choice for us to welcome the introduction of Aussie Rules to our sporting program."

"AFL NSW/ACT is committed to providing opportunities for schools to be involved in AFL programs and we're looking forward to building our relationships with independent schools in Sydney to establish this new competition," said AFL NSW/ACT General Manager, Tom Harley.

Support provided by the AFL includes booking and payment for all competition grounds, provision and payment of field umpires for all matches, the appointment of a ground manager at each venue, coaching support for schools and a subsidy of 50% for AFL approved uniforms for up

to two teams from each school entering the competition.

Tom Harley said the competition is the result of increased interest in AFL from both schools and students.

"AFL NSW/ACT is committed to providing opportunities for players of all ages to participate in our sport, and it is wonderful to see Sydney's Independent School system support the growth of AFL and increasing the sporting choices available to their students," Harley said.

"We are really pleased with the involvement of these schools, and it is fantastic to see a growing interest in our game from schools that have not previously had the opportunity to offer their students AFL as part of their sporting choices."

Six schools are contesting the inaugural season across two age groups, Years 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8: Knox Grammar School, Trinity Grammar School, St Patrick's College Strathfield, Cranbrook School, St Ignatius College and Waverley College. Waverley is fielding two Year 5/6 teams and one Year 7/8 team. Early competition has been successful with quite a number of wins for the enthusiastic Waverley teams.

Games are held at sporting grounds across Sydney, including elite quality AFL surfaces such as Lakeside Oval (Moore Park) and Henson Park (Marrickville).

Below: Sydney Swans legends Craig Bolton and Nick Davis visited the College on May 2 to celebrate the commencement of the AFL Independent Schools season.



Since the commencement of the Christmas Holidays last year, Waverley students have toured the country and the globe representing their school. The tours have been an opportunity to discover new places, to meet new people, to gain new experience and to develop independence and responsibility.

Whether music or sport, the tours have also been an opportunity for our students to further pursue a personal passion and talent. Such tours bring depth to a young person's education and are strongly supported by the College. A history tour of Europe and a Basketball tour of the USA are in planning for 2013/14.



2012 College Band, Choir & Jazz Band Tour USA

The 2012 music tour was an amazing event: Forty students and their teachers performed their way through three weeks spent traversing New York, Maine, New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut, Washington, Maryland, Philadelphia, and Boston.

Performances at schools included Yonkers in New York State, GAMP Performing Arts School in Philadelphia, Salem High and an outdoor performance in sleet at Harvard Square.

The tour also included unforgettable experiences including a concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra, a Broadway show, touring a Christmas Tree farm, a Basketball game in Philadelphia, tax-free shopping at Rehoboth Beach, countless weird stories of riding kangaroos to school, seeing the Atlantic Ocean, the crossing of a mist shrouded Chesapeake Bay, Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Smithsonian Institute, the Rockefeller building, Times Square and so much more.

Our students, though at times exhausted, behaved admirably and performed to a consistently high standard. Most pleasing were the numerous comments by hotel staff regarding the politeness shown by our students, as demonstrated in this excerpt from an email sent to the school: "On 4 December 2012 my family and I travelled to New York on the same flight as your College Band. I have to say when we were seated amongst such a large group of excited teenage boys I had the thought that this was not going to be a good flight. However, the reason I am writing is to say how impeccably behaved the Waverley College boys were on the flight. They represented your school admirably. I observed them to show courtesy and respect to the flight attendants and other passengers."



Above: performing at GAMP, Philadelphia.
Right: Tour Group at The Kimmel Centre, Philadelphia

European Football Tour

The Waverley College football tour left for the UK, Spain and Italy in December last year on what could be only described as a trip of a life time for the 33 students from Years 9, 10 and 11.

Accompanied by Mr Patrick Darvill, Mr Gary Kennedy and Mr Anthony Banboukjian, the students were split into two sides; a younger 'development' side and a first grade side of the older, more experienced players. Harry Winch was Tour Captain. In a three week tour period the teams would play seven matches in Italy, England and Spain. In between games was spent training and touring the cultural attractions of the areas they were visiting.

The teams warmed up prior to leaving with a round of Sunday matches against the skilled Waverley Old Boys teams. Impressive even in defeat, the touring sides learnt a thing or two from the experience that they would take with them on tour.

Student Dylan Deep-Jones wrote of the tour:

First stop, London where we kicked off with a cultural experience watching "Rock of Ages" in the famous West End. Other highlights were the London Eye, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. Our first football match was against Forrest School, then Mooreland School and Failsworth Sports College in Manchester. In all matches both teams played quite well, with the Senior team coming up with the first victory in extremely cold conditions.

Training at the Tottenham and Liverpool Academies was an extraordinary experience. It was interesting to see the drills they demonstrated which focussed on touch and ability to beat a player.

I have to say the biggest highlight in England was watching West Ham beat Chelsea 3-1 in a highly entertaining Premier League match at Upton Park surrounded by close to 30,000 Hammer fans. It was great to see Chelsea on the losing side.

Next stop, Barcelona, Spain, which is currently the Mecca of football. However, first we explored the sights including La Ramblas, the stunning mountain of Montserrat and the famous church – La Sagrada Familia. The highlight was visiting the breath taking Camp Nou Stadium which seats 90,000 fans and is home to the great team FC Barcelona. It was very exciting to train at the Espanyol Football Academy and it met our high expectations. The training was highly technical and most of the boys struggled at first with the drills but persisted and showed their tenacity by soon grasping the new techniques and skills. The Spanish teams we played demonstrated their class with their high level of technical skills and their great ability to maintain possession; needless to say we struggled and were unable to secure a win. They were very impressive and I think the best teams we faced.

We learnt many football lessons in Spain and hoped to take those on board as we headed to Italy. First we stopped off in Fiorentina for another Academy training session which was a lot of fun even though we had to endure wet weather and the language barrier. Then in Rome we checked out the amazing sites including the incredible Colosseum, the Spanish steps, the Vatican and the Roman Forum. After lots of pasta and a good nights' rest we faced the Rome Metro team in our last game which was a closely contested encounter. The senior boys put in 100 % effort and battled hard but unfortunately conceded a goal to lose 1:0. The boys did Waverley proud in seniors and juniors and learnt why the Italians are known for their solid defence. The final destination was Venice where we had time out to shop for family and friends and enjoy the sites including the gondolas and St Mark's Square. It was a great way to end what can only be described as unbelievable experience which the boys will never forget.

A huge thanks to our teachers; Mr Darvill, Mr B, Mr Kennedy and Mr McCallum, who really did have their work cut out for them but made this trip a lot of fun and an unforgettable experience.

Waverley College Junior School Armidale Tour

The Waverley College Junior School took part in The Armidale School Rugby Carnival over the first weekend of the Term One School Holidays. This event is in its ninth year and this was the seventh visit for the Junior School rugby teams.

This year the College took two squads of 40 U/12 boys to compete in the 48 team competition.

The A Grade Squad ended up in the top division and claimed 15th spot from two wins, a draw and two losses.

The B Grade Squad played in the third division and claimed 4th spot from three wins and two losses.

The boys entered fully into the spirit of the carnival and loved their involvement. From boarding for the weekend in the PLC Armidale boarders quarters to playing for and supporting our teams, all had a great experience and brought back many fond memories. The behaviour of the boys was outstanding and they represented their school with passion and pride.



First Queensland Rugby Tour in 8 Years

During the Easter Holidays, Waverley College embarked on its first rugby tour in 8 years. A squad of 42 players from the 1st XV, 2nd XV and 16A sides formed the touring party to Queensland. Accompanying the players were staff members Hugo Engele (1st XV coach), John Boyd (2nd XV coach), James Maloney (2nd XV coach) and David Kennedy (16A coach).

The tour consisted of 6 games over 8 days as well as numerous training sessions at the Runaway Bay sporting complex, including a session run by Matt Wilkie (ARU High Performance Coach).

The tour was a great opportunity for the Waverley players to gain some much needed match experience before the quickly approaching CAS season. As well as the obvious rugby benefits of the tour, an opportunity to interact with boys of similar age yet differing backgrounds was present in the numerous post match functions.

The boys represented the College with maturity and passion, and we hope this opens the door for future Waverley College Rugby touring parties.

Results:

Waverley College vs Iona College

1st XV 24-12 win

2nd XV 31-7 win

Waverley vs Representative QLD Club sides

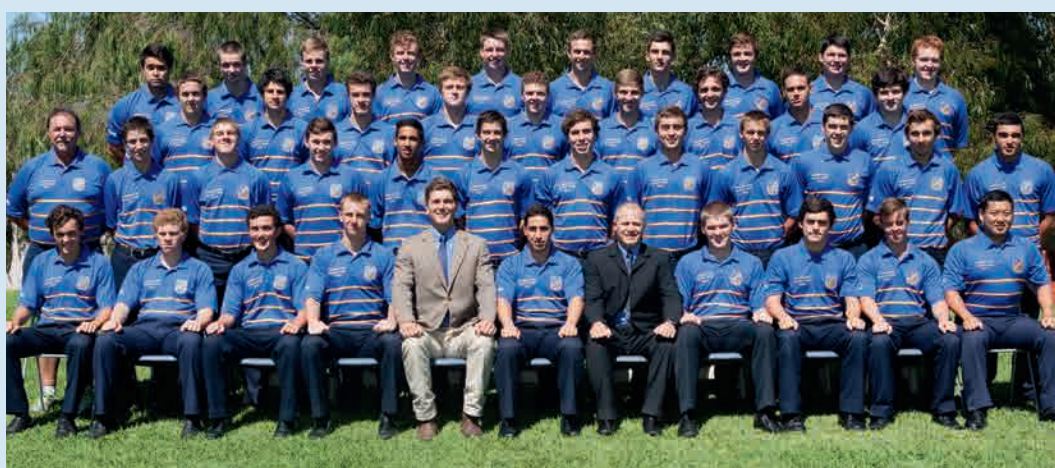
1st XV vs Nerang 48-0 win

2nd XV vs Palm Beach 5-12 loss

Waverley College vs Marist College Ashgrove

1st XV 30-31 loss

2nd XV 3-32 loss



Learning the Ropes at Cadet camp



Every Year 8 student at Waverley does one year of compulsory Cadet training and an important part of that year is attending Cadet Camp. The camp is an opportunity for the younger students to experience the outdoors and to try new and sometimes challenging experiences such as abseiling, canoeing, pitching a tent and going on a one-day trek in the State forest. It is also a great opportunity to bond with other students, especially those from other Years.

The camp is located near Picton on a 500 acre property owned by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. The Unit has used this property for nearly thirty years under a Memorandum of Understanding that has enabled us to construct a large shelter and install a large concrete tank for water. The northern boundary of the campsite is a tributary of the Nepean River allowing us to abseil in the gorge and carry out canoeing activities.

Apart from the training the camp is a massive undertaking with significant logistic challenges involving a complex transport system operating on a daily basis to various locations, together with daily provisions for over 350 cadets. The figures are somewhat staggering: the order for the local IGA supermarket includes 1000 hamburger patties, 650 sausages, 1300 bread buns, 400 litres of milk, 120 dozen eggs, 130 cakes, 660 cans of dessert, 640 cans of vegetables, 200 packets of breakfast cereal, 380 cans of breakfast, 420 cans of evening meals, 115 trays of biscuits, 3000 slices of beef, chicken and devon, 100 heads of lettuce and 30 bottles of tomato sauce. Army ration packs are no longer available and the purchase of civilian ration packs from New Zealand for the Year 9 trek costs \$30 per person.

At the campsite there is a network of

underground cables all connected to a large generator that provides lighting and power to the whole campsite. Environmental requirements dictate the use of portaloos – a much more salubrious situation when compared to the slit trench latrines of yester-year. The Unit's shower block is a demountable system that draws water from a dam that is then heated before being pumped to the shower cubicles. On a typical day nearly 180 cadets have a shower, with each cadet showering every second day. The campsite is prepared by an advance party of forty cadets erecting two 30 x 20 metre tents and twelve tents of other sizes. Platoons are accommodated in igloo tents or hutchies.

During the week on site the Unit consumes vast quantities of food. On two occasions during the camp the main kitchen operated by the Catering Specialty still prepares the traditional 600 "Frosty Burgers", while also providing regular daily meals for the adult staff. Platoons cater for breakfast and dinner and lunch is provided at various specialties around the site.

The planning for the camp and the implementation of the plans is in the hands of the senior cadets, specifically the Senior Management Team consisting of the Senior Under Officer (SUO), the SUO (2) Operations, the SUO (2) Logistics, the SUO (2) Training and the RSM. These young Year 12 leaders run the camp on a daily basis and assess the viability of their plans under the supervision of the Unit Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel (AAC) Peter Frost, and his team of adult Officers of Cadets. At the end of camp all members of the SMT submit extensive Post Activity Reports that pave the way for the following year's camp.

Training activities vary significantly from the cadet unit of the previous century. Military





activities such as ambush and contact drills are no longer permitted, but the program that replaced these activities is much more adventure-based.

Apart from the SMT, for those in senior roles in the Cadet Unit such as Platoon Commanders and Specialty commanders, camp is an opportunity to further develop leadership skills: these students take responsibility for organisation of platoon meals, training, entertainment and discipline. The Chain of Command still works in its traditional way with the Year 9 Lance Corporals, Year 10 Corporals and Year 11 Sergeants all contributing to the efficient operation of the camp.

Each year the students are returned to the parents with a fresh appreciation of the luxuries of home, especially a long hot shower. As well, they've learned quite a few new skills and a lot about themselves and their colleagues. A good week's work. ★







OPENING THE DOORS TO FUTURE STUDENTS

Open Day 2013 gave more than 1000 visitors to the College a snapshot of everything that happens at our amazing school. As they moved through our classrooms, facilities and grounds they witnessed the Waverley community doing what we do best – participating in a dynamic learning environment. Our learning spaces were buzzing, our cadets were descending walls, our sport teams were drilling, our Mac Book Air laptops were processing and our student tour guides were impressing with their knowledge about our school. “Having spoken to many parents that evening, the key impression they received was that our boys were happy at their school and that they were provided with amazing opportunities to flourish,” said Ray Paxton, Headmaster. Reflecting the high attendance at Open Day, the College is currently attracting strong enrolments for its intakes at Year 5 and Year 7.



Waverley Focus

Teaching the WiFi Generation



The rollout of laptops for all senior students at Waverley continued this year. 2012 saw laptops issued to Years 7 and 10, and in 2013 this extended to all other senior College students, with exception of Year 12. At each hand-out event the room was full of enthusiastic students who couldn't wait to get up and running with their new computers and this high level of engagement with the technology is increasingly reflected in our classrooms, which are quickly transforming into impressively focused and collaborative environments. The College has also invested significant resources into training which equips teachers with the tools they need to deliver leading-edge blended learning in every classroom. A series of well known local and international experts have been involved in these training programs this year, including Dr Rinda Montgomery, Greg Whitby, John Larkin, Bronwyn Stuckey and Andrew Douch. In a first for the College, a two-day teaching and learning conference "Learning and Teaching with Generation Wifi" was held on-campus in April, attended by all of the College staff as well as attendees from other schools. The event was so successful a similar conference is planned for 2014.

ENRICH: The New Immersion Initiative

Waverley College's plan for engaging with our near neighbour, Timor Leste has been formalised this year with the announcement by Headmaster, Ray Paxton, of an initiative he calls 'ENRICH'. The plan involves an ENCOUNTER with Timor Leste through the provision of RICE for school lunches in the village of Samalette; an IMMERSION experience for students and staff; the provision of COMPUTERS to the five villages in Ermera; and the building of a HOUSE to accommodate the Brothers working in Dili. (The plan can be remembered by combining the first letters of each word: ENRICH.) The ENRICH Timor Leste program will be the cornerstone of Waverley's strategic outreach to communities supported by the Christian Brothers.

Waverley's engagement with Timor Leste began with an invitation from the Edmund Rice Foundation CEO, Anthony Ryan, to Ray Paxton to visit the country as a guest of the Foundation in August 2012. "During that visit I began my assessment of what was possible for Waverley," said Mr Paxton.

"This year in early March I revisited Timor with two staff members, Cathy O'Sullivan and Brad Thompson, who have committed to designing an immersion experience for ten students in the capital, Dili, and the mountain region of Ermera, where the Brothers conduct their education and health ministries," Mr Paxton said.

"In consultation with the Brothers and the Edmund Rice Foundation, I determined that there was also an opportunity for Waverley to assist with improving the accommodation of the Brothers in the capital.

"This would be a longer term project but one which would be important to the ongoing sustainability of the work of Edmund Rice in Timor," he said.

"To this end I have been in discussion with a reference group that includes ERF CEO, Anthony Ryan, parent and old boy, Scott Cam, our Business Manager, Bryn Gregerson, and College Architect, Mark Glendenning."

PARENT BRIEFING

In May the College Parents' and Friends' Association hosted a Parent Briefing on the plans for engagement with Timor Leste. The briefing introduced them to the ENRICH plan and ERF Chief Executive, Anthony Ryan, provided details on the history and development needs of Timor Leste. In a moving presentation, Mr Ryan pointed out that Australia is part of a wealthy minority of the world's population, commenting that "in the majority world, eighty percent of humanity survives below the poverty line on less than ten dollars a day." A former teacher, Mr Ryan was moved to work in the aid sector after being exposed to extreme poverty in Africa.

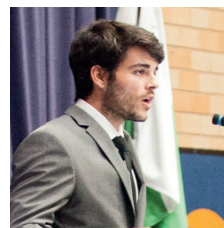
NEW IMMERSION ASSEMBLY

To symbolise the importance of the College's engagement with social justice the school's first Immersion Assembly was conducted on 28 February, calling together all of the College's senior school students to hear more about this important topic.

Much work has been done this year in developing and refining the College Social Justice Program. The College now offers a multi-level program which involves every student from Year 5 to Year 12, offering:

- Social Justice activities and immersions in Sydney
- Indigenous immersions in Walgett, NSW
- International immersions in Timor Leste
- Graduate immersion opportunities in India, Thailand and Burma.

The Immersion Assembly featured speakers from inside and outside the school involved in each level of the social justice program, including Old Boys Joey Fitzpatrick (2000) and Matt Williams Spooner (2010). Joey Fitzpatrick spoke about his work in India and Matt Williams Spooner about involvement in Thailand. Each speaker made it clear to students that reaching out to the underprivileged and marginalised is an essential part of each of our lives.



Immersion Assembly speakers Joey Fitzpatrick top, and Matt Williams above.



MONASH COMMEMORATION

NSW Governor Marie Bashir, pictured here with Mr Ray Paxton, was guest of honour at the recent Commemoration Service for the late Sir John Monash co-hosted by Moriah College and Waverley College. More than 200 students and 100 adults paid their respects to the memory of one of the nation's greatest military men. Sir John Monash died in 1931 and the commemoration services were

initiated in his home city of Melbourne ten years ago and in Sydney in 2001. His memory serves as a role model to educate students in the arena of leadership. Students from sixteen schools laid wreaths and Waverley College Cadet Unit provided the Catafalque Party, drum corps and bugler, Lance Corporal Alex Michaux. The cadets were commended for their steadiness and the sense of dignity to which they contributed. CUO Harley Glass was the guard Commander, while the Senior Under Officer, CUO Matthew Spooner, read the Ode of Remembrance. Participating schools were Emanuel School, Knox, The Kings School, Scots College, Kincoppal – Rose Bay, Masada, SHORE School and St Ignatius College Riverview.



CELEBRITY STORYTELLER AT WATERFORD PRESCHOOL

Waverley College celebrated Australian authors and publishers by taking part in the annual National Simultaneous Storytime at its Waterford Preschool on 22 May: At 11am 'The Wrong Book' by Nick Bland, was read simultaneously in libraries, schools and other places around the country to an estimated 380,000 children.

Special celebrity guest (and mother of Year 7 student Leonardo Bosi) actress Di Smith, read at the Waverley College event. Di is an actress, television personality, professional storyteller and Waverley College parent, as well as the Labor Candidate for Wentworth, and is well known from many of Australia's best-known television dramas including *A Country Practice*, *Water Rats* and ABC children's TV. A number of Waverley's Year 5, Year 7 and Year 11 students helped the preschoolers to enjoy the event. Preschool parents were invited along and enjoyed morning tea afterwards. The event was an initiative of the College Library.

Di Smith and our preschoolers during National Simultaneous Storytime.

JUDO COACH GOLD MEDALLIST

Waverley College's Judo coach Mr Kristof Frankowski won a gold medal in the Masters Division of the Australian Judo Championships in early June, his seventh national title. The win will see him travel to Japan in September to represent Australia in the Masters Division.

Mr Frankowski is the current World Champion in the Masters Division and has been World Champion on three other occasions and runner-up on five occasions. He is a member of the Sydney University Judo Club and has been competing for 45 years with over 70 medals to his credit.

Mr Frankowski has great rapport with his Waverley College students and the College is fortunate to have someone of his calibre and experience overseeing the Judo program at the school.



Mr Frankowski (centre) with other medallists at the Australian Judo Championships.

YOUNG ARCHIE WINNER

Year 8 student Max Fontaine drew a picture in pastels of his three-year-old sister, Lila, for the inaugural Young Archies Art Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW – the prize is a new version of the Archibald Prize, designed for children and teens. Max's work was inspired by 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch and was awarded first prize in the 13-15 age group by judge and

past Archibald Prize winner, Ben Quilty. Max was one of only 20 artists chosen from 487 entries in his year group. Max joins a growing number of award-winning Waverley College visual arts students and we congratulate him on his success.



Waverley Focus

Future Vision



The vision for an exciting new campus for the senior college has moved a step closer to reality this year with the lodgement of a development application for the site.

Plans for the redevelopment and consolidation of the senior campus have progressed steadily over the past twelve months, overseen by Glendenning Szoboszlai Architects and in close consultation with the Headmaster, Ray Paxton.

A Development Application was lodged with Waverley Council on 14 June and consultation with neighbours and the community is underway, with community briefings held on site during Term 2. Consultants and the architects are currently engaged with working on the construction documentation, and tenders for some of the works will be undertaken in October. Construction is expected to commence in December this year.

The intent of the development is to respect and preserve the historic buildings on the campus: in particular the Grange and the Conlon Building. No works are planned for the Grange, but the Conlon Building will ultimately be totally refurbished and a bridge between it and the main west wing will form the core of the school, with a 'spine' extending from east to west connecting the Kenny Building and the Gymnasium. This spine will provide a thoroughfare for much of the student traffic around the senior campus. The Conlon Building originally had balconies on the southern side of each floor, but these deteriorated and were removed many years ago. The balconies will be reinstated as part of the redevelopment. Bridging the gap between the Conlon and the west wing – and including much of the Conlon – will be the school's new Information Resource Centre. The bridge will include a series of spaces that will provide a

meeting point for school activities. Downstairs in the base of the Conlon Building will be the location for the Information Technology services to the school.

The Lacey Gymnasium will be extended to the south to encompass the current pool facilities, providing office accommodation for teaching staff. To the north, the gym building will be extended to provide a theatre facility with the capacity to seat the entire school. A linking corridor will connect to the new Technical and Applied Studies Building which will be built on the site of the current basketball court to the north. The basketball court facility will be preserved on the roof of the new building.

Plans for the site will take approximately seven years to come to fruition and will involve a number of staged modifications: transfer of the library to the area previously occupied by the hall is the first of these, with the new library due to open in Term 3 this year. The removal of the Visual Arts and TAS facilities from the Conlon, in readiness for the building's redevelopment, will occur after completion of the new TAS facilities. At this time the Visual Arts Department will be relocated to the upper floors of the West Wing.

As part of the overall redevelopment the existing facilities will be upgraded to comply with modern fire regulations, the administration facilities will be upgraded, and a plan to establish parking facilities in the southwest corner of the site will also be considered.

The architects, Mark Glendenning and Laszlo Szoboszlai, have a strong track record in the design of educational facilities, having worked with independent schools and Catholic Education Offices throughout Sydney and NSW.

Development Office Established



In line with the Strategic Plan, Waverley College has established a Development Office to support the ongoing initiatives, maintenance and expansion of the College in order to continue to provide the best possible and most modern educational opportunities for our students.

With this in mind we have employed the services of a Development Manager to head up the Development Office. **Mr Ross Lewis** has joined the College and brings with him a substantial wealth of experience in the Not for

Profit, sporting and entertainment sectors.

With the real potential of a decline in government funding and under current economic restraints where tuition fees cannot provide all

of the funds required to undertake building projects and capital works it is essential that to maintain our traditions, values and standards that we seek philanthropic support from the broader Waverley family.

The Development Office will focus on key stakeholder relations and will work closely with the Old Boys Union and other community groups.

The Development Office initiative will forge stronger bonds between the entire Waverley College community and we shall see many associated benefits as a result.

The mission of the Waverley College Development Office is to seek, identify and capitalize on opportunities pertaining to support for the College's ongoing growth and expansion while assisting in the provision of long term financial security and directing efforts towards ensuring that the College will remain one of the leading educational institutions in the community with a commitment to deliver the best modern and updated facilities.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In the long history of my association with the Waverley College Old Boys I have observed many changes in the Christian Brothers Education environment. These last years have seen a new era of Christian Brothers

teaching as there are fewer and fewer brothers and we moved into the Edmund Rice Education Association era. The Waverley College Old Boy Union continues to support, enrich and prepare the students of Waverley College as they move to becoming Old Boys of the College.

In a time of financial crisis in the rest of the world and an era that sees financial frugality, the Waverley College Old Boys Union continues to weather the financial storm and add to the constructive support of the College. It assists in the activities of the College through both spiritual, financial and social avenues in the area of Cadets, May Procession, Back to Waverley Day and the Final Year Graduation.

During 2012/13 we saw, as always, the passing of some notable Waverley College Old Boys and Christian Brothers. We pray that they rest in peace and their families are supported in their grief.

As President in 2012/13 I also saw a continuation of the vibrancy of the Old Boys Union led by an executive that involves a broad spectrum of individuals from a large range of years that has made my task enjoyable and fruitful.

The Waverley College Old Boys Union will continue to support the traditions within the College. I hope that the Waverley family supported by the Waverley College Old Boys Union will continue to provide quality education in the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice – inviting boys to become reflective young men and future wise Waverley College Old Boys Union members.

Anthony P Sciberras

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REPORT ON OLD BOYS UNION AGM ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013/14

After the 2013 May Procession the OBU gathered for afternoon tea and the Annual General Meeting. The result of the AGM election for the OBU Executive & Council Members, conducted by Br Patrick White on Sunday 5 May, is as follows:

President

Anthony Sciberras 1976

Vice President

Col Blake 1962

Treasurer

Peter Foley (J) 1986

Secretary

Chris O'Sullivan 1966

Council Members

Bob Bell 1970

Tony Coates 1970

Ivan Curotta 1948

Andrew Elliot 1981

Michael Dignam 1954

Terry Farley 1983

Peter Foley 1986

Brian Foster 1954

Stephen Gouge 2005

Richard Jackson 1948

Michael Jaeger 1991

John Karas 1969

Sean Mullaly 2004

Phil O'Sullivan 1938

Brandon Perry 2002

Salvatore Riolo 2003

Paul Robinson 1961

Bruce Whittet 1960

Non-elected position holders

Patron

Ray Paxton, Headmaster

Chaplain

Fr Martin Milani ofm



Old Boys enjoyed afternoon tea in the Performing Arts Centre after attending the May Procession. Top to bottom, Chris O'Sullivan, Anthony Sciberras and Col Blake. Salvatore Riolo (2003) and Sean Mullaly (2004). Br Vince Duggan, Provincial Head of Christian Brothers' Oceania Province and James Healy (2012). John Dowd (1941) and colleague. Bottom: Bruce Weitzner (1960), Greg Lane (1960) and Warren Boyd (1961).



OBU News

REGISTER FOR THE OBU WEBSITE

Have you registered for the Old Boys' Union website: wcobu.com.au?

Doing so makes it easy for your old school mates to stay in touch, especially when reunions and other events are planned. Registration also entitles you to access a digital archive of annual College Year Books from 1905 to 2011 – a must read for any old Waverlian.

Have you completed all of your personal details?

Many registered Old Boys have not yet completed all areas of their entries in the website. Please check that you have done so. In particular, many individuals have failed to complete the Business section of their listing. This can be highly beneficial for business networking between Old Boys and can also assist you to access talented young Waverley graduates for your enterprise. Please take the time to check your entry and to update any areas you have missed.

Having trouble accessing your information?

Call Robyn Moore on 02 9369 0656 or email ramoore@waverley.nsw.edu.au for assistance.

Keep your details up to date

Moving house? Register a change of details by completing the update form included on the reverse of the mailing covernote posted to you with this magazine. You can post it to us care of Waverley College, 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024, or scan and email it to ramoore@waverley.nsw.edu.au. Alternatively you can just update your own details on the OBU website.

CALL FOR HISTORIC PROGRAMS

For a number of years at the end of the 1970's, the College staged both a musical and a drama production in the same year. Some of these included:

- 1978 Death of a Salesman and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
- 1979 Othello and Oliver
- 1980 Henry IV and Yankee Doodle Dandy

The Waverley College Archive holds very few original images or programs of College productions such as these. Any contributions that can be made by Old Boys or their families would be most welcome.

Please contact the Archivist, on 02 9369 0773 if you are able to make a donation.

Image of the program cover from a production of Shakespeare's King Henry IV from 1980.

**SPONSORS NEEDED**

Sponsors are always needed for the tipping competition on the Old Boys website: currently there are Rugby, NRL and AFL tipping competitions running. The Waverley College OBU would like to offer a prize to the winning Waverley College Old Boy for each of the competitions. If you are able to donate a prize you will be acknowledged on the OBU website. Please contact Col Blake at col.blake@hotmail.com if you are able to assist.

Special thanks to William Ryan of the Harold Park Hotel, Glebe who is a regular sponsor.

Profiles

MR BOB EVANS 1954

Thank you for the opportunity to give those interested a brief summary of my life over the 60 years since leaving Waverley in 1954. I live at Lake Macquarie in retirement where I fish, swim, garden, study genealogy and assist in the running of a small charity. I have several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. My wife Ellen and I have travelled extensively around the world and Australia.

After leaving the 1954 class at Waverley I furthered my education at MBHS Darlinghurst (Hon. Ec.), and subsequently was sworn in to the Customs and Border Protection Service where I progressed through the ranks to the position of Chief Inspector at retirement in 1994. An interesting career sometimes took me to the Pacific Island nations in a training capacity, and lecturing part-time at TAFE Sydney, Kogarah and Petersham to prospective Customs Agents in customs procedures and administrative law. I was appointed State Examiner in these subjects.

It has been a long time and memories fade. I see Charlie Owens regularly, and I send sincere regards to John McClusky, John Brennan, John MacInroe, Allan Gallagher, and all with whom I was associated at Waverley.

Bob Evans

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WILLIAM RYAN HAROLD PARK HOTEL

William Ryan was Australia's first fifth generation hotelier.

Educated at Waverley College 1972-1979, and in the school of hard knocks: growing up I thought it was normal to come home through the public bar with patrons trying to grab my school cap. We lived in many different pubs over the years and at different stages my family has owned icons, including Newport Arms, The Steyne in Manly and close to home and school, Bondi Junction's Tea Gardens Hotel.

Currently I am ensconced at the Harold Park, Glebe. It is my legacy for the sixth generation, should my boys want to continue the tradition. Harry, Waverley Year 11, has just completed his RSA and has been granted permission to work in the bar. Rafe, Year 9, has been known to put on the dishwashing gloves in the kitchen when necessary. However, I believe every young person should find their own voice so it's up to them if they follow in the Ryan footsteps.

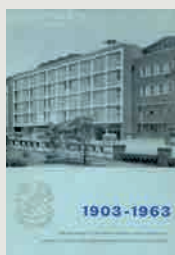
The Harold Park Hotel has been open rising 130 years and I'd like to think back then there would have been a similar dynamic to today, with the working class rubbing shoulders with toffs and business men.

Standing behind the bar doesn't necessarily equal success but you also can't do this job as a part-time thing. It's the footprint of the owner that's the fertiliser for every pub.

William Ryan

YEAR BOOK ARCHIVE

Waverley College Old Boys Union has recently completed a project to digitise the College Year Book Archive from 1905 to 2011. Since its launch the Archive has been extremely popular, and has been accessed by hundreds of ex-students. The archive can be accessed via a link on the Waverley College website or via the Old Boys Union website. You will first need a to verify that you are an old boy of the college and be issued a password to view the year books.



MAJOR KS HASSEY

Wavelength was recently sent the attached article and note from Phil Hassey, father of current Year 6 student Eamonn:

My son, Eamonn Hassey is in Year 6 at Waverley College. Whilst I did not get the chance to go to Waverley (I grew up on the North Coast, and the boarding college had closed), my father, (Eamonn's grandfather), and my grandfather did attend.

Dad graduated in 1954. He was active in the cadets at the school, and joined the University of Sydney regiment after graduating. Ultimately he ended up in the British Army and seeing active duty in some interesting parts of the world in the 1960's, alongside a successful career as a pharmacist and of course being an inspiring father. That is another story.

My father was going through some of his old memorabilia in recent months. He found a photo from the Southern News (I assume the Southern Courier in a previous incarnation). It is of him and 2 other Waverley Old Boys and Cadets who had all risen to the rank of Major, and were assigned to officer training together. The report noted their shared history at Waverley College and the University of Sydney. The photo is from 1970. I thought it may be of some interest for Waverley's history and the current cadets.

3 Majors' Article, Southern News



DOMINIC PANEBIANCO

I have been married since 1984 and together for 36 years – more than half of my life. Out of this wonderful marriage we have two beautiful children: our daughter Dominique who was schooled at St Clare's and son Anthony who attended Waverley College. Anthony's teacher was my teacher Mr Kerry Murray (a great teacher).

I am a trainer in health and fitness, biomechanics, author of a workbook and DVD "Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Program" for women and another on "Sports Specific Techniques". I also create programs such as "Boot Camp for Kids". I have made a significant community contribution through my S.A.P (Sexual Assault Prevention) program, having held seminars and had face to face talks with government officials to promote better awareness.

Dominic Panebianco

Recent Reunions

OLD BOYS MEET ON THE HIGH SEAS

On a recent trip from Hong Kong to Sydney on the Queen Mary 2, three old boys from the 1960's and now in their own 60's, met by chance on the high seas.

Of course reminiscences of College days & particular personalities were discussed over several drinks.



Left to right: Chris O'Sullivan (1965/66), Dennis Houn (1967) & Lionel Dooley (1965)

THE CLASS OF 1948

The Class of 1948 and friends celebrated their 65th Anniversary of graduation with a luncheon at the NSW Golf Club, La Perouse on 3 May 2013. Their first reunion was in 1978 at at Charing Cross and since then they have dined regularly at different venues. In recent years they have met quarterly with wives and friends welcome. Numbers have dwindled to 39 contactable graduates, with two living overseas and 11 interstate or in the country, but all are regularly contacted. Organisers thanked the Old Boys Union for their support in helping with the most recent luncheon, which attracted 23 participants. Present were (pictured, front row from left) Jim Donlevy, Alan Kahn, Paul Flannery, Lloyd Cohen, (back row, from left) John Dwyer, John Mison, Laurie Beckett, Paul Kelly, Bob Hunter, Dick Jackson, Tony Smith, Alan Colman, Bobby Londregan, John Taylor. There were 16 apologies due to illness or commitments.



Future Reunions

CLASS OF 78 REUNION 35 YEARS Dinner on Saturday 31 August

Gentlemen, It's on again; this will be our 35 year reunion: 'I'm just happy to be here'.

Venue: Easts Rugby Club, O'Sullivan Road

Time: 6pm – 12pm

Dinner service: 7pm

Dress: Lounge suit

Cost: Will be advised shortly

You can help by: Emailing your contact details including postal address, mobile and email.

The purpose of this letter is to make contact with as many of us as possible relying upon the data from the 2003 reunion. Trust you are all well. The evening should be a lot of fun, with a few laughs with some old mates.

Yours faithfully

Philip McGowen M: 0414 184 218

& Gerard Payne M: 0407 972 234

Contact details please reply to:

gerard@rhcityliving.com.au or

fax 02/ 9566 2155

2013 REUNION CLASS OF 1954/55

Lunch on Friday 27th September 2013

Join two former teachers and your class mates to reminisce on past school days – at least 30 of your former friends will be there and more are welcome. Please contact John Brennan by email on jwfb_brennan@yahoo.com for further details

2013 REUNION CLASS OF 1963

Friday 1 November following 'Back to Waverley' Day

Please contact Phillip Ryan by email on phil.sylvaryan1@gmail.com for further details.

2013 REUNION CLASS OF 1973

Saturday 7th September 2013

Please contact Bill Mooney on 0425 295 018 for further details.

2013 REUNION CLASS OF 1983

Saturday 7th September 2013

Please contact Keiran Wallington by email on k.wallington12m@bigpond.com for further details.

2013 REUNION CLASS OF 1993

Please contact Michael Hynes by phone 0412 224 178 or email on michael.hynes@stamfordcapital.com.au for further details.

2014 REUNION CLASS OF 1964

Please contact Michael Matthews by email on m.matthews@unsw.edu.au for further details.

2014 REUNION CLASS OF 1994

Please contact Patrick Garcia by email on patgarcia1976@gmail.com for further details. A Facebook page has also been set up <https://en-gb.facebook.com/WaverleyCollegeClassOf199420yrReunion>

Presence, Compassion, Liberation

THE EDMUND RICE FOUNDATION

At Waverley College the Edmund Rice tradition is ingrained in students by the time of their graduation. The College takes great pride in Old Boys who carry this with them into later life, and the Edmund Rice Foundation provides an opportunity to do just that. The Foundation supports sustainable projects in developing nations and in particular supports education, health and community development projects in Africa, East Timor, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

Within Australia, the Foundation supports programs for socially and financially disadvantaged children, youth and families, including programs for indigenous Australians, refugees and asylum seekers. The Foundation also assists projects that promote the advancement of education for Australian youth in circumstances of poverty, disability and remoteness.

The Foundation also works with partner groups and over 32 schools across Australia – including Waverley College – to foster social justice awareness and participation for young people.

Chief Executive of the ERF, Anthony Ryan said, “The Foundation is developing stronger relationships with Edmund Rice Schools throughout Australia. Only this year, each Headmaster has committed to profile the Foundation’s projects to the families in their community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each school for its support of development projects both in Australia and overseas.”

Waverley College Headmaster, Ray Paxton, is currently working with the ERF to help support Comunidade Edmund Rice (CER) in East Timor, and the College will begin a program of immersions for small groups of students later this year. (CER activities include educational work in preschools and primary schools; a vocational centre in Gleno; community development; health care; coffee production and sales; computer education and card making.)



**Tony Coates,
Waverley Old Boy
and Board Member
of the Edmund Rice
Foundation (Australia)**

Old Boy, Tony Coates (1970) has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Edmund Rice Foundation since 2012. A Bachelor of Building from UNSW and past member of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Tony has extensive experience in Australian banking and property industries. He is now Managing Director of a consulting firm providing advice to the private and public sector.

Tony has been involved in managing voluntary organisations for over 25 years.

“Waverley started in 3rd class in my time ... so I was there for 10 years!

“I made lifelong friends; and had a great education. And even then I couldn’t help a sense of good fortune.

“It certainly stood me in great stead for the years that followed ... all built on the sacrifices my parents made; and the example set by our teachers including many “Micks” who had devoted their lives to the Edmund Rice ethos,” he said.

“And now – albeit 40 years down the track – I have more good fortune ... the opportunity to ‘give a little bit back’ through ERF ... and hopefully to honour Waverley’s wonderful legacy.”

The Foundation has established Chapters in Brisbane, Central Queensland (Rockhampton), Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Sydney. Chapter memberships comprise corporate and community leaders who advocate, profile and fundraise for the Foundation.

The NSW Chapter of the ERF staged a Gala Dinner in Sydney on Friday 31 May at which Waverley Headmaster, Ray Paxton was keynote speaker, reflecting on his recent ERF-linked tour of East Timor. Fundraising from the dinner will benefit the construction of a new school in East Timor, education and health projects in Papua New Guinea and holiday and mentoring programs for disadvantaged youth in NSW.

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Waverley alumni interested in supporting the Foundation should contact Anthony Ryan (awryan@edmundrice.org) or visit the website at erf.org.au.

OBU Sport

Rugby scholarships at UNSW Jack Whitaker

The University of NSW announced a new scholarship in April 2013: The Friends of Waverley College Randwick Rugby Scholarship. Winner of the \$5000 scholarship for 2013 was 2012 College Captain and past CAS Representative player, Jack Whitaker.

The scholarship was established by Old Boys Denis Cleary and Warwick Negus. Winners of the scholarship must be former students of Waverley College playing for Randwick Rugby Union Club and recommended by their coach.

Writing for the Randwick District Rugby Union Football Club website, journalist Terry Smith explained:

"Randwick (District Rugby Union Football Club) is stepping up to challenge Sydney University's seeming monopoly of acquiring the cream of the State's most extravagant young rugby talent," he said.

"For years the men in myrtle green dominated the Shute Shield through

sheer weight of Wallabies, but time moves on. Instead of heading to Randwick, the bright sparks of schoolboy rugby have been opting for University where a career path is available through a rugby scholarship."

The scholarship was announced at the club's season launch attended by Randwick legends Simon Poidevin and Bob Dwyer, Alan Jones, Australian Rugby Union bigwigs Michael Hawker and Bill Pulver and University of NSW Vice-Chancellor Fred Hilmer.

At the Randwick launch, former Wallaby coach Alan Jones said: "It's good to see Randwick achieving a balance of linking an education to playing rugby." Indeed, Club President Bob Dwyer admitted Randwick had been a trifle tardy in making the big changes needed to compete with Sydney University.

Poidevin admits: "Everyone needs to step up. Randwick has stepped up."



Pictured left to right: Warwick Negus, Jack Whitaker and Denis Cleary at the Scholarship announcement in April 2013.

Continuing, he said, "We see the advantage of balancing a good education with a rugby career in the right way. You might not make it in rugby. You might get injured."

The scholarship is one of a number available at the University of New South Wales for graduates of Waverley College. More information on these can be obtained by contacting the Scholarship Office at the University.

Waverley College's Headmaster, Ray Paxton, expressed his gratitude to Denis Cleary (1959) and Warwick Negus (1979) for their support of the College and its students.

Interested in supporting Waverley's students? Contact Waverley College Development Manager, Ross Lewis on 02 9369 0753 or email rlewis2@waverley.nsw.edu.au

Recent graduates making their mark in rugby

William Munro (2010) and Jack Johnson (2012) both saw debuts for Randwick in the Shute Shield in June along with Australian rugby superstar, Kurtley Beale who was returning to the game after an extended break. Will and Jack are the latest in a long line of Waverley College Old Boys to achieve success on the rugby field. Playing against them in the Sydney University ranks were Waverley Old Boys, Byron

Hodge (2009) and Sam Talakai (2009), who also performed well.

These days Munro is a full-time student studying Commerce at the University of Sydney (His younger brother, Max, is in Year 9 and his father, Scott has been P&F President since 2011) and Johnson is an apprentice plumber. Prior to the game, Randwick Head Coach Wade Kelly said, "Kurtley Beale's return to Randwick is a positive reminder to players involved in the Shute Shield that the competition continues to serve as a breeding ground for Super Rugby talent.

"Representative footy is the next level for these boys and if they can play well then, like Kurtley, they will be picked up. The opportunities in this sport are vast and constantly growing, not only here but overseas as well."

Also not to be forgotten is Old Boy, Tom English (2008), who has just signed a 3 year professional rugby deal with the Melbourne Rebels; and teacher, Matt Barr, who is assistant coach of the high flying Southern Districts Rebels. There is also Jed Holloway (2010) contracted to the NSW Waratahs who has been playing well and made his first Tah's game for the season on 9 June against Western Force in Perth, following up with the Waratahs match against The British & Irish Lions on Saturday June 15, 2013.

The Waverley Rugby Referee program is also proving successful – Old Boy Charles Hartson (2007) is refereeing at a high standard including some Super 15 games.

William Munro (left) and Kurtley Beale in their debut 2013 season game for Randwick.



OLD BOY CONTRIBUTION

Spirit of a Highwayman at Waverley College

BY JAMES HUGH DONOHUE BA DIP FHS (WAVERLEY COLLEGE 1952-1956)

Waverley College students who had the occasion to visit the Headmaster's Office during the 1930s through to the late 1950s would have noticed a portrait of a woman which hung on the wall. This portrait was of a most fascinating lady, Mrs Mary Egan.



Mary Egan

Mary Egan was a convert to Catholicism but embraced her religion, and particularly the College, with tremendous enthusiasm. She helped acquire Field's House, personally contributing a small part of its cost to get the fundraising started. She led the team of mothers who raised the funds for the former handball courts, the Carrington Road "Conlon" Gates and other activities detailed in the 1935 edition of the "Waverlian" Magazine in an article commemorating the 10th Anniversary of her death.

Mary Egan's family began in Australia with a highwayman who was brought out in the First Fleet, James Squire. James was the father of Australian beer brewing and founder of the nation's hops industry. Beer drinkers may be

familiar with a range of boutique beers called "James Squire" brewed by prominent Master Brewer Dr Charles "Chuck" Hahn at the Malt Shovel Brewery operated by Lion Nathan Pty Ltd. Bottles of "James Squire" beer sometimes contained a chapter in the life of the man after whom the beer is named. He was a real character. He was Mary Egan's great-great grandfather, one of four of Mary's ancestors who arrived in Australia in the First Fleet. The others were Edward Goodin, Olivia Gascoigne and Nathaniel Lucas.

James Squire was actually convicted of highway robbery in 1774 and transported to North America. He elected to serve his time in the British Army and was posted to a settlement now called Pensacola, in a colony then known as West Florida (now predominantly Alabama). The Spanish from Louisiana pushed the British out of the colony in 1776 and James Squire returned home with a discharge. En-route home he met Captain Arthur Phillip from his epic voyage to Rio De Janiero transporting Portuguese convicts. The friendship between the two men explains why James later became the New South Wales Governor's bodyguard. In 1784 James was convicted of stealing a chicken and so he arrived in Australia on the "Charlotte".

James fathered eleven children, and Mary Egan descended through the seventh child, Sarah. James left an estate of over £1,000 cash (\$3 million in today's terms) and 1,400 acres of land on Sydney Harbour's foreshores in what is now the suburb of Putney when he died in 1822. He had founded the Australian hops growing industry and was the nation's first commercial beer brewer.

Miss Mary Emily Goodin had married Architect and Real Estate Agent, Edward James "Jim" Egan, at St Francis Church, Paddington, on 13th December 1894. Her father, John Andrew Goodin, was an Accountant and later, a Newtown publican. Mary's family were proud and devout Anglicans. Mary was ostracised by the family for the rest of her life for marrying a Catholic.

FIRST IN A LINE OF NOTABLE WAVERLIANS

Mary and Jim's eldest child, Cyril, was one of the first enrolments in Waverley College. Cyril was Dux of the College (Public Service Class) and twice Captain of the College. Like many of his schoolmates Cyril served in the Great War, fighting with the 2nd Light Horse Squadron in the final campaigns in Jordan and Syria. He observed the final surrender of the defeated German Army of the Middle East and the Turkish Army under Field Marshal Otto Liman Von Sanders at Aleppo, Syria on 30th October 1918. Cyril had qualified as an Engineer, prior to his enlistment, and on his return from the war joined the Sydney Water Board. Cyril oversaw the construction of 1,000 miles of Sydney's sewage and drainage tunnels, besides designing and supervising the construction of the Warragamba Dam.

Cyril's two sons, James and Francis attended Waverley College in the 1940s. Both boys became Medical Doctors. Mary's second son, Frank, attended Waverley too. Frank played first grade League for Eastern Suburbs and for New South Wales in the 1920s. He joined his father in the Real Estate business.

There were four daughters in the family. The eldest was Alma who attended St Clare's College, Waverley. She married Sydney Accountant, Herbert Payne. Their three boys were John, Edward and Richard (Toby). Rev Fr Roderick Payne OFM, attended Waverley. Alma's granddaughter, Dr Colette Livermore, while a Nun, had worked directly with Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Daughter Olive was a formation student of Holy Cross College, Woollahra, which Mary also supported with the same vigour. Olive married Pharmacist John Marshall. Olive's three sons, Edward, Robert and Alan attended Waverley. Clare married Commercial Traveller, a Waverley Old Boy, Hugh Donohoe. Their four sons, Vincent, James, Brian and Francis, also attended Waverley. The youngest daughter was Ada. Ada too married a Waverley Old Boy, a Banker, Emile Calachor. Their grandson, Patrick Brian, was a College Prefect during the 1980s. Of particular interest to the family is that Clare and Ada were born in the family home which is now part of the site of the College's Brother Lacy Gymnasium. The family's former home in Birrell Street is completely embraced by the College's modern campus. Mary would be very proud to have known this.

Incidentally, three of Mary's great grandchildren are members of Saint Mary Mackillop's extended family. Their other ancestor was Dougal McDonald, a cousin of Mary's mother, Flora, nee McDonald. Mary Egan was a Type 2 Diabetic. She suddenly died on 14th January 1925 at the age of 52 years from septicaemia after her finger became infected. In the 1935 article, the Christian Brothers said of her, "Her many acts of kindness to the Brothers personally – generous donations of food, furniture and clothing, as well as financial assistance at a time when it was sorely needed – have always remained perfectly unknown except to those who benefited by them and to God "Who seeth in Secret", and who will repay generously".

The portrait was destroyed in the fire at the old Queen's Park Pavilion where it was being stored awaiting completion of new offices. The portrait had been created after Mary's death from a photo. This photo has been found in the College's archives so it is now possible for the portrait to be recreated. Mary Egan's name is listed on the plaque located at the entrance to the College Chapel. There is also a window situated on the left hand side of the altar in Holy Cross Church, Woollahra dedicated to Mary. Those who remembered her referred to her as "Pet Goodin", a reference to her charisma. Mary Egan's family came a long way from bailing up a victim on a street in Kingston on Thames in England to producing numerous great Waverlians. ✨



Jim Egan



OLD BOY CONTRIBUTION

What things will tomorrow bring? Coping with change

BY PSYCHOLOGISTS PAULINE FENECH
AND ANTHONY SCIBERRAS

Any period of the year or event such as Easter, ANZAC Day or the May Procession can be a time of great joy, happiness and anxiety. People experience change in different ways; some find change as a loss and have a great deal of difficulty in meeting the challenge of change; others embrace change as an adventure and enjoy the differences that change brings. Our column in Wavelength looks at different ways of coping with those feelings surrounding change.

We all are likely to experience various forms of change throughout our lives. These can include starting a new job, the beginning of a new course of study or new relationship. Change has been described as an action to make different, alter, transform or something new that replaces the old. The stages of change include: transition, acceptance, accommodation and resolution. Many different types of emotions may accompany change such as sadness, happiness, confusion, anger, hostility and indifference. Common physical and psychological feelings associated with change may include crying, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, poor concentration and feeling anxious or worrying. Although research has identified these particular signs and symptoms, dealing with change is always a very personal and individual experience. It is important to know that everyone deals with change differently and there is no right or wrong way to accept change but some methods may be more useful than others.

Change is often associated with new beginnings and involves family, friends and/or work colleagues. These associations may serve as supports or restraints to change and bring to the surface. It may help to prepare yourself for this possibility and to understand that you may need extra support at this time. Remind yourself that everyone copes with feelings of change in different ways. Giving yourself time and space to change in your own way can help you to cope with your feelings. You may wish to say no to some aspects involved in what needs to be changed and spend some time alone, and that is okay; or you may prefer to be around other people that you trust and are comfortable with and enjoy their company, and that is okay too so that you might share the experience of their and your changed circumstances. Either way, you should not feel guilty about your decisions.

You should also remember that having a good time or doing something that you enjoy does not mean that your change experience is any less important. Taking extra care of yourself may help you to cope with your change and make even the most difficult change experience bearable. This includes eating a balanced and nutritious diet, avoiding excessive amounts of alcohol, getting regular exercise and maintaining social contact with people you trust. If you are finding it very hard to cope with day to day things, it is a good idea to talk about it with someone you trust in your family or at your work place or your circle of friends. You may also wish to discuss your issues with a health professional, such as a psychologist.

Change is a normal part of everyday life: at different times of the year we are invited to change and the pressure of change maybe just that, too much pressure. In dealing with change, keep the change small and manageable as you can; change things that you have control over and try not to worry about the things you can not change; tell someone about your worries, seek some help with the change you are experiencing and perhaps incorporate a timetable to deal with the change. Remember for everything to stay the same everything must change.

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OLYMPIC DREAMS

OLD BOY SIMON BLAKE IS CREATING A NEW GENERATION OF OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLISTS WITH THE KENYAN RIDERS

Class of '92 Old Boy, Simon Blake, is coach of the Kenyan Riders cycling team in "Iten, Home of Champions" Kenya. The Kenyan Riders team began when Nicholas Leong flew from Singapore to see if he could transfer the Kenyans' amazing running success onto the bicycle.

Five years later and the team trains three times a day descending from the large climbs of the Rift Valley, or avoiding pot holes on the road into the town of Eldoret.

The camp has its own BMX/Pump track, built by the cyclists during off-season training. Using BMX and mountain bikes that are mostly second hand bikes slowly acquired from many different places over the years, they develop a better relationship between the bicycle and cyclist, as most East Africans don't get a bike, if at all, till their late teens or twenties.

The bike is a way to earn a living – either carrying wood, charcoal, milk, potatoes or people. Most of the cyclists on the team have come from a similar

background of hard work with their bikes.

Kenyan Riders had its best result so far in the 2012 Tour of Rwanda – 3rd place in the individual General Classification. The first black African against the strongest African cycling nations and a few pro teams from Europe, the United States and Canada.

Kenyan Riders raced in Australia from May to August 2013, gaining much racing knowledge which is hard to experience in Kenya. They rode in three Australian professional tours, the North West Tour (northwest NSW), the Tour of Gippsland and the Tour of Great South Coast (Victoria).

International Cycling Union (UCI) chief Pat McQuaid told Reuters in an interview. (Reuters) – African cyclists could be standing on the podium at major races within five or six years, according to the president of the sport's governing body.



Above: Simon Blake at the Tour of Rwanda 2012





QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Waverley Legend Recognised

Waverley Old Boy **Phil O'Sullivan** (1938) was recognised in the 2013 Queens Birthday Honours List with an Order of Australia Medal for his contribution to cricket in the Eastern Suburbs. Often referred to as 'Mr Cricket', Phil was also recently recognised by Waverley Council, who named the newly opened Waverley Oval building the 'Phil O'Sullivan – Bob Horsell Grandstand'.

The medal recognised Phil's contribution to the founding of junior cricket at the Waverley District Cricket Club in 1968 and coaching for 30 years. Phil was also President of the Waverley Cricket Club from 1979 to 1987.

At 90, Phil has contributed to the Waverley College community in many ways over the years. The O'Sullivan family has been connected to the College since Phil's father, Eugene O'Sullivan, was a voluntary part-time teacher in English and Religion from 1921 until 1924. Phil helped to maintain the College buses at the family garage in Denison Street, Queens Park. The O'Sullivans had the remarkable distinction of having three generations serving on the Old Boy's committee at the same time for a number of years: Stephen (2001), Chris (1966) and Phil (1938). Chris and Phil both continue to serve in official capacities in the Union.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Past Waverley staff active in national schools rugby body

Two past members of Waverley staff hold key positions in the Australian Schools Rugby Union (ASRU)

They are previous Headmaster – Br Bob Wallace – who is the President and past Deputy HM (Curriculum) – Andrew Elliot – who is the Executive Officer.

Waverley has had very strong connections with all levels of rugby – there have been 18 old boys who have become Wallabies – one of them, Owen Finnegan, played 55 tests. Recently another – Adam Freier has been President of the Rugby Union Players Association (RUPA). He is often a participant in Rugby TV Shows. The most celebrated was Cyril Towers who was one of the original architects at Randwick of the distinctive Australian style of running rugby. Other well known players include Wally Meagher, Michael Cleary and Murray Tate.

The ASRU is an organisation of teachers from all states and all school sectors in Australia that provides higher level opportunities for schoolboy rugby players – at several levels – up to the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Team.

Players who go through this pathway have, in many cases, become Wallabies – usually more than 60% of any Wallaby squad have played for the Australian Schoolboys.

The ASRU conducts an inter-state championship from which the representative teams are selected.

Br Bob Wallace was at Waverley from 1989 to 2004, being the Headmaster from 1992. Whilst at Waverley he coached a rugby team every year – as well as coaching a water polo team – often described as "underwater rugby".

Andrew Elliot, who is also an old boy of Waverley was at Waverley from 2002 to 2007 during which time he was the Deputy HM in charge of curriculum. He was also a rugby coach, as well as a referee and cricket coach.

Br Bob Wallace was Secretary of the ASRU prior to becoming President in 1992. He managed the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Team that had the Ella brothers, Wally Lewis, Michael O'Connor, Michael Hawker, Tony Melrose and quite a few others in it. He was President of the ACT Schools Rugby Union for many years, being one of its founders. He coached 1st XV teams for 18 years, where he was Headmaster for 10 years. He was made a life member of the ACT SRU and has been on the Australian Rugby Union Council for many years.

Andrew Elliot has been on the Committee of the ASRU since 2003. He managed the Australian Schoolboys Team in 2010 and 2011.



He was Assistant Manager from 2006 to 2009. Prior to this he was on the NSW Schools Rugby Union Executive. He managed NSW Under 16 and 2nd XV teams and was made a Life member of the NSW Schools Rugby Union.

Both Br Bob and Andrew share the conviction that it is a valuable part of life to contribute voluntary services to the wider community and have chosen one that works well with their teaching experience and sporting interests.

Br Bob Wallace cfc and Andrew Elliot at an ASRU Fundraising Luncheon in April this Year.

Notices

Births

Toby Taylor (1990) became a father to Henry Vincent Taylor on Wednesday 27 March. Henry weighed a healthy 4.26 kgs which was fitting, since Toby was the youngest of 6 brothers who all played 2nd row in the 1st and 2nds for Waverley! Henry's middle name Vincent is from our father, Vincent Taylor.
Adam Taylor (1982)

Obituaries

VALE MRS WILMA 'BILLIE' COTTER WAVERLEY COLLEGE 'SUPER MUM'



Mrs Billie Cotter, an important contributor during the 1980's to the Waverley College Mother's Club, Mother's Choir and Art Show passed away in May 2013. Mrs Cotter is mother of Mark Cotter, Class of 1988 and the College extends it warmest sympathy to Mark and his family.

Mrs Cotter was president of the Mother's Club in 1986-87, a period when the Club was a very active in College life. Amongst numerous other afternoon teas, stalls, race days, fashion parades and luncheons, the Mother's Club organised the famed Waverley College Art Show, raising in excess of \$20,000 each year. The Mothers' Club ran the 'Tuck Shop' the Queens Park Kiosk, the Clothing Pool and covered text books for book hire.

In the 1986 Year Book Mrs Cotter commented, "For those who enjoy a challenge I have found the perfect solution – become President of Waverley College Mothers' Club! It is both challenging and rewarding."

The Mothers' Choir was another of her great interests and she maintained a close association with the Waverley Brothers for many years.

She will be remembered for her great contribution to the College.

Mrs Cotter concluded her final report on the Mother's Club in 1987 with the following: "May the College continue to prosper in all spheres and all those concerned, no matter how much or how little, always be proud of their association with Waverley." This picture is from 1986.

PAUL FITZGERALD WAVERLEY COLLEGE OLD BOY 1963

Passed away peacefully in the company of his children on January 8, 2013, aged 66. Father of 7, grandfather of 4 and Bondi Road Pharmacist for 39 years until learning of his cancer 5 months ago. A Service to celebrate his life was held at Tamarama Park on January 18, 2013. Published in The Sydney Morning Herald on January 12, 2013

DEATH NOTICES

Condolences are extended to the families and friends of the following Waverley College Old Boys:

Name	Month of death	Class	Last Address
Ralph Rutherford	July 2008	1956	Hamilton, QLD
Peter Moyle	October 2008	1956	Caringbah, NSW
Malcolm Cusick	June 2009	1946	Gosford, NSW
Tony Collings	January 2010	1954	Turrumurra, NSW
John Burge	March 2011	1963	Burleigh Heads, QLD
William Anthony Dickson	August 2011	1986	Woollahra, NSW
John Percival Styman	April 2012	1946	South West Rocks, NSW
Alec Morrison	June 2012	1945	Seaforth, NSW
Cecil Russell	June 2012	1954	Port Moresby, PNG
Paul Williams	November 2012	1980	Waverley, NSW
Alan Michael Marshall	November 2012	1950	Bondi Junction, NSW
Matthew Brailey	November 2012	1995	Brighton Le Sands, NSW
Christopher Regan	December 2012	1941	Longueville, NSW
Brian Joseph Whelan	December 2012	1940	Waitara, NSW
Joe Natoli	December 2012	1953	Mt Kuringai, NSW
Edward George Payne	February 2013	1947	Rathmines, NSW
David B Gorman	March 2013	1971	Mortdale, NSW
Tony Basha	April 2013	1961	Gold Coast, QLD
Garry Francis Henville	May 2013	1951	Lane Cove, NSW
John Richard Gibbins	May 2013	1954	Concord, NSW
Phil Caleo	June 2013	1951	Mosman, NSW



Evolution of a Crest

THESE IMAGES OF CAPS AND POCKETS FROM 1919 TO 1968 ARE TAKEN FROM ITEMS HELD IN THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES AND NICELY ILLUSTRATE THE EVOLUTION OF THE WAVERLEY COLLEGE CREST FROM INCEPTION TO ITS CURRENT FORM.

At the top left, the earliest cap held in the Waverley Archives is from 1919 and is clearly from a Christian Brothers College (although it remains a little uncertain whether it is actually a Waverley cap). The crest shows the motto, *Signum Fidei*, meaning 'Sign of Faith'. This is characteristic of the Christian Brothers, founders of the College. The logo of the Brothers, a five-pointed star known as the *Signum Fidei*, the Sign of Faith, sits in the centre of the crest. It has as its origin the Star of Bethlehem which led the Magi (wise men of the East) to the birth of Christ. The star was commonly used as symbol of the Christian Brothers, forming part of their crest for many years. At Waverley the star also alludes to Mary as Stella Maris, the star of the sea, with the College's longstanding devotion to Our Lady evident in the name of the College site as 'Our Lady's Mount'.

Blue and gold is already evident as the school colours in 1919 and this has remained consistent over the years. The colours are thought to be borrowed from the heraldic descriptions where blue (azure) is associated with Truth and Loyalty, while gold is symbolic of Generosity.

The next range of caps and a pocket date to the 1930s and retain the CBC lettering and five pointed star. Five gold bars have been added and these are a common symbol in many Christian Brothers school crests. There is some evidence to suggest that the Brothers taught their classes that four of the bars stood for the Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude, while the fifth bar related to the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. These particular caps were worn by members of the College's top sporting teams in cricket, swimming and rugby.

The final round of cap, badge and pocket range from 1959 to 1968 and show the crest largely in its current form and with the introduction of the current school motto, *Virtus Sola Nobilitat*, meaning 'Virtue alone ennobles' or, more commonly, 'Virtue is its own reward'.

The glossy crest, currently in use, was designed by Waverley dad, Russell Tate in 2011.

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND BACK TO WAVERLEY OLD BOYS DAY AND LUNCHEON

Thursday 31 October 2013 9.15am-3pm



A special event for old boys who left the College 50 or more years ago.

Special guests –
The Class of 1963

THE DAY WILL CONSIST OF:

9.15am

Meet in Centenary Quadrangle for those attending Home Group
– enter via Birrell Street

9.45am

Meet in Centenary Quadrangle for remaining attendees

10.00am

Mass in College Chapel

11.00am

Photo in Chapel

11.20am

Morning Tea and Headmaster's Presentation: 'Future Plans for the College'

12.15pm

Presentation at Headmaster's Assembly

1.15pm

Lunch in Performing Arts Centre

3.00pm

Conclusion



RSVP: by 21 October 2013

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