

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Greetings. While I always try to remind people that the devil is in the detail, and that it is the dailiness of our actions that brings grace to our boys and joy to our days, I must say that when we do the extraordinary, we do it well. Our experiment to bring the Valedictory Dinner home to the O'Malley Sports Centre last Friday evening was a magnificent production. Our Year 12s and their parents were most appreciative of the ambience, the food and the company. I am conscious of the work of so many people to bring the event to fruition, and of the personal costs, that mere words of thanks fall short. But as I often say, together we can achieve much.

Speech Night was a great night, as usual. I was particularly taken by the words of College Captain Jack Owen and Purton Orator Kieren O'Riley. Our guests were taken by the musical performances- given that our new Director of Catholic Education is a graduate of the Melbourne Conservatorium and our new Bishop writes his own music, I appreciated their positive critique! I am concerned about the number of parents and students who actually attend Speech Night. Our Director of Community Development, Paul Nolan has drafted surveys to question students and parents across the College to ascertain their views on this matter. The surveys were sent to families on Monday and so far we have had 120 responses. We appreciate this feedback and I would encourage others to complete the relatively simple survey within the next few days.

The Senior School and Junior School Presentations have recognised the achievements of many students across their studies, music, sport and other pursuits. I hope that the boys have enjoyed a little of the limelight as we prepare to send them on their way for a few weeks of fabulous fun and frivolity with family and friends.

May God bless us all.

PeterC



2012 Valedictory Dinner

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning  
Mr Stephen Hill

### 2013 Booklist

2013 booklists continue to be printed and distributed. Families of incoming 2013 Year 7 boys should have received their booklist in a mail-out sent last week. Current Year 11 and Year 10 boys also received a paper copy of their 2013 booklists last week. Booklists for 2013 Years 8, 9 and 10 will be distributed in a mail-out to be sent to parents this week.

Current Years 10 and 11 boys who ordered any novels or text resources using the 2013 VCE English Studies booklist will be able to collect these from the College on Friday, November 30.

Electronic versions of each 2013 booklist are available on the College website at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au) under the tab headed 'Curriculum'.

### Use of the Parent Access Module for End of semester reports

In June and September you received letters outlining the introduction of the Parent Access Module (PAM) which provides parents online access to a range of information specific to their son. Currently, you are able to view your son's timetable, his attendance records, daily messages, the College calendar and your son's Interim and End of Semester reports for both the current and previous years.

With the Student Assessment section now open, and having successfully trialled its use to deliver the 2012 Term Three Interim reports, the College will be extending our use of PAM to include online delivery of End of Semester reports.

While we are asking you to use PAM to access all of your son's reports instead of the College printing and mailing a paper copy to you, we recognise that some parents will still require or want a paper copy. Parents who want to receive a paper copy of the reports are asked to phone the College on 5331 1688 before Friday, December 7 to confirm this. Parents who previously indicated they wish to receive a paper copy of reports do not need to contact the College again.

The 2012 Semester Two reports for Years 7-11 students will be accessible via PAM from 4.00pm on Friday, December 14. Parents requiring further assistance with their PAM login are asked to phone the College on 5331 1688. A copy of the *Parent User Guide* for PAM has been placed on the College webpage. The College is also in the process of creating a PAM login for non-custodial parents which will be mailed as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College should you have any further questions or concerns regarding the use of PAM.

**FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER**  
**Student and Staff Wellbeing**  
**Mr Chris Caldwell**

**This Week's Events**

On Friday night the College staff gathered with the young men of Year 12 and their parents at their Valedictory Dinner. This is one of the great nights of the year and this year was no exception. It is always very rewarding to see the pride and the joy amongst the boys and the excitement about having finished this part of their educational journey. Congratulations to all members of the class of 2012, their parents, teachers and all other staff who helped to get them to this point.

Thanks to all staff for your efforts in ensuring that the Valedictory Dinner ran smoothly in our first year here at St Patrick's College. This may have ranged from transferring chairs to or from the Gymnasium, all the way through to transforming the Gymnasium into a showroom. On behalf of the Class of 2012, thanks to everyone associated with the Valedictory Dinner.

The Junior School end of year celebration will take place on Thursday of this week and promises to be another great occasion at which we can acknowledge the great efforts of the boys in the Junior School across the board. The Senior School presentations occurred on Tuesday of this week. The Middle School will conduct their celebrations during the Friday of next week.

All in all, there has been a lot of celebrating lately! It is good for us to do this as a community and gives us all great heart that as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are making great progress with our boys as they make their way towards being young men.

**End of Year**

As we rapidly approach the end of year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the St Patrick's College community a very safe and happy Christmas and summer holiday. For some in the community this time will include receiving VCE results and then confirming plans for 2013 at university or in another tertiary setting, or commencing an apprenticeship or other employment. For boys undertaking Units 3&4 VCE subjects, this time should include some form of preparation for the year of work ahead. It is important, however, that we enjoy the time shared with family and friends and that we express gratitude to our Lord for these gifts and blessings.

The year has been marked with great energy and success in many areas at the College. Congratulations to all boys who committed themselves to their studies, to the co-curricular sporting and cultural activities available at the College and who were involved in some form of community service activity throughout the year. These are the boys who will gain the most from their time at St Pat's.

**Binge Drinking**

Unfortunately at this time of the year, many students are injured or face criminal proceedings due to binge drinking. In 80% of offences committed by juveniles, they are influenced by alcohol. At the end of year, many students believe that the only way to celebrate the end of the school year, is a party where significant binge drinking may occur. This is a culture that we are trying to change to ensure the safety of all of our boys. I have attached a fact sheet by the Australian Drug Foundation which provides information regarding binge drinking.

**Please logon to the E-Crest to download the Binge Drinking Fact Sheet**

**Matthew Sloan's Miracle Trip**

On August 31, 2012 the Sloan family headed to the Melbourne Airport to commence former student's Matthew's 'Make-A-Wish' Miracle trip to the UK. Matthew's brother Christopher Sloan is currently in Year 7 at the College and older brother Jack (SPC 2007-2011).

The trip was beyond description. So much was experienced; a private tour with a "Yeoman Warder" at the Tower of London, seeing the Crown Jewels, hearing amazing stories of historical significance, double decker bus rides, beautiful sky-views of London thanks to the "London Eye, a Thames river cruise and a tour of Buckingham Palace.

Matthew loved the Bank of London Museum; but the Imperial War Museum was the absolute highlight.

The Sloan family returned home filled with awe and gratitude from such a wonderful life experience. The Creswick Activity Outreach Youth Group have shown endless support as well as Make-A-Wish-Australia. The whole family had a fantastic trip.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSION**  
**Mr Geoff Brodie**

It is a season for transition.

Last Friday the Senior School gathered for the Valedictory Dinner in the O'Malley Gym which underwent transition from sports hall to the venue for fine dining and animated conversation. Each student received his 'Old Boy' tie to mark the end of his time as a student. The current Year 11 students have completed the *HeadStart* programme which is the beginning of their Year 12 studies. The Year 10 students enjoyed two days in Melbourne discovering new worlds of opportunity. The Junior School Awards ceremony on Thursday night acknowledges the growth of our students as they continue their St Patrick's adventure in new ways.

We may group these together as important **rituals**. To offer a definition, a ritual is '*a form of outer behaviour coordinated with an inner intention to make contact, to participate in, the invisible world.*' What are these invisible 'things' that we wish to make contact with, to participate in? It is the transition to *maturity, friendship, authenticity and love*. Just like gravity, though we can see the effects of all these things, we cannot actually see them as objects. However, they are the evidence of the transitions we work for in a school.

Our Church calendar is also signalling a moment of transition. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent – we move from Ordinary Time to the season that prepares us to celebrate the great joy of Christmas. Christmas celebrates the Incarnation – the entry of God into human history for our redemption. In Jesus, who is both God and human, we have the perfect *coordination* of the visible and invisible.

In one sense we might say that friendship with Jesus is the perfect ritual and the goal of all our efforts to fully ‘make contact with’ and ‘participate in’ our human nature. All the rituals that have been mentioned above take their full meaning and value from the mystery of the Incarnation. Our desire to keep Christ clearly at the centre of all we do transforms us into the people God lovingly calls us to be. The transforming joy of our school rituals is evidence that we are on the right track, and that what we celebrate is truly worthwhile.

May this Advent be a season of creative and loving transition for us all.

## DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Mr Alex Hunt

Dear Parents/Guardians and Pupils (present, past and new)

Well, the year is almost over. I am sure I am not the only one breathing a sigh of relief, as the past few months have been a tiring time for all, culminating in the exam period and a busy end of year all round. I would like to take this opportunity once again to bid our 23 Year 12 leavers the very best of luck for the future. Whether that be in the AFL, at university or along the myriad other pathways individuals are choosing to follow, I thank them again for all they have given to the boarding community over the years and hope that we see them back for a visit now and again and at Old Collegian events.

In 2013 we look forward to welcoming a good number of new boys from close by and far afield. We have boys joining us from Year 9 through to Year 12. I know all our seasoned boarders will do all they can to settle them in quickly and make them feel at home and part of the tight knit boarding community.

We say goodbye to a number of staff from boarding this year but I know they will maintain a link with our community. Rick Balchin is stepping down as Housemaster and Assistant Director of Boarding. He will focus on the important role of Indigenous Education Manager. Brett Dickinson will no longer be Housemaster of McCann House but stays on at St Patrick’s College as a teacher in the PE department.

Replacing Rick in Sturt House is Mike Silcock who brings with him a wealth of experience in boarding. He will be the Assistant Director of Boarding and also teaching English and History in the Junior school. He is joined by his wife Ainslie who will be teaching in the Food Technology department. Andrew Schuyler, Housemaster of Nangle, will be joining the teaching staff full-time next year which will enable him to have an even greater influence within the boarding community.

As ever, we are hugely indebted to our Housekeepers. They have done a fantastic job, sometimes in trying circumstances!

I decided to increase the hours and number of Housekeepers partway through the year, as I am only too aware of the important role they play in a boarding community. I, along with many others, feel this been to very good effect. The boys have been afforded even greater levels of care and it has been very noticeable in the appearance of the Houses. I would like to thank the maintenance team for all they have done throughout the year.

The Catering Team also deserves recognition and thanks for having worked hard all year to cater for the boys. Bernie and his team work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, always with the boys’ well-being in mind. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our three GAP students who contribute to the boarding community in a wide variety of ways.

The boarders have involved themselves in a wide variety of sporting and cultural activities throughout the year. The boarders’ football team beat all before them under the guidance of Rick and Bernie. We had valuable contributions from a number of boys in the rugby teams while the basketball teams were dominated by a group of extremely talented boarders.

We had a dedicated group giving their time to tutoring at St Albans, which is such a worthy and valuable pursuit. Local football clubs benefitted from the talent and dedication of many in our community and the TAC Rebels were very well represented by St Patrick’s boarders. We have made our weekly trips to Mass which has been a time to reflect on the week past and the week ahead and the way in which we conduct our lives. We have always been welcomed at St Columba’s and the congregation held a coffee and cake evening after a recent Mass to say farewell to our leavers and wish all the boys luck with their exams.

In the last month an enormous amount of money has been spent on furniture in all the boarding houses. I felt a need for this and it was something that many of you also felt necessary, as was highlighted in the recent online surveys many of you completed. Each boarding house, from January 2013, will have fit-for-purpose beds with an under-bed locker on wheels, new residential quality wardrobes and new desks so that all boys have somewhere to study. The boys are slowly but surely beginning to get the message about locking valuable items away, although unfortunately there are still mobile phones, iPods and laptops left out during the day. Every boy has a secure area, i.e. a locker and a combination safe. Please reinforce the message at home that it is **their** responsibility to lock items up when they are out of the house.

Damage to property, personal items and thefts have been minimal this year, which is pleasing, but they do still happen on occasions. We know that damage is occasionally caused and it has been very encouraging that most of the time the culprits come forward and acknowledge it. Long may that continue! I will, once again, be reinforcing the need for all new and existing school property to be treated with respect.

As many of you are aware I implemented a number of changes to the boarding system throughout the year, a few of which have been met with a good degree of resentment. These are changes that I, and others, felt necessary and vital to the on-going safety and well-being of your boys here at St Patrick’s College. Increased levels of supervision and a more proactive approach to ‘boarding duty’ is something I am continually pushing to instil in my boarding team. A programme of professional development for all boarding staff is planned for 2013 which will further enhance our team.

In an effort to build an even more cohesive community and increase the level and quality of pastoral care we are changing the boarding structure in the Houses from January 2013. From next year, Sturt House, our boarding house on the other side of Sturt Street, will become a weekly boarding house. It will shut on Friday afternoons and reopen on Sunday evenings.

This will result in the other three Houses being more highly populated over the weekends and therefore allowing a more vibrant atmosphere to exist for our full boarders.

One of the roles of our new Assistant Director of Boarding is to develop, with input from the boys, a weekend activities programme. I know from conversations with our current boarders that many just want to relax and do their own thing after a busy week but others want the opportunity to partake in organised activities. Go-karting, movies, bowling and fishing have proved popular this year so I am sure that all of these and more will be on offer to those interested in getting involved next year.

Joanne and Adam and I wish all boarders and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone rested and refreshed in January. As always, please do get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further.

Best wishes



**Alex Hunt**  
**Director of Boarding**

#### **Dates for your diary and important information for 2013:**

- Boarders return **Wednesday 30 January**. There will be a BBQ and drinks on the lawn outside McCann House from **2pm**. Please endeavour not to return your boys before this time as staff will be involved in other school commitments and the Houses may not be open. There will be an activity organised for all the boarders on the Wednesday night before lessons commence on the Thursday morning.
- Boarders' Family Dinner Saturday 23 February (Term 1)
- Boarders' Family Dinner Saturday 27 July (Term 2)
- Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews Monday 15 April 3:30pm-5:00pm
- Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews Monday 15 July 3:30pm-5:00pm

#### **Weekly boarding**

- To ensure equity and fairness for all families, any boys enrolled as weekly boarders who wish to stay at College over a weekend will be charged \$110 per weekend. We will be working on the premise that, from January 2013, all weekly boarders will go home on Friday afternoon unless arrangements have been made with the Director of Boarding in advance. Leave arrangements for full boarders choosing to go home or stay with friends at weekends need to be made with the Housemaster by the Thursday prior to the weekend. If you have any queries about your son's enrolment status a call to our Business Manager, Shirley Walters, should clarify your situation.

#### **Housekeeping**

- On a housekeeping note we would request that all boys arrive in January with a rigid rectangular plastic laundry basket. We recommend the type sold in Big W or K-Mart for around \$10. Please do not send your son back with a collapsible basket as it makes life very difficult for our Housekeepers when they are moving to and from the Laundry. Any boys returning without a laundry basket will have one purchased by us and the cost added to their bill.
- It is advisable that each boy brings two combination padlocks: one for his under-bed locker and one for his desk.

#### **Exeat weekends**

- Each year there are published Exeat weekends which provide a chance for boys and staff to take a break from school and recharge their batteries. I have listed them below so please make note of the dates as the boarding houses will be closed to all students on these weekends.

- It is expected that boys will make their way home or arrange to stay with family or friends on these weekends.

#### **Boarding Houses closed**

- Friday, March 8 from 4:00pm to Monday, March 11 at 5:00pm (Labour Day holiday)
- Friday, June 7 at 4:00pm to Monday 10 June at 5:00pm (Queen's Birthday holiday)
- Friday, August 23 at 4:00pm to Monday, August 26 at 5:00pm
- Friday, November 1 from 4:00pm to Tuesday, November 5 at 5:00pm (Melbourne Cup weekend).\*

\*boys in years 11 and 12 with exams on the Monday may stay at College.

There are student free days on Monday, May 20 and Friday, June 14. On these weekends a limited number of boarding houses will be open but boys are encouraged to make use of the weekend by going home or staying with friends if possible.

### **HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL** **Mrs Elizabeth Ryan**

The Senior School Awards Ceremony was conducted this week in the O'Malley Gymnasium. Traditionally the programme has comprised of the presentation of Academic Awards for the Dux of each subject offered at Years 10 and 11 together with a number of cultural and sporting awards. By the virtue of the expansion of VET subjects particularly VET Engineering and VET Building and Construction we have seen a growth in the number of technology awards. Effort has also been made to include a number of lighter items into the programme like the screening of the 2012 SPAM award winner's film "Pinegrove" and the Senior school power point from Speech Night.

Whilst I agree it is not an enthralling, action packed thriller the programme is an opportunity for the Senior School to affirm and celebrate the success and accomplishment of all who have worked hard throughout the year in their subjects and sports of choice. To all boys who received an award; congratulations and well done. To all the boys who attended on the last calendar day of teaching and learning, you have my respect and admiration; not for doing anything remarkable, but just for doing the right thing; not taking the decision to start holidays early or convince your parents that as it is not about you it can't be worthwhile. To the 27 boys who had an award conferred on them but had elected to stay home may I say the loss was yours. To the argument, I should have told you were going to get an award, my response is; you should have been at school. Holidays had not begun. All students were expected to attend.

This week the Year 10 cohort together with ten staff embarked on what has become known as the Year 10 Melbourne Experience. For two days the boys will have an opportunity to tour a range of universities and colleges, to develop an awareness of all that is on offer in the realm of undergraduate studies and to experience life in residential university accommodation. This year opportunity was also provided for interested boys to visit William Angus and Deakin Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds campuses. I wish all a fruitful experience, one which inspires all boys to dream, learn and aspire to more.

<b>HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> <b>Mr Neal Arthurson</b>
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**Middle School Prize Winners**

Congratulations are extended to the Middle School prize winners presented at Speech Night last Wednesday evening. Their application to school work and involvement in College activities sets an excellent example for all. Well done boys.

**Prize Winners presented at Speech Night**

**Year 9 Dux** - Thomas Schreenan

**Year 9 Proxime Accessit** – Kelsey Gannon

**Middle School Prize for General Excellence** – Nicholas Frawley

**Year 9 Religious Education Prize** – Thomas Schreenan

**Middle School Graduation Assembly**

On Friday December 7 at 2.10pm, the Middle School Graduation Assembly will take place in the Old Collegians Pavilion. At this assembly a number of items including a Multimedia Display, Musical Items, and an Awards Ceremony will be presented.

All parents and families are warmly invited to attend the assembly.

**Middle School Prize Winners**

Congratulations are extended to following the Middle School prize winners. These boys will be presented at our Middle School Graduation Assembly. Their application to school work and involvement in College activities sets an excellent example for all. Well done boys.

**Dux** Thomas Schreenan

**All Round Excellence** Nicholas Frawley

**Proxime Accessit** Kelsey Gannon

**Subject Awards**

**Religious Education** Thomas Schreenan

**English** Thomas Schreenan, Kelsey Gannon and Campbell Milne

**Maths** Lachlan Fuller

**Science** Ryan Ringin

**Humanities** Thomas Schreenan

**Electives**

**Art (2D)** Liam Deutscher

**Ceramics** Liam Deutscher

**Criminology** Mitchell Steele

**Gadget Science** Shaun Ainley and Ethan Haintz

**Healthy Living** William Briggs

**ICT** Thomas Schreenan

**Music** Harris Robinson

**Multimedia** Callum Holland

**Linguistics** Joseph Thorpe

**Linguistics** Jack Lewis

**Japanese** Patrick Collier

**Japanese** Ryan Ringin and Chris Milroy

**Science of Human Conflict** Thomas Schreenan

**Systems Engineering** Timothy Martin

**Metal** Tom Evans

**Wood** Nicholas Anokye

**Visual Communication** Alec Robinson

**Wilderness** Jacob Coxall, Samuel Cranage and Joel Willmott

**Public Speaking** Campbell Milne

**Performing Arts**

**Performer of the Year - Leading Actor** Oliver Iles

**Public Speaking Award** Campbell Milne

**Debating Award** Campbell Milne

**Chess Award** Lachlan Fuller

**Music**

**Flute** Ryan Shaw

**Tuba** Oliver Iles

**Alto Saxophone** Lachlan Fuller

**Classical Guitar** Connor McMillan

**Tenor Saxophone** Nicholas McKenna

**Trumpet** Alec Robinson

**Trombone** Thomas Paarhammar

**Bass Guitar** Harris Robinson

**Percussion** Thomas Elliott

**Clarinet** Jack Shaw

**Sport**

**Athletics** Ryan Shaw

**Basketball – Green** Mitchell Hay

**Basketball - White** Jack Walter

<b>Tennis</b>	Edwin North and William Jury
<b>Football</b>	Benjamin Simpson
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	Laurence Cashin
<b>Rowing</b>	Christopher Milroy
<b>Swimming -</b>	Jack Walter and James McKinnon
<b>Outstanding Contribution to Shed Rowing</b>	Callum Holland
<b>Hockey</b>	Connor Dowie

## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

### Junior School Exams

Junior School exams are only a few weeks away. At this stage in the year, boys should be scheduling regular review of topic areas as part of their nightly study routine. All year 7 boys have formulated a review programme for Mathematics and Science as part of the Year 7 Transition programme, a review programme for Humanities will be done over the next couple of weeks.

Exams occur between December 3 and December 7, it is an expectation that boys sit exams. It would be appreciated if dental and medical appointments not be made during exam times. Exams will only be sat during the designate times, no alternate arrangements will be made for students absent during exam week.

Exam	Date	Time
<b>Year 7 English</b>	Monday, December 3	Sessions 4 & 5
<b>Year 8 English</b>	Tuesday, December 4	Sessions 4 & 5
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Mathematics</b>	Wednesday, December 5	Sessions 4 & 5
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Humanities</b>	Thursday, December 6	Sessions 4 & 5
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Science</b>	Friday, December 7	Sessions 4 & 5
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 PAT Maths Test</b>	Friday, December 7	Sessions 7 & 8

### Junior School Presentation Evening

This year's Junior School Presentation Evening will be held in the O'Malley Sports Centre on November 29 at 7:30pm. On this evening, all Year 7 boys will perform on their instrument as part of two massed bands. This is the culmination of this year's Instrumental Music programme. It is an expectation that all Year 7 boys attend.

All Year 7 and 8 Academic, Sporting and Cultural awards will also be presented to winners on the night. Please bring the family along to what promises to be an entertaining evening.

Boys will require their musical instrument at school on Thursday as a rehearsal will be held that afternoon. Boys will also need to bring along any additional items, music books, CDs etc... for return next Friday.

### Year 7 Study Day

Year 7 boys are not required at school on Tuesday December 4, as the Orientation Day for 2013 Year 7 students will be held.

This year's Year 7 boys will have a study day at home to assist them with preparations for their Mathematics, Science and Humanities exams.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

### Host Families Required

A Squad of 15 students from St Virgil's College, Hobart will be visiting Ballarat as part of their Victorian Cricket Tour. A 50 over game has been organised against the SPC Intermediate Squad on Tuesday, December 4.

The squad will require billeting on Monday, December 3, until the morning of Wednesday, December 5. Billets will need to be picked up from SPC at 8.30pm on Monday, December 3. The only meals that will need to be catered are breakfast on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The boys would need to be picked up from SPC after a BBQ on Tuesday evening, at approximately 7.30pm.

**We need 10 more families to cater for the boys. If you are able to host one or more students, or would like further information, please contact Mr Gerry Willis on 5322 4376 or email [gwillis@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:gwillis@stpats.vic.edu.au) as soon as possible.**

### Five boys from one school drafted

St Patrick's College's reputation as one of Australia's greatest football schools has been further enhanced after five Year 12 students were selected on AFL lists in 2012.

At last week's AFL National Draft students Michael Close, Tanner Smith and Martin Gleeson were all selected to join AFL clubs for the 2013 season.

They join classmates Jake Neade (Port Adelaide) and Dominic Barry (Melbourne) who were selected on senior AFL lists prior to the draft, during the trade period.

The first St Patrick's College student to have his name called out last night was tall forward Michael Close who was selected at pick number 32 by the Brisbane Lions.

At pick number 36 the Fremantle Dockers selected key defender Tanner Smith and at pick number 53 Essendon selected Martin Gleeson.

Former student Daniel Nicholson, who studied at St Patrick's College in 2007 and 2008, was also elevated from the rookie list at Melbourne with pick number 71 in last night's draft.

The success at this year's draft means St Patrick's College will have at least 19 players on senior lists in 2013 including Brad Crouch (Adelaide), Nicholas O'Brien (Essendon), Tom McDonald and Rory Taggart (Melbourne), Joshua Cowan (Geelong), Nick Suban (Fremantle), Nathan Brown and Clinton Young (Collingwood), Shaun Grigg, (Richmond), Mitchell Brown and Matt Rosa (West Coast Eagles), Tom Downie (GWS) and Drew Petrie (North Melbourne).

In its history, the College has produced 96 footballers who have played VFL/AFL at the highest level but never before has it had five boys drafted in the same year.

Headmaster Dr Peter Casey said the College was delighted to have such a strong representation at the highest level.

“It is very encouraging to see so many of our students perform so well and achieve their dreams,” Dr Casey said.

“As a College, we are always proud of the achievements of all our fine young boys who grow into great men in whatever field they choose.”

St Patrick’s College First XVIII coach Howard Clark congratulated all the boys on being drafted and said the College’s partnership with the North Ballarat Rebels had worked perfectly to develop an ideal breeding ground for young football talent.

“It is terrific to have such prominent representation in the AFL and it is a strong endorsement for all the hard work we, as a College, put into our football programme each year,” Mr Clark said.



Michael Close, Jake Neade, Mr Howard Clark, Dominic Barry and Martin Gleeson at the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

**Cricket**  
**Director of Cricket**  
**Mr Michael Busscher**

**SPC 1st XI Cricket**

**SPC 1st XI 6/109 defeated BHS 5/103 by 4 wickets with 14 balls to spare.**

SPC continued its early season form with a win over Ballarat High School in the Friday night T20 competition. The Ballarat High openers got off to a flying start quickly putting 40 on the board before a couple of quick breakthroughs from Matt Spratling (1/10 from 2) and Mitchell Walsh (1/10 from 2) slowed the scoring rate. Blake Thomson, Aden Nestor and Billy Hoye also picked up one wicket each.

In contrast to the BHS innings, SPC got off to a slow start before picking up the pace courtesy of match winning knocks from Jack Peeters (34 from 34 balls) and Blake Thomson (49\* from 39 including 6 fours and a six). SPC passing the BHS total with 14 balls to spare.

Congratulations to Luke Wilson and Mitch Crosier on making their 1st XI T20 debuts.

**BAS Sport**

**BAS Intermediate Cricket**

The BAS Intermediate Cricket competition involved some very close matches and results which gave SPC Blue the edge to take out the Premiership. Congratulations to all of the players and coaches of both Intermediate teams.

TEAM	played	won	lost	bye	wickets	%	POINTS
					lost		
SPC Blue	4	3	1	1	4	148	8
BG	4	3	1	1	6	67.2	8
SPC Green	4		4	1			2

**BAS Junior Hockey**

In what proved to be a very close and competitive sport, the BAS Junior Hockey has wrapped up for another year. Congratulations to all of the boys who played Junior Hockey and it is very pleasing to see that SPC came away with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place title. Well done to all.

TEAM	played	won	lost	draw	POINTS
BG	6	5		1	11
SPC Blue	6	1	3	2	4
SPC Green	6	3	2	1	7
BHS	6	1	5		2
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**BAS Junior Tennis**

Below are the results from both the A Grade and B Grade BAS Junior tennis competitions. It was pleasing to see the amount of SPC Juniors taking to the court each week, especially those that were trying the sport for the first time. Well done to all involved. SPC teams finished in the following positions:

<b>A Grade</b>	
SPC Blue	2 <sup>nd</sup>
SPC Green	Equal Third
<b>B Grade</b>	
SPC White	Premiers
SPC Gold	2 <sup>nd</sup>
SPC	5th

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TEAM	played	won	lost	POINTS
BG	6	5	1	10
SPC Blue	6	4	1	8
BHS	6	3	2	6
SPC Green	6	3	2	6
BCC	6	2	4	4
DC	6		6	0
JUNIOR B GRADE				

LADDER					
TEAM	played	won	lost	draw	POINTS
SPC White	6	5		1	11
SPC Gold	6	4	1	1	9
DC	6	4	2		8
BG	6	3	2	1	7
BCC	6	1	3		2
SPC	6	1	4	1	3

### BAS Junior Volleyball

Below is the final ladder for BAS Junior Volleyball competition. Congratulations to all of the boys who competed in Junior Volleyball, allowing SPC to come away with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Ballarat Grammar defeated SPC Green in Round 5

TEAM	played	won	lost	bye	POINTS
BG	4	3	1	2	10
SPC Green	5	4	1	1	10
SPC Blue	5	3	2	1	8
BCC	5	2	3	1	6
BHS	5	1	4	1	4

### BAS Intermediate Volleyball

Congratulations to all of the boys who competed in the BAS Intermediate Volleyball Competition. Below is the final ladder for the competition which saw SPC Blue take out the premiership. Thanks to all of the Coaches and Umpires who assisted on match days.

TEAM	played	won	lost	sets		%	POINTS
				for	against		
SPC Blue	6	5	1	3 - 123	3 - 111	110.8	10
BG	6	5	1	3 - 111	3 - 123	90.2	10
SPC Green	6	1	5				2
BCC	6	1	5				2

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr Paul Nolan

### Enrolment @ St Patrick's College 2014 Year 7

To receive a 2014 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

The closing date for all 2014 Year 7 enrolment applications is Friday February 15, 2013.

### Scholarships at St Patrick's College

The 2014 Scholarship programme is now open for students entering Year 7, 10 and 11 in 2014.

### ACER Online Candidate Registration System

Applicants are to register via the ACER Online Candidate Registration System via the St Patrick's College website at **website at <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/scholarships.php>**

The fee for ACER online registration is \$90.00 which is payable at the time of registration.

**The closing date for registrations is midnight Monday, February 4, 2013.**

### Scholarship Levels

Please note that Level 1 refers to Year 7 entry level (current Grade 6), Level 2 is Year 10 entry level (current Year 9) and Level 3 refers to Year 11 entry (current Year 10).

All applicants will be considered for an Academic Performance Award based upon their test results. Follow-up testing and interviews for art, sport, music and performing arts may be required. Individual candidates will be contacted in March to confirm details of category specific testing.

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Please refer to the attached letter available on this week's edition of the E-Crest, to view changes for eligibility for Conveyance Allowance for 2013. This is a letter to the community from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

The letter is also available of on the College website at [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)

## THE COLLEGE SHOP

Ms Michelle Lloyd

### MYKI Cards

Boys who have ordered MYKI Cards can now collect these from the College Shop at \$3 per card.

### College Shop Hours

The College Shop is open from Monday to Friday each week from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm. All other times by appointment.

White UV long sleeve tops are for sale at 20% discount off the normal recommended retail price. The tops are ideal for underneath rowing suits.

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

### LOST PROPERTY

A LARGE NUMBER OF UNIFORM ITEMS HAVE BEEN HANDED INTO LOST PROPERTY AT STUDENT SERVICES. ALL ITEMS ARE UNNAMED.

**All unclaimed items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year.**

### Canteen



Canteen Roster Monday, December 3 to Friday, December 7. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

#### **Monday December 3**

Marlene Murphy, \*Joanne Boak, \*Tania Williams, \*Paula Daly, Kaye Hurley.

#### **Tuesday December 4**

Joanne Dickson, Moira Devlin, Angela Langdon, Kim Devereux, \*Cynthia Amor, \*Kath Hammond.

#### **Wednesday December 5**

\*Lyn Weightman. \*Andrea Perkins \*Robyn Lavery, \*Gary Lenneke, Mark Allan, Julieanne O'Keane, Maree Dodd, \*Debbie Loader, \*Tania Grant.

#### **Thursday December 6**

\*Angela Cushing, Anna McIntyre, Linda O'Hagan, \*Lisa Timmins, \*Emilie Prendegast, \*Kaylene Murphy.

#### **Friday December 7**

\*Julie Delahay, \*Janne Ferguson, \*Marika Rawlings, \*Andrea Henderson, \*Tess Brodie, \*Mary Hopkins, \*Marita Learmonth, \*Patricia Coutts, \*Rhonda Coghlan, \*Kym Tuohey.

**\*Not in attendance for the entire canteen duty**

Senior and Year 10 Rowing Camp

#### **Sunday December 9**

Senior and Year 10 Rowing Camp

#### **Thursday December 13**

College Shop Closes

#### **Friday December 14**

Last Day for Teaching Staff  
Year 9 Rowing Camp

#### **Saturday December 15**

Year 9 Rowing Camp

#### **Sunday December 16**

Year 9 Rowing Camp

#### **Monday December 17**

End of Year Rowing Mixed Combo followed by BBQ (4:00 pm-8:00pm)

#### **Wednesday December 19**

Office Closes

## COMING EVENTS

#### **Monday December 3**

Year 9 Exams

First XI Cricket "Crusaders T/20 Merv Hughes Cup" (Away)

Australian Schools Championships - Basketball

Concert Band 2 rehearsal (3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

New Boarding Students Orientation Night (4:00 pm-7:00 pm)

#### **Tuesday December 4**

Year 9 Exams

First XI Cricket "Crusaders T/20 Merv Hughes Cup" (Away)

Year 7 Student Free Day

Australian Schools Championships - Basketball

Year 7 2013 Orientation Day (9:00 am-3:00 pm)

Year 8 - 12 2013 New Student Orientation Day (9:00 am-3:00 pm)

Year 10 Cricket v St Virgils (10:00 am-4:00 pm)

Concert Band 3 rehearsal (3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

Music Industry Junior Master Class (3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

#### **Wednesday December 5**

First XI Cricket "Crusaders T/20 Merv Hughes Cup" (Away)

Year 7 - 9 Exams

Australian Schools Championships - Basketball

#### **Thursday December 6**

Year 7 - 9 Exams

Australian Schools Championships - Basketball

Year 8 and 9 Cricket v St Kevin's College (10:00 am-4:00 pm)

#### **Friday December 7**

Year 7 - 9 Exams

Year 7 - 9 Final Day (3.25pm Finish)

OCA Meeting (7:30 am-9:00 am)

Australian Schools Championships - Basketball (12:00 pm-3:00pm)

Senior and Year 10 Rowing Camp

#### **Saturday December 8**



**2012 Valedictory Dinner**

## Exam Timetable - Year 9 December 2012

All other classes as Normal

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Friday November 30</b>	<b>Public Speaking</b> <b>Japanese 9B</b> <b>Art 9A</b> <b>Multimedia 9D</b> <b>Science of Human Conflict 9D</b> <b>Design Technology –Metal 9E</b> <b>Systems Engineering 9C</b> <b>Design Technology –Wood 9E</b> <b>Wilderness 9E</b>	1.55pm (Session 8 & 9)
<b>Monday December 3</b>	<b>English</b>	9.00am (Session 2 & 3)
<b>Tuesday December 4</b>	<b>Science</b>	8.55am start (Session 1 & 2 & 3)
<b>Wednesday December 5</b>	<b>Maths</b>  <b>Advanced Maths (other classes as normal)</b>	9.00 am (Session 2 & 3)  1.10 pm (Session 7 & 8)
<b>Thursday December 6</b>	<b>Humanities</b>  <b>Art 3D 9A</b> <b>Criminology 9C</b> <b>Gadget Science 9A</b> <b>Multimedia 9C</b> <b>Science of Human Conflict 9C</b> <b>Design Technology –Wood 9D</b> <b>Japanese 9A</b> <b>Wilderness 9D</b> <b>Music 9A</b>	9.00 am (Session 2 & 3)  1.55 pm (Session 8 & 9)
<b>Friday December 7</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	9.00 am (Session 2 & 3)



*The famous **SPC College Ball** is back,  
a night of fun, dancing and festivities!*

**Saturday March 23 2013**  
**Old Collegians Pavilion**

**save the date!**

**7.30pm**

**Band: Green with Envy**

**\$30 per person includes finger food and drinks on arrival**

**Dress Code: 'After Five', Drinks at bar prices**

*Tickets can be purchased from the  
St Patrick's College Shop prior to March 15, 2013. Please remember to bring your ticket on  
the evening for entry and door prize. All funds raised on the night will go to projects that  
help all students at the College.*