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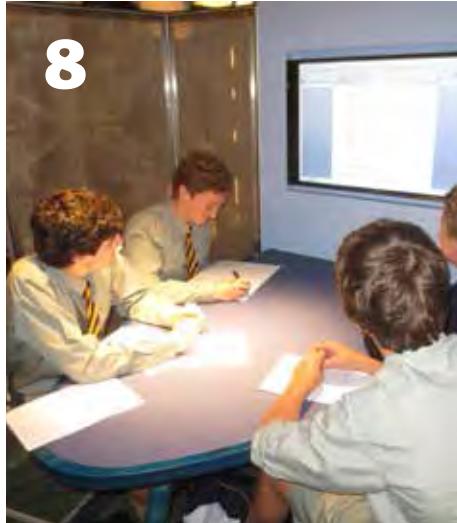
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From Exploration to Academic Success

Performance, Perseverance and Partnerships

"In seeking to serve God faithfully, The Scots College exists to inspire boys to learn, lead and serve as they strive for excellence together."

Scots to the Fore: Brave Hearts, Bold Minds: Our Strategic Intent 2010-2014

This statement of purpose guides actions and decision-making across the College and provides a framework for formulation of our strategic direction. Over the past 18 months the College Council, working with the Principal, has been engaged in strategic planning. Whilst the central theme of our mission will remain unchanged, the strategies developed will reflect factors impacting the Australian education sector over coming years, and knowledge from the College community about our current performance.

Stakeholder Research

This provided insight into areas of successful performance and also improvement. We sought input from the broader Scots community and are grateful for the feedback. It was evident that the College's strengths are closely linked to the many opportunities offered to boys and the drive to deliver a well rounded education that recognises and promotes individual strengths. The diverse ways boys interact and engage with each other is seen to develop boys into young men who have a well-developed values system. Our focus on developmental outcomes and providing opportunities for boys to look beyond school is also seen as a strength. On the other side, stakeholders identified the need for a greater emphasis on social responsibility and community engagement, a more innovative and tailored approach to education and improved academic outcomes, all challenges which are receiving close attention.

External Research

The research helped us understand and engage with global educational reforms to curriculum structure, course delivery and desired student outcomes at an unprecedented rate. They emphasise that quality teaching is the key to improved student outcomes. The road to excellence and academic strength should be built on a foundation of strong school leadership with clarity of vision and purpose. In short, quality teaching supported by evidence-based research, systems promoting professional development accountability, personalisation of learning and strong partnerships with the school community are the desired characteristics of schools of the future. The success of change will depend on the effective implementation of education policy, targeted use of resources and careful prioritisation of activities. We thank God for where the College has come to and seek His guidance in our future plans fully informed by external factors. Performance with perseverance.

Another factor that is increasingly impacting on the education sector is the need to establish and maintain effective partnerships. At Scots we value long-term partnerships such as our association with the Great Public Schools (GPS) fraternity. In the future we will need additional strong relationships, particularly those that connect school education with ongoing lifelong learning, which is why we are exploring linkages with universities and other educational organisations.

So, Where to From Here?

To inspire a culture of excellence and academic success we must provide the opportunities needed for each boy to engage in and be enthusiastic about learning. This means investment in leadership and



governance, quality of teaching, and improved resourcing strategies. Academic success will remain a major area of focus for the College. We will continue to strive for excellence, keeping with our historic values, build on our current successes and persevere with our mission. 'The quest for excellence through adventure, curiosity, creativity' and 'growth and our Faith and Tradition which inspire truth, honour, loyalty and commitment' are valued statements that must continue to ring true in academic development programs and form the basis to relationships with our many partners.

The College Council believes that our process of review and research over recent months, conducted in consultation with the College community is enabling the development of targeted strategies for a strong future for the College.

Dr Gillian Heard
Chairman of Council

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Our Graduates and Their Quest for Excellence



You cannot effectively explore without a map, and you cannot arrive at a destination without a plan. Academic success is motivated by a driving purpose. Purpose has its origin in the foundational questions: "Why am I here?" and "What am I supposed to do?"

Senior students often become increasingly anxious about major life decisions as they come closer to graduation from school. They often dread the question, "What are you doing after school?" Those who have made their course and career plans often wonder whether they have made good decisions. Increasingly, the challenges of integrating career paths, family life and social and community commitments prove difficult. Anxiety, regret, and guilt can haunt our lives over the deceptively simple question of what to do for a living. As a Presbyterian Church school, we seek to evoke a sense of God's call on a person's life and remind students that the bureaucratic, individualist tenor of so much of modern western cultural and institutional life has devalued one's balanced life role and contribution in their homes,

neighbourhoods, workplaces, and civic and political communities.

Some sociologists fear that even the family, once thought to be a haven for religious meaning and value in the world of industrial production and economic competition, may be an endangered species. Sociologist Arlie Hochschild warns of the way families are threatened in today's society: "For all the talk about the importance of children, the cultural climate has become subtly less hospitable to parents who put children first. This is not because parents love children less, but because a 'job culture' has expanded at the expense of a 'family culture'" (The Good Society, 1991). In such challenging times, Christian formation must be more comprehensive, intentional and sustained in order to encourage good scholarly discourse and debate, and at the same time the teachings of Christianity must be socially embodied in a community. Often the small things – the kind word, supportive gesture, and thoughtful deed – become avenues of God's grace.

A Christian understanding of vocation, as shaped and defined by our reformed Presbyterian heritage, encourages us to interpret our sense of dependence as a reminder of the various ways in which we are called to love God and neighbour. The ethical imperative attached to our sense of dependence is to preserve and enhance life, and to resist the powerful forces bent on violating the integrity of human and natural agencies. It is a Christian calling to make use of resources in the broader culture, to oppose injustice, work for justice, and enable human life to flourish. The religious value of life as vocation – insisting upon larger moral contexts, long-range consequences,

and fundamental moral norms – becomes exceedingly difficult to sustain. Whereas a classically understood Christian understanding of vocation encourages deep, covenantal understandings of important relationships, contemporary society often encourages a moral minimalism where obligations are seen as short-term, legal, and contractual. Such a denuded understanding of vocation does not typically generate loyalty, mutual trust, and concern for the larger, long-term ends of an occupation. These qualities are exceedingly difficult to sustain in today's cultural and economic environment.

In our strategic intent document, our philosophy and ethos statement articulating our vision and values reminds us of our vision for the young boys and men in our care; "Our Graduate: In keeping with the challenge of our Christian foundation, our Scots boys will be young men of integrity and principle who support each other in their quest for excellence."

In such a complex interdependent world, it is easy to become either cynical or slothful about our responsibilities. But a Christian understanding of vocation calls us to be concerned about them, and to struggle with others to find policies, practices, and perspectives that do not worsen matters, but improve them. This is part of our unique vocation, as members of the Scots, Australian and world community during this time and this place.

Scots to the fore!

Dr Ian PM Lambert
Principal



Scots' Tradition



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From the Foundation



... a wider network, a friendlier school in which we may have many years of association.



From time to time we are asked to define the purpose of The Scots College Foundation. We are blessed with a wonderfully diverse and generous community, and we understand that to continue to provide excellence at Scots and the best possible opportunities for our boys, sometimes it requires 'going the extra mile'. For our Foundation board it means under the guidance of the Principal and College Council, we aim to identify our greatest challenges and rally together to see that we meet the needs of our community, our College, and our boys both now and in the future. Financial support in whatever capacity individuals and families can provide is greatly appreciated. For some, support takes the form of giving time, personal support during hardship or practical opportunities such as mentorship.

This year we have considered the vast talents, experiences and richness of the Scots community: our parents, staff and Old Boys alike. 'Connection Evenings', which have focused on particular industries, have been hosted by Dr Lambert and members of the Foundation in the Aspinall House ballroom, with the purpose of drawing our community



together and connecting in a relaxed setting. It is common to spend much of our time at the College socially with parents from our son's year group, or those in the same sporting, debating or musical groups. By providing an opportunity to move beyond these traditional boundaries we hope to create a closer community, a wider network, a friendlier school in which we may have many years of association. These events will continue into 2015 with additional opportunities to meet with Dr Lambert, other parents and staff.

We are pleased to see the extensive and impressive renovations to Royle House – thanks in great part to the Purchas family, whose name now adorns the common room area. The Business Studies Centre is about to take shape with the next phase of construction due to begin during the term break.

The Graeme Dedrick Memorial Scoreboard has had incredible support and has been fully funded. We are also grateful, and look forward to continued support for the pool that is used by students across all campuses. The continued generosity towards the Indigenous Education Program, as well as student bursaries particularly from Old Boys,

allows every fine Scots boy to strive for excellence and opportunity in otherwise impossible circumstances.

The vision of the Foundation is stated as follows: "that future generations of fine Scots boys will enjoy a world-class education in state-of-the-art facilities with a diverse student body." We are passionate about realising this vision, and invite you to join us with a giving heart as did those who have come before us.

Mr Andrew Foxton
Chairman and President of
The Scots College Foundation

Photo: Foundation President, Mr Andrew Foxton at the Women's Association Golf Day (left), alongside Scots parents, Mr David Zylstra (centre) and Mr John Zylstra (right).



Science Curriculum Development in the Preparatory School

Preparations for the implementation of the NSW Science K-10 Syllabus are well and truly underway. Throughout Semester 2, Preparatory School staff have been focusing on thoroughly exploring the NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. Application of the new syllabus to classroom programs will commence in Term 1 2015. The new syllabus includes many areas of focus including the processes of 'Working Scientifically' and 'Working Technologically' through the mode of scientific inquiry as well as emphasis on contextualising the learning for students in their varying contexts. The outcomes have been refined to ensure learning does not sit in isolation and that the students can make links and ongoing connections between their prior knowledge, learning experiences and real lives.

The staff in the Preparatory School, under the guidance of Kelly Borg an Education Consultant: Primary Curriculum from the Association of Independent Schools of NSW, has been spending much time reconnecting with science by engaging in various practical experiences, visiting the new Senior School

Science lab, unpacking the new outcomes to ensure deep understanding, brainstorming possible contextualised units for each year group, and redesigning the scope and sequence of learning that will take place for our boys across 2015 and beyond.

Prep staff have revelled in the opportunity to analyse and investigate the new syllabus, determining that it certainly caters for the types of learning we, at the College, deem of the utmost importance. It focuses on the needs of learners in the 21st century and enables teachers to have opportunities to create and design even more engaging, stimulating and challenging programs for Scots boys.

Miss Lisa Sharpe
Preparatory School Staff Mentor

*Photos: Kindergarten staff engaging in a scientific inquiry.
Year 2 staff engage in practical Science experiments.*

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Professor Giorcelli's Visit to Scots

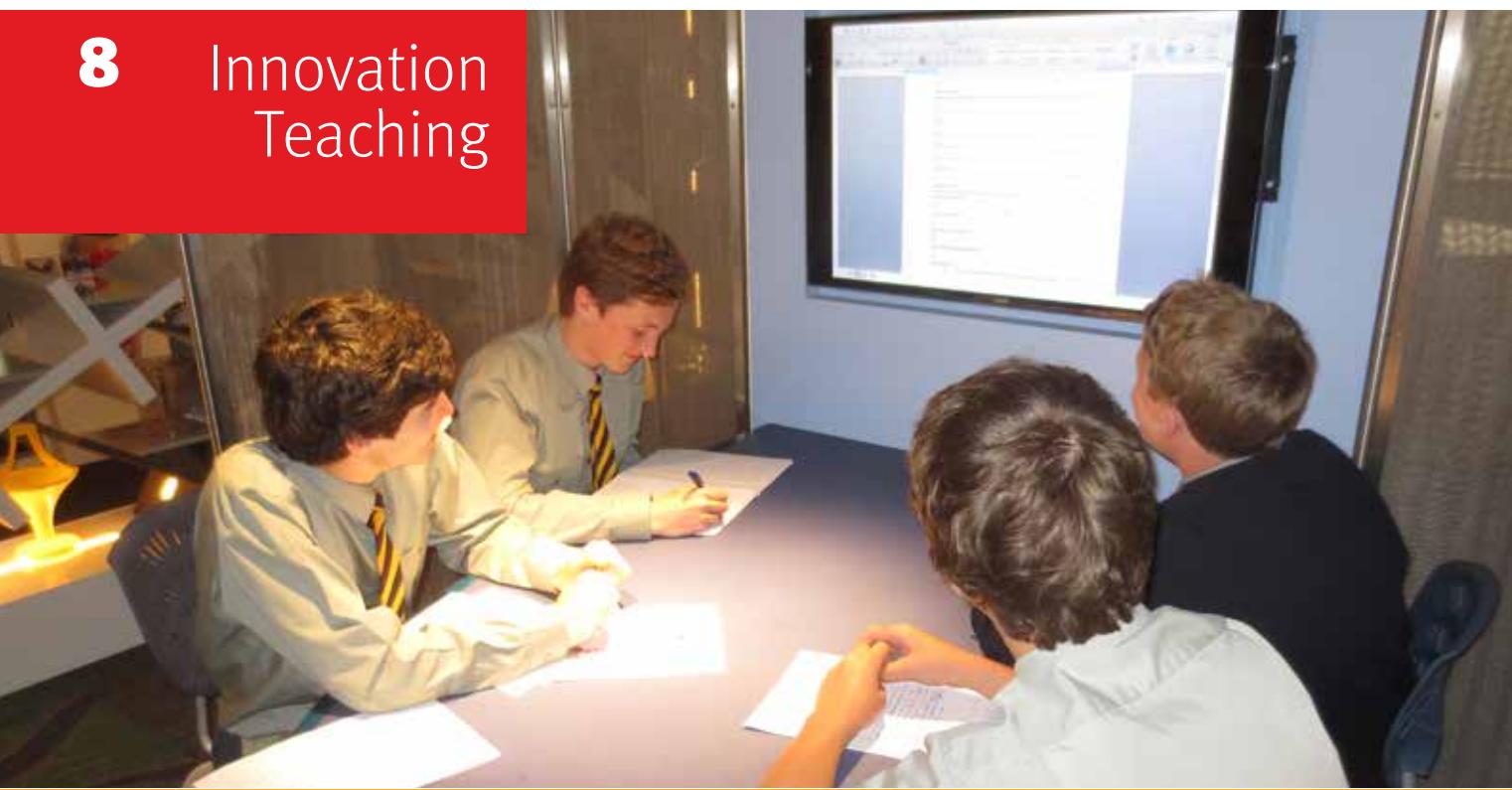
In Term 3 we welcomed Professor Loretta Giorcelli back to the Preparatory School. Professor Giorcelli holds a doctorate in Child Development, has worked as a special education teacher, school principal, was the State Director of Special Education, and an educational consultant for the UN (China and India) and Australian Government in Papua New Guinea.

During her visit, she worked in different forums and presented at our Parent Seminar. In her presentation to parents, she focussed on the many ways we can set our boys up for success in their learning and lives. She also spoke in terms of the 'Curriculum of the Home', including recognising the importance of Walberg's ten points of positive parenting.

I am sure all parents gained much from the presentation just as the College has benefited from her expertise and guidance this year as we aim to cater for the needs of each boy.

Mr John Crerar
Head of Preparatory School

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Science Honours Experiments with Collaborative Approach to Testing

The Brave Hearts Bold Minds education philosophy of The Scots College expects our students to have the courage to look beyond the obvious and think freely about possibilities. From this platform they, as learners, are able to innovate and display ingenuity. However our student learners operate within a framework placed upon them by the structures of the curriculum and the practices of the staff. With that in mind, the Science Faculty chose to trial an innovative approach to Year 10 Science Honours, with particular emphasis on enriching learning through collaborative research and a team based approach to problem solving.

Usually students are expected to ascertain what is likely to be in the test, study the relevant aspects and then provide formal answers to formal questions. The teacher marks each students' test, records the results, provides written feedback and hands the paper back to the students. The test usually is the last act before the class moves on to a new topic and we all hope the feedback has been taken on board and the students have made the necessary adjustments to their internalised conceptual understanding.

As part of the approach to Honours, all aspects of the course were examined in terms of trying to maximise learning. The assessment tasks were reconfigured as further opportunities for learning. Open-ended investigations and research tasks were conducted in teams where the students would share the workload, continually discuss the scientific issues and formulate the structure of the report. The onus was placed upon the students to determine the optimum format, length and timeframe for the completion.

Two innovative approaches to testing have been adopted. One is the 'pens up – pens down – pens up' where students work on the test for a set time, put their pens down and walk around and discuss the issues presented and then take their pens up and complete the task. The second approach is the team-based test. Students are put into teams to discuss the test and can, at any time, choose to move next door and undertake the test, with results for each student being half their individual mark and half of their team's average mark. Both of these tasks are designed to encourage students to actively reflect upon and test their knowledge

in the company of their peers.

One further aspect of the student-centred approach to assessment items has been the active engagement of students in the marking. Rather than determining the worth of each question beforehand, the students are invited to consider how much each question is worth.

It seems that the boys have been adapting to this new approach and feel that they are actively involved in all aspects of their learning. Brave Hearts Bold Minds indeed.

Mr Eric Gibbings
Assistant Head of Science – Senior Years

Photo: Adam Gori, Isaac Hart, Jonathan Brunner and Christopher Cooper collaborate before sitting the Chemistry test.

Knowledge Application



First Place in da Vinci Decathlon

2014 is the first year that there has been a Year 11 division in the da Vinci Decathlon – perhaps the best known competition that pits the gifted and talented from Sydney schools against one another.

The Scots team won the Senior English section of the competition against the likes of James Ruse Agricultural High School, The King's School, Knox Grammar School, Presbyterian Ladies College and many other schools.

The Scots College Year 11 team comprised Gyan Ainkaran, Denny Chen, Lachlan Hamilton, Ed Hopkins, Rocky Lagudi, Harry Plumtre, Robert Rutledge and Simon Weng.

While the newspaper ‘league tables’ rank schools on a statistical basis, and parents make judgements about the academic standing of schools based solely on this information, this da Vinci result only reinforces the fact that as a non-selective boys’ school Scots is performing very well in English against other schools.

This win, together with an increased number of high distinctions in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English competition run by the University of New South Wales (5 high distinctions and 20 distinctions), and the news-breaking story that Scots has the youngest student in the state to sit HSC Advanced English demonstrates a renewed focus on academic excellence that is very evident to the boys.

Mr Steve Stoneham
Dean of Language Arts

Photo: Proud inaugural Year 11 English da Vinci Decathlon team winners: Harry Plumtre, Robert Rutledge, Lachlan Hamilton, Simon Weng, Denny Chen, Ed Hopkins, Rocky Lagudi with Mr Parsons. Absent: Gyan Ainkaran.



The Dragons' Den

Having an innovative entrepreneurial idea is one thing, transforming that idea into a thriving business is another. Well that is exactly what we are trying to do at Scots!

In June the Institute of Business and Economics (IBE) presented the ‘Dragons’ Den’ which gave students and recent Old Boys the opportunity to pitch their entrepreneurial ideas to a panel of experts. Four of Australia’s leading business leaders demonstrated what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur.

Students and Old Boys impressed the panel with their ingenuity and imagination. The winner was Year 11 student Zac Albert, who developed a venture which replaces the glass screen of smart-phones that he imports from China at low cost and does an on-the-spot replacement service.

Mr Francis George
Director – Institute of Business and Economics

Photo: Zac Albert (Year 11), the winner of the IBE’s inaugural Dragons’ Den event.

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Chris Metcalfe Presents at International STEM Conference

In the middle of the year, Mr Chris Metcalfe, Dean of Applied Science, presented a paper at the international STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Education Conference held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. The focus of the paper was the use of business models to encourage educational innovation. Evidence was presented of how these principles have been used successfully in the Applied Science Faculty to introduce STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Co-Curricular, the Astronomy Program at Glengarry and activity-based working in the Science staffroom and learning as a pilot program for the College.

Photo: Mr Chris Metcalfe speaking at the international STEM in Education Conference.



USA Space Academy Tour

"An adventure of a lifetime!" was a comment by one of the 24 students who participated in a three week tour of the USA, encompassing astronomy, technology, mathematics, science and engineering.

One significant highlight was attending the NASA Space Academy in Alabama which prepares the next generation of lunar and space explorers. Boys participated in hands-on activities as spacecraft designers, mission controllers and astronauts. They were equipped with modern and historical spaceflight knowledge and took part in zero gravity walks, multi axis simulators and a manned mission to Mars.

In Washington we visited the National Mall, Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian Institution, Capitol Building, White House, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, American Museum of Natural History, International Spy Museum, Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center and the National Air and Space Museum. We also attended a Major League Baseball game with Connor Karozis catching the first ball hit!

Whilst in San Francisco highlights included a personal tour of Stanford University, and trips to the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Chinatown, Exploratorium, Pier 39 and the California Academy of Sciences.

Our final destination of Los Angeles incorporated great experiences at the University of California, University of Southern California Robotics Faculty, La Brea Tar Pits, California Science Center, Universal Studios and Disneyland. A trip to the Mount Wilson Observatory in the San Gabriel Mountains, enabled us to see Saturn, Mars and a variety of nebulae.

It was a whirlwind tour with a number of life changing experiences, with all boys being outstanding ambassadors. Mr Eric Gibbons and groups Apollo, Gemini and Mercury thank Ms Michelle Ferguson for her devoted efforts in organising this well planned educational experience.

Mr Anthony Chandler
Kirkland Housemaster

Photo: The 2014 USA Space Academy Tour group in Washington DC.



Chemistry Success

The Year 12 Chemistry cohort has performed very well in the 2014 Australian National Chemistry Quiz. The College's average was 18 percent above the state and 20 percent above the national average.

In this prestigious national Chemistry competition the Year 12 students achieved ten distinctions and nine high distinction results, including the highest mark in the state from Kevin Zhang. Congratulations go to all the boys who achieved such fine results and the teachers who supported them along the way.

Mr Chris Metcalfe
Dean of Applied Science

Photo: Year 12 Chemistry students Brendon Mackenzie (D), Jacob Courtenay (HD), Philip Macindoe (D), Billy McEvoy (D), Sean Paul (HD), Cameron Brown (D), Charlie Harper (D), Byron Crimmins (D), Jimmy Wu (HD), Joseph Lin (HD), Kevin Zhang (HD), Nick Batchelor (D), Tim Mitchell (HD). Absent: Matthew Bourke (HD), Josiah Seaman (D), Samuel Suttor (HD), Ramon Xu (HD) and Hugh Adamson (D).

Excellent Public Speaking Results at Scots

2014 has been a year of impressive results and great expansion in Public Speaking at Scots.

Debating and Public Speaking Captain, Joshua Wooller achieved third prize in the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition, which allows speakers just 15 minutes to prepare an eight minute impromptu speech. It is highly competitive and Josh's success is Scots' best performance since 2008.

Zachary August (Year 10) achieved outstanding results in three public speaking events. He was a regional finalist in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award, third in the inaugural My First Speech competition, a national event run by the Australian Parliament and was intermediate winner of Scots' AK Anderson Oratory Award.

The 'AK Anderson' is a Speech Day prize and nearly 30 boys competed. Winners were Matt Lowe (Year 8), Zachary August (Year 10) and Sean Pearl (Year 12).

Prefect Max Bonnington was an exceptional

youth leadership ambassador in the Lions Youth of the Year. Lachlan Hamilton (Year 11) won an honourable mention in the Bond University High School Mooting Competition. Finally, the English Department holds 'The Roar', an annual Public Speaking competition for Year 7, won this year by Jackson Watson.

We introduced private tuition in the Australian Speech Communication Association syllabus, and welcomed Miss Elizabeth Walsh to our staff. This graded syllabus provides speaking and listening skills for real life. At each level, students learn to make impromptu speeches, and to lead and take part in the exchange of ideas and discussions. This popular program strengthens the foundations of our entire Public Speaking Program and we look forward to its continued growth.

Ms Claire Duffy
Coordinator – Speech Communications

Photo: Zachary August (Year 10) excelled in three Public Speaking events.



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... students sitting just outside the group accepted the challenge to lift their own efforts ...



Inaugural Academic 1st XV

The Academic 1st XV was an initiative introduced at the beginning of 2014, designed to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and work ethic of the Year 12 cohort.

Selection into the Academic 1st XV was centred upon a student's performance in his top ten units of study with an analysis of his academic tracking, based upon scaling data.

Selection in the Academic 1st XV was not considered permanent and students were challenged to continue their efforts in order to maintain their position. It was noticed that other students sitting just outside the group accepted the challenge to lift their own efforts and numerous students were added throughout the year. The ongoing examples of academic leadership has assisted in the formation of an academic culture within the College which will surely be continued over the coming years.

Mr Peter Young
Student Academic and Welfare Coordinator

HSC Afternoon Tutoring

The Stevenson Library remained open from 3:30pm until 8:00pm Monday to Thursday for Year 12 students since the commencement of the year. Students have the opportunity of the quiet environment to study independently or make use of the study rooms to engage in some group work. Many students making use of this study resource have taken the opportunity to have dinner in the Dining Room along with the College boarders.

Scots Old Boys who have achieved recent academic success have proven to be effective during these study sessions in assisting our current students in their studies. They also provided valuable advice and tips on achieving their best in the upcoming HSC exams.

In addition to an impressive list of Old Boys, the College has at times accessed the assistance of experienced teachers, considered experts in their field, to provide further assistance to students wishing to maximise their preparation.

Typically this resource has been arranged in the time leading up to examination blocks.

Students have appreciated the opportunity to remain at the College campus until later in the evening to undertake their studies in the knowledge that support is available when required. It has not been unusual to find a dozen students still working in the Library when it closed at 8:00pm.

Mr Peter Young
Student Academic and Welfare Coordinator

Photo: Edward Tate using the opportunity to study during HSC afternoon tutoring.



The Lion's Pen 2013-14

The Lion's Pen 2013-14 is the second biennial magazine by The Scots College English Department. It is the second to be edited and produced in Oxford – the first time from Balliol College and now from St Peter's College. This seems somehow fitting.

The work in the magazine springs directly from the English teaching program. The boys write across a range of text types over the academic year. Their work is submitted to teachers who comment and collect into individual student portfolios.

The magazine is published electronically on the College website. The decision to publish this magazine ‘digitally’ was led by the staff’s recognition that computers assist writing and allow new writers to publish work more readily, while maintaining greater editorial control.

In this second edition, other departments (History and Latin) have submitted work produced in response to tasks designed to engage the boys in their subjects.

It is not possible to do justice to the talent of the writers by a selection of excerpts – however, the two chosen appear below.

From an Extension Latin student, Jo Mallat (Year 12, 2013), his essay introduction on: Why does the city/country theme lend itself to satire? Discuss with reference to Horace 1.9 and Juvenal III.

Since Gaius Lucilius stirred the genre into creation in the last quarter of the 2nd century BC, Roman satire was underpinned by an exploration of city life in comparison to country life. For the most part, Roman satire uses the city as an entity worthy of scorn and the country as a pleasant means of escape from the city. To say that the popularity of the city/country theme in satire is due to the Romans’ interest in the debate is not sufficient, for this poses the question of why Romans were so engrossed in the topic to begin with. Roman satire only presents two sides of the city/country debate – that is, the negative aspects of city life and the positive aspects of country life. Therefore, it could be argued that the city/country genre is not fitting to satire, but rather twisted by satirists to fit the genre. Such a discernment, although partly true, falls short of the mark

for one main reason: satirists who show the city in a favourable light and the country in a pessimistic one are not only scant, but seemingly non-existent in Roman history – from Lucilius and Persius to Horace and Juvenal, no such stance is ever adopted. This implies that there must be something about the city/country debate that lends itself so aptly to satire.

Secondly, a 50-word short story by Simon Weng (Year 11, 2014).

Massive Dilemma

The waiter asks, “Do you want a decadent apple cinnamon cheesecake on top of a cinnamon cracker pecan crust with a topping of brown sugar or a dark chocolate ganache with strawberries, blueberries and a dash of kiwi fruit?”

“Cheesecake please.”

Man is truly condemned to be free.

Mr Steve Stoneham
Dean of Language Arts

Photo: Simon Weng reading Eliot.

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Inspired Thinking: The Scots College Lectures and Visiting Fellowship

In August the College launched one of the most ambitious educational programs in its rich history: The Scots College Lectures and Visiting Fellowship. An initiative of Dr Ian PM Lambert, this annual program aims to inspire the best of thinking about faith, learning and leadership by bringing to Sydney the world's finest scholars.

The inaugural Scots Distinguished Fellow was Professor John G Stackhouse Jr who holds the Sangwoo Youtong Chee Chair of Theology and Culture at Regent College, Vancouver, within The University of British Columbia. Professor Stackhouse is a leading public intellectual and highly sought-after writer and speaker on the intersection of Christian faith and public culture.

Professor Stackhouse spent two weeks at Scots, modelling the best of robust, generous intellectual life. He spoke with staff, students and parents. He featured in numerous media forums (*The Australian* and ABC's Q&A), and delivered sold out lectures on '*Faith and the Intellectual Quest in the 21st Century*'. Scots also hosted an interdisciplinary conference on Faith, Intellect and Vocation at St Andrew's College within The University of

Sydney, bringing together leading academics and postgraduates with teachers and students. The conference allowed a number of our brightest Scots boys to meet with leading thinkers and even present their own papers alongside professors. In the words of one student, "it inspired us to strive for an even stronger academic atmosphere in the future of our education". We look forward to more 'inspired thinking' next year.

"Schools such as The Scots College and universities such as The University of Sydney exist in the faith — yes, they are each ventures of faith — that reliable and useful and inspiring knowledge can be found and understood, at least well enough to enrich human life and the life of the planet."

Professor John G Stackhouse Jr

Mr Hugh Chilton
Research Fellow

Photo: Professor John G Stackhouse Jr delivering one of his lectures 'Is Dawkins Right? Are Christians Dumb, Delusional and Dangerous?' at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

The History Society's World War I Q&A Panel Forum

In October, over 120 attended The Scots College History Society's World War I Q&A Evening. The panel consisted of Sean Brawley PhD, Professor of Modern History at Macquarie University; Harvey Broadbent, Research Director of the Gallipoli Centenary Project at Macquarie University; Elizabeth Roberts PhD, Lecturer in History at the University of Western Sydney; and Richard Travers, adjunct lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales. The panel was moderated by Dr Mark Hutchinson, Dean of Humanities at Scots.

The panel faced many probing questions on the scope of the war conflict, with Australia's involvement being of key interest. The event proved a great success, with five events to follow in 2015.

Mr Hamish Bragg
Head of History

Photos: The panel discussing The Great War at the History Society's Q&A Evening.



Innovative Teaching Method of Shakespeare's *Othello* – Mock Trial

Innovation is a concept that is often mentioned and discussed amongst teachers, but seldom implemented. It is time consuming, confronting and forces us to think outside the box in order to teach familiar concepts in new and unchartered ways. For the English staff at The Scots College, we constantly seek innovation in our work. We strive to find new ways to engage our students and allow them to understand how the skills they learn in class are relevant to their post-school lives. This was witnessed recently with the study of Shakespeare's play, *Othello*, in Year 11. Instead of simply reading and then analysing the play, students were introduced to the text via a mock trial. The trial took place where the play left off, with Iago facing the consequences of murdering Emilia and Roderigo, along with conspiring to murder Desdemona and Michael Cassio.

Each lesson, the boys were given witness statements and pieces of textual evidence that they could use in either their prosecution or defence cases. The boys began reading and analysing *Othello*, not as an outdated Shakespearean play, but as a piece of evidence in an exciting and dynamic criminal trial.

The transformative effect this had on the boys was nothing short of breathtaking. They were empowered and engaged as they eagerly arrived to class after having spent hours the night before analysing pages of the text.

This unit of work culminated in a mock trial presented before Judge David Patten. As a former District and Supreme Court Judge, who has headed the New South Wales Crime Commissions Committee, he was more than qualified to preside over our trial.

After four hours of intellectually rigorous debate in front of an audience of 120 parents and students, the trial had come to an end. Justice was served, with Iago found guilty of all four charges and sentenced to life in jail. However, while the trial may have finished, the boys' understanding of law and their renewed love of English had just begun.

Ms Olivia Cox
English Teacher

Photo: Hamish Begg, the second barrister for the defence, delivers his closing address to the court.



Boys Study American Politics at University

The America: Prophesy, Power and Politics course at Sydney University, coordinated by Dr Rodney Taveira, resembles what we will experience in our first year at uni.

We were encouraged to think critically and form independent ideas on research topics. This helped us develop critical thinking skills and encouraged us to think independently and form our own ideas.

This experience developed an environment of independent learning and academic curiosity. Thank you to our enigmatic course director Dr Taveira for one of the most enjoyable academic endeavours I have experienced. I encourage anyone interested in history or America to get involved.

Taylor Cottee-Warner
2015 Year 12 Student

Photo: Scots boys Taylor Cottee-Warner, Matt Reckling, Bovey Zhao and Tom Smith after having completed The America: Prophesy, Power and Politics course.

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Learning Space Innovation

The Scots College has moved to an educational philosophy that embraces Brave Hearts Bold Minds, underpinned by curiosity, exploration, wonder, mastery, adventure, courage and conviction. As part of the Applied Science Faculty's focus on bringing the philosophy to life, an activity-based learning space was created.

Many companies are moving toward activity-based working environments. Employees do not have a set desk and computer but a variety of working spaces to choose what best suits the activity. Conferences, phone calls, meetings, presentations, computer work, are all catered for in the new working environments. This leads to greater collaboration and broader understanding of different business areas. Businesses visited for research into this learning space design included Fuji Xerox, Google, Lend Lease and Macquarie Bank. All provided examples of initial reticence from workers, but after few preferred the older cubical work station.

The learning spaces in the Science area focus on five core activities. Collaborative spaces

for small and medium groups promote eye contact and encourage technology integration. Lecture spaces provide intimate discussion environments with students in close proximity to the lecturer. Small group and individual work spaces enable students to work quietly on individual tasks or in pairs. Practical spaces for student work or group demonstrations remain a critical component of the room.

Students have quickly adapted to the different learning environments and teachers are working on how to utilise the spaces effectively. This will ensure that 21st century skills and the Brave Hearts Bold Minds education philosophy are integrated with the science knowledge and curriculum's skill outcomes. This inspiring innovation has energised teachers and students, focusing on this learning experience that prepares students for their future.

Mr Chris Metcalfe
Dean of Applied Science

Photo: Boys celebrating learning success in Science.

Mr Thomas Cameron assisting learning in the Science Activity Based Learning Room.

The Hemingway

Two years ago, the English Department launched 'The Hemingway', a 50 word short story competition.

We wanted a Scots writing style relevant to our Brave Hearts Bold Minds concept, to encourage boys to write in an unadorned style. The model was Hemingway's famous six word 'novel': "For sale: Baby shoes; never worn."

The words have all the necessary latent angst. The husband and wife characters are suggested through omission. The objective correlative, at the heart of the sentence is enough to hang a film on.

Winners' names are etched on an Honour Board – above bull's horns reminding us of Hemingway's famous post World War I novel, *Fiesta*. Hemingway is to be emulated as the master of the plain style.

Mr Steve Stoneham
Dean of Language Arts Oxford-Cambridge Summer School

Photo: Jack Pascoe (Year 11) wins The Hemingway.



Creativity



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Family Concerts

It is widely accepted in scientific study and examination that learning a musical instrument provides many benefits to young brains and bodies. Not only does it increase memory and improve spatial-temporal skills but new research suggests that regular playing of an instrument changes the shape and power of the brain and may be used to improve cognitive skills.

The biannual Family Concerts are available to boys from Kindergarten to Year 6 who take private instrumental or vocal lessons. They give budding young musicians the opportunity to perform for family and friends in a comfortable and supportive environment.

The events also give boys the chance to develop their talents as solo performers and are the perfect platform to test their capabilities on the concert stage. They not only need to play or sing their very best, but are also required to be well presented, announce their name and item clearly, remember to bow when finished, smile (even if they make a little mistake), and most importantly, to accept the audience's applause and good wishes with grace and humility.

Congratulations to all boys who have performed this year and special thanks is extended to our dedicated and expert music tutors who work closely with the boys each week, encouraging excellence in each boy's musicality, technique and individual playing style.

Miss Fiona Coleman
Coordinator of Music – Preparatory School

Photo: Alec Rozenbergs (Year 5) playing the euphonium.

Jack Allison (Year 3) playing the violin.

Hamish Robertson (Year 5) playing the clarinet.

House Theatresports

The Coote Theatre was packed to the rafters for the heats of the annual House Theatresports Competition. After a bit of controversial judging, Brandt, Gilchrist, James Bee and Macky went into battle against improvisation heavy weights, Armstrong and Fraser. The Auditorium was full as these teams delighted the crowd with their brave and funny improvised moves. When Brandt found themselves up against Armstrong in the final open scene round, Harry Plumptre and Max Boddington's unsettling depiction of a gift-slaughtering family Christmas, proved unbeatable and Armstrong claimed the House Theatresports Trophy for the second year in a row. Some may say that Ms Ravenna Gregory's controversial decision to allow Armstrong to perform a ballet, may have influenced the results, but all would have to acknowledge that the best team won on the day.

Ms Ravenna Gregory
Head of Drama

*Photo: Jackson Dowling performs **Cake Man**, his HSC Drama Individual Project.*



Superkids! the Musical

The annual Year 1 musical is a much anticipated rite of passage for ELC boys, and this year's production: *Superkids! the Musical* certainly did not disappoint. A fun filled vehicle to showcase all boys' talents and skills in various capacities, the process of creating, rehearsing and performing was a valuable and enduring learning experience indeed.

The musical project availed a wonderful opportunity for all creative arts to collaborate. With Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts all integrating to support the fine performance rendered spectacularly to family and friends. Boys love the experience of sharing their hard work at the 'big school' (Senior Auditorium) with all the bells and whistles of costumes, sets, props, microphone and lights.

The remarkable actors, singers and ensemble of this Year 1 group brought the wholly ridiculous, yet thoroughly entertaining narrative to life. Everyone involved loved preparing the many varied production

elements and the collaboration with Year 10 and 11 Co-Curricular Drama students especially. However, more importantly, the boys have displayed enduring understanding of the inherent social moral: that our own unique traits and 'super powers' enable us to work together, make a difference and ensure justice, peace and unity in our world. Even without super strength, super hearing and x-ray vision, we can all be 'Superkids!'

Miss Amanda Barwick
Preparatory School Teacher

Photo: Alexander Xie, Fraser Rasheed, Ewan O'Sullivan, Aston Weir and Christian Kotis as the teaching staff at 'Preppville School for Boys'. Lachlan Morgan, Sebastian Bissland and Oliver Kipper getting into character.

The cast of Superkids! the Musical.

Poetry Recitation Competition

With a theme of 'Bravery and Boldness', Term 3 saw the successful implementation of the Preparatory School's second Poetry Recitation Competition. Every boy from Years 2 to 6 learned a poem by heart and recited it in front of his peers. The Early Learning Centre also held a 'Poetry Assembly'.

The quality of this year's recitations was outstanding, with Jonty Taylor (6IM) winning the Senior division, reciting *Custard the Dragon* by Ogden Nash. Taking home the trophy for the Junior division was William Dunbar (4DW), who recited Roald Dahl's *The Pig*, complete with a French accent for the heroic swine! It is delightful to see such enthusiasm for the genre of poetry growing in the Preparatory School.

Ms Alison Campbell
Year 3 Coordinator

Photo: Back Row: Nathaniel Barlow, Ms Alison Campbell, Dr Ian PM Lambert. Front Row: Sterling Nasa, Jonah Simmons, William Dunbar, Stanley Thomson, Damien Hanna and Edward Lynch.

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Preparatory School Visual Arts Exhibition

Our second biennial Preparatory School Visual Arts Exhibition was a small selection of the great variety of creative projects from the year. The colourful and dynamic expressions that filled Deane Hall made the experiences, imagination and knowledge of the children visible to us, as their journey of artistic development unfolded during 2014.

Boys and their families were enthusiastic walking into a transformed Deane Hall at the opening night event. The live music, organised by Ms Fiona Coleman and played by our own Scots boys, lifted the entire opening evening to a new creative level. Thanks to our incredible Prep Art team and Mr John Crerar, for their dedication and creative visions.

Ms Tara Cooper Holmes
Curator/Visual Art Specialist, Preparatory School

Photo: Conor Hoddle (Year 1) shows off his expressive artwork displayed in the 2014 Preparatory School Visual Arts Exhibition.



Original Scots' Drama Production Restaged at the 10th Annual Sydney Comedy Festival

A group of the best student improvisers in New South Wales from The Scots College and Sydney Girls High School performed the character-based show *Improv Soap Opera* on the big stage at the 10th Annual Sydney Comedy Festival.

The show was restaged by Mr Steen Raskopoulos who brought *Improm*, a sellout Scots' production, to the Sydney Comedy Festival in 2011. *Improm* was the first secondary student show to be included in the Sydney Comedy Festival.

For the past seven consecutive years, Scots boys have represented the College in the Theatresports Schools Challenge Grand Final at the Enmore Theatre.

"We have become one of the strongest improvisation schools in Australia and I would like to see this continue and expand in the future. Our goal for Drama at Scots is to create the challenges and opportunities that ultimately lead to the creation of fine young Scots men who appreciate the importance of art, have a stronger sense of community, and have the confidence to reflect on, and positively change the world around them."

Ms Ravenna Gregory.

*Photo: Christopher Noon, Joshua Wooller, Harry Licence, Reece Shannon-Purcell and Sean Paul in an improvised scene from Scots' 2013 production of **Improv Soap Opera**.*



Oliver Logan Wins *The Sydney Morning Herald's Children's Drawing Competition*

In March 2014, Year 5 Scots boy Oliver Logan's zombie illustration was selected by award-winning Fairfax illustrator Mr John Shakespeare as one of three winners in *The Sydney Morning Herald's Children's Drawing Competition*.

Oliver's illustration was one of hundreds of entries, with the prize being a coloured in version of his drawing done by Mr John Shakespeare himself.

Mr John Shakespeare told *The Sydney Morning Herald* that he was impressed with the entries that were received.

"It is always a pleasure witnessing young boys developing creatively. This competition has been an extraordinary opportunity for Oliver to employ creative thinking strategies, which are key to success in the contemporary world."

Dr Ian PM Lambert

Photo: Oliver Logan proudly displaying his winning illustration.



Scots' Boys Look on the Bright side of Life With Monty Python's *Spamalot*

About 40 students from The Scots College, Kambala and St Catherine's School practised over 100 costume changes, learnt 26 songs, 14 dances and also learnt to tap dance, during 14 weeks of rehearsals for Monty Python's *Spamalot*.

The musical, described as 'highly irreverent' and 'lovingly "ripped off" from the motion picture *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, was held the Auditorium earlier this year, with all performances open to the public.

"The audience witnessed some great comic moments, exceptional singing, surprising dancing, set pieces that just kept coming and coming and over 100 ridiculous costume changes!" Mrs Andrea van den Bol, Dean of Creative Arts.

As well as 40 cast members, the production included 17 band members and seven backstage crew members.

The production claimed to take audiences on a trip back in time to medieval England to

visit Camelot with King Arthur and the (not-so-brave) Knights of the Round Table on their quest for the Holy Grail. The audience also enjoyed the fine art of Finnish Fisch-Schlapping, to lament with the Lady of the Lake and negotiate with the 'Knights Who Say Ni', all the while looking on the bright side of life and trying to figure out who is cross-dressing and who is not.

"*Spamalot* has been an extraordinary opportunity for the boys to experience adventure, creativity and spirit in a powerful learning environment. Like the Monty Python phenomenon, we aim never to be charged with tedium, mediocrity and decay!" Dr Ian PM Lambert.

Photo: Charlie Jeavons-Fellows, Harry Plumptre, Luke Fuehrer, Matthew Grant and James Harrison as King Arthur and his quirky Knights of the Round Table.

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The Scots College Toastmasters Program – Instilling the Confidence to Speak

From July to September 2014, Year 6 boys competed in the annual Toastmasters Program which aims to boost the confidence of the boys through their delivery of both pre-prepared and impromptu speeches. The program immerses the students in every aspect of Public Speaking, including the role of speaker, timer, evaluator and toastmaster.

As Public Speaking is an important part of the College curriculum, the program instils important communication skills in the boys in preparation for Year 7 and beyond.

Moreover, enabling the boys to perform not only prepared speeches but also impromptu ones is a vital component of building their confidence and experience in Public Speaking. Throughout the program the boys learn the importance and impact of the right attitude, appearance, stance, eye contact and pause for effect on effective communication.

Equally they learn the effect of poor habits such as fidgeting.

The Toastmasters Program is a unique learning activity due to its dual use of



speakers as evaluators also. In preference to having an external person or teacher critique the boys, they instead assess each other's speeches ensuring they not only identify strengths and weaknesses but also give recommendations for improvement.

The competition culminated with the Toastmasters Finals, where finalists showcased their improvements over the term. Our congratulations to Cooper Mundell, Joshua Mitchell and Cole Tapper who placed first, second and third respectively.

The opportunity for the boys to work on building their communication skills through a range of speeches was evident when there was a noted difference in the quality of speech delivery given in the first week of the program right up until the Toastmasters Finals.

Photo: From left: Cooper Mundell (first place), Joshua Mitchell (second place) and Cole Tapper (third place).

OnSTAGE Nominations

Our 2014 cohort's outstanding HSC Drama works have been recognised as Scots' largest number of OnSTAGE nominations since 2009. Max Boddington, Harry Licence, Sam Payne and Josh Wooller received nominations for their group performance, *Manly Island*. Three individual performances were also nominated. Jackson Dowling's piece, *The Cake Man* by Robert J Merritt, was a complex and compelling exploration of the loss of indigenous culture. Jack Shanahan performed a daring and captivating excerpt from Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* (after seeing the Sydney Theatre Club production in 2013). Edward Tate was nominated for his challenging and highly original performance of *Bronson* (adapted from the film).

Ms Ravenna Gregory
Head of Drama

*Photo: Max Boddington, Harry Licence, Sam Payne and Josh Wooller perform **Manly Island**, their HSC Group Performance that will appear in the 2015 OnSTAGE program.*

Scots Boy Profile

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Cole Tapper

What is the best part of being a student at Scots?

My favourite part of being a student at Scots would be the sporting and academic opportunities on offer every day of the year and the extra effort Scots puts into making your schooling journey the best it can be. Scots is a great school for me because of its wide range of choices in and out of the classroom. I have particularly enjoyed the Honours Program, which has really expanded my knowledge and encouraged me to be a lifelong learner.

What Extra or Co-Curricular activities are you involved in with the College?

I first started Sailing at Scots in Year 3 and I am continually improving my skills with the Scots Sailing Program. At the moment, I am sailing at many different regattas and I'm training to be the best sailor I can be. Scots Sailing is helping me reach my goals on the water and I am excited to start Senior School Sailing next year.

What most excites you about moving to the Senior School?

I am very excited about moving to the Senior School because of the freedom that comes with Year 7. I am excited to be a part of Fraser House and moving around the College more independently. Next year I hope to continue to sail and maybe become part of the racing team.

What are your dreams/plans for the future?

My dreams for the future would definitely be going to the Olympic Games in the 49er Class Association and achieving a gold medal for Australia. I also hope to place in the top five at the Optimist National Championships and sail on an international level.

Photos: Year 6 boys Hamish Lindstrom, Asmin Somtua, Cole Tapper and David Wingrove completing an activity on the size of the planets in class.

Cole Tapper (Year 6) sailing at Rose Bay.



Scots Sailing is helping
me reach my goals on
the water ...





Zachary August

Zachary August, Year 10, was awarded third place out of 200 entries in the 2014 My First Speech competition, which aims to raise awareness of the Federal Parliament among young Australians. The competition aims to encourage Years 10 to 12 students around Australia to envision themselves as a newly elected member of the House of Representatives and to give their first speech on what matters most to them.

Zachary's speech focused on the importance of funding education; using the metaphor of life as a path, with education being the light that guides our way over obstacles.

"The most important vehicle for growth and development in society is education - it is the wisest investment our society can make. What if that boy who was deprived a place in university because of crippling debt was the brain that would cure cancer? What if that illiterate man would have written the next great epic?"

As part of his prize, Zachary was invited to go to Canberra in December to undertake a leadership program with the Prime Minister and other members of Parliament before delivering his speech live at Parliament House.

The entries were judged by a panel consisting of Mr Ewen Jones MP, Member for Herbert, Queensland; Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MP, Member for Perth, Western Australia; and Mark Riley – Political Editor, Seven Network.

Photo: Zachary August (Year 10)

Aaron Ayad

What does being a fine Scots boy mean to you?

To me a fine Scots boy means to be brave and bold. You have to be resilient and always persevere through the hard times to succeed. This determination means that I never give up until I have given it my best.

What extra, or Co-Curricular, activities are you involved in at the College?

I love playing the guitar and have a passion for Basketball and game fishing. Everything I catch is tagged and released. I enjoy competing in tournaments and have won a few junior trophies. I have also been mentioned in *BlueWater Magazine*.

What most excites you about moving to the Senior School?

The thing that most excites me is learning and trying new experiences. I think I will enjoy the variety of new subjects in Year 7.

Photo: Aaron Ayad (Year 6)



Community



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The Scots boys enjoyed a tour of Tangoa village ... and the ruins of the original Bible College.



Christian Union Mission Trip to Vanuatu

In April 2014, 12 students and two members of staff participated in the College's second Mission Trip to Vanuatu. In Port Vila, we visited Seaside Paama Community School. The Scots boys took part in a welcome Assembly, presented gifts, entertained the children with music played by one of our pipers and taught lessons about Easter to each of the classes from Years 1 to 6.

The boys also visited John Paton Memorial Church. They learnt about the Church's history and community programs. They carried out maintenance work, such as repainting the exterior of the Church building, shifting debris from the grounds, and gardening and tidying up around the precinct. Pastor Andrew Kalsakau spoke about the influence of missionaries upon the shape of the Church, education and broader culture and society within Vanuatu.

We flew to the Island of Espiritu Santo, where we spent several days living at the Tata Presbyterian School. Upon arrival, the Scots boys were introduced to their buddies,

who would look after them, and teach them about school routines and local customs. The boys spent time in classrooms, delivering lessons and assisting individual students with their learning. They helped with the commencement of the building of a new Science classroom, which is being largely financed through funds raised by our Commerce Department's Small Business Days.

On Palm Sunday, we travelled by boat to nearby Tangoa Island, where we attended a service at the Tangoa Presbyterian Church. People came from surrounding villages to attend a special ceremony to welcome the team from Scots and to acknowledge the relationship between the Tata/Tangoa community and The Scots College.

The Scots boys enjoyed a tour of Tangoa village, the cemetery (where some of the early missionaries are buried) and the ruins of the original Bible College. The boys learnt about the history of the Island and its place in the spread of the Gospel, the establishment of the Tata School, the translation of the Bible from

English into Bislama and the push for, and achievement of, national independence.

On our final day at Tata, the entire school community gathered to farewell the team from Scots. Students sang, there were a number of speeches, and gifts were exchanged. It was an emotional time, and testament to the bonds developed between the schools and the friendships established between the Scots boys and their buddies.

Rev Conrad Nixon
Senior Chaplain

*Photos: Commencing work on the new Science classroom.
Painting the buildings at John Paton Memorial Church, Port Vila.
Scots boys with their buddies at the Tata School.*



Institute of Business and Economics (IBE): Hong Kong Dinner

A group of 17 students, two parents and two staff spent the September 2014 holidays exploring the economic powerhouses of China and Hong Kong. Learning about this region in the classroom and reading newspaper articles about the amazing developments is fascinating, however, it is not until one actually lands in China that the extraordinary size, scope and scale of economic development really hits home. Some of the numbers are mind blowing – 20 million people each year move from the countryside to the cities; nine million students graduate annually from universities; and, some of the cities boast populations greater than the entire population of Australia. A recent newspaper article suggested that if China really put its mind to it they could eat their way through the entire Australian beef herd in a single weekend!

After travelling thousands of miles, exploring numerous businesses, meeting a range of inspirational people and consuming Chinese cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the touring party embraced the formal colonial surrounds of the Hong Kong Football Club and some good old Australian lamb. The formal dinner to celebrate the end of the tour was attended by a large number of Old Boys, some of whom had not seen one another for over 40 years. The highlight of the evening was hearing from a panel of Old Boys who shared the highlights of their career journey from Bellevue Hill to Hong Kong. It was interesting to watch our current students eagerly listen to the words of wisdom from Old Boys in the classes of 1973, 1994 and 1998. It was particularly heartening to witness students mingle informally with the Old Boys and watch a little competition develop to see who could

GG It was interesting to watch our current students eagerly listen to the words of wisdom from Old Boys ... **JG**

collect the most business cards. It was also a great pleasure to catch up with many Old Boys who I have taught over the past 26 years and to see so many of them as leading figures in the world of business.

Business and Economics is more than alive and well at Bellevue Hill, and we look forward to seeing all Old Boys at our next reunion.

Mr Francis George
Director of the Institute of
Business and Economics

Photo: A panel of Old Boys deep in discussion at the Hong Kong Dinner.



The Scots Fair

The Mansion Road campus was transformed into a mini Sydney Royal Easter Show as children ran from the giant pirate ship to the atomic slippery slide in between playing with the baby ducks in the kindy farm. This was the seventh year that The Scots Fair has proved to be a huge success and a highlight for the young boys' year.

The Performing Arts Support Group and their volunteers were extremely busy as the lines for popcorn, fairy floss and the barbecue grew throughout the afternoon, as were mothers at the gift stalls buying their early Christmas presents.

All profits from The Scots Fair have gone into refurbishing the Drama Studio at the Senior School.

Mrs Sandra Thoma
President – Performing Arts Support Group

Photo: Thomas Andrews (Year 10), one of the many volunteers on the day.



EYC Visits Bellevue Hill

The EYC boys have enjoyed several excursions this past year to the 'big school' where they have had the opportunity to explore Bellevue Hill. It is wonderful and so important for our littlest boys to build these connections with the rest of the College.

The Year 1 Musical, *Superkids*, proved to be a major highlight for the EYC boys. They excitedly lined up to take the big Scots bus to the Musical. They sat quietly through the show, amazed at the talent of the 'very big' Year 1 boys. For the next two weeks after watching *Superkids*, the EYC was full of superheroes doing the right thing and helping their friends. The teachers were kept very busy helping boys tie on capes made from music scarfs, art smocks or any kind of fabric they could find!

Another highlight was greeting the Year 9 boys at Rose Bay Wharf as they returned from Glengarry. This event was such a wonderful reminder for staff, parents and boys about the journey a Scots boy takes over his time at the College. Walking down to the wharf we had discussed the adventure we were on and later reflected about the adventure the boys had experienced at Glengarry and how it was similar (albeit on a much grander scale) to ours. It was amazing to see the boys make this connection to their older friends and to truly feel part of something big, brave and bold.

Miss Julia Cookson
Coordinator of the Early Years Centre

*Photo: EYC boys boarding the Scots bus to travel to the Year 1 Musical.
EYC boys enjoying **Superkids**.*

College Events



New Early Years Centre Coordinator – Julia Cookson

Following Mrs Kristal Urbanksi extended maternity leave from the Early Years Centre (EYC) in Term 2, the College was pleased to announce that Miss Julia Cookson, who had been Acting Coordinator, would continue on as Coordinator for the EYC.

Miss Cookson has a long-standing relationship with The Scots College, having attended its sister school PLC Sydney as a student. Miss Cookson completed her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) at The Institute of Early Childhood at Macquarie University and later discovered her passion for the Reggio Emilia approach to learning when travelling through Italy. After completing her studies, Miss Cookson found casual and part time work in a variety of schools and preschools including other independent Christian schools, MLC School and Trinity College, before joining the EYC at The Scots College.

Taking on this role for an extended period of time, Miss Cookson hopes to further infuse the Reggio Emilia approach into the EYC by incorporating natural resources; open-ended activities and child led learning. Moreover, she looks forward to continuing to develop the relationship between the boys and their families with the School focusing on working together to help the boys grow in a supportive environment.

Miss Cookson looks forward to growing as a teacher and leader and continuing to be an advocate for all children, especially for our littlest boys at the EYC.

Photo: Story time in the EYC with Miss Julia Cookson.



Year 5 and 6 Father/Son Breakfast

Over 350 people attended this year's annual Year 5 and 6 Father/Son Breakfast. Held in the Senior Dining Hall the event promoted the importance of the bond between Year 5 and 6 dads, uncles or other male mentors in the boys' lives.

These occasions allow for further development of male relationships and encourage boys to continue their growth into a man who will be mature enough to live in harmony and cooperation with his community and to contribute back to his family. The fathering/mentoring role not only enhances a man's life and character, but also defines and strengthens his own purpose, along with his ability to make a boy feel loved and valued.

We wish to thank all the fathers, uncles, mentors and boys who support this great tradition.

Mr Duncan Kendall
Assistant Head – Senior Prep

Photo: Left to right: Captain Michael Harris, James Harris (Year 5), Harry Murfet (Year 5), Nicholas Mureft, Taylor Skelton (Year 5) and Andrew Skelton.



NFL Old Boy and Football Star Returns to Scots

The boys of the Preparatory School were treated to a 'big' treat at our annual Sport and Co-Curricular Awards Ceremony in Term 4. Old Boy and former NFL player, guest speaker Mr Colin Scotts, talked to the boys about the importance of giving one's best and always following your dreams. Mr Scotts then presented the Sport and Co-Curricular Awards to the successful recipients.

Mr Scotts was the first Australian to receive an American Football scholarship in the United States and be drafted to the NFL. Growing up in Palm Beach, Sydney, Mr Scotts first played Rugby Union for the College and was a member of the 1981 Australian Schoolboys Rugby team. He later moved to Hawaii on a full football scholarship after being spotted by an assistant coach during a rugby game. He went on to play for the Arizona Cardinals.

Mr John Crerar
Head of the Preparatory School

Photo: Colin Scotts



Year 6 End on a High

Term 4 was an exciting and memorable term for the Year 6 boys. The term began with the Year 6 Mother and Son Dance – a wonderful success with boys, mums and aunts waltzing, jiving and rocking the night away in Deane Hall. The boys are to be commended for their behaviour and social etiquette.

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner was held in the College Dining Hall. This was a memorable night where we celebrated the achievements, friendships and dreams of the Year 6 boys.

Mr Chris Cheung, Old Boy and parent of Ethan and Nicholas, proposed a toast to the Year 6 boys – presenting an inspiring and humorous recollection of his times in the Preparatory and Senior Schools. I would like to congratulate Cooper Mundell who did a superb job as Master of Ceremonies. The Year 6 boys also presented a gift to the College – the School bench will hold special place in the Senior Prep campus and we thank the boys and parents for their generous gift.



A final and very popular event on the Term 4 calendar is the Kambala Bush Dance. Held with the girls of Kambala, the boys enjoyed dancing to the beat of our lively Bush Band.

We thank our Year 6 parent helpers who planned these end-of-year events since Term 1 and wish our Year 6 boys every success as they move to the Senior School in 2015.

Mr John Crerar
Head of the Preparatory School

Photo: Jack Scott, Robert Zeilic, William Walker and Ethan Cheung – James Bond Style. Ilan Ronen with his mother Mrs Sommers Ronen at the Year 6 Mother and Son Dance.



Pipes and Drums at the Basel Tattoo

In July this year 40 boys and five staff travelled to Switzerland to take part in the Basel Tattoo. Seen by over 180,000 people over the course of the Tattoo, it is one of the largest events of its kind in the world. This was the first time The Scots College has been able to participate in this prestigious event, despite a long standing invitation.

The boys spent six months practising the 20 tunes they were required to learn before being able to take part in the show.

During their visit to Switzerland, the boys went sightseeing around Lucerne, Zurich and Engelberg. Highlights of the trip included a cruise on Lake Lucerne, a trip to the top of Mount Pilatus and a visit to the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

Following our arrival in Basel, the boys immediately set to work, performing with other bands from around the world and learning routines for the show.

The boys were involved in two shows per night, working long hours and not returning to the hotel until well past midnight. Following their professional performances, the College has been invited to a number of other tattoos around the world over the next few years.

The boys also took part in a mini tattoo in Freiberg, Germany and a street parade through the streets of Basel. Each of these events were watched by over 20,000 people. This trip will be remembered by the boys for many years to come.

Mr Ray Lee
Bandmaster – Pipes and Drums

Photo: Basel Tattoo Band 2014.



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Indigenous Visit to Homes and Communities of the Scots Boys from the Northern Territory

Indigenous Education at Scots is much more than offering places to Aboriginal boys. It's about giving the Scots community a meaningful link to Indigenous families that can grow and flourish over time.

Our recent trip to the Northern Territory to visit the families of our NT Indigenous boys is testament to this.

A group of four Scots parents and their sons travelled with myself and Ms Nicole Coates to participate in this trip to develop and deepen friendships with some of our Indigenous students.

Our journey began in Darwin to meet Thanasi Tiliakos and his grandmother. We then took a small propeller plane to the remote community of Gapuwiyak, where we were met by Leon Wunungmurra, Delwyn Wunungmurra, Stormboy Munumggurr and Galveston Ganambarr.

We then travelled to Nhulunbuy where we picked up Winston Yunupingu and were taken

to Bukudal, a very remote Yolngu homeland on a pristine white sandy beach – a spot also idyllic for crocodiles, sharks, manta rays and stingers!

The week-long trip was a very moving one for us all. I would like to thank the boys and their families who made us so welcome. I am also grateful to the party itself who bonded wonderfully through this shared experience and provided great wit and humour at every stage.

If you are interested in experiencing the very essence of Australia, please contact me about the next trip.

Mr Jonathan Samengo
Executive Officer – Indigenous Education

Photo: Left to right: Jonathan Samengo, Will Carruthers, Brian Carruthers, Winston Yunupingu, Nathan Harapin, Diane Harapin, Jack Armitage, Angela Armitage, Rob Dulhunty, Louis Dulhunty, Nicole Coates.



The Scottish Ceilidh by the Performing Arts Support Group

The Performing Arts Support Group hosted its first ever 'Ceilidh' (pronounced kay-lee), the Scottish version of a barn dance. Anderson Hall echoed with the sounds of Scottish reeling and of boys singing, dancing and playing their instruments on Saturday 30 August.

Between dance sets, boys from Prep through to Year 12 performed as part of the entertainment. Various groups and individual performances were showcased to the delight of the crowd.

The Performing Arts Support Group raised over \$5,000 which will be used to refurbish the seating in the Drama Studio at the Senior School and to eventually assist the new Dance Studio planned for the Preparatory campus.

Mrs Sandra Thoma
President – Performing Arts Support Group

*Photos: Years 3/4 SEA Dance group performing a tap attack with Year 5 boys.
The attendees getting into the spirit of the The Moonshiners highland music.*



Scots Boys Raise Thousands for Children with Disabilities

Students from The Scots College have banded together to raise over \$4,000 for Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital.

"Over the course of the year students have had a real focus on the community, having been involved in numerous events to raise funds for a number of charities, including Allowah," said The Scots College Head of Senior Prep, Mr Duncan Kendall.

The Scots College has been involved in raising funds for the development and awareness of Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital for the past six years. The Children's Hospital is based in Dundas, New South Wales and hosts children with physical and intellectual disabilities up to the age of 18 years old.

"It is fantastic that we are building strong relationships with charities like Allowah and to help the children at Allowah who need a helping hand," said Mr Kendall.

The Term's major fundraiser for Allowah, driven by the Senior Prep Student Representative

Council, was a sports themed barbecue which brought Years 5 and 6 boys together dressed in sports theme attire.

Allowah's Director, Disability Services Mr Colin Llewellyn visited the College to speak with the boys in the Preparatory School about Allowah and the work that they have conducted for the charity.

"The fact that these boys are learning that they can change people's lives is great, they are also learning that they can make a difference in the world in which we live," said Mr Llewellyn.

"I'm not sure that we could do what we do without the support from The Scots College," he added.

Photo: The Senior Prep SRC with their Coordinator, Mr Stuart Pearson, met with Allowah's Director of Disability Services, Mr Colin Llewellyn.



SEWAH Schools – Reverend and Mrs Shepherd Visit the Preparatory School

In Term 3 we welcomed to the School Reverend Bali Shepherd and Mrs Premla Shepherd, founders of SEWAH Schools in India. It was a joy for the Shepherds to meet the boys and staff and for them to join our boys as they walked or ran around the Senior School oval for our annual Walkathon.

During their three-day visit, Reverend and Mrs Shepherd spoke at the ELC, Junior Prep and Senior Prep Chapels as well as several Christian Studies classes. Both commented on the friendliness and generous manner of the boys and hope that one day they will visit SEWAH Schools in India.

As a result of the generosity of the Preparatory School community, the boys raised over \$30,000 for the schools in India.

Mr John Crerar
Head of the Preparatory School

Photo: Reverend Shepherd and Mrs Shepherd visit the Preparatory School.



Camaraderie





Scots Represents Australian Schools in Teams Racing in New Zealand

The Scots Sailing team raced in New Zealand at Algies Bay, Warkworth, competing in the Inter-dominion Schools Team Sailing Championships. The four day event was a very successful insight into how other schools manage their Sailing programs and run their races.

The College finished the event in fourth place (11 schools competed in two divisions). We started the event with a dreadful first day, losing every race; we made a very strong comeback on the second day winning every race and catching the leading teams, but on the final day basic mistakes were made. Our team learned a great deal by racing older more experienced sailors. It has given us a much better insight into how we plan our training sessions and set-up our events in the future. This was the biggest turnout by Australian schools (three boys schools and three girls schools) in the event's 30 year history. Australia will host the event in 2015, hopefully at Woollahra Sailing Club Rose Bay or in Canberra.

The boys were very disappointed with the mistakes that they made; they lost some races by the smallest of margins. The New Zealand teams were hard to beat on their own waters and in a different class of boat than what we normally sail in. Kerikeri High School won the event with Auckland Grammar in second place.

Since 1984, Australia has won the event nine times; while New Zealand has won the event 21 times. A little like the All Blacks and the Wallabies!

Scots Sailing has a new goal and something for the next generation of sailors to aspire to.

Mr Gary Faulkner
MIC Sailing

*Photos: The Scots College Sailing team.
A perfect start for Scots.*



This was the biggest turnout by Australian schools ... in the event's 30 year history.





Junior 4x100m Relay Team Wins at NSW CIS Championships

The Scots Prep Junior 4x100m relay team, consisting of Will Jenkins, James Kotis, Jack Shiell and Thomas Unger, won through to the NSW CIS Championships by convincingly winning the IPSHA Junior 4x100m relay.

Jack Shiell leads the team off, always ensuring the team gets off to a great start. The second leg owned by James Kotis, ensures the team is in a strong position into the third leg, while Will Jenkins, the team linchpin, moves through the field always handing the baton over in first place to the last runner. Thomas Unger is the anchor of the team and has never been under pressure ensuring the team finishes strong through the line.

Mr Ben Thomas
Prep MIC Athletics

*Photo: Scots Junior 4x100m relay team –
Jack Shiell, James Kotis, Will Jenkins and
Thomas Unger.*



Scots Snowsports Achieves Historic Milestone

The Senior Snowsports team won its 13th NSW and seventh consecutive National Championship title this year. It was another historic season when a clean sweep of the seven disciplines was achieved at the Nationals and a record total score was amassed. Scots teams won 15 of the 21 events, finished second in two and third in three other events.

Max Hough (Captain of Skiing) was crowned individual National Champion in Alpine and Skiercross; Andrew Richardson (Captain of Snowboarding) won in Snowboardcross; Josh Stevens in Snowboard and Ben Matsumoto won the Moguls event with an astounding run.

Scots boys produced some outstanding results but one astonishing performance stands out as the new record by any athlete in the National Championships; Josh Stevens competed in six events and won six team gold medals. In addition, he won one gold and two bronze medals individually in Snowboard, Cross Country and Skiercross. This is an achievement that will remain in the inter-school record books for a long time.



All boys should be congratulated for their brilliant team and individual performances and their outstanding sportsmanship throughout the season. The boys represented the College with distinction and their combined achievement places them in a class of their own!

Mr Andrew Kovari
Director of Snowsports

*Photos: The National Champion Snowsports team.
Jack Adams – recipient of the Wendy Cameron Achievement Award.*



A Significant Season of Premiership Victories

The Rugby 1st XV, determined to shed the ‘co-premiers’ tag of 2013, had eyes firmly on an unbeaten season in 2014. It started with a resounding victory over Joeys on the Scots main oval. This was followed up with another home win over The King’s School before the term break.

Term 3 presented an uninterrupted series of eight games. There were a number of highlights – a history making hundred point victory over Newington; a remarkable comeback against Riverview, and the spirited and unwavering support on the sidelines by students of the College.

The 3rd XV lost only one game to The Armidale School, winning all others, finishing the season as joint Premiers of the GPS 3rd XV Competition.

Mr Marcus Blackburn
Head of PDHPE/Director of Rugby

Photo: Scots 1st XV, AAGPS Rugby Champions 2014.

Snowsports Success at State and National Level

The 2014 Snowsports season has proved to be one of the best yet for The Scots College Preparatory School, with the Snowsports team winning the Championships for a record eighth consecutive year. With such an amazing result, every team member who represented the College throughout the season should be proud of their achievements.

The Prep Snowsports team made a strong start to the season achieving first place at the Sydney Division Championships in July and at the NSW Interschool Snowsports Championships in August. At the National Championships, the team successfully defended its title as champions from strong competition for an unprecedented eighth consecutive year.

Coming from these amazing results, the Snowsports team has been invited once again to represent Australia at the 2016 International Children’s Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria. The games, recognised internationally as the ‘Olympic Games’ for school children, will see The Scots Snowsports athletes compete against other top level teams representing their countries from around the world.



Congratulations to all members of the 2014 Prep Snowsports team for representing the College with distinction this season. Congratulations also to Tom Weinert, the 2014 The Scots College Preparatory School Snowsports Team Captain.

Mr Clive Tanner
MIC Snowsports

Photos: Lachlan Findlay, Tom Weinert and Matthew Grafen – 2014 The Scots Race. Tom Weinert competing at the 2014 NSW Junior Freestyle Championships.



Surfing at Scots - Success

The second annual Scots Surfing Contest was held on Monday 28 April at Maroubra Beach. More than 70 competitors took part in the event, where small, clean waves allowed for some sensational surfing throughout the day. Boys from Years 5 to 12 took part and enjoyed the fun alongside parents and staff, who also showed off some classy moves under the expertly run competition thanks to local club Southend Boardriders. This was the second year running for this contest, and competitor numbers doubled in size showing just how popular the sport of surfing is in the east.

Principal, Dr Ian PM Lambert joined in the staff and parents' division, and although impressing students and parents with stylish moves, will not be adding his name to the perpetual trophy this year. The expertly made 'Alaia' wood surfboard, brilliantly crafted by Year 10 student Lachlan McArthur, will hopefully be on display for the boys to enjoy for years to come.

The presentation evening overlooking Bondi Beach was enjoyed by close to 100 guests, where trophies, prizes and the beautiful

Alaia board was unveiled to reveal the following results:

Years 5 and 6 (Prep)

- 1st Ethan Eshuys
- 2nd Marcus Podgornik
- 3rd Jack Armitage
- 4th Angus Aitken

Under 16s (Junior Division)

- 1st Lewis Kennedy-Hunt
- 2nd Oscar Ayto
- 3rd Lachlan McArthur
- 4th Charlie Verco

Under 19s (Senior Division)

- 1st Simon Johnston
- 2nd Oliver Rich
- 3rd Thomas Hammond
- 4th Hugo Deal

Parents

- 1st Andrew Pitt

Staff

- 1st Beau Junk (Old Boy and coach)

Our top four junior competitors went on to surf at the Sydney Regional School Titles in

Cronulla, where they placed well against far more experienced surfers.

Lewis Kennedy-Hunt surfed well to cruise into the quarterfinals and narrowly missed a semi-finals berth.

Surfing at Scots is set to grow in the coming years with plans of daytrips, surf coaching and Camps Week opportunities all exciting prospects. An Old Boys division is to be included in 2015 whilst an Independent Schools Invitational event is also in the pipeline. With the immense support of the Principal, staff and parents, Scots can continue to challenge boys to follow their passion and embrace adventure at every opportunity.

Mrs Jeni Lee
Surfing Coordinator

Photos: Simon Johnston, winner of the Senior division with Lachlan McArthur who made the perpetual surfboard trophy.

Lewis Kennedy-Hunt, winner of the Junior division and quarterfinalist in the Sydney regional titles.

Principal, Dr Ian PM Lambert shows he is an all rounder with some impressive moves.



Class of the Cross Country Competition

The Scots College Intermediate Cross Country team was the class of the competition this season winning a second straight GPS Championship. The team has been inspiring throughout the season demonstrating an impressive depth unrivalled by other schools.

The team had an impressive 12 runners score throughout the season with the highlight being the Shore Invitational where ten Scots runners finished in the top 20 of the 120 strong field.

The 12 scoring runners for the team were:

- Ben Cochrane
- Jack Freer
- Max Freer
- Cameron Fleming
- Hayden Fleming
- Henry Higgins
- Louis Lefebvre
- Ryan Lui
- Matthew Murray
- Harrison Phillips
- Josh Stevens
- Lachlan Wacher

The team has followed the lead of the Open team with a dedicated approach to hard work in training and racing as a team. The final team standings are as follows:

224	Scots
357	Newington
394	Grammar
498	High
827	Shore
863	Riverview
1586	King's
1632	St Joseph's

Congratulations, boys, on an outstanding season.

Mr Graham Pattison
Director of Athletics and Cross Country

Photo: Harrison Phillips, Cameron Fleming, Matthew Murray, Lachlan Wacher, Joshua Stevens, Henry Higgins, Max Feer, Jack Freer, Charlie Goodlad, Hayden Fleming, Ryan Lui and Louis Lefebvre.



Cross Country Premiers

The Scots College Cross Country team won the AAGPS Premiership for the second consecutive year, finishing with an undefeated season.

Throughout the season Harry Brink, Byron Crimmins, Christian Della-Cioppa, Jordan Gates, Oliver Lefebvre, Timothy Mitchell, Andrew Richardson and Matthew Scott scored for the team.

The final team standings for the 2014 season:

200	Scots
357	St Joseph's
552	Shore
623	High
686	Riverview
700	Newington
966	Grammar
1007	King's

Photo: Back Row: Mr Graham Pattison, Timothy Mitchell, Harry Brink, Andrew Richardson.

Seated: Jordan Gates, Matthew Scott, Byron Crimmins (Captain) Oliver Lefebvre, Christian Della-Cioppa.



Old Boys' Union

Lang Syne



In Pursuit of Our Vision

"To realise the College motto, "O that we may be worthy of our forefathers" by being an outstanding relevant and valued alumni, by connecting the College community with the Old Boys and supporting fellow Old Boys in their connection with each other throughout Australia and overseas."

In 2014 we set out to realise our vision by raising our image and profile, and to be recognised as an outstanding, relevant and valued Alumni.

I would like to thank the Principal, Dr Ian PM Lambert for his support in providing the Alumni office with the resources and expertise to organise more than 40 Old Boys' events this year.

In 2015 we welcome 196 new Old Boys from the Alumni of 2014. It has been a defining and exceptional year for these young men.

We congratulate and wish them all the best in the upcoming HSC.

As 2014 comes to a close, I would like to thank the OBU Committee and the Alumni office,

in particular Mr Cameron Torrance, Ms Jeni Lee and Ms Melissa Berry for their efforts in supporting the Old Boys' Union. I invite any Old Boys who would like to participate or contribute to the Old Boys' Union Committee and events to contact myself or the Alumni office.

Increased awareness can only be measured by improved participation. If the attendance of over 1,300 Old Boys at the various Back to Scots weekends, as well as regional receptions, Clansmen, Chieftains, Vintage, sporting meets, reunions and Long luncheons is a guide, then our desire to improve communications and participation is working.

Mr Ian Bonnette ('68)
Old Boys' Union President



Photos: Mr Ian Bonnette after presenting the Captains of 1sts Basketball, Tennis and Water Polo with their jerseys and caps at Assembly. From left: Mr Ian Bonnette, Christian Della-Cioppa (Captain of Tennis), Oliver Poiner (Captain of Basketball) and Dugald O'Neill (Captain of Water Polo).

Old Boys Stay Connected

The use of social media plays an ever increasing role in our lives. With such a broad generational spread of Old Boys, we need to communicate with our members by using all forms of social media. It is important to keep the Old Boys' Union updated with your current contact details to ensure effective communication in respect to College news, upcoming events and reunions.

Email and Mail

Email us to update your contact details: scotsoldboys@tsc.nsw.edu.au. Prefer to use snail mail? That is okay! Send yours to The Scots College, Locked Bag 5001, Bellevue Hill NSW 2023.

Website

The OBU website contains links to important events, archives and news. Coming soon will be a directory of Old Boys from your alumni so you can connect and stay in touch:
<http://scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au>

Facebook

With regular updates, photos and coming events, 'Like' our Facebook page and it will like you right back: <https://www.facebook.com/ScotsAlumni>

LinkedIn

There are more than 3,000 LinkedIn members who list The Scots College as their educational institute. Link up via The Scots College Old Boys' Union where opportunities abound.

Twitter

To view results and updates from Scots sport and events: <https://twitter.com/TSCSport>



Photo: Mr Anthony Teasdale (Scotch College), Mr Phillip Ming Lai, Mr Marshall White and Mr Ian Bonnette at the OBU Golf Day.

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FUNCTION	DATE	FUNCTION	DATE
Old Boys' Union Annual General Meeting	Tuesday 24 February	Old Boys' Tamworth Reception	Friday 24 July
OBU Cricket Club Tour and Reunions – Singapore	Thursday 5 March	GPS OBU Golf Day	Thursday 13 August
AAGPS Head of the River	Saturday 7 March	OBU Annual Dinner	Friday 14 August
Foundation and OBU Connection Evening	Tuesday 17 March	Back to Scots Weekend	Saturday 15 August
OBU Golf Day	Tuesday 17 March	Decade Reunions: 1945 to 2005	Saturday 15 August
Old Boys' Union General Committee Meeting	Tuesday 21 April	Old Boys' Christian Union Week	Monday 17 to Friday 21 August
Old Boys' Union Clansmen Lunch	Friday 24 April	Old Boys' Union Chieftain's Lunch	Wednesday 19 August
Old Boys' Brisbane Reception	Saturday 2 May	Old Boys' Christian Union Dinner	Friday 21 August
Foundation and OBU Connection Evening	Thursday 7 May	Foundation and OBU Connection Evening	Tuesday 1 September
Old Boys' Dubbo Reception	Friday 15 May	Melbourne Reception – Old Boys	Friday 11 September
Annual Parade of Remembrance	Sunday 17 May	Old Boys' Union General Committee Meeting	Tuesday 15 September
Old Boys' Union General Committee Meeting	Tuesday 26 May	Foundation and OBU Connection Evening	Tuesday 3 November
Old Boys' Handover Ceremony	Friday 29 May	OBU Rowing Regatta	Saturday 28 November
Rugby Luncheon	Friday 29 May	Old Boys' Union Vintage Lunch	Tuesday 1 December
Old Boys' Newcastle Reception	Friday 12 June	Old Boys' Union Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 8 December
Old Boys' Union General Committee Meeting	Tuesday 21 July		

*Please note there may be slight changes to events throughout the year. An updated calendar can be found at the Old Boys' Union website: scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au or contact the Old Boys Office +61 2 9391 7635.



Mentoring and Networking Focus in 2015

In 2015 one of our key strategic goals is 'Mentoring and Networking' by:

- providing effective careers advice to College students in Years 10 to 12;
- providing effective career advice for younger Old Boys;
- organising support to Old Boys in need; and
- providing networking opportunities for Old Boys.

The importance and ability of us as individuals to participate and provide support and advice to our country's future leaders is a challenge and a goal we must not lose sight of or take lightly.

Networking is not intended to provide a guaranteed position, but rather to offer an opportunity to be introduced, interviewed or given advice on how best to approach a challenging situation.

Old Boys, students and parents must grasp those opportunities and make the most of them.

The Alumni recently assisted a 2009 Old Boy and recent Commerce/Law graduate gain access to respected Old Boys in the law industry. That door was opened. Another connection in the construction industry is currently underway.

During 2015 a number of Connection/Networking events will again be held for various industry and community groups. Keep an eye out for these and participate wherever you can.

We request the support of all Old Boys and parents in providing an opportunity for mentoring and networking to assist fellow Old Boys and the College community at large.

Mr Ian Bonnette
Old Boys' Union President

Photo: Mr Ian Bonnette mentors his Year 10 Australian Business Week team.



Kevin White, Macky House 2005

After his days as a GPS Premiership player and Captain of Basketball at Scots, Kevin spent three years playing NCAA Basketball for the University of Alaska. In 2011, he secured his first NBL contract with the Sydney Kings. Today he makes a significant contribution to the Kings team. Kevin was named the Sydney Kings' Best Defensive Player for the 2012/2013 NBL season. In the 2013/2014 season his leadership, intensity and impressive work ethic are highly prized by the Kings. Kevin has just signed a new contract with the Kings for the 2014/2015 NBL season.

Photo: Kevin White ('05) in action for the Sydney Kings.



Professor Michael Solomon Wins RPA Medal

This year's prestigious RPA Foundation Research Medal has been awarded to Professor Michael Solomon ('77) for his significant contribution to research, in the field of surgery. Professor Solomon was presented with his medal, and a cheque for \$50,000 to continue his research.

Professor Michael Solomon is a consultant surgeon and Academic Head of the Department of Colorectal Surgery at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. He is a Clinical Professor of Surgery and Director of Colorectal Research, both for Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and the University of Sydney and is a past President of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia & New Zealand (CSSANZ).

Professor Solomon has extensive experience in clinical surgical research and has published over 200 papers and obtained over \$9 million in peer reviewed research grants. He is the Founding Director and Head of the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SOuRCe) at the University of Sydney since 2004 which was

established as a multidisciplinary, academic research unit dedicated to the advancement of evidence-based surgical practice through the conduct of outcomes-orientated surgical research. Professor Solomon developed the successful Masters of Surgery (Coursework) program at the University of Sydney teaching clinical research methodology and has supervised 38 Masters and Honours degrees as well as five completed PhDs with a further three currently in progress. In 2014 Professor Solomon was appointed the inaugural Chairman of the RPA Institute of Academic Surgery.

Professor Solomon's surgical expertise is in minimally and maximally invasive colorectal surgery with the foundation of a multi-disciplined complex pelvic surgery for advanced and recurrent malignancy unit, expertise in inflammatory bowel disease and pelvic floor disorders as well as laparoscopic colorectal surgery. His current research interests lie in developing maximally invasive techniques for advanced pelvic malignancy, clinical trials of minimally invasive colorectal



Professor Michael Solomon is considered a world authority on exenterative techniques ...



surgery and the assessment and performance of randomised and alternative clinical trial designs for surgical operations.

Professor Michael Solomon is considered a world authority on exenterative techniques and has dedicated his distinguished career to advancing surgical outcomes to improve the quality of life for patients.

Photo: Professor Michael Solomon



Old Boys' Union Cricket Club

On Thursday 21 August the Old Boys' Union Cricket Club was relaunched. After an AGM to elect the new office bearers, a dinner was held in the Aspinall House Ballroom and attended by 60 past and present members. The night was a great success with the older players entertaining the newer members with stories about their time on the field. Much laughter was had by all, and new friendships formed.

This coming season will see the Club play 11 Sunday games on the College main oval and the excitement is high. We hope to see many Old Boys and their families drop by and say hello on game days, and at the same time enjoy watching some competitive cricket matches.

The Old Boys will also be playing against the 1st XI on Sunday 30 November. At the conclusion of the match a presentation of The Charlie Knight Memorial Trophy will be made by the Old Boys to the most valuable player from the College team. Charlie was a long standing player with the Club and is it fitting that his memory be honoured in such a way.

The Old Boys' Union Cricket Club would like to express our thanks to Dr Ian PM Lambert and his team for allowing us to use the main oval and facilities.

Mr Brett Hinch ('81)
OBU Cricket Club Secretary

*Photos: A relaunched Old Boys' Union Cricket Club match gets underway on the main oval.
The Old Boys' Union Cricket Club.*

Class of 2004 Reunion

On Saturday 6 September the Class of 2004 gathered together to celebrate their ten year reunion. Over 80 Old Boys from almost every corner of the globe attended the event with a good time had by all. The celebration was made even better by the 1st XV securing the GPS Premiership with a win over Riverview on the main oval. Thank you to all who attended, we are looking forward to doing it all again in 2024!

Mr Morgan Campbell ('04)



Class of 1964 Reunion

Our 50 year class reunion held on Saturday 6 September 2014 at the Vaucluse Yacht Club, Watsons Bay was a great night.

The Class of 1964 made a donation of \$1,700 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and a donation of \$650 to the College.

Our 55 year reunion is already on the drawing board, so lock in Saturday 7 September 2019.

Photo: The 65 members of the Class of 1964 who attended their 50 year reunion at the Vaucluse Yacht Club.



Class of 1973 40 Year Reunion Dinner

The Class of 1973 celebrated 40 years since leaving the College with a reunion dinner at the Vibe Hotel, Rushcutters Bay on Friday 31 May 2013.

Seventy six guests attended the function which included ex masters George Beverley and Richard Blackett along with Steve Robilliard ('74), the MC for the evening, and now former Old Boys' Union President, Mr Andrew Ratcliffe ('72). Fellow ex masters Barry Ball, Alan Anderson, Ken Hawthorne and Reverend Tom Jennings unfortunately, along with the Principal Dr Ian PM Lambert, could not attend but passed on their good wishes.

Brian Alsop paid tribute and proposed a toast to our colleagues who are no longer with us (18 out of 182 that came and went through the six years). At the same time Brian also proposed a toast to the College.

Many lies and tall stories were told throughout the evening and memories were tested to recognise some of our Old Boys

whose features had changed somewhat. It was great to see fellows like Ken Mackay and Malcolm McColl who had never been back for any reunions since leaving in 4th form 1971. Richard Blackett certainly has not lost his touch when it comes to public speaking and enlightened the audience on his experience at Scots serving under five different Principals.

To complete the night's activities Scott Bray, (alias Elvis Presley in his costume) entertained us with a few renditions including Danny Boy.

On behalf of the Class of 1973 I would like to thank the College for its support to make our event happen and also for staging such a great Saturday at Bellevue Hill as part of the Back to Scots Weekend.

Mr Rob McCarron ('73)

Photo: Class of 1973 40 Year Reunion.



Our oldest 'Old Boy' in attendance was Andrew Mackay ('55) ...



Rugby Success

In addition to Sam Carter's magic on the Rugby paddock this year, Scots Old Boys were also well represented in Randwick Colts who took out Sydney University 23-17, in the 2014 Grand Final.

The following Old Boys from 2012 represented Randwick: Henry Leslie, Ned Robinson, Seamus Frost, Kieran Knight and Ed Kennedy; 2013: Nick Kellaway, Ben Starkey, Matt Crafts and Mitch Short. Sydney University featured Christian Yassmin and Hamish Dunbar ('13). Following the launch of the new 'NRC' competition, our congratulations go to the following Old Boys: Andrew Kellaway and David Horwitz in the NSW Country Eagles, Jim Stewart and Stuart Dunbar in the Sydney Stars and Greg Peterson in the North Harbour Rays.

Regional Receptions

Central West Principal's Reception: Friday 16 May

On the evening of Friday 16 May, 77 Scots community members from the Central West region met at the Lazy River Estate to coincide with the Dubbo Boarding Schools Expo. Current and prospective parents, Old Boys and staff attended after contacting those within a wide radius of Dubbo. Our oldest 'Old Boy' in attendance was Andrew Mackay ('55) and our newest Luke Anderson ('13). Old Boys travelled from Coonabarabran and beyond to attend, where wonderful hospitality allowed guests to stay well past closing!

Gold Coast 1st XV Rugby Tour: Saturday 17 May

Following the reception in Dubbo, the Principal, staff and 1st XV flew to the Gold Coast where they were warmly hosted by Bond University, providing catering on the sidelines in a designated marquee for Scots and The Southport School. Fifty nine Scots Old Boys and their families in the region joined the Scots entourage to cheer the boys home to a 41-0 victory over The Southport School. We are looking forward to this becoming an annual fixture with Bond University eager to develop relationships with our College and our Queensland Old Boys happy to catch up on a more regular basis.

Wagga Wagga Reception: Friday 13 June

The Riverina region was host to another in the series of Boarding Schools expos. The Principal's reception was held in a local winery with our community of past and present parents plus many Old Boys in attendance. We enjoyed a wonderful evening with 65 people, the most recent Old Boy from 2013 and the oldest from 1948. A father and son, Kim and James Martel (OB '69 and '04 respectively) piped in the gathering who joined friends and enjoyed listening to Dr Ian PM Lambert talk about the past, present and future direction of the College.

Photos, clockwise from top left: Andrew ('55) and Jill Mackay, Brett and Sonya Berryman, Luke Anderson and Brett Anderson and Geoff Wise ('63) and his wife Anne.



Thirtieth Battalion AIF Members Visit Scots

On Wednesday 29 October, Scots Old Boys and members of the 30th Battalion AIF New Guinea visited the College to enjoy morning tea and view the recently erected banner in their honour, which hangs proudly in the Chapel. After a delicious morning tea in the Aspinall House Ballroom with the Principal, Dr Ian PM Lambert; Mr Phil Cooney; Sergeant Gillespie and senior members of the Cadets, the gentlemen were escorted to the Chapel and surroundings for a closer inspection. For some, this was their first return to the College in over 50 years and hence some significant changes were noted. It was an absolute privilege and pleasure to host our Clansmen from World War II and we look forward to their return visit in the near future.

Photo: Our special guests enjoyed a morning tea with students and staff in Aspinall House and surroundings.



Above photo: Thirtieth Battalion AIF Members Richard Youden, William Steell and Frederick Henwood join Senior Cadets in the Chapel with the banner donated to the College.

Class of 1994 Reunion

Sixty five past students from the Class of 1994 attended their 20 Year Reunion on Friday 5 September. The group enjoyed an evening out in Double Bay before returning to The Scots College to join other Old Boys on the College balcony to watch Scots take out the Rugby Premiership.

Photo: 1994 Old Boys enjoy the Rugby from the College balcony.



Class of 1954 60 Year Reunion

Tuesday 15 April was a great day for 33 recalcitrants to celebrate 60 years since leaving the College way back in Mr AK Anderson's last year of Principalship in 1954. We didn't know it was to be the case and neither did he.

We gathered under bright blue skies with fading eyesight and equally fading memories of just who we were greeting. It all rushed back as an avalanche with eventual recognition and then it was only yesterday that we were back in school uniform.

After the luncheon each attendee gave a very brief account of their life at and after school. Very interesting ... whatever happened to the Jubilee Year Alumni books produced from 1947 to 1954? Ours is the last so far.

Apologies were received from 34, with 28 of our year deceased, so 96 of a possible 110 reflects a degree of enjoyment of our days at the College.

The numbers may be thinning as is the hair and with shortness of sight and expansion of waist but enthusiasm (and need I say confidence) remains high to meet again in 2019.

Mr Bruce Bathgate ('54)

*Photo: Class of 1954 60 Year Reunion –
Back Row: Craig Watford, John Byrne,
Hugh Randall, Don Wines, James McCredie,
Peter Wormald, Antony Bloom, John Walker,
Michael Rogers, Nigel Stoker, Tony Grayson,
Kevin Woolf
Middle Row: Robert 'Ben' Hall, Peter Copley,
George Stuart, John Culley, Phillip Bloom,
Peter Gamble, Robert 'Ewey' Stewart,
Allan Edgar, John Cassidy, Tim Hector
Seated: David Bambach, Michael Sharpe,
Hugh McLaren, Cary James, John Williams,
Bruce Bathgate, John Stewart, John Pomeroy,
John Marshall.*



... and then it was only yesterday that we were back in school uniform.





Sam Carter, Kirkland House 2007

Sam Carter is a former Scots student ('07). He was a Prefect of the College and House Captain of Kirkland House. Sam is a fourth generation Scots Old Boy. He is the son of former Wallaby and Scots Old Boy, David Carter ('79). Sam's grandfather, Edward Graham Ratliff ('50) and great grandfather, Edward Roland Ratliff, ('28) are also Scots Old Boys. Sam's uncle, Edward Guy Ratliff ('78), is also an Old Boy of the College.

Sam has now played four seasons of Super Rugby with the ACT Brumbies and has established himself as one of Australia's hardest working locks. Sam's tireless work ethic constantly sees him among the club's most effective defenders and set piece operators. Sam commands plenty of respect from his peers. He is an indispensable link in the Brumbies line-out and is praised by the club's front-row for his ability to add strength to the scrum.



His commitment to developing into a physically imposing second-rower with a power running game was rewarded with selection for the Wallabies this year. Sam followed in his father's footsteps when he debuted for the Wallabies against France in Brisbane on Saturday 7 June this year. Before Sam's debut game, his father David told *The Sydney Morning Herald* that, "You always want your kids to follow in your footsteps". In his debut Test against France, the Wallabies prevailed 50-23. Sam followed his father's example even further when he was awarded the Man of the Match award in his debut test.

Photo: Sam Carter

Chieftain's Luncheon

On Wednesday 27 August, a very special lunch was held for those Chieftains who graduated from the College at least 70 years ago. A great turnout of 20 Old Boys, family and staff attended the beautiful Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Thank you to Ken Godfrey and Tony Pfeiffer ('62) for their generous support of this event. We also congratulate Kenneth Godfrey ('33) on his recent 98th birthday.

Photo: Chieftains 2014



Back to Scots Witness Rugby Success

We were honoured to see many Old Boys return to the College for a very successful Back to Scots weekend on Saturday 6 September. There was an informative College tour, light lunch and six reunion groups in attendance, as well as some stunning on field performances with success in all grades. Many groups enjoyed their reunions across the weekend with more than 400 Old Boys reminiscing amongst fine food, wine and company.

The Class of 1974 had extra special reason to attend as they gathered together at the scoreboard to officially launch the Graeme Dedrick Memorial Scoreboard in memory of our great friend, sportsmaster and Old Boy. Wayne Peters ('74) returned from Hong Kong and along with Dr Ian PM Lambert addressed the group. With a generous donation from the Rugby

Support Group, presented by Phil Zylstra and Tony McFadyen, the appeal has been wonderfully supported and is appreciated by Graeme's wife Jayne and children Michael and Melissa who were also in attendance.

An absolute highlight of the weekend was a few of our 1954 1st XV players standing arm in arm with our winning side in the sheds for a rousing rendition of *O Flower of Scotland*. The 3rds finished the season as joint premiers and of course our 1st XV became undefeated 'Champions' after a challenging yet character defining season. Having so many Old Boys descend on the College grounds is always a special day and one we are looking forward to again in 2015.

Photos: Scots 1st XV celebrations with Old Boys.

Old Boys on the balcony during Back to Scots weekend.

Old Boys Showcased at Sydney Fringe Festival

A number of Scots Drama alumni have written and starred in shows at the recent 2014 Sydney Fringe Festival.

Robert Boddington ('10) had success with his show *A Crow Short of a Murder*, selling out all performances. Robert co-wrote and directed the show, which is a classic spin on old time murder mysteries. Since leaving school, Robert has dived into the theatre life of Sydney whilst completing his degree.

Tom Cardy ('12) and Angus Rees ('12) teamed up with Newington College Old Boys and fellow *The Room* ('12) performers, Jack Scott and Reuben Ward. The four have been doing comedy shows around Sydney for the past two years and finally decided to pool their talent to create their brand new sketch show, *The Boys Are Back in Town, Again*. The show played to full houses at the Factory Theatre.

Ms Ravenna Gregory
Head of Drama

Photo: Robert Boddington



... Scots was undefeated
for the season ...



Long Lunch Honours Old Boy Wallabies

On Friday 15 August, 220 Old Boys from 1948 to 2013, staff and special guests gathered at Doltone House, Hyde Park to enjoy good company, fine food and wine and honour our past and present Old Boy Wallabies.

A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all in attendance, and a special tribute including Scots Rugby footage from the 1950s and 1970s brought back terrific memories.

Interviews with Dave Carter, Bill Calcraft and Tim Gavin were a highlight as was rubbing shoulders with the great Ken Catchpole – and even bigger shoulders of Tom Bowman and Warwick Waugh. There was an amazing haggis ceremony, “the best ever” reported by most and celebrations continued well into the night back at the Oak Hotel.

To watch the rugby presentation, please visit: <https://scotsoldboys.tsc.nsw.edu.au/news/2014/08/21/old-boys-long-lunch-2014/>.

*Photo: Wallaby legends – Back Row: Bill Calcraft, Tom Bowman, Tim Gavin, Warwick Waugh.
Middle Row: Norm Storey, Ken Catchpole OAM.
Seated: Dave Carter.*

Back to Scots Day 1954

Saturday 6 September was a momentous day for the Scots 1st XV and it was equally momentous for ten members of the talented team of 1954. We had accepted the College’s invitation to be part of the Back to Scots weekend celebrations.

Following a guided tour of the College improvements, the rejuvenated Aspinall House and the first rate Sports Centre, we were treated to a light luncheon and then made our way to a reserved area on the Principal’s balcony to watch the battle between Scots and St Ignatius in the last game of the GPS Rugby season.

At the start of the game, Scots was undefeated for the season and St Ignatius (Riverview) had suffered only one defeat. So Scots was assured of at least the joint premiership or better still, sole ownership of the 2014 GPS Rugby Championship Shield.

We of 1954 collectively remarked on the heightened physicality and talents of the current crop of competitors. The Scots boys were triumphant and great jubilation took place on the field, on the sideline and on the verandah!

Several of our 1954 boys joined the victorious team in their state-of-the-art dressing room

and took part in a robust rendition of the rugby anthem *O Flower of Scotland*. Truly magnificent.

Our thanks to the College 1st XV for giving us an afternoon of victory and enjoyment and to the College for entertaining us so well.

The 1954 members included Allan Edgar, Tony ‘Bodge’ Grayson, Norm Storey (ex Wallaby), Jim Davidson, Roger ‘Herb’ Learmont, Andy Mackay, Bruce Bathgate, Beres Ellwood (ex Wallaby) Tony ‘Cid’ Littlemore and John Culley.

Mr Bruce Bathgate ('54)



Classes of 1954 to 1958 Coonabarabran Reunion

In October, Scots Old Boys from the mid-1950s met for a thoroughly enjoyable reunion in Coonabarabran, NSW. The reunion was ably organised by Andrew Mackay and Richard Blackman who hosted 25 Old Boys and their partners for the great three day event.

On the night of our arrival we attended a sumptuous Chinese banquet at the Golden Sea Restaurant.

The following day, all attendees enjoyed an almost out-of-this world experience with a conducted coach tour to the Australian Astronomical Observatory at Siding Springs, high up in the Warrumbungle Mountains. We were treated to a very interesting description by a local guide of the largest optical telescope in Australia. Other telescopes of varying sizes owned by numerous other countries were in the immediate vicinity.

The main highlight of our reunion was the luncheon and speeches held in the

Copper Pot Restaurant. The formalities were commenced by our hosts Andrew and Richard, and a toast to the College was led by Ross Lees. Humorous and entertaining reminiscences were provided by Ross Lees, Ian Gordon, Bill Swan, George Dent, Alec Bruce and Ross Leabeater.

The following day, most Old Boys and their partners enjoyed a coach trip in the local school bus, to Andrew and Jill Mackay's property 'Minnedah' to enjoy a generous morning tea in the quiet but scenic surroundings.

All in attendance sincerely wish to thank Andrew and Jill, Richard and Shaen for a very memorable reunion.

Mr Nev Pollard ('56) and
Mr Andrew Mackay ('55)

Photo: Classes of 1954 to 1958 Coonabarabran Reunion.



Richard Blackett Medal Assembly

For over 50 years Mr Richard Blackett has been an inspirational teacher for many boys at The Scots College. He continues to teach Latin to students and has inspired many over the years with his dedication to Languages, Debating, as Housemaster and in Pastoral Care. A special Assembly in Richard's honour, and to present a medal to reward excellence in teaching at Scots, was held in November. We would like to thank a number of Old Boys who have given generously towards this annual teaching prize, and trust the recipient of this award will value that such an award is only possible because of Richard's passion and dedication to his career here at the College. Future awardees will be able to conduct further study in a particular area of interest, which may be here in Australia or abroad.

Photo: Dr Ian PM Lambert, Mr Richard Blackett and Mr Trevor Danos AM ('75) with the medal in Richard's honour.



OBU Football Club Launches in 2015

It is with great pleasure that we announce the establishment of the Old Boys' Union Football Club in 2015, proudly supported by The Scots College and the Old Boys' Union. OBU FC has been established not just for the Old Boys of the College, but for all friends and footballers of all abilities.

We would love it if you could 'Like', 'Share' and join our club as we aim to become the newest and highest achieving football club in the Eastern Suburbs. Support and commitment from Scots, the Old Boy's Union and NCIE has allowed our club to have access to state-of-the-art facilities for training and games.

OBU FC offers a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to connect with the rapidly expanding football community at Scots and in the Eastern Suburbs. Please feel free to get in touch with Alec Kemmery at alec.kemmery@bigpond.com, about exciting opportunities in the New Year. Or visit us at <http://scotsoldboysfc.com/>.

Mr Alec Kemmery and Mr Alex Epakis ('09)

Christian Union Old Boys' Week

Christian Union at Scots provides an opportunity for students to explore and grow in faith and leadership through camps, Bible study groups, events run in conjunction with other schools and local youth groups, leadership training seminars, and a host of other activities. A key element is the Mentor Program, which facilitates interaction between Senior and Junior boys, as well as creating contexts in which Old Boys can meet, encourage and inspire current students. Whether it be through speaking at a Leadership seminar, running a Bible study group, attending the Christian Union Old Boys' Dinner, or coming to one of our Prayer Breakfasts, there are opportunities for Old Boys to play a vital role in supporting current students and the work of the Christian Union.

Last week, several Old Boys visited the College. Recent graduates Reuben Seah ('13), Evangel Lui ('13), Juan Tjiong ('13) and Alex Klomp ('12), addressed groups of students in a range of contexts, including Chapel services, Senior School Assembly and lunchtime Bible study groups. It was inspiring for current students to hear these young men reflect upon their time at the College, speak of their own journey of faith, and challenge the next generation of Scots boys to 'be worthy of our forefathers', by being men of integrity who will seek to serve God and be a source of blessing to others.

Photo: Reuben Seah with student leaders from the Christian Union.



GPS Gold Challenge

On the October long weekend, 50 Scots Old Boys from 1981 competed in the biennial GPS Gold Challenge. The event is a reunion of all GPS Schools whose alumni group turns 50. The weekend has nine events and we had some fantastic results. Tennis finished second, Swimming also second and Shooting a strong third. Overall, of the nine schools we finished fourth. Riverview were the ultimate champions on the day so we congratulate them on a well deserved win. Some notable performances were our swimmers who won the relay, and Greg Solomon who easily took out backstroke. In Athletics, Dirk Hansen came second in the 2,000m and Brett Hinch finished strong in the relay to bring us a fourth place. Brett also backed up at the dinner and represented us in the Debating. In Cricket, Mal Price and Mark Adlam put on a 30 run partnership for us to beat Shore, while our Rowing team won the divisional event to finish a credible fourth. It was a tremendous weekend and once in a lifetime experience.

Mr Tony Stoker ('81)

Scots 1982 was represented by 31 ageing but willing participants in the GPS Gold Challenge. Overall we placed fourth starting slowly with Golf but came home with a wet sail. There were some very impressive performances and results, the highlights of which were:

Athletics: First overall with first 60m dash Col Morrow, first Individual Cross Country, Scott Manuel, first Cross Country relay.

Touch Footy: First place.

Swimming: Third overall but winners of the 6x25m freestyle relay, and the 4x25m medley relay.

Shooting: Jullian Hall top scored in the tournament with 99.

Tennis, Basketball, Cricket: Won more than lost.

Rowing: Seven of the 1982 original VIII teamed up for an amazing effort rowing an estimated zoom further than other crews to narrowly miss the final but then win the repechage.

A great couple of days and a fantastic final dinner reminding all participants of our great School, school mates and fellow GPS peers. A memorable once in a lifetime experience.

Mr Simon Allsopp ('82)

Photos: Scots GPS Gold Challenge (1981 - 1982) participants.

Scots GPS Gold Challenge Rowing crew in action.



It was wonderful to see the whole College community come together for a fitting tribute ...



Graeme Dedrick Memorial Scoreboard Launch

The launch of the Graeme Dedrick Memorial Scoreboard at the Back to Scots weekend proved to be a great success. A large number of the 1974 class were present, as well as Graeme's wife, Jayne, and his children, Michael ('06), and Melissa.

The generosity of the Rugby Support Group was overwhelming, and along with the fantastic support from the College, plans and preparations for the scoreboard are well underway. This will not only serve our sporting teams generously, but be enjoyed by the whole College community through movie festivals, the Parade of Remembrance, amongst other events.

It was wonderful to see the whole College community come together for a fitting tribute to Graeme. Such a grand structure like this can only remind us of his endearing love and passion for Scots, but also the ongoing involvement that Jayne has in the Preparatory School.

Photo (right): Dr Ian PM Lambert, Ms Melissa Dedrick, Mr Michael Dedrick, Mrs Jayne Dedrick, Mr Phil Zylstra and Mr Tony McFadyen.



Old Boys' Rowing Regatta

On 12 April 2014, the Gladesville Boatshed opened its doors to Old Boy rowers of the College. All that accepted the invitation were able to jump in a boat to see if they still had what it takes to row.

There were a number of boats on the water, and races being held, which comprised of Old Boy athletes from the 1st VIII, the 2nd VIII, and all of the Old Boy winners from the Head of the River from 2009 to 2013. Notable attendees included New South Wales and Australian representative, Frankie Gourals (1st VIII, 2011), and New South Wales representative, Harry Foxton (1st VIII, 2011).

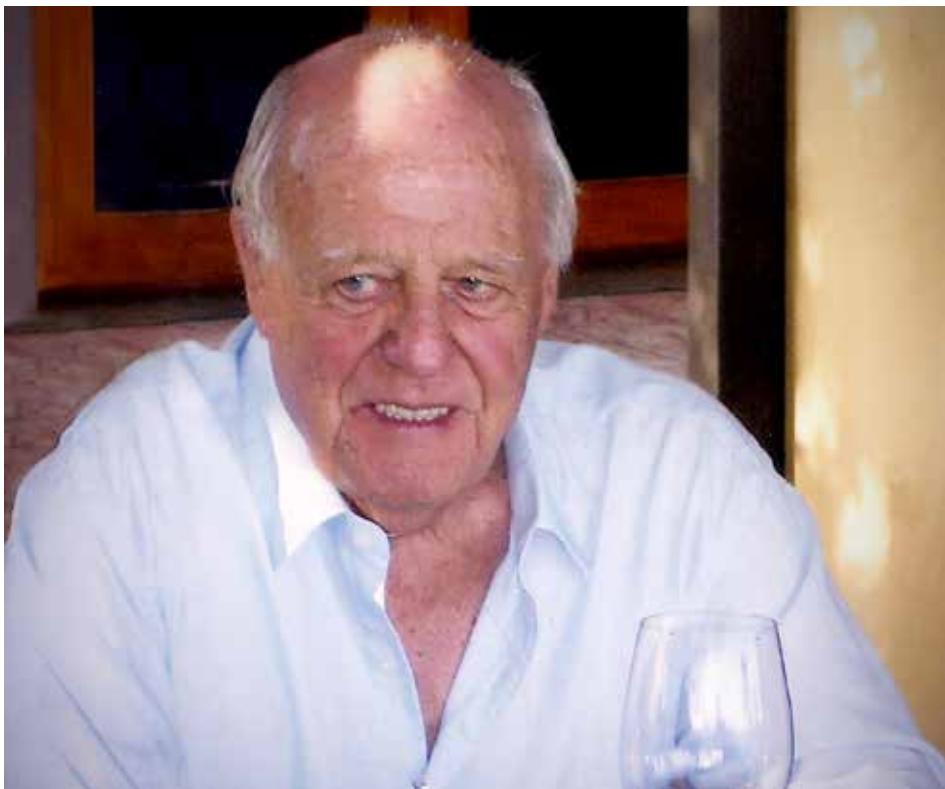
It was a very enjoyable morning of rowing, with a barbecue brunch held on the pontoon, cooked by members of the Rowing Support Group. We look forward to a bigger regatta in the next Rowing season, where Old Boys will be able to race against current members of The Scots College Rowing Program.

Robbie Williams
Director of Rowing

Photos: Jack Meller, Mitchell Shaw, Robert Jenkins, Nick Robins enjoy rowing in the regatta.

Ebbie Duncan, Neil Kennedy and Jarrod Watson at the Old Boys Rowing Regatta.





Gordon Wallace MacNicol ('44)

Gordon MacNicol passed away at age 87 on Friday 3 January 2014. Gordon was born in Cessnock in 1926, the eldest son of Bill and Margaret MacNicol.

Gordon and his younger brother, Douglas, attended The Scots College as boarders from an early age.

Gordon married Barbara Robinson in 1950 and lived at Elambone until 1953 when they moved to Brisbane with their two small daughters, Deborah and Sandra.

Gordon and his father acquired the Queensland franchise of Michelin Tyres and established their business, Queensland Tyre Service. This then led to the purchase of the Australasian franchise for a new concept in cold retreading, Bandag Retreads.

His business interests also included pastoral hobbies in Gympie, Mundubbera, Julia Creek, Moura, Weipa, Collinsville and thoroughbred breeding at Gainsborough Lodge in Toowoomba. He considered that his

greatest achievement, and business venture he enjoyed most, was his involvement with live cattle exporting to Hong Kong, Korea and South East Asia. He was inducted into the Australian Livestock Export Industry Hall of Fame in 2001.

A noted and popular figure in business and racing circles, Gordon developed an interest in racing through his father. His first trip to the New Zealand Yearling Sales in 1971 netted him a Lion Heart colt that raced successfully as Beau Cera, winner of the Qld Guineas in 1972. He then purchased the Gainsborough Lodge Stud, situated on the Darling Downs, in 1977 and developed a successful breeding program with sires Rock Roi, Sir Silver Lad, Black Zephyr and Ministerial.

His enduring achievement in this field was one of the most daring projects ever undertaken in Australian racing and breeding, especially his involvement in the Magic Millions Sale and Race concept in 1986 with the late Carl Waugh and Merrill Kruger.

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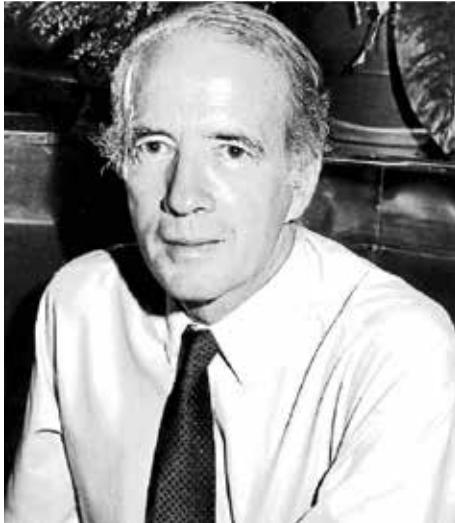
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Gordon's ever-changing business interests saw Sunstate Bus Charters begin in 1985, with it now incorporating the Country Link Bus Services in New South Wales.

Gordon is survived by his daughters and son, Andrew, as well as his extended families. He was predeceased by his wife and daughter, Megan.

Photo: Gordon Wallace MacNicol



Robert Walder ('42)

Robert (Bob) Walder was born 23 May 1924. The Walder family lived in Bellevue Hill where Bob attended The Scots College. He played Rugby and sailed 18-footers on Sydney Harbour on the weekends.

During his time at the College, Bob was in Kirkland House. He was appointed as College Prefect in his graduating year. He was a member of the First XV and the Senior Athletics Team, as well as a member of the GPS 2nd XV. He was promoted to Flight-Sergeant in the Air Training Corps during 1942 and joined the Royal Australia Navy upon graduating.

He was seconded to the Royal Navy in Britain and served on a number of vessels. He was one of the few Australians at sea during the D-Day invasion of Normandy in 1944. He was decorated by the Australian, British and French governments. Back home after the war, he married Helene Wilkins in 1950.

In 1956, Bob arrived back in Australia with his family and settled in Surfers Paradise,



Anthony Paull ('42)

Anthony (Tony) Paull arrived at The Scots College in 1938 where he spent five rewarding years, forming lifelong friends and successfully completing his leaving certificate.

He left in 1942 and enrolled in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) No. 55 course in 1944. He joined Qantas in 1951 and flew with them until 1962 before joining de Havilland Australia where he remained for many years.

In 1974, after nearly 30 years of flying, he moved across to aviation insurance. In 1979 he started his own business, which grew to become Australia's leading aviation insurance broker for small aircraft. In 1991, he sold this business and retired to Palm Beach, Sydney.

Tony enjoyed travelling, flying his small aeroplane and early mornings at Palm Beach before losing his battle with cancer in April 2014. He is survived by his sister, Mary, his son, Michael, and step daughter, Christine.

Photo: Anthony Paull



James Osborne Higgins ('49)

James Osborne Higgins, renowned Hereford breeder, was born on 11 May 1931 and died on Thursday 20 February 2014.

He attended The Scots College and boarded in Kirkland House for three years during the 1950s.

James was a fourth generation Gloucester Grazier. His family ran the Curricabark and Faulkland Hereford studs at Gloucester, and he was widely recognised throughout the New South Wales cattle industry.

In 2005 at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, he won the grand champion and supreme exhibit with Faulkland Hamilton, and in the same year won grand champion at the Hereford National Show and Sale.

He was a loving husband of Margaret; brother of Margaret, John and Elizabeth; father of Sandy, James and Dugald; and devoted grandfather to Isabelle, Edwina, Fiona, Nikki, Katrina and Lydia.

Photo: James Osborne Higgins



Ian Fyfe Bathgate ('52)

Ian Bathgate passed away at Katoomba Hospital on Sunday 6 July 2014, his 79th birthday. Ian had been living in the Blue Mountains for quite some years, firstly at Leura and Katoomba then at Wentworth Falls. He had a three acre farm at Little Hartley where he ran his herd of three Dorper sheep (aptly named Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner), and two alpacas.

Ian began at The Scots College in Kindergarten in 1940, but spent 1943 and 1944 in Orange. From 1945 he attended Scots Bathurst (then a branch of the College) and returned to the Preparatory School in Bellevue Hill until 1948 when he won admission to the Royal Australian Naval College at Flinders as a Cadet Midshipman. He returned to Scots in 1951 and left at the end of the fourth year in 1952.



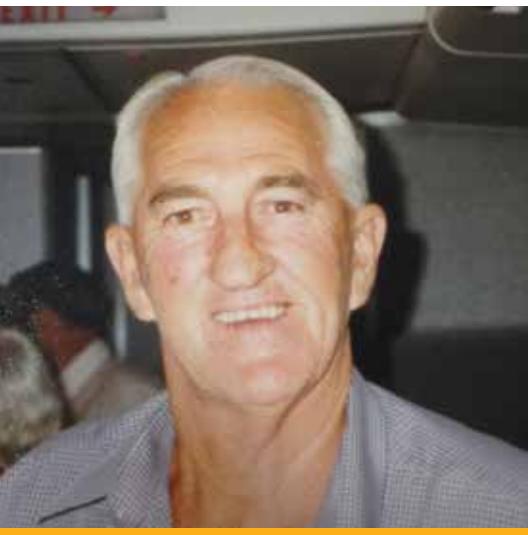
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His commercial career was as varied as his school career. He became a Motor Mechanic with Larke Hoskins, spent three years as a Plantation Manager for Burns Philp, became a partner in a Volkswagen agency in Griffith and spent eight years in the oil industry. Ian then joined the New Zealand Trade Commission in Sydney, and went onto working in the taxi industry in the Blue Mountains.

Ian's love of the Blue Mountains was reflected in his wish for his ashes to be spread from Echo Point, Katoomba. He is survived by his wife; three daughters; six granddaughters; brother, Bruce; and sister, Helen.

Photo: Ian Fyfe Bathgate



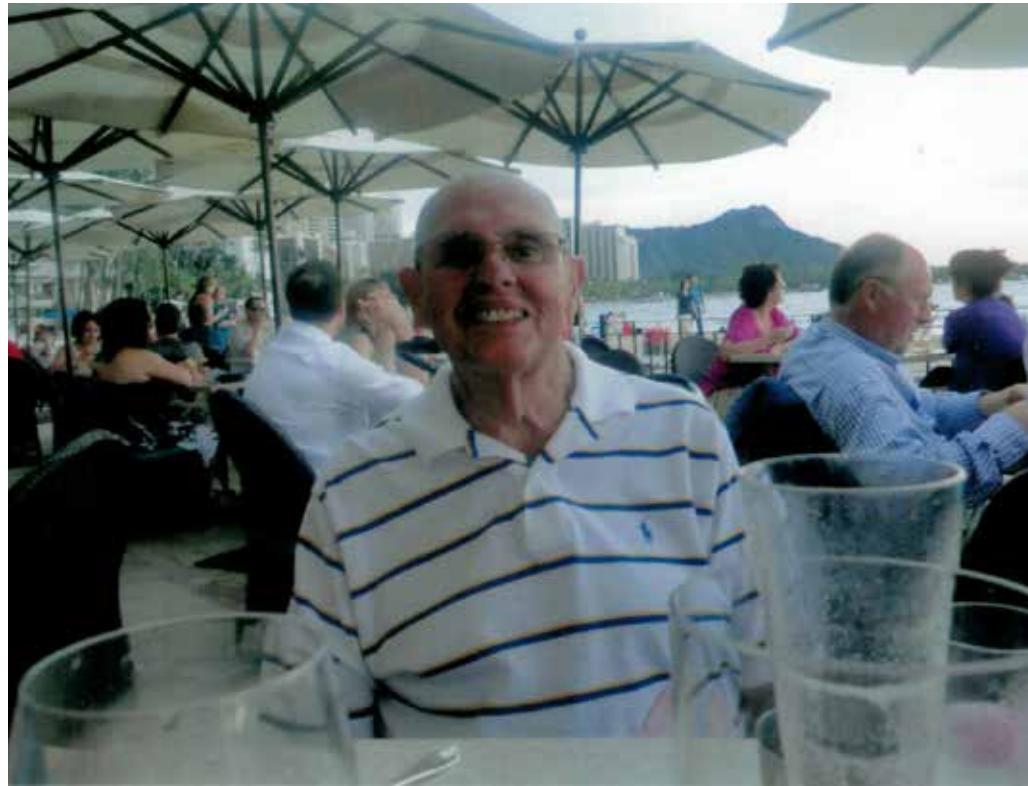
Phillip Simpson ('47)

Philip (Neil) Simpson attended The Scots College from 1938 to 1946, both as a boarder and a day boy. He always had a fondness for his time at Scots and stayed in touch with many of his close wartime school mates.

After leaving the College he worked in the wool trade as a wool buyer in Sydney followed by a period jackarooring on a number of Western NSW properties. He then bought his own property, Pindari, at Coolah in the late '50s as being a farmer and grazier was his true passion. In 1965 he moved to a larger property, Mentone Coonabarabran. He stayed in the Coona distinct until he retired to Mudgee in 2003.

He was a keen supporter of the OBU as well as many other interests. Neil is survived by wife Carol, sons James ('81) and Ian ('87), and daughter Rosemary along with six grandchildren.

Photo: Philip Simpson



Frank Raymond Bowman Junior ('56)

Frank Raymond Bowman Junior was born in Sydney on 5 December 1938 to Frank and Olive Bowman. He has two younger siblings, Gillian who resides in America, and brother, Max who lives on the North Coast.

In his early years, Frank's family lived at Dover Heights with views to the ocean and Bondi Beach. Frank's love affair with water started as a young member of the Sep Prosser swimming troupe, at Bondi Baths.

Frank attended Bondi Public Primary School before progressing to The Scots College. He was involved in Cadets and was part of the Senior Swimming team in GPS events and later a member of Bondi Surf Club for many years. On leaving school, Frank joined the family business in electrical contracting based in Woollahra.

Frank married Diana Paul in 1961 and they were blessed with son, Paul, in 1962 and daughter, Nicole, in 1966. The family ventured into newsagencies, hotels and many houses with success.



He was involved in Cadets and was part of the Senior Swimming team ...



Frank's recreational activities included golf at New South Wales Golf Club and was also President of the 'Gerries' at Bondi Golf Club. He was fond of his surf patrol days at Bondi Surf Club, where he developed many lifelong friendships.

Frank and Di were blessed with grandson, Joshua. Joshua and the family were of great comfort and solace throughout Frank's tough medical times. Frank passed away at St Vincent's Hospice, aged 75.

Photo: Frank Raymond Bowman Junior



Charles Reginald Knight ('76)

Charles (Charlie) Reginald Knight attended The Scots College as a member of Brandt House between 1972 and 1976. He was a great sportsman, representing the College in the 1st XV, the 1st XI and the Senior Swimming team. He also represented the combined GPS 2nd XV.

Charlie is better known within the Old Boys' Union Cricketing fraternity, being Captain to the Old Boys' team for a number of seasons. During this period, he held the Old Boys' batting record for the most number of runs in a season. He was a consistent member of the Easter battles against Scotch College, Melbourne and made numerous friends along the way with his no nonsense style, attitude, and sense of humour. His love of sport was not bound by any particular code, and his knowledge was always current on any sport related topic.

His business management capabilities saw him travel extensively. From America, Africa, Asia, New Zealand and Indonesia,

Charlie ran the PT Meares Soputan Mining (MSM) and PT Tambang Tondano Nusajaya Gold Project (PT TTN) before his extremely sudden death on Sunday 16 February 2014. The support and messages of condolences that the family have received from the region are testament to the impact that he had on those around him. In recognising his contribution to the region, the project has named the recreation area and the village badminton tournament after him.

Charlie is survived by his three children: Alexandra, James and Matthew, and will be sorely missed by his mother, Beverley; sister, Jenny; and brother, Andrew ('82).

Photo: Charles Reginald Knight



Richard William Boden ('47)

Richard (Dick) William Boden passed away at the age of 84 on Sunday 4 May 2014 after a short illness. He was born in Casino, New South Wales, and was a boarder at The Scots College from 1945 to 1947. He was a Corporal in the Pipe Band, a member of the Junior Rowing VIII's and excelled academically.

Dick practised as a consultant physician in Wollongong from 1959 until he retired in the late 1990s.

In 1988 he was awarded an AM, a Member of the Order of Australia, for services to medicine in Wollongong and the Illawarra region, the Wollongong Hospital and development of the Coronary Care Unit.

Dick enjoyed being able to attend Old Boys' events, such as the annual Old Boys' lunches.

Dick is survived by Janet, their four children and eleven grandchildren. His son, John ('80), was also a student at The Scots College.

Photo: Richard William Boden



The friends he made
at the Preparatory
School remained close
all his life.



Peter Bradley Treacy

Peter was born in 1925 at home in Vaucluse to Isabel Anne, from England, and Roy Hugh Treacy, from Sydney. They met in Europe during World War I and returned to Sydney soon after the war.

Peter attended The Scots College from Kindergarten in 1930 to matriculation. The friends he made at the Preparatory School remained close all his life. He often regaled his family with stories of roaming Vaucluse with one or another of them looking for the wild 'tiger' marsupial cats that were known to inhabit the area. He remained part of the College life, and was very proud to be a part of the Gathering of the Chieftains in 2012.

He went up to The University of Sydney, studying a Bachelor of Engineering but transferred to a Bachelor of Science, winning a University Medal, and completed his Master of Science in 1947.

Peter won the prestigious 1851 Exhibition Research Fellowship, which he took to St John's College within the University of

Cambridge, England reading his PhD in Nuclear Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory. Whilst at Cambridge, he won a double-blue in swimming. He also met his wife, Barbara, who was reading her PhD in Biochemistry.

In 1950, during his time at Cambridge, Peter was persuaded by Professor Sir Mark Oliphant to be a founding member of the Department of Nuclear Physics at the Australian National University, Canberra. This was Australia's only full time research university at the time, accepting only post-graduate students. He remained there until his retirement in 1990.

At the Australian National University, Professor Peter Bradley Treacy brought and commissioned the linear accelerator from America to be used in studies of nuclear particles. His research included analysing the properties of beryllium and solid ion physics, including ghosts and scattering within crystal structures. He was awarded a Doctorate of Science (ScD) from the University of Cambridge for Scientific Achievements and Published Works.

Towards the end of his professorial career, Peter broadened his interest in quantum mechanics especially regarding Einstein's theories. His passion in this area remained part of his life from hereon.

Peter and Barbara, married 62 years, lived in their Canberra house that they built in 1959 and where Barbara still lives today.

Peter died on Sunday June 22 2014, a week before his 89th birthday, after a brief illness. He is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Photo: Peter Bradley Treacy



Neville Tuck ('43)

Neville John Tuck passed away peacefully in his sleep, at the age of 87, on Sunday 7 September 2014.

Born on 6 December 1926 to Jack and Alice at 'Bralea' Narromine New South Wales.

He attended The Scots College from 1941 to 1943 and was a boarder in Kirkland House. After leaving Scots, Neville worked for the Bank of New South Wales at Bourke for one year before returning to Narromine to pursue his love of farming. His passion of the land has been passed on to his sons and grandsons.

He married Margaret Carter in 1955. They have four children, Anthony ('74), Jenny, Robyn and John ('85).

He thoroughly enjoyed returning to the College to watch his grandson's, Charlie ('03) and Matthew ('05), sons of Anthony; Harry (current student) and Carter (current student), sons of John, play Rugby and be a part of the Scots community in all aspects.

Neville looked forward to catching up with the old boys at the Old Boys' Vintage Lunches.

Neville was heavily involved in the Narromine community in many ways. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Rotary, Narromine Agricultural Show Society, Narromine First Cross Ewe Breeders Association, Narromine Aerodrome Museum, Australian Poll Herefords Association, and was a founding member of the Narromine Irrigation Scheme.

He will be sadly missed; his farming legacy and great community spirit will be passed on to future generations.

Photo: Neville Tuck



Tony Oakley ('72)

Tony Oakley attended The Scots College from 1970, Year 10, when his family moved to Port Macquarie. Tony thoroughly enjoyed his time at Scots and participated in Cadets, Cricket and Rugby. He played in the Rugby 16As and 2nd XV. He was strong and unstoppable over nine metres out, which is why he was nicknamed 'Bull'.

Tony participated in a lifelong interest in thoroughbreds, either owning outright or syndicates.

He went to the United Kingdom and worked on various horse studs, as well as studying a Diploma in Horse Management at Marcus Oldham College. Tony married Sarah Ousby in 1995. They then moved to Sydney.

Tony passed away on Saturday 3 May 2014 at Tamworth, where he had been fighting cancer for some time. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, parents, Bill and Glenda; and Elizabeth, Marny and Nicholas and their respective families.

Photo: Tony Oakley



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