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WELCOME FROM THE 2022 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Finlay Cameron and Oliver Wortley

Welcome to the first edition of *The Ivy and the Tower* for 2022. We would like to start by acknowledging the proud and passionate history we celebrate in The Hamilton and Alexandra College's 150th year. We will be forever grateful for the endless opportunities the College provides, guiding and inspiring students to excel in both curricular and co-curricular activities.

In 150 years our school has seen both World Wars and recently a global pandemic. Having experienced these challenges as a school, we know that we can draw on our resilience and strength to adapt and succeed no matter what circumstances arise.

The Year 12 cohort's final year motto is '*You cannot know perfection without imperfection*'. As a year level, through this motto we can acknowledge and appreciate the certainty of failure in life. Failure is a part of learning. It is an opportunity to grow. While the idea of it can seem scary, failure helps students develop their learning skills, boost their sense of determination and build their self-esteem. College guides students through this learning.

We are incredibly grateful to attend a school where our community is like a family. It is a school where you can ride a horse for your pleasure, score a winning hockey goal or even develop your own video game. It is a school that offers a diversity of activities that will appeal to any student keen to engage in new adventures.

The Hamilton and Alexandra College shapes confident futures by ensuring every student is known, valued and challenged. As the graduating class in the College's 150th year, we are ready to enter a new world, proud of the time we had at such a spectacular school.

Opposite page: Principal Dr Andrew Hirst with 2022 School Captains Finlay Cameron and Oliver Wortley

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Front cover photo: Principal Dr Andrew Hirst leads Junior School students for 'three cheers' and a huge hat toss on the Myrniong Oval to conclude the Mad Hatter's Tea Party

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The Hamilton and Alexandra College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where our College proudly stands, the Gunditjmara People. We honour Elders past, present and future in recognition of their strength and resilience we commit to building a brighter future together.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dr Andrew Hirst



DEFYING THE ODDS FOR 150 YEARS

In our 150th year, The Hamilton and Alexandra College proudly remains an aspirational, regional community where everyone is known, valued and challenged. Central to accomplishing this vision is cultivating 'curiosity' in all we do. It sounds pretty simple. Ask a few questions, get a few answers. But curiosity is so much more.

It is the desire to know and learn, to probe and question, to wonder and explore. It is the quest to understand and consider other experiences and points of view. It means engaging with respect to others' views, listening with an open mind and perhaps even changing your position.

Curiosity gave life to the Hamilton and Western District College for boys in 1871 and a year later to Alexandra College for girls in 1872 and we continue today to deeply embed curiosity into every aspect of our philosophy, teaching and learning. Being curious manifested through the concept of inquiry is fundamental for growing caring, knowledgeable and compassionate young people who value knowledge, empathy and intercultural understanding as keys to a better, more peaceful world.

Hence, when six years ago we started planning a series of celebrations to commemorate our sesquicentenary, the question 'why' was enormously important.

Why gather for a 'Welcome to Country' and flag raising ceremony? Why hold a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or Long Lunch? Why hold a church service at the Uniting Church in Lonsdale Street? Why commission a 150-year history or perform a brilliant musical showcase? Why host a Gala Ball for three hundred guests in a marquee specially erected on the College Oval?

The answer became clearer and clearer as 2022 drew closer – community. College's connected community demonstrates enormous pride in our history. Our parents and Old Collegians feel very passionately about the school and the important place it serves in the district. We are richly authentic and humbly ambitious, and most definitely a small, kind, compassionate, grateful community that understands the important role this school has in nurturing young people to think, to dare, to dream.

However, our 150th year has not only been the perfect opportunity to reflect on our heritage and celebrate our history. It has served as a powerful platform to launch several exciting projects and plans for the College's next 150 years. Looking ahead, our dream is to reconnect with every living College alumni and develop more meaningful relationships including careers pathways and networking opportunities for our current students.

We are planning 'A Hall of Excellence' to honour the many Old Collegians and staff who have made a considerable impact on society through their chosen career or field of endeavour. We will launch a 'Wall of Honour' to acknowledge our graduating families' connection to College. And we will continue building



support for our '150 Club', a philanthropic program designed to provide 'Tower Scholarships' to local students who could not otherwise afford to attend our school.

In our 150th year, I wish to publicly acknowledge and thank all those whose generosity has allowed the College to be in the strong financial position it finds itself today. I encourage everyone to consider supporting the 150 Club by way of membership or donation to ensure we 'pay forward' to others the privilege we have received.

As our celebrations successfully conclude I pay homage to my incredible team, the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee led by Chair, Alana Brown with Neil MacLean, Jen Hutton, Kristen Waldron, Jason Bourke, Stephen Nelson, Bernadette Milich, Benjamin Hiscock, Ashlyn Hiscock, Helen Reiher and Bonita Silva. They have been generously assisted by a fabulous band of parent volunteers and friends including Rosie Mercer, Keri Ross, Megan Mould, Jenny Crawford, the Milich family, Elaine Edwards, and many more. All these friends helped make our dreams a reality.

I thank Neil MacLean for his years of dedication in producing such an insightful and comprehensive school history, *Defying the Odds*. I would like to deeply thank our 13 Old Collegian performers, many professional musicians who so generously returned to share their talents with our aspiring musicians under the watchful eye of our talented Director of Music, Benjamin Hiscock. With the same sentiment I thank the 24 Old Collegians and past staff who returned to graciously take to the hockey field for a match for the ages.

Finally, I thank our retiring Board Chair, Alasdair Sutherland for his eight distinguished years of service to the Board and wise counsel to the Principal. Alasdair will be long remembered as the Chair who successfully led our school through COVID-19 and I thank him on your behalf. I am pleased to announce the newly appointed Board Chair is Rosie Merrin, an Old Collegian and current parent of three children at College. Mr Bill Hamill becomes Deputy Chair and follows on from the fine work of Bianca Scaife.

In conclusion, I hope you enjoy this edition and reflecting on the proud history of this school over 150 years in the Western District which has been appropriately celebrated by the College community.

Albert Einstein once said: 'I have no special talents, I'm only passionately curious'. Let's hope there is a bit of the great physicist in us all.

1. Special guests delivering the 150th flag for the flag raising ceremony.

L to R: outgoing Board Chair - Alasdair Sutherland, Parents and Friends President - Keri Ross, Old Collegians Association President - Hugh Koch, staff representative and Head of Senior Years - Helen Reiher, outgoing Foundation President - Jock Serong and Junior School Captain - Amelie Shrive. 2. Special guests and executive members who were part of the flag raising ceremony. Back row: Old Collegians Association President - Hugh Koch, outgoing Foundation President - Jock Serong, Parents and Friends President - Keri Ross, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning - Susan Bradbeer and Deputy Principal Wellbeing - Kristen Waldron. Front row: outgoing Board Chair - Alasdair Sutherland, Gunditjmara Elder - Uncle Johnny Lovett and Principal - Dr Andrew Hirst.

COLLEGE BOARD



MEET THE NEW CHAIR

Rosie Merrin

It is with a keen sense of time and place that I take on the role of Board Chair in the 150th year of our school. We live on a farm east of Hamilton that has been home to my family for six generations now. As we constantly dash our three children in and out of school, I can't help but think of their great great great uncles and aunts who in 1882 set out from this very place, the boys to attend the Hamilton & Western District College, the girls the Alexandra College.

In those days access to school was no straightforward matter, requiring letters confirming arrangements for travel by train from Dunkeld to Hamilton and a round trip of some 50km by horse to meet the train.

Today as we hurtle in and out of town, car loaded with sporting equipment, instruments, laptops and other paraphernalia, I often implore my children to, "Look! Look at where we live." The magnificent Grampians, farmland, forests, rivers and coastline of southwest Victoria forms the backdrop to our daily lives. The fact that we can live and work here and provide our children with the rich and stimulating education that The Hamilton and Alexandra College provides is something for which I am truly grateful.

As we celebrate 150 years our minds are firmly focussed on the future, working on a master plan for our buildings and facilities, the development of our next strategic plan and, most importantly, ensuring continuing accessibility to the school through scholarships, bursaries and affordable fees.

Our experience of COVID and remote learning has opened our eyes to new and exciting possibilities for the ways we can deliver education in an ever-changing world. It is a privilege to work with a dedicated Board, Principal and staff who follow in the footsteps of generations of men and women who aspired to deliver the best in education for the children of our region and beyond.

I would like to thank outgoing Chair Alasdair Sutherland for his time and leadership over his five years in the role. It is important to commend the last two years in particular, as Alasdair led the Board through the unimagined challenges of the pandemic.

Rosie with her children Will (Year 11), Sophie (Year 9) and Rupert (Year 7)

COLLEGE FOUNDATION



MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT

Penny Adamson (Satchell 1984)

It is a great privilege to take on the important role of Foundation President. With four years' experience on the College Board, I am very excited to continue my contribution to our wonderful school which four generations of my family have enjoyed.

I work as a Licensed Real Estate Agent specialising in high end residential and lifestyle property sales and marketing strategy throughout Warrnambool, Port Fairy and South West Victoria. Prior to this, I worked with Telstra MobileNet in National Sales Management and State Program Management roles for VIC/TAS where I completed a Marketing and Business Certificate through Curtin University.

I live on a farm at Yambuk with my husband Nick – also an Old Collegian. We have four children; Izzi (Year 9), Tobe (Year 11), Mitzi (2021) is studying at Bond University and Jock (2020) at Charles Sturt University. Our family includes four generations of proud College aulmni; you can see three generations in the photo and it began at Alexandra College with Muriel Ford (Brewis 1928) and Nancy Satchell (Miller c.1929).

The Foundation's three immediate goals are to implement a strategic plan, enhance the profile of the Foundation and further develop a culture of giving. I would like to create opportunities for the Foundation to work more closely and dynamically with the College Board, Old Collegians Association and Parents & Friends to meet the needs of our current and future students and broaden the responsibility of our generation to assist in a prosperous future for our school.

Gift giving comes in all shapes and sizes. The gift of a smile is free and creates community warmth. The gift of time – sometimes the hardest gift to give as it means sacrificing time with family and friends – enables our school community to thrive.

The gift of a financial contribution also means sacrifice but it allows buildings to be built and enhanced and scholarships can be offered and so many of our community find the means to be generous.

Through philanthropy we can build upon the extraordinary 150-year history of The Hamilton and Alexandra College to ensure that students are learning the skills for future careers and industries.

The overwhelming self-happiness and pleasure you feel when you give makes it so rewarding. To quote from The Diary of Anne Frank, "No one has become poor from giving".

My sincere thanks go to outgoing President Jock Serong and outgoing member Sarah Millear. Jock's careful and thoughtful leadership has placed the Foundation in a sound position.

We have a lot to look forward to and I'm very excited to work with such a dedicated and passionate Foundation team.

If you are interested in joining the Foundation, or have any questions or ideas for the strategic direction, I would love to hear from you. Please call me at anytime on 0407 600 767.

Penny with her family. Back: Ken Satchell (1956) and Nick Adamson (1979), Middle: Izzi Adamson (Year 9) and Penny Adamson (1984), Front: Tobe Adamson (Year 11), Lorraine Adamson (Cain 1956), Barb Satchell (Ford 1958) and Jock Adamson (2020), Absent: Mitzi Adamson (2021)

COLLEGE FOUNDATION

LOOKING TO THE NEXT 150 YEARS

CONFIDENT FUTURES PROJECT

We are committed to remaining at the forefront of education. To achieve this we rely on fundraising so we can continuously maintain, update and expand our facilities and scholarships. Established in 1992, The Hamilton and Alexandra College Foundation aims to seek philanthropic support for the College's ongoing development and to secure the College's financial independence.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The College is proud to award scholarships to students of exceptional academic and co-curricular potential who will make a significant contribution to the life of the College and beyond as future citizens.

Ivy Scholarships: *Promoting merit*

The pursuit of excellence underpins our pedagogy. Named after the ivy growing on the Tower Building which is synonymous with College and symbolises growth and resilience, these scholarships are merit-based. Students can apply in the areas of academia, music, sport, the arts and boarding.

Tower Scholarships: *Promoting equity*

The costs of an independent education are significant and may be a barrier to a student attending this amazing school. Named after the iconic Tower Building, these scholarships are designed to support families that understand and prioritise the benefit of receiving a quality education but who require some financial assistance. Students in Year 7 to Year 12 can apply in the areas of general tuition or boarding.

150 CLUB

The College Foundation launched the 150 Club at the beginning of the College's 150th year. The response has been very successful with over 50 'seats' already taken up.

The 150 Club supports students who could not otherwise afford to attend College, with funds raised going directly towards Tower Scholarships. The College values having a diverse mix of students from different backgrounds and interests. Every student is known, valued and challenged, and our well-rounded, authentic and connected students leave school ready to succeed in their confident futures.

Each Tower Scholarship of \$90,000 contributes to six years of education from Year 7 to Year 12. Members of the 150 Club are welcome to contribute annually or monthly and all donations are tax deductible. Members are invited to fund one 'seat' over a period of three years at an investment of \$100 per month or \$1,200 per annum.

To join the 150 Club and support aspiring students from regional Australia please visit www.hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au and search for the Foundation page.

Join the
150 CLUB

**Three year
commitment**

\$540,000

**1 seat contributes
\$100 per month**

150 'seats'



**6 Tower
Scholarships**

36 years of education



150 Club member Katie Haywood (2018)

We are passionate about supporting worthy students and are proud that so many alumni scholarship recipients have made a profound impact on society. Katie Haywood is a wonderful example of this...

“The two years I had at College thanks to a scholarship changed my life. I was encouraged to make the most of every opportunity and I wouldn't be where I am today without the support and encouragement I received from the teachers. When I graduated from College I felt equipped with the skills to study music at university and later to join the military. One of the biggest lessons I learned at College was the importance of having a growth mindset which changed the way I see the world. I am a better person as a result. I am so grateful to College for giving me a bright future. I hope by paying it forward more students will have the opportunity to thrive at College like I did.”

LONG LUNCH



Community and friendship

After seven years in the planning and endless hours of intensely analysing weather forecasts, the Sesquicentenary Long Lunch which was to have taken place along the Myrniong driveway had to be moved indoors to avoid the rain. But this did not dampen the spirits of the 160 guests who lined the Middle Years Positive Education Centre (myPEC) corridor for an incredible celebration of 150 years of College.

myPEC was transformed from a classroom and learning environment to a leafy oasis filled with music, laughter and memories that showcased the community spirit that is The Hamilton and Alexandra College.

The Long Lunch organising committee of Keri Ross, Megan Mould, Jen Hutton and Rosie Mercer long envisioned a tranquil garden party with guests mingling in the shade of the Myrniong oak trees, comfortably cooled by a light autumnal breeze. But even though the lunch had to be moved indoors with only days to go, they magically managed to still bring their vision to life.

The Long Lunch committee spent over a year propagating oak seedlings from the Myrniong acorns for the guests to take home. It is wonderful to think of a little piece of Myrniong growing in the backyards and on the farms of so many College families.

Old Collegians and past parents and friends of College travelled from near and far and the day did not disappoint. Starting with a spritz cocktail, the guests enjoyed incredible food by Penny Farquharson Catering, recitations from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Senior School Drama students and musical delights by Junior School violinists.

A common reflection from Old Collegians returning to the school for the first time in a number of years was how much the school had prospered and how lucky the current students are to live, learn and grow in the current facilities. Boarders recalled cold showers, no heating and sleeping on the Alexandra College balcony from the age of six. Hockey players compared notes on the muddy fields and icy patches. And all noted how there had certainly been no interactive whiteboards.

No matter the link, the College connection and spirit was felt by everyone from one end of the myPEC building to the other. The Long Lunch truly embodied community and friendship.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped set up on the day.



“Congratulations on the most amazing reunion I have ever attended. The young violinists, the food, the table settings... everything was just superb.”

Lorraine ‘Dobber’ Wearne (Hobbs 1959)

“It was the most enjoyable day, meeting new people and reminiscing with classmates from my time at College – there were about eight of us from the class of 1959. It is wonderful to still feel so connected to this incredible school.”

Murray Davis (Head Boy 1959)

“After all the challenges over the past few years it was absolutely wonderful to catch up with friends over drinks and delicious food while celebrating the College.”

Current parents Anna and Jarrod Sweeney (Will in Year 6, Lachie in Year 3)

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1. Principal Dr Andrew Hirst with Murray Davis (Head Boy 1959) and Helen Watson (McEachran Head Girl 1960) (photo courtesy of The Spectator Hamilton)
 2. A huge THAC thank you to the Long Lunch organising committee: Jen Hutton (past parent and staff member), Keri Ross (current parent and President of P&F), Megan Mould (current parent and Vice President of P&F) and Rosie Mercer (current grandparent, past parent and staff member) 3. Senior School Drama students (photo courtesy of The Spectator Hamilton)
 4. Junior School violinists with Music teacher Ben Singh (photo courtesy of The Spectator Hamilton) 5. Principal Dr Andrew Hirst with Georgina Wearne (2008) and Lorraine Wearne (Hobbs 1960) 6. Principal Dr Andrew Hirst with The Hon Dan Tehan MP

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY



To end the festivities, Principal Dr Andrew Hirst led three cheers and a huge hat toss on the Myrniong Oval by staff and students. Prior to the event students had been set the task of making a hat. Their efforts were remarkable, with many taking their inspiration from Lewis Carroll's characters.

*"You're all entirely bonkers. But I will tell you a secret.
All the best people are!" (Alice)*

It was as good an autumnal morning as one could hope for. The sun shone brightly and barely a breeze could be felt. Tables and chairs were assembled on the Myrniong library lawn and decorated with tablecloths, china tea cups and saucers, beautiful flower arrangements, high tea food stands and ubiquitous playing cards. The trees were festooned with lanterns, balloons and colourful flags. The scene was well and truly set for a tea party to remember.

In 1979 when the Junior School moved from the Senior Campus to its present home at Myrniong, the Head of Junior School Ann Scott hatched a plan to hold a Mad Hatter's Tea Party to celebrate this new beginning. By all accounts it was a simply wonderful occasion, with a great time had by all in attendance.

Fast forward to 2022. The College's Sesquicentennial Committee proposed the Junior School revisit Mrs Scott's celebratory idea and hold Mad Hatter's Tea Party as part of the celebrations of this auspicious year in the College's history. After many months of planning and preparing inclement weather forced a

postponement by a week but this glitch was quickly forgotten when the day arrived.

Alice's adventures in Wonderland have entertained children for a very long time. The first version of the story was told in 1862 when Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll's real name) was on a boat trip on the Thames with his sisters and a friend. His sister Alice grew restless and begged Dodgson for a story 'with lots of nonsense in it'. Dodgson, as usual, invented the story while he was telling it. Much of it was based on a picnic when they had all been caught in the rain.

Thankfully guests at our Mad Hatter's Tea Party didn't get caught in any rain. But some bits could quite possibly be described as having 'a bit of nonsense in it' when, to end the day, students rushed to the picturesque Myrniong oval to enjoy games from simpler times – Pin the Grin on the Cheshire Cat, three-legged races, croquet with flamingo mallets and sack races as well as a photo booth which, not surprisingly, was very popular.

“My favourite part of the day was the bean bag races on the oval. I liked making my hat and the cakes were delicious.”

Anika Nelson (Year 2)

“It was just like being in Alice’s Wonderland.”

Angus Reid (Year 3)

“I had a great time. I liked the biscuits that said ‘eat me’ and the games were fun, especially the croquet.”

Zane Palmer (Year 3)

“I liked the sack races. I enjoyed making my hat and gave it orange feathers like the Mad Hatter’s hair. It also had cards.”

Ruby Price (Year 4)

“It was such a fun, colourful day! I liked the food and the music.”

Evie Templeton (Year 5)



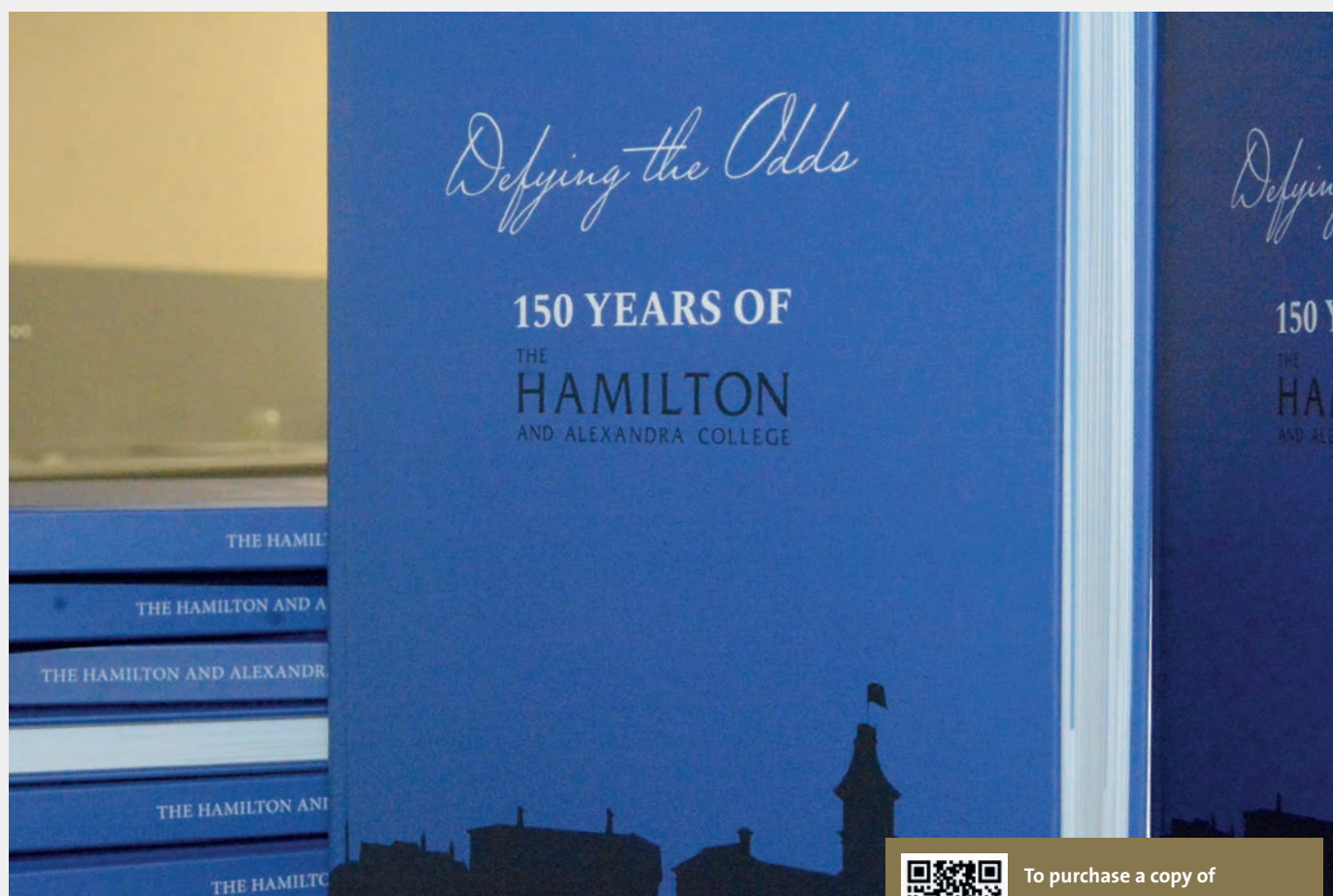
Earlier in the afternoon, Year 4 and Year 5 students entertained us with musical offerings and Year 6 students performed a reading of Lewis Carroll’s poem Jabberwocky, guest speaker Neil MacLean (past Deputy Principal Operations and author of the College’s new history book) talked about the history of Myrniong and Mrs Scott’s original Junior School tea party, and 2022 School Captain Amelie Shrive read a letter written by past Head of Junior School Ieva Hampson which was one of the items in a time capsule that had been buried in the Myrniong grounds by Junior School staff and students to commemorate the College’s 135th year.

The day was a marvellous celebration of our Junior School learning community.

A huge thank you to Deputy Head of Junior School Bernadette Milich who expertly headed a team of helpers and her extended family, spending many, many hours building, painting, baking, gathering and preparing the equipment for the games.

1. Principal Dr Andrew Hirst with Adelaide Farquharson (Year 3)
2. Sara Dyer (Richards 1999) and Hannah Young (Year 5)
3. Current parents Alana Green, Andrea Sherman and Mandy Nagorcka (Mack 1996)
4. Harley Kearns (Year 6) with mum Mandy Kearns
5. Year 6 students Maggie Mercer, Abigail Henderson and Amelie Shrive enjoying flamingo croquet
6. Junior School teachers and parents joined in the fun, dressing up in amazing costumes and hats: Back: Silvina Werner (After School Care), Head of Junior School Stephen Nelson, Natalie Povey (Reception), Frances O’Brien (Director of Early Learning), Patricia See (Year 5) Front: Java Nuriyeva-Palmer (Learning Support), Sharon Kelly (Prep), Bernadine Kelly (Learning Support), Bernadette Milich (Year 3), Sophie Ross (Year 4), Simone Brabham (Year 2), Peta Alexandra (Year 1) and Jingwen (Lori) Rong (Chinese).
7. Year 1 students enjoying the splendid array of home baked cakes, slices and biscuits served to staff and students by our wonderful Junior School parents throughout the afternoon.
8. Year 2 students enjoying the games on the Myrniong Oval

HISTORY BOOK LAUNCH



To purchase a copy of
Defying the Odds go to:
<https://tha.ac/150-historybook>

Capturing 150 years of history

How do you capture 150 years of The Hamilton and Alexandra College's story? We were thrilled to launch our history book as the first event of our weekend of Sesquicentenary celebrations in May so we could find out.

Defying the Odds was written by Neil MacLean, former staff member of 43 years (most recently Associate Principal, Operations) and current School Historian.

Excerpts from author Neil MacLean's speech

*"I have had a ball putting *Defying the Odds* together. I hope my love for this school is reflected in its pages."*

I had a fair awareness of the history of the schools and of the difficulties they had faced but I learnt a great deal more as I researched the histories of Hamilton and Western District College, Alexandra College (which was briefly Alexandra Ladies College) and the combined school which since 1962 has had

three names: Hamilton District and Alexandra College, Hamilton College and The Hamilton and Alexandra College.

The task I was given was to write a clear and well-documented history that will stand the test of time. It has relied on reports in the *Spectator* – the newspaper of record up to the early 1930s, minutes from meetings of the Boards of Directors of the companies that owned the schools and the School Councils as well as formal publications of the schools.

Collectively these sources provided great detail and covered most periods of the schools' histories fairly well. They are the basis of the approach I took, augmented by reference to other sources from time to time.

Defying the Odds is then a more formal history. Keep in mind that this history is my interpretation of the material I had to work with and bear in mind what my wife said at one time: another volume, at least as large, could be written about the

150 years of history



things I could not or chose not to include! Also note that we continue to receive donations to the archives and each additional item has the potential to add further understanding of past years.

I have thanked others in the Acknowledgements in the book: Jocelyn Williams, Jan Welch, Helen Francis, Jen Hutton and Alana Brown are specifically mentioned as is my wife Heather. But tonight I want to emphasise the huge debt of gratitude I owe to my five principals.

Tim Murray took a punt in October 1977 by offering a very green young man a teaching position here from the start of 1978 and then mentored me in subsequent years. Stephen Newton appointed me Deputy Principal and allowed me to work closely with him as I learnt about the many things involved in the running of the school. John Turnbull taught me the value of dignity and decency in the face of extremely difficult times. Bruce Simons taught me not to be constrained by previous limitations (we took kids to China and I particularly remember when he said he would raise a certain sum of money and me thinking, "in your dreams" – but he did and we worked closely together for 16 years. Andrew Hirst for putting up with me in the twilight of my career and for encouraging me to take on this task.

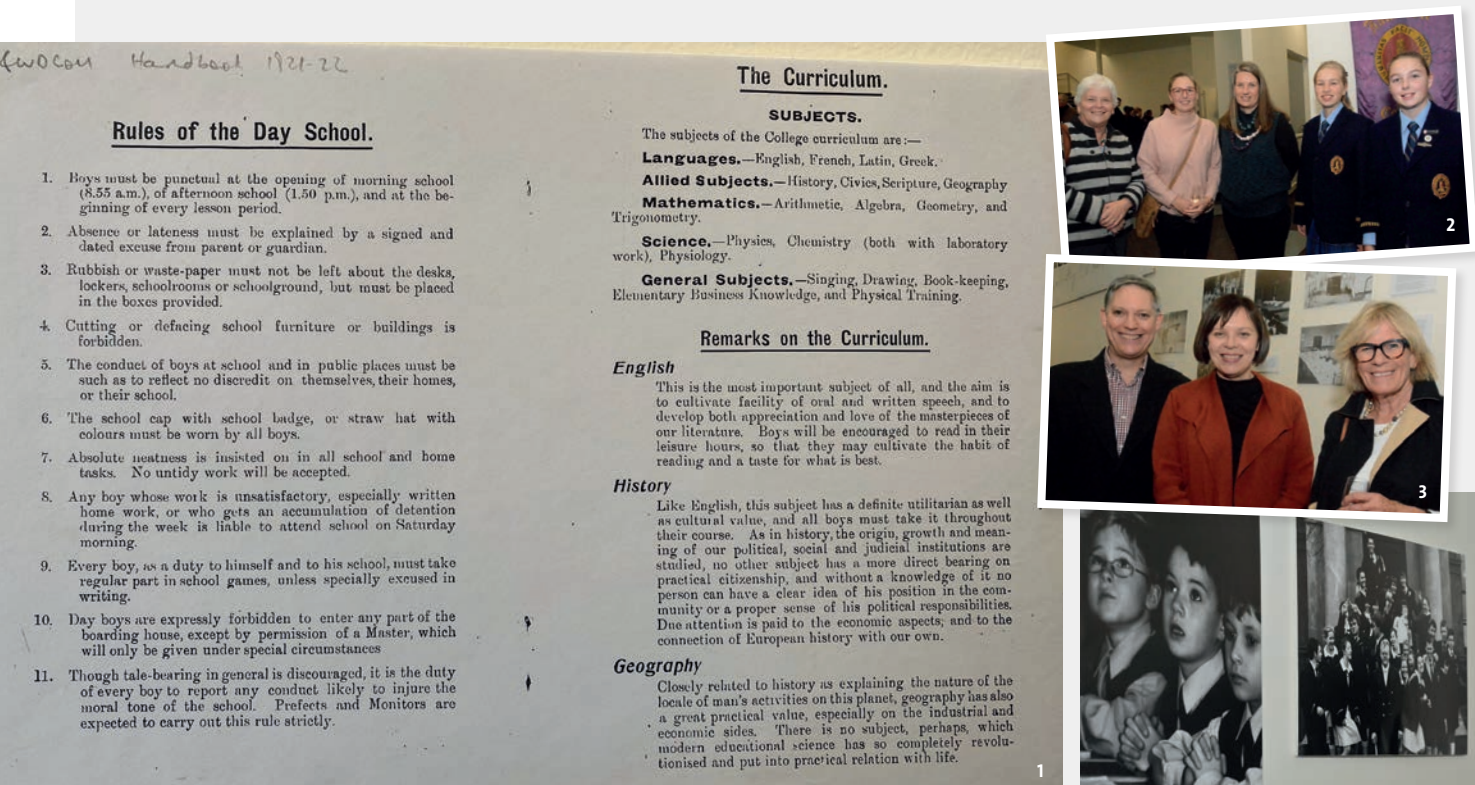
I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with a large number of colleagues, teaching and non-teaching. They too have broadened my perspectives and have all contributed to this school's history and current prosperity.

I am also grateful to the students I have known: in the classroom, on camps, on the cricket or hockey field, on stage, in China, around the grounds – they are the essence of this school and we have 'great kids'! To so many parents also – thank you for your support.

"I do hope you enjoy *Defying the Odds* and that the efforts of many over the years in ensuring this school has survived and thrived when it could easily have closed can long be continued so that it will remain a positive influence in this region."

1. *Defying the Odds* – 150 Years of The Hamilton and Alexandra College
2. Author Neil MacLean signing books
3. Author Neil MacLean with Principal Dr Andrew Hirst
4. Outgoing Board Chair Alasdair Sutherland introducing author Neil MacLean
5. Colin Frawley (past parent) and John Diprose (past Board Chair and parent)

'A MILLION STORIES' EXHIBITION LAUNCH



If the walls could talk

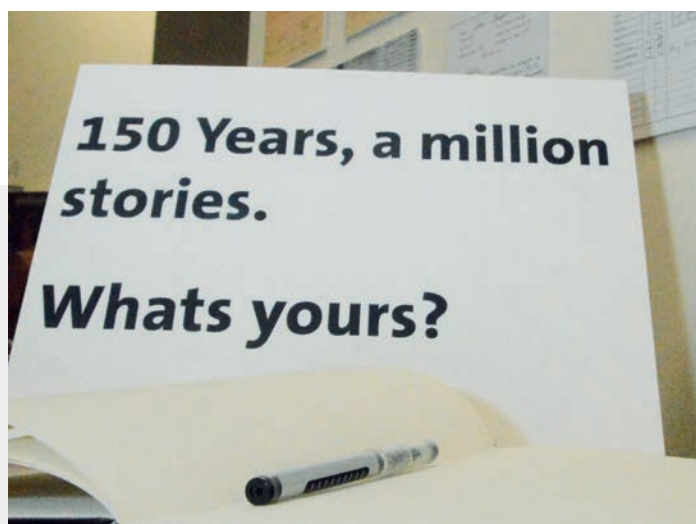
Every current and past student, parent and staff member is part of our College story.

Oh the stories we would hear if the walls in the Tower Building, Alexandra House and the Myrniong Homestead and buildings long gone could talk. And talk they did, at the exhibition, *A Million Stories* – celebrating 150 years that brought a buzz to the foyer of the Kantor Family Music and Performing Arts Centre as we celebrated the stories that make our community special.

There was a hum of excited recollections (and possibly a few corrections and denials) as guests of the Sesquicentenary celebrations moved around the displays reading the recounts which Old Collegians and past staff had so generously contributed to this wonderful collection. In the weeks since the launch, current students have also enjoyed stopping to read the stories as they go about their school day.

There were certainly many eye openers! Stories of boarders starting at the age of five, of having no hot water for showers in the Boarding House, of walking miles to and from school each day, of sporting successes and rivalries across the decades, the excursions taken across Victoria and the strict school rules (and penalties for breaking the rules!).





WE'D LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORY

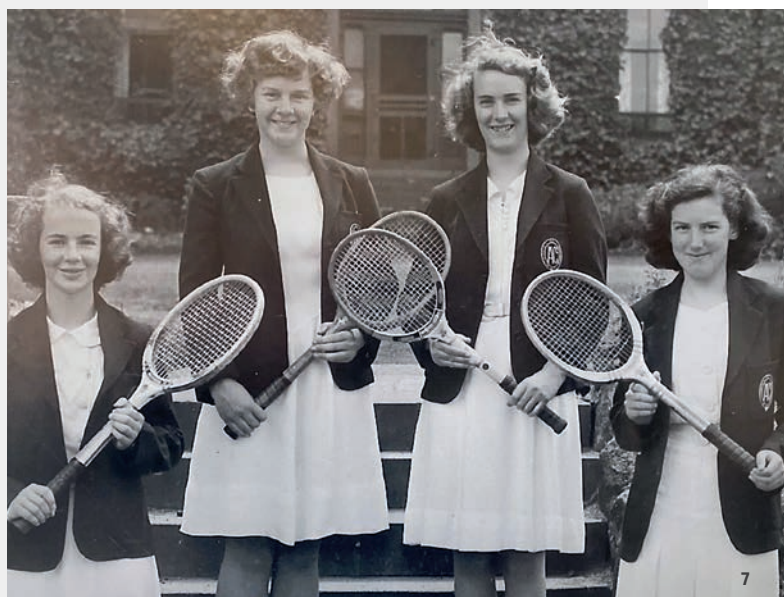
We want to gather more personal recounts to share with the College community. Stories from before and after the amalgamation, from inside and outside the classroom, from the Boarding House, the stage, the field and the arena. Stories both told and untold would be most welcome! We encourage you to send your memories to 150@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au.

Ching Tow Fah (1957) from Serdang Bahru, Malaysia, who studied at Hamilton Boys' College

"This was indeed my watershed year which initiated me with the new lifestyle, the new culture, and new country. I was very lucky that I was mentored by the Science teacher Mr Horton. I was also very pleased with all the teachers, particularly Mr Zachariah and Mr Pond, for their untiring effort in taking care of me. I was invited by many school mates to visit and to stay on their farms during holidays and long weekends. One distinctive one being Mr Drew's farm, Raffles Down, at Digby – I enjoyed this farm stay thoroughly. I made many friends with the locals, one particularly was the Theobald family. Mr Theobald ... had worked in Nauru Island during the WW2. He was very keen to receive me and other Malaysian students to his family for meals and introduced us to the local culture. I am very grateful to him and his family for all the things they did for me."

"We weren't allowed in the front garden, we weren't allowed in the street – but that's not to say we didn't get out in them! Kings Baker was diagonally across the street and if we had threepence to spend, then we would run across there and get a bun. If caught, we got gated. We were gated all the time!"

Betty Taylor (Baulch 1937)



1. Rules of the day school: Hamilton and Western District College Handbook – 1921-22 2. Heather Funk, Claire Quinn (1999), Holly Herrmann, Libby Herrmann (Year 7) and Holly Quinn (Year 8) 3. Rod and Davina McClure with Jen Hutton (past parents and staff members) 4. Alexandra College, 1935: Patricia Forward, Betty Baulch, Joan Land and Audrey Dickenson 5. Current students wearing school uniforms from across the decades. 6. Art room, early 1970s, Year 12 students were allowed to design their own uniform. The girls' was a cutting edge design, with a mini skirt and matching short jacket with cargo pockets and a black jumper 7. AC tennis team

MUSICAL SHOWCASE



The evening concluded with a spectacular performance *Why We Sing* by Greg Gilpin performed by the College Chorale and guests which included students from Years 3 to 12, staff, Old Collegians and local community members and was conducted by Director of Music Benjamin Hiscock. It was the perfect way to end this very special showcase of College music.



It's all about the people and the music

"THE MUSICAL SHOWCASE WAS ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND THE MUSIC. MUSIC HELPS US TO EXPRESS WHAT WORDS CANNOT. FOR 150 YEARS COLLEGE HAS BEEN A PLACE OF LEARNING IN WHICH MUSIC IN ITS MANY SHAPES AND FORMS HAS PLAYED ITS PART. IT CONTINUES TO CONNECT OUR COMMUNITY ACROSS THE GENERATIONS." Benjamin Hiscock, Director of Music

What an incredible night! Students, parents and community members came together with a shared love and appreciation of high quality music and they weren't disappointed. It was wonderful to see the Simons Auditorium in the Kantor Family Music and Performing Arts Centre full for the first time in over two years. Performances were directed by the College's incredible Music staff and performed by current students and teachers playing side-by-side with Old Collegians.

At College, music is taught to a world-class level by a team of specialist instrumental and classroom music teachers. The Music faculty moves heaven and earth to provide every opportunity possible for our aspiring regional students.

Director of Music Benjamin Hiscock's vision was to deliver a musical showcase for all members of the community to enjoy and to highlight the impressive talent that College has fostered throughout the school's long history. And deliver he did!

"As musicians who teach, it is all about leading young minds through their experience of the music. Guiding, prompting, encouraging, prodding and providing every possible opportunity for our students to develop their music. Our pedagogy is founded in tradition, however we challenge the norms and seek a future for creatives who will shape the world and express their truth."



Master of Ceremonies Timothy Gilling (2018) set the tone for a night of high-quality music.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL OLD COLLEGIANS WHO RETURNED TO SCHOOL TO PERFORM AND HONOUR THE COLLEGE'S 150-YEAR TRADITION OF HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED MUSIC STUDENTS.

Kate Brian (1992): Voice, **Timothy Gilling (2018):** Voice and MC, **Conrad Hamill (2010):** Cello, **Katie Hayward (2018):** Violin, **Riley Holcombe (2012):** Voice, **Liam Jeffery (2021):** Trumpet, **Andrea Keeble (1986):** Violin, **Georgia McClure (2015):** Voice, **Georgina Morrison (2014):** Voice, **Skye Morrison (2017):** Voice, **Lachy Oliver (2019):** Double Bass, **Leigh Oliver (2017):** Guitar, **Michael Woodward (1972):** Saxophone

1. College Corale **2.** Nick Hoskyns (Year 10), Violin, Millie Davidson, (Year 11), Viola with MSO Violinist Andrea Keeble (1986) **3.** Conrad Hamill (2010) playing with Lachlan Reid (Year 6), Cello **4.** Lachy Oliver (2019) Double Bass, Leigh Oliver (2017) Guitar, Michael Woodward (1972) Saxophone and Liam Jeffery (2021) Trumpet **5.** Director of Music Benjamin Hiscock with Millie Davidson (Year 11) and Ned Walker (Year 12) **6.** Skye Morrison (2017) and Georgina Morrison (2014), Voice **7.** Michael Woodward (1972) Saxophone playing with Harry Dorahy (Year 9) Saxophone and Alexa Balog (Year 12) Clarinet **8.** Music teacher Ben Singh playing with the Kantor Players: Daisy Henry (Year 10), Harry Mercer (Year 7) and Lacey Brian (Year 7), Cello **9.** Jemima Bishop-Mowatt (Year 12), Voice and Lachy Oliver (2019) Double Bass **10.** MSO violinist Andrea Keeble (1986) playing with the Kantor Players

Thank you!

EXHIBITION HOCKEY MATCH



Old Collegians (white shirts) vs current students and teachers: **Back row:** Stephen Nelson (Head of Junior School), Ben Read (Glenelg Hockey Association Umpire), Angus Dohle (Year 12), Rupert Merrin (Year 7), Sarah Andersen (Year 11), James Kruger (staff), unknown student in hat, Sophie Merrin (Year 9), Jack Jarvis (Year 9), Harry Mould (Year 12), Eren Zehir (2021), Will Merrin (Year 11), Charlie Duver (Year 11), James Verco (2008), Reagan Simons (2019), Thomas Verco (2017), Sami Zehir (2018), Mark Jarvis (1996), Marcus Munro (2019), Fergus Roberts (2021), Michael Nelson (past staff), Sam Winter Cooke (2011) and Neil MacLean (past parent and staff, School Historian)
Middle row: Emily MacNaughton (Year 10), Claudia Roberts (2018), Ava Mould (Year 9), Jorja Hermann (Year 12), Jemima Bishop-Mowatt (Year 12), Millie Davidson (Year 11), Charley Falla-Jones (Year 12), Lucy Fraser (Year 8), Penny Fraser (Fyfe 1991), Ainsley Fyfe (1994), Merran Fyfe (1998), Janna Heard (1992), Therese McArthur (2007), Bindi Hunter (Heard 1991) and Hugh Koch (1989 and OCA President)
Front row: Katie Winter Cooke (teacher), Isaac Shaw (Year 9), Ciaran Nelson (Year 9), Hannah Russell (2019), Lucy Roberts (Year 12), Oliva Read (Year 9), Tom Templeton (Year 7), Heath Templeton (1999), Hamish Verco (2012), Josh Read (2018), Mark Templeton (1995), Georgie Broeren (Stewart 2000), Belinda Nichols (Pedlar 1986) and Kristen Waldon (Deputy Principal Wellbeing)

Old Collegians v current teachers and students

What a day for an exhibition match. Conditions at the Neil MacLean Hockey Field were perfect with the all-weather turf glimmering in the bright sunshine and almost no wind to distract the intense focus of those who had come to play hard ball (all players as it turned out). For many of the Old Collegians playing this was very different to their memories of the mud and sleeting rain at Pedrina Park!

Hockey is like a religion at College which may help explain why 24 proud Old Collegians made their way back to school for a clash of the 'very young' and the 'some not quite as young as they used to be'. Many travelled very long distances to play, most notably Reagan Simons (2019) who travelled from Sydney to Hamilton via Mount Gambier and back on the same day!

With 473 years of hockey experience and 13 former Hockey Captains on the field, the Old Collegians team looked formidable under the experienced eye of Coach OCA President Hugh Koch (1989). The team of current students and teachers knew they were in for a tough tussle.

There was a great sense of excitement and (mostly friendly) competitiveness as players went through their pre-match

routine. The game was played in good spirit, presided over by umpire Neil MacLean who proudly watched on as many of his current and past protégés showed their talents (let's hope he didn't miss too many important calls while wiping misty eyes).

The match finished with 46 players on the field (and some questionable swapping around of teams) and, if it matters, the final score was 6-2 in favour of the Old Collegians team. What a wonderful opportunity for the current students to showcase their on-field skills as part of this connected community of supportive College sportspeople.

THANK YOU TO THE OLD COLLEGIANS FROM ACROSS THE YEARS AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO MADE THEIR WAY TO THE NEIL MACLEAN HOCKEY FIELD TO PLAY IN THE HIGHLY ANTICIPATED CLASH. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE SEVERAL OLD COLLEGIANS ON THE FIELD PLAYING AGAINST THEIR CHILDREN.

Thank you!



1. Michael Nelson (past staff and Head of Hockey 1994 to 1996) and Will Merrin (Year 11) 2. Reagan Simons (2019) 3. Penny Fraser (Fyfe 1991 and current parent), Bindi Hunter (Heard 1991 and current parent), Janna Heard (1992), Ainsley Fyfe (1994) and Merran Fyfe (1998) 4. Hamish Verco (2012) and Sarah Andersen (Year 11) 5. Heath Templeton (1999 and current parent), Eren Zehir (2021), Fergus Roberts (2021) and Hannah Russell (2019) 6. Thomas Verco (2017) 7. Jack Jarvis (Year 9), Isaac Shaw (Year 9) and Sami Zehir (2018) 8. Enjoying the action: Jim McClure (past parent) 9. Kristen Waldron (Deputy Principal Wellbeing) and Penny Fraser (Fyfe 1991 and current parent) 10. Mark Jarvis (1996 and current parent) and Rupert Merrin (Year 7)

150 Sesquicentenary Celebration

SATURDAY 21 MAY 2022

GALA BALL

A night of gold and glamour

Fairy lights, glitzy glamour, beautiful food and local wine, a rocking band, and over 300 people dressed to the nines, so excited to be losing their comfy lockdown garb and donning their black tie suits and gowns in anticipation of a glamorous night of fun and celebration. The Sesquicentenary Gala Ball was a night of electric energy and one to remember for the next 150 years!

Held in a marquee on the main College oval festooned with 'gold and glamour' decorations to honour the school's history and traditions, the scene was set for this pinnacle event in a weekend of celebrations.



The 150th birthday cake was cut by Old Collegian Margaret Brumley (Hobbs 1945) who is 91 years young and is still closely connected the school with MC Dion Love (1990) looking on. This incredible cake was made by current parent Mel MacDonald.



Master of Ceremonies Dion Love (School Captain 1990) flew back from Washington DC to be part of this momentous weekend for College.

Extract from Principal Dr Andrew Hirst's introduction

"Dion was a member of Young House and an avid debater, public speaker and keen volleyball. After school Dion studied a double degree, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Microeconomics and Political Science at Melbourne University. He went on to study at the internationally renowned Georgetown University and to work in the Diplomatic Service in Washington DC as a senior advisor to the Australian government. Dion is now living his confident future in the United States, working as Vice President of Advisory Services at Gartner. He has co-authored more than 12 strategic research studies at Gartner and his work has featured in the Harvard Business Review and industry publications. At The Hamilton and Alexandra College, we challenge students to be curious and courageous in their learning. We nurture them to think, to dare, to dream. Dion did just that!"

Extract from MC Dion Love's welcome to guests

"It's great to be back and a real honour to help pay tribute to this great school and the fine work it's done for more than 150 years in sending young Australians out into the world to pursue their futures with confidence. I am a son of the Western District. My family is five generations deep in this part of the world. But I left. And that's a decision that weighs heavily on me still today. ...even though I left the district, I haven't left it behind. There's a rhythm to life in the Western District that's in each one of us who's lived here, whether you count that time in generations, or years. And I'm convinced that the time you spend in this school nurtures and amplifies that rhythm. So we've got something to celebrate here tonight. It's an anniversary, for sure. But it's bigger than that. It's a rhythm of life that students live while they're here and that never really leaves them. It's that rhythm that helps them step forward in confidence in a world that I'd argue needs that rhythm every bit as much as they do. And that is what distinguishes this school from so many other outstanding ones in its peer group around the globe. So please enjoy your time here tonight...the generosity of the College's hospitality, and the warmth of your people all around you."



1. Principal Dr Andrew Hirst with Narelle Hill and Bernie Pringle (current parents) 2. Susan Bradbeer (Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning), Sally Whiting (past parent) and Kristen Waldron (Deputy Principal Wellbeing) 3. Baker Boy Band 4. Marquee ready for guests 5. Baker Boy Band 6. Gold Sponsor tables enjoying the evening 7. Dion Love (1990), Maria and Peter Lazzari (past parents and Peter is a past College Council member) and John Diprose (past parent and past Board Chair) 8. Jill and Jock Whiting (past parents) 9. Anthony Tregear (1990), Jane MacDonald (past parent) and Matthew Scarlett (1990) 10. Phoebe Giles (Stewart 1998 and current parent), Sharnah Malseed (teacher and current parent), Kim Pickford (current parent) and Georgie Broeren (Stewart 2000 and current parent) 11. Bec Small (current parent), Kate Stevens (1997) and Natalie Herd (Sambell 1997) 12. Di Austin (current parent), Kate Headlam (past parent), Megan Mould (current parent) and Jodie Russell (past parent) 13. Current parents Leeson White, Stephen and Annita Jones, and Marnie White 14. Past parents Tim and Jen Hutton, Hugh (1977) and Jane MacDonald and Sally and Ian Whiting 15. Outgoing Board Chair Alasdair Sutherland (past parent) with new Board Chair Rosie Merrin (1994 and current parent)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

Events of this scale take a team effort and the College community always steps up to make sure our events are second to none.

- Congratulations to Bonita Silva (Head of Learmonth and Head of Drama) for her leadership of the decorating committee of volunteers who brought the gold and glamour vision to life
- Our many community members who volunteered, making the decorations and setting the tables

Events like this are underpinned by the generous support of local businesses. Thank you to all our sponsors, many of whom made a substantial contribution.

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COMMUNITY GOLF DAY



College community connects in the Grampians

The sun was shining over the mountains and the Grampians Golf Club was in its best glory for the fully booked event that would conclude the Sesquicentenary weekend celebrations.

The 2022 Community Golf Day was once again booked out and was a great success for everyone involved, on and off the course. It brings together current and past parents, alumni, staff and community members for an enjoyable day of golf and catering that would rival the best CWA branch in Australia. It is always a true display of College connections in action and the giving culture that has kept the College's doors open for 150 years, with many people giving their time and support to benefit the whole College community.





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNING TEAMS!

Above: 1. Overall handicap team: Greg Millard, Will Osmond, George Osmond and Tom Osmond **Above: 2. Overall scratch team:** Robyn Holcombe, Keryn Price, Deb Milne and Jo Forsyth **(No photo available) Women's team:** Jen Pike, Gaby Redpath, Lyn Hayes and Sue Vickery

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

- The small team of remarkable women who make this day happen: Jen Hutton and Jen Crawford for coordinating the day and organising the field, Sue Morse for managing the score cards and Sarah Baker for co-ordinating the catering team
- Grampians Golf Course President Adrian Kelly, Derek and Cam Morse, Bill Crawford, Heather Macgugan and a team of past parents for setting up and helping on the day
- The parents who cooked at home or helped serve on the day

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE INCREDIBLE SPONSORS THAT MAKE THIS DAY SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS.

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1. Andrew Hirst (Principal), Stephen Nelson, Tim Cameron and Leigh Alexander 2. 9th tee catering tent: current parents Penny Fraser (1991), Sarah Baker and Katie Dopheide (1980) 3. Speeches in the clubrooms 4. Organising team: Jen Hutton (past staff and parent), Jen Crawford (past parent) and Sue Morse (past parent); not in photo: Sarah Baker (P&F Secretary and current parent) 5. James MacKirdy, Nick Dopheide, Rod Evans (1976), Pete Delany (1980)

COMMUNITY NEWS



BIRTHS

IRVIN: GREG (2002) and Cara Skene, a son Douglas Charles on 18 September 2021 – a brother to Obelia

WILLIAMS: DOUG (2005) and Emma, twin daughters Olivia Kate and Rachel Maree on 6 November 2021

HOPWOOD: KRISTIAN (2009) and Chloe, a daughter Billie Valentina on 14 December 2021

KERVIN: KATHRYN IRVIN (2007) and Michael Kervin, a daughter Rylee Irene on 29 December 2021

WHITING: LACHLAN and **ROSIE (2008)**, a daughter Lucy Elizabeth on 18 January - a sister to Charlotte

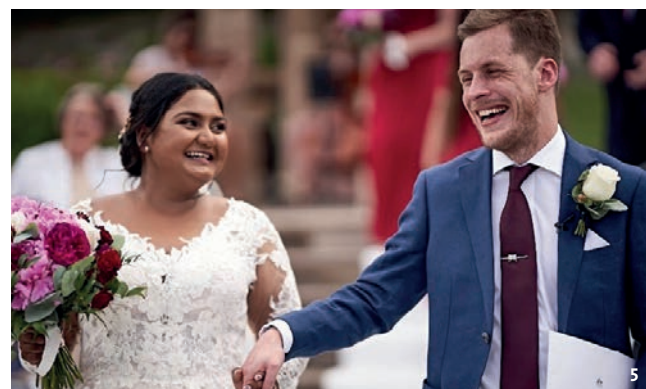
STAUE: ALICE (WINTER COOKE 2011) and Joel, a son Jack Thomas on 20 March 2022 – a brother to Emma

GOUGH: RICHARD (2002) and Kate a son William Theodore Charles on 5 April 2022 – a brother to Grace and Olive

SHIRLEY: CAROLINE (2007) and Jerome, a son William Douglas on 14 April 2022

BROWN: DUNCAN and Debbie Chia, a daughter Charlotte Evie Chia on 20 April 2022

CHARLICK: MEGAN (MCINTOSH 2012) and Nick, a son Theodore Glen Charllick on 7 May 2022



WEDDINGS

MEGAN OAKLEY (2003) and Heath Kirkup on 9 April 2022

ELLE RICHARDS (2007) and Jack Conrick on 16 April 2022

JARROD SIMONS (2009) and Bronte French on 29 January 2022

JAMES ERSKINE KELVY (2010) and Natasha Dinali Jayatilleke on 19 December 2021

MEGAN MCINTOSH (2012) and Nick Charllick on 27 August 2021

1. Jarrod Simons wedding: Patrick Barber, Steve Koenig (2009), Roy Nawfal, Tom Agar (2009), Jarrod Simons and Bronte French, Sally French, Hannah French, Megan Emonson and Claire Francisco 2. Megan Oakley and Heath Kirkup 3. Megan McIntosh and Nick Charllick 4. Ellie Richards wedding: Jake Densley, Libby Carter (Hutton 2007), Jack Elkington, Elle Conrick (Richards), Jack Conrick, Emma Dahmes, Robbie Douglas and Erica Semmens 5. James Erskine Kely and Natasha Dinali Jayatilleke



DEATHS

REX BRENTNALL (1938) in June 2022
ALEXANDER PHILIP (1941) in July 2022
PETER LEARMONTH (1946) in May 2022
DOROTHY GLARE (MCEACHERN 1947) in March 2022
EVELYN BARBER (CARTER 1948) in May 2022
BEVERLY HINES (CAIN 1951) in 2021
BARRY HABEL (1956) in March 2022
LEIGH DAVIS (1962) in July 2021
ADAM MILBURN (1988) in April 2022
Principal John Shilliday in June 2022 - John was principal from 1972 to 1977 (a tribute will be printed in the next edition of *The Ivy and the Tower*)
Reverend Neville Gray in February 2022 – Rev Gray was College Chaplain in the early 1980s
Reverend Anthonie (Ton) van Doorn in June 2022 – Ton was a member of the School Council in the 1970s
Andrew Thornton in January 2022 – Andrew was a past parent and College Council member for a number of years in the 1990s. His vision and support of College and the wider Hamilton community will be remembered.

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

The Hamilton and Alexandra College community warmly congratulates **Eve Kantor OA**, **Mark Wootton OA** and **Jim Gough OAM** on being recognised for their service in the Australia Day Honours list 2022. Eve, Mark and Jim have all served on the College Council and have been generous contributors to the school over many years.

Thanks to Eve and Mark’s incredibly generous support College students can perform, celebrate and enjoy learning in the Kantor Family Music and Performing Arts Centre. This gift has, and will continue to, positively impact the lives of thousands of College students and families and the local community. Jim was recognised for his significant contributions to the livestock industry over 55 years. Jim pioneered selective breeding practices in Australia for both Corriedale sheep and Hereford cattle. The Gough family has had five generations attend the school.



CLASS OF 1981 REUNION Melbourne, April 2022

“We hadn’t changed a bit, or at least that’s what we told ourselves. Lots of laughs were shared over many hours as the time flew by. Many couldn’t be there for COVID and other reasons so we hope to meet up again before another 10 years!”

Katherine Stevens (Jones 1981)

COLLEGE CRICKET CLUB A GRADE PREMIERS

Congratulations to the College Cricket Club for taking out the 2021/22 Hamilton District Cricket Association A Grade premiership – the first in 19 years for the club. It is also a special victory for Hamish Bailey (1996) who has played at the club on and off since he was 12-years-old during which time an A Grade premiership has eluded him. Well done to Year 11 students Jack Austin and Henry Bensch for this great achievement.



1. Past Principal John Shilliday 2. Tim Williams, William Pollard, Robert Douglas, Cameron Mitton, Chris Abery, Glenn Dixon, Sandra Herbert (teacher), Davis Sharp, Lindy Drayton (Orton), Phil Aarons, Georgie Langley (Bennett), Malcolm Coutts, Allison Rivet (Rentsch), Mal Widdicombe and Katherine Stevens (Jones) Seated: Gill Arnold (Bayliss), Carolyn Hall (Amor) and Lyndell Ellis (McDonald) 3. College Cricket Club A Grade champions: Henry Bensch (Year 11), Lachie Brown (1995), Heath Schmidt, Burn, Russell Bennett, Lachie Watt (2014), Jas Schmidt, Kane Uebergang, Charles Murray (Captain), Hamish Bailey (1996), Angus Brown (1997) and Jack Austin (Year 11)

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 150TH YEAR, WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH OUR ALUMNI MORE THAN EVER!

Every student who has attended the College, including those who didn’t finish Year 12 here, is an Old Collegian and will always be part of our community.

We would love to hear from you. We’d love to know where you are, what you’re doing and how College helped shape your post-school life.

Many of our students leave Hamilton when they finish school. Some come back to the area, others don’t. But all share the same foundation that College provides to be hard-working, well-rounded, socially aware citizens of the world.

There are plenty of ways for you to stay involved with College. Catch up with friends and classmates or make new connections, wherever you are in the world. Take part in our career pathways program. Become a mentor for a current student. Or simply come back for a reunion or event and reminisce about your time at College.

Next year we will be launching a ‘reunion season’ and we would love to reach as many Old Collegians as possible.

Keep in touch! And tell your siblings, friends, neighbours and colleagues.

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