

# NORBERTUS



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# FROM THE EDITOR



MR FRANK MULLIGAN

**Welcome** to the first edition of *Norbertus* for 2017, with a special welcome to new students, parents and staff members, and an extra special welcome to our newest alumni – the young men and women of the Class of 2016!

*Norbertus* is the magazine dedicated to the alumni of St Norbert College and, as always, you are encouraged to make contact if you have any news about past students' achievements, graduations, engagements, marriages, promotions or travels, so *Norbertus* can share the news with the wider St Norbert College community.

One of the biggest stories to break at the College this year was the resignation of principal Mrs Annette Morey after she accepted the top job at Mater Dei College. Annette made a very large impression in her five and a half years at the helm of St Norbert College, ranging from the establishment of the Xanten Performing Arts Centre

to improved academic results, and in this edition Fr Peter acknowledges her marvellous contribution and wishes Annette well in her new appointment. *Norbertus* and all our readers also wish Annette well for the future, and we look forward to meeting the new principal, St Norbert College alumnus Mr Simon Harvey, in the next edition of *Norbertus*.

Having taught and been in charge of the Prémontré Library at St Norbert College for 20 years, this edition's guest columnist, Miss Maureen Smith is well known to thousands of current and past students alike. Maureen has been at the forefront of library systems, services and technology in Western Australia over several decades and she has overseen and implemented many changes to the library in order to ensure it provides the students of St Norbert College with the best services available. Indeed, her professional advice is often sought by other schools and colleges throughout Western

Australia. In this edition Maureen shares some of her thoughts on these changes, but more importantly some of her memories about her life and times at Treasure Road.

The members of the Class of 2016 are to be congratulated on their very impressive academic results, and one of our stories examines their remarkable performance in detail. Apart from producing the most number of 95 Club members ever, this year group will also be the first to hold a reunion only one year out of school. The date will be sometime in Term 4, and Shimona Surin has kindly offered to be the contact representative for the Class of 2016. More details will follow via the College newsletter and Facebook page.

While thousands of St Norbert College alumni have gone on to forge impressive careers in many areas of employment, two of our past students, Mr Tim Marney and Dr Mathew Trinca, are to be congratulated on their achievement in some very prominent, high-profile

positions. Tim was formerly head of the WA Department of Treasury from 2005 to 2014, when he was then appointed Mental Health Commissioner of Western Australia, and Mat was appointed to the position of Director of the National Museum of Australia in 2014. *Norbertus* is very fortunate that these extremely busy gentlemen made time in their hectic schedules to contribute to this edition.

In addition to these great stories, we take a look back at the College as it was in 2007, check in with some of the Class of 2007, catch up with former prominent staff members John Bird and Shaun Kenny, wind the clock back to the expected behaviour standards of St Norbert College students in the 1960s, plus a whole lot more.

Thank you to all the people who have contributed to this edition of *Norbertus*, and please remember that letters, feedback and contributions are always welcome. Please email [fmulligan@norbert.wa.edu.au](mailto:fmulligan@norbert.wa.edu.au)

# FAREWELL MRS ANNETTE MOREY



RT REV FR PETER STIGLICH O PRAEM

**When** Mrs Annette Morey joined our St Norbert College community at the beginning of 2012, she brought with her an enthusiasm and passion for both learning and teaching. She also came with an ability to get to the heart of an issue with compassion and understanding. Over the past five and a

half years, she has truly 'walked the talk'. Annette embraced our St Norbert College culture and values, and added to them; she has truly been 'prepared for all good works'. Our new Xanten Performing Arts Centre is a shining example of her seeing a need, and making sure it was addressed. At the end of Semester One, Annette will take

up the ministry of principal of Mater Dei College, Edgewater.

Annette's ongoing legacy to St Norbert College will be her tenacity in making sure that all our students have the education that they need to succeed, always in a Catholic and Norbertine context. Annette has a finely-tuned sense of justice – what is right and fair – and has modelled this with all members of the community. She is not afraid to make the difficult decisions, particularly when they affect the well-being of our students and staff. Annette has helped our students grow in confidence as they strive for excellence; she is not afraid to challenge people to ensure they always give their best. Annette has made her mark in the St Norbert College story, and we thank her for her commitment, patience and loyalty. May the Lord bless Annette's new endeavour at Mater Dei College.



*Mrs Morey pictured in 2012 with students Lachlan King and Lisa Wright.*





# MEMORIES AND MOMENTS



MISS MAUREEN SMITH, GUEST COLUMNIST



**Three** principals, three business administrators, six Tongerlo Heads of House, five major building projects, two major library refurbishments, four rearrangements of book stock, numerous curriculum changes, the rise of the digital world with all its challenges and complexities, and approximately 3,200 students over 19 years. One could be forgiven for believing that change is what drives St Norbert College. But for me this has never been the case.

Memories and moments that punctuate my time at the College are not those of change but of consistency.

I remember when I arrived for my interview all those years ago, I was greeted by Carol Origioni. Her gentle friendliness put me at ease and as I waited for the interview I was impressed with the warmth and respect staff and students showed each other. The place had a family feel about it and for the first time I experienced the College feeling of community.

After signing my contract I was taken on a tour of the College by the Principal, Carole Hayes. She pointed out the House

blocks and I said a silent prayer that I would be allocated to Tongerlo, as it was the only house whose name I had the faintest idea of pronouncing. As luck would have it, my wish was granted. I had always had loyalty to a team in whatever school I had been in, but loyalty to a House is something different. It brings with it a sense of belonging to a group of disparate people who are connected by common traditions, history, spirit and care and concern for each other. Many of my fondest memories are associated with Tongerlo staff and students.

At one of my first carnivals I remember watching a student compete in the hurdles. He wanted to gain points for his House but could not make it over the hurdles, so after two attempts he just knocked the rest of them over in his stride, waving to the crowd as he passed by. For me that typified the sense of participation that weaves its way through our College. There are always staff and students, parents and ex-students who put up their hands to "have a go".

I am blessed to work as a teacher librarian and have never wanted to

change. I have a job where I can help shape the lives of others. How good is that? I love teaching teenagers. I love their vitality. I love that the world is at their feet and they have so many possibilities ahead of them. I love their enthusiasm for life and their desire to make a difference. And I especially remember those 'Ahhh' moments, when the proverbial penny drops and a student 'gets it'. There have been so many of those. I love their genuine friendliness and warmth and that they see me as a person first, then a teacher. I don't have children to brag about but I do brag about St Norbert College students. Always have. Always will.

Being educated in Dominican schools, and having taught for a large amount of time in Mercy schools, the Norbertine tradition took a bit of getting used to. However, it soon took hold in my heart as I saw it being lived within the College and the Norbertines themselves. The more I saw it lived, the more I understood. The Norbertine presence gives the College a stability and foundation and to be a part of 800 years of history is something I value. I hold fond memories of the Year 11 and 12 retreats spent with other staff and



*Another busy lunchtime in the library.*

Brother Pat. They were some of the times I saw the Norbertine faith in action and I always came away feeling I had received more than I had given. The support I have been given throughout my career by the various leaders and especially by my colleagues has allowed me to grow and develop in the job I love.

It is not events I remember, or names and dates. It is the impressions and feelings and emotions that most form my memories. My past and future experiences at St Norbert's are lasting memories of kindness, generosity, faith, fun, community and love. No amount of change will alter these memories.

# OUTSTANDING

## ACADEMIC RESULTS IN 2016

# 95

**The** Class of 2016 earned high praise from Principal Mrs Annette Morey when an assembly was held at the end of the first week of the school year to celebrate the year group's outstanding academic success. The Class of 2016 achieved a very high median ATAR, very strong VET results and a high graduation rate. Mrs Morey highlighted the following statistics and achievements:

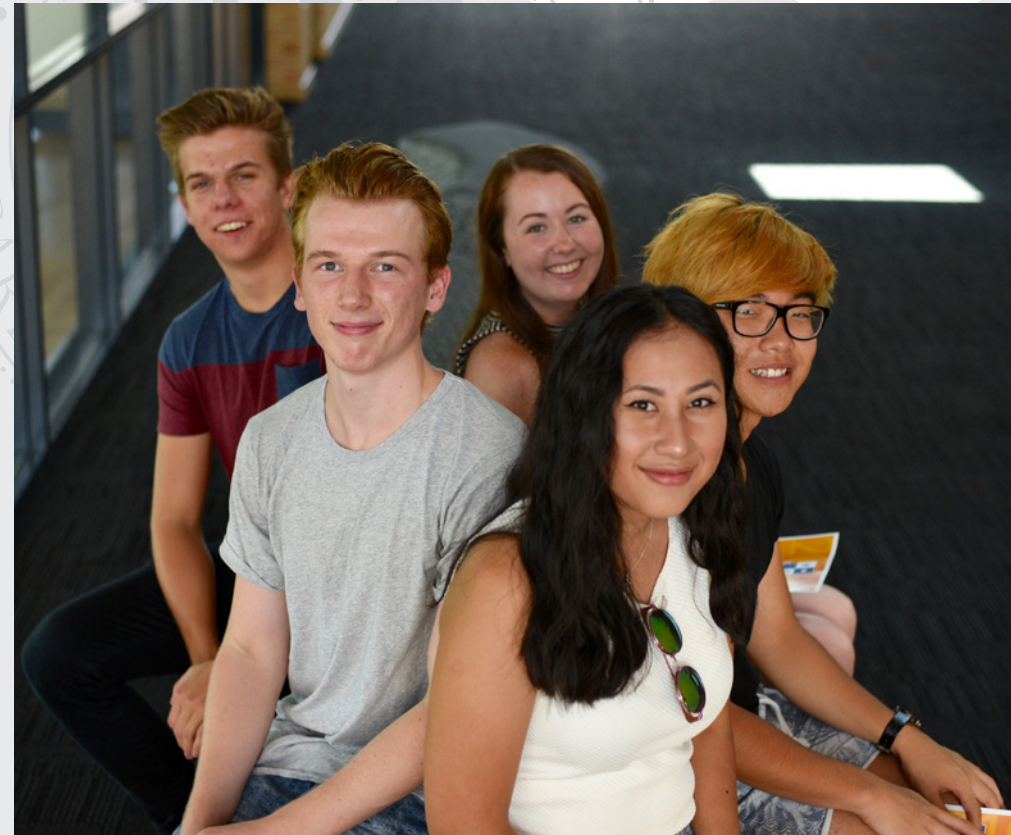
- St Norbert College's median ATAR was 84.55 compared to the state score of 80.95
- 100% of St Norbert College VET students completed a Certificate II or higher
- 95% of St Norbert College students graduated
- Seven students achieved an ATAR above 95 and 20 students above 90
- 17 students received a Certificate of Merit for the number of A, B grades achieved: Olivia Allen, Clarice Antero, Mia Ballard, Nathan Embleton, Paris Forte, Cole Johnson, Maddison Kelly, Bethany Lee, Telysha Lyon, Benjamin Mayne, Rebecca McLevie, Sherlen Meetoo, Mats-Ingvar Niklasson, Carlina Palmieri, Felicia Tresham-Maung, Nayana Venugopal and Mathew Walker
- Two students received a Certificate of Distinction for the number of A, B grades achieved: Jason Chen and Jerry Pang

- 81.3% of St Norbert College students who applied for a public university place received their first preference
- St Norbert College was ranked as a top performing school in Accounting and Finance, Computer Science, Health Studies, Mathematic Specialist, Physics, Psychology, and Religion and Life

A record seven students joined the St Norbert College "95 Club", causing Mrs Morey to point out that a larger honour board would have to be purchased by the College to accommodate all the students' names! The list of 2016 "95 Club" inductees is: Jason Chen, Cole Johnson, Rebecca McLevie, Jerry Pang, Felicia Tresham-Maung, Nayana Venugopal and Mathew Walker.

In front of a large number of proud parents and family members, Mrs Morey presented each of the students with a gift and a certificate from the College, before Jerry Pang (who scored an exceptional 98.35) responded on behalf of the Class of 2016:

*Good morning everyone, my name is Jerry Pang and I am a graduate of the Class of 2016. Year 12 was not an easy time but it was definitely most rewarding. First, I would like*



2016 "95 Club" members: Cole Johnson, Mathew Walker, Rebecca McLevie, Felicia Tresham-Maung and Jerry Pang. (Absent: Jason Chen, Nayana Venugopal).

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*to thank the teachers for their ongoing support, and also my peers, especially Jason and Cole, for the spirited competition which brought the best out of all of us.*

*Although Year 12 involved an intense study regime, taking time off from the books was just as important. Being involved in the performing arts at the College certainly helped take some weight off my shoulders and cleared my mind. I would recommend all students to learn a new instrument or join a club because it's never too late to try something new.*

*Remember, you reap what you sow, so make the most out of your time at the College. Your achievements are a reflection of the work and effort you put in. So, set your goals and apply yourself to all facets of school life. Thank you and good luck.*

In addition to the outstanding achievement of the students already mentioned, two students received a subject-specific Certificate of Excellence. Congratulations to Gereleigh Mina who received a subject Certificate of

Excellence for being in the top 0.5% in Health Studies. Nathan Embleton was awarded the VET Certificate of Excellence as he achieved in the top 0.5% in Certificate III Sport, Recreation and Public Safety.

Mrs Morey expressed her pride in the Class of 2016's achievements and also praised the teaching staff of St Norbert College for their professionalism and dedication in ensuring that each and every St Norbert College student reaches their potential. The excellent academic results are also a testimony to Mrs Morey's leadership and vision for the College, and a reflection of the enormous amount of work put in by Ms Sharon Rainford, Mrs Natasha Quinn and Mr Donald Nield of the Leadership Team.

Mrs Morey also directly addressed the new Year 7 students and pointed out that they were now part of a College that was striving for continuous improvement and always aiming to achieve the best possible results. She encouraged the young students to get involved in as many aspects of College life as possible and to always aim for personal excellence.



*Gereleigh Mina received a Certificate of Excellence for achieving in the top 0.5% in Health Studies.*



# XANTEN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



Image above: The refurbished Xanten Theatre. Below: The Xanten Performing Arts Centre gives a striking new look to the northern corner of the college grounds



**After** an 11-month building period, the new \$6.1m Xanten Performing Arts Centre was finally commissioned on Sunday 19 February following the College Community Mass.

With representatives of Parry and Rosenthal Architects, builders Sanpro Construction and the Catholic Education Office in attendance, Abbot Noyens conducted the prayer of blessing and the Heads of House and Head of Year 7, Miss Carrol Abel, performed the ritual of sprinkling holy water.

The Xanten Performing Arts Centre includes a dance studio, music classroom, six instrumental tutorial rooms, male and female dressing rooms and toilets, a new uniform shop, staffroom, and extensive storage areas. There is also an external amphitheatre, an extensive carpark and new fencing and signage. The new development creates a striking new look to the northern corner of the College grounds.

Students and staff alike have been excited to move into this wonderful new facility. Dance teacher Miss Laura Alban has been impressed by the overall feel of the new venue. "The bright interior with its fresh,

sleek look makes it an inviting place for both teaching and learning," Miss Alban said. "Students in regular dance classes and those in the co-curricular dance teams will both benefit from the new, large dance studio which will accommodate them very comfortably. There's also additional space that is very versatile and suitable for break-out groups."

Drama teacher Miss Kerri Hilton is glad her classes have returned to the Xanten Theatre, which has had an external make-over to tie it in with the new building, as well as an extension to the stage area, a new foyer, new box office and toilets. "I am very excited to be back in the theatre for classes, and am really looking forward to directing 'Cinderella the Pantomime' as a community production for December," Miss Hilton said. "The new building will be fantastic for the production and will enable us to create a few surprises for the show as well."

Former Head of Performing Arts Ms Alicia Walter was involved in the planning of the building but moved to a new position at Peter Carnley Anglican Community School before the facility was fully utilised by

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St Norbert College students. Ms Walter was very impressed by the final product, however, describing the building as "a big, beautifully clean and open space, both inside and out". She points out that the new facilities should see an improvement in the students' creative output. "The additional space should add to the creativity of the students, as will the new soundproof instrumental rooms," Ms Walter said, "and the centralised location will allow the various performing arts to come together and collaborate much more and share valuable resources." Ms Walter is also pleased that the instrumental staff will have a more visual presence in the department. "This will have tremendous results as their role is so vital in the growth of music and the performing arts at the College," she said.

St Norbert College Business Manager Mr Tim McIntyre has been extremely impressed with the finished building and has nothing but praise for the performance of all the team at Sanpro Construction, a company that is co-owned by Class of 1998 alumnus Mark Barbaro.

"To have overcome all the external delays and brought the project in well under projected build time, within budget and with the attention to detail and effectiveness that Sanpro achieved, is a testament to everyone associated with the business," Mr McIntyre said. "I can quite honestly say that from my first building project in 1984,

I have not dealt with a more professional and customer-focused building company."

The Xanten Performing Arts Centre adds another dimension to the outstanding facilities found at St Norbert College. In the past 20 years the following buildings have been commissioned at the College:

- The Fr Peter O'Reilly Centre (February 2, 1999)
- The Br Patrick Doolan Learning Centre (September 6, 2010)
- The Cappenburg Centre (September 6, 2010)
- The Floreffe Trade Training Centre (February 13, 2011)

If you are an alumnus of St Norbert College and you would like to have a look at the College's excellent facilities, please contact *Norbertus* and we will happily arrange a tour for you.





# LAYING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

## MARK BARBARO (CLASS OF 1998)

**The** stunning new Xanten Performing Arts Centre was completed at the start of the academic year and has won high praise from all those who have the pleasure to teach and study music, dance and drama in this state-of-the-art facility. The building was constructed by Sanpro Construction, which is co-owned by Class of 1998 St Norbert College alumnus, Mr Mark Barbaro. *Norbertus* asked Mark to reflect on the experience of coming back to his former school to create this magnificent building.

As an ex-student of St Norbert College, I must say that I am extremely proud of the end result of the new Xanten Performing Arts Centre and refurbishment to the Xanten Theatre. Sanpro Construction has completed over 20 large school building projects including the student services buildings at Prendiville Catholic College, a new gymnasium for Peter Carnley Anglican School and the completion of the primary school at St John Bosco College, but no other job has meant as much to myself, purely because of my association with the College and St Joseph's Parish.

Even though as a company we treat every client and project with the

same level of supervision, project management and quality management, I must say that coming back to my old school did mean that this project was going to have just that little bit more of a personal involvement and sense of achievement. Due to some initial delays caused by land title amalgamation issues which were beyond Sanpro Construction and St Norbert College's control, we were under the pump from the get-go. Even though the College did not apply any pressure on us, we wanted to ensure that the new centre was functional as early as possible in the new year, which meant trying to make up approximately eight weeks of lost time. Fortunately, due to the hard work and support of our contractors, the supervision on site from Jeff Carulli, project management by Sheldon Carrick and the constant behind the scenes pushing from my business partner Dean Trezise and me, this was achieved and the project was completed on time. Just as important, away from the building site, was the assistance and support of Business Manager Tim McIntyre and Principal Annette Morey. To form such a strong, friendly and supportive relationship between builder and client

is the cornerstone in having a project be completed successfully and this was well and truly achieved.

On a personal note this project has meant so much to me, especially when I saw my drama teacher Miss Kerri Hilton with a fantastic smile on her face and heard her words of appreciation for the building we have provided the College – that will stay with me forever. I was also extremely proud to hear Fr Peter Stiglich say thank you to not only myself but my business partner and employees associated with the project. In addition to this, to hear the thanks and appreciation shown to my two young children and wife by Fr Peter at Sunday morning Mass for the completed centre that their father and husband helped build (now they know that Daddy does more than just talk on the phone and play on the computer) was a very proud moment. I'll forever be grateful for the strong foundations (excuse the builder talk) that were laid during my education at St Norbert College, along with the values that my sister Kathrin and I were taught which have no doubt helped us become the people we are today.





# 2007 Snapshot

**PRINCIPAL:** Mr Peter Hayes.  
**PRIOR:** Rt Rev Peter Joseph O Praem.  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:** Mrs Jenneth Stibi (Pastoral Care), Mr Bruno Celedin (Learning – Semester One), Mr Donald Nield (Learning – Semester Two).  
**HEADS OF HOUSES:** Dr Killian O'Reilly (Kilnacrott), Mrs Bridget Murphy (Magdeburg), Mr Simon Harvey (Prémontre), Miss Jen Jansen (Tongerlo), Mr Christopher Brehaut (Xanten).  
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT:** Mrs Jo Wedge.  
**FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRPERSON:** Mrs Dianne Begg.  
**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:** Matthew Kelly who oversees:

- The introduction of an "email suggestion box".
- The raising of more than \$1000 for various charities and worthwhile causes.

**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS AND INNOVATIONS:**

- A decision is made to appoint a Dean of Studies in 2008.
- Dance and photography introduced as elective subjects.
- Additional shaded seating areas installed courtesy of a federal government grant.
- Six students and one staff member participate in the "Pilgrimage of Hope" to India.

**STUDENT ENROLMENTS:** 695 students.  
**HOUSE CAPTAINS:**

- **KILNACROTT:** Emma-Lee Lawrence, Jonathon Southerton, Paul Booth, Amy Poniatowski.
- **MAGDEBURG:** Christopher Daniels, Jessica Nugent, Candice Reed.
- **PRÉMONTRE:** Lisa Allsopp, Cameron Smith, Jason Wieman, Sophie Holland.
- **TONGERLO:** Taymar Rowe, Jeremy Truong, Daniel Burton, Kiara Kelly.
- **XANTEN:** Casey Werner, Aidan Torpy, Ryan Singh, Joelle Akanni.

**ST NORBERT COLLEGE DUX:** Rajvinder Sidhu.

**NORBERTINE CANONS' AWARD:** Mitchell Scott.

**BR PATRICK DOOLAN MEDAL:** Mr Simon Harvey.

**PRINCIPAL'S MEDALLIONS:** David Colace, Sophie Holland, Matthew Kelly, Emma-Lee Lawrence, Jessica Nugent, Taymar Rowe, Ryan Singh, Jonathon Southerton, Aidan Torpy, Jeremy Truong, Casey Werner.

**WINNERS OF SPORTING EVENTS:**

- Swimming: Kilnacrott.
- Athletics: Magdeburg.
- Cross Country: Tongerlo.

**HOUSE CHAMPIONS:** Tongerlo.



*Stephanie Dirksz, Emma-Lee Lawrence and Jessica Van Beijnum-Grein after the Year 12 farewell assembly.*



*Jason Urbanski, Head Girl Sophie Holland, Head Boy Aidan Torpy and SRC President Matthew Kelly represent St Norbert College on ANZAC Day.*



*Katie Cherry and Amy Poniatowski at the Year 12 breakfast.*



*Caroline Gregory, Joelle Akanni, Charis Taylor and Jessica Copley at the Year 11 and 12 river cruise.*



*Jason Urbanski and Ryan Singh at the Year 12 breakfast.*



*Class of 2007 members Ben Magry, Matthew Gullello, Thomas Moore, Ben Rigg and Anthony Colkers with Cassandra Hart.*





## ALL MAPPED OUT

**Alannah** Wood (nee Davis, Class of 2007) was one of those lucky students who had her career path mapped out from a very early age. For as long as she could remember, Alannah always wanted to become a teacher, and is currently in her fifth year at Grovelands Primary School where she is in charge of a class of Year 4 students.

Teaching is not just a job for Alannah; her passion and enthusiasm for the role is evident when she elaborates on her teaching philosophy: "I teach to make a difference. I want to inspire the children and encourage them to succeed and to be their best possible selves. I endeavour to fill every day with fun and humour and teach my students to love learning."

All this dedication to the cause can occasionally take its toll however, as Alannah admits teaching can be "hard work" and occasionally "exhausting"!



*Trent and Alannah Wood*

In her spare time Alannah loves reading, playing netball and travel. She has been to several Southeast Asian destinations including Bangkok, Phuket and Bali, and also Ko Samui where she married husband Trent just over two years ago. The couple have just returned from a trip to the United States and would love to do a tour of Europe in the not too distant future.

Alannah was in Mrs Anna Garton's Tongerlo Homeroom and counts receiving the Year 8 English prize at Presentation Night in 2003, and Mr Harvey praising her AFL skills as a couple of happy memories from her time at St Norbert College. Alannah has adopted and maintained a very positive approach to life and would urge current St Norbert College students to do the same: "You only live once, so work hard and follow your dreams. Take risks – you can do anything you put your mind to."

*Norbertus* wishes Alannah many more happy and fulfilling years of teaching, travelling and togetherness with Trent.

## LIVING AND LEARNING

**Chris** Daniels (Class of 2007) is a former Magdeburg House member who has forged a successful career in real estate, business and sales. Chris thoroughly enjoyed his five years at the College and rates Miss Jen Jansen and Miss Kerri Hilton as probably the most influential teachers on his growth and development as a young man. "I had Miss Jansen for English in Year 10, and she taught me a lot about self-discipline and focus," Chris said, "while Miss Hilton brought out the best in my personality and sense of creativity in drama and theatre."

In terms of memorable moments at St Norbert College, Chris nominates the history trip to the eastern states and the Kairos retreat he experienced in Year 12 as standout occasions, as well as when his basketball team won back-to-back championships.

Chris works long hours in the real estate business but enjoys some downtime by still being passionate about basketball, tinkering with cars and exploring ideas through art, writing and design.

Engaged to be married to Janna Vivian, Chris firmly believes life is not a dress rehearsal and believes goal-setting is beneficial in his business and personal life. He also places importance on continuing to discover new things in life. "The day you stop learning is the day you stop living," Chris said.

*Norbertus* wishes Chris and Janna all the best for the years that lie ahead.



*Chris Daniels in action back in 2007*

## FROM MALAYSIA TO MELBOURNE

**Paul** Booth (Class of 2007) was a member of Kilnacrott House who is currently working as a finance broker in Kuala Lumpur, although he and his wife Sinead are planning to move to Melbourne in the not too distant future. After school Paul took a few years to work out what he wanted to do, but is now focused on developing a career in finance and is currently completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree in banking at university.

Paul has very happy memories of his time at St Norbert College and cherishes the lifelong friendships he made during his time at the College. He counts the Year 12 history trip to the eastern states and the Warmun immersion as two of the most significant and memorable experiences of his five years at the College. "The history trip was an opportunity to learn while travelling and become a bit more independent, while the Warmun trip was a cultural experience which had a profound effect on me and is something I still draw on today," Paul said.

These trips combined with the culture of the College – particularly during Years 11 and 12 – have helped define Paul's outlook and approach to life. He believes in goal-setting and recommends travel and living in an overseas environment at some stage of life. "Travel opens your eyes to other cultures and allows you to appreciate how good we have it growing up in Australia. We are the lucky country and should use our fortunate position to help others."

Paul's towering height contributed to the success of the 1st XVIII football team in 2006 and 2007 and he is remembered for taking one of the greatest St Norbert's marks ever when he stood on an opponent's shoulders on the wing at Queens Park Oval. "If only Mr Mulligan's video work hadn't been so shaky that afternoon, I think I might have got a run in the *Almost Footy Legends* segment on the *Channel Nine Footy Show*," Paul laughed.

*Norbertus* and the St Norbert College community are looking forward to your return to Australia, Paul and Sinead.



Paul Booth, third from left, on the 2007 rivercruise.



Sinead and Paul Booth.



## A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

**Jessica** Nugent (Class of 2007) has been lucky enough to combine her love of the outdoors and nature with her chosen career as an environmental technician and native plant propagator. She is currently working for logistics company Broadspectrum on Garden Island as part of a land management team.

Jessica has travelled fairly extensively since leaving school and has visited Bali, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, New Zealand and Canada. Engaged to be married to a "lovely Kiwi man" next year, the couple hope to add to this list of countries. "I love tropical holidays and we have a lot more destinations on our bucket list to tick off," Jessica said.

Jessica enjoyed her five years at Treasure Road and her mother Debbie, who is the College's science laboratory technician,

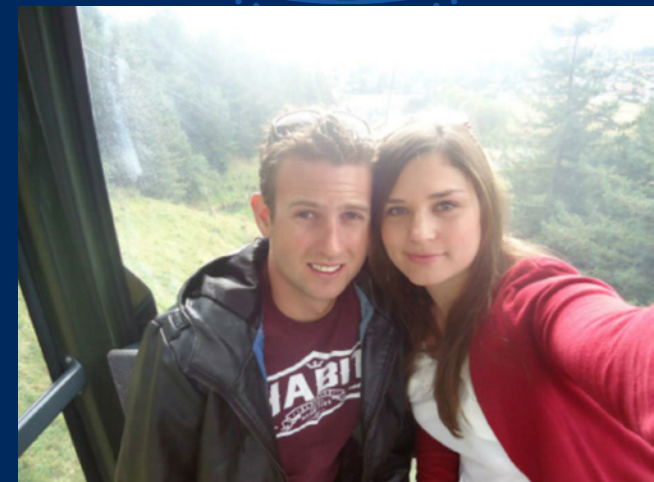
keeps her up to date with news and developments at St Norbert College.

Looking back at her time at school, Jessica recalls many good times but says winning the Caltex All-Rounder Award and captaining the cross country and athletics teams in Year 12 were her fondest memories.

Jessica appreciates the foundation for life that the College helped her create. "St Norbert College helped me to become a humble person in day-to-day life and instilled the notion of not judging a book by its cover," she said. "In history class, Mr Mulligan was renowned for his sayings, and one simple one - 'keep the ball rolling' - has stuck with me and helped me out when things have got tough or when I have felt like giving up. You've just got to keep that ball rolling no matter what, and give it your all - 110%."

Jessica is in a happy place with her life at the moment but understands that current students might have some worries about their future career and life choices. "It doesn't matter if you don't know exactly what you want to do after you leave school," Jessica said. "Sometimes it's best to approach the endless opportunities out there with an open mind and heart, and try different things out." Jessica recommends investigating TAFE and traineeship opportunities, as university is not for everyone. "Hands-on experience is much more valued in today's world than textbook knowledge," she said.

*Norbertus* congratulates Jessica on her achievements to date and wishes her and Andy well for their big day next year, and their life together.



Images from top - bottom: Jessica captained the College cross country team in 2007. Andy and Jessica.

# STAYING POSITIVE

**Jessica** Cvejic (Class of 2007) was a member of Tongerlo House who, when asked about her standout memories of her time at St Norbert College, rates the Year 10 adventure camp and Kairos as being at the top of a fairly extensive list. "The camp was a favourite of mine because you got to see the teachers in such a different light," Jessica said, "and everyone in my group really bonded together by the end of it." Kairos was another highlight, but for different reasons. "It was a very emotional couple of days, but something I will never forget. It's hard to describe it to someone else, unless you went yourself."

Jessica is currently the manager of a Sunglass Hut outlet but harbours an ambition to return to a career in early childhood education, a field in which she is qualified. "Taking Early Childhood Studies in Years 11 and 12 set me on a path to becoming a qualified education assistant, and it's something I am passionate about returning to one day," Jessica said.

Thinking back ten or more years to the teachers she had at St Norbert College, Jessica has fond memories of, and gratitude for, the influence that Mrs Kathy Jones and Ms Jenneth Stibi had on her life. "Both of these ladies taught me to be more resilient, and to believe in myself a lot more," Jessica recalled, "and this in turn helped me formulate my pretty straightforward approach to life, which is to stay positive at all times."

Jessica enjoys travelling and has toured Europe and been lucky enough to attend a work conference in Sydney for a few days. Ten years after leaving St Norbert College, Jessica's advice to current students is to not get too caught up in the pressures of modern day schooling. "What happens now does not necessarily define what you will become, unless you let it," she said, as a parting piece of advice.





# LOOKING TO WIDER HORIZONS

DR MATHEW TRINCA

I often think how fortunate I was to attend St Norbert College when it was growing from modest beginnings into the rounded, mature school it is today. I was there in the 1970s when it had a kind of Spartan austerity, just two buildings on either side of the quadrangle. But our headmaster, Des O'Sullivan, was a remarkable man who gathered together a young, motivated band of teachers and encouraged many of us to look to wider horizons – not simply in terms of developing our career ambitions, but in having fuller aspirations for rich, absorbing lives.

Our class of 1980 was a great community of kids and teachers. People like Stephen

Bevis, Philip Haydock and Paul Lavery have been lifelong friends through university and beyond. Several teachers had a big effect on me – Rob Craig, Marie Collins, Andy Chalkley and the late Lou Morrison. In fact, I credit Marie Collins with developing my abiding interest in History, though at the time I'm sure she was frustrated by my contrary nature! In a sense that was – and no doubt is today – the school's great strength. It didn't just tolerate kids, it cherished them for their individuality, and set about educating them for the rest of their lives. I'll be forever thankful for that.

Dr Mathew Trinca  
Director, National Museum of Australia  
Canberra



The College in 1979 when Dr Trinca was in Year 11.



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER

**Timothy** Marney (Class of 1986) knows he has a great job because he is able to make a positive difference in the lives of people with mental health, alcohol and drug problems, as well as for their families.

As the WA Mental Health Commissioner since 2014, Tim is responsible for planning and commissioning mental health, alcohol and other drug services for the State, as well as overseeing key helpline, rehabilitation and training services.

Tim's career, in various public service roles, certainly reflects the St Norbert College motto of being 'prepared for all good works'.

Tim graduated from Murdoch University and has more than 20 years of experience in economics and finance with the State and Federal Governments, including as the head of the WA Department of Treasury (2005 to 2014).

Tim's focus now is to lead the Mental Health Commission and deliver the best prevention, treatment and support systems for vulnerable people, and that includes for young people.

"Young people are a priority for our work because they experience the highest rate of mental illness across the lifespan," Tim said.

"It's great to see that the taboo around talking about mental health issues has lifted somewhat in recent years, which means it is easier for young people to discuss what is really going on in their lives.

"Families and schools are becoming more aware of the importance of helping young people develop resilience to better manage anxiety and stress.

"Really, the one thing I would say is to make sure you make your mental health a priority, learn about it and focus on what keeps you healthy as an individual.

"We're all different and different things work for all of us.

"There are some great online tools and apps that can help you understand what's going on and what you can do about it. (Reachout.com is a really good place to start.)

"If you feel you need help, talk about your thoughts with someone you trust, and if your friends are struggling, listen to them and encourage them to do what they need to do to get better."

Tim's passion for positive mental health has led him to serve as Deputy Chair on the board of beyondblue, a national depression and anxiety initiative which has developed some excellent online services and tools for youth. The Brave

Program, the Check-in App and online forums to help connect with others are just some of the resources you can find at youth beyondblue.

Some other good sites to check out are: headspace and reachout.com.

*Norbertus* congratulates and thanks Tim for his outstanding contribution to public life in Western Australia.





# —CLASS OF— 2006 *Reunion*

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS!

**There** was a great turn out of alumni from the Class of 2006 to celebrate ten years since graduation and the drinks and laughter flowed late into the night at the Merrywell. Copies of the *Koinonia* brought back many memories for everyone and was a great guide for a "guess who" style game as new ex-students arrived. Mr Mulligan was able to fill us in on what the teachers are all up to now, and was happy to hear about all his ex-students doing well. With so many recent weddings and births, conversation was easy and it was as if no time had passed at all. It was a great night with great people!

Thank you to all of the Class of 2006 who attended the evening and also special thanks to Mr Mulligan for arranging the reunion and enjoying the experience with us. Here's to the next ten years!

Bianca Smith (Class of 2006)



Bianca Smith, Melissa Gregory, Aleece Edmunds



Josh Salmon, Anna Smales (nee Murphy), Courtney Salmon (nee Isard, Class of 2002)



Paula Hughes, Courtney Willey



Daniel Meeks, Jenna Inglis, Xenot Haryanto



Josh Salmon, Jordan Hart, Darrell Gale (gardener at SNC), Daniel Meeks



Tara McCulloch, Jessica Savill (nee Halliday), Jenna Inglis, Ashlee George (nee Salmon), Laura Marrell (nee Foley)



Xenot Haryanto, Jordan Hart, Daniel Meeks, Josh Salmon, Melissa Gregory



Josh Salmon, Ashlee George (nee Salmon)

# SNESA THE SEASON TO DATE

SNESA Reserves coach Mark Lupica is confident that the St Norbert's Ex-Students Association Amateur Football Club is well-placed to play finals football this year, despite the League team securing only two wins from the first four fixtures and the Reserves winning one of their four matches.

The Reserves side is sitting seventh on the ladder after losses to Ellenbrook, Coolbinia West Perth (by a solitary point) and Piara Waters, and a big victory over Manning. "I know you make your own luck in football, but we really should have been three and one," Mark said. "A couple of brain fades and lapses in concentration have been costly but the boys have learnt from these experiences and are determined to make amends."

Mark has been pleased with the endeavour the boys have shown and says Vincent Papparone, Damien Cirillo and Ben Rigg have been some of the more solid performers.

"These blokes have really stood up, and I was especially pleased that Ben's neck injury was not as serious as our medical

staff first thought, and he was able to make a good comeback against Piara Waters," Mark said. "Another guy to watch is young Steven Di Fabio who really punches above his weight and age, and has featured in the best players list on three occasions this season".

Mark also acts as assistant to League coach David Van Raalte and says the senior team is performing well in a very tight competition. The League boys have had wins over Ellenbrook and Coolbinia West Perth, and lost to Manning and Piara Waters. "We are currently sitting fifth on the ladder in the League but are one win off second place – that's how tight the situation is," Mark said. "Last week against Piara Waters the boys were nine goals down at half time but fought back beautifully and narrowly missed grabbing the victory." Mark says captain Mark Colace and vice-captain Caius Kelly have been some of the stand-out performers in the seniors team. "These blokes have been fantastic on and off the field and it's no wonder they were voted into these leadership positions."

Unfortunately SNESA could not field a Colts side this year but otherwise the club is in

great shape with the Colts squad being absorbed into the senior lists which tally about 60 players at the moment.

"The club is really going well at the moment and I am very confident both teams will feature in the finals this year," Mark said. He encourages all within the St Norbert College community to come down to Soklich & Co Oval on Treasure Road and join in the great atmosphere on game days. "It's really family-friendly," Mark said, "and an example of this is Ladies Day on May 27 against Brentwood Booragoon when there'll be door prizes, raffles, player sweeps and goodies for all the ladies."

*Norbertus* is right behind Mark and all the SNESA boys and looks forward to big things in September. Go SNESA!

(Editor's note: Since this story was filed the League team have won both games against Dianella-Morley and Cottesloe, and are now on top of the ladder. Unfortunately the Reserves have suffered two losses and are currently in eighth position.)



Steven Di Fabio gets away from his opponent in the Round 3 clash against Coolbinia West Perth.





# SNAPSHOTS

Images clockwise from top left: League players Joel Parker (Class of 2012), Mark Colace (Class of 2009), Darren Biddle (Class of 2010) and Wade Burgoyne (Class of 2010). Reserves coach Mark Lupica (Class of 2005, right) gives a quarter time address. Jake Hall (Class of 2015), Vinnie Keynes (Class of 2013), Damien Cirillo (Class of 2007) and Ben Rigg (Class of 2007) before the first game of the season. SNESA Amateur Football Club President Rafic Aoun. Adam Chalon and Jethro Nanguromo (Class of 2014) fly for the ball against Coolbinia West Perth. League team members inspect Soklich & Co Oval before the Coolbinia West Perth game. Courtney Hall, Monique Lo Presti (nee Stommels, Class of 2005) and Kim Ottes (Class of 2005). Jake Hall, Ricardo Napoli, Robert Yeoh, Thomas Watson and Laurie Gray (all Class of 2015) in the crowd at Soklich & Co Oval. Mark Lupica addresses the SNESA boys at training. Lachlan King (Class of 2015) umpires SNESA matches at Soklich & Co Oval.





# DAVID FRAWLEY

150 GAMES FOR SNESA AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB



**Congratulations** to David Frawley (Class of 2004) who played his 150th game for SNESA in the Round 3 C3 reserves match against Coolbinia West Perth played at Soklich & Co Oval on April 29, 2017.

Unfortunately SNESA just failed to celebrate the occasion with a win, with the home side losing by a solitary point: Coolbinia West Perth 8.9 (57) to SNESA 8.8 (56).

SNESA Amateur Football Club President Rafic Aoun said after the game it was a shame the milestone was not celebrated with a win, but was full of praise for the way the team battled it out for their popular teammate, and for the great contribution David has made on and off the field for SNESA. "David has been an outstanding servant of the SNESA Football Club. He debuted more than ten years ago and in that time has inspired – and will continue to inspire – his teammates, especially the younger blokes, both on and off the field. He is a real fighter for the footy and a proud flyer of the SNESA flag," Rafic said.

Congratulations David, and best wishes on your march towards 200 games for SNESA!



# JOHN Bird

**John** Bird was Deputy Principal (Learning) at St Norbert College for four years from 1998 to 2001. During the time John spent at Treasure Road he endeared himself to staff and students alike and became renowned for his dedication to the students under his care. John is now retired and spends a lot of his time sailing out of Hillarys Yacht Club with his wife Susan. Recently *Norbertus* was lucky enough to be piped aboard John's yacht, the *Perle*, for a sail from Hillarys Boat Harbour to Rottnest Island...

**Norbertus (N):** Can you tell the *Norbertus* readers a little bit about your early years?

**John Bird (J.B.):** Certainly. I was born just after the war – World War II that is – in Albany,

and I am now in my 70<sup>th</sup> year. When I was ten years old I was knocked off my pushbike by a car and lost the sight in my left eye. I was visited in hospital by Herb Elliott and speedway star Chum Taylor, who promised me a ride on his speedway bike when I recovered. I loved running, football, kayaking and sailing, and still do to this day. We eventually moved to Perth and I went to East Claremont Primary School and Hale School.

**N:** What path did you select when you left school, and what drew you to a career in education?

**J.B.:** I studied a Bachelor of Science in geology at the University of Western Australia and initially travelled Australia looking for

heavy mineral sands. The exploration work eventually dried up so I applied for a chemistry and geology teaching job at Benilde High School in Sydney, and studied a Diploma of Teaching in my second and third years of teaching. Benilde was a De La Salle college and in addition to teaching I was on the Board of Studies, a HSC marker and also wrote the Year 12 mock geology examination for the Catholic sector. When I eventually returned to Western Australia I completed a Grad Dip Sci Ed, and later an MEd at Notre Dame University.

**N:** Can you tell the *Norbertus* readers something of your family life?

**J.B.:** I have been happily married to Susan for 26 years and we are the original Ozzie Brady Bunch! Between us we have six children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**N:** A little birdie told *Norbertus* your life almost took a different path at about the time you finished university.

**J.B.:** Your spies are right. I was raised an Anglican before converting to Catholicism and after uni I applied – with the endorsement of the Anglican Archbishop – to study at the General Theological Seminary in New York. They recommended I studied some humanities courses and then reapply but I never got around to it, so I pursued the geology work which eventually led to teaching.

**N:** Where else did you work before you came to St Norbert College in 1998?

**J.B.:** I stayed on at Benilde High School for a total of seven years and came back to WA after my dad died. I became Head of Science at Trinity College and that lasted from 1979 to 1991, then spent six enjoyable years in Albany as Head of Secondary at St Joseph's College.

**N:** *Norbertus* has some contacts at Trinity College who said you were instrumental in establishing their Dwellingup campsite.

**J.B.:** Well, yes, with the assistance of many others. I played a role in locating and purchasing the site and coordinating the construction of the campsite and setting up a camping program through the various year levels. I was also lucky enough to lead an expedition through the mountains of Nepal.

**N:** Then you finally arrive at St Norbert College in 1998 where you stayed for four years as Deputy Principal (Learning). What were your first impressions?

**J.B.:** With the support and example of Fr Peter and the Norbertines there was a special faith dimension in the daily school life of both staff and students. There was a real sense of pastoral care for the individual and a missionary zeal to improve the academic and employment prospects for some of the cohort many would consider as perhaps needing a bit of a helping hand.



John Bird at the helm of *Perle* during a sail from Fremantle to Albany in 2015



**N:** What are some of the memories you hold from your time at St Norbert College, or some of the people who you remember?

**J.B.:** I remember conducting a mock marriage ceremony in my Year 12 Religion class, and even though it wasn't real, Mollie (McPartland) and Debbie (Pascoe) from the office insisted on coming to have a look at the blushing bride. The second funny memory that I recall concerned the story of a baby rooster born on Christmas day in Albany, just before Susan and I moved up to Perth. I mentioned it at staff briefing and its story was regularly updated until I eventually broke the news that it ended up in a pot for dinner. Desirée Grzenda-Day was horrified and never let me forget it by continually sending me cards featuring roosters and chickens! John Pollaers was one of those characters you never forget. At my introduction to the St Norbert's staff he called out a comment about my tie which set the scene for many more humorous moments.

**N:** After St Norbert College you were appointed principal at St Joseph's School, Northam, where you stayed for nearly nine years. Did your time at St Norbert College help prepare you for this leadership role?

**J.B.:** The experience at St Norbert College cemented my belief that we teach students not subjects, and as Catholic educators called to be a witness in our interactions with students and staff, we are privileged to be given the trust to do so by the students themselves, their parents and the employer. One satisfying achievement during my time at St Joseph's School was the capital improvements that virtually saw the

school rebuilt with extra facilities including a new science lab, a language facility, multi-purpose area and a performing arts complex. With wonderful support from the Catholic Education Office, and later, assistance from the Building the Education Revolution program, we invested over \$10m during my nine years at St Joseph's.

**N:** After Northam you went into "dry-dock" at the Catholic Education Office for a year or so, but returned to Treasure Road for one final downwind spinnaker run as acting principal for a term in 2011.

**J.B.:** Yes it was great to come back, catch up with some old colleagues and see how the campus had changed for the better with all the new buildings. I was greatly appreciative of the support of an excellent and hard-working staff, just like it was during my four years as deputy all those years ago. This contributed greatly to my enjoyment of my time spent at St Norbert's. I often say my time at the College were the best years of the 40 years I spent in Catholic education – plus I won the footy tipping one year!

**N:** Over the years you loved running and competing in marathons – *Norbertus* hears your best time was 2:59:31. Apart from your sailing and your family, what else do you get up to?

**J.B.:** Sailing and committee work at the yacht club keep me busy but I also enjoy playing the clarinet and getting involved in the Greenwood parish. We recently participated in the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of Dirk Hartog on the island of the same name by racing *Perle* in some classic ocean races from Fremantle to Geraldton and Geraldton to Denham.

**N:** Well, John, thank you for the sail and more importantly thank you for your magnificent contribution to Catholic education in Western Australia – particularly everything you achieved during your time at St Norbert College. I notice that YouTube features some footage of your sailing exploits, so interested *Norbertus* readers and sailing enthusiasts alike can have a look at <https://youtube/4-TGzK1FEQ>

## 1998 MOCK WEDDING

The 1998 *Koinonia* featured an article on the mock wedding John Bird organised for his Year 12 Religion class. In it, Elaine Wambeck wrote: "Year 12 Religion has never been as interesting as it was on Thursday, July 2, 1998". Interesting it may have been, but the occasion was not without a few minor issues.

The main stumbling block was that no one wanted to play the role of the bride and groom, so after a lot of arguing,



names were picked out of a hat, and Melinda Thomas and Bjorn (BJ) Francis were selected for the roles of the lucky couple. On the big day BJ almost found himself stranded at the altar due to Melinda's late return from an excursion! But soon the ceremony got under way and Melinda, dressed in Mrs Susan Bird's actual wedding dress, was walked down the aisle by Mr Bird to a nervous groom.

After the wedding came the reception and speeches, and everybody agreed the experiment had been a great learning experience and a whole lot of fun. Elaine summed this up in her final paragraph: "What an experience!! A great big thank you goes out to Mr Bird for the unusual, unforgettable and exceptionally enjoyable experience. It is one event of many that will make Year 12 a life-long memory".

# SHAUN *Kenny*

**Mr** Shaun Kenny has spent his entire professional life in Catholic education in Western Australia. In 2002 he joined the staff of St Norbert College as Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning) and was acting Principal in second semester, 2004. A keen horse breeder and horse racing enthusiast, Shaun recently invited *Norbertus* into the owners and trainers' enclosure at Ascot where he was kind enough to answer a few questions and - as an added bonus - tip a couple of winners!

**Norbertus (N):** Thank you very much Shaun for the invitation. Could you please give *Norbertus* readers a bit of an insight to your own educational pathway?

**Shaun Kenny (S.K.):** My pleasure, you're most welcome. I attended Servite College from Year 5 to Year 12 and, after graduating in 1977, I enrolled in a Bachelor of Education degree at Curtin University. Later I attended Notre Dame University and completed a Masters of Education in 2011.

**N:** You have spent your entire working life in education. Were there any influences in your selection of a career path?

**S.K.:** I was attracted to a career in education as a result of being inspired by a couple of great teachers at school. One man in particular who taught English and drama has been a role model for my own practice ever since. He was creative in his delivery of lessons and used humour to engage his students.

**N:** Could you please tell us about your family?

**S.K.:** I have been happily married to Marion since January, 1983, and we have four children - Yvonne, Sarah, Natalie and Michael.

**N:** What do your children do for a living? Have any of them followed their father's example and entered the teaching profession?

**S.K.:** Yes, our middle two daughters have both entered the teaching profession, I am proud to say. Sarah lives on a semi-rural property in Dardanup in the Southwest, and she teaches at Australind Catholic Primary School, while Natalie is teaching in the primary school at Trinity College. Our oldest daughter Yvonne lives with her husband and one year old daughter Naomi in Bedford,

England, and our youngest, Michael, is still at home, and he is an assistant manager in a plumbing supplies store.

**N:** Looking at all these magnificent horses here Shaun, I can't help but think of how you have been a true workhorse in the Catholic education sector, a real stayer. Where have you taught?

**S.K.:** After graduating from Curtin I commenced teaching at Aquinas College, Manning in 1983. Then I moved to Prendiville Catholic College, Ocean Reef, as Head of English in 1989. From there I became Head of English and Deputy Principal at Chisholm College, Bedford, for nine years from 1993. As you are aware, I commenced at St Norbert College as Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning in 2002 with that brief role as Principal in 2004. Then I moved to Trinity College as Vice Principal in 2005 and now I am Principal at CBC Fremantle, a role I have filled since 2011. I'll take the "stayer" label but I like to think I have the ability to put in a sprint if required!

**N:** You arrived at St Norbert College after stints at Aquinas, Prendiville and Chisholm. Did you discern anything unique or different at St Norbert's?

**S.K.:** I was struck by the strong sense of community apparent at the school and the strength of the friendships formed by the



Shaun Kenny is Principal at CBC Fremantle.



students. I was also always impressed by the clear sense of spiritual purpose which was shared by members of the community.

**N:** What do you put this strong sense of community down to?

**S.K.:** I think this can be largely attributed to the physical presence of members of the Norbertine Order residing adjacent to the school site – unlike any other school in which I have worked. During my time, Fr Peter, Br Pat and Br David were very prominent in the life of the school and their time and commitment ensured that the College maintained an authenticity which would make the Order proud.

**N:** *Norbertus* heard that you believe Benediction is important in the maintenance of an authentic Norbertine spirit at the College.

**S.K.:** Yes, absolutely, I do. The celebration of Benediction by the students and staff of each House on a rotational basis was a tangible representation of the Norbertine ethos. In addition to being a profound and beautiful ceremony, some of the Norbertine Fathers certainly had a fondness for the use of the thurible and incense. The net effect of the billowing clouds of incense which filled St Joseph's Church on these occasions was an enhancement of the ceremony and a simultaneous identification of the asthmatics in the school!

**N:** You are one of many former staff members of St Norbert College who have gone on to promotions or significant positions at other schools. There is a bit of a pattern here, isn't there? There is no need for a stewards' enquiry, is there?

**S.K.:** I don't think any swabs are required, but you are right about St Norbert's being a breeding ground for quality educators. I regularly marvel at the number of people involved in Catholic education in this state who have spent a part of their career at St Norbert College. Like me, they always reflect positively on their experience and the formative effect it had upon them personally and professionally.

**N:** *Norbertus* is acutely aware that being in charge of a very successful, prominent Catholic college in the heart of Fremantle is an onerous and very time-consuming task, but do you ever get a chance to have a glance over your shoulder at what is going on back at Treasure Road?

**S.K.:** I do whenever time permits, and of course *Norbertus* is one of my principal go-to sources. It is wonderful to see how the College is currently thriving and to hear about the many successes it is enjoying. The school is a credit to all who currently study and work there, and a source of pride to those of us who remember it with such affection.

**N:** Well Shaun, they are about to jump in the fifth, so *Norbertus* better let you go. Thank you

for giving us your time and your insights, and on behalf of St Norbert College, congratulations on your decorated Catholic education career to date, and on the marvellous leadership role you perform at CBC Fremantle.

**S.K.:** My pleasure, thank you. Best wishes to all your *Norbertus* readers.



Shaun Kenny during his time at St Norbert College

# TRICKY LOCKERS BUT FRIENDLY PEOPLE

THE CLASS OF 2022'S FIRST WEEK AT ST NORBERT COLLEGE...

**Norbertus** caught up with some of our new Year 7s – the Class of 2022 – after a week or so at the College to see how they had settled in. As usual the lockers took some getting used to, but once they were mastered, the comments were very positive. Even the uniform and the homework got ticks of approval!

*My first week at St Norbert College was amazing. I love it because the teachers are great and they are very understanding. The best thing about St Norbert College is the community – everyone is nice and friendly.*  
Hudson Montgomery

*My first week at St Norbert College was hard! I couldn't open my locker. But now the best thing about St Norbert College is EVERYTHING! There is so much more to do than in primary school.*  
Shaun Rigden

*My first week at St Norbert College was good! I have a lot of friends that go here and the teachers are nice. The best thing about St Norbert College is the community feel.*  
Sienna Stone

*My first week at St Norbert College was amazing because I made a lot of friends and the teachers are caring and generous. If you strike trouble they are there to help you.*  
Ann Sibbi

*My first week at St Norbert College was great because I made new friends and the teachers are very helpful and nice. And I love the uniform!*  
Lisa Warnapala

*My first week at St Norbert College was very good because it's fun to feel independent and walk around the school.*  
Theo Varnavas

*My first week at St Norbert College was awesome! I met so many new friends and it was easy to go to class too. I thought the homework would be hard but it's not.*  
Shayona Fernandes

*My first week at St Norbert College was amazing because everyone was nice and kind to me and I got to meet new people. St Norbert's is a big*

*school but everyone is friendly and the teachers are good.*  
Matthew Deliu

*My first week at St Norbert College was good because all the teachers here are great. They made the first few days very easy and fun. The best thing is making new friends – everyone at the school is so nice.*  
Jasmine Irvine

*My first week at St Norbert College was good because I got to hang out with all my friends. One great thing about the College is that the teachers are, like, wondering if you are OK.*  
Olivia Knight

*My first week at St Norbert College was a bit nervous because I thought I might get lost. The best thing about St Norbert College is we get to do swimming for PE!*  
Sandia Shiju

*My first week at St Norbert College was fantastic because I made lots of friends, settled in well and I have met all the wonderful teachers.*  
Caitlin Pettersen



Caitlin Pettersen, Ann Sibbi, Shayona Fernandes and Jasmine Irvine.

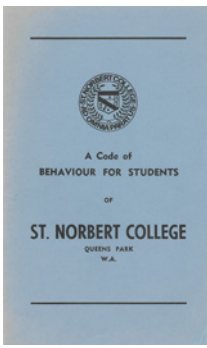


Sandia Shiju, Shaun Rigden, Hudson Montgomery and Lisa Warnapala.



Theo Varnavas, Olivia Knight, Sienna Stone and Matthew Deliu.





# FROM THE ARCHIVES:

## A CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR STUDENTS OF ST NORBERT COLLEGE IN THE 1960s

**Nowadays** students enrolling at St Norbert College are encouraged to strive to achieve their best in their academic, cultural, sporting and spiritual pursuits, and certain guidelines and expectations are in place to encourage them to do so. To encourage good standards of behaviour there are specific College rules which range from how to wear the uniform correctly to a loss of "good standing", which means some of a student's privileges are withdrawn until they can once again demonstrate a mature and responsible level of behaviour.

Back in the 1960s the College had a set of school rules, but it also produced a handbook entitled "A Code of Behaviour for Students of St Norbert College" which tried to set out expectations on how students should behave while at school, in public and also at home. *Norbertus* thought it might be good for today's youngsters to run through the list below and see how many of these 20 principles they embrace today.

Excerpts from *A Code of Behaviour for Students of St Norbert College* (circa 1968):

- Students must learn to speak correctly and distinctly, to avoid vulgarisms and offensive language, and to pay special attention to the pronunciation of vowels.
- Face, hands and knees should always be clean.

- Each student should have a Rosary Beads.
  - Practise an easy, graceful way of standing – head erect, back straight but not stiff, feet slightly apart, and hands lightly held in front or at back, or hanging naturally by the sides.
  - Do not lean carelessly on your elbow when speaking or listening to others.
  - When walking, keep the head up and the shoulders back; swing the arms lightly, close to the sides. Do not drag the feet or take too long a step.
  - At the canteen, great attention should be paid to politeness – boisterous talk and loud laughter, eagerness to be served before others, undue haste, waste of food, and all want of gentlemanly behaviour and of consideration of others are carefully to be avoided.
  - Students, when going in groups to any function, must walk in twos and keep together.
  - Shun the company of others who tend to act the vandal.
  - If travelling in a car do not distract the driver.
  - On public transport do not interfere with the bell or annoy your fellow passengers by fiddling with the fittings, air vents, etc.
  - Do nothing at home to destroy the atmosphere of peace and happiness. Avoid sarcasm, grumbling, teasing, quarrelling, arguing, sulking and name calling.
- When visitors are received in your home, help to put away their hats and coats, and return them when the visitors rise to leave.
  - Do not sit so close to the fire that the heat is cut off from others.
  - At the table, place the table napkin on your lap. It should not appear above the level of the table except when you have to wipe your lips or fingers.
  - Never blow on hot food or drink.
  - Bread should be cut into thin slices.
  - To remove a fruit-stone, fish-bone, or any disagreeable food from your mouth, use a

- spoon, fork or table-napkin. Do so quietly, without attracting the attention of others.
- Students should raise their caps when they meet a friend with a lady – for example a classmate walking with his mother.
- Students are liable to expulsion for any of several offences, including habitual idleness, grumbling or serious disobedience.

Ah, the good old days....

If anyone would like a full copy of the code, please get in touch with *Norbertus*.



1965 Fr Anderson with the first class.



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