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CLASS OF 2020 *graduation*

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A graduation like no other, the class of 2020 finished the year in style.

The ALMOST MUSICAL

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Year 12 cast members reflect on being part of a musical production at St Columba's College.

PRINCIPAL'S *note*



WELCOME

While the pandemic has left its indelible mark on all of us in different ways, it has also ignited sparks of creativity, ingenuity and innovation, as the St Columba's College community worked to mitigate the effects of isolation and disconnection.

These pages are a testament to the work of staff and students who despite the challenging circumstances achieved remarkable feats in the online space.

As a Mary Aikenhead Ministries (MAM) College, each year we celebrate one of the MAM focus values - Love, Justice, Compassion and Hope - and in 2020 the value was Compassion. As teachers, students and families dealt with the effects of the pandemic in their own way, the value of Compassion, and indeed all of the values, strongly resonated across a community that was distanced but not disconnected.

The Mary Aikenhead Ministries Vision, Mission and Values document describes Compassion in the following way:

Compassion is a profound and loving response to a suffering person. Compassion moves us to stay with a suffering person in their pain, to alleviate their ill, and to restore them to community.

Inspired by Jesus' self-giving love, and believing that in loving our neighbour we are sharing in infinite love, we are impelled to reach to those most in need of compassion. We give priority not to ourselves, but to our neighbours in need.

Where it would have been easy this year to turn inward and focus on the self, our community, inspired by the Sisters of Charity, and by our identity as a MAM school, reached out and cast its net wide. We recognised that throughout the pandemic poverty manifested itself in many different ways, especially as distance and isolation began to have an impact. We have been strengthened as a community because we remained true to our identity and tradition - a College that lives the Gospel and serves the poor.

Rita Grima
Principal



St Columba's College's 1986 production of Pippin

“Enjoy all the comforts of friendships for they come from *God.*”

VENERABLE MARY AIKENHEAD

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Chetha Nawana – Sisters of Charity Award for Learning



Sienna Porter – Mary Aikenhead Ministries' Award for Social Justice



Janeca Cabanayan – Sisters of Charity Award for Service



Ivy Krslovic – Board of Directors Award for 'Young Woman of Influence'



Congratulations CLASS OF 2020

This year has been anything but ordinary, and so it required an extraordinarily creative idea to give our Year 12s a graduation to remember. In the middle of the year, with a potential second lockdown looming, it was becoming increasingly clear that a traditional graduation would not be possible. Ms Brigitte McDonald, Deputy Principal, came up with a wonderful way to have a physically distanced graduation, while still bringing together and engaging, not only the 2020 graduates but their families too.

The drive-in! A fantastic place, where each family could keep safe in their vehicle, yet come together to celebrate their daughters. Over the next few months, no stone was left unturned as the graduation committee, and lots of helpers, worked to bring the drive-in idea to life. So, on October 19 and 20, seven separate and small graduation ceremonies were held and filmed, and the entire piece was brought together with musical performances, awards, special messages and an inspiring liturgy.

On Wednesday 4 November, the final piece of the puzzle came together, as the College community gathered in their cars at the Coburg Drive-in and watched in unison as the Class of 2020 received their final acknowledgement. The entire experience was unlike any other, but the usual feelings of pride, gratitude, relief, excitement, honour and happiness were felt amongst all in attendance. We are sure that this special moment will be remembered fondly by the 2020 St Columba's College graduates, for a great many years to come.



Teresa Vartuli – VCAL High Achiever Award



VCAL CELEBRATION

On Thursday 29 October, with the sun shining the VCAL graduates gathered on the historic Bruton House balcony for a lunch and certificate presentation. A beautiful table was set by fellow VCAL students Alessia Cremasco and Mia O'Neill, who arranged flowers, candles, cookies and cupcakes, to create a wonderful atmosphere for their Year 12 peers. A delicious lunch was served, combined with lovely stories shared, fun photos and videos, words of wisdom and many thank-yous, as the VCAL students farewelled St Columba's College. It was a fantastic afternoon, and such a memorable way for our Year 12 VCAL students to say good-bye.

Year 12 VCAL graduate Charlotte Armstrong, shared these lovely words at the ceremony in honour of the VCAL teachers:

On behalf of the VCAL class of 2020, I would like to give a warm thank you to all of our beautiful teachers who have stuck by our side pushing us to be the best versions of ourselves over the past two years.

Each and everyone one of you have made an impact on us all throughout the years. From Mrs Pap always pushing us to be strong, independent women. Ms Bajada always encouraging us to be positive and see the solution in everything. Mrs Fewster pushing us to learn new things and take every opportunity we get and Mrs Saric encouraging us to go forth and conquer in the real world.

We appreciate all the little things you have taught us over the years, and will never forget the years spent with our little VCAL family. We hope we have made you all extremely proud and we can't wait to continue doing that in the real world.

From all of us girls we wish you all well and thank you all immensely for everything.

COLLEGE REPORTS



THE 2020 STUDENT EXECUTIVE

Despite the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Student Executive did not let the year's challenges stop them from continuing to lead the students of St Columba's College, live the year's theme value of compassion and bring together the College community.

Our Student Executive brought their mission into the homes of St Columba's College community members through online groups for open discussions, virtual challenges and competitions, and videos to share and bring joy. This year also saw the development of the College podcast 'STC Let's Stay Connected', where the Student Executive address current events and global issues. With incredible determination, a great ability to be flexible and responsive, an immense amount of perseverance, and a little technology know-how, the Student Executive has connected the St Columba's College community.

House Captains encouraged a feeling of belonging and promoted the values of their Houses and House Patrons, with virtual assemblies, group chats and scavenger hunts. The Arts and Sports Captains developed challenges and encouraged students to get out and about, and put their efforts into creative and active outlets. Our Liturgy, Environment and Social Justice Captains continued to champion just causes, and to inform the student body of mindfulness and action. Our College Co-Captains listened to their peers, promoted a sense of community and looked for ways for us all to have a bit of fun.

Their term of leadership was not what they expected, and yet, they stood tall and continued the work that they were chosen to do. They took on the call to elevate the spirits of their cohort and the wider St Columba's community and they did so with enthusiasm. The members of the Student Executive have shown great promise as leaders, and we know that the learnings that have taken place this year will stay with them, and shape the women that they will become.

REMOTE LEARNING TAKE TWO

This semester saw the re-emergence of remote learning. Our teachers and students were well prepared for the remote delivery of their curriculum, with the experiences of term two still fresh in their minds.

The entire College community became Google Meets experts, and with the addition of Chrome extensions such as Google Meet grid, Nod - reactions, and later Breakout rooms, our teachers became confident online presenters. The power of Google Suite became apparent for many, creating slideshows with recorded dialogue and enabling student live feedback. Collaborative work through Docs, Slides and Jamboards, allowed for greater connectivity for both staff and students.

Online platforms such as Flip Grid, Pear deck and Kahoot were rediscovered and utilised to give students opportunities for effective and responsive learning experiences. Many teachers also ventured into making their own websites, blogs, YouTube channels and discussion groups that further engaged students in their learning.

To support teachers in their lesson delivery, Ms Jane Coyle, Learning Technologies Leader, developed an online Learning Technologies Resource Page and held Professional Learning opportunities for staff to build on, extend, and further explore their skills.

The College is using this experience to inform future opportunities and address any limitations discovered during the remote learning period. The College is currently conducting two trials to explore greater annotation functionality and whiteboard-like features to give teachers and students greater interaction with lesson material.

The remote learning experience has allowed St Columba's College to plan and innovate, to look at how various forms of technology and applications can enhance the learning experiences for students, and how the community can seamlessly connect with each other.



SPORTS (AT HOME)

The St Columba's College Sports Department took a great hit this year. As lockdowns and restrictions took hold they were the first faced with postponement and cancellations. The Sports Department along with the Sports Captain, looked for new and innovative ways to keep students and staff active and involved.

As part of Sports lesson engagement, the Year 7-9 students created and participated in an aerobics video, which they were encouraged to share with friends and family members. The Year 11s were tasked to keep track of their physical activity through a training diary. Our Years 12s were challenged to design and participate in a 6-week training program. The effectiveness and creativity of these lessons, had students moving through lockdown.

Challenges proved to be popular throughout the St Columba's community, and the Sports Department harnessed this to bring some fun to being at home. The "Be Active at Home" Competition, asked staff and students to get creative while being active, and garnered great participation.

Sporting initiatives and events were also developed to motivate the community to be active. These included:

- Put Your Best Foot Forward – weekly walk or run sessions for staff and students
- Workout of the week
- Virtual Charity Run (see page 16)
- Wear a footy/sports scarf day

The Sports Department also promoted the efforts of the Secondary Catholic Sports Association (SCSA). Many of our students participated in these opportunities, putting together videos, with friends and family members joining the fun too. The eagerness of the St Columba's students was evident, with wins in the Best Team Collaboration and Best Entertaining Video categories.

The Sports Department demonstrated a spirit of proactiveness and innovation. They look forward to exploring how they can apply what they have learnt through 2020, into future programs, events and activities.



REIMAGINING THE MASTER PLAN

This year the Board of Directors were successful in purchasing the property at 145 Buckley Street. It is the connecting property between the school's current boundary and the three blocks of land that are already owned by the College.

This purchase has opened a new opportunity to extend the scope of the existing Master Plan. The timing is fortuitous, as the construction of the Slater Project was not yet commenced. The College is using this great opportunity to re-think the project and how best to utilise this added space, which will include the addition Food Technology and a range of state-of-the-art science facilities under one roof. While this adjusted timeline means a delay in Food Technology facilities, the new plan will offer a better outcome for students.

The Master Plan and Building Committee has been busy working to ensure that a renewed Master Plan is in place from early 2021, with facilities planned to be operational from 2024. With the purchase of the properties along Buckley Street and the development of the electrical sub-station, the College is well placed to proceed with the next phase of planning.

After a rigorous application process, the College is excited to announce that Hayball has been appointed as the architects of the rescoped Master Plan project. Hayball are the architects behind the Sophia Library project, and with their great design aesthetic they will bring our vision to life.

The College Community has completed an Educational Brief, and Hayball have concluded their College consultations with staff and students. We look forward to the next step where we will share the new plans with the greater St Columba's College community, and are excited by the development of what will be, contemporary and innovative facilities that will enable us to support the flourishing of each St Columba's College student.



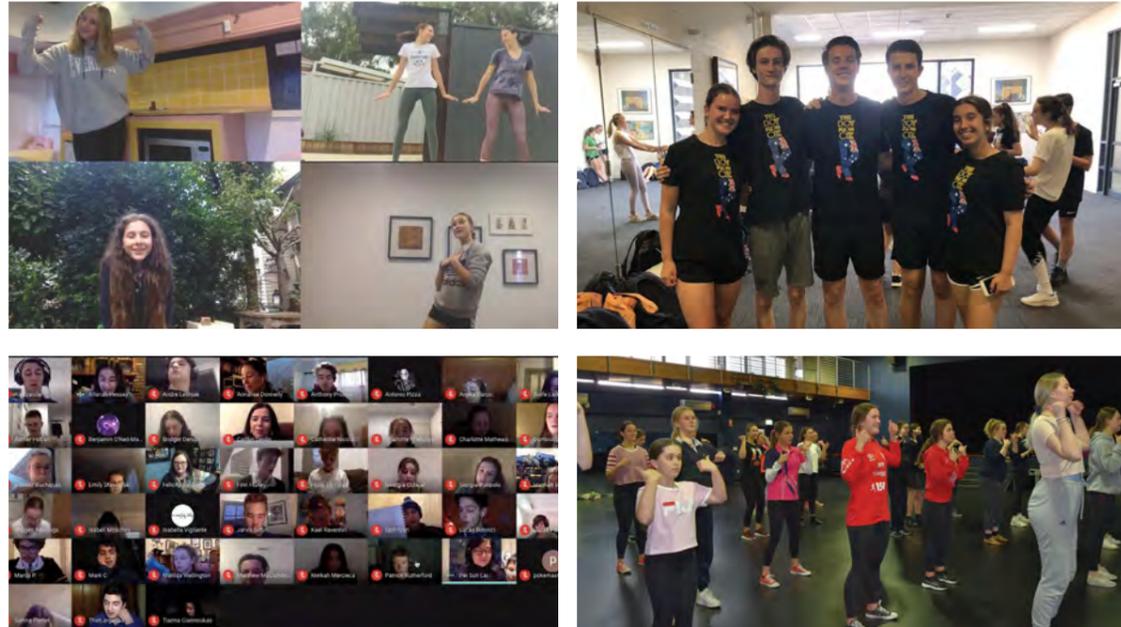
(Above) 145 Buckley Street, August 2020



(Above) 1990s Aerial photo of the College, showing properties at the Corner of Lorraine and Buckley Streets



(Above) St Columba's College today, the College now owns all the properties on Buckley street, between Leslie Road and Lorraine Street.



The ALMOST MUSICAL

Each year St Columba's College along with St Bernard's College, prepare and perform a musical. Grease was set to be this year's production, and staff and students alike, were very excited for it all to come together. Auditions and the commencement of rehearsals came together, but the Term 2 lockdown meant that learning lines, songs and choreography happened remotely. This did not slow the cast down, as they looked forward to a return to school and a return to usual rehearsals. As with so many things this year, the second lockdown

ensured that the musical would not go ahead. While the staff and students were disappointed, their resilience meant that this feeling was short lived as they reflected on what they were able to achieve this year, remembered all the great times they had experienced in past musicals and looked to the future for all that was yet to be done.

We asked some of our Year 12 students to reflect on their experiences of being part of a St Columba's College musical.

Hmmm... Where to even begin? I don't think there exists such a word to describe this year. I'm not going to lie, I've been wanting to get into the musical for so long and 2020 was finally the year I got to perform... or so I thought. To say this year has been unexpected is an understatement. But, even though the show never went on, being a part of the musical, even for just a little taste, was a small, exciting thing in this awful year. If you know me, you will know that I love Grease, so when I got the opportunity to sing and dance with my new friends to all the songs that I've always loved, you best believe I was having the time of my life. Getting to see Ms Linda's house as she filmed her dance routines, taking over the bathroom in my house to do my singing so I wouldn't deafen my family, to spending 20 minutes picking a not so terrible outfit to wear when submitting dance videos for all to see. This year was certainly like no other. But despite the 2020 musical never making the stage, I still want to thank the production team for giving me a chance and shun the universe for ruining everyone's fun. Thank you, also, for letting me sing Grease songs and living out my 11-year-old self's dreams. **Bridget Dervan**

Properly expressing what the musical has meant to me over the past couple of years cannot be put into words. Although these musical reflections typically go along the same lines, everything said could not be truer. My personal transformation through participation in the Addams Family, Wedding Singer and Grease, is incredible. I've never felt more confident, more myself, and more at home, than when a part of this experience. It's amazing to think how different I was; shy, insecure, not sure if the musical was for me, but here we are. I've met such an amazing group of people that without the courtesy of the musical, we would not have bonded as the family we are now. These are friendships for life, and although we Year 12s missed our final year of making memories together with the show, we will always share so much. Cheesy as it is, not only were the musicals the best part of my high school life, but they have set up great friendships for life outside of St Columba's College. **Charlotte Mathews**

I was lucky enough to be chosen to be in the musical for a second year in a row. After an amazing experience of performing and rehearsing 'The Wedding Singer', I was really excited to be able to perform again with a group of people that are like another family. Although we were only able to rehearse for a short time, and our performance season was cancelled, the multiple group chats and calls were able to keep us close and hopeful throughout the rough experience of a global pandemic. The musical has been a highlight of my 6 years at the College, as it has been an experience that has allowed me to meet new people not only from St Bernard's, but also in my own and other year levels at St Columba's. The cast have always felt like a family, and when show time rolls around, you are closer than ever. It has allowed me to create lasting friendships and memories that I will always have, and I will always be grateful for the opportunities and experiences that I will cherish. **Hannah Bourke**

The musical has been such a massive part of my life. I've been lucky enough to perform in 3 musicals, from my first show in year 8 doing 'The Boy from Oz', to now beginning to do my 4th show of 'Grease'. It has been such an incredible experience and I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to be a part of such a special adventure. The journey has provided me with the most amazing friendships, and all of the unbelievable memories that we have created are what will always be remembered and cherished. We have created a family that has an indescribable bond full of so many incredibly talented people. Although we couldn't perform the show this year, we were still able to make great memories and meet such talented people. I am so grateful for the many joys that the musical has brought to my life, and will hold these experiences very close to my heart. **Dominique Hanley-Leonard**

VISUAL ARTS

Highlights

Our visual artists were part of the lucky few, whose passion and talent was not dramatically disturbed by the lockdowns and restrictions across Melbourne. Staff in the Visual Arts Department, ensured that students had access to the materials required to fulfil their Visual Arts requirements. Dress forms, sewing machines, clay, paints and more were delivered to students from all year levels across the College. As a result, our students produced incredible works that have been exhibited in an online Art Show created by the College. Here are some of the works, our very talented students developed this year. Visit the art exhibition at www.sconlinegallery.com.



Artwork - Bianca Mancini Year 12



Clockwise from top left (Above Left) Isabella Cossio Year 7 (Above) Ai-My Vu Year 9 (Left) Madeleine Baldacchino Year 10 (Below left) Sienna Rocci Year 8 (Below) Bridget Kennedy Year 11

SEMESTER

snapshot

CHARITY RUN

Every year the running community of St Columba's College team up with St Bernard's College to raise awareness, promote support and gather funds for marginalised members of our community. With Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time, this year the charity run went virtual and was held on Saturday 19 September and Sunday 20 September. Each student was tasked with completing a 16km run over the two days. The run had huge participation this year, despite the restrictions, and raised an amazing \$10,004 for the Sisters of Charity Foundation. The Foundation provides support to the most disadvantaged through their Community Grants, Tertiary Scholarships and Asylum Seekers Housing Programs.



(Above) Bridget Kennedy participating in the Virtual Charity Run. (Left) Long service Charity Runners Natalia, Amy, Matilda, Ella and Alessandra.



(Above Top) Fire blessing of the Student Executive.
(Above) 2020 College Co-Captain Paige Samuel, presents Grace Saporito with her 2021 College Co-Captain badge.

STUDENT EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONING 2021

Even with stage 4 restrictions in place, electing the Student Executive for 2021 remained a priority. Hopeful candidates braced themselves for virtual interviews, speeches and voting. The successful leaders were announced at the end of Term 3, and their commissioning took place at the beginning of Term 4. With a reflective liturgy and fire ceremony, the 2021 Student Executive and FIRE Carriers were commissioned. The 2020 Student Executive blessed their 2021 counterparts and offered their words of advice and encouragement. We look forward to the many contributions that 2021 Student Executive will no doubt make to the St Columba's College community in the 2021 school year.

STUDENT EXECUTIVE 2021

Introducing the Student Executive for 2021, these young women have shown a strength of character and true St Columba's College spirit throughout their time at the College. We wish them all luck in their leadership journey next year.

College Co-Captains:

- Alysha Lowrie
- Grace Saporito

Specialist Captains:

- Arts - Allannah Hessey
- Justice - Bridget Kennedy and Carla Perrone
- Liturgy - Catherine Nicolaci and Florence Cooper
- Sports - Sarah Pamment
- Environment - Adele Roeder

House Captains and Representatives:

- Bruton - Molly Tyrell
- Cahill - Caitlyn McDonald
- Cater - Emily Dungan
- Cunningham - Juliana Basilone
- de Lacy - Mikaela Mihocic
- O'Brien - Antonia Crea
- Williams - Stephanie Nass



(Above) The 2021 Student Executive



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health Week was celebrated at the College during October, and involved raising awareness and encouraging our community to connect even though we were all apart. The theme was 'Strengthening our Community', aiming to increase mental wellbeing. In order to promote this theme, the Student Wellbeing Action Team (SWAT) organised daily challenges during the week, for students and staff alike, whether onsite or at home. From crazy hair to silly socks, every day was an opportunity to do something small to support mental health.



R U OK?

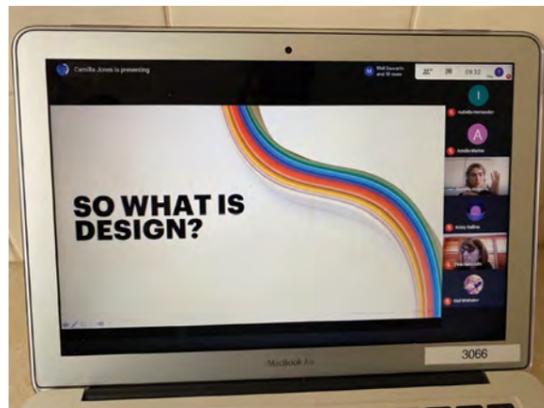
This year more than ever, mental health and wellbeing has been the focus. With so much happening around the world, and at the time, a stage 4 lockdown, R U OK? Day had never been more important. While this year's efforts were remote, it did not stop the St Columba's counsellors and College community from promoting the day and turning our screens yellow. Staff and students alike, made an extra effort to check in on each other and to support those who needed it. Next year R U OK? Day will be held on Thursday 9 September 2021.

WELCOME BACK

When the Winter edition of Columba was released, we never thought that our Summer edition would follow the theme of remote learning and working, but the Covid-19 pandemic followed its own path. Thankfully, with the amazing efforts of the Victorian people, the start of Term 4 saw the return of our Year 7 and VCE students. On Monday 26 October we welcomed back our Year 8s, 9s and 10s. It was the first time the entire student body had been onsite together for four months and it happened just one day before we officially said good-bye to our Year 12s. Our classrooms are full again and our halls filled with the voices of our students, we are so happy to be back.



(Above Top) The 2021 Student Executive welcomed back the Year 8-10s to onsite learning.



(Above) This year's PBL went virtual, as students connected online.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING (PBL)

Each year the Year 10s experience Project-Based Learning (PBL). PBL encourages students to engage a design thinking process to respond to a real problem or challenge that is provided in a design brief in one of the five focus groups: Carers, Technologists, Informers, Generators and Designers. Our students need to be innovative, work in a group and create tangible results to represent what they have learnt with their industry representative. As with so much this year, things were a little different. Our students engaged virtually with industry representatives from Amazon, Akorn, Melbourne Zoo, Accenture and City of Moonee Valley. From designing a penguin enrichment task to re-thinking the presentation of awards, the outcomes were inspiring and the students had an eye-opening and productive experience.



(Above & Left) Year 7 students enjoying fun activities during the first week back onsite.



BOOK WEEK 2020

The remote learning period saw Book Week 2020 postponed until Term 4. This year's theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds,' felt even more appropriate after the strange and uncertain times we have lived through. To celebrate this theme, the Library invited St Columba's College staff and students to contribute images of things they are curious or wild about. We received some wonderfully creative entries, and the results were made into a beautiful display mounted on the Library Think Tank doors. The silhouette on the left-hand door captures the ideas students and staff contributed, and the one on the right celebrates library books that embody the theme 'Curious creatures, Wild Minds'. Thanks to Library staff member Allison Tomelty for creating the display, and to the Visual Arts Department for assisting with the glossy printing.



(Above) Book Week display in the Sophia Library.

STEM EXHIBITION

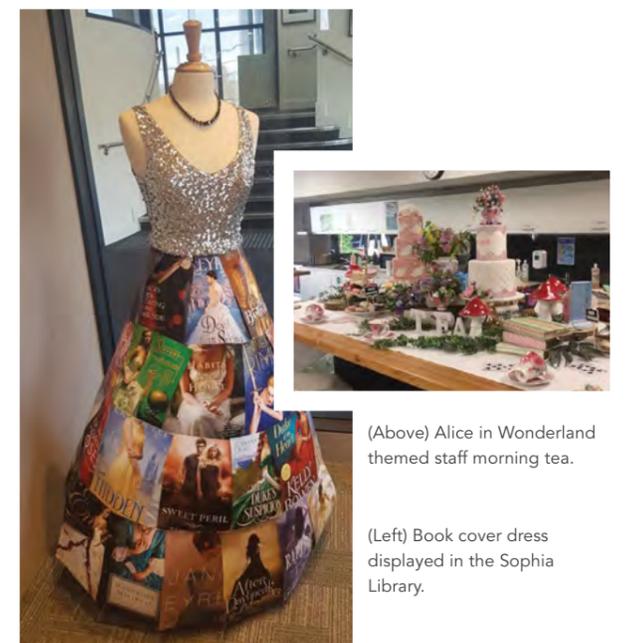
The St Columba's College STEM Exhibition is designed to acknowledge and promote STEM learning initiatives across the College and in the broader community. The work presented online showcases a diversity of approaches, ideas, domains and programs. View the work of our talented students at <https://sites.google.com/columba.vic.edu.au/st-columbas-college/home>.

YEAR 7 RETURN ACTIVITIES

Coming back onsite was vital for our Year 7s, and the Government announcement that indicated that they would be one of the first-year levels back in Term 4, was very welcome. To ensure a smooth transition back to school, our Year 7s engaged with fun activities to get them back into the swing of St Columba's College life. The activities gave them the opportunity to connect with one another and continue to build relationships with their classmates, something that was difficult to do remotely. With blindfolded obstacle courses, minute to win it games and musical chairs, the Year 7s had a great transition back to their classrooms.

GET LIT(ERARY)!

Sophia Library began the Get Lit(erary) Festival last year, as a means for celebrating Book Week in a way that would engage the students and encourage all year levels to come into the Library. This year, things have been a little different and required considerable pivoting. But the amazing Library staff were happily able to utilise technology to have author Will Kostakis "visit" virtually. The Library staff also went out of their way to host a morning tea for the College staff and photo booth for the students. All going well next year, the festival will return to its roots and be back in August, at the usual Book Week time.



(Above) Alice in Wonderland themed staff morning tea.

(Left) Book cover dress displayed in the Sophia Library.



Alumnae SPOTLIGHT

WHO AM I

Jennifer Cass Class of

1955

What do you do today? I am now retired but was employed most of my working life in libraries. I started as a Library Assistant at the South Melbourne Public Library. I then qualified as a Library Technician and an Audio Visual Technician and worked in several school libraries before moving to the Library at St Monica's College, Epping in 1978 and stayed for 26 years. For the last five years I worked in the Library at Brighton Grammar School.

How did St Columba's College impact you? The Nuns taught me respect and gave me the opportunity to develop individual skills and think for myself, also how to function effectively in groups. The College also generated a sense of community. I had a passion for singing and this was encouraged at St Columba's College. I later sang in the St. Monica's Church choir, Moonee Ponds, under the tutelage of Otto Nechwatal, a member of the Vienna Boys Choir, who was stranded in Australia when World War II broke out. My singing career expanded when I joined the Loyola Musical Society, based in Richmond, and further developed in the Samaritan Light Opera Company.

WHO AM I

Anne Marie Collins Class of

1972

What do you do today? I have been a practising psychologist for 25 years. I am the Company Director of 'Child in Mind Pty Ltd' and work as a court appointed Family Consultant and a Mediator. I provide family assessments for the Family Law Courts and do some psychotherapeutic work. I am completing the practical legal component of a Law degree. I am also the President of the Australian Association of Psychologists (AAPi). I am not sure what I will do as a lawyer, but hope to contribute to making access to legal representation easier and for resolutions outside Courts to be made respectfully, by supporting people to be congruent with their deep values.

How did St Columba's College impact you? I was strongly influenced by the modelling of the Sisters of Charity, in so far as the sense that women could achieve in any field was without question. The principal at the time Sr John, was a wise and moderate woman. A strong mentor for me was Sr Tereska. And of course, there was Sr Robyn Clarke, who taught me Maths. I later learned that she became a leading light at DHHS.

To share your news with the community get in touch with us via email.

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We would love to hear from you.

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Mr Malcolm Finger
Business Manager

Thank you

PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2020 has seen the transition of the Parents' Association into the Parent Engagement Committee. This change, building on the tremendous work of the Parents' Association.

While the year has not gone as hoped, the Parent Engagement Committee has continued to support the College in any way they can. Thank you to the wonderful work of the of the Committee members, and to all of the parents, families and guardians of our College students, who have collaborated with and supported the College throughout this unusual year.

We look forward to the return of the Parent Engagement Committee events in 2021.

URSULA'S *Dream*

The College commissioned a rose in 2012 as a part of the 115 year Celebrations. The rose has been named Ursula's Dream in honour of our first Principal Mother Ursula Bruton, whose dream it was to establish a College for the young women of the Essendon area. In keeping with the College colours of green and gold, a yellow floribunda rose was selected. This rose has multiple blooms and is pest and disease resistant.

The Ursula's Dream rose grows in the gardens outside of the College's historic Bruton building. This year a plaque was laid in honour of this special commemoration.



(Above left) Ursula's Dream rose and plaque in the College garden. (Above right) Mother Ursula Bruton.



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UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF MARY AIKENHEAD MINISTRIES
IN THE TRADITION OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY

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(Above) Year 7 students lining up for their races at the 2020 Swimming Carnival.

