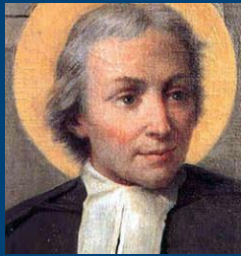


St. John's Alumni



Saint John Baptist De La Salle



Nano Nagle



St. John the Evangelist

Welcome to the first Alumni newsletter

We are so excited to bring this to you

St. John's Regional College Dandenong celebrated its 60th Jubilee year in 2018, and we took on the task of revamping the Alumni, and building it up

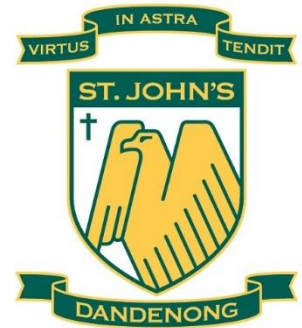
It has been a mammoth task but very enjoyable

Social media has helped a lot in finding past students, and advertising the existence of the Alumni

This Alumni is here for you. We want it to be more than just a newsletter. We want it to be another part of your community, somewhere you can turn, somewhere you can feel home.

We are going to build a better connection between the Alumni and the College's current students through participation in various College events, so please keep an eye out for notices of events throughout the year.

And we want the Alumni to build a better connection amongst itself through tracking down past classmates for you, helping to organize reunions, and a portal to share stories and photos.



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ALUMNI COCKTAIL NIGHT

On Friday 11th October, we launched the Alumni with a Cocktail Night at our Graduates Restaurant at the College

We had over 50 people attend, who all enjoyed a great night of wonderful food, drinks, and the sharing of stories



Thank you to Kees, the head Chef at Graduates, and his hospitality students, for providing such a wonderful atmosphere for this night

Thank you to the College's current Principal, Mr Tim Hogan for attending and speaking to everyone about the College Masterplan

Thank you to Andrew Schoenmaekers, a past student and current Board member, who got up and shared some stories, and encouraged others to do the same

We want your contributions

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St John's Was founded in 1958.

Read about our history here

<http://www.sjrc.vic.edu.au/our-college/history/>

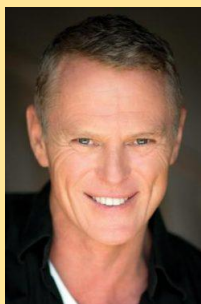
Alumni Spotlight

Michael Cormick Year of 1977

Michael Cormick is an internationally renowned singer and actor with a diverse career throughout Australia, the United Kingdom and Europe.

Australian credits include Beauty and the Beast (The Beast) – for which he won an Australian MO Award, Cats (Munkustrap), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (Pharoah), Grease (Kenickie), Sunset Boulevard (Joe Gillis), The Rocky Horror Show (Eddie/Dr. Scott), Mamma Mia ! (Sam), Annie (Daddy Warbucks) Next To Normal (Dr Madden), Blood Brothers (The Narrator), The Pirates of Penzance (The Pirate King) and The Phantom of the Opera (The Phantom).

Michael has also appeared in Sea Patrol and City Homicide here in Australian television



Michael says of his time at St. John's

"My time at St Johns was remarkable to say the least. It was the time that I discovered who and what I wanted to be. Quite a struggle for any teenager. It is the time that I truly discovered I had a voice. How that could translate to the real world I had no idea. Thanks to the encouragement of Mrs Salvison (music teacher) and Mrs Wardale (drama teacher) I found my chosen profession."

AC/DC Visit



In our Alumni Facebook Group, lots of memories have been shared of AC/DC visiting the school in 1977.

The PE Teacher at the time, Mr Tony Mansour, knew Bon Scott. Tony would end up becoming Bryan Ferry's tour manager, and worked with The Easybeats.

Tony invited Bon Scott and Angus Young to the school in 1977.

The Senior Form were having an end-of-year sleepover, and the rock legends turned up in a Rolls Royce.

They didn't play any AC/DC songs though, just folk and blues, with Angus on acoustic guitar, and Bon singing without a microphone.

What an incredible experience for the teenagers back then !



Staff – 1980

How many can you name ?



DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS TO SHARE ?

EMAIL THEM TO ALUMNI@SJRC.VIC.EDU.AU

Are any of you here?



ALUMNI PROFILE

Fr. Andrew Jekot



Years at SJRC: (inc. Year Level you left)

1976 - 1981

What did you do in the year immediately after graduating?

Bachelor of Science Monash Clayton 1982 – 1984

Worked in IT for ANZ bank 1985 – 1990

1991 – 1997 Corpus Christi Seminary, Clayton

1998 – 1999 Assistant priest @ Sacred heart, Croydon

2000- 2010 Parish priest @ St. Peter Julian Eymard, Mooroolbark

What do you do for a living now?

2011 – Parish priest @ St. Brigid's, Mordialloc & St. Louis de Montfort, Aspendale

Did you ever envisage doing this while you were at St John's?

No. Even after the vocation talk by Br. Leo before the exams, I was resistant to the idea of being a priest.

Where do you live now?

Mordialloc

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

Br. Joseph Gabel (Year 7 homeroom teacher) – I remember his gentleness and compassion.

Mr Tom Stokes (Year 12 maths teacher). His passion for the subject and somewhat quirky personality. He always wore a tie to school.

What was your most memorable moment as a student?

Sense of relief at the end of the Year 12 exams. Wearing casual clothes in Year 12!

Describe St John's in 3 words?

Community, compassionate, challenging

(and convenient as our family home was around the corner from the college)

What is your lasting impression of St John's?

A formative place of learning for both academic knowledge and social/relationship skills.

Congratulations to Jenny Martin, completed Year 12 in 1978

Top Australia Day honour for Griffith science leader

Professor Jennifer Martin AC experienced a memorable 2017 with numerous honours, awards and accolades for her leading role in protein crystallography research, promoting women in science, and science communication.

But just weeks into the new year, the Director of Griffith University's Institute for Drug Discovery (GRIDD) has been recognised again with one of the highest honors in the Australia Day Honors List – a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).

"I was shocked and thrilled to be awarded such a prestigious honour.

The award of an AC is a rare privilege and I am enormously grateful. It's wonderful recognition of my work and the values of excellence, respect, integrity, collegiality and authenticity," Professor Martin said.



The internationally renowned scientist received a host of honours last year including the Wunderly Oration Medal, election to the Australian Academy of Science, and elevation to Bragg Membership of the Royal Institution of Australia.

During her research career, Professor Martin has made seminal discoveries in many aspects of bacterial and mammalian biochemistry and is recognised as a world leader in structural biology, protein crystallography, protein interactions and their applications in drug design and discovery.

Griffith University Vice Chancellor and President Professor Ian O'Connor AC congratulated Professor Martin on her distinguished honour.

"On behalf of the Griffith community, I'm absolutely

delighted that Professor Martin has been recognised for her extraordinary contribution to Australian science. Her unrelenting passion to champion gender equity in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine) inspires us all as does her leadership of our Institute for Drug Discovery."



ALUMNI WORD SEARCH – JUST FOR FUN

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