



HERITAGE

JOHN XXIII ROWING

30 YEARS ON THE WATER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

'At some stage, I am looking forward to focusing on education.'

A fellow principal shared this comment with me recently. It is understandable that all West Australians are very COVID-19 conscious given our recent border opening and the likelihood of widespread community transmission. In schools, this translates to a great deal of planning and preparation around how to continue to provide the best possible educational experiences for our students.

Here at John XXIII College, we have been delighted with the understanding, cooperation and support of our entire College community at the commencement of 2022 as we move to the next phase of living with COVID-19. This allows our educational leaders and teaching staff to focus more on our core business of education.

There is much to celebrate in 2022 for our current students and it is always wonderful to reflect on the achievements of our Alumni with a glance through the pages of *Heritage*.

Celebrating our history has also been a strong feature of our current Building Program, as we tell the stories of the past through the lens of future generations of John XXIII College students. Our beautifully designed College celebrates the influence of the Loreto Sisters, the Jesuits and Pope John XXIII. Stay tuned over the coming months for more updates on our exciting capital developments, which will deliver cutting-edge contemporary teaching and learning spaces for our community.

There are visible reminders throughout the College of the richness of our faith and history. Most importantly, schools are about people. Our students and staff belong to the College's pastoral care House groups, which are shared equally between Loreto (Ward, Loreto and Koolyangarra) and St Louis (Loyola, St Louis and Champion) connections. It is exciting and inspiring to see our new Year 7 students learn to embrace their

Principal Henderson congratulates Year 6 students on the completion of their Primary years



House and its history, and to discover the support and nurturing that their House, and the College as a whole, can provide for them.

I commend this new issue of *Heritage* as we learn more about the richness of the lives of the wonderful people of John XXIII College and remember how fortunate we are to be part of such a fantastic and unique community.

Robert Henderson
Principal



Anna Gingell

Alumni Development

I heard recently from one of our Alumni that social media is the scourge of the century and should never have been invented.

It got me thinking. What would I do without it? How would it affect my job? Word of mouth is good, but is it good enough? I don't believe everything I read, but I do believe that social media is about conversations, community, connecting with audiences and building relationships and brand awareness.

Using this tool has assisted me in so many ways; finding 'lost' Alumni so they can attend reunions, establishing mentor relationships, assisting with business opportunities, finding guest speakers, sharing stories about Alumni successes, providing a platform to share photos and invitations to events, and helping young entrepreneurs spread their wings.

In a nutshell, my job in alumni development would be so much harder without it.

Help be a creator of change: inspire and encourage people who attended John XXIII College by being involved.

Log into alumni.johnxxiii.edu.au to register as a mentor, share your business details, upload your photos, register to attend your reunion, update your contact details or help find lost Alumni.

Anna Gingell nee Muir (Class 1978)
Alumni Development

Are your contact details up to date?

Please take the time to ensure we have your most up-to-date details.

To update your details online visit alumni.johnxxiii.edu.au

1. Login
2. Under the top navigation select 'Your Account' and click 'Update Your Details'
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Help find lost Alumni

As part of our efforts to stay in touch with our extended College family, we are always looking to expand our Alumni database. Can you help?

alumni.johnxxiii.edu.au/#missingmembers

This page lists all those people in your year group who we don't have current contact details for. If you can help us get in touch with any of these Alumni, just click on the word 'lost' under their name. You can also click on other options at the top of the page to search for missing Alumni from other year groups.

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A Jesuit education, a passion for Catholic schooling and a deep sense of faith have stood **Joe Hoyne (Class 1979)** in excellent stead in a range of leadership roles in Catholic schools over the years.

These attributes are now being put to excellent use in his new role of School Improvement Advisor at Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). This role sees Joe supporting principals in 27 Catholic schools across the metropolitan area, including John XXIII College.



A FAITH LEADER FOR OUR TIMES

'I act as both a mentor and a critical friend,' says Joe, who is greatly enjoying his renewed connection with the College, where he worked for several years in the 1990s as Head of Physical Education. 'My role involves providing support wherever it is needed; assisting not only with academic issues, but also offering pastoral support to principals and acting both as a conduit to CEWA and connecting principals to other schools.'

The role of a Catholic school principal has its own unique challenges. Our school leaders are often caught between multiple expectations as they seek to balance an educational agenda with a religious mission.

As a seasoned leader, Joe understands well these particular challenges; 'The role of a Principal is

incredibly complex and multi-faceted; our leaders have roles and responsibilities that touch upon every aspect of school life, and extend into the community too. It's a job where you always have multiple balls in the air. One minute you might be on a building site dealing with capital developments and the next you're handling a student crisis. It can also be a lonely job, so having some external support can be really valuable.'

Joe is well aware of the personal nature of faith leadership, and the way that it is deeply linked to intrinsic values and motivations. 'I think that to be a faith leader, you need to have a really good understanding of who you are and who your God is,' says Joe. 'Although we are all within the Catholic tradition, each individual's spirituality will differ. You need to ask yourself questions about what God means to you, and also be accepting and appreciative of who you are and the particular gifts you have and how you can best use them. And as a Catholic leader, you have to be authentic; you have to walk the talk.'

For Joe himself, reflection on his experiences and the opportunity to explore the ways in which God is present in those experiences is a fundamental part of his faith life. He is particularly drawn to the prayerful reflection that the Ignatian Examen offers, and draws great solace from his regular practice of walking along the beach near his house and practicing reflection, attentiveness and discernment. Joe also completed graduate studies in Religious Education at Edith

Cowan University, which he credits for his deeper understanding of theology.

It is this dedication and certainty in his own faith that has made Joe such an inspirational faith leader at the schools he was worked at, and assists him now as he mentors and supports other principals on their leadership journey.

'For so many Catholics now, the school is their experience of Church, and that puts an extra responsibility on the school principal. I think another level of challenge comes from the fact that we are seeing increasing levels of individualism and isolation in society. More and more people are asking 'what's in it for me?' rather than focusing on our responsibilities to community. Catholic education wasn't set up for that kind of individualistic attitude; quite the opposite in fact. We are not islands; we are made to be together, to be in community with each other. And the development of that sort of community is very much part of the responsibility of the Catholic principal.

Joe says that he was greatly shaped and inspired by his own Catholic education, attending St Louis and then John XXIII College, as well as his parents' deep faith. 'One of the greatest things about my education was that it encouraged us to have high expectations; to raise our heads above the horizon and look beyond. The friendships I formed during my school days were also incredibly important to me,' says Joe.



A natural leader, Joe was a recipient of the John XXIII Award and was also elected Sports Captain at John XXIII College in 1979, and it was his great love of sports that led him to undertake a physical education degree at UWA, and then a Diploma of Education.

'I got so much out of sport myself that I wanted to share that with others,' says Joe, who went on to hold leadership roles in Physical Education at Xavier College (later Ursula Frayne Catholic College) and John XXIII College for 14 years. He was then Acting

The great challenge for Catholic schools in an increasingly secularised society is to present the Christian message in a convincing and systematic way... The identity and success of Catholic education is linked inseparably to the witness of life given by the teaching staff... School staff, who truly live their faith, will be agents of a new evangelisation in creating a positive climate for the Christian faith to grow and in spiritually nourishing the students entrusted to their care.

*Pope John Paul II
(From Ecclesia in Oceania)*

Deputy Principal at Ursula Frayne Catholic College before moving into senior leadership roles.

Joe then took on the challenge of relocating his young family (his triplets were only six months old at the time) to Kalgoorlie after being appointed to the role of Deputy Principal at John Paul College.

He returned to Perth to take on the role of Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care at Seton College for seven years, before returning to Kalgoorlie as Principal of John Paul College; a role he held for eight years. During this time, Joe also completed a Master's degree in curriculum at the University of Notre Dame Australia. He also completed a Master's degree in educational leadership at UWA in 2002. He spent two years as a member of the Catholic Education Commission, and in 2021, held a role on the Catholic Schools Community Group, which oversees capital development plans.

Joe greatly appreciates the enduring support of his wife Annemarie, and is very proud of his sons Elijah and Zachariah and daughter Olivia (all now 23 years old) for becoming responsible and admirable young people. He looks forward to continuing his connection with John XXIII College.

Principal Robert Henderson is also delighted to have Joe on board; 'Joe is well known in the Catholic education community for his commitment to faith and his excellent work in guiding the moral and ethical growth of those in the school community,' says Rob. 'It's a pleasure to have him back in our midst.'

Humble people walk comfortably in every group. No one is either too beneath them or too above them for their own sense of wellbeing. They are who they are, people with as much to give as to get, and they know it. And because they're at ease with themselves, they can afford to be open with others... Having discovered who we are and having opened ourselves to life and having learned to be comfortable with it, we know that God is working in us.

Sr Joan Chittister osb



STILL ROWING STRONG

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the introduction of rowing to John XXIII College, and the formation of our much-loved Rowing Club. In 1992, rowing commenced with Year 8 boys and girls taking part in a sculling program at Canning Bridge Rowing Club. Rowing rapidly grew in popularity and over the course of the school year 186 students participated in various programs, embracing early morning starts and learning new skills.

The College community also embraced the fledgling Rowing Club and a steering committee of parents was formed, with Peter O'Reilly becoming the inaugural president. College parent Bill Davies worked tirelessly to develop the program and raise funds for equipment, and also arranged for the College to lease a rowing shed at Canning Bridge. Michael Chaney, who was at that time the Chair of the College Council, was invited to be the Rowing Club's first patron. The inaugural captains were Peter Edgar and Jenelle Lawton. The first issue of *The Oaracle* (the official Rowing Club newsletter) was published in June 1993.

The two first rowing eights purchased by the College were named after Fr Kevin King sj and Pope John XXIII. Fr King blessed the boats and their crews in a special ceremony. The College community responded generously to the call for assistance for the Rowing Club to purchase essential equipment, with parents donating 20 high-quality carbon oars, and a ten-foot aluminium runabout, which proved essential for the Club.

The rowing program continued to expand and John XXIII students participated in a range of regattas against other Colleges, and also in our popular House Regatta. Our rowers have racked up numerous wins and trophies over the years and are very competitive in the interschool arena. In last year's South West Head of the River, our squad of 72 rowers entered 65 crews into 40 events and won 15 of them. The Club came home with two trophies: the Ronald Walter Prosser Cup for winning the Open Mixed VIII and The Charles Hastie Cup for overall points. Our girls' Captain of Boats, Holly Cannon, won the 'A' Division Single Scull in the IGSSA WA Head of the River and was also



selected to represent the state in the 2021 WA Pathway VIII. Holly has continued her passionate commitment to rowing beyond Year 12 and was selected for the WA Women's Youth VIII. Another John XXIII rower, Sarah Longman, has been selected for the prestigious 2022 Pathway VIII Program. This year the John XXIII College Rowing Club is hosting the IGSSA Western Australia Head of the River competition.

Parents still continue to play a vital role in the success of the Rowing Club, and support the students, Rowing Coordinator and the Club in general in various ways. There are currently nine executive members on the Rowing Club Committee, and around 25 parents actively involved in rowing activities. These volunteers organise social and fundraising events, and are involved in all aspects of the running of the

Club including marshalling at regattas, coordinating logistics, driving safety boats and flipping breakfast burgers on the barbeque.

The Rowing Club continues to embrace the John XXIII College values of inclusivity by encouraging students to be the best that they can be. Like many of our team sports, it has also been an excellent way for students to form friendships across different year levels, and to learn to work effectively together and to become more organised and self-reliant as they balance their academic commitments and their demanding training schedule.

Rowing has also proven to be a wonderful way of maintaining connections among Alumni, with many former students volunteering as coaches and assisting in other ways.





HONOURING RON LOGAN

John XXIII College has always been a place that inspires great loyalty; in our current students, our Alumni and our staff. Ron Logan is a past staff member who demonstrated enormous dedication and commitment to the College over many years, even calling the campus home for 25 years of his life.

Ron joined our community as a caretaker, living on the Loreto site on Osborne Parade for five years before moving to the Mount Claremont site. He lived with his family in a small cottage, and was devoted to ensuring the safety of the campus, conducting his rounds to lock up when school finished each day. There was no electronic security system in those days so Ron would diligently check each classroom by physically testing doors and closing windows and securing them as needed.

As well as his caretaker duties, Ron was also the school bus driver; a role he took extremely seriously. He ferried the sports students by bus to venues all over the metropolitan area, mostly after school, and often did not arrive back at the College until after

dark, especially in winter. Ron also met the rowing squad twice a week at 7am during summer after their practice sessions at their Canning River rowing shed to get them back to school in time for their classes.

Ron was impressively devoted to ensuring the care and safety of students when travelling on the school bus. He was renowned as a stickler for bus safety and for making sure that his schedules ran on time. Ron insisted that all teachers who assisted with driving the growing fleet of College buses be properly licensed and adequately familiar with the vehicles before being permitted to transport students. He spent many hours taking new teachers on test drives around the district to familiarise them with the additional challenges of driving a much larger vehicle than they were used to. Ron had an unblemished driving record and there were never any mishaps or accidents with the children in his care over the 32 years of his service. Ron was always involved in the maintenance of buses and also researched and recommended additional purchases of vehicles during his time at the College, including travelling to Sydney in 2000 to collect a new Mann 60-seater bus and, along with his wife Ellen, driving it back across the Nullarbor to Perth.

Ron is a jovial and pleasant-natured person who is friendly to all. He is thought of very highly by the

entire College community. His wife Ellen recalls that during their time at the College, she and Ron could rarely go anywhere – even on a visit to the top of the Stirling Ranges in the South West on holiday or to His Majesty’s Theatre for a concert on a Saturday night – without hearing a loud cry from a child somewhere in the vicinity shouting out ‘Hello Mr Logan!’

By the time Ron retired in 2013, he was welcoming on to the bus some of the grandchildren of the students who had been in Year 12 back in 1981. Of course, he had also met children of former students over the years, and was able to remember their parents and relay stories of their good behaviour (or misbehaviour!) which was the source of much laughter and happy reminiscing. Ron was almost 78 when he finally retired, and still speaks of his life at the College constantly.

In 2003, the College named the annual football match between Alumni and current students in his honour. The popular Ron Logan Cup sees former students take on the current 1st XVIII football team and takes place on John XXIII Day each year.

The entire College community is deeply grateful to Ron for his outstanding contributions, and unflagging devotion to our students.



Ron Logan with Harrison Court (Class 2013)

The 2022 Ron Logan Cup football match will be held on Friday 5 August at 12:30pm.

If you're interested in playing in this year's competition, please contact Anna Gingell: anna.gingell@cewa.edu.au





A ROLE MODEL IN RUGBY AND LIFE



Our successful sporting program would certainly not have thrived as it has over the years without the tireless dedication of our hardworking staff, volunteers, parents, bus drivers and coaches. Our Alumni who return to the College in the role of volunteer coaches to share

their sporting skills and passion with new generations of students are vital across all our sporting pursuits.

Our much-loved rugby coach **Christian Golding (Class 1994)** recently celebrated 25 years of service. ‘Crittter’, as he has become known, has inspired and empowered many students over the years, and is fundamental to the positive, cooperative sporting culture that has developed at the College.

Christian’s connections to the College run deep. He started Year 1 at Loreto Koolyangarra in 1982, before moving to the St Louis site and finally to the Mount Claremont campus. He embraced the wealth of sporting opportunities available in secondary school and became very active playing sports with friends at lunchtime and recess, and then joined the College rugby and cricket teams. Christian soon fell in love with rugby, and after graduation, was thrilled to have the opportunity to continue his involvement with the sport through coaching. Over the past 25 years, Christian has devoted literally thousands of hours to helping our students achieve their potential on the rugby field and in life, and to supporting and challenging



our teams to become the best they can be. He has become a beloved and inspiring mentor to many, and it would be hard to imagine rugby at the College without him.

‘I love rugby because it is an inclusive sport, it takes all body shapes; that’s probably what saw me get involved in the sport,’ says Christian. ‘Although JTC rugby has had its share of on-field success and enjoys a strong reputation, I think one of the things I reflect on the most was seeing students over the years who were probably on the wrong path make some better life decisions, and I like to think the discipline and ethos of JTC rugby played a small part in making that happen. As a coach, it is great working with a committed group of guys and although we train hard, there are plenty of laughs along the way.’

Christian also greatly values the way that his ongoing involvement in rugby at the College has helped him to maintain his secondary school friendships, and make new connections. ‘The greatest highlight of my time at the College was developing amazing lifelong friendships,’ says Christian. ‘My best mates are still the guys I went to school with. Having spoken with Alumni from other year groups through my association with rugby, I understand that this is a common phenomena across JTC Alumni and doesn’t appear to be as strongly replicated in other schools. I think the people who come out of JTC are different...in a good way.’

‘I have developed a lot a long-term friendships with players I have coached over the years and stay in touch with many of them through social media. The old boys are always invited and welcome, and over my time we have seen great representation from Alumni at significant matches such as those against Scotch and Christchurch. It’s always a big boost for the current players to see the interest of the old boys and something I really appreciate from them.’

‘The most valuable thing about team sport is also what makes good teams successful: it makes you think about others. Understanding that to have ultimate success you need to rely on and trust your teammates, fostering an environment of support and creating great bonds with those within the team. Put simply, great teams like spending time together, which makes a 6am training session in the rain a little easier to handle.’

Christian Golding (Class 1994)



Christian Golding celebrating his 20-year milestone as coach

Off the field, Christian has worked in financial services for over 20 years, providing financial advice and running a private wealth management firm within Pitcher Partners. He believes that some of the lessons he has learned from rugby have helped him to look after his team at work and to become a trusted advisor to his clients. He met his wife Kate while at UWA studying economics, and the couple has two young sons. Christian is deeply grateful to Kate for supporting his commitment to College rugby: ‘During the long season and over many years she has taken on additional responsibility at home to allow me the time to be at the school. We often train two sessions a week with a game, which can see her picking up a lot of slack that I leave behind at home.’

In recent years Christian has also been involved with the John XXIII College Foundation. Given his wealth of financial knowledge, he joined the Investment Committee, and is now the Chair of the committee. Christian greatly enjoys his work for the Foundation and the opportunity to give back: ‘There is a fantastic team across the Foundation, which seeks to provide long-term support to the College, as well as help to provide opportunities for current and future students. The Foundation is still in its early years, but the goal is for it to grow both from a financial and reputational perspective so that it can increasingly play a role in helping the College fulfil its mission within the community.’

Christian encourages all College parents and Alumni to consider getting involved in rugby; ‘What has historically made a big impact is having parents involved and I am always interested in hearing from anyone who is able to give some of their time.’

The College sincerely thanks Christian for his 25 years of extraordinary service. It is people like him who make our community the unique place that it is.

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COMING HOME

John XXIII College's reputation for excellence is not only attracting record numbers of enrolment applications, but encouraging former students to return to the College as employees. Our Alumni have worked in many different areas across the College, motivated by a desire to contribute to the community that gave so much to them during their school years.

Anna Gingell nee Muir (Class 1978)

Anna Gingell, who is the smiling face and galvanising force of our Alumni Development Office, has a deep



connection to the College across many generations. She and her twin sister Kate Byrne nee Muir attended Loreto Nedlands from their early years, then attended both Loreto Claremont and the newly-formed John XXIII College. All of Anna's family members attended either St Louis, Loreto or John XXIII College, including 21 of her first cousins. Anna says that her closest friends come from her school years: 'Of course I've also moved on and have many other friends, but my experiences and friendships as a child are indelibly etched into the fabric of my being.'

After undertaking a diverse range of tertiary qualifications, travelling the globe with her husband of 32 years, raising her daughter Charlotte, working in fields including education, local government, hospitality and oil and gas, Anna returned to her alma mater in 2008 to become the College's first dedicated Alumni Development Officer. Anna is responsible for assisting Alumni to stay connected to the College through multiple avenues, including a wide range of events and reunions, social media and many other forums. She loves the opportunities her role gives her to foster friendships, reconnect people with their old school and enhance the community spirit of the College. Anna is also a Fellow of Educate Plus, and was a member of the Board based in Sydney and Chair of the WA Committee for over 13 years.

Anna greatly values the way that her continued involvement with the College helps to nurture her faith, with the community Mass on Friday mornings being a vital start to her weekend. 'It's a shortened version of Mass, but is always so inviting,' says Anna. 'The homily is relatable to things going on in our lives and its great seeing each year group host Mass. Mary-Anne Lumley, the College Liturgist, does a brilliant job. Having coffee and meeting with parents or Alumni after Mass is also a great way for me to start my Friday. I really enjoy listening to their stories and sharing my working week.' Anna also loves seeing the many ways in which Alumni have kept alive the commitment to serve others.



Tony Yates (Class 2000)

Tony Yates relishes the opportunity to remain connected to the College through his role as Mathematics Teacher and House Coordinator of Loyola. 'There is a great sense of community and everyone is always happy to help out, regardless of the problem,' says Tony, 'and the support seems to extend beyond the role of teaching.' While attending school at John XXIII College, he greatly enjoyed the quality of the teaching and the diverse learning options on offer, and believes that these sorts of opportunities for students have only increased since his school days. 'There is an abundance of clubs and groups, which I believe are great ways for students to meet others with similar interests,' says Tony.

After graduation, Tony joined the Army Reserve while he was completing his university studies, and then travelled through Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and New Zealand. Tony was also fortunate enough to be part of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands. He married in 2013 and has one daughter.

Tony returned to John XXIII College in 2009 as a Year 7 Homeroom Teacher. He greatly enjoys his role, and names one of the highlights as being able to watch the growth of the Year 7 students as they make

their transition to secondary school. Tony also loves attending community Mass each week, and being involved in events like Founders Week, which he believes is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate some of the rich history of the College and to bring together the community for both reflection and fun. Tony is excited about the school year ahead.

Kiri Moore (Class 2004)

Kiri Moore is one of the animating creative forces of the College, a beloved member of the Drama Department and mainstay of our College musicals. Kiri went on to the WA Academy of Performing Arts after graduating from the College in 2004, and studied costume and set design, working on various productions in theatre, film and dance. After completing her degree she worked in television and theatre before returning to the College in 2009 to work on costume design for the College musicals. Over time her role in the Drama Department expanded to involve set design, management of the backstage crew and creating graphics and marketing materials for school productions. This year's production of *The Little Mermaid* will be the 14th College musical that Kiri has worked on.

Being back in an educational environment encouraged Kiri to pursue further teaching studies, so she completed a Graduate Diploma in education. Kiri now also teaches Visual Arts, Pottery and Textiles across Year 7 to Year 12. 'I love that I get to be creative in my work at John XXIII and work with such wonderful teams of people in both the Art and Drama Departments. I've been incredibly fortunate to work with passionate people in the arts who I have learnt so much from,' says Kiri. 'Working with students in the arts is also rewarding. We have so many incredibly talented and passionate students come through the arts programs and it's rewarding seeing them create meaningful and skilled work throughout their time at the College.' Kiri also greatly values the way that she is able to mentor and encourage students to convey ideas relating to social justice through their art making.

Kiri is married to fellow creative, Brad Serls (who photographs music and drama productions for the College) and is a very proud dog mother of a gorgeous Shih-Poo named Pepper Potts. She attempts to make time to paint, draw and sew her own projects outside of those she completes for work. Kiri says that while there have been so many developments at the College over the years, she still flinches at the constant swooping and squawking of crows on the campus and is still allergic to the trees in the library courtyard. Some things never change!

A lifelong tradition

The deep ties that bind John XXIII College students to each other and to their school are certainly evident in the enduring connections shared by the first Kindergarten class of the College with their teacher **Jodie Margaria (Class 1984)**. Twenty-two years after they first arrived in Jodie's Kindergarten classroom, many of these students are now honoured to call her a friend, and have maintained the important bond forged with their very first educator.

to me over my time at JTC. The parents involved in the Kindy were an absolutely fantastic support and I wouldn't have been able to deliver on my teaching program without the parents being co-educators in their children's learning. I have the fondest memories of taking the entire class of 30 four-year-olds up to Greg Clune's office with paintings and gifts for him to display. I also remember Greg coming down to the Kindy, laying on the floor and allowing the children to trace around his body so they could use his outline as the giant from *Jack and the Beanstalk!* There were

friendship days, father's nights, bicycle excursions, dads coming to play musical instruments, several mums providing cooking sessions for the classes, and many more wonderful events. For me the Kindergarten was a place of community, where the door was open for all.'

Following a career change, when Jodie was working for Woodside Energy, she serendipitously reconnected with former student **Emma Lockwood (Class 2013)** and asked her whether she remembered her Kindergarten teacher. Emma was delighted to hear from Jodie and organised a lunch with some of the students from that year who were working at various companies in the city, with plans to make this a more regular event. 'It is very humbling to catch up with the students to hear about their lives, career choices, opinions on world events and their future aspirations as young adults. I can see that they have developed into individuals with 'competence, compassion and conscience'. We also make sure we have a good laugh about the fun things that happened back in Kindy,' says Jodie. 'Both Lucy and Millie are early childhood teachers, so when we catch up there's lots to share about teaching nowadays versus what I was able to undertake back in the early 2000s. I recently gifted all my teaching resources to Lucy so that she could continue to utilise them in her classroom.'

Jodie is currently working at Woodside with the North West Shelf Venture in senior administration and dealing with joint venture communications, but her skills from her primary teaching days are still put to good use. 'When I was working FIFO for Chevron, it was really just a large group of people needing to be organised with a bigger sandpit and bigger Tonka Trucks,' says Jodie. 'Kind of just like Kindy!'



Jak D'Souza, Emma Lockwood, Sally Lyons, Maddy Ardon, Olivia Brown - with Jodie Margaria

Jodie attended Loreto Nedlands, and then John XXIII College, graduating in 1984. She returned to the College in 1997 to teach in the Primary School, and has also been involved with the Loreto Past Pupils' Association. She greatly values her ongoing connection to the College

community in general and to her 'Kindy kids' and their families in particular. 'I regularly bump into many of the kindy kids and their parents around Perth, which is easy to do. I catch up every couple of months with Lucy Masarei, who was in the first Kindy class in the year 2000, as well as Millie and **Dan Beech (Class 2017)**, also both in Kindy. I'm in contact with **Lily Kenny (Class 2016)** who worked by my side in 2017, when I was managing Simon Johnson. It was Lil's first job and she was a superstar! I was invited to Lucy's 21st which was a great occasion to catch up with many of the Class of 2000. In December just gone, I was invited to a Christmas catch up with the JTC kindy parents (the Kindy Class of 2002) which was heart-warming. It was really lovely to hear all about all the children and what they're doing at this moment in time,' says Jodie.

Jodie greatly enjoyed her time teaching at the College, and the opportunities it gave her to pursue her passion for early childhood education. In her first year teaching Kindergarten in 2000 she was awarded a staff scholarship and travelled to Italy to Reggio Emilia, a small town which has received worldwide recognition for its teaching pedagogy. 'This visit changed my philosophy on teaching and the way that I viewed learning for young children, said Jodie. 'I am forever grateful to Greg Clune and Sr Leonie Petersen ibvm for the guidance, support and counsel they provided

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Stephanie Black and grandson Parker

Stephanie Black (centre) with work colleagues



Stephanie Black nee Bruechle (Loreto Class 1976)

Stephanie is currently the Deputy Director General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. She supervises the teams that provide policy advice and leadership in infrastructure, economic and environmental matters, as well as another team that includes Cabinet Services. Stephanie has been fortunate to have been involved in several large projects including Fiona Stanley Hospital, the Wellington Dam mural and the WA Museum Boola Bardip. Prior to joining the WA public sector in 2009, she was the CEO of United Credit Union (now BeyondBank).

After graduating from Loreto, Stephanie attended UWA for two years and then went on to join a company that wrote computer software, where she learned a great deal. She entered into a Bachelor of Business at Edith Cowan University at the age of 31, following the passing of her husband (Douglas Black St Louis Class 1969). After graduation, she started at Bankwest as a junior economist, working school hours so she could pick up her children. She also completed postgraduate qualifications in applied finance and corporate governance.

Stephanie has three children and one grandson, Parker, who is the light of her life. She is currently on leave from work and keeps busy playing tennis, gardening and looking after her grandson. Stephanie still sees friends from school and has wonderful memories of her time at Loreto. She lives near the College and says that even though she did not attend the Mount Claremont campus, she still feels a strong connection whenever she drives past.

Advice to young Alumni about study and career choices:

My advice to anyone starting out in their career and/or study would be to accept opportunities along the way. Many people, including me, start out on a path and then other opportunities come along and the path changes. I thought I would be an economist forever but my career has taken quite a few turns and I've accepted lots of challenges without really knowing what I was getting myself into, and those turns have been fantastic. Seize the day, and stay in touch with your school friends.

Dan Marshall



Dan Marshall (Class 2001)

After a 12-year journey of studying and training, Dan is now working as an orthopaedic surgeon. He completed his medical degree in 2010 and was accepted into the orthopaedic training program in NSW, where he lived and worked for seven years. After getting married in Sydney in 2018 to Maggie, Dan returned to Perth, bought his first home and welcomed a beautiful daughter, Bronte, in 2021. He has since returned to Sydney for a six-month fellowship placement focusing on the sub-specialty of lower limb deformity correction and will then move to the UK for 12 months to specialise in hip and knee arthroplasty, with a return date to Perth set for 2023.

Dan's career keeps him very busy, however he loves what he does and feels very fortunate to be able to work in this field. In his spare time he enjoys surfing, spearfishing and swimming, though his favourite thing is spending time with his wife Maggie and daughter Bronte.

He has very fond memories of his time at John XXIII College, and particularly loved representing the

school in basketball, swimming and football. Dan recently returned to play in an 'Old Boys' footy match, reporting that he had definitely lost his ability to play football by then!

Advice to young Alumni about study and career choices:

My advice would be to explore all the opportunities presented to you and figure out what interests you. Sometimes things don't click straight away, but don't give up at the first hurdle. In my first degree, I took a few commerce units and realised I didn't want to continue down that path so I focused on the science degree. I originally wanted to transfer into physio as I didn't see a future out of the science degree (I even took a year off and just went surfing), but as I always wanted to become a doctor but hadn't 'excelled' enough in school, I decided to sit the GAMSAT exam when postgraduate medicine became available. After studying relentlessly, I was fortunate enough to pass first attempt, allowing me to apply for the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Notre Dame Australia.



Dan and Maggie Marshall with daughter Bronte



Emma Cornwall and Dan Low with baby James

Emma Cornwall (Class 2000)

Emma is currently the Foundation Manager at The Art Gallery of Western Australia, a role that involves generating private philanthropic support for the Gallery, administering the AGWA Foundation and stewardship of the Gallery's generous donors and bequestors. Emma says that the Gallery is a fascinating place to work and she feels very fortunate to work with passionate people who are providing a world-class and enriching cultural experience. Emma's studies in commerce and education prepared her well for her successful career. Emma recalls being in awe of John XXIII College's wonderful facilities after she moved there from a small primary school. 'I have very fond memories of school and am very grateful for the many fabulous teachers, the values instilled in us and the lifelong friendships forged,' says Emma. She is married to Ben, and her two children James (5) and Charlotte (3) are enrolled to attend John XXIII College from Year 7.

Advice to young Alumni about study and career choices:

Consider your passions and strengths and also how to benefit society. But also, change it up! Have the confidence to do a few different things and know there's always a pathway for you.

Michael Tucak (Class 1988)

Michael has embarked upon a successful legal career after completing a combined degree in Geology and Law at UWA, and then a Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship in Melbourne. After completing a four-year term as a Cottesloe Councillor, he is now working as a commercial and intellectual property lawyer, and is looking for some new professional challenges, including possibly pursuing his interest in geology. Michael says that he greatly enjoys any opportunity to catch up with his school friends: 'They are all such good people and there is a strong connection that I hope we'll always have. I always think my school days gave me a sense of the importance of community service and social justice. I'm really proud to hear people talk positively about John XXIII College's quality of schooling today. I feel very fortunate to be a part of it. Michael keeps busy with occasionally presenting radio shows on RTRFM 92.1, doing 'sculpture walks' in Cottesloe and trying to improve his home handyman skills.

Advice to young Alumni about study and career choices:

There is that 'sweet spot' between getting a strong grounding for a future career and following your passions, but ultimately the courage to pursue what you love is what matters.



Class 2010 reunion celebrations

After being kept apart from friends and loved ones for so long due to COVID-19, we are finding that people are more eager than ever to attend their College reunions. Graduates from across the decades have relished the opportunity to catch up with old friends and reminisce about their school days. We caught up with several Alumni who attended significant reunions last year.

**John Lawton (Class 2001)
20-year reunion**

The reunion was a great night! Everyone seemed to get on very well; in some ways it felt like no time had passed at all. I loved hearing about what people had been up to since finishing school. Later in the evening the Class of 2000 reunion (which was having its belated reunion upstairs at the same venue) came and joined the 2001 reunion, which was fun. My connection to the College is so important because it's a link to people who have a shared experience and shared values. Although 20 years have passed, the connection is still there. Chatting is easy and comfortable, as if no time has passed. I feel you can always pick a JTC person!



Class 1980 and 1981 40-year reunion celebrations



Class 1991 30-year reunion celebrations

**Chris Newton (Class 1991)
30-year reunion**

We had a combined reunion with the year above us (1990). Although it increased the level of difficulty in matching faces with names, it did bring back double the memories of our time at high school. There was constant buzz and laughter; clearly the passing of time has not dampened any connection and conversation. The connection to JTC is important to me, and I am proud to be a part of the 'diaspora'. Yes, it's about friendship, but it's also about the connection to the spirit and values that I carry with me in my life. Being connected to the school reminds me of this. I am always surprised that these reunion nights go more quickly than I thought and don't last as long as I hope. Although time passes and our lives move in different directions, I feel like the connections continue. The old memories may fade, but new life stories take hold and fill the night with lots of laughter and banter.



Class 2010 reunion celebrations

Shane Baker (St Louis Class 1971)
50-year reunion

At our reunion at the Stables in the city, we had 25 St Louis old boys attend, and another ten old boys from all over the world join us via Zoom in the afternoon. There were several apologies due to COVID-19 lockdowns on the east coast and around the world. Everyone



JUNIOR "A"
BACK ROW: P. Purich, G. Clarke, M. Seward, R. Fitzhardinge, J. Mills,
SECOND ROW: G. Smith, P. Gummer, J. Henderson, A. McCann, C. Oddie, R. Ellis,
THIRD ROW: M. Flynn, R. Casey, G. Northway, J. Randall, M. Dwyer, D. Connel, G. Malouf,
FOURTH ROW: P. Clay, P. McMahon, M. O'Hara, G. Fee, M. Burchett, L. Joyce, D. Griffiths,
FRONT ROW: M. Downie, G. Cowcher, M. White, M. Bourke, J. Young, P. Rodereds.

who attended reported that they had a great time and thanked the planning team and our in-house photographer for the day. We wined and dined well into the afternoon, enjoying each other's company. There is a bond within this group of gentlemen borne out of our days together with the Jesuits at St Louis in Claremont. We have had several reunions over the years in various forms and every one of them has been well attended and full of laughter and good stories. The friendships formed make each reunion feel like it was only yesterday that we last talked. Things went so well this year that for those interested, we have agreed to meet annually on the fourth Wednesday of October each year going forward. To Alumni who are thinking about attending a reunion, I would say 'Just do it!'. There may be apprehension for whatever reason, but this is quickly overcome once you are in the room and see a familiar face; albeit from a few years ago!



St Louis Class 1971 50-year reunion celebrations



Loreto Class 1971 50-year reunion celebrations

Patsy Murray nee Lee (Loreto Class 1971)
50-year reunion

I was so pleased with the variety of options to reconnect with class members, with consideration given to costs and occasions to meet in smaller numbers. I loved the



camaraderie and the opportunity to recall moments of my experience at Loreto. I really value the education I received and appreciated the generosity of the nuns. It was great to be able to share stories about the nuns; both real and imagined! For anyone thinking about attending a reunion, I would say to prepare yourselves to be surprised by the charm of being together once again, the wealth of care, hilarity and fun, the sharing of life's experiences both good and unfortunate, as well as successes, hardships and love.



A JOURNEY BEGINS

Walking around the campus on the first day of the new school year, the buzz of excitement is palpable. For our new Year 7 students, it marks the beginning of a whole new chapter of their lives; as secondary students, and as members of the John XXIII College community. A carefully planned Transition Week helps students to adjust and to form connections with each other and the College. We asked some of our new Year 7 students to tell us about their first week at the College, and their hopes and expectations for the big year ahead.

The best thing about my first week at JTC was learning the St Louis chant. I love this school because everyone is so nice. So far the teachers are supportive and kind. I am looking forward to Year 7 camp. This year I hope to extend my knowledge in all subjects.

Ewa Krolik

The best experience I had during Transition Week was having fun and enjoying experiences with friends and getting to know others. I love JTC because of its diversity throughout all subjects and having the ability to compete in various activities.

Xy Parker

I am looking forward to all the big sporting events and the fun projects in class, and also the wide variety of subjects. This year I hope to make some new friends and get used to the changing classes and becoming more organised.

Poppy Lowe

The best thing about my first week at JTC was making new friends and getting to do all the fun new classes. I love this school because of all the nice teachers and students. I am looking forward to learning all the subjects and making new friends and learning new names along the way. This year I hope to learn new things, meet new people and indulge in more new hobbies.

Lily Giannas

BUILDING PROGRESS



The new administration and staff building is well on its way.



After the demolition of the grounds and maintenance building.



Inside the new administration and staff building.



JOHN XXIII COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS ALUMNI

We have a packed calendar of exciting events this year. Please consider joining us – you are always welcome.

MAY

College Cup Sailing Regatta

Sunday 1 May 8am
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

Golf Day

Thursday 8 September
Wembley Golf Club

JUNE

All Years interstate reunion

Thursday 2 June 5.30pm
Oval Hotel, King William Road, North Adelaide

Golden Years Class 1969 and prior years Loreto/St Louis

Tuesday 27 September 12pm
Thomas More Exhibition Centre
John XXIII College

Head of the River Rowing Regatta

(hosted by John XXIII College)
Saturday 25 June 8am
Champion Lakes
COVID-19 restrictions may apply

50-year reunions Loreto and St Louis Class 1972

Details TBC

AUGUST

Ron Logan Cup football match

Friday 5 August 12:30pm
John XXIII College oval

OCTOBER

Golf Day (Loreto past pupils)

Cottesloe Golf Club
Contact: Cath Bellemore:
cath.bellemore@gmail.com

Theresa Elliott netball match

Friday 5 August 12:30pm
John XXIII College oval

Visual Arts Loreto Past Pupils' Association morning tea

Tuesday 18 October 10:30am
Thomas More Exhibition Centre
John XXIII College

Year 13 Past Parents Class 2021

Thursday 25 August 6pm–8pm
John XXIII College new Staffroom

NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER

1st year reunion Class 2021

Friday 2 September 7:30pm
Venue to be confirmed

All Souls Day Community Mass (remembering Alumni who have died)

Friday 4 November 8am
John XXIII College Chapel

10, 30, 30 and 40-year reunions (Classes 2012, 2002, 1992, 1982)

Venues and dates to be confirmed.

→ Gifts from the College community have been responsible for developing facilities, enhancing programs and opening up accessibility to the College. Should you wish to contribute to our Foundation visit: foundation.johnxxiii.edu.au/donate

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