St Augustine’s College’s new buildings were officially opened by the new State Minister for Education, Kate Jones MP and blessed by The Episcopal Vicar for Education of the Cairns Diocese, Father Neil Muir on Friday 13 March. Also present was Member for Cairns, Rob Pyne MP. Lavalla is a three story complex incorporating 14 general learning areas, 4 science laboratories and a hospitality kitchen. Francois is the new boarding residence for senior male students.

“The project drew funding from three major sources and was the culmination of seven years of planning under the leadership of three College Principals” said John Doolan, Deputy Principal.

The complexity of the project was added to, with the need to attract Block Grant Application (BGA) funding to complete the project. We should not underestimate the complex processes that resulted in the acquisition of the level of Government funding for these two buildings. There is $7.4 million invested by the State Government in the two buildings, part of which came about as a result of the Flying Start funding that the Queensland Government was putting towards the arrival of the Year 7 cohort and the rest as a result of a Block Grant Application to Queensland Catholic Education Commission. The official opening of these facilities will occur at the lead school (St Mary’s) during Term 2.

The initial conceptual ideas began in 2007, under Principal Br Michael Green, as part of the College Strategic Plan to provide a flood proof contemporary teaching block for the College. This vision expanded in 2009 to take in the option for the College to be involved in the Diocesan Trade Training Centre project. It continued under Br Bill Sullivan, where again the vision was expanded to take in the need for additional facilities to cater for Year 7 joining the College in 2015, in both the day school and boarding.

Final design and construction began in Term 4, 2013 after the demolition of J-block along Scott Street and was completed in 2014 under the current College Principal, Br Darren Burge, with classes and boarders moving into the new facilities in January this year. The end result is an impressive addition to the College landscape that caters for an additional 130 students in the school with cutting edge facilities and space. The College community would like to acknowledge the efforts of Cairns Catholic Education Services, especially Shane Watson and Mark Stallman, Farrell Morrison from MMP Architects, and the two building contractors, Richard Field from Richard Field Constructions and Matthew La Spina from La Spina Constructions.

The new three story Lavalla building houses state of the art technology with touch interactive projectors and wireless connectivity in all classrooms and the latest design in science laboratories. It is now a flood free building, something of a novelty given that previous buildings on the site were subject to annual flooding. A lift has also been installed to allow for easy access for students with disabilities.

The Francois Residence caters for 36 senior students, each with their own room and study area. It really sets the benchmark for future boarding school residences.

Mr Czek Kersevani - Head of College Promotions
Gentlemen, welcome to another new year. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Angelo Caltabiano and I completed my final year at Saints in 1983. I have put my hand up to be the President of the Saints Old Boys (I was made an offer I couldn’t refuse).

What a year it will be with the College celebrating its 85th Year Anniversary, the opening of our new education facilities and another Old Boys function to be organised for later this year.

For those not aware, the Old Boys organised a dinner last year, with 300 people attended. We interviewed Old Boys, Jimmy Maher, Brad Beven and the College’s own Lionel Williamson. Our after-dinner speaker was the very entertaining past Australian Cricketer, Greg Ritchie.

It was a great night of reconnecting with past class mates, friends and the College where many tall stories and memories were shared throughout the course of the night.

From all reports and feedback received, the night was a huge success with many Old Boys wanting more of these events organised. The Committee is working very hard to deliver another function this year. We are hosting an Old Boys Race Day on Saturday 24 October, where partners are welcome to join us. More details of this event will be released as they come to hand as we are still in the early stages of organising it.

If any Old Boys would like to help us put this event together, please feel free to contact either myself or the College and you will be given details of our next meeting.

The Old Boys Committee always welcomes new members, as “many hands make light work” - things just do not happen, we have to make them happen. The Old Boys meet a couple of times throughout the year, sometimes more often when events are planned, but do not let that scare you off. Again, please feel free to offer any help, as it will be greatly appreciated.

If you are receiving this newsletter then the College has your current details, so please help us by keeping your details up to date. Importantly, inform other Old Boys to contact the College to provide their details, so we can then add them to our database. This way everyone can be informed of upcoming events.

One thing we want to do this year and every year is add to our database so we have a very comprehensive list of the Old Boys. There are still many Old Boys that we would like to make contact with.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can at the upcoming events throughout this year.

Mr Angelo Caltabiano
President

ANZAC DAY 2015

The ANZAC Day Liturgy will be held on Thursday 23 April at 9.50am in Lennon Hall. A commemorative plaque will be unveiled by:

Ted Shambrook (Old Boy 1938-42)
Ted is a Vietnam Veteran and also Commanding Officer of 51st Northern Battalion 1971-74. Ted Shambrook is grandfather to Christopher Richardson (Year 11).

Angus Moore (Year 9)
Angus’ great grandfather James Tappenden was part of the Gallipoli Campaign. Angus will wear James’ medals to the ANZAC Liturgy. Two of James Tappenden’s sons, Jim (Grandpa to Angus) and Eric, fought in the 78th (Kitty Hawk) Squadron in New Guinea during WW2.

Many of our Old Boys are veterans of numerous campaigns. We are always interested to hear and share stories of their service. Please feel free to forward details to oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au
2014 PRESENTATION AWARDS

Old Boys’ Prize for All-round Achievement in Year 10: LUKE MLIKOTA

The Sam Pappalardo Memorial Bursary for Effort and Achievement in Year 10: NATHAN GENO

Lou Piccone Prize for General Proficiency in Year 12: MATTHEW WRIGHT

Bernie Mullins Trophy for Senior Sportsman of the Year: JORDAN HUGGETT

Matthew Mauro Award for Outstanding Effort by a Senior Student: JOSEPH POLONSKY

The Good Conduct Medal, donated by the Seniors of 1953: JORDAN HUGGETT

Lionel Williamson Award for Initiative and Service: NATHAN MARINO

College DUX: TIMOTHY OLLE
St Augustine’s College 85 Year Anniversary Celebrations will be held on Friday 5 June Mass will be celebrated in Lennon Hall at 9.50am. A Cocktail Party will be held at the College from 6.30pm till late.

SAINTS OLD BOYS RACE DAY SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2015
CANNON PARK CAIRNS
SAVE THE DATE. DETAILS TO BE EMAILED SHORTLY

Are Your Contact Details Up To Date?
“The only constant thing in life is change”
Personal contact details are always changing.
We would like to encourage ex-students to update their details for the Old Boys’ database.
Please email the following details to: oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au
Name: __________________________________________________________________________
Postal Address: _____________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ Mobile:__________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________________________________________
Year you started at St Augustine’s:___________________Your last year at St Augustine’s:___________________
Would you like to be contacted for Old Boy Committee Meetings? Y / N
Would you like to be sent an electronic copy of the Old Boys Newsletter? Y / N
Would you like to be sent an electronic copy of the College fortnightly newsletter “Saints News”? Y / N
Preferred contact method Email / Phone / Mail
If you do not have email, please post your contact details to the College at 251 Draper Street Cairns, Q 4870
If you know of other Old Boys, please ask them to forward their details to us in order to update our database.
MEMORIES and MEMORABILIA WANTED

The College Archives is collecting stories and memorabilia to gather the history of St Augustine’s for the Centenary in 2030.

Please don’t throw anything out. We are seeking photos, textbooks, programs, trophies, pennants, certificates etc. If you have anything from your school days at St Augustine’s, we would like to copy this memorabilia before returning to you.

Either email to oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au or post to the College.

Many Thanks

PROFILES

Michael Fitzgerald (1974)

Congratulations to Michael Fitzgerald who has been elected as President of the Queensland Law Society (Class of 1974). Michael was admitted in 1981 and is President of Queensland Law Society. He has been a member of Council since 2010, and was Deputy President in 2014. Michael is the Society’s nominee director to the Law Council of Australia. He is a member of the QLS Council Executive, Audit and Investment Committee and Committee of Management. Michael is also a consultant for Ashurst (formerly Blake Dawson) having been with the firm since 1982. His area of expertise is banking and finance law, advising banks, listed companies and statutory corporations. He is a member of the Law Council of Australia Financial Services Committee and the Banking and Financial Services Law Association. He holds membership of a number of community organisations including Rotary Club of Kenmore Inc (Past President 2005-2006), Coeliac Queensland (currently President) and Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kenmore (Member of Parish Finance Council).


Congratulations to Frank (1995) & Vince (1998) Pappalardo, proprietors of Pease Street Drugstore, whose pharmacy business has beaten more than 4000 pharmacies across the nation to be named “Pharmacy of the Year”. It was judged on medication, management, private service, patient adherence programs and practice incentives to take out the Award.

Nate Miles (2001)

Australian Professional Rugby League player for the Gold Coast Titans. A Queensland and State of Origin and Australian National representative forward, he previously played for Sydney based clubs Bulldogs and Roosters. Congratulations on being named Captain of the Gold Coast Titans.

Hassan Ahmad (2006)

Academic Captain in Year 12 2006. Hassan studied medicine and was a medical doctor interning with the World Health Organisation. Here he learned of the development framework agreed upon by all nations in the world, the eight Millennium Development Goals. For the past year Hassan has been in New York working on an interesting project...“Conscious Step” (involves socks). Conscious Step was founded by three friends that weren’t happy with the problems faced by the world today. It is based on selling “Conscious Step” socks to fund humanitarian causes. If you are interested in purchasing these socks go to http://consciousstep.com/

Nelson Ambar (2014)

Congratulations to Nelson Ambar who has this year been awarded the AIEF-BHP Billiton Tertiary Scholarship. Nelson graduated from St Augustine’s College in Cairns in 2014 and is this year commencing a Bachelor of Science (Extended) at the University of Melbourne, residing in Trinity College. Nelson plans to major in Geology and pursue a career in the mining industry.

AIEF-BHP Billiton Tertiary Scholarships are awarded to outstanding Indigenous students undertaking engineering and other mining-related degrees, who aspire to work for BHP Billiton and to one day become leaders in the business. The scholarship covers the cost of residential accommodation and other study-related expenses, and scholars can access opportunities to take part in the BHP Billiton Summer Undergraduate Program and the BHP Billiton Graduate Program, as well as ongoing professional development and career support from AIEF and BHP Billiton.
Top: Antony Carusi, Daniel Infante, Kevin Bellero, Sean Fraccia, Rick Andrews, Liam Nicholas, Brian Torpy, Paul Dempsey, Teacher: John Brimstone. Middle: Brother Darren, John Young, Robert Daddona, Michael Ceratsu, Peter Hill, Michael Lennon, Steve Marino, Matthew Wallace. Bottom: Anthony Despot, Danny O'Kane, Michael Ramm, Danny Mahmut, Paul Venturato, Tony McIntyre, John Venturato

UPCOMING REUNIONS

20 Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1995

Friday 11 September 2015

Contact John Japp

saintaugustines95reunion@hotmail.com

ph 0438 721 215

30 Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1985

Saturday 5 September 2015

Contact Scott Tibaldi

Scott.Tibaldi@tafe.qld.edu.au

ph 0412 699 865

50 Year Reunion

CLASS OF 1965

21-23 July 2015

Contact John Seary

jpsry762@gmail.com

To receive information about these events and more, please ensure your contact details are up to date by emailing oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au or completing the form on page 5.

REUNIONS

Is your group planning a reunion this year?
Do you want to get your reunion details across to your fellow Old Boys?
Contact the College through the oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au email address to have your details included in the next newsletter and placed on the Old Boys Website at www.sac.qld.edu.au
Reginald has started the year in the best possible fashion by taking out the 2015 Inter-house Swimming Carnival - their first swimming title since 2002. On a wet and gloomy summer’s day, Walter went into the competition confident of making it four titles in five years, but Reginald had other ideas and to the surprise of many, burst out of the blocks to take a handy lead after the opening events. With Walter struggling, Phelan and Heavey managed to keep pace with Reginald up until the halfway mark of the carnival, but in the end the depth and class of Reginald shone through and they romped to a 388 point victory.

Well done to Heavey (2nd), Phelan (3rd) and Walter (4th) on a battle that truly underlined the House spirit within the College. At the end of the day only 103 points separated 2nd from 4th, highlighting the close struggle the teams had jostling for minor positions throughout the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the young men of Saints for their exemplary behaviour and attitude throughout the day and the St Augustine’s staff for their amazing efforts in ensuring the day was a success. Finally, a special mention must go to all of our Age Champions and Record Breakers (10 individual records in total) for their outstanding individual performances on the day. A full list of the results are listed below:

### Age Champions

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### Record Breakers

- **Brayden Cramp** – Records in 50m Freestyle (27.14), 100m Freestyle (58.03) & 100m Backstroke (1.07.18)
- **Guy Carley** – Records in 50m Breaststroke (32.49) & 100m Breaststroke (1.14.23)
- **Jack McMenamin** – Records in 100m Butterfly (1.02.29) & 50m Butterfly (27.11)
- **Lachlan Paterson** – Record in 50m Backstroke (29.63)
- **Hudson Anu** – Records in 50m Backstroke (28.03) & 200 IM (2.13.21)

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If you have any stories to be submitted for our next edition please email us at oldboys@sac.qld.edu.au