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From the Principal.

By Shana Bennett

Our new logo

Well into Rostrevor's 102nd year, the College is now entering a new era as we look ahead at what the future holds for our vibrant and truly unique community.

We emerged in 2025 with a new look and new branding which strongly pays homage to the College's rich heritage while reflecting what it has grown to be today. We are a modern school which embraces what the world of today has to offer while setting up students for success in the world of tomorrow, as we thread our history and traditions through all that we do and learn.

We are grounded in tradition, and focused on tomorrow.

The College's new logo follows this sentiment exactly. It pays strong homage to the crest of past eras, while its refreshed elements represent the Rostrevor of today.

The new logo, branding and College website launched at the beginning of 2025. These, together with our new Strategic Plan, will see our College through its next era.

Rostrevor's Master Plan

In 2025, we also launch Rostrevor's new Master Plan. Our vision for the College's future is bright, with reimagined, reinvigorated spaces a key component of how we can continue to offer an exceptional education to our students.

Across the lifespan of the Master Plan, the majority of Rostrevor's facilities will undergo capital works to ensure its learning spaces keep pace with contemporary teaching practices.

Notably, Purton Hall will receive a complete overhaul, with state-of-the-art gym facilities sharing a building with a new Food Tech space.

Rostrevor will benefit from a major redesign of its facilities, while maintaining the beauty and historic character that define its unique essence.



Deputy Principal announcement

In 2026, we will welcome a new Deputy Principal to Rostrevor. Appointed by EREA Colleges, Cameron Alexander is familiar to our community having served as Acting Deputy Principal for three terms in 2024.

Cameron is the current Deputy Principal at Christian Brothers College Adelaide, a position he has held since 2018. He brings a wealth of experience to the role, having previously acted as Principal of St Edward's College Gosford, as well as serving in many roles at St Virgil's Hobart including Acting Deputy Principal.

We look forward to welcoming Cameron back to our College community.

We also take this time to thank outgoing Deputy Principal Frank Rinaldo for the many years of dedication and service he has given to our community. He is a much-loved member of our College and is respected by students, Old Collegians, staff and families alike.

1. Shana Bennett with Jonty Commerford and James Cooper
2. 2025 Rostrevor College Prefect Group

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ROCA President's Welcome.

By Angelo Piantadosi ('82), ROCA President

2025....the year of change for ROCA!

For those of you that attended the business lunch in June, we made a successful change in venue and format which was well received by all. Some 275 Old Collegians gathered to hear Trent Fraser ('95) and Jared Crouch ('95) being interviewed by Darren McCormack ('82) at EOS by SkyCity. We estimate that around 180 Old Collegians then joined the post-lunch gathering at The District where they continued to share a fantastic afternoon and evening with mates, whilst remaining connected to the Red & Black spirit that is Rostrevor. The afternoon would not have been a success without the support of our sponsors, and I wholeheartedly thank them all. We had 20 sponsors support us by way of cash donation, three auction item sponsors and of course our wine sponsor, Golding Wines (Darren Golding ('87)). I'm sure you will agree that the wines were outstanding and if you have not visited Golding Wines, I encourage you to do so. In fact, I encourage you to support all our sponsors whenever possible.

Another change in 2025 was the public reintroduction of the ROCA Scholarship application process. ROCA provides scholarships to sons and grandsons of Old Collegians who otherwise would not be able to attend Rostrevor. Funding for scholarships is via investment income earned from ROCA Life Membership fees together with income from our events. In 2026, ROCA will be funding two scholarships. Without the Life Memberships and your support at our functions, being able to give back to the Rostrevor community would not be possible. We thank you all for your continued support and contributions.

Further change in 2025 was by way of a ROCA Committee refresh, welcoming Lachlan Spehr ('17) and farewelling Angus Massie ('17). We thank Angus for his energy and enthusiasm during his past service, and we thank Lachlan for his contribution to date. I also thank Wahib Joubair ('94) for his contribution on the Business Lunch Sub-Committee. Of course, existing Committee Members Peter Romeo ('03), Steve Russo ('95), Derek Seret ('97), Daniel Mignone ('97) and Steve Olech ('91) have all done great jobs in guiding

ROCA in 2025. I thank all Committee members for their commitment to the growth and sustainment of ROCA.

In 2025 ROCA continued to reinforce its relationship with the College and Old Collegian sporting clubs. A significant portion of the 2024 Year 12 cohort connected with the ROC sporting clubs and took up the ROCA Life Membership. Once again, this is consistent with ROCA being the conduit for Rossi lads to remain Connected for Life. We aim to continue this trend with the College's 2025 Year 12 cohort.

As the year draws to a close, a final change in 2025 will be that I won't be seeking reappointment as ROCA President at the 2026 AGM, nor continue on the Committee. ROCA's End of Year drinks on 24 October at The Republic, Norwood was my last formal event as President.

The past four years have been a terrific and wonderful ride with ROCA and my 10 or so years prior involvement at the College on the Finance Committee and Board were also memorable. I originally reconnected as I wished to give back to the College who set the academic and life skill foundation for me, my late brother, my son and two nephews. I have loved what we have achieved as a Committee. I love seeing the Old Collegians interact and connect. I love the reunions, the stories and the intergenerational interaction. I love the improvement that we have achieved in ROCA's recognition. I love the ROCS sporting clubs. I love Rostrevor and will definitely remain Connected for Life.

I wish the Committee, together with the incoming President Derek Seret ('97), every success with their future. May ROCA continue to grow and prosper.

Finally, thank you to all ROCA members for your support in assisting ROCA to achieve its goals. Our aim for Rossi lads to be "Connected for Life" is alive and well.

Choomalaka!

1. Angelo Piantadosi at 2025 ROCA Business Lunch
2. Angelo Piantadosi at 2025 Old Boys Lunch
3. Angelo Piantadosi at 2025 ROCA Business Lunch
4. Jared Crouch ('95), Darren McCormack ('82), Angelo Piantadosi and Trent Fraser ('95) at 2025 ROCA Business Lunch



Rostrevor Foundation Chair Report.

By Angus Massie ('17), Chair

The Rostrevor College Foundation has reached new heights in 2025 and has had an incredible impact on not just the College but also its wider community. It has been so exciting to see how fast we have grown our community engagement through the Friends of Foundation Committee led by current Rostrevor parent Erica Pennington. Erica and her team have put in so much effort in bringing the community together and in spreading the Foundation's work and values throughout the community.

The Friends of Foundation held three major events this year; the Foundation Quiz Night, the Spring Long Lunch and the Parent Welcome Drinks. These events would not be possible without the incredible work of Erica Pennington, Meagan Furst, Paula Briffa and the College Development team. The Foundation and College community are extremely grateful of all their hard work and commitment.

As Chair, it gives me great pleasure to announce the Foundation's commitment of \$600,000 to the new Rice Building project which will feature brand new bathroom facilities and a Health Hub to keep up with growing enrolments. This funding from the Foundation will allow for future growth of the College by ensuring the young men of Rostrevor are developing in the best possible environment and to keep the community involved in the College's capital works and future plans.

I'd like to thank all families and individuals who have contributed to the Foundation in recent years who have made this funding possible. Thank you to the Foundation Board for its support and guidance throughout this year. I am extremely excited and optimistic of what is to come in 2026.





2025 ROCA Business Lunch.

The 2025 ROCA Business Lunch shifted venue this year, taking place in the stylish new Ballroom at EOS by SkyCity.

The new venue was a hit, with almost three hundred Old Collegians enjoying the high-quality three course lunch on offer, as well as the delicious and award-winning wines supplied by Darren Golding ('87), founder and owner of Golding Wines.

The much-anticipated annual event was a fantastic opportunity for Old Collegians and Rostrevor community members to catch up and network with a room full of people with shared experiences and values.

Attendees were treated to an engaging and emotional interview with guest speakers Trent Fraser ('95) and Jared Crouch ('95), who reflected on their journeys from becoming friends at Rostrevor in primary school to the heights of their astounding respective business and AFL success.

A special thanks to the many sponsors, auctioneer Luke Schapel ('99) and our Emcee for the day, Darren McCormack ('82).

Congratulations to all the live auction and cash raffle winners for the day – of whom there were many.

Finally, thank you to ROCA President, Angelo Piantadosi ('82) and the ROCA Committee for their work in organising what is always a standout event.





Thank you to our sponsors



2025 Old Boys' Lunch



It was fantastic to see 41 Old Collegians from the Class of 1974 and before fill Rostrevor's Pavilion on Wednesday 7 May, gathering to enjoy good food and good company overlooking the College's grounds.

The Pavilion was filled with nostalgic stories as the Old Boys spent the afternoon catching up with friends and reminiscing about their time at Rostrevor.

Some Old Collegians arrived early to participate in the Edmund Rice Day mass, which continues to hold significance for them all these years on.

Thank you to guest speaker John Trainer OAM, who spoke of his journey from boarding at Rostrevor, through his time teaching and his career as a high-profile politician.





2025 ROCA Reunions.

End of Year Drinks



For the latest information on ROCA reunions and events,
please visit the College website:

<https://www.rostrevor.sa.edu.au/community/roca>

Class of '75 – 50 Year Reunion



Class of '95 – 30 Year Reunion



2024 SACE Success.

By Kerry Hodkinson, Director of Teaching & Learning

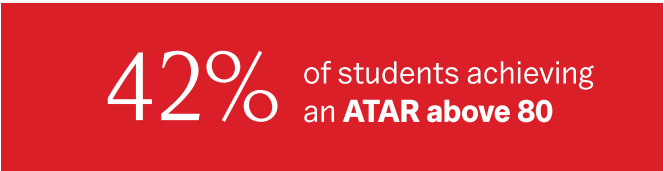
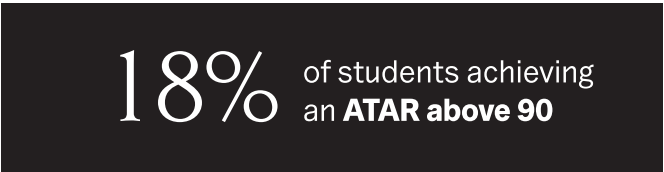
When a student joins Rostrevor College, one of the first messages they hear is Palma Merenti – ‘the reward to the one who earns it’. This motto is on his uniform, on the walls of his classroom and on every document he receives from his teachers.

Rostrevor’s Class of 2024 has truly embraced the philosophy of Palma Merenti, demonstrating a commitment to their learning over their years at Rostrevor, and they now reap the rewards – their SACE results.

Our four Touchstones of Inclusive Community, Liberating Education, Justice and Solidarity and Gospel Spirituality have been at the fore of everything this cohort has achieved. We know that educational success comes not just from Year 12 studies, but from the entire 13 years of schooling.

So, we also express our gratitude to the countless people who have provided unwavering support to shape learning experiences that inspire and celebrate Rostrevor students’ unique gifts, leading to the success we celebrate today.

Last year, Merits were achieved in a wide range of subjects including English, Essential English, Agricultural Systems, and Spirituality, Religion and Meaning. A+ grades were also achieved in Business Innovation, Digital Technologies, Physical Education, Psychology, Music Performance Ensemble, Music Exploration, Research Project, Mathematical Methods and Italian (Continuers).



ATAR ABOVE 90			
STUDENT NAME	ATAR	STUDENT NAME	ATAR
CLARK, Alexander	99.00	BECKER, Carlen	95.25
SAREEN, Aaryan	98.05	FEDELE, Matthew	95.20
BRAUNACK, Tom	97.95	MARIN, Jacob	93.75
BOHLIN, Connor	97.65	COYLE, Noah	92.70
LEWIS, Zak	97.65	CRAFTER, Ignatius	92.10
MCFARLANE, James	96.70	METTI, Luca	92.05
CONSTANTIN, Jeremy	96.45	EVANS, Jayden	91.70
KILDARE, Isaac	96.45	MCGUIRE-COWARD, Joe	91.00
RAPUANO, Antony	96.20	ZAPPIA, Domenico	90.90
CARETTI, Michael	95.40	VARRICCHIO, Alessio	90.60

16 MERITS

27 Additional A+ grades

90% of all grades in the A or B band

Alex Clark ('24), our Head Prefect for 2024, achieved outstanding SACE Stage 2 results, receiving A+ grades for Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning, Physical Education and . He also received A grades for Chemistry and Mathematical Methods. Alex undertook Stage 2 English and Research Project as a Year 11 student in 2023, receiving merits for both subjects.

Proxime Accessit Aaryan Sareen attained four A+ grades in Business Innovation, English, Research Project and Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning. He also achieved an A grade for Accounting and an A- for General Mathematics.

To the class of 2024, we say congratulations and well done. Not only have you achieved 100% SACE completion, but you have also led the College in continuous wellbeing, social justice and inclusivity initiatives.

Your voices are important, and we hope that you know that you can continue to use these voices to empower others, tackle critical global and local issues, and to promote reconciliation, equality and inclusive practices.



1. Alex Clark ('24), Shana Bennett & Aaryan Sareen ('24)
2. 2024 Dux Assembly



From Duggan House.

By Stuart Proud, Director of Boarding

This year has been a special one for Duggan House, marking both a time of growth and renewed energy within our boarding community. As the new Director of Boarding, I have had the privilege of stepping into this role after previous experience in an EREA school in Melbourne. My family and I now live on-site in Duggan House, and it has been a real joy to share daily life with the boys – joining them for meals, games and the many memorable moments that make boarding in the Rostrevor College community such a unique experience.

Working alongside Ned McCarthy, our 2025 Prefect – Head of Boarding, we have introduced a number of new initiatives aimed at strengthening the boys' wellbeing, independence and sense of belonging. A key focus this year has been empowering our boarders to be inquisitive, to lead and to contribute to positive change within the community.

As a Catholic community, we have also renewed our approach to supporting the boys on their spiritual journey. This year we brought Mass and weekday liturgies back into our home, hosting them in the Rostrevor College Chapel. Having our own sacred space has felt meaningful, and the teaching and guidance we have received from Father Matthews has been uniquely tailored to the needs of our boarders and community.

Our boarders continue to make an incredible impact across co-curricular programs — representing their hometowns with pride and carrying the red and black spirit onto fields, courts, and ovals across the state.

Boarders have formed the backbone of Rostrevor's senior sporting teams this year, with many holding leadership positions across Football, Cricket, Soccer and Tennis.

We have seen continued growth in boarding enrolments, with boys joining us from across South Australia, the Northern Territory and beyond adding to the diversity and vibrancy of our House culture.

Our new catering partnership with Chartwells has also been warmly received by students and staff alike, with a focus on fresh, balanced meals and feedback-driven menus. The boys have enjoyed contributing through



regular “food committee” meetings, helping to shape meal offerings and strengthen their voice in the daily life of Duggan House.

This year, Rostrevor College once again celebrated National Boarding Week, with our boarders hosting a fundraising barbecue for charity, conducting Duggan House tours for Year 6 students, and enjoying a dinner with a ‘touch of country’. The theme of the week – *sharing our why* – invited boys to reflect on what brings them to Rostrevor and the diverse communities they represent back home.

We also hosted the Duggan House ‘Gather Round’ Boarding Tour, welcoming prospective boarding families from across Australia to experience life at Rostrevor first-hand. Coinciding with the AFL Gather Round weekend, the event offered a relaxed morning tea where families met staff and current students, gaining a genuine insight into the warmth and spirit of our boarding community.

Another highlight was hosting Loreto College for a breakfast barbecue, where we welcomed fellow boarders to celebrate community, leadership, and the shared spirit of boarding education. Strengthening our connection with Loreto's boarding community has been a rewarding experience, and we look forward to building on this partnership in the years ahead.

Boarding life remains as lively as ever. When our boarders are not studying or representing the College, they throw

themselves into a range of excursions from AFL, A-League, and NBL matches to the Adelaide Fringe, Royal Adelaide Show, golf, The Beach House and tenpin bowling.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on creating a nurturing and dynamic environment that supports every boy to grow into the best version of himself in character, faith and independence.

If you'd like to learn more about boarding at Rostrevor College or arrange a tour of Duggan House, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We would love to welcome you to experience the warmth and community of our boarding family.



1. Kyran Cole-Manolis (Aboriginal Programs Prefect), Stuart Proud and Ned McCarthy (Prefect - Head Boarder) at the 2025 Prefect Investiture
2. National Boarding Week BBQ
3. Boarding Indoor Cricket Competition Winners
4. Boarding Indoor Soccer Competition Winners
5. National Boarding Week 'A Touch of Country' Dinner
6. Loreto College Boarding Breakfast



Governor's Commendation.



Congratulations to Alex Clark ('24) who has been awarded the Governor of South Australia Excellence in SACE award upon his graduation at the end of last year.

Alex was awarded the Governor of South Australia Commendations - Excellence award demonstrating outstanding achievement in all seven SACE capabilities. Alex's incredible leadership as Head Prefect and inclusive support of all Rostrevor students make him highly worthy of the prestigious prize.

It is the sixth year in a row that a Rostrevor graduate has received a Governor's Commendation, following awards to Lachlan Tripodi in 2023, Cameron Tunno, Ridheypreet Grover and Taylem Stubbs in 2022, Manish Augustine in 2021, Giovanni Elias and Gianni Bergamin in 2020 and Archer Newton in 2019.

1. Lisa Clark, Shana Bennett, Alex Clark and Stuart Clark at the Governor's Commendation Awards
2. Alex Clark at the 2024 Presentation Night



Generations in Jazz Medalists.



Over the first weekend in May, Rostrevor's Senior Band, Senior Jazz Band, and Small Jazz Ensemble proudly represented the College at Generations in Jazz — the largest school music festival in the Southern Hemisphere. Held in Mount Gambier, this nationally renowned event brought together nearly 5,000 students from every state and territory across Australia to celebrate and compete in jazz and ensemble performances.

Rostrevor students represented the school with excellence across three different divisions and achieved outstanding results. The Senior Band delivered a strong performance and was awarded second place in Division 2.

A special congratulations goes to Aleks Zorzi and Ashton Nguyen, who were recognised for their exceptional

individual contributions and selected to perform in the prestigious Division 2 Superband — an ensemble made up of the top musicians from across the division. The pair joined a few other students from across Australia to perform for the 5000 students, staff, parents and adjudicators present.

The Small Jazz Ensemble also earned a well-deserved 2nd place in the open 'Small Jazz' division against dozens of other groups.

The students' dedication, passion, and professionalism were on full display, and they represented Rostrevor College with pride on one of Australia's biggest music stages.

Social Justice Group.

By Justin Chung ('94), Social Justice Coordinator

Rostrevor's Social Justice group has continued to grow as a vibrant expression of student leadership, action and compassion. The core group of 35–40 committed members (which at one stage reached 50 students) meet once a week to identify initiatives that not only respond to community needs, but also nurture a culture of inclusion, stewardship and solidarity across the College.

Building Community and Belonging

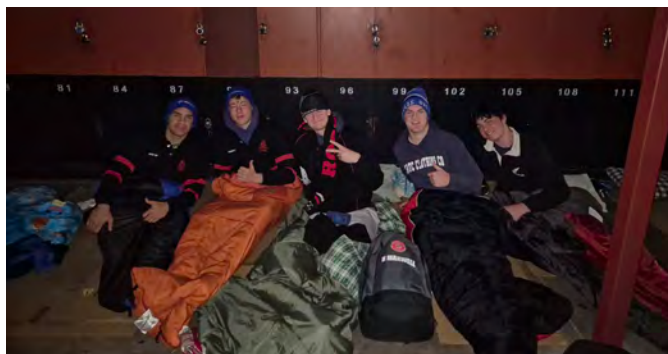
The year began with a strong focus on practical action and inclusivity. Students organised weekly emu parades to keep the school grounds clean and launched the 10-cent recycling competition, encouraging both sustainability and teamwork.

For Harmony Day, under the theme *We Belong*, students courageously shared their family stories, highlighting the rich cultural heritage that shapes our community. A world map was created for each House, where students placed pins marking their family's origins, offering a powerful visual reminder of the diversity and unity within the College.

The term concluded with a moving reflection during Refugee Week. Our College Counsellor, Mason Somerville ('03), shared his personal experiences of working with refugees on Christmas Island, offering students insight into the challenges faced by displaced people and the importance of compassion and advocacy. Inspired by this work, Mason went on to write songs about justice and solidarity and even formed a group called *Minority Tradition*, whose music has inspired many to reflect on hope, resilience and human dignity.

Deepening Understanding and Taking Action

In the middle of the year, the Social Justice group turned its focus towards issues of solidarity and service. Trent Hill, a First Nations story teller and guide, facilitated a session with the team on the traditional use of local flora and fauna. This was a vital step in preparing students to support our First Nations brothers in developing the Yarning Circle, a space that will be both cultural and communal.



The team also engaged with Edmund Rice Camps, listening to guest speaker Caitlin Gill, who shared stories of families in need of respite and the joy these camps bring to young people. Caitlin's message inspired students to consider volunteering their time to make a difference in the lives of others.

A highlight of the year was the St Vincent De Paul Winter Sleep Out, where 52 students braved the cold to experience, in a small way, the struggles faced by those without shelter. The following morning, students participated in the Hutt Street Walk-a-Mile event in the city, standing in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness.

Extending Leadership and Learning

This year also saw students extend their leadership beyond the College. Select students represented our community in the CESA Student Advisory Body and CESA Student Leadership Workshops, where they contributed their voices to broader discussions on education, justice and youth leadership. These opportunities enabled students to develop confidence, public speaking skills and a deeper understanding of how student voice can shape change.

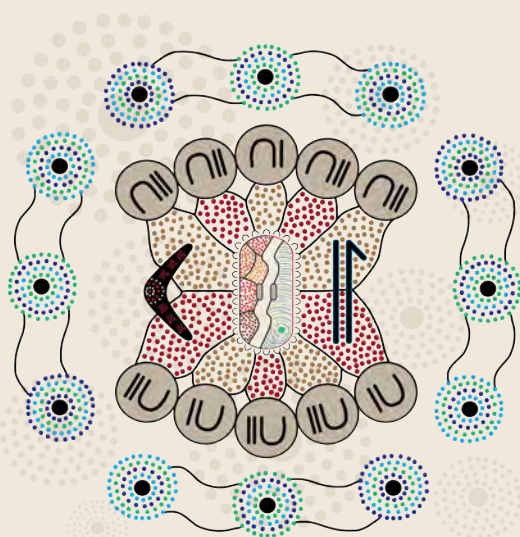
In addition, students participated in intergenerational programs at local nursing homes, fostering relationships

with residents through meaningful conversations and shared experiences. At Warrina Park, students contributed to a groundbreaking study exploring how Virtual Reality can bridge the gap between young and old, showing how technology can promote empathy and connection across generations.

The team also supported the World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge, celebrating inclusivity in sport and learning more about the resilience, determination, and teamwork demonstrated by athletes living with disability. These experiences broadened the students' perspectives and reinforced the principle that justice is not only about advocacy but also about respect, equality and shared humanity.

Through these initiatives, the Social Justice group has demonstrated that small acts of service, when done with great love, have the power to transform both individuals and communities. Weekly meetings have provided a space for students to dream, plan and act, giving them ownership of projects that embody our College values. From sustainability drives and cultural celebrations to advocacy, leadership opportunities and intergenerational connections, this year has been marked by genuine commitment to living out justice.

2025 National Reconciliation Week Artwork.



Colour

I used dark, earthy colours to represent my Central Australian family - the Arrernte people of Alice Springs, and aquatic colours for my Kimberley side - the Yawuru people of Broome.

Boomerang, Shield & Spear

The boomerang, shield and spear at the centre of the artwork are symbols that represent the strength and courage that Rostrevor instils in its students, turning boys into young men and setting us up for the future.

Gathering Group

The large group of people gathered around the shield are the students who are here to learn and gain new strengths and skills with the guidance of their teachers and each other.

Men & Women

Surrounding the centre are the men and women who care for us within our community. The dots pouring from them to us are their knowledge, strength and fondness for the students at Rostrevor.

Waterholes / Waterways

The waterways connect us back to the natural terrain of Kurna country and the river that carved out the valley that is at the heart of our school.



Kyran Cole-Manolis
Arrernte & Yawuru Country
Prefect - Aboriginal Programs

Agriculture Award for Rostrevor.



Each year, research company AgXtra runs a 'crop competition' for schools, primarily targeting Year 11 Agriculture students, where students make real industry-based decisions such as selecting a wheat variety, sowing rate and fertiliser regime. AgXtra then sows each team's crops and harvests them later in the year, determining the winner by gross margin.

It was an extremely challenging year for crop production being one of the driest years in the last century, but the students showed creativity in seeking solutions to adapt.

Of the 42 teams from schools and universities across the state, Rostrevor's team comprising of Josh Holt, Alessio Quirino, Parth Singh, and Jay Vanderwerf secured first place overall—an incredible achievement!

This comes after Tom Braunack ('24) and James McFarlane ('24) secured two of the three SACE Merits awarded to Stage 2 Agricultural Systems students from across the state last year.

Rostrevor has cemented itself as a destination for Agriculture students who benefit from the on-site Agriculture Farm and thrive under the expert guidance of Agricultural Science Coordinator, Sam Powell.



1. Josh Holt, Alessio Quirino and Parth Singh

The Rite Journey.

By Bill Trewartha, Director of Wellbeing – Middle Years

This year, Rostrevor College has partnered with The Rite Journey to deliver their program to Year 9 students. The program's objective is to help guide students in their transition from childhood to adulthood, encouraging them to recognise and take responsibility for their behaviours as they prepare to take their place in the world.

The program began at the start of the school year with the Calling and Departure Ceremony where the students' parents and caregivers shared heartfelt letters of gratitude with their boys before enjoying a sunrise breakfast on the Rostrevor House front lawns.

Meeting regularly with a designated teacher and chosen male mentor, students are given the space to engage in important and meaningful conversations. To support these conversations, the College invited guest speaker Daniel Principe to engage with students in Term 2, who encouraged them to think about what it means to lead lives marked by integrity, compassion and empathy. Working extensively in Catholic schools and associations across Australia, he is known for his engaging seminars promoting healthy values among young people – particularly in the areas of respectful relationships, social media, identity and media literacy.

The Year 9 cohort have been given a number of challenges across the year to promote personal growth and resilience, and participated in a range of events including an overnight camp to round out the program.

The Rite Journey has been adopted by schools across the country and internationally, and in its inaugural year is seen to be making a significant positive impact on the wellbeing of Rostrevor's Year 9 cohort.



Manchester City Football School UK Tour.

By Jamie Lee, Coordinator - Manchester City Football Program

Twenty keen soccer players and four teachers spent two weeks in the UK during the Term 2 holidays on a Manchester City football tour this year.

The boys spent their time training and learning from one of the most decorated clubs in the world in between tours of the Etihad, Liverpool, Chelsea, Manchester United and Arsenal stadiums, attending a variety of professional games and experiencing all the UK has to offer.

A true highlight was being surprised with a meet and greet with Matildas and Manchester City player Mary Fowler on the first day, after which they were fortunate to see her play!

It was the trip of a lifetime for the students, who all had a blast learning, growing and creating lifelong memories at the home of Manchester City FC.





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Soccer.

By Daniel Mullen, Coordinator – Soccer Program



The 2025 season has been another milestone year for Rostrevor College's soccer program, marked by continued growth across all levels of the game.

The headline achievement came in April, when our Open squad claimed the EREA Soccer Tournament title in Brisbane for the very first time in our history. In a gripping final against St Lawrence's College, the boys showed incredible resilience and composure, securing victory after extra time to lift the prestigious trophy.

On the local stage, our Year 7/8 knockout team progressed to the quarter finals before bowing out to a strong Nazareth College outfit. The Year 9/10 and Open knockout squads remain in contention, with their finals campaigns still underway at the time of writing.

The First XI enjoyed another strong season, winning the hotly contested Intercol match against Sacred Heart College in emphatic fashion with five goals to two. They finished fourth in the SAAS Division 1 ladder, falling to CBC in the semi-final, but made history by winning the Interstate Independent Schools Cup for the fourth consecutive year, defeating Newington College once again in the final.

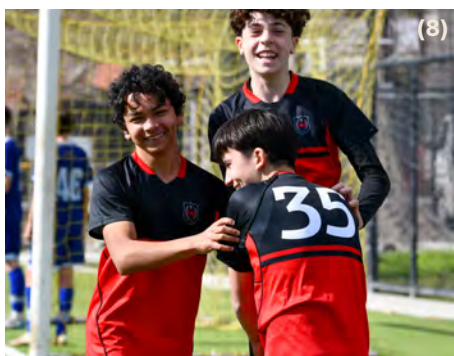
In a breakthrough for our program, the Second XI reached the finals of the SAAS Division 2 Twilight competition for the first time ever. They stunned the competition by defeating premiers Cabra Dominican College in the semi-final, before narrowly losing 1-0 to St Paul's College in the Grand Final – a remarkable effort given they were competing against other schools' First XI squads!

Participation and engagement continue to surge, with 15 senior co-curricular teams fielded this year, each boasting strong numbers. Our six Manchester City classes in 2025 are a testament to the growing appetite for high-level football education at Rostrevor, ensuring the future of the program is brighter than ever.

2025 will be remembered not only for the silverware and milestones achieved, but for the way our players represented Rostrevor with passion, skill, and pride – both at home and on the national stage.



1. 2025 Intercol
2. 2025 Intercol
3. Marcus Caporaso
4. Ashwandeep Gill
5. Jamie Lee and Massimo Cerracchio at the 2025 Interstate Independent School Cup
6. 2025 Captains Joshua Zeeman (VC), Massimo Cerracchio (C), Barnaby Wood (VC)
7. Winners of the Edmund Rice Education Australia Brisbane Championship
8. Elijah Weeks, Joshua Tassotti and Massimo La Vista
9. Joshua Zeeman and Barnaby Wood
10. Massimo Cerracchio



Football.

By Tim Baccanello, Coordinator – Football Program

The Rostrevor College Football Program enjoyed another memorable season in 2025. A newly formatted SAAS competition saw us in Division 1, and most of our different teams playing the same school on any given weekend. This format was welcomed by families and created more opportunities for students to support their peers and build camaraderie.

Under the strong leadership of Captain Ned McCarthy, Rostrevor's First XVIII showed commendable development throughout the year. After some strong victories against St Peter's College and Immanuel College, and spirited losses to Prince Alfred College and Sacred Heart College earlier in the season, the team faced St Michael's College in the third place final. This game proved to be the highlight of the year, with Rostrevor running away in the second half and playing their best game for the year. Rostrevor 12.13 (85) defeated St Michael's 7.8 (50), securing third place overall from all schools entered in the SAAS competition across Adelaide.

Rostrevor's Year 9/10 Knockout team entered the State-wide competition with confidence on the back of some good form in the 10A competition to start the year. The 9/10 team got off to a good start in the competition, defeating a strong Henley High School team and Trinity College before they faced tough opposition against PAC in the Semi-Final. A high-quality contest saw Rostrevor prevail, booking a spot in the final against Sacred Heart College at Richmond Oval. Despite some early nerves, the team steadied under the leadership of Captain Daly Olthoff and won the game by 13 points. This marks Rostrevor's first Knockout Football title since 2009 – a historic achievement for our Year 9/10 squad.

Rostrevor's historic Intercol fixture against Sacred Heart was another highlight of the season for our teams. All teams played with spirit and determination in what are always hard-fought contests. One of the best performing teams was the 10A side, who led narrowly at three-quarter time before kicking four unanswered goals in the last quarter to record a memorable victory.

The 10A team also provided further highlights during their SAAS campaign, making it through to the 10A Shield Final. Although they were narrowly defeated by PAC, their performance this year has set a strong foundation for years to come.

Whilst some teams enjoyed plenty of success, playing in Division 1 meant that every week presented tough opposition. Despite losing more games than they won, the development of the Year 9 group is worth highlighting. Their growth over the past 12 months has been clear to all who have watched them, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to progress as they step into Year 10.

Congratulations to Noah Daw (Year 12) and Fergus Myall (Year 12), who were selected for the 2025 South Australian Under 18 State Football team that competed in the U/18 AFL National Championships. Noah and Fergus were joined by fellow Norwood teammate Balyn O'Brien, who graduated from Rostrevor in 2024. Congratulations also to Archie Simpson (Year 11), Charlie Best (Year 11) and Oliver Easton (Year 10) on their selection in the Under 16 State Football team, as well as to Brock Langeluddecke (Year 10) and Tyler Hitch (Year 9) who represented SA in the Under 15 Championships.

These achievements across all levels reflect the strength of Rostrevor's Football program and set an exciting platform for the seasons ahead.



1. Alex Corones
2. Archie Simpson
3. 2025 Captains Will Fanning (DVC), Noah Daw (VC), Ned McCarthy (C), Harvey Pearce (DVC)
4. Archie Simpson, Oliver Easton and Charlie Best representing the SA U 16 team
5. Harry Maxwell
6. Fergus Myall
7. Noah Daw

Cricket.

By Josh Clarke, Coordinator – Cricket Program

The 2024/25 First XI Cricket season was a thrilling journey of grit, development, and triumph for Rostrevor College. Led by Captain Alecs Zorzi and Vice-Captains James Clarke and Will Fanning, the side showed tremendous character throughout both the Term 4 one-day competition and the Term 1 two-day format. From battling the strongest cricketing schools in South Australia to sealing an unforgettable Intercol victory, this season was defined by passion and resilience.

The Term 4 competition began with narrow defeats to Prince Alfred College and Westminster School, but the team rebounded in stunning fashion. Rostrevor bowled Sacred Heart College out for 140 and chased down the total with conviction, finishing 10/137 off just 33.3 overs. That victory ignited momentum that carried through wins against Immanuel College (6/202 def 9/201), and a nail-biter against St Peter's College where Rostrevor lost despite posting a competitive 10/167.

One of the most exciting games of the term came against Pembroke School, where chasing 226, Rostrevor reached 5/228 in 38.3 overs—an outstanding team batting performance!

In the first round of Finals, Rostrevor secured a dramatic win over Westminster, defending 172 with a gutsy bowling display to edge home by one run (9/172 def 8/171)

In the shift to the longer format in Term 1 this year, Rostrevor's bowling depth and batting patience came to the fore. In the opening two-day fixture, they secured a strong win against Pembroke, defending 10/172 by bowling them out for 142.

The following week, against St Peter's, Rostrevor batted first and posted a strong 203. In reply, Saints edged past with 204, finishing nine runs down in a thrilling one-wicket win. The next fixture against Prince Alfred College was a season highlight. Rostrevor bowled first and had PAC in early trouble, dismissing them for just 33. However, PAC bounced back with the ball and eventually declared at 7/194 in their second innings. Rostrevor, after making 137 in their first dig, batted again and finished 3/61, holding on as the

match concluded, Rostrevor took the first innings points and finished the Two-Day Competition as equal leaders.

The season concluded with a historic win in the 102nd Intercol Cricket match against Sacred Heart College. Rostrevor bowled first and ripped through the Sacred Heart batting lineup, dismissing them for just 42 in the first innings. With momentum on their side, Rostrevor responded with 133 to establish a commanding lead, thanks to a composed innings and important partnership between new boarders Tyler Hitch and Jackson Yates, who both showed great resilience under pressure.

In the second innings, SHC regrouped and made 186, setting a tricky final target. Chasing 98 for victory in the final session, the pressure mounted. Lead by hard hitting and fearlessness from opening batsman Jake Polkinghorne, Rostrevor reached 8/98, sealing the win with just 20 minutes left in the day. Year 12 all-rounder Will Fanning struck the winning boundary, etching his name into Intercol folklore. Meanwhile, Jarrah Reidy's extraordinary seven-wicket haul ensured he earned the Intercol Medal for his match-winning bowling performance.

The 2024/25 season will be remembered not just for its results, but for the camaraderie, spirit, and relentless determination shown by the squad. Congratulations to the entire First XI squad and coaching staff on a sensational season that brought pride to the red and black.



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1. Harrison Tink
2. Daniel Boulden
3. 2024-25 Captains Will Fanning (VC),
Alecs Zorzi (C), James Clarke (VC)
4. Archie Shaw and Sam Lehmann
5. Jake Polkinghorne, Archah Parisi and
Alecs Zorzi
6. Tyler Hitch
7. Tyler Hitch Makes a Century
8. Winners of the 2025 Cricket Intercol



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Basketball.

By Carla Saponari, First V Coach



The 2025 Basketball season was one to remember, marked by unity and some incredible achievements. The majority of this year's First V team began their journey in 2023 as Year 10 students, stepping into their first season as rookies. Through determination and grit, they steadily gained momentum in 2024, achieving small but significant successes. This year, the team has exceeded all expectations. From humble beginnings to becoming a force to be reckoned with, they've proven what resilience, teamwork and hard work can achieve.

The First V showed consistency throughout the year, finishing in the top two on the ladder and going on a dominant six-game win streak, with just one loss late in the season. One of the season's biggest highlights came in a statement win over a nationally ranked Trinity College team. We were dominant from the perimeter, sinking 15 threes, and our solid defensive pressure rattled the Trinity side from start to finish — a true showcase of our identity on both ends of the court.

Our seventh win came at Intercol, where we delivered a strong performance to take home the win and cap off a truly dominant stretch of games. Rostrevor had only ever won the Intercol match once since its beginning, in 2010, and this year marked the breaking of a 15-year drought. It has been years of hard work to achieve this goal of winning Intercol. The score line never got above 10 points and it was tight for majority of the game. Sacred

Heart College hit some late threes in the third quarter to stay close. Our players proved too strong offensively to hold down, paired with growing momentum on the defensive end.

The journey didn't stop there — the team is also preparing to travel to the Gold Coast for Nationals, and took home the trophy from the Adelaide 36ers Tournament, defending their 2024 title to go back-to-back.

This season would not have been the same without the exceptional leadership of our Captains. Archer McNamara and Anton Pascale were incredible role models both on and off the court, setting the tone with their dedication and passion. They were brilliantly supported by Noah Sampson, whose impact as Vice Captain was nothing short of outstanding.

The Middle A team should also be commended, making it to the SAAS Grand Final for the second year in a row this year. The team ventured across town to Nazareth College for the game against Saint Peter's College, where they were narrowly defeated by their opponents 45-49. Rostrevor's Middle A team has been a powerhouse in their division in recent years, and the four points separating them from the trophy is testament to their strong team culture and tireless efforts!



1. Frazer Lawrie
2. 2025 Captains Anton Pascale (C), Archer McNamara (C), Noah Sampson (VC)
3. Captains with Intercol Trophy
4. 2025 Basketball Intercol
5. Jack Isaac
6. Noah Sampson
7. Jacob McIntyre
8. Adelaide 36ers Interscholar Competition winners



Ones to Watch.



Jarrah Reidy

The Year 11 Boarder from Port Lincoln has been making waves as a pace bowler in Rostrevor's First XI Cricket team, having debuted for the side when he arrived as a Year 10 in 2024.

Last year, he was named as one of three Rostrevor students in the South Australian U15 Cricket team which saw him travel to Queensland for the National Championships. His performance during the competition caught the attention of talent scouts who selected him for the U15 All-Australian Cricket team.

Not only a handy player, Jarrah also demonstrates sportsmanship during his games, embodying the Rostrevor Co-Curricular Program's 'good bloke' policy. His on-field attitude earned him the Blue Round medal in 2024, awarded to the player who best demonstrates mateship and College spirit.

Jarrah put on a standout performance at this year's Cricket Intercol, taking an impressive seven wickets against Sacred Heart in Term 1. His consistent performances also earned him the Leading Wicket Taker and Bowling Award for Rostrevor's First XI at the end of the 2024-2025 season.

Noah Daw

On top of his role as Rostrevor's 2025 Sports Prefect, Noah has also been Vice Captain of the First XVIII for the last two years after being one of the stronger players in the team from Year 10.



The intercepting Defender has been a consistent player for Norwood FC for years, this year playing in the club's U18 team.

From his performance at Norwood, he was one of three Rostrevor players selected to take part in the SANFL U18 State Football Academy in 2024.

This year, Noah was selected in a SANFL State team for the second year in a row, alongside seven of his Rostrevor peers. He helped the U18 SANFL team remain undefeated in their campaign against the best players from across Australia, playing the first two games before injury in the SA team's historic 4-0 season.

Barnaby Wood

Barnaby has been excelling in Rostrevor's First XI Soccer team since he joined the College as a Year 10 boarder from Darwin halfway through 2023.

This year, he has been named Vice Captain of the First XI after demonstrating his playing and leadership skills on the pitch.

Barnaby's composed playing style was noticed by officials at the Schools Association for Adelaide Schools in 2024, when he was named in the league's First XI team of the year, comprised of the best eleven students from across the Adelaide area.

This year, Barnaby made his debut in the RAA National Premier League (Football SA) for Campbelltown City Soccer Club's Senior team.



An amazing feat for the Aussie Frontline Foundation.



From 1 May to 23 May this year, I ran from Melbourne to Adelaide via the Great Ocean Road — a total of 1,042 kilometres, with the final 42km symbolically honouring the 42 Australian soldiers lost in Afghanistan.

I averaged around 45km a day for 23 days straight, no rest.

I ran to support the *Aussie Frontline Foundation* — a charity focused on the mental and physical health of frontline workers, military personnel and veterans. As a combat veteran who served in Afghanistan, this cause is deeply personal.

I've seen firsthand what war does to soldiers — not just during deployment, but especially when they return home. Australia lost 42 soldiers during the war on terror (some of those were close mates from my tours), but since then, we've tragically lost over 1,600 veterans to suicide. I wanted to shine a light on that devastating statistic and remind people that the battle doesn't end when the war does. It was about honouring the fallen and helping the living to keep going.

I raised \$50,000 for the charity, but the awareness we generated was just as powerful — if not more. Conversations were sparked nationwide, and that kind of impact is priceless.

I'd never attempted a run like this before, but I've done deployments to Afghanistan, and I can honestly say both tested me in very different ways.

My incredible support crew was my mum and my 30-week pregnant wife. We lived out of a Winnebago, occasionally stopping in Airbnbs to rest and recover. It was truly a team effort.

By day three, I'd lost most of my toenails — and honestly, that ended up being the least of my worries. The physical toll was intense, but mentally I was fine and stable. I had been through worse in Afghan, but it just reinforced why I was doing it.

I'd like to thank all the military personnel, veterans and first responders who continue to keep our country and communities safe. This run was for them.

Now that I've had time to reflect, I'm more determined than ever. I'm already planning to go further and run longer — to keep raising awareness and funds for those silently battling PTSD. This is just the beginning.

Sam Bamford ('08)

50kms for The Epilepsy Centre.



One of my best mates from Rostrevor has been diagnosed with Epilepsy and has recently had a few seizures, which were extremely difficult to deal with as a close friend, alongside having a strong relationship with his family.

When my friend undertook recent testing on what specific triggers caused these seizures, a consensus couldn't be established which I struggled to comprehend. Having his independence taken away as a result of this disease, including the loss of his driver's license and being told to hold off playing sport, it was tough to see such a close friend suffer.

I thought it would be a good idea to raise awareness for the South Australian Epilepsy Centre as his family had strong ties with the non-for-profit which looks into researching medication and cures for those diagnosed with Epilepsy.

It was a relatively quick decision. I set up my donation page only a month before my run on 1 March 2025 and initially set out to raise \$2,500. Hundreds of people (mostly affiliated with Rostrevor) very generously donated and my total to date has just surpassed \$10,000 which I am so grateful for.

I ran from Aldinga Beach to The Bath Hotel on the Parade, a total of 50km taking just over six hours to complete. Upon arrival, a congregation of my school mates, Old Collegians and family members cheered me home. The reception was overwhelming and hearing the extent to which this event brought everyone's attention to the cause made the hours of pain worthwhile.

I was lucky to have a few school mates, namely Patrick Baldwin ('20), Connor Butcher ('22) and Anton Slivak ('22), join me on different legs of the run to get me over the line, which I'm very grateful for.

I'd like to acknowledge the Matsis family, McGuinness family, Franzon family, McCabe family, Slivak family and Will O'Malley ('07) (O'Malley Outdoor Creations) for their substantial contributions the cause.

Matthew Dnistriansky ('20)

AFL Debutants.



Jacob Newton ('24)

Congratulations to Jacob Newton who swapped the red & black for blue & yellow after joining the West Coast Eagles at pick number 9 in the 2025 AFL Mid-Season Rookie Draft.

Jacob captained Rostrevor's First XVIII last year after playing in the team from Year 9 when he started as a boarder from Elliston. He was scouted from Norwood FC and the South Australian U20 Football team earlier this year after missing out on being selected in the 2024 Draft due to a foot injury.

Jacob's arrival at West Coast adds a burst of power and pace to the Eagles' forward and midfield rotations. The 179cm Norwood FC product impressed with his explosive speed, contested ball-winning ability, and tidy left-foot kicking. After an injury-interrupted draft year in 2024, he bounced back strongly in the SANFL, kicking seven goals across four senior games and showcasing his versatility as a small forward-mid. His tenacity at the contest and ability to break lines make him a dynamic addition to the squad, with the 19-year-old poised to make an impact in the blue and gold as he continues his development at AFL level. His highlight to date was his first AFL goal in his second ever game against Sydney FC in Round 24.

Hugh Jackson ('20)

Arriving at Port Adelaide FC after being selected with Pick 55 in the 2021 NAB AFL National Draft, Hugh Jackson grew up supporting Port Adelaide from his home in South Australia's mid-north before boarding at Rostrevor. He impressed AFL scouts at the Under 18 level with the Roosters, averaging 29.3 disposals and showing an ability to play in the centre or on the wing.

Known for his smooth left foot, Jackson's composure has drawn flattering comparisons to some of the league's classiest midfielders. His performances with the Magpies in the SANFL have him showing plenty of potential, and he was rewarded with a debut in Round 11, 2025.

He retained his spot in the side against the Giants, marking the occasion by kicking a memorable first goal. His versatility and clean hands put him in good stead as he embarks upon the next chapter of his footballing journey.

Brother Brian Clery Reunion.



Chance connections from a few old Rostrevor school mates from the 1960s led to a wonderful reunion with Brother Clery at Rostrevor College earlier this year.

The legendary Brother B J Clery is fondly remembered by many Rostrevor Old Collegians that attended during the years 1964 to 1969. He was many things to many people, including dormitory master, cricket and football coach, Officer in Cadets and was exceptionally talented at any sport he attempted (even handball). He was also an exceptional teacher and storyteller with whom many of us were enamoured and in awe. He is also remembered as a very humble and religious man who sacrificed a lot for his vocation as an educator of young men for so many years.

Currently, Br Clery is still teaching at Aquinas College in Perth. At 88 years old, he is the oldest Christian Brother still actively teaching.

Thirteen Old Collegians from his time at Rostrevor joined with him on 28 January 2025 for a warm welcome from Principal Shana Bennett, a College tour, and a magnificent three course dinner in the Gold Room of Rostrevor House. Following this, Br Clery then spoke to us at length about his experiences and memories from his time at Rostrevor, his early life, his journey in the Brotherhood, his love of sport and his obvious love of teaching. Many of us were also able to share our more memorable recollections and stories from our time with him at the College.

He also discussed what had happened to the many other Christian Brothers that dedicated their life to a religious

and educational vocation. Brothers remembered were Br Gibbons, Br John Moylan, Br Morphett, Br Roberts and Br Stanley to name a few who were also there at the same time.

Many thanks to Br Clery for travelling all the way from Perth to join us, John Williams AM ('72) for initiating and arranging the reunion, Principal Shana Bennett for her warm welcome back to Rostrevor, Deputy Principal Frank Ranaldo for giving us a tour of the College, and to Genevieve Garrett Marketing & Communications Manager for her help in arranging everything on the day.

As John 'Wacka' Williams reflects ...

"To walk into the main building at Rostrevor after some 54 years was exciting along with meeting up with 12 old boys I literally hadn't seen for decades. Br Clery was 'over the moon'."

"... while he was telling us of his life experience. It was just like the stories he would tell us in the dormitory of a Sunday evening when we were youngsters. Everyone was paying complete attention to him."

Thanks also to all 'old boys' who attended and contributed to making the occasion happen and be so memorable: Bill Nicholls ('71), Greg Arnfield ('72), Terry Lange ('71), Richard Hearn ('73), Paul Anson ('69), Greg Egan ('71), Paul Thomas ('70), Brian Wedding ('70), Jim Michalanney ('72), Clem Fitzgerald ('70), Rob Jericho ('71), Martin Whyte ('72) and John Williams ('72).

Jim Michalanney ('72)

1965 Rostrevor First XVIII Reunion.

Recently, 19 members of the Rostrevor's 1965 First XVIII Football team (including players and support staff) had a catch-up lunch at La Trattoria in the City.

It was great to catch up with guys 60 years down the track! You'd have to say 'how fortunate are we' to be in that position. I guess we see some occasionally, others not so frequently down the years. But as (Captain) Jack Bailey ('65) referred to, we have a special bond as Old Collegians of Rostrevor as well as teammates who shared a season or two of blood, sweat, tears and cheers. We are indeed very fortunate.

Lots of stories were told, lots of memories jogged, and lots of laughs had in the process. We appreciated the efforts of everyone present for making the effort to attend. Particular thanks were extended to those who travelled a long way to get there, from Wilcannia, Broken Hill and the West Coast. Our thoughts were also with those who couldn't make it on the day. You were mentioned and remembered.

1. First XVIII – 1965 BACK ROW: H. Baccanello, P. Brown, B. Ryan, L. Byass (Trainer), J. O'Halloran (Boundary Umpire), R. Num (Timekeeper), G. Ursini, R. Bleachmore, C. Altman SECOND ROW: Rev. Br. J. J. Faulkner (Coach), G. Wheeler, G. Power, L. Flint, R. Rakowski, M. Tieli, P. Urban, S. Lavis (Goal Umpire) FRONT ROW: J. Muldoon (Vice-Captain), D. Hogan, W. Hearn, P. Sullivan, J. Bailey (Captain), J. Hoban, J. Toole, P. Marker, P. Adey

And that included our Coach, Vin Faulkner who is still doing ok at 93!

Thanks to Jack Flint for his considerable efforts in helping me to bring this occasion together.

Lou Flint ('65)



Bloom Leadership.



Bloom Leadership was established recently by Old Collegian and former Captain of Port Adelaide FC Tom Jonas ('08) in partnership with former Captain of the Adelaide Thunderbirds Nat von Bertouch.

The duo has a combined 26 years of experience in elite sporting environments, and last year decided to take their knowledge from their time as leaders in high-performance, high-pressure environments to create a business aimed at developing leadership within organisations.

The business has gone from strength to strength in its first 12 months, already delivering the program to a vast array of Adelaide organisations including Rostrevor College.

The Year 12 Prefects and co-curricular captains have benefited from four sessions with Tom across the

year, focused on leadership styles, goal setting and communication.

"The Bloom Leadership program was an incredibly engaging opportunity that allowed us as student leaders to pause and reflect on our personal leadership styles – recognising both our strengths and areas for growth. Learning from Tom was particularly valuable as his insights, drawn from his experience as captain of Port Adelaide, were both relevant and inspiring. Under his guidance, we were given the opportunity to grow and learn about how we can become more adaptive and effective leaders." – Alecs Zorzi, 2025 Rostrevor College Head Prefect

ANZAC Day at the Gums Reserve.



On the morning of 25 April, the Rostrevor College Prefect group gathered at the Gums Reserve at Tranmere to observe and lay a wreath at the ANZAC Day dawn service.

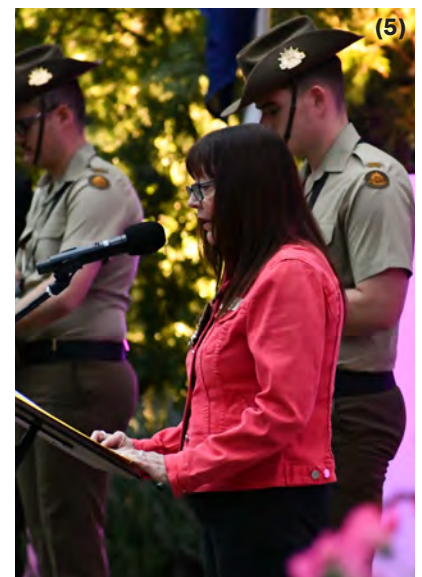
The group were invited to attend the service by the 2025 key speaker, Michelle Matthews, who spoke of her father's time serving in the Vietnam War. Her father, Old Collegian Bruno Adamczyk ('64), was only 22 years old when he was killed in combat days before he was due to return home.

Bruno's grandson Dylan Matthews is also an Old Collegian, graduating in 2020.



There is a plaque to commemorate Bruno in the garden outside the Rostrevor College Chapel, where generations of Rostrevor students have and will continue to stop and reflect on Bruno's story.

1. Bruno Adamczyk at Rostrevor College
2. Bruno Adamczyk
3. Plaque at Rostrevor College Chapel
4. Michelle Matthews and Rostrevor College Prefects at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service
5. Michelle Matthews at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service



Triple J Hottest 100 Recognition.



Congratulations to Old Collegian Paul Kelly ('71) who had two songs appear in the Triple J Hottest 100 of Australian Songs countdown in July.

His songs *How To Make Gravy* and *To Her Door* were voted in at number 9 and number 22 respectively – a truly incredible achievement!

His music is known for its poetic and insightful lyrics accompanied with a blend of folk, country and rock music.

The storytelling in his songs has become synonymous with what it means to capture the Australian Spirit, and in 2017 his contributions to the performing arts earned him the Order of Australia.

Going one step further than creating music that embodies the Australian experience, his music has also contributed to shaping the national culture. The 21st of December has become Australia's unofficial 'Gravy Day', in reference to the lyrics of his iconic song, *How To Make Gravy*.



Rostrevor College Careers Expo.



The Rostrevor College Careers Expo on the evening of 24 July saw exhibitors from a vast range of industries come along to speak to the College's Senior Years students and their families about career options in their fields.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain insight into how their future careers could look, how they can achieve their goals and to meet key people and Old Collegians in their chosen industries who can help them along the way.

The number of Old Collegians present or represented through their businesses is testament to the tight-knit nature of our community. They were not only supporting the College and its students, but their presence also afforded future Old Collegians an opportunity to network with them as potential employers.

Rostrevor sincerely thanks the many Old Collegians and wider Adelaide community members who took the time to help the students make informed decisions about their post-school pathways.

Thank you to:

- Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)
- Accru Harris Orchard | James Orchard ('87)
- Adelaide Uni (& Adelaide Crows Institute of Sports Business)

- AIPT (Australian Institute of Personal Trainers) | Simon Lucas ('06)
- Athletica Sports Physio & Performance | Peter Migliore ('10)
- Audit Office of South Australia
- Celtic Training
- Engineers Australia
- Flinders University
- JFL + Smith Lawyers | James Frearson-Lea ('96) & Pete Smith ('01)
- Jupiter Supports | Borzillo family
- Legal Funding Australia | Vincenzo Salzano ('90)
- O'Connors | Andrew O'Connor ('80)
- Pivot Training
- Queensford College
- Regional Skills Training
- Tabor College
- TAFE SA
- Tilbrook Rasheed Chartered Accountants | Alex Hehir ('94)
- Tindall Gask Bentley Lawyers | Claude Galloni ('83)

Rostrevor Chapel Weddings.

OLD COLLEGIANS MARRIED IN THE CHAPEL OF ST JOSEPH IN 2024 & 2025

17/02/24 Daniel Franchina ('12) & Alicia Cardone

16/03/24 Julian Cali ('14) & Alana Corrieri

25/05/24 Michael Monda ('11 & Former Staff) & Lisa Zollo (Former Staff)

21/09/24 Matthew Willacy ('11) & Danielle Lupoi

2/11/24 Adrian Signore ('10) & Tahlia Tsakrios

23/11/24 Christopher Gladwich ('14) & Laura Norman

7/12/24 Anthony Arciuolo ('14) & Giordana Cimmino

14/12/24 Adrian Villani ('14) & Eva Jakob

18/01/2025 Marco Balsamo ('11) & Isabella Varricchio

15/03/2025 Matthew Mignone ('14) & Daniella Cucchia



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8. Michael Monda ('11) & Lisa Zollo
9. Anthony Arciuolo ('14) & Giordana Cimmino



Old Collegians' Cricket Club.



By Gavin Rowe ('87), ROCCC President

The 2024/25 season is done and dusted and whilst it was a year of mixed fortunes, we seem to be brewing the right formula for a bright future.

It was an unusual season for our A Grade, being in a position to win almost every game but unable to convert enough wins to taste finals action. We undoubtedly have the talent to beat any team at this level but the challenge, as is so often the case in cricket, is a mental one. Our bowling and fielding are pretty much where we need them to be, it is with the bat that we need to do better - recognise key moments, stay patient, value our wickets and work in partnerships.

Having said this, there have been a number of memorable highlights for the A Grade this season. The most dominant performance was the clash with Pooraka in which we made runs for fun to score 9/447 before rolling the opposition for 160. This is the highest innings total in the club's history, driven by Club captain Mitch Simpson ('12) who racked up a lazy 220 to join the very select double-ton club for the ROCCCs.

Another game that stands out was the come from behind win against Ingle Farm. We only managed to scrounge out 143 with the bat and a solid start from Ingle Farm at 1/48 in response had us on the back foot. The boys kept at it, however, until a couple of key wickets started a massive collapse in which the last seven wickets fell for just eight runs to close the innings out for 67. Riley Slack ('17) with 3/16, Joel Luppino ('14) with 2/3 and Josh Mothersole ('23) with 2/7 teamed up exceptionally well to nail the memorable win.

Over the course of the season, Mitch Simpson and Russell Thomas ('94) led the way with the bat, whilst really even contributions with the ball came from Gabe Burden ('14), Dylan Fitzsimons ('17), Joel Luppino and Will McDonald ('21).

Our B Grade finished on top of the ladder in the minor round last year which earned them a promotion to division one of the limited over competition. They took the higher standard of cricket in their stride in the early part of this season, reeling off five wins in the

first seven rounds and nestling in at the pointy end of the table.

Since then, however, a glut of player movements in and out of the side disrupted the momentum and wins became scarce. There were some good victories to savour, but in the end these were too sporadic and we weren't able to make it to the finals.

Andy O'Connor ('07) led the troops admirably again as captain. Our leading run scorers were Jay Hoffman and Jarran Crabb ('07), whilst Pat Taylor and Jesse Hoffman did best with the ball.

One of the biggest stories of this season was the journey that our C Grade took, from a team that has typically struggled to coming ever so close to going all the way.

It was a slow burn to start with, chalking up just two wins from the first eight rounds. Momentum started to build in the middle part of the season, before coming home with a wet sail to be undefeated in the last five rounds. The sluggish start to the season meant that we just scraped into the finals, but by this stage the boys had found their groove and were taking down any team in their path.

The boys got off to a great start in the semi-final, taking on the minor round premiers Hectorville and rolling them for 95 runs. Unfortunately, things did not go to plan with the bat, however, and we fell painfully short of this total in the end. The game was somewhat marred with controversy where, on a sub-standard pitch, the opposition took the irregular (and some might say illegitimate) step of rolling the pitch after losing the toss and being sent in to bat, to give them the best of the conditions.

Nevertheless, all sour grapes aside, it was still a great season for our C Grade, its most successful in a several years. What began as an unlikely mix of youngsters coupled with a few wily old guys transformed into a committed and invested team through a combination of hard work on the track and the infectious enthusiasm that each personality brought to the table.

We see this group as a template for the future of our club. Of course, to improve we need to practice and work hard on our skills. But it's also important to know our

roles in the side, to do what's best for the team and bring everyone else along for the ride. These seem to be some of the key ingredients to becoming a real team and doing what we can to contribute to that group so that the whole really does become greater than the sum of its parts. Taking this philosophy across all our grades will put us in good stead for years to come.

Gus Honner ('17) as captain was instrumental to the success of the team. Julian MacIntosh, Glenn Bertram, Jared Naughton and Gus Honner led the way with the bat this season. Jared Naughton, as well as newcomers to the club Harry Way and Marshall Nitschke ('23) led the way with the ball. Jared had a sensational year, remarkably taking not one but two hat-tricks amongst his many wickets.

Our coaching team, that includes Stephen Harby ('77), Michael Harby ('77) and Richard Holmes has done a mighty job working with the boys, continually encouraging and nurturing them to develop into better players.

A big thanks to Matt ('90) and Luke Kelly ('00) and The Republic Hotel, as our major sponsor again, and of course the College for their ongoing support and use of the grounds.

Would we have wanted more wins in the 2024/25 season? Of course, the answer is yes. However, there were so many green shoots and good signs coming out of the year that give us a strong foundation upon which we can build. Now, spring is in the air and a new season is nearly upon us.... we have a lot to look forward to.



Old Collegians' Soccer Club.



By Michael Pastore ('00), ROCSC President

ROCSC Celebrates 45 Years

In 2025, Rostrevor Old Collegians Soccer Club proudly celebrates its 45th anniversary. From humble beginnings in 1980, the club has grown into a thriving, successful institution within the Collegiate Soccer League (CSL).

Season Highlights

To kick off our 45th season in style, the Division 1A squad secured a remarkable CSL Super Cup three-peat, defeating the 2024 CSL League Champions, Port Adelaide, 3-0 in the final. Goals came from Steve Savino ('14), Jakob Centofanti ('23), and Thomas D'Antonio ('18). Congratulations to coach Thomas Innamorati ('06) and the entire A Squad for their outstanding achievement.

Despite a slow start, winning only one of their first four games, our Division 1A team went on a dominant run to secure a place in the top two. Although they finished the season strongly, the team narrowly missed out on the league title by a single point, finishing second. Jakob Centofanti was a key contributor, scoring 16 goals in 16 appearances, while Adam De Ieso ('19) continued to prove why he's one of the league's best, netting 11 goals in 20 games.

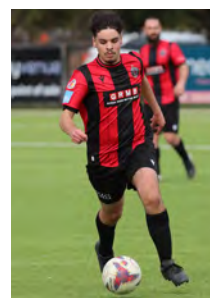
Following a heartbreaking 2024 season, the team led by Ben Fragnito ('14), has bounced back strongly in 2025. Despite early-season injuries and multiple players being unavailable due to holidays, they demonstrated their experience and quality, recording 15 wins, two draws, and just one loss across 18 games, finishing the season in second. Julian Spadavecchia ('16) was deservedly named Division 1B League Player of the Year at the CSL Presentation Night.

Our only league triumph of the year came in Division 4, as the team cruised to the title. After falling short by four points in 2024, they rebounded with a near-perfect season, winning 17 and drawing one of their 18 games, scoring 102 goals and conceding only 9. Adam Villano ('19) was in lethal form once again, scoring 26 goals across both the Division 1B and Division 4 competitions. Congratulations to our Invincible League Winners on securing their fourth championship in five years.

Our Division 5 squad also impressed in 2025, finishing the season in second place. Although last year's league champions were unable to reclaim their title, the team displayed brilliance and resilience throughout, ending the season with six consecutive wins, including a memorable 4-1 victory over Sturt Lions.

Under the leadership of Mark Dalle-Nogare ('87), our Division 6 team produced another season to remember. Winning 15 of their 18 games, they fell just short of the league title, finishing second by two points. Featuring a mix of youth and experience, the squad included 11 Old Collegians from the graduating classes of 2022 to 2024. Standout performers included Noah Callisto ('23) with 26 goals in 15 games and Oliver Centofanti ('23) with 18 goals.

Our Legends squad, competing in Division 7, also enjoyed a strong campaign, finishing second with 13 wins. Although missing out on league glory, there are plenty of positives to build on heading into the 2026 season.



Off the Field

This year also featured a fantastic lineup of club events, including game-day BBQs, Pizza Days, the Mid-Season Count, and our always-popular Past Players' Day.

To mark the club's 45th anniversary, ROCSC partnered with Raffaele Frisina ('06) and Macron to create a special 45th Anniversary Kit, proudly worn by our Division 1A team against rivals Grads Red on Saturday 9 August 2025. The commemorative kit featured a retro design and the original club emblem, paying tribute to the founding members who laid the foundation for our club's journey.

The celebrations culminated in a special 45th Anniversary Presentation Night on Friday, 3 October. It was a privilege to induct club legend Tony Murabito as ROCSC's sixth Life Member, joining Claude Beltrame ('78), Raf Plawecki ('96), Maurizio Ruggiero, Pat Fantasia ('74), and Mark Dalle-Nogare ('87).

We would also like to congratulate all our 2025 award winners, who were recognised for their achievements at this year's ROCSC Presentation Night.

Division 1A

Claude Beltrame Award: Adam De Ieso

Golden Boot: Jakob Centofanti

Player's Player: Antony Boccaccio

Division 1B

Best & Fairest: Julian Spadavecchia

Golden Boot: Adam Villano

Best Team Man: Denis Kalivaci, Frank Fantasia ('96), Damien Pipicella ('17)

Division 4

Best & Fairest: Aidan Schirripa

Golden Boot: Adam Villano

Division 5

Best & Fairest: Peter Scalzi

Golden Boot: Peter Scalzi

Division 6

Best & Fairest: John-Luke Gagliardi

Golden Boot: Noah Callisto

Player's Player: Oliver Dalle-Nogare

Division 7

Best & Fairest: Michael Parente

Golden Boot: Nicholas Mazzone

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We also thank our volunteers, committee members and players for their ongoing dedication and contribution to the club's success.



Old Collegians' Football Club.



By Patrick Bowler ('80), Football Director



After the success of 2024 with the A Grade winning the Division 2 Premiership and promotion back to Division 1, the 2025 season was one of excitement and enthusiasm.

The club has again fielded four men's teams and one women's side (LOSA) playing in the Adelaide Footy League, recognised as the strongest league in the State.

Our Coaching lineup has seen a couple of changes with the club appointing new B Grade coach Jamie Thomas and C Grade Coach Peter Pedersen ('94). Both have close ties to the ROCs with Jamie's son a current player and Peter having played for the ROCs and being a past President.

The A Grade is again led by Damien Boots ('81) with his assistant Adam West ('89) with the ROCs Academy side (also known as the D Grade) being mentored and coached by the evergreen Steve Edwards.

The A Grade Captain for 2025 is Stefan Lanzoni ('19). Stef takes over from long serving player and club great Daniel McCallum ('10). Stef has set some high standards for others to follow and has the respect of all at the club.

The boys' season started way back in late November 2024 with very good numbers for the pre-Christmas three-week block with new and old players blowing out some cobwebs and starting to get some conditioning into their legs. As always, we finished off the last session with a BBQ and some refreshments before heading off for a five-week break.

In late January we welcomed back to the club ex-Norwood mid-fielder Xavier Tranfa ('20), as well as Darci Best ('23), Beau Baldwin ('22), Tom McCormack ('17) and Jett Boxer ('20) who have all been at SANFL clubs in recent years. The influx from the College's graduating class is always great to see and this year was no different with some 20 from last year's Year 12s pulling on the ROCs jumper for the first time. Our conditioning coach John Turner was once again at the forefront of getting the boys into shape for the long season.

February sees the training extended to three sessions a week with Saturday mornings a non-compulsory yet encouraged session at various venues around the city.

During this period the club engaged Rostrevor Old Collegian and former Port Adelaide legend David Arnfield ('77) who in his professional role as Partner/Facilitator with Leading Teams Australia helped to give the players a clear sense of purpose with the ultimate goal of success.

As we prepared for the start of our Division 1 campaign the sight of 100 players training under the setting autumn sun at Campbelltown Oval was worth the wait, with the new season upon us and the players, coaches, trainers, rehab staff and volunteers ready to go the excitement was palpable. We had a great start to the season with the A and C Grades defeating the old enemy in Payneham.

Round 2 saw us playing at home against last year's Division 1 grand finalist, Glenunga FC. We did ourselves proud, but unfortunately after leading all day and having played some terrific football, we were nailed on the final siren by one point – a tough loss at home for the A Grade. Not all was lost as the B and C Grades both had excellent wins with then Academy team going down narrowly again.

Over the coming weeks through Rounds 3, 4 and 5 the A Grade had wonderful wins over PAOC by one point, Broadview by a few goals on a windy and nasty day and beating Salisbury North by three points after coming back from 39 points down early in the third quarter. Both the PAC and Salisbury North wins showed the character of the players as in both games we were headed by large margins, but the players stuck to what they know and the structures they've been taught and the belief in each other.

A Grade suffered some close loses in R6 to 9 but also had a strong performance against SHOC to win by 27 points. The mighty D Grade went on a winning streak picking up three out of four wins and moving towards to the right end of the ladder.

The second half of the year saw all grades started with a great flourish with the A Grade having wins against Payneham, Glenunga, PAOC and Broadview, the B Grade had started to turn things around with a couple of excellent wins and the C Grade went on a winning streak picking up three wins from these four rounds. Meanwhile the Academy

side grabbed a couple of well-earned wins and stayed in touch of the top four.

Round 14 saw the troops head out to Salisbury North which is comfortably the toughest game on the road in a season. The B and C Grades had wonderful wins and helped to push them further up the ladder. Unfortunately, the A Grade went down by seven points at the tough encounter in which we had our chances but didn't make the most of opportunities late in the game.

Round 16 saw the A Grade play one of their finest wins of the year over SPOC. The C Grade handed out an impressive 141-point demolition of the opposition, and the B Grade having led during the day came up short by nine points in what was an excellent game. The D Grade stamped themselves as finals contenders with an impressive 10-point win over archrival SHOC.

Round 17 we faced Golden Grove and in another nailbiter we went down by three points. Round 18 we hosted top of the ladder Port Districts and recorded a very impressive 28-point win.

A huge crowd gathered at CMO for the Elimination final against our long standing rivals in SHOC. Elimination finals often come down to moments especially in the final quarter and a tremendous reward with a two-goal victory.

At the Semi Final vs SPOC, we received incredible support providing the players with the energy of a home game, giving us the edge to record a 21-point win.

Without doubt the largest ROC's crowd was in our Preliminary Final vs Golden Grove. In another classic game, we went down by 10 points. Our heads held high, we saluted our opponents and left the arena to once again reflect, learn and look to go again in 2026.

Thank you to all the supporters, sponsors, committee members, trainers, team managers and coaching group for all of your support during 2025, your voice, support, counsel and guidance have been incredible and appreciated.



Old Collegians' Handball Club.

By Greg Hay ('73), President – South Australian Handball Association



Australian Handball finished its season at Rostrevor at Easter time after conducting a successful pennant series and hosting an excellent national championship. We are at the College on Saturday afternoons for about five months over the summer period. Every time we arrive, we are conscious of the generosity and support of the College. We certainly remember Handball patron Principal Shana Bennett and her smiling encouragement of the game. She clearly enjoys the athleticism of Handball even if there may be a tinge of bewilderment in that smile when she sees old blokes like me still playing. However, Shana is our patron, and we are grateful. We are also pleased to regularly say hello to Brother John Ahern who continues his effort to keep the game alive amongst the young boys at Rostrevor. He ambles up to the courts on his Saturday Morialta walk to say hello. Brother might offer a whisper of handball wisdom or the gentlest of applause for great play.

The series of pennant games played are divided into A and B teams, and we have a mixture of Old Collegians from Rostrevor and CBC. The courts at CBC have long been pulled down and it makes us value the Rostrevor

courts even more as we know that they are the best in Australia. Thanks Br Mogg (1955).

The Handball Committee works effectively. We have some capable and hard-working blokes. It includes Old Collegians Serg Papalia ('81), Jim Cormie ('90), Phil Greco ('87) and Dylan Skurray ('21) and myself. Committees have to organize. Things have to get done. We seem to do it well. No arguments – well, not too many.

In our administration of Handball, the participation of players is recorded. We count their games. Each time a player reaches a one hundred game milestone, it is celebrated. A speech is made, and a toast is offered. Players are congratulated and part of the milestone is recording their name on an ancient silver cup which goes back to 1974. Another dimension of the celebration is a free pint of beer to be poured for each hundred games played. The more you play the more dangerous this becomes. This year, the Rostrevor Old Collegians who were celebrated are:

- Glenn Gilbert ('84) - 100 games after five seasons
- Dylan Skurry - 200 games after seven seasons
- Len Greco ('84) - 700 games after 29 seasons
- Greg Hay ('73) - 700 games after 35 seasons

We even had a celebration for CBC Old Collegian, Borys Potiuch, who played his 1000th game after 47 seasons. Amazing!

The Association is very grateful to our major sponsor the Republic Norwood. Through the generosity of Old Collegian Luke Kelly ('00) we have a place to celebrate our game and support to help with our financial security. We are very grateful, and all our major events are held at the Republic.

This year the national committee elected a new Australian Executive Director. Old Collegian Jim Cormie is now the man at the helm of Australian Handball. Jim is one of the greatest players of our game and an experienced administrator. He has had much success in business and is a charming raconteur as well. We are fortunate that he put himself forward for this position. Coincidentally, the election of Jim occurred at the same time as the conclave that elected Pope Leo. We thus announced



Jim's appointment in our Australian Handball newsletter with the heading 'We have the white smoke: Handball Habemus Papum'. Congratulations Jim. He has a vision for our game and a heart for handball.

Rostrevor Old Collegians were amongst the national champions in a tournament conducted at Rostrevor this past Easter. Phil Greco won his eighth national title in his doubles partnership with CBC Old Collegian Brodie Winter. Phil is an extraordinary player and is supremely fit. He has such long arms and his power is like a Tommy Farrow 3 wood on the fairway – straight and hard. Phil is playing at elite level. Then Serg Papalia picked up an over 40s doubles championship with his accuracy and focus. And Dylan Skurry was honoured to receive an Australian team badge. He is an unusually young player to receive this award. Anthony Donato ('80), a successful creative architect, is the best over-60 player in South Australia with his championship win, and Roger Papalia ('94) was a member of the winning South Australian team. He doesn't give in, that bloke! The great and glorious days for Rob Schreiner ('77) may be a little past but he still won a best and fairest award, and Darcy Holmes ('21) represented his state with distinction. He is a power hitter.



Every year the Handball Association commemorates the memory of Old Collegian Terry Carter ('71). Terry graduated in medicine in 1979 and only weeks later was tragically killed in a car accident. His memory is enshrined in our service award. Terry was always about excellence in play and the brotherhood of our community. He was about fun and looking after the other bloke. That's what we value in Handball and why so many Rostrevor Old Collegians make this such a special sporting group.



Old Collegians Remembered.



Francis Creagh O'Connor ('54)

Creagh was born on 24 February 1937 and first attended the College from Grade 3 in 1946 as a day scholar, then living at Ferguson Square Toorak Gardens, and experienced his final year as a boarder in 1954. By his own admission he was not a scholar, but more importantly, he excelled at cricket and was a member of the First XI, Second XVIII and was a Prefect in his final year.

Lifelong friends were established in those years including Reg Moriarty ('52), Bruce Johnson ('53), Gavin ('53) and Brendan Kain ('52), Bob Rundle ('53) and his country cousins Michael ('54) and Des Shanahan ('55).

His connection with the College did not cease when he left in 1954. He continued to be involved in many roles including as a parent with his wife Carmel nee Gibson (married in 1960, daughter of Leo Gibson ('23)) of Creagh Jr ('77), Andrew ('80) and

Tim and grandfather of Alberto ('07), Tom ('07), George ('11), William ('15) and Charlie ('12), who all survived him, together with his daughters Edwina Lumbers and Rachel Dolling. He was a generous benefactor to the College, an inaugural Foundation Board Member and its first Chair.

The strong O'Connor family connection to the College is exemplified by the presence of the statue of St Joseph on the lawns in front of Rostrevor House donated by Creagh's father Frank in honour of Thomas Joseph O'Connor (Creagh's grandfather).

He played football and cricket after graduation and was involved in the 1980s formation of an additional Old Collegians cricket team which he proudly captained, known as the Invitation XI which included many "past cricketers" resuming as "active" players who enjoyed the success of five premierships notwithstanding the aging process. Much joy was had during and after the games with Creagh providing carefully prepared sandwiches and beverages at tea, and in particular, long post mortems at the team's headquarters at Saturnos Norwood Hotel (and with no exhausting weekly net practice sessions!).

Creagh made a new group of lasting friends in this period including but not limited to Roger Wasley ('64), Jack Bailey ('65), David Smith ('63), Leon McEvoy ('63), Chris Moriarty ('81), Mick McManus, John Kain ('84), Mark Shadiac ('73), Tim Ryan ('71) and David Pozza ('68) to name a few.

Creagh's cricket interests extended beyond Rostrevor. He was on the

South Australian Cricket Association Board and was director from 1991-2010 and took on the onerous but rewarding role as a director of Cricket Australia from 1999 until 2008, including the leadership role as chairman from 2005-2008, giving him access to many overseas locations and cricket legends. In business he was a "Captain of Industry".

His grandfather established T.O'Connors and Sons in 1884 which subsequently became a public company of which he and his brother Henry ('57) were integral members, directors and Creagh being managing director for 25 years. The business name O'Connors is still a powerhouse in Australian mechanical engineering and construction and is now controlled by his son Andrew, and enthusiastically sponsored by Creagh in its formation, and until his last years.

He was the chairman of a Public Listed Company American Rare Earths until reaching 86 years (possibly the oldest director of a Public Company in Australia apart from Rupert Murdoch!) and up to his death was involved as honorary chair and one of the saviours of the clipper ship City of Adelaide, the world's oldest surviving clipper ship built in 1864 and used for many voyages between Adelaide and Britain.

A true gentleman was Francis Creagh. He passed away on 25 March 2025. His funeral Mass was held at St Laurence's North Adelaide with an overflowing congregation of family and friends paying their last respects to his long and successful life.

By Leon McEvoy ('63)



Michael Ignatius Sheehan ('57)

Michael was born in Tumby Bay on 27 January 1940 to Gerald Sheehan and Kathleen "Mollie" (nee Secker). He was the eldest of seven children (five brothers and one sister) who all grew up on the family farm near Cummins.

Michael attended Rostrevor as a boarder for his secondary education, from 1955 -1957. During his time as a boarder, he won the WJ Bland trophy in 1955 for U16 swimming. Michael had many memories of his time at Rostrevor and often recalled other students, the changes to the country and buildings, swimming in the local dam and catching the "MV Minnipa" across the Spencer Gulf.

He often mentioned Brother Bourke and Brother Mogg. Brother Bourke made a profound and lasting impact on the family, helping to ensure that all six brothers were able to receive a Rostrevor education after the death of their father put significant financial strains on the family. Brother Bourke had known their

father as a friend and old classmate, having both attended Rostrevor together in the 1920s.

Michael's father Gerald Sheehan ('24) attended Rostrevor along with his five younger brothers: Denis ('59), Richard ('62), Peter ('64), Mark ('69) and David ('75). His sister Margret attended Loreto College in 1962 to 1967.

Michael's son Gerard was unable to attend Rostrevor due to the Boarding House closure, but his grandsons Randal ('17) and Alistair ('19) attended as boarders. His daughter Jane attended Loreto College in the 1990s.

After graduation, Michael headed north to his father's recently purchased pastoral lease, Moolawatana at the very end of the Gammon Ranges. He worked under the management of Mr Rex Scott to learn the ropes and picked up many skills from the local First Nations peoples and other pastoralists.

At the age of 22, Michael took over management, and for the next 60 years applied his knowledge to improve and diversify the property. He was progressive with emerging technology, being one of the first to invest in solar pumping for bore water and using a composite electric fence for sections of the Dog Fence. In 1971 he married Audrey Heinrich at Port Victoria by Father Kevin Matthews ('57). Michael and Kevin were Rostrevor boarders at the same time. Michael and Audrey overcame many natural challenges: drought so severe the property was pretty much destocked, floods causing loss of stock in bogs, no mail or food stores delivered for six

weeks, rabbits which decimated the country and dingoes/wild dogs in massive numbers, at times resulting in a 2% lambing average and eventually forcing the change from sheep to cattle (at the peak the property held 26,000 sheep).

During his time at Moolawatana he saw many changes and the introduction of motorbikes, diesel 4WDs, aircraft, solar power bores and 24hr 240V solar power, bitumen roads, landline, mobile and satellite telephones, satellite TV, internet, digital cameras, electronic stock tag system, telemetry water systems and air conditioning just to name a few.

Michael was very community minded and supported anyone who wanted to have a go (larrikins and those with a bit of mischief had his full encouragement). As a mentor he was up for the challenge and those he guided are still in touch. He kept an active role in the property, even after retirement and was always keen to give a hand when needed.

Michael was an extremely hard working, modest, straight shooting, honourable family man with a wonderful sense of humour. He will be missed greatly and never forgotten.

By Gerard Sheehan



Norman Vowles ('51)

Norman Vowles was born on 9 May 1934 and passed away this year on 24 August. Norm arrived at Rostrevor from Spalding as a boarder at the ripe old age of 11 years old. He went on to experience and enjoy life at the College both as a boarder and later as a day student in his leaving and honours years. Norm's favourite memory of Rostrevor was the companionship and the lifelong friendships he made. He excelled academically and embraced all aspects of College life, competing in football, cricket, athletics, cadets and debating. In his final year, he was a Prefect, serving as Captain of Barron House. Norm was an enthusiastic and regular attendee at school reunions, especially the annual Old Boys' Lunch.

Upon completing his honours at Rostrevor, Norm attended Aquinas College, studying dentistry at the University of Adelaide.

Dental studies completed, newly married and a young family in tow,

Norm travelled by boat to the United Kingdom and worked in London before returning to Adelaide to begin what would be a long and successful profession in both private and public dental practice, spanning over 60 years. He was President of the Australian Dental Association SA. He is widely respected and highly esteemed for his work and service to dentistry, notably for his role in fluoridation and his remarkable and ground-breaking treatments in sleep apnoea.

Norm's joie de vivre made for a busy recreational life. A keen golfer, he also enjoyed tennis, water and snow skiing, heli-skiing, scuba diving, travelling and a love and appreciation of literature and the arts. He was well known to delight in good food and a nice red wine.

Norm will be sorely missed by his beloved wife Judy, and his large and ever-growing family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will most fondly be remembered for his intellect, sharp wit and good humour.

RIP Norm.

By Brigitte Valente



Paul Shadiac ('70)

Paul was born on the 6th of July 1952, to Bert and Kath Shadiac at LeFevre Hospital. For the first eight years of Paul's life, he lived at Alberton, right in the heart of Port Adelaide. The Shadiac family were mad Port Adelaide supporters, except for Paul's dad who was a Westies fan, but his influence wasn't enough to budge the boys from being Port supporters.

In 1960, the Shadiacs moved to Rostrevor into a small double-brick house with a big backyard and a creek at the end of the block. Paul and Mark ('73), and later John ('76) spent countless hours kicking the footy, commenting imaginary grand final goals, and dreaming big.

Paul had a gift for turning anything into a game. Whether it was who could eat the fastest, a race to the corner, or whether the dish dryer could beat the dish washer—everything became a competition. Paul loved any sport—footy, cricket, squash, volleyball, basketball and

touch football. He loved the beach, swimming, fishing, and water-skiing up the river. We thrived on adventure, were resourceful, and always creative.

Paul was one of the nicest guys you'd ever meet—but on the field, he played hard. You'd always want him on your team—not just because he could nullify his opponent, but because he had your back.

Paul was a good footballer and played in the First XVIII in the years he attended Rostrevor College. He went on to play for CBOC after school, then A1 Amateur League for Payneham, then Adelaide Teachers College. Although a hard and competitive player, his greatest accolades were attributed to his coaching ability.

After retiring from playing, Paul coached the Rostrevor Old Collegians Football Club. In just three years, he took ROCS from A3 to A1. The stuff of folklore is the 1986 premiership win. ROCS' nemesis that year was Scotch OC. We'd lost to them by eight goals—twice during the season—and again by 15 goals in the second semi-final. Two weeks later, in the grand final, we beat them by four goals. The win has since been referred to as "Scotch on the ROCS". Paul was a brilliant tactician, but more than that, he was a mentor. He treated everyone with respect and brought the best out of people.

During our primary and secondary years in Rostrevor, we met a group of friends that are known today as the "Moules Road Gang." Boy, we had some fun growing up alongside the Sheedys, Coligans, Buschs,

Konopkas, McBrides, Szarbos and Coghlan's – all Rostrevor boys. We learned about life together—olive picking during May school holidays, camping in the hills at the back of Szarbos', bike riding, footy and cricket in the park, music, parties, and even forming a band.

Of all the guys in the groups, it would be fair to say that Paul was probably the best looking bloke. This was later validated when he was awarded male model of the year. He was featured on Today Tonight in a segment that showed a Male Model is not just a person of good looks but a person of substance. The clip showed Paul when he was Captain, Coaching Tranmere YCW football. He also appeared as a guest on Blind Date, where one of three successful women was selected by Paul to go on a date.

When we would go out to the Feathers or Leon's on a Thursday night or the Redlegs Club on a Saturday night, the girls would swoon after Paul. The rest of us would be left in his wake. Underneath all that, Paul would shy away and be embarrassed should he be lauded with any praise.

Paul lived life to the full but he was also well aware what he wanted in a partner for life. I remember him hanging out regularly at Ayres House because he said he had his eyes on the Restaurant owner's daughter, Jane. I knew very early in the piece, he was very keen. Dare I say it, his marriage to Jane was truly a match made in heaven. (Jane's maiden name is Heaven).

They travelled the world and, built a successful jewellery business which

sells all over Australia and New Zealand. Paul was really pleased that Nic and Sam are taking the reins that will see Paul Shadiac Agencies continue for at least another generation.

Paul created a family environment rich in love, adventure, and warmth—just like the one we grew up in. Nicholas, Matthew and Samuel enjoy the spoils of Paul and Jane's vision for the family. Even though Paul has gone, I see him living through the boys.

Paul was more of a "say what you mean and mean what you say", kind of guy. He was charismatic and he brightened every room. He was always at the top of the party invite list. He saw the good in people. He was fiercely loyal to family and friends—and he'd help anyone in need.

By Mark Shadiac ('73)



Patrick Darcy Walden OAM

Born on Pimpara Lake Station, a 44,000-hectare sheep and cattle station near Broken Hill, Pat made his way to Adelaide as a boarder at Rostrevor College. It was there that he competed in South Australia's first-ever men's gymnastics competition on 5 November, 1952, aged 14.

From that moment on, he made it his life's work to share the joy of gymnastics — and everything it can teach: resilience, self-discipline, character, and the value of persistence. Pat believed in the kind of growth that came not from trophies, but from showing up, sticking with it, and learning who you are along the way.

He was a state team coach for nearly two decades. He coached at the national level, held leadership roles on boards and committees, and was twice named Coach of the Year. He was awarded a Life Membership with Gymnastics SA in 1994, the Australian Sports Medal in

2000, the Centenary Medal in 2003, and in 2004 received the Order of Australia Medal for his service to the community and the sport he loved.

But those honours don't tell the whole story. What made Pat truly special was how deeply he cared for people — not just as athletes, but as humans. He stayed connected well beyond the gym and helped shape so many lives simply by turning up, believing in them, and leading with generosity.

His legacy lives on most strongly at Tea Tree Gully Gymsports and their alumni, a club he helped shape and poured so much of himself into. He was larger than life, a fierce champion for regional clubs, and a friend to all.



Stephen Gerard Ahern ('78)

Stephen was born on 2 May, 1961. He was the fifth child of Margaret and Barry Ahern ('41). He sadly passed away on April 17, 2025, after a short battle with cancer.

Barry attended Rostrevor as did his five sons.

Stephen, like his brothers before him, attended Mercedes College before heading to Rostrevor in 1969 to begin Grade 3. He matriculated in 1978. Though not very sports-minded, Stephen excelled in drama and public speaking and won several oratory awards, both at Rostrevor and in various competitions after leaving school. He also enjoyed surfing, especially as a teenager. His love of drama prompted a move to Melbourne in the early 1980s. He had many small parts in TV shows such as Prisoner but struggled to survive financially in the acting world.

Over the years he took on numerous jobs and spent a number of years in the Victorian education system teaching youngsters with learning difficulties. A change of scenery came with a move to Byron Bay in 2018 where he bought into a small business growing organic plants. He worked long hours, but a combination of severe weather and the onset of the pandemic would prove too much of a mountain to climb.

Stephen married Louise Segafredo from Shepparton and had two children, Luke and Molly. He loved his many siblings, nieces and nephews and family get togethers were always a priority. Stephen was especially proud of his Sunday roasts. Stephen is the third member of the Ahern family to pass in eleven months, following Michael ('70) on 17 May 2024 and Phillip ('81) on 8 June 2024. May they all rest in peace.

By David Ahern ('77)



Aileen Davis (Former Teacher)

The College was saddened to hear of the death of Aileen Davis who entered Eternal life on 25 June this year. She had been the Junior School secretary for 32 years. Mr Frank Ranaldo and Br John Ahern represented the College at the funeral. When she retired from the College in 2005, the following tribute appeared in the Annual.

At the conclusion of the First Semester the College and particularly the Junior School farewelled Mrs Aileen Davis, our Junior School Secretary of thirty-two years. Aileen's service at Rostrevor also included a number of years of voluntary work, so it was important and indeed fitting to celebrate Aileen's long-standing commitment and dedication to Rostrevor with pride and dignity. The College community acknowledge Mrs Davis at a Reception in The Pavilion on July 6th and we welcomed back to Rostrevor many of Aileen's former colleagues, friends and family. Br John Ahern spoke on behalf of the

Christian Brothers and thanked Aileen for her dedication to the many Brothers who had worked at Rostrevor. Mr Michael McNamara, a former Head of the Junior School, shared many colourful and humorous anecdotes about his time with Nileen in the Junior School, Mr McNamara spoke with heartfelt thanks for the many little miracles Aileen had performed time and time again in the daily routine of her role as Secretary to the Head of Junior School.

On Thursday the 7th of July it was the boys turn to farewell Mrs Davis. The students assembled in the Chapel and with great pride the Headmaster accompanied by Br Ahern and Mr Gerry McCarthy escorted Aileen down the aisle to the tune of Amazing Grace played by a Highland Piper. Mrs Davis spoke to the boys reminding them of the importance of the "choice" their parents had made for them in selecting Rostrevor for their education, calling upon the boys to remain "loyal" and "do well" in their years at Rostrevor.



Old Collegians Remembered

Mark Carter ('72)

Christopher Connellan ('63)

John Gilligan ('54)

Laurence Low ('54)

James Ramsay ('64)

James Secker ('50)

John Staunton ('54)

Mario Ticli ('65)

John Walkley ('46)

Steve Rendell (Former Staff)

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