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DAMASCUS COLLEGE

The Road

Leading Damascus College into a New Era

2011 was an historical year in the life of Damascus College, coming together on one campus for the first time at the magnificent Mt Clear site. On Monday 7th February 2011 the College commenced an exciting new chapter with 1025 students and 130 staff.

In a year of new beginnings, the College also appointed a new principal to the helm, Mr Matthew Byrne. Prior to commencing with Damascus as Deputy Principal in 2009, Matt held leadership positions at St Josephs College Echuca, Mercy Regional College in Camperdown and Mackillop College in Swan Hill. Matt relocated to Ballarat with his wife and four children and has settled in well to both the College and the broader Ballarat community.

Alongside the modern facilities at Damascus sits a strong pastoral care system known as the Teacher Advisor

(TA) Program. The TA Program is leading the way in mentoring students, both peer to peer and teacher to student. The vertical structure sees a combination of students from Years 7 to 12 come together on a daily basis with a Teacher Advisor, who nurtures their academic, social and emotional needs throughout their life at the College.

As well as providing a strong pastoral care model for students, the College has also responded to its philosophy of supporting families by offering affordable education. Damascus has introduced a new family fee structure in 2012 which means that families with three or more children attending the College will pay for only two students in that particular year. Families with two enrolled students will continue to receive the fee discount previously offered by the College. Damascus hopes

the discounted fee structure will assist families to more easily manage the cost of educating their children.

Just as 2011 was an exciting year in the life of Damascus College, 2012 also promises to be a year of great learning and achievement. With 1030 students enrolled, including over 200 new Year 7s, the College community continues to build on the strong traditions of Sacred Heart, St Paul's and St Martin's and also forges its own history as it goes into its eighteenth year.

Damascus College proudly recognises the contributions and commitment of its past and present students, parents and staff members and embraces the richness and diversity of the College community. We hope that you enjoy the new look and content of The Road, which has been broadened to encompass the present College community as well as Alumni.

Damascus College Governance

Damascus College Ballarat is an incorporated body jointly sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and the Parish Priests of Ballarat, Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Bungaree, Creswick, Daylesford, Gordon, Redan, Sebastopol and Wendouree. The College has two governors, the Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy Sr. Berneice Loch RSM and Fr. Adrian McInerney, who represent the Sisters of Mercy and the Canonical Administrators of the Parish of Ballarat and District respectively.

The College also has an appointed Board, responsible for the strategic management of the College. The Board meets regularly to establish and review general policy, to receive reports from the Principal, to consider the College's financial situation and to undertake long-term planning for the College. The Chair of the Board is Martin Ryan of the Catholic Education Office (Martin is also a current parent) and the Deputy Chair is Maureen MacPhail, a parent of three past Damascus College students. There are also a number of sub-committees which assist the Board in this work and help to achieve the strategic direction of the College. These committees comprise staff and parent representatives, as well as other parties who are invited to participate.

Damascus has developed a Strategic Plan 2009-2015 which guides the College's development in the areas of Catholic School Culture, School Community, Leadership and Management, Student Wellbeing, and Learning and Teaching. The College's Leadership Team meet fortnightly to discuss the strategic direction of the College and to implement the annual action plan of each focus area. The strategic goals for each area can be viewed on the College website.

In 2011, Damascus participated in a School Review, overseen by the Catholic Education Office Ballarat. The School Review provides a mechanism for the College to reflect on both its strengths and weaknesses. An independent reviewer then prepares a report for the school outlining the key strategies and foci for improvement. The School Review was completed in October 2011 and has provided important insight into the ongoing strategic planning for the College.

DAMASCUS COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Matthew Byrne	Principal	Karen Simpkin	Year 11 & 12 Co-ordinator
Sr. Marie Davey	Deputy Principal	Gerard Macklin	Year 9 & 10 Co-ordinator
Paul Jans	Business Manager	Rod Mathews	Year 7 & 8 Co-ordinator
Nick Yandell	Head of Learning and Teaching	Tony Haintz	RE Co-ordinator
		Corrina Dichiera	Development Officer

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership is an important part of Damascus College, not only giving students a voice but also providing opportunities for students to develop their own leadership skills. Each year, two College Captains are chosen via a staff/student election. The 2012 College Captains are Anna Haintz and Peter Camilleri. House Captains, Sports Captains and Arts Captains are also elected from each of the four Houses (McAuley, Rice, Xavier and O'Collins) and there is also one Student Representative Council member from each House in Years 7 to 11. The SRC plays an important role in making decisions that affect the student body and they actively seek feedback from students regarding school issues.

2012 College Captains

Peter Camilleri and Anna Haintz



2012 House Captains

Miranda Pearse
Mieke Seaborn
Stephanie Sanders
Anna Farrelly-Rosch

2012 Sports Captains

Rachel Grawich
Melita Reid
Josh Darby
Ebony Pearson

2012 Arts Captains

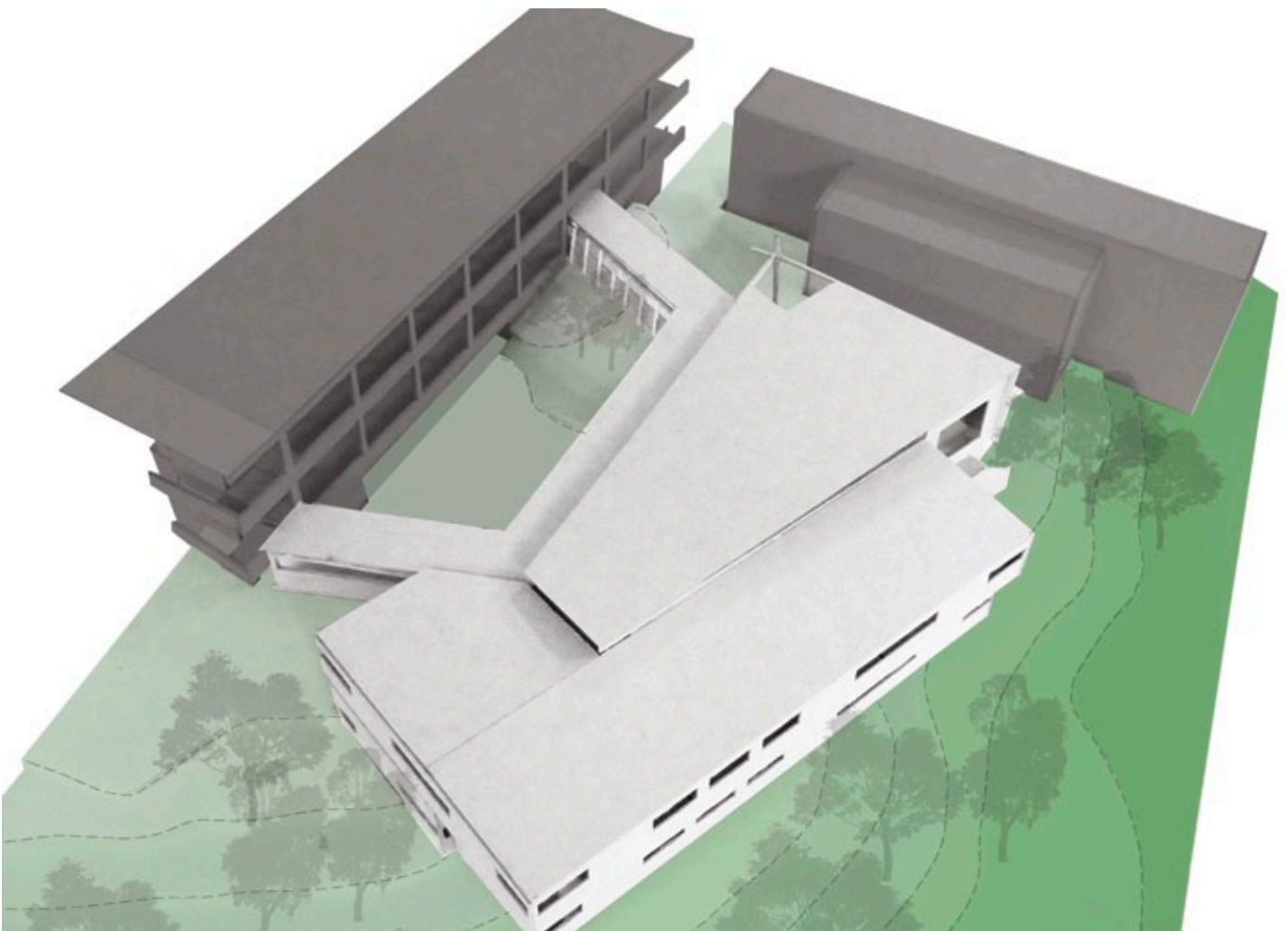
Zoe Nankivell
Melissa Langford
Madeleine Macallister
Holly Ward

New Facilities

In order to consolidate to one campus, Damascus has undertaken significant refurbishments and has constructed several new buildings at the Mt Clear campus over the past few years. By mid 2012, the College will have spent close to eleven million dollars on its capital works program. The majority of these funds were raised by the College through the sale of the Victoria Street campus, the Capital Levy paid by families and other College funds. One third also came from government funding.

Students now enjoy a refurbished library (the St Martin's Resource Centre) and classrooms, a significantly expanded arts and technology wing to house additional visual arts, wood and metal technology studios, a state of the art 150-seat drama auditorium to support the Performing Arts Program, new science facilities, wireless technology throughout the campus and improved grounds. The College has also constructed a modern administration centre as well as new staff facilities and offices. To accommodate its 1000 plus students, works are still underway on a new learning space to include eight flexible classrooms, a drama facility, music studio and a chapel. This new building will be finished in May 2012.

The former St Martin's campus has certainly seen many changes over the past seventeen years and we invite past students and families to come and visit the College when next in the area.



Model of the new learning space including the Chapel depicted above.

Performing Arts



Following in the traditions of Sacred Heart and St Martin's, Damascus has always had a strong Performing Arts department with an enviable reputation for Drama productions. We are proud of our achievements in this area and are indeed lucky to have so many staff with an interest, background and passion for theatre as well as so many talented students.

Each year the College presents a whole school production by way of a school musical, or a play in alternate years. Every second year in Holy Week Damascus also presents 'The Final Hours', a contemporary dramatisation of Jesus' final hours on earth. In 2011, Damascus put on two wonderful performances: 'The Final Hours' and the play 'Beach'.

The production of dramatic straight plays has remained a staple part of our extra-curricular endeavour at Damascus. Notable past productions have included 'Foreigners From Home', 'Small Poppies', 'Cosi' and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. These performances have thrived over many years within the intimate surroundings of our old auditorium. While smaller in scale than our larger musicals, they still continue to challenge and delight.

'Beach' was the fifteenth major production in the history of the Damascus Performing Arts department, but the first in the newly refurbished auditorium which was officially opened with the first performance of 'Beach'. As the floor of the auditorium converted from its usual plain stage to one resplendent with sand dunes, seaweed and coastal grasses, it was time once more to reflect on yet another amazing achievement from our talented students and staff.

'Beach' offered the chance to again place puppetry, set design, lighting, dance, multimedia, a musical underscore and a healthy dose of creative non-naturalism into yet another Damascus College play. However for the first time, students from years 7 to 12 featured together in a straight play format, another of many 'firsts' for the College in 2011.

'Beach' was a great vehicle and opportunity to highlight the terrific resource of the College's new auditorium, as well as the talents of our staff and students. The 2011 performance of 'The Final Hours' also continued the strong tradition of this biannual dramatisation which has become an important part of the College's ritual at Easter.

In 2012, Damascus will be performing Annie the Musical from 25-28 July. We encourage current families as well as past students to come along and enjoy the show in our new auditorium. Ticketing details will be available on the College website closer to the date.

'Beach' cast members (from left): Alexander Gay, Amber Fresle and Lochlan Kent.

Photo: Courtesy of the Courier

East Timor Immersion Program

In 2005, through the Ballarat Friends of Ainaro Community Committee Sister School Program, Damascus College established a sister school relationship with Santa Maria College in Ainaro, East Timor. This relationship culminated into the inaugural East Timor Immersion Program for Damascus College Year 11 students in 2011, a program which will run again in June 2012. The Immersion Program is aimed at teaching students about the Catholic approach to social justice, spending time with the people of Ainaro and becoming immersed in their community and culture.

The 2011 Immersion Group worked cooperatively to raise funds to make a difference in East Timor. A total of \$11,000 was dispersed on the ten day journey. In particular, Santa Maria College was a major beneficiary of funds for the redevelopment of sanitary facilities at the College. Fundraising is again underway and it's hoped that our 2012 Immersion Group will deliver in excess of \$11,000 to East Timor this year. If you would like to make a donation, please visit our fundraising webpage at http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/our_community/fundraising.html

The following is an excerpt taken from a reflection written by two of the 2011 Immersion Program participants, Anna Haintz and Miranda Pearse.

Though many hours were spent fundraising and learning about the Timorese culture and language, no such preparation could equip us for what we experienced in East Timor. In the early days of our immersion, conversation was difficult and making acquaintances a challenge, but the wide smiles and infectious laughter of the Timorese people soon removed any anxiety. One of the most rewarding experiences of the immersion was how grateful the students were for our time and dedication in teaching them English.

The immersion also allowed us to meet and develop relationships with some of the local people. One gracious man who shared his story with us was Joseph. One day while he took us on a scenic tour of the town Joseph pointed to a mountain. He went on to explain his frightening experience of the three day trek into those mountains to escape the Indonesian military who had set up camp within his town. He and his fellow community remained there for three years, where food was limited and where they lived on whatever they could to survive.

Joseph's story and the immersion experience more generally, taught us the importance of family and friends and of being more optimistic about the lucky lives we lead. The people we encountered in East Timor were happy with what they had, even though it's not considered to be much when compared to western standards. We will always remember our time in East Timor.

Photo: Teaching the Hokey Pokey



Studying Languages at Damascus

The study of French and Indonesian has been a part of Damascus and its founding Colleges for over twenty years and continues to be an important component of the College curriculum. Learning a second language provides students with the opportunity to experience different cultures, improve their native language ability, sharpen their cognitive skill and to the delight of many students, gives them the opportunity to travel!

At Damascus, overseas cultural and language programs are offered to LOTE students in Years 10 to 12. Trips are undertaken in alternate years for French and Indonesian. Due to government travel warnings, the College's Indonesian LOTE students travelled to Malaysia instead of Indonesia in 2011, where they spent eleven wonderful days immersed in the Malaysian culture. Perhaps one of their most memorable experiences was a night spent in a traditional long house with 400 people from 38 different families, all living under the one roof. A true cultural evening!

In March 2012, a group of twenty-two French LOTE students headed off to France and Switzerland for three weeks. For some of this time, students participated in the unique experience of a home stay and attendance at a local school. Students also had the opportunity to visit important cultural sites such as the Louvre and the Château de Versailles.

Damascus has also recently welcomed two new LOTE teachers to the College. Alysoun Smalley comes to us after teaching French in Dubai for over ten years at several international schools and Silvy Wantania brings with her the invaluable skill of a native Indonesian speaker. The College is delighted to welcome both Alysoun and Silvy to the LOTE Domain at Damascus.



2012 French Trip (from left): Sallie Burke-Muller, Georgia Schreenan, Galen Weedon, Jaslyn Firth, Caitlyn Rhodes, Ameilia Collier, Eliza Walter, Tom McPhan, Callum Johns, Ashleigh Kent and Daniel Mroczkowski.

A New Era for the Sisters of Mercy



Photo: Damascus College students Bethany Claridge and Chelsea McKean participate in the Gospel Procession



The Sisters of Mercy, a religious order founded by Catherine McAuley in Dublin in 1831, lies within the core of Damascus College. The Order established itself in Ballarat in 1881 when five Sisters arrived from Ireland via Warrnambool, taking up residence in Ballarat East. They soon established St. Alipius Girls School, followed by Sacred Heart College and St. Francis Xavier College (Villa Maria) and then in later years, Aquin Training College and St. Martin's in the Pines. Damascus College is now co-sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and the Parish Priests of the Ballarat area.

2011 was an historic and significant year for the Sisters of Mercy Ballarat East. On November 6 they celebrated Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral to mark their 130 years in the Diocese of Ballarat. The Cathedral was overflowing with well wishers and people whose lives have been touched by the Sisters. It was a momentous occasion and one in which many staff and students from Damascus proudly participated, through the liturgy of the word as well as musical performance. The most Reverend Bishop Peter Connors led the celebration and there was an enormous feeling of friendship and support that permeated all aspects of the day.

This occasion also marked a new step in the history of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia. On December 12, 2011 the new Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea came into existence. The Sisters of Mercy Ballarat East joined many other groups of Australian Mercy Sisters in the formation of this new Institute. A Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sydney on December 18, attended by Martin Ryan (Chair of the College Board) and Damascus Principal Matt Byrne, who delivered a reading to the thousands of congregation members that had gathered. After Mass, Matt also had the fortune to meet several past students from St. Martin's who had also come to join the celebrations.

The Sisters of Mercy have been an integral part of Damascus College, Sacred Heart and St. Martin's in the Pines and they continue to have a strong relationship with the College community. Damascus would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sisters for their ongoing hard work and dedication to the College. In particular, we wish to recognise the longstanding contribution of Sr. Marie Davey, Deputy Principal, who has been associated with the Colleges for over 35 years and who has touched the lives of many during this time. The community would also like to acknowledge the leadership of College, previous governor Sr. Veronica Lawson and board member Sr. Elizabeth Dowling and thank them both for their ongoing commitment to the College. The Damascus community looks forward to its continued relationship with the new Institute of Sisters of Mercy.

Awards & Achievements in 2011

The 2011 Awards and Achievements Night was held on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at Founders Hall. Each year, the College invites a past student as the guest speaker on Awards Night and last year, we were fortunate to have Anna Martin (2001) as our speaker. Anna gained a Bachelor of Arts/Law with Honours from the University of Melbourne as well as a Diploma of Languages in Swedish. She has studied abroad in both London and Sweden and has undertaken volunteer work overseas. In 2010, Anna worked at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, working on cases involving war crimes that occurred during the genocide in 1994. Anna is currently working for Minter Ellison Lawyers in Melbourne. Anna gave a thoughtful, humorous and inspiring speech at Awards Night about her time at Damascus as well as her life since leaving school and we sincerely thank her for being part of the evening.

Each year, a number of awards are given to students across all year levels at the Awards and Achievement Night. The recipients of the Special Awards and Scholarships are listed below:

- Damascus College Scholarship for Academic Study Peter Camilleri
- Damascus College Scholarship for Sport Anthony Kearle
- Damascus College Scholarship for the Arts Jason White
- Sisters of Mercy Dorothy Griffin Scholarship Mia Whytcross & Lucas Cooper
- Dorothy Irene Ellis-Thomas Scholarship Alice White & Lachlan Snibson
- Year 12 All Rounder Samuel Hardefeldt
- Year 12 Dux Benjamin Lembo
- Sports Person of the Year Scott Ives
- The Year 9 All-Rounder Award Ebony O'Brien
- The University of Ballarat Award - Dux of Year 10 Samantha De Vries
- Notre Dame Science Prize Mairead Rodgers
- Geoff Howard Award Jessica Corden
- Junior Debating Award Lachlan Dempsey
- Senior Debating Award Seamus West
- Junior Art Acquisition Award Ebony O'Brien
- Senior Art Acquisition Award Stephanie King
- The Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork Awards Year 11 - Jemma Mathers
Year 12 - Joshua Orr
- Catherine King Community Service Award Neil and Ardyn Decker

Sporting Mentions

It's great to see our young men and women excelling in sport. Below are some of the highlights from 2011:

Junior Girls Football

The Damascus Junior Girls Football Team took out the Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) premiership in 2011 for the second year in a row, dropping only one game for the entire two seasons. Well played girls! The leading goal kicker for the season was Emily Sculley and the most valuable player went to Maggie Toohey.



Senior Girls Basketball

In a nail biting finish, our Senior Girls Basketball Team took out the Australian Schools Basketball Championship Division 4/5 in Bendigo in December. After finishing as runners up the year prior, the girls had been training hard leading up to the event and their hard work and efforts paid off. They beat Woolooware High School from Sydney in the Grand Final, with the final score sitting at 38 to 32. A fantastic effort from our Senior Girls!

Up and coming Clay Target shooter

Having only been shooting for seven months, Year 8 (2011) student Jackson Flintoft took out third place in the B Grade Single Barrel event at the Victorian State Trap Carnival in Echuca in November. He was the only shooter at the Carnival out of 350 from all over Australia to have a mere seven months experience behind him, so it was an amazing effort. Jackson expanded on this victory in 2012 by winning 1 gold medal, 6 silver and 1 bronze at the National Trap Championships in March. Jackson was also part of the Damascus College team that gained third place in the Regional School Students Clay Target Championships in August last year. 2011 was the first year that Damascus has ventured into clay target shooting and we are very proud of our students' achievements in this field.

Learning & Teaching in 2012

With the consolidation of the College onto one campus now complete, the primary focus of Damascus in 2012 has turned to Learning and Teaching. Each year, the College chooses a theme as an overarching aspiration and guide. In 2012 the College theme is "Be wise, learn and remember God's teachings". This theme has been chosen to reflect the College's focus on Learning and Teaching as well as to affirm our commitment to live by the light of Christ. The theme is inspired by Proverbs Chapter 4 Verse 5.

In line with this year's theme, the College is embarking on two exciting projects which are aimed at increasing student engagement and enhancing learning outcomes. In 2012 all Year 7s will participate in an interactive online program known as Grammatikus, which supports the teaching of English grammar. Grammatikus is essentially an online game whereby students must overcome a series of grammatical challenges to move around the Kingdom of Gramadach, all the while learning important grammatical concepts. Grammatikus was recently developed by two former Damascus teachers, Sarah Jolly and Michèle Fitz-Gerald. The product was trialled at the College throughout its development and is now being enjoyed by the Year 7 students.

One of our Year 8 classes is also participating in a technology trial for the duration of 2012. This trial is aimed at increasing student engagement and performance with the use of mobile technology. Students in the participating class will be encouraged to bring and use their own wi-fi capable devices, such as a smartphone, ipod, ipad, or other tablet device, to enhance their classroom and home studies. A group of teachers will work with these students, and adapt the curriculum and pedagogy to suit the use of these mobile devices. This may include modified class activities, assignments and assessment tasks. The use of mobile technology is not designed to replace existing curriculum, but to serve as an adjunct, through the use of applications and increased access to the internet that mobile devices would facilitate.

As well as these two exciting initiatives, the College is also set to receive government funding in 2012 to enhance Learning and Teaching. Damascus has successfully secured \$68,000 through the Local Solutions Year 12 Retention Fund, aimed at increasing student retention rates through to the end of Year 12. The College has also obtained \$20,000 through the Indigenous Supplementary Assistance fund to specifically assist indigenous students in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Both grants will help the College to provide programs aimed at improving learning outcomes for our students.



RETIREMENTS

Gordon Shaw 1976 - 2011

The contribution of Gordon Shaw over the past 37 years to St Martin's in the Pines and Damascus College has been outstanding. Gordon has been a Science, Maths and Photography teacher, a selfless and collaborative colleague, his fine wit and sense of humour has brightened up many staff reflections and his perceptive and honest insights have often added the necessary touch of realism and idealism to our staff meetings.



Gordon has been Resident College photographer at every College event, Chief Editor of Damascus College year books, instrumental in the production and publication of St Martin's in the Pines In Altum and past student magazine "The Road". Gordon and his wife Frances Watt have been faithful participants at past student reunions, always interested in the lives of those who have attended and always careful to ensure that everyone was included in the photos.

Gordon has been loved by many students who have enjoyed his quick wit, good humour and philosophy on life. Peter Camilleri, Studio Arts Photography student recognised Gordon's work when he spoke at the VCE Arts exhibition. "Sadly, this has been Gordon Shaw's last year at Damascus College. It's been a huge stint, having seen approximately 700 students come in and out of his photography haven in the past 23 years. Generations of students have learnt from Gordy, his wise lessons on the subtleties and nuances of ISO's, shutter speeds, and f-stop. It will be sad to see Gordon Shaw go but in saying that, we do wish you all the very best for years to come. We will take away the many memories of your classes, and hopefully you will take with you many good memories of us. I thank you, Gordy, for a great year, and Damascus thanks you for a great career".

Gordon has been a wonderful servant of this community and will be greatly missed.

David Santamaria 1988 - 2011

David has made a memorable contribution over the past 23 years at St Paul's 1988-94 and then at Damascus College since 1995. In the 1990's David was head of Music and Performing Arts and made significant contributions to the development of this department.



David has been instrumental in inspiring many past students of our College to aspire to careers in the music industry. More recently David went on to deliver VET in schools and become the teacher of technical production for the Ballarat cluster of secondary schools. David has also designed an IT Assessment package that is fully compliant for VET and VCE.

Along the way, David has been continually working with young people on the development of their understanding of religious identity and has provided the opportunity for young people to grow in faith by participating in both parish and College liturgies. Damascus College wishes David and his family Maureen, Dominic, Erin and Luke a very happy and productive retirement.

DEPARTURES

Karolina Yeats 2005-2011. Whilst at Damascus College Karolina has been an excellent Biology and Maths teacher, has taken on the role as Teaching & Learning coordinator, has been an enthusiastic McAuley homeroom teacher and with Jenny Kinghorn developed the now famous Yr 12 Soiree. Karolina has now moved to Adelaide to take up a senior Teaching and Learning position.

Keith Romanis 2010-2011 has been a teacher of RE, English and Humanities for only two years at Damascus College but his strength of character, passion and commitment to his work will be long remembered. Keith has accepted an appointment to Ballarat Grammar as a teacher of RE and Humanities.

Angela Finkel 2000-2011 has secured the role of Special Needs Coordinator at St Joseph's College Banora Point in Qld. Angela worked tirelessly over many years to develop the Special Needs department at Damascus College.

Geoff Martin, Damascus College 1996 past student and then staff member since 2006 has moved to Emmaus Catholic Primary School to take up an appointment on their leadership team with responsibilities for Religious Education and Performing Arts.

Geoff has been involved across many areas of Damascus College life. His meticulous planning of special events and Liturgies alongside his talents in music and technology will be sadly missed. Best wishes go to Geoff and his wife Elisha (DC 1996) and their daughter Chloe.

David Jones 1998-2011. David was originally employed as a Science Lab Technician and during the last five years at Damascus College as a Chemical and Risk Assessment Manager. David recently completed a Diploma of Education at Aquinas and is now heading to Phoenix College Sebastopol to work as a Science teacher.



MYSTERY ARTIST REVEALED

The mystery of the identity of the artist who painted the artwork seen by generations of students climbing the stairs in Building 4 has been solved! Mary McGowan painted this work whilst she attended St Martin's in the Pines as a boarder from 1981-82. Mary is now a senior secondary English and Literature teacher at St Mary's Coptic Orthodox College, Coolaroo. The mystery was solved when newly appointed Damascus College teacher Mr Bill O'Loughlin visited the College and mentioned that he knew the artist. The story goes that Mary had visited Damascus last year to show her daughter where she went to school and noticed the painting still there! She told Bill about it when she knew that he had applied for a position at Damascus. Thank you Mary for our genuine piece of 80's art and we welcome Bill to our staff and are grateful for his detective work!

KIMBERLEE ANDERSON (1997)

From 7 July - 7 August 2011, Kimberlee was Australia House Artist-in-Residence in Echigo-Tsumari, Tokamachi, Japan. The residency was funded by the Australia - Japan Foundation which belongs to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. During this time Kim had a solo exhibition at Matsudai Noubutai Gallery titled Skin, which consisted of a combination of drawings, frottage and body prints on 26 large sheets of traditional Japanese washi. These were installed hanging from the ceiling throughout the gallery.

After returning to Australia Kim went on to complete an art residency at the University of Tasmania Creative Summer School. After approximately 150 hours of detailed work and quite a number of pencils and pens later, Kim completed a 25-metre-long re-creation of her drawing "Lateral View of the Spine" in a 25-metre-long corridor. The work was on view in its completed form for only a month.

But as Kim states "*that is the nature of ephemeral work, it is never meant to be permanent. There are great works and events that retain their existence only in the memories of those who were lucky enough to witness them. In a way, that is why they are perhaps a little more special. My wall drawing is still there underneath the layers of paint - no one can actually take it off the wall!*"

Kim also conducted workshops at the Ballarat Art Gallery during the April 2012 school holidays for creatively-minded young folk who were privileged to learn from this remarkable young woman.



Lateral View of the Spine

Ordination of Past Student



St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat was filled with family, friends and people from around the Diocese on Friday 16th September 2011 to celebrate the ordination of John Corrigan to the Catholic Priesthood.

Fr. Corrigan was born and grew up in Ballarat, attending St. Francis Xavier College for his primary schooling and Damascus College Ballarat for his secondary schooling from 1994-1999.

Amongst many ways of participating in school life, John was part of the Student Representative Council during his time at the College. He then undertook tertiary studies in Melbourne before entering the Seminary to study for the priesthood.

On September 21st 2011 John returned to Damascus College as the celebrant of our annual Damascus Day Mass. Whilst addressing the students, John recalled the first Damascus Day Mass which was held at the Regent Theatre back in 1995 and remarked that it was a privilege that one of the first activities of his priesthood was to celebrate the Damascus Day Mass in 2011.

The 2011 Damascus College students warmly welcomed John and were certainly attentive to his prayerful message.

John's written reflection after the occasion:

"I do recall that as a teenager I was often bored at mass. A challenge for any priest is to engage young people. This task was made much easier by the efforts of the music and drama departments, who were able to evoke solemnity and invite participation. The theme of the Mass was our school motto: "to live by the light of Christ." So that's what I preached about.

Not every student at Damascus believes in God. But they've all experienced suffering, and they've all encountered evil. As have the rest of us. Darkness gives context to light. Whether or not people believe in God, I hope everyone believes in good and evil. I suggested the students should!

Sometimes, against our better selves, we choose evil. But often times, evil chooses us. That is, through no fault of our own, darkness afflicts us. That's when Christ becomes relevant. That's when we need to know that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

There's no point denying it. I would like to see more Damascus graduates practice the Catholic faith. But if Damascus graduates live in the light — if they are people of hope and joy — then the school has succeeded in its purpose. God can do the rest".

BR BERNARD JOHN SCOTT

Born Nov 4 1934 – Died June 28 2011
Teacher and Principal of St Paul's
Technical College (1960-62, 1973-76)

Last year Brother Scott was diagnosed with and treated for cancer. He was admitted to the St John of God Hospital in Ballarat for the last time on May 25 and he remained in hospital until he died on June 28.



Bernie was the son of Jack and Mavis (Quick) and he was brought up in Preston. His parents are both deceased and he is survived by his brother, Brian, and his sister, Margaret Hill. He was educated at St Thomas' Clifton Hill and he entered St Enda's Juniorate in Strathfield on January 27, 1949. In 1953, he began his novitiate under Br Patrick Harty in Minto before moving back to Strathfield for his teacher training year.

In 1955, Bernie began his teaching career at St Augustine's, Yarraville, moving in 1959 to Prospect Vale in Tasmania. Brother Bernard was transferred as a teacher to St Paul's Technical College, Ballarat from 1960-62. At the end of 1960, he made his final profession. Bernie's other interstate appointment was in 1962 to Strathmont in South Australia. After six years, he moved to St Kevin's in Heyington and, five years later, he returned to Ballarat in charge of St Paul's Technical College. His next move was to Broadmeadows for three years and then to Geelong for six years followed by another ten years at St Kilda.

In 1996, he returned to St Patrick's College in Ballarat where he was to remain until his death. In his last years, he was the leader of the Brothers' community and he showed great compassion and generosity in that role.

Bernie was a man committed to his life as Christian Brother and he shared his gifts willingly with others. He was an avid ornithologist and bird watching took him, Br Tony Smith and other friends all over the country. He was President of the Ballarat Bird Observers Association for several years up to the time of his death. He developed a very high skill in training swimmers and gymnasts and there were many students at various schools who blossomed under his guidance.

Wherever he was stationed, he gave himself wholeheartedly to that school community. He wasn't a popularity seeker but people were drawn to him as they admired his integrity and commitment. A highlight in his final months was receiving a Papal award for long and distinguished service to the Church" and for "exceptional service and conspicuous zeal".

May he rest in Peace.

JUDITH ANNE LIAUW (NEE HIRST)

Died July 15, 2010
St Martin's in the Pines (1972)

Judith, the daughter of Noel and Joan Hirst (Sacred Heart) lived and worked in the north-west of Tasmania as a pharmacist and was married with three children and a two year old grandson.



Before her death from Creutzfeldt-Jacob, the distressing and rare brain disease, Judith was at the forefront of modern community pharmacy in Australia.

In 2002 Judith won the Telstra Business Women's Award for Tasmania. In 2008 her pharmacy was named Australia's best pharmacy and natural health store in the Australian Small Business Champion Awards. She was a committed professional who made an enduring contribution to pharmacy and the broader health system nationally. Until just before her death in July 2010 she was Branch President of the Pharmacy Guild of Tasmania and a National Councillor of the Australian Pharmacy Guild.

Judith was a strong supporter of the UTAS School of Pharmacy and the student placement program and regularly hosted third and fourth year students for their rural placements in her Ulverstone pharmacy.

Shortly before her death she was awarded honorary life membership of the pharmacy guild of Australia. She was only the third woman to be honored in more than 80 years of the Guild's history

To recognise her commitment to rural pharmacists in our health system the then Premier of Tasmania, Mr David Bartlett, announced in August 2010 that the Government of Tasmania would fund an annual \$5000 scholarship for a north-west Tasmanian student studying pharmacy.

Judith is survived by her husband Chung, son Han Loong, her daughters Shu Fen and Shu Ling. Shu Ling's partner is Steven O'Donnell (DC 1997).

There is so much to be proud of in Judith's life but most of all she will be remembered as a loving and much loved daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother and grandmother, school friend and colleague.

May she rest in Peace.

Reunions

CLASS OF 2001 10 YEAR REUNION



Row 1 (L-R): 1. Rachel Mercer, Paul Francis, Michael Lancey 2. Kate Young, Emma Reus, Linda Reus 3. Rhonda Martin, Jane Hingston, Rebecca McArdle 4. Marissa McCaw, Emma Jeffries
Row 2: 1. Emma Busutil, Jackie Luscombe, Emma Reus 2. Emma Busutil, Emily Clarke 3. Ben Schreenan, Drew Moran, Stacey Stewart, Rebecca McArdle 4. Anna Martin, Liam Grundwalt
Row 3: 1. Taryn Heinrich, Polly Drinkwater, Larissa Murphy 2. Courtney Weybury, Emily Clarke 3. John Paul Cleary, Luke Quarrel, Chris Willis, Tim Dalton 4. Nick Briody, Rachel Bland, Lauren
Row 4: 1. Polly Drinkwater, David McKenzie, Matt Dowler 2. Bec Woolfe, Tim Dalton, Lauren Collier 3. Hayley Wheadon, George Davidson, Donnie Davidson 4. Matt Dowler, Eddy Mason, Jason Delaney, Michael Lancey

NEWS FROM THE 2001 REUNION

Meg McLean is a Paramedic Educator and business owner in Torquay.

Shannyn McElgunn nee Bennett works as a primary teacher in Warrnambool.

Courtney Weybury is a physiotherapist in Melbourne.

Felicity McKay is married to Craig Cheeseman, with children Maddi and Jake. She is an accountant in Ballarat.

Scott Lorensini is now a Medical Doctor working in Adelaide.

NEWS FROM THE 2001 REUNION CONTINUED

Christopher Heagney is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Mark Irvin is married to Paige with daughter Charlotte and works as a plant control technician at Ballarat Health Services.

Hayley Rodda is a merchandiser in Ballarat with baby Joshua.

Taryn Heinrich works as a human resources / pay roll coordinator in Ballarat.

Dale Beaton married Carly and works as a printer in Warrnambool.

Emily Eltringham works with Youth Justice Support in Ballarat and is married to Aaron Clarke with daughter Elvie.

Emma Reus is a primary school teacher in Ballarat.

Emma Durham is married to Gary Busuttill and has two children, Will and Charlie. Emma works in accounting in Ballarat.

Rebecca Healey nee McArdle is a customer service officer for the Moorabool Shire and is married with two children and one on the way.

Jessica Buscombe nee Atkinson is a Lawyer in Ballarat and is married with baby Arabella.

Matthew Dowler is a teacher in Ballarat and works at the Environmental Learning Centre at Sovereign Hill's Narmbool property.

Joshua Keating works as a mechanical engineer and has two daughters Jacinta and Caitlin.

Stuart Mason is working at Mars Ballarat as an IT consultant.

Louise Carey is an Occupational Therapist at Royal Melbourne hospital.

Cara Simpson works as a Beauty Therapist in Ballarat and is married to John with children Lily and Hunter.

Ben Schreenan is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in intensive care at the Alfred Hospital.

Zoe Armstrong is living in Queensland, is married and is mum to three girls.

SACRED HEART REUNION

Just a quick note to let you know we had a fab day on the 18th of September (2011) at Oscar's... So much laughter, talk and noise!! We met at 2pm with most of us then staying on for dinner. We now hope to catch up each year probably the fourth Sunday in September, no formal invite, just whoever can make it on the day just turn up. We hope to find somewhere that stays open later than 10pm! Maree Harrison



Cathy Marshall (Auchetti) Sally Sutterby (Cawthorn) Denise Fitzpatrick (Blood) Lesley Salter (Turkenburg)

Josephine Heard (Dent) Anne Harrington Leonie McCarthy (Eva) Kerry van Dreven (Murphy) Loretta Toohey (Conroy) Kathryn Mooney Patricia White (Murphy) Kim Nestor (Papworth) Fiona Conroy Jeanette Kent (Kapovic)

Donna Green (Malone) Jane Kingston (Barrett) Shareen Brown (Dower) Marie Loader (Briody) Leanne McArthur Kathy Blackmore (Graham) Leonie Gladman (Dodd) Kathy Curran (Lund)

Floor people Lisa Hand (Dower) Lisa White (Brudenall) Maree Harrison (Tobin) Susan Mitchell (Kendrick)

Hidden are Judy Brewer, Helen Thompson, Julie Toohey (Quinlan) Jeneine Hevey (Walsh) Anita Maher (Simpson)

1991 BOARDERS REUNION

Getting in touch through the use of Facebook, old friends gathered at The Fog in Greville Street Prahran on the 16/7/2011. The last of the St Martin's in the Pines Yr 12 boarders of 1991 could not believe that time had passed. Time had passed, yet we had not. A few seconds of walking into our meeting spot, we were back to chatting like we had never left one another. The same laughs and smiles and genuine personalities were still evident in all of us. A few grey hairs, wrinkles and life events had made no mark on us. Slipping back into conversation; relaxed and smooth, it was beautiful to see and be a part of. It was a reunion without having the negative tags attached. No-one tried to outdo one another, no negative history reared its ugly head - and this was because it was never with us in the boarding house to start with. St Martin's boarders of 1990 and 1991, were a great group of gals and this true nature, will never fade.

Monica Hinson (Watt)

Keeping in Touch

Krys Szokolai (1989) was a FIFA international women's football (soccer) referee from 1999-2008. Krys has now been made a Referee Instructor within Asia and also for FIFA (the international governing body for football). Krys was invited by FIFA to attend the FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany in June/July 2011 as a Match Analyst.

Bronwyn Fallens nee Middling (1989) is now a published Children's Book Author having written *My Super Single Mum* and *My Two Super Dads*. Her books have sold all over the world and Bronwyn has been on *Sunrise*, *Kerri-Anne* and will head off to book fairs overseas in 2012. *My Super Groovy Gran* came out at Christmas and there are another six books yet to come! To find out more, visit Bronwyn's website: <http://www.bronnyandmuntsa.com>

Angela Verberne (1994) married **Peter Flood (1989)** in 2009 and had baby Amelia Grace in March 2011. Angela and Peter are based in Melbourne, Angela is working as a counsellor at Very Special Kids and Peter as an Occupational Therapist at Northern Health

Anna McConchie nee Winter (1995) works with Barker and Jennings Chartered Accountants Firm and is married to David McConchie. Together they have three children, Caitlin, Emma & Max.

Narelle Sartain (1996) is working at Dimension Data having been there for almost 10 years off and on, leaving for a while to have her daughter back in 2004. Narelle is now working in systems database administration and is doing photography in her spare time <http://www.alternatetake.com.au>

Kim Anderson's (1997) art work continues to be widely recognised in international circles. Her work entitled *Crawl Away* was selected as a finalist in the Lethbridge 10,000 Small Scale Art Award. Kim was also the Australia House Artist-in-Residence for the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial, an arts festival in Tokamachi, Japan. You can view Kim's artwork at her website: www.kim-anderson.com

Kathryn Harwood nee Stary (1998) with her husband Steve Harwood now lives in Yarraville and in June they welcomed into their family their son William Michael Harwood. Kathryn has been working in Human Resources as well as studying law part time for the last three years. The "plan" is to finish her degree online while at home with bubs!

Philip Bolton (2001) now lives in New York and works as a manager with Deloitte Analytics.

Heath Grow (2002) after completing a Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management) at Victoria University, Heath has had extensive experience in management with Sofitel Hotels in Australia, Malaysia, and China. Heath received the Australian Government – Endeavour Research Fellowship to travel to Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China during 2010/11. Heath's work for the Masters of Business by research led to the confirmation of his PhD topic; 'An investigation into leadership styles of hotel managers'.

Tim Strange (2002) works with Fusion Victoria as youth and community team leader at the Mornington Peninsula. Tim and his wife Julie had a son in April 2011, William David Strange.

Holly Ellis (2003) is married to Justin Carter and has two sons Nate and Lochlan. Holly is enjoying motherhood and is now back to work for ANZ in Ballarat.

Dominic McNeil (2003) has moved to Armidale to take up the position as lecturer in Sports Psychology at the Armidale campus of the University of New England.

Chantelle Herbert nee Megna (2005) has two children and has now completed her first year of Bachelor of Nursing whilst working as a Personal Care Assistant at Kirralee Aged Care.

Miriam Neate (2005) is finishing a Diploma of Language (Spanish) at Flinders University, having finished a Bachelor of Arts in Indonesian last year. Miriam is also engaged to Michael Reger, and is planning to get married in June 2012.

Clare Cooper (2006) has now completed a Health Science (Nutrition and Health Promotion) Honours Degree at Deakin University.

Brent Trotter (2006) has been cast in the role of Joe Pesci and understudy to the role of Frankie Valli in the New Zealand professional production of *Jersey Boys*. The show opens in Auckland in April 2012. Brent will then return to Australia for runs in Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide. Brent's dream of becoming a professional performer was ignited during his school years and his path from the Performing Arts at Damascus (where he had the opportunity to grow and learn through his performances in *Henry*, *FAME*, *The Small Poppies* and *Seussical the Musical*) to the lights of the professional stage makes those of us who had a hand in his development very proud and we wish him well in his exciting career.

Aislinn Prendergast (2007) was one of three women athletes representing Australia in the World Orienteering Championships in France in August this year. Aislinn travelled to Poland, Finland and then to the French Alps for training before competing in the world championships.

Alice Howden (2008) has completed a Bachelor of Nursing and will be working at Werribee Mercy Hospital from the beginning of this year.

Past staff member **Ros Leishman** (English and Indonesian teacher at Sacred Heart and at Damascus in 1995) is now living in Point Lonsdale and works for the CEO in Melb as an Indonesian Consultant. Ros combines this with CRT work at Clonard College, Geelong. Damascus Year 9 girls attended an Indonesian Immersion Camp at Phillip Island that Ros helped organise.

John Maher (1965) was featured in the Ballarat Courier Oct 8 and Herald Sun for his contribution to the "Talk Down the Toll" campaign. John speaks at schools around Victoria telling the story of his daughter Carmen who was killed in a road accident 16 years ago after she fell asleep at the wheel of her car east of Bendigo. Since then John has been on a mission to talk other young people out of dangerous driving behavior. John also featured on the Kerry Anne Morning Show, Nov 14.

Julie Byrne nee Conheady (1989) is married to Damascus College Principal Matt Byrne and lives in Mt Helen with Matt and their four children, Thomas, Grace, Xavier and Ruby.

Lucy O'Beirne nee Punshon (1990) has been spotted many times recently around Damascus College as her eldest of seven children, Erin, commenced Year 7 at Damascus in 2012. Lucy lives with her husband Paul and their children in Buninyong.

Aleceia Smith (1990) has recently taken up a position at Damascus College as Reports Administrator. Prior to this Aleceia was working for McCallum Disability Services, a not for profit organisation in Ballarat.

Julia Moloney nee Taffe (1995) has set up Moloney Architects in Ballarat with her husband Mick. They live in Ballarat with their daughter Peggy.

Shayne Reese (2000) retired Olympian swimmer and World Champion has opened her own swim school in Delacombe, Ballarat. The focus of the swim school will be to help people with the right swimming techniques for safety as well as to achieve success in the sport.

Jordana Grow (2003) is now a qualified Chef and Chocolatier teaching at William Angliss and operates her own chocolate business "Madame Chocolat" in Ballarat and Melbourne. Jordana received the Solich Award for best confectionery student and two Bronze Medals at the Australian Culinary Challenge held in Victoria in 2010.

Romain Marteau (2005) came sixth in the Automotive Technology Section of the World Skills Challenge in London during October. This is an extraordinary achievement at world level. UB careers news

Cameron Richardson (2005) has been named ambassador of a renewed partnership between North Melbourne and Ballarat Football League. Cameron played eight matches in his debut season with North Melbourne and is on track with his rehabilitation following post season surgery. Ballarat Courier Dec17

Lucy McNeil (2006) was spotted dressed in character as the famous Lola Montez. Lucy is completing a Creative Arts Degree at Latrobe University whilst working part time at Sovereign Hill. The "InfamousLolas" went on to raise \$3365 for Life Education Unit during the October Appeal. Ballarat Courier Oct 1

Stephanie Williams (2008) after leaving school Stephanie completed the naval gap year program designed to offer young people the opportunity to serve for one year without obligation. Stephanie decided to stay on with the navy and was promoted to the rank of able seaman. Ballarat Courier August 16th

Robert James (2009) participated in the Ballarat City Council's Youth Services Team campaign to educate the community on strategies to fight the long standing problem of bullying. Ballarat Courier Nov9

Sam Brown (2010) As bartender at the Bridge hotel Sam raised more than \$4000 to take out fifth prize in the Leukaemia foundation November fundraiser called U.G.L.Y (understandable, generous and likable you).The money will go to Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma research. Ballarat Courier Dec15

Paul Burke (2010) performed at the Ballarat Contemporary Music Expo concert on August 24th sponsored by the Ballarat Arts Academy featuring some of Australia's greatest currently performing musicians. Arts Academy Events Poster.

Marriages & Births

MARRIAGES

Corrina Dichiera (1995) married Patrick Moore in March 2011 at her parent's property in Buninyong. Susan Gribble (1995) attended at the wedding.

Kate Britt (1996) married Ashley Taylor in February 2011 at St Brendan's Dunnstown.

Rebecca Maher (1996) married Dan Hale in September 2011 at St Joseph's College Chapel, Geelong.

Rachel Glasson (2000) married Jahn Knight on 17th December 2011 at St Patrick's Cathedral. Naomi Glasson (2002), Rebecca Stapleton nee Grumley (2000) and Shanelle McInnes nee Forte (2000) attended at the wedding.

Rhys Cahir (2000) got married in September.

Rob Trudgen (2000) and Bree Jackson were married at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery on December 3rd 2011. Their former teacher, Anne Gleeson who now works as Funeral and Marriage celebrant officiated at the wedding.

Carmen Mahar (2001) married Dan in October 2011 in Magnetic Island, Queensland.

James Malthouse (2001) married **Teresa Moroney (2006)** on November 19th 2011 at Neil St Uniting Church. The wedding party included Bruce Cameron husband of Melissa Cameron (1998), Carla Hughes (2008), Rebecca Howlett (2006), Alex Howlett (2010). Susan Malthouse (1998) sister of James and Uniting Church Minister officiated at the ceremony. James moved to Adelaide in 2011 and works as an IT Technician for Westpac.

Miranda Farquhar nee Curran (2004) has been working as a PCA in Aged Care for the last two years and was married in February 2011 in Buninyong to Brad Farquhar.

Tamara Curran (2005) married James Garner and they are expecting their third child together.

Bernadette Hogan (1996) married Woodrow Inman in September 2010.

Photo: Frank and Pat Hogan with their family, Bernadette (1996) married to Woodrow Inman, and works as the REC at St Aloysius North Melbourne.

Therese (1996) married Ben Audibert, with baby Clementine. Therese tutors at Deakin University.

Gabrielle Hogan (1998) married pharmacist Ashley Wiles. They have two boys, Jack and George. Gabby is teaching at St Peter's in Bendigo.

Tom Hogan is deputy principal at St Alipius, Ballarat East.

Monica Hogan (2000) is a social worker in Ballarat.

Tim Hogan (2001) spent 3 years in the Kimberleys as REC.

Tim and his wife Stephanie now have daughter Charlotte.



BIRTHS

Peta Lucas (1996) and Nick Byrne gave birth to their second son in September, Archie.

If you have information you would like to share with the Damascus Community through The Road, please email our Past Student Co-ordinator Yvette Nesire-McNeil at:
connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

To update your contact details visit the Past Students tab on the College website www.damascus.vic.edu.au

2011 School Leavers Reunion: October/ November 2012 (date to be advised)

Damascus College 2002 10 Year Reunion: Friday 26th October at The Ballarat Club, 203 Dana St Ballarat.
RSVP: connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

St Martin's in the Pines 1972 40 Year Reunion: Saturday 22nd September. School tour at 11am and lunch at Oscars at 12.30pm

St Martin's in the Pines 1992 20 Year Reunion: Saturday 20th October. Time and venue to be advised.

St Martin's in the Pines 1982 30 Year Reunion: Date to be advised

Sacred Heart College '92 (Yr 10) Reunion: Sat 2nd June at Seymours. Contact Sarah Romeril michaelandsarah1@bigpond.com

PAST STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Past Student Association meets ten times a year on the Fourth Monday of every month (excluding January and December) at the Golden City Hotel from 6pm. New members welcome.

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION EVENTS

"Drinks@Seymours" on Friday 19th October 2012 from 6pm-8pm. An informal gathering for past students of Damascus College and former schools; Sacred Heart, St Martin's in the Pines and St Paul's College. All welcome.

St Martin's Branch of the Past Student Association

Invites past students from St Martin's in the Pines for a "Chat & Cuppa" at the home of Mollie Cleary (Ryan) in Invermay Park Saturday 15th September at 2pm

Enquiries and RSVP's to Mollie (03) 5338 7248 or Yvette (03) 5337 2352 connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

St Paul's Annual Meal: 17th August at 6.30pm at Red Lion Hotel

MELBOURNE ASSOCIATION EVENTS

2012 SPRING LUNCH IN CARLTON

Come along and bring a friend!

DATE: Sunday 14th October at 12.30pm

VENUE: Il Vicolo Courtyard Restaurant, 50 Grattan Street, Carlton

CARS: Transport can be arranged and shared from Ballarat

Friends and fundraising details: A delicious lunch can be had at this delightful restaurant for either \$25 or \$29 (including a glass of wine) and we can then contribute \$25 to the fund-raising endeavour. We need RSVPs for numbers in order to make bookings, but payment can be made on the day. All early enquiries and any early-bird RSVPs for the Spring Lunch to:

Yvette Nesire-McNeil, Past Student Coordinator (03) 5337 2352 Email: connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

or to ... Jo Reidy (03) 9859 1994

Please note that, closer to the event, other contact names will be added to the list above. We are hoping that people from different year groups will help to plan and coordinate each new event as it comes up. Looking forward to seeing you there!

The St Martin's Past Students Association, the Committee, and the Past Students Coordinator

OTHER EVENTS

Retired Staff Luncheon: Thursday 6th September and Thursday 6th December 2012.

2012 College Production "Annie": Past students and their partners are invited to pre-show drinks and nibbles on Friday 27th July at the College Auditorium. Check the College website for booking details closer to the event.

Timelines Art Exhibition: Damascus College invites our visual art past students to send in expressions of interest to be involved in the 2013 Timelines Exhibition.

Fundraising

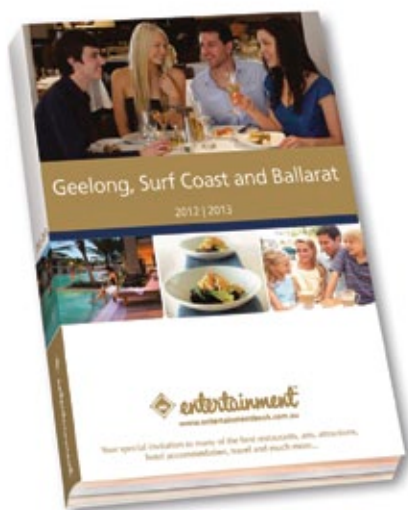
RAISING FUNDS FOR EAST TIMOR



You can make a donation to the East Timor fundraising efforts by visiting the College's fundraising page: www.damascus.vic.edu.au/our_community/fundraising.html or by emailing info@damascus.vic.edu.au

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Damascus College is selling The Entertainment Book as a fundraiser for the College. The Entertainment Book contains hundreds of great offers for discounts on food, entertainment, retail and more. The College receives money for each book sold. Books for any of the 19 regions can be purchased through the school by emailing info@damascus.vic.edu.au or by visiting the following webpage: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1132g04>



ST MARTIN'S STATUE

The statue of St Martin de Porres has stood proudly in the heart of the College grounds since 1967. It's location has remain unchanged, although the landscape around it has been transformed many times since it was first erected.

The statue is now a serene centrepiece within the atrium of the College library, the aptly named St Martin's Resource Centre. It remains an important cornerstone in the identity of Damascus and reminds us of the origins of our College.

The St Martin's statue has been admired by many for decades, however it now needs urgent care and attention. Due to a generous donation from one of the members of the inaugural St Martin's group, a Statue Restoration Fund has been established.



How to Donate:

In Person	At the College Office, 8am to 4pm weekdays
By Mail	Send a cheque to: Damascus College St Martins Statue Restoration Fund 1412 Geelong Road Mt Clear VIC 3350
BPAY	Bill Code: 37549 Reference Number: 112037
Credit Card	To pay by credit card ph: (03) 5337 2222

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If paying by BPAY, please email your banking receipt along with your mailing address to info@damascus.vic.edu.au so that we can post a receipt to you.