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During my almost thirteen years as Principal of St Joseph’s Nudgee College, I have often spoken of the “Nudgee College community” and the “Nudgee College family”. I have wondered many times if this is simply my perception, or something that is not just felt, but is, to the visitor, observable.

Following is a reflection on a recent visit to our College, shared with me by our guests:

“St Joseph’s Nudgee College is deceptive in so many ways. Its buildings are imposing and one entering the property will be easily impressed by the size of the campus and facilities. It could give a sense that buildings and facilities will dominate individuals, that to break into what seems to be a tightly knit community will be difficult. It could easily be seen to be inaccessible to anyone who doesn’t fit the accepted mould.

“In fact, the opposite is the case. The College is a welcoming and accepting community. Diversity abounds in culture, race, religion, ability and motivation. A non-selective enrolment policy, a boarding facility that draws from all parts of Australia and many other countries and a bus fleet serving all parts of Brisbane and surrounds ensure that, each day, vibrant and heterogeneous groups of boys join together in community.

“Boys, parents and staff speak of a family feeling at Nudgee College. The concept of solidarity is introduced early, as are the expectations of boys fortunate enough to be attending. Consistent messages from the Principal and other senior leaders introduce boys to a culture that soon leads to a sense of pride and belonging. One aspect of that culture is the relationship between younger and older students. A Big Brother program is part of the official way to help young boys settle in, but it goes beyond that structure. As one parent commented, ‘My son came home in awe of the fact that one of the Senior boys had gone out of his way to speak with him on his first day.’

“The Touchstones of the Charter for Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition are well-known in the community. They are present in symbol, liturgy and ritual; they feature regularly in the written and spoken word from the leadership of the College. This emphasis is leading to an ongoing reflective approach to the type of community Nudgee College is and the education it offers.”

This sense of community and, indeed, family, is generated through the involvement of a multitude of ‘family members’, some of whom share their stories in this edition of the Nth Degree.

I invite you to enjoy reading them, as you grow in appreciation of what a blessed and unique community Nudgee College is.

Sincerely,

Mr Daryl Hanly
College Principal
Robyn began working at Nudgee College on 13 April, 2000. She had previously completed a few weeks of temporary work doing general office duties while a staff member was on leave. When the reception position became available, Robyn was called for an interview.

“At that stage I had been out of the workforce for about five years to stay at home and look after my two boys,” Robyn said.

“The position initially was term time job-share, which meant I only worked five days a fortnight and had school holidays off. With two young boys and a husband who is a teacher, this was the ideal job for me.”

Most of the boys would recognise Robyn as the voice that delivers messages over the PA system throughout the day, which has earned her the nickname of “golden tonsils” from Brother Vic Larkin. This, however, was not initially part of Robyn’s role, nor something she was confident about once it was included.

“When I first found out that I would have to make announcements over the PA, I was so nervous I don't think I slept the night before,” Robyn said.

“Being a shy person, it took me a long time to feel comfortable making the announcements. There have been many occasions when I've had some very tricky names to announce and I just sit back and wait for all the calls from staff having a laugh at my pronunciation. In this job you need to have a good sense of humour.”

Robyn’s role is busy and varied, which suits her as she would “much rather be busy than sitting around wondering what to do next – something that never happens here”. In addition to being the first point of contact for callers and visitors to Nudgee College, Robyn’s role also involves sorting incoming mail and preparing outgoing mail, preparing daily student notices and updating any changes to parent and student details.

“The thing I enjoy most about my job is that one day is never the same as the next,” she said. “Things crop up each day that throw the whole routine out but you just have to go with the flow.

“I love the interaction with parents and other staff members and enjoy helping them. Everyone is so friendly. I also love the challenges that come with this job – trying to solve people’s queries and working out the correct person to put a call through to.

“The downside is that sometimes you can be trying to get an important job done and the phone just keeps on ringing and interrupting me.”

Robyn has seen plenty of changes in her 14 years at Nudgee College, including staff leaving, new staff starting and a lot of construction and new buildings. However, the event Robyn remembers most is one of the College’s most tragic times.

“August 2001, when Daniel Laherty passed away as a result of contracting meningococcal septicaemia, will always stay with me,” Robyn said. “That was such a tragic and busy time for everyone but it was just wonderful to see how everyone worked together to deal with the whole situation – students, parents and the media.”

Away from Nudgee College’s front desk, Robyn enjoys watching rugby, working in the garden and travelling. She has had two trips around Australia with her family staying in their camper trailer, and is planning a third.

“We love fossicking and I especially love being out in the middle of nowhere with not another person in sight. Now that the boys are old enough to look after themselves, my husband and I are looking forward to doing another trip around Australia – just the two of us this time!”
FACT:

218 million children around the world are engaged in child labour.

About 70 per cent of these children work in agriculture in developing countries, farming coffee beans and cocoa for the rest of the world, and they receive very poor wages, if any at all. Those workers who are exploited are exposed to toxic agrochemicals and pesticides and working conditions that limit their access to food and water; unsafe disposal of wastes, allowing residue to flow into drainage systems; and the neglect of farming techniques results in erosion and air and water pollution.

All this is done so that those who are privileged enough to do so can pay $4 for a cup of coffee. Of that, only $1 goes to the farmer for every kilogram of bulk coffee beans sold. Fair trade pays four times this amount.

For coffee to be deemed “fair trade”, the farmers must guarantee a fair, minimum price for the beans they produce; there must be fair labour conditions; and the sustainability of the environment must be taken into account in the farms’ agricultural practices. Currently, across 58 Third World countries, over one million farmers and farm workers are receiving the benefits of fair trade, putting money into improving access to education, enhancing the lives and working conditions of employees and breaking the cycle of poverty.

In Term 2 this year, the Social Justice League ventured into a new endeavour – Vic’s Cafe, a fair trade cafe that supports the coffee farmers of East Timor. The endeavour has been taken over almost entirely by students with my help, and that of Pete Tennant, Lawson Saurels, Sean Sumsum and several other volunteers along the way.

The coffee beans used at Vic’s, “Just Coffee” were originally an initiative of the Gregory Terrace “Terrace Timor Network” and pay $10 per kilogram to the thousands of farmers across East Timor where the beans come from. By supporting the fair trade, we are doing our bit to ensure that farmers and children across East Timor are given a fair price for their product, operate in fair working conditions and an investment is returned to their communities.

Every morning before school and on special school events, Vic’s Cafe is open outside the Edmund Rice Centre from 7.30am until 8.20am. With a fully functioning coffee machine and fully certified baristas, the cafe-quality beverages have become somewhat of a habit for a number of teachers and students each morning.

Vic’s Cafe has become a significant way for the Nudgee College community to give something back to the communities of those less fortunate.

A growing awareness of the conditions coffee farmers face across the tropics day-in and day-out has been evident in the installation of Vic’s cafe, and we’re hoping to inspire members of our community to incorporate fair trade products in their everyday lives. As a result, projects revolving around education and social welfare and the overall quality of life in developing countries in East Timor and all around the world are on the rise.

Stop by Vic’s Cafe one morning, grab an excellent coffee and support fair trade!
The Year 11 student, who turned 17 in July, began flying at 14 years of age after taking a 30-minute trial flight at Redcliffe Flight Training. Days later, Pieter had his first lesson and became one of the youngest pilots in Australia when he received his Recreational Pilot’s Licence at GoFly Aviation Caboolture on his 15th birthday.

“A short time later I became part of the team at GoFly, pre-flighting aircraft, washing planes, working with students and doing administration. My pay was in flight hours,” Pieter said.

“Slowly I built up my hours and completed my cross-country endorsement. I was flying family and friends to places in Australia, before I even had a car licence!”

Despite his youthful achievements, Pieter was keen to find something more to challenge him, which is where the idea of attempting the world record for flying around the world began. The current record is held by Ryan Campbell, who completed his round-the-world journey at the age of 19 on the 7 September, 2013.

“It’s never been about a world record; it’s more personal than that,” Pieter said. “I started to read all the ferry pilot books I could get my hands on. The stories of each and every pilot increased my passion and now I have to accomplish it.

“Planning for and dreaming of this challenge takes up most of my life. I have almost completed the conversion for my Private Pilot’s Licence, balancing flying and studying with school life and setting targets to attempt this world record.

“I am slowly realising the enormity of this challenge; that realisation has become the inspiration for the name of my flight, Challenge Your Limits.”

Pieter’s planned flight route covers a distance of more than 50,000 kilometres, travelling over five continents with an estimated flight time of about 250 hours. The journey will take 76 days and Pieter will be flying an average of 7.5 hours per day.

“The flight plans are, of course, a major part of the flight,” Pieter said. “It’s key that I work in sync with my team to get the best possible route. To do this, we need to find places where I’m authorised to land and have flight permit authorisations.”

However, Pieter’s challenges won’t end once he touches down each day. He’ll have to deal with daily challenges – weather forecasts, unfamiliar territory and maintenance – alone.

“A flight doesn’t end once you land in a foreign country,” he said. “You need to refill the plane, follow safety checks and get relevant permits.”

Pieter is aiming to complete the journey in October but needs sponsors who can contribute time, money or items needed for the flight, to help him achieve his goal.

“My costs to embark on this expedition are estimated to be $250,000, but my goal is to raise $500,000,” Pieter said. “All additional funds will be donated to the Nudgee College Social Justice team to help the young and old with education, safety and opportunities to challenge their limits.”

If you would like to sponsor Pieter and help him achieve his goal, visit www.challengeyourlimits.com.au.
From 4–6 July, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s beloved musical CATS came to life like never before at the Brisbane Convention Centre in this record-breaking arena spectacular.

Starring Australia’s leading lady of musical theatre Marina Prior as Grizabella, this large-scale production also featured a live band and over 500 performers from across south-east Queensland. T.S Eliot’s poetry came to life on stage, set to some of the most iconic music in the musical theatre genre, including the classic Memory.

With staging by celebrated choreographer Callum Mansfield and dazzling sets and costumes, this event was the largest production of CATS ever staged in the southern hemisphere, and played to huge crowds.

Head of Drama Ms Alison Crilly said the Harvest Rain Theatre Company took on a “sizeable project producing Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical CATS”.

“A group of St Joseph’s Nudgee College students channelled their inner feline recently when they performed in Harvest Rain’s arena spectacular, CATS.

Along with over 500 performers, our boys were provided with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work alongside other young, passionate performers and professionals, such as Marina Prior,” she said.

“This allowed them to get hands-on experience and showed them what it is like to be part of such a huge-scale production at a professional level.

“The boys engaged in rehearsals for dance, vocals, acting and learnt how to work with different costumes and make-up for this style of production.

“To be able to immerse themselves in a full production week, they would have been subjected to long hours of intense, repetitive and technical rehearsals, exhaustion, building of excitement to opening night and, of course, adrenalin.”

Nudgee College was invited to be involved after previous College students impressed Harvest Rain with their professionalism. The College was one of nine schools with students in the production. Rehearsals began in March and continued through April, May and June so the crew were ready for opening night.

“Working in this environment is like nothing else,” Ms Crilly said.

“The students involved have further developed their skills in production, performance, communication and building relationships with students with the same passions from other schools.

“They have made good and ongoing connections in the program and professional performance environment. Our boys will never forget this amazing journey.”

Students Jack Sandic, Lachlan Green, Zac Warren, Travis Donoghoe, Will Tyquin, Billy Muller, Angus McLeod, Praise Rufus-Ashiedu, Tim Gamin, Liam Hop Yek Dodds, Jacob Chick, Kha Truong, Andrew Winman, and Lachlan Brace sang and danced in several songs throughout the performance, including the finale for some.

Liam Hop Yek Dodds (Year 11), Angus McLeod (Year 10) and Billy Muller (Year 7) all agree that the experience definitely
met any expectations they had at the start.

“CATS was a good indication of what it’s like to be involved in a large production and was a good opportunity to further pursue my acting career,” Angus said. “Going to rehearsals and so on was fantastic as everyone was in the same boat meaning that they were ready to practice and perform, and no one was mucking around.”

Liam got involved to see what it would be like and to experience something a little out of his comfort zone.

“It was a real honour and privilege to work alongside a musical professional such as Marina Prior,” he said.

Billy seconded Liam’s thoughts on working alongside Marina.

“I love music and drama so much, and to work with Marina was just one of the best experiences ever,” he said.

“Ever since I was little I wanted to be an entertainer and/or a game show host. I really enjoyed this opportunity and I would love to do it again.”
Tim attended Nudgee College from 1991–95 and was a Magee House prefect in his Senior year. Today, Tim is the general manager of parkrun Australia. He and his wife, Nicci, live on the Gold Coast and have two children – Jack and Evie.

Like many students, Tim says he developed a “passion for sport” while at Nudgee College which “translated into a real desire to stay fit, healthy and active as an adult.” Despite the fact these qualities now form the basis of his career, Tim believes Nudgee College’s best attribute is its history.

“The history of the College is something that students learn a lot about,” he said, “I think this puts school and, to a certain extent, life in a context that enabled me to graduate with a broader sense of perspective than otherwise may have been the case.

“Embrace all of the opportunities that Nudgee College provides you, even if they may not seem so appealing at the time. Join the debating team, learn a musical instrument and sign up for the next school holiday trip to the outback, because, when you leave, these opportunities will not easily present themselves again.”

After leaving Nudgee College, Tim went to QUT where he graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement Studies) / Bachelor of Education (Secondary) double degree. In 2000 he volunteered at the Sydney Olympic Games, which he describes as “still one of the best experiences of my life.” In January, 2001, Tim moved to London on a two-year working holiday visa. He returned almost 10 years later!

“I ran a travel and events business in London for eight years,” Tim said. “Prior to that I was supply teaching in some pretty rough and ready London schools.

“When Nicci and I decided to leave London and return to Australia, I decided I wanted to leave the travel industry and return to my first passion, which was health, fitness and exercise.”

It was while he was in London that Tim discovered parkrun.

“I was initially attracted to parkrun because it was somewhere I could run with my dog, Clarence, on the lead,” he said. “However, when I found out that parkrun wasn’t yet in Australia, I contacted the founder and the rest is history.”

parkrun is a non-for-profit organisation that provides a free, timed, weekly 5km running event for any community that wants one. The events are run by dedicated teams of volunteers and the whole thing is funded by corporate sponsorship and government grants.

“Without a doubt, overseeing the growth of parkrun here in Australia is my greatest achievement,” Tim said.

“We launched our first event on the Gold Coast in April, 2011, with 108 runners. We now have over 70 events across the country every single Saturday and over 112,000 registered runners.

“It really blows my mind to be honest.”

With his work as general manager and two small children, Tim doesn’t get much spare time, not that he’s complaining.

“Keeping fit and travelling are my two favourite hobbies but also part of my job description, so I’m very lucky in that regard,” he said.

“In June, I went to London for our first-ever global parkrun conference. I was really excited to get across and see everyone. It was also an extremely productive week that will help shape the next few years of my life, if not more!”

Each week thousands of people around Australia tie up their laces and walk or run five kilometres in a free, timed event at a location near them. Whether it is for fitness, to lose weight or just as a social outing, their weekly parkrun has become a ritual for many. The parkrun concept originated in London but was brought to Australia by Old Boy Tim Oberg.
If Lord Byron was right to characterise cemeteries as “silent cities of the dead”, the residents of Brighton Cemetery in Melbourne might justly lay claim to membership of one of the most diverse communities in the country.

Counted among its 70,000 residents are World War I Victoria Cross winners Walter Peeler, James Newland, William Joynt and Maurice Buckley; their old commanding officer, General Sir John Monash; Test cricketer Harry Trott; and Australian Rules footballer Albert Thurgood. There are, of course, as in any community, some residents whose fame gives less cause for celebration. Thomas Bent, a corrupt politician who lived up to his name, is buried there, as is the gangster “Squizzy” Taylor, the subject of a recent Channel 9 series based rather loosely on his life.

Other residents, well known in their day, have nevertheless been consigned to near oblivion by the passage of time. Sir Raymond Connelly, successful businessman and three-time mayor of Melbourne, died of coronary vascular disease in May 1949 and was interred in Brighton Cemetery. Two thousand people attended Connelly’s Requiem Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Mannix. Sir Raymond was carried to his rest in a hearse that travelled at the head of a mile-long cortège in what was reputedly the biggest funeral procession since that of Sir John Monash 18 years before.

Connelly, who was born in 1895 in East Melbourne, attended St Joseph’s Nudgee College for six years between 1905 and 1910. His connection with the College is now all but forgotten, hardly surprising given that Nudgee College is one of 12 schools that he attended.

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And Freedom hallows with her tread
The silent cities of the dead;
For beautiful in death are they
Who proudly fall in her array;
And soon, oh, Goddess! may we be
For evermore with them or thee!

ON THE STAR OF THE “LEGION OF HONOUR” - George Gordon, Lord Byron

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NUDGE COLLEGE HISTORY | DR MARTIN KERBY

THE SILENT CITIES OF THE DEAD

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over the course of his childhood. After completing his education, Connelly worked as a jackeroo in Queensland before joining the family business, the Moreland Grain & Free Stores Pty Ltd, at Brunswick. He was, as one biographer noted, a warm and outgoing personality, a resourceful businessman and a natural leader.

Returned by the electors of Smith Ward as a non-Labor representative to the Melbourne City Council in 1934, Connelly showed himself to be a progressive reformer with a decidedly cosmopolitan bent. As part of his vision of a “brighter” metropolis, he pursued programs that would have found favour with his old classmates. He urged the relaxation of laws on alcohol and Sunday entertainment, advocated longer shopping hours, the opening of an international airport and the training of hotel staffs to encourage tourists.

He was also an ardent Empire loyalist and charity-worker, being prominent in the wartime Food for Britain campaign, and in the development of the Lord Mayor’s Camp at Portsea, which in summer provided accommodation and free dental and health care for poor children from the country. Brother Treacy may not have celebrated the imperial link with the same fervour of Connelly, but he would have seen in the social programs a world view quite consistent with his own.

Connelly travelled to London to begin the campaign that was to secure the Olympic Games for Melbourne in 1956. One of Connelly’s last official acts was to light a replica of the Olympic torch in April 1949, following the announcement that Melbourne had been awarded the Games.

Connelly is not the only Old Boy knight buried in Melbourne although, in the case of Sir Norman Mighell, his final resting place is the Melbourne General Cemetery in the suburb of Carlton. His nearest neighbours are, if anything, even more famous than his old classmate. Four Australian prime ministers – James Scullin, Sir Robert Menzies, Harold Holt and Sir John Gorton – are either buried or commemorated there.

The explorers, Robert O’Hara Burke and William John Wills; the first Australian-born governor-general Sir Isaac Isaacs; one of the founders of Melbourne John Pascoe Fawkner; leader of the Eureka Stockade Peter Lalor; and the acting chief justice who sentenced Ned Kelly to hang, Sir Redmond Barry, are only part of a who’s who of Victorian and Australian history who found their way to this cemetery.

Mighell was born in Mackay in 1894 and attended Nudgee College for four years between 1907 and 1910. In fact, given the size of the College in the years prior to World War I, he would almost certainly have known Connelly. After graduation, he worked as an articled clerk at Gordonvale and studied law. Mighell was mobilised in the militia in August, 1914, and served briefly with the garrison on Thursday Island before enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force on 3 November. As a sergeant in the 15th Battalion, he was among the first Australian troops to land at Gallipoli on 25 April, 1915, where he sustained severe wounds to his jaw that were to plague him for the rest of his life.

Mighell’s father wrote to the Minister of Defence on 19 May, 1915, asking that his son be returned to Australia.

Though neither Connelly nor Mighell are names that reverberate around the grounds of the modern College, they are part of what Abraham Lincoln, speaking in another time and place, characterised as the “mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land.”

His mother as also myself have been anxiously awaiting news of him and are desirous if possible through your instrumentality for him to be invalided home to us. Being an only son, both of us parents feel that if his life should be taken at the front our loss would be irreparable and we earnestly ask you to use your earnest influence to have him returned to us. He has won his spurs in the manner of speaking being one of the heroes in the storming of the Dardanelles.

Although there is no record of any direct action taken in response to this letter, Mighell embarked for England on 19 June, 1915, and from there returned to Australia. Admitted as a solicitor on 30 April, 1918, Mighell practised first in Innisfail and then in Brisbane. Mighell was a foundation member (1928) of the Brisbane Legacy Club and president (1928–29) of the Queensland branch of the Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia.

Mighell would later be appointed to a variety of important positions, ranging from Chairman of the Repatriation Commission (1935), Commonwealth Coal Commissioner (1941) and Australia’s Deputy High Commissioner in London (1946). He was knighted in 1951, but died four years later from injuries sustained in a car accident.

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The cattle, students and staff were headed south. Not to a show in northern New South Wales, but further south to Australia’s largest city, Sydney, and the Royal Easter Show. This year’s Sydney event was a Brahman feature show which provided an opportunity for Queensland breeders to be a part of showing the feature breed. It was also the biggest showing of Brahman cattle in Australia.

“The Sydney Royal Easter Show was beyond all our expectations,” Cattle Club coordinator Mr Brian O’Reilly said.

“In addition to the logistics, we had several concerns about going. Would we be good enough? Would the cattle be good enough? Would we embarrass ourselves? What would the perception be about our visit?

“The show lived up to every bit of the hype,” he said. “The organisation was fantastic, the facilities were arguably the best in the southern hemisphere and the professionalism of the organisers made everything easy.”

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is Australia’s largest annual event, attracting close to 900,000 people each year. The show was first held in 1823 and is run by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, a not-for-profit organisation that promotes and rewards agricultural excellence. Although it is on a larger scale, the show is much like the Brisbane Ekka and is a celebration of Australian culture, from our rural traditions to our modern-day lifestyles.

For Mr O’Reilly, attending the Sydney show was the accomplishment of a goal he’d set several years earlier. However, getting the funding and organising travel details weren’t the only issues he and the Cattle Club had to deal with.

“From a marketing perspective, having the high school entry year lining up next year, Sydney gave us the opportunity to give an alternative schooling option for people in New South Wales,” Mr O’Reilly said. “With the cattle, though, we had the challenge of having them peak for Sydney instead of the Ekka.

“We’ve been working on that for a few years by selecting cattle to show in age groups and with the maturity to fit them into the right classes of the Sydney show schedule. Some of the cattle that we showed in Sydney will go on to be shown at Beef Week in Rockhampton next year.”

The cattle taken to Sydney were shown and prepared by the Cattle Club on behalf of Kenrol Brahman Stud at Gracemere and Chudley Brahman Stud at Cooroy.

“We are very lucky to have the support of Ken and Wendy Cole at Kenrol and Rob and Robbie Walker at Chudley and are indebted to them for their support of our Cattle Club show team,” Mr O’Reilly said.
The professionalism and expertise of the 13 boys, including five from Years 6 and 7, who went to the Sydney Show was evident to many in attendance while the experience gained was “invaluable”.

“The boys were as good as any professionals,” Mr O’Reilly said. “They offered assistance when they could and I received so many comments from other studs about the boys’ expertise. They were so impressive that the College was constantly sought after to assist top studs at the show.

“The confidence gained through speaking with such a wide range of people and working with the top studs was invaluable and could be seen when we went out west, especially with the younger boys.”

The show team received second and fourth ribbons at the show. In addition, current Cattle Club President Rhys Galdal came fourth in the Young Paraders while Old Boy Damon McCoy (NC 2009-13, pictured top right) won the Grand Champion Parader Title.
For the past two years, our brothers and sisters in the west have been struggling with drought and the knock-on effects of this. So when the call went out to support the Nudgee College Fodder Drive, the power of community went into overdrive, raising close to $30,000 within four short weeks.

With the unwavering support of so many kind hearts, the Fodder Drive headed west to Longreach with over 80 tonnes of hay, three and a half tonnes of donated fresh produce and over 800 parcels of home-baked Anzac biscuits in tow. Over the course of a week, Nudgee College representatives (staff, Old Boys, parents and some family connections) made the 2400-kilometre round trip, meeting some incredible people along the way.

The Nudgee College contingent pulled into Longreach on Wednesday evening, after two long days on the road. On Thursday morning, it was my pleasure to meet current parents and Longreach residents Myriam and Simon Daley (NC 1983–84). To be in the company of Mym and Simon, I was immediately drawn to their combined strength of character, hardworking nature and generosity. As graziers, the Daleys know first-hand the devastation of drought and I was humbled by their generosity in the planning and roll-out of the Fodder Drive. Without their help, it simply would not have been possible.

The Daleys, like many property owners in the region, are recording their lowest rainfall in the last hundred years.

"With animals to feed and limited options, we all feel a huge responsibility to make the right decision for the welfare of the cattle or sheep we’ve worked hard to raise," Simon said.

"As you can imagine, a lot of us have strong ties to the livestock we produce, so it can be overwhelming when we’re forced to make the choice between sale and agistment.

"Isolation can also play a big part because you become immersed in your own worries, making very little contact with people. Your energy is zapped and most of the community is in the same boat, so conversation can be tricky.

"When people reach out, like the Nudgee College community have, we feel humbled by your thoughts and generosity; it gives you the feeling that you’re not alone. That there is someone out there who cares.

"It is so powerful and has such an impact"
Thanks to the following individuals and families for their hard work and generosity in making the Fodder Drive happen.

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- Joan Doljanin, Mr Dali Doljanin and Anthony Doljanin, for your kindness in helping us with the supply of hay and generous donation of pumpkins.
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- Dave Harvey from Complete Janitorial Supplies for the ute load of toilet paper.
- The Grierson family, for coordinating the amazing donation of fresh produce.
- Mr Brian O’Reilly, for your time and dedication to the cause.
- Nudgee College community, for your donations and support.
- The Longreach community, for your openness and willingness to receive our gifts.

when you receive these gifts,” he said.

Country folk, by nature, are usually very proud people and it was Mym Daley who took on the difficult task of contacting families within the region, asking if they required assistance in the form of hay and/or food.

In response, more than 45 families travelled up to 200 kilometres one-way to pick up their goods. Seeing their gratitude was a truly amazing experience and I was honoured to be able to share many a sacred story that at times moved me to tears. While we originally went into the project thinking we would only help Nudgee College families, our scope quickly shifted after hearing the overwhelming response of “no, someone else is worse off than us”.

There is no doubt the Nudgee College spirit trickled its way to Longreach that week. The outpouring of help from Maree and Bevan Pearce, who are friends of the Daleys but have no association with Nudgee College themselves, was a credit to the camaraderie of the bush. They opened their hearts and home to help us unload the fresh produce into family packs ready for collection at the Longreach Show, as well as offering their second property for a distribution and collection point for hay. It is gestures like these that really get to the heart of the Fodder Drive campaign – connecting people with people.

While the College is steadfast in its capacity to give through the Fodder Drive, I have learnt a valuable insight into the people of the bush and their capacity to receive with open hearts.
NAPLAN 2014
Along with the rest of the country, our boys in Year 5 sat the national testing program we refer to as NAPLAN. Our boys approached this test with great enthusiasm and their core teachers ensured they were well prepared for it. We look forward to the results being released later in the year.

Mother’s Day
This year we were blessed with the presence of many mothers and carers at our annual Mother’s Day morning tea. It was moving to hear from Danielle Chrismani, founder of Baked Relief, about the impact that such a simple gesture, cooking, can make. From here was born our own Anzac Cookie drive and the response received through the Junior School was simply astonishing.

Inter-house Cross Country
Under dark clouds and in the occasional shower of rain, students competed in the Inter-house cross country carnival. Congratulations to all students for their participation and to the staff who assisted in ensuring the day was enjoyed by all. Special congratulations to the top three in each age group.

Year 5: Alex Kluck, Byron Smith and Henry Cliff.
Year 6: Lewis Cammack, Lachlan Hill-Lewis and Will Cartwright.

Channel 7 Chopper Visit
After a false start last term the Channel 7 chopper landed with great anticipation this term. It was certainly a sight to see the landing of a helicopter on Hendry Oval. The boys formed a perfect NC on the oval, which looked very impressive on the nightly news. News presenter Bill McDonald spoke to the boys about news production and visited the Cattle Club to learn about Nudgee College life and how the club operates.

Year 6 Religious Education
As part of our Year 6 Religious Education unit, students had two very different religious experiences in Term 2. Students visited the synagogue in Mary Street in Brisbane’s CBD followed by a celebration of the Eucharist and tour at the Cathedral of St Stephen. St Stephen’s is the spiritual home of Brisbane Catholics and also the birthplace of St Joseph’s College, Gregory Terrace, and it was indeed a wonderful day. For boys to
see much of what we have discussed in class, in both the synagogue and cathedral, was rewarding.

A day on the goldfields
During Term 2, Year 5 students headed to the ‘diggings’ to try to strike it rich. The excursion took the boys back in time to the 1850s Australian gold rush era where they experienced what it was like to be a gold prospector trying to find his fortune. Throughout the day, students panned for gold, built tents, were robbed by a bushranger and enjoyed some freshly made damper. They also dressed up in 1850s clothing and learnt to barter and haggle for goods.

GPS Cross Country
Our venture into the GPS Cross Country competition proved extremely successful this year with both our Under 10 and 11 teams winning their age championships, a fantastic effort. Special mention must go to our Under 10s who had three finishers in the top 5 with Alex Kluck our highest placegetter with a second placing.

Principal Awards
We congratulate the recipients of the Term 2 Principal Awards. These students demonstrated a willingness to give their best in all facets of their learning. I congratulate the following students: Tyler Wolfe, Rowan Burton, Declan Townsend, Maximus Morrow-Woods, Lachlan Doherty, Patrick McGillion, Daniel Kuskie, Isaac Babao, Bevan McNicholl, Oliver Smeaton, and Luca Romano.
The inaugural Jack Ross Gala was held on Saturday, 31 May, in the Marble Bar Room at the Victoria Park Golf Club. Two hundred Nudgee College Old Boys, wives, girlfriends, partners, parents, and friends came in from central and western Queensland, north Queensland, the Sunshine and Gold Coasts, Sydney and Melbourne to gather with other Brisbane folk for a fabulous black-tie gala dinner.

The night started with glasses of Veuve champagne and canapés on the balcony, to the music of a string quartet playing in the background. Beautiful chandelier girls on stilts entertained guests whilst topping up their drinks. A fabulous display of fireworks prior to moving in for the sumptuous three-course meal set the stage for a wonderful evening.

Nudgee College Old Boys Association (NCOBA) president Anthony Hart opened the evening with an informative introductory speech to much applause from the crowds on the 1987 Old Boy tables. Brother Vince Connors (Patron of the Jack Ross Bursary and popular Nudgee College principal 1980–1987) had some eloquent words before leading grace. As people dined and consumed the fabulous wines and champagnes, Murray Hartin (comedian and bush poet) punctuated the mingling, storytelling and fun that everyone in the room seemed to be having.

Departing Principal of Nudgee College Daryl Hanly made a heartfelt speech that was appreciated by all and appropriately captured the true spirit of the night. People donned the dance floor and some carried on to the after party at the Alliance Hotel, Spring Hill (owned by 1993 Old Boy Nick Gregorski).

The generosity of those who attended the Gala led to approximately $19,000 being banked into the Jack Ross Bursary. The Jack Ross Bursary is a NCOBA initiative that assists young deserving men to get an education at St Joseph’s Nudgee College.

We will be rebooking the Victoria Park Golf Club for the 2015 dinner, and we ask anyone who wants to be a committed table captain or part of the 2015 organising committee to contact:

- Hugh Hamilton (Vice-President NCOBA) on hugh@mwrecruitment.com.au or 07 3009 6400
- Andrew McNamara on andrew@mwrecruitment.com.au or 07 3009 6400
ANZAC Day

The St Joseph’s Nudgee College Anzac Day Ceremony was commemorated on a glorious autumn day on Ross Oval, with more than 200 students, parents, community members, Old Boys (including those who had fought in wars), and members of the armed forces in attendance.

Principal Mr Daryl Hanly spoke about the importance of Australia’s national day of remembrance.

“The solemnity of the occasion helped emphasise to all assembled the sacrifice that service women and men have made, and continue to make, to ensure the restoration and maintenance of peace,” he said.

“I expressed a view to the assembled crowd that we should not become blasé about the peace we now cherish and enjoy.

“Although our country is not one which has been invaded, there is a need to look out for ‘invaders’ who do impact upon peace – injustice, poverty, aggression, drugs, and so on.

“There is also the need for us to advocate for peace for those who are in war-torn countries.”

The First Signal Regiment, from the Enoggera Barracks, once again participated in the ceremony and helped make it the rich ritual it is, while Group Captain Tony Behm gave his last address as a serving officer of the Royal Australian Air Force. Tony retired in June this year after 40 years distinguished service.

As has become a Nudgee College tradition over the years, a group of volunteer boarders attended the Sandgate and District Anzac Day march the following day while the Drum Line did two “passes” during the Anzac Day parade in Brisbane CBD.
Kairos

For three days in May, Nudgee College Senior students left their busy world of school, sport, emails, iphones, and ipads behind and spent time reflecting on their own lives and how they can shape their future by becoming a sign of faith at the annual Kairos retreat.

For the first time since Kairos was introduced about 10 years ago, all Year 12 students attended concurrent retreats across a variety of venues.

“The Kairos retreat is integral to not only the wellbeing of each student, but also to the tone of student leadership within the College,” Mr Hanly said.

“This is a special and, indeed, sacred time for students to reflect on who they are, what their future might be, what their ‘masks’ are, how to handle times of storm and how to find the face of Jesus in the faces of others.

“I strongly believe that if we can graduate young gentlemen who are at peace with themselves, then we are going a long way to ensuring that we are contributing to peace in the world.”
Refugee Lantern Parade

Thirty Nudgee College students joined their peers from other ERA For Change schools, and thousands of other Queenslanders, to welcome refugees and asylum seekers at the annual Luminous Lantern Parade at South Bank in June.

The parade, an initiative of the Multicultural Development Association, is to welcome refugees to the community. The happy event included papier maché creatures being held high, blazing lanterns, lively dancers and frenetic drummers.

Director of Justice and Peace Mr Mark Ellison said: “There was a wonderful sense of solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees and a wonderful sense of celebration for the richness that various cultures offer our wider community.”

Rural Discovery Day

Students from the Nudgee College Cattle Club shared their knowledge with over 900 primary students in May at the RNA Rural Discovery Day.

The Rural Discovery Day is an educational day for primary school students and celebrates Queensland’s primary industries. The event, which is held each year at the RNA Showgrounds, offers a unique hands-on learning experience where students milk cows, pot seeds, taste honey directly from a hive, discover where their food comes from, talk to real farmers, and taste some of the best produce Queensland has to offer.

The Cattle Club presented the beef cattle exhibit, where club members spoke about breeding and showing stud cattle and the role stud animals have in beef herds around Australia.
Channel 7 Chopper Visit

Eyes turned skyward in May when the Channel 7 helicopter and newsreader Bill McDonald visited Nudgee College.

Years 5 and 6 students formed the initials NC on Hendry Oval, before the chopper landed to enable them to inspect the new arrival. They then went to Tierney Auditorium for a Q&A session with Bill, where the boys covered issues such as his favourite subject at school, the use of the chopper and why he wanted to become a journalist.

“I like variety, am a bit nosey and was always inquisitive and liked asking questions,” Bill said. “It is those kinds of traits that led me down the path of wanting to be a journalist – to ask questions and get answers for a living.”

Bill, who has worked as a journalist and a news presenter for 27 years, also spoke about how much he enjoyed his job and how he wouldn’t want to do anything else.

He finished his visit with an inspection of the cattle yards and the Trade Training Centre.

World Refugee Day

Nudgee College celebrated World Refugee Day in June by competing in a friendly match against a local Bhutanese refugee football team.

“There is a significant Bhutanese population living in our local area, and this group of 17 and 18 year old men have been working towards local community building and engagement through regular football fixtures,” said game organiser Mr Mark Ellison.

“A local organisation is working towards building relationships between schools and local refugee communities to provide facilities and/or competition, as well as developing friendships and a sense of welcome.

“It is hoped that today’s football match was the first step in developing friendships with our Bhutanese neighbours, with further ideas of community barbecues, swimming lessons and homework help for children,” he said.

Nudgee College students also attended a World Refugee Day prayer service for refugees at St Stephen’s Cathedral.
It’s hard to imagine how the combination of a few simple baking ingredients can touch the hearts of those out west. We can focus on the humble Anzac biscuit and question why this simple little Aussie icon can make such a difference and bring even the toughest of our bush community to tears.


Baked Relief is a direct giving network, a volunteer movement mobilising people to bake for those in need when natural disasters hit. Danielle has said that she didn’t realise the power an old-fashioned idea – baking for those in need – could have, when mixed with a new ingredient: social media.

I was one of the thousands that viewed this segment, which left me questioning how I could step into the world of Baked Relief. The deafening call was matched with action and, within days, Danielle and I were in discussions about how we could work together.

The timing couldn’t have been more perfect. We agreed that Nudgee College would become a community drop-off centre where we would coordinate an Anzac Biscuit Drive in conjunction with the Nudgee College Fodder Drive heading out to Longreach.

In early May, for two days, the College opened its doors to the baking community on the northside of Brisbane. In this short time, we received about 800 parcels of home-baked Anzac biscuits with heartfelt notes attached for the awaiting community of Longreach and surrounds.

A drought-relief concert featuring Troy Cassar-Daley and Adam Harvey was attended by 400 people from around Longreach, and, when I got word that the biscuits had been lovingly delivered into the hands of those for whom they were intended, I burst into tears. It was only then that I truly appreciated how much love had gone into giving.

Simon Daley (NC 1983–84), who helped with the distribution of the goods in Longreach, earnestly recalled: “I have to mention the notes that came with the Anzac biscuits. They were very special. Many a person had a tear in their eye with the beautiful messages that were passed on.”

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Thanks to the following for their support:

- First and foremost, the army of bakers who donated their time, ingredients and compassion to this cause.
- Danielle Crismani and the Baked Relief volunteers who will continue to touch the lives of many.
- Mr Brian O’Reilly and Ms Tara Shipperley for their support.
- Students Callan Daley, Adam Wagner, Thomas Nugent and Cameron Slack for volunteering and giving up their Saturday to collect biscuits.
- Mr John Sayer, Mr Frank O’Dea (NC 1957–60) and Mr Paul Carrigan for organising the trailers and carting the goods out to Longreach.
- Street Swags for generously donating the boxes.
- Boarders Joe Sweedman, Callan Daley, Cameron Slack, Doug Bailey, Joe Herbert, Kyron Reid, Mitchell Ward, Robert Orcher, Eddy Brownsey, Lachlan Berge, Simon Turvey and Ned O’Rieley, who helped pack the biscuits.
- Mym Daley and Maree Pearce for walking through the township of Longreach and hand-delivering parcels to local businesses.
This year, Nudgee College had one of its most successful seasons ever with all six teams making their respective grand finals, which were played over five divisions.

The Year 8 and Year 10 teams fought bravely, but went down to talented BBC sides. The Year 9 team went through the season undefeated, their dominance evident with their 12–6–78 to 2–3–15 grand final win over BBC. Connor McFadyen was named Player of the Match.

In Division Two, the Nudgee College 2nd XVIII team surprised by easily defeating BBC in the semi-final. This brought them up against the Nudgee College PNG team, who were unstoppable in the grand final, winning 16–11–107 to 5–4–34. Andrew Ligo was Player of the Match.

Throughout the competition, the PNG team had huge victories in all their games. Had they played in Division One, they would have been good enough to finish third to the 1st XVIII team.

After losing to BBC by seven points in the first round, Nudgee College’s 1st XVIII team followed that with some big wins to earn the right to a rematch in the grand final.

After a tight first quarter, Nudgee College opened up the game with a commanding six goals to three lead in the second quarter. This gave them a 25-point edge at half-time. With BBC never giving up, the 1st XVIII were able to withstand the pressure in a very close second half, going on to increase their lead to win the game 12–11–83 to 7–7–49, thus claiming back-to-back 1st XVIII premierships and becoming the 2014 Jason Dunstall Cup premiers.

Captain Mitch Crawley led the team by example, while midfielders Lachlan Falconer and Jack Smith repeatedly sent the ball into the forward line, where Josh Elmslie reigned supreme and kicked six goals. Josh was rewarded for his efforts by being named Player of the Match for the second consecutive year.

Since entering this competition, Nudgee College’s 1st XVIII has made the grand final 10 times, with seven victories and two narrow two-point losses. In the last nine years, the 1st XVIII has won six times and been runners-up twice.

Overall, Nudgee College has won 22 premierships in all divisions and can definitely claim to be the top school in the GPS AFL competition.
Selected to take part in the Senior GPS Music Showcase, held on 1 May, were Tapiwa Chamboko, Tom Deery and Jackson Webster (all Year 12), Ian Ridgway (Year 11), Lachlan Green, Nathaniel Pekol-Smith and Alex Yates (Year 10), and Matthew O’Connor (Year 9). The event showcased the musical talents of the combined GPS schools.

The workshops during the day were followed by an evening gala concert at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex, South Bank, which was well attended by parents and friends.

Principal Mr Daryl Hanly said the evening event was a delightful occasion.

“To hear and see a symphony orchestra of 92 musicians, a concert band with in excess of 80 members, and a choir of about 70, was indeed a pleasure for those in attendance,” he said.

“Our College was well represented and performed wonderfully. There is no doubt that holistic education is alive and well at Nudgee College as we focus on ensuring that experience in the arts is integral to the education of our students.”

Coordinator of College Music Mr Brett Foster described the concert as a “great success”, in which Nudgee College students “acquitted themselves well both in rehearsal and performance”.

“Many people remarked that the performance by all groups was at a professional musical ensemble standard,” he said.

The GPS Music Day of Excellence (Years 5–7) will be held in Term 3.

In June, all Nudgee College’s music ensemble students participated in the Music Soiree, which was held in Tierney Auditorium.

“Each year our concert program has gone from strength to strength, with a full capacity audience in attendance this year,” Mr Foster said.

The Soiree brought to light the extensive musical talents of the students from the Nudgee College Big Band, NC Voices, DrumLine, Guitar Ensemble, Rock Bands 1–4, Trumpet Choir, Junior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Clarinet Ensemble, NC Strings, selected soloists, and culminated with a performance by the Combined Orchestra.

“The students’ hard work paid off with a showcase night that provided the perfect opportunity for the boys to embrace performing live and to grow as musicians,” Mr Foster said.

“The overall atmosphere and feeling was one of great appreciation and the night was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.”

Next on the College’s musical calendar is the annual Nudgee College Music Tour, which later this year will travel to northern New South Wales to perform.

“Whilst we are still finalising details of the itinerary, we hope to stop at destinations such as Byron Bay, Ballina, Lismore, Casino, Grafton, Glenn Innes, Inverell, Moree, Goondiwindi, and Warwick,” Mr Foster said.

“Some of these towns we visited in 2013, but there will be several new inclusions this year.”
Football

2014 started extremely brightly for Nudgee College Football with two boys selected for full scholarships for the AIS and headed, full time, down to Canberra to join up with the Australia U17 squad. Though this was potentially a blow to our chances of retaining our 1st XI Premiership we were delighted for these boys and look forward to following their progression.

The 1st XI season started earlier this year as we held a selection camp in January to finalise our squad for preparations in Term 1. We were hit hard with injuries but it was a great chance to give opportunities to some of our younger talent.

In the wider program sign ups shot through the roof to ensure it was another record breaking season in terms of player numbers. In particular the turnout at Year 5 and 6 was terrific and bodes well for the future.

The season was a roller coaster for many of the teams with many ups and downs. None more so than the 1st XI who came out of the blocks in startling form beating traditional powerhouses Brisbane Grammar School 7-1, away from home! It was one of the best GPS performances I have witnessed as BGS were simply blown away by the quality of football Nudgee College played.

Unfortunately, as is often the case, this performance may have come too early as the boys then conceded a late equaliser against Brisbane Boys College and drew a game they should comfortably have won. A 3-2 victory against Churchie then followed before a disastrous 6-1 defeat at Southport. This seemed to pave the way for Southport to take out the title but, as Nudgee College kept accumulating points against Terrace, State High and Ipswich, Southport proved inconsistent and Toowoomba began to take control.

In the final round a blockbuster between Nudgee College and Toowoomba saw us triumph due to a terrific early goal by Alex Fiechtner. Southport’s draw against Brisbane Grammar saw Nudgee College and Southport share a premiership for the second consecutive season! Taking out back-to-back premierships was an outstanding achievement for this set of players, particularly in a season where so many things seemed not to go smoothly. The group refused to give up after these setbacks and kept quietly plugging away to get the big reward at the end of the season.

Congratulations to the squad and coaches, in particular Col Bennett (Head Coach) who leaves us in 2014 after a decade coaching at the school.

Another fantastic football season and can’t wait for 2015!
Tennis

The Nudgee College 1st IV completed the season with a comprehensive win over their Toowoomba counterparts, keeping them to 21 games over 16 sets. This ensured the team of Jacob Spatuzzo (captain), Brendan Goldsmith, Cedric Rupa, Declan See, and Jamie Brown of a top-four finish for the season. The Year 5A team of Zachary Paulik, Eamon Gerrard Stace, Declan Townsend and Edward Launchberry finished second for the season, losing only the one match to Brisbane Grammar School.

The 16As team of Ricky Singh, Ian Ridgway, Connor Lilley and Peter Minnikin also secured a top-four finish for the season, despite losing their No.1 player Jamie Brown to the 1st IV halfway through the season. Congratulations to all the teams throughout the different age groups. Every team won matches throughout the season.

The Nudgee College Age Championships also produced very close matches, especially in the final of the Year 8 Boys Singles where Nathan Barnes defeated Sebastian Hanna 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a match that lasted over two hours. There was also another close match in the final of the Year 7 Singles where Alec Reverente defeated Patrick Glass in a thrilling encounter. The Year 6 Singles final was won by Sam Griffith, who defeated James Hong. In the Year 5 Singles final, Zackery Paulik was too good for Declan Townsend.

A special thanks also go to the coaching team of John James, Matthew Limpus, Steven De Waard, Scott Puodziunas, Chris Kerswell, Mitchell Lindsay, Rory Young, and Annabel Watts for their commitment to the Nudgee College GPS teams throughout the season.
Debating

The 2014 Debating season was a long one, starting in February and continuing until May. The Year 11 (2) and Year 10 (2) teams were our most successful in terms of wins throughout the season, claiming four debates each. The expansion of GPS Debating to include Years 5–7 this year was a great success. Our juniors benefited from their patient and dedicated coaches, coming up with some good results as well.

Cross Country

The annual Regional Met North Championships were held in May with 12 Nudgee College boys in the Bramble Bay team. Congratulations to Alex Kluck (10 years), Lewis Cammack (11 years), Stephen Lean and Hayden Cotter (13 years), Nelson Birogi (14 years), David Lean, Yousif Birogi and Hayden Barrett (16 years), Jordan Pizzica (17 years), and John Lean, Tom Beaumont-Jones and Nick Sheehan (18 years) who qualified for the State Championships.

On a hot day in June, more than 150 runners represented Nudgee College in a new-look format at the GPS Championships. A program of nine races was run throughout the day with Nudgee College finishing second, by one point, in the Primary Championship and fourth in the Secondary Championship.

In the primary school races, Nudgee College won both the 10 and 11 years age groups. In the 10 years age group, Alex Kluck, Malachi Tuck and Henry Cliff finished second, third and fourth, respectively. In the 11 years age group, Lewis Cammack (fourth) and Will Cartwright (eighth) were the top performers in a race that included eight top 30 finishers for Nudgee College. Ben Lonergan finished fourth in the 12 years age group, while Elliott Shepherd placed third in the 13 years race.

The fight for the Jack Ross Trophy (Secondary Championship) got off to a flying start for Nudgee College with our 13 years age group taking the points. Will Harris and Stephen Lean finished sixth and seventh with Ryley Robertson just behind them in 11th position.

Nelson Birogi ran an inspiring race to win the 14 years 4km in 13min15sec, a time that would have won the 15 years race as well. This outstanding run saw him beat the state champion, Justin Currie of Brisbane State High. The 14 years team finished sixth as did the 15 years team, whose top performers were Michael O’Sullivan (15th) and Finbar Martinez-Bennett (17th).

Six runners in the top 25 assured our 16 years team of back-to-back wins with a massive 64-point win. David Lean gave Nudgee College its second victory of the day while Yousif Birogi (fourth) and Hayden Barrett (ninth) were the other top 10 finishers.

In the Opens, Jordan Pizzica secured his second consecutive top 10 finish with a terrific fourth place. He was joined in the top 10 by Co-Captain John Lean who finished 10th.
Rodeo

The Nudgee College Rodeo Team had nine riders compete at the Casino Beef Week event in May. With over 60 nominations in the junior events, our riders were given the opportunity to not only watch, but compete against some of the best riders in the country.

With the rain falling and the arena a mud pit, our newest riders had a quick initiation into the sport of bull riding. Congratulations to Will Karey, Lachie Cover, Dylan Gracie and Cody Ross for some courageous first-time rides.

Our more experienced riders, Isaac Westerhuis, Zeph Kadel, Fynton Collier, Kyle Coulsen and Wayde O’Sullivan, didn’t disappoint. Although not quite lucky enough on the day to get into the prize money, a definite improvement in all their rides saw some of them riding the full eight seconds.

Congratulations

Nudgee College congratulates the following students on their sporting successes:

- Shem James, who has been chosen to represent Australia in athletics at the upcoming Youth Olympic Games in August in Nanjing, China.
- Connor Warren and Brandon Herrigan, who went to the AIS Canberra where they received four days of coaching from the national athletics selectors and coaches as part of the Australian U17 Youth Talent Squad.
- Lewis Begg, who has been selected in the Volleyball Australia, Queensland Elite Development Program. This program is a partnership between Volleyball Australia and the Queensland Academy of Sport, providing a pathway for athletes who have been identified as having potential to be able to play volleyball (beach and indoor) at the international level with a longer term view to Olympic representation.
- Adam Bakker and Old Boys Tom McLellan, Harley Moore and Jack Armitage who made the Australian rowing team. Adam and Tom made the Junior team while Harley and Jack were selected in the Under 21 and Under 23 teams, respectively.
- Will Magnay who has been named in the Queensland Under 18 basketball team to compete at the national titles in Townsville in August. He has also been initiated into the National Performance Program to receive specialist coaching.
President’s message

Once again I would like to thank the NCOBA Executive for their commitment in delivering a full schedule of events over the last four months. As well as regional events in Goondiwindi, Roma, Charleville and Longreach, we hosted the inaugural Jack Ross Gala, the annual CBD catch-up and provided assistance to numerous year group reunions. There has been much hard work performed behind the scenes by the Executive Team and our Alumni Officer at the College.

I must also acknowledge the growing support and patronage from our membership and the wider Nudgee College community as we continue to provide the opportunity to engage and reconnect with our “ten thousand brothers”.

Mr Anthony Hart
President

Mitch Peereboom (NC 2007–11)

At 20 years of age, Mitch Peereboom has established a hugely successful career in real estate, reaching levels some don’t achieve over their entire careers.

When he was 19, Mitch was elevated to the position of Chief Auctioneer for Harcourts Queensland. He is the youngest Harcourts Corporate employee internationally, and conducts approximately 1200 auctions annually, from Coolangatta to Cairns and everywhere in between.

Those who were in Mitch’s year at Nudgee College won’t be surprised at what he has accomplished since leaving school. Mitch possesses an extremely high level of ambition and determination, one that saw him successfully complete a range of activities during his time at the College.

In his Senior year in 2011, Mitch was College Vice Captain, the DrumLine Major, achieved an OP 2, played in the school’s top rock band, and participated in other College activities, such as debating and rugby. Unsurprisingly, he says he isn’t content with his career just yet. He wants to consolidate his Chief Auctioneer position and one day own his own successful real estate business.

Charles Nugent-Young (NC 2003–07)

One of the many great tertiary opportunities that Nudgee College offers is the Bond University Collegiate Scholarship Program. Charles Nugent-Young was one recipient of the program, and has since kick-started an incredibly promising career in law.

Graduating from Nudgee College in 2007, Charles set out to complete dual bachelor degrees in Commerce and Law. Because of Bond’s three-semester-per-year timetable, he was able to complete both degrees in just three and a half years, graduating in February 2012.

Charles then secured an associate position with Judge Tony Rafter SC.
Following that, he moved to the Attorney General’s Department in Canberra, and, as of December last year, was admitted as a lawyer to the Law Courts of the ACT.

Charles says the career he has built was not the one he initially planned in investment banking. Charles’ story serves as a reminder to current students that, while they might not be completely set on their post-Nudgee College path, it can be extremely worthwhile to grab any opportunities afforded to them with both hands. As with Charles’s case, you never know where they will take you.

Charleville and Roma

President Anthony Hart and Immediate Past President Simon Carter joined Nudgee College staff in Charleville over the weekend of 16–18 May to promote the College and attend an Old Boys get-together at the Charleville RSL on the Friday night. Many thanks go to Old Boys stalwart and local legend Joe Tully for helping organise the weekend.

A great time was had by all, with many Nudgee College tales told both at the dinner and at the race meeting the next day. Many thanks go to Old Boys stalwart and local legend Joe Tully for helping organise the weekend.

Longreach

Our recent drinks event at the Longreach Show on 16 May was attended by more than 20 Old Boys and their families.

Past and present Old Boys and families included the McLellans, Hunts, Taylors, Doneleys, Patersons, Smiths, Daleys, Greg Hunt, Tony Neilson, and Father Matthew Moloney

The informal setting by the Nudgee College truck added to the relaxed feel of the event. The Old Boys provided a delightful selection of drinks and nibbles, all sourced locally before – in true Nudgee College style – the fantastic Cattle Club team whipped up a magnificent barbecue meal for all to share.

As is the way in the bush, a quick hello and one drink turned into a good session. The sun sank into the west and the crowd huddled together to talk about the weather, the drought and all things Nudgee College.

The Nudgee College staff looked after our guests extremely well. Deputy Principal Graham Leddie proudly informed the group about happenings at the College, including the exciting redevelopment of the boarding facilities, which sounded almost luxurious to the older Old Boys in the group.

The night finished on a high as we watched the fireworks light up the sky, followed by an adjournment to the Show Bar and Fred Brophy’s boxing tent.

While other schools were in attendance at the show, it was obvious to all that no other school brings what Nudgee College brings. The NCOBA are particularly grateful we could be a small part of the amazing display of generosity, compassion and friendship that Nudgee College has always brought to its family in the bush.
Sir Neville McNamara, KBE, AO, AFC, AE (Retd) (NC 1938)
7 April, 1923–7 May, 2014

Chief of the Defence Force, General David Hurley AC, DSC, extended his condolences to the family and friends of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville McNamara, KBE, AO, AFC, AE (Retd) who passed away in May.

Sir Neville led the Australian Defence Force as the Chief of Defence Force Staff from 1982-1984.

"On behalf of the Australian Defence Force I offer my deepest sympathy to Lady Joan, daughters Shelley and Julie and their extended family. Sir Neville’s quiet, unassuming manner made him a popular leader. He will be remembered as one of Australia’s most outstanding Air Force officers with an extraordinary military career spanning more than four decades and three wars,” General Hurley said.

A Royal Australian Air Force fighter pilot, Sir Neville flew combat missions in World War II and the Korean War. Prior to his appointment as Commander RAAF Forces Vietnam in 1971, Sir Neville learnt to fly the Iroquois helicopter and the Caribou.

“In his view, it was important for an Air Commander to fly with his units to understand what they were being asked to do and it earned Sir Neville great respect among his flying squadrons.”

During his tenure as the Deputy Chief of Air Staff (now Deputy Chief of Air Force) and Chief of Air Force Staff (now Chief of Air Force), Sir Neville was engaged in some major capability decisions including the F-111 digital upgrade. He also initiated RAAF Tindal’s development as an operational base.

“Sir Neville is probably best known as the driving force behind the decision to purchase the FA-18 aircraft, which was introduced into service during his tenure as Chief of Defence Force Staff.

The fact that we are still flying Hornets today is a testament to Sir Neville’s skill and knowledge as a fighter pilot and Defence Chief,” General Hurley said.

The Australian Defence Force farewelled Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville McNamara (Retd) with full military honours shortly after his death.

Dr Ernest Humphry Cramond MB, BS, FRACP, MBE, OAM (NC 1938–41)
6 April, 1924–15 March, 2014

Dr Cramond was born in Townsville but moved to Clayfield in Brisbane with his family at the age of 5. He participated with enthusiasm in rugby, cricket and handball while at Nudgee College, adding with humility, but never making the firsts. In 1940, Dr Cramond was editor of the Nudgee Collegian, a quarterly magazine with record and commentary of every aspect of college life. The magazine was adopted as the official organ of the Nudgee College Old Boys’ Association.

In 1941, Dr Cramond was a committee member of the Literary and Debating Society, a member of the Collegian Committee and an executive member of the Holy Name Society.

In 1941, Dr Cramond undertook a cardiology course in Brisbane and established the first coronary care unit outside of the metropolitan area, teaching nurses to recognise potential life-threatening conditions and to provide definitive treatment with a defibrillator.

He was a unifying influence on the 11 general practitioners in Dalby, as chairman of the local medical association, before being appointed, in 1982, president-elect of the Queensland branch of the Australian Medical Association. He then became president in 1984–1985.

Such was his support for the ethical principles and standards of the AMA that federal council admitted him as a Fellow, in 1982, predating his term as president – a rare honour.

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and Humphry joined the Order in 1988. He was a strong influence in its formative years in Queensland.

The Order’s joint support of Dr Cramond and his wife for charitable projects, such as health and education in Timor Leste, the Christian Brothers Callan Services in PNG and especially Mount Olivet Hospital, stem from their involvement with the Knights of Malta.

Dr Cramond was President of the Nudgee College Old Boys’ Association from 1989–91.

In 1992 he was honoured by the College with the Signum Fidei Award, the highest honour the College can bestow on an Old Boy.

Warwick Raymond Parer, AM (NC 1950–53)

6 April, 1936–15 March, 2014

Warwick Raymond Parer, AM, a member of the celebrated Parer family that graced Papua New Guinea with its name, died early in the morning of 14 March, 2014, while recovering from surgery.

A nephew of the famous Australian war photographer, Damien Parer, Warwick was born in Wau, PNG, and was educated at Nudgee College from 1950–53. He was one of the six Parer cousins at Nudgee College together in the 1950s.

Warwick attended the University of Melbourne, from where he received a Bachelor of Commerce. He soon showed himself to be a businessman of great acumen, founding Non-Destructive Testing Laboratories in 1962 and becoming Victorian manager of Utah Development Company in 1973 and chairman of Australian Coal Exporters.

In 1984, Warwick was enlisted to occupy a vacancy as a Liberal Party member of the Australian Senate representing the state of Queensland. From 1996–1998 Warwick was Minister for Resources and Energy in the Howard Government. He retired from politics on 11 February, 2000.

Upon his retirement from politics, his friend and colleague, then Senator John Herron, said of him: “Warwick brought to the Senate not only his expertise in management but also his experience in the field for which he assumed government responsibility.

“He allied this with the stability that comes with the support of a wife and family. He was never flustered and has a capacity for friendship which traverses political partisanship.”

After leaving politics, Warwick continued his business career and served as president of the Queensland Liberal Party from 2006–08. In 2012, he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Stanwell Corporation Limited.

Since 2010, Warwick was also Chair of the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital Foundation.

Professor Aldo Vacca, OAM, MB BS, FRANZCOG, FRCOG, GCEd (NC 1956–59)

28 August, 1941–16 March, 2014

Aldo Vacca came to Nudgee College from Halifax in 1956 and completed his senior year in 1959. While he did not achieve representative honours in sporting endeavours, he loved and possessed a comprehensive knowledge of football, primarily rugby, and cricket. He was a popular, thoughtful, outstanding student and College prefect.

After completing his general medical training at the University of Queensland and his residency at the Cairns Base Hospital, Professor Vacca worked for eight years in Papua New Guinea, initially as a general practitioner and subsequently within the Public Health Department in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology.

Prof Vacca married Janet, a nursing sister and midwife, in 1969. They have three children, Belinda, Michael (NC 1984–88) and Sophie.

As a general practitioner, Prof Vacca developed an appreciation of the clinical skills and self-sufficiency required by clinicians working in remote areas as well as an awareness of the difficulties they faced as a result of their relative isolation. During his time in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Port Moresby General Hospital, Prof Vacca assisted with the supervision and review of the Maternal Death Register, which included an investigation into the causes of all reported maternal deaths. This led to the development of his major interests in management of labour and in operative vaginal delivery.

From PNG the couple moved with their family to Perth and then to London, where Prof Vacca continued his studies and was admitted as Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He considered himself fortunate to have been introduced to the potential of the obstetric vacuum extractor by Dr GC Bird, with whom he worked in Papua New Guinea.

Prof Vacca devoted much of his time to improving the teaching and training of vacuum extraction and published extensively on the subject. He visited over 22 countries around the world teaching and training clinicians. He had a special interest in developing interactive computer programs for self-directed learning in medical education.

In June 2007, Prof Vacca was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia “for services to medicine in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology, particularly through the research and promotion of the technique of vacuum extraction delivery in obstetric practice”.

For 13 years, he was director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in Brisbane, regarded as a world-leading maternity hospital. He was also consultant obstetrician, Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital, Brisbane, and associate professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Queensland.

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