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# ALUMNI Connections



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As we draw to the conclusion of another hectic but fulfilling year at Emmanuel College we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy festive season. We wish that those who are travelling have a safe adventure and we look forward to connecting again in the new year.

I offer my thanks to Michael Pichner, Penny Cook and Marija Kostevski for their tireless work on building great events for people to attend. In a year full of reunions and engaging events for the Alumni, I would also like to thank College Principal, Dr Janine Biggin and College Business Manager, Mr Mario Puopolo (Class of 1982) for their unwavering support of the Alumni.

Keep an eye out for a range of events for next year as the College celebrates its 60th Anniversary. There are activities planned to occur all the way through the year.

We are at the stage where we will be writing our next Alumni Strategy early in 2025. This Alumni belongs to you, and we want to know how to make it what you want it to be. We will be looking for a working party in about February or March next year to assist with writing the strategy and we would love for you to be involved.

As always, if you have old school items that you would like to donate to the College, please reach out to Penny Cook at [alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au). If you are in touch with old school mates, please encourage them to join the Alumni via the College website, [www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/our-coll/alumni](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/our-coll/alumni).

Thanks again for your commitment to and support of the Alumni, I look forward to seeing you again in 2025.

Mr Gavin Deller  
Director of Development and Marketing

## CLASS REUNION



On Friday 29 November, we held our annual Alumni Reunion of the classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 & 2014 at the St Pauls Campus. We eagerly welcomed all past students to catch up, enjoy some refreshments and great food, and take a trip down memory lane. School memories came flooding back as past students and staff reminisced, whilst also taking the chance to tour the campus and see the changes that have taken place since their time at the College. The reunions serve a fundamental purpose in maintaining the relationships between our Alumni and the College, and it was wonderful to see such a big turn-out on the night.





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### Mathew Montebello

During his time at St Paul's College, Mathew (Class of 1994) was awarded Sportsman of the Year three years in a row. He played for the Spotswood Football Club from 2001-2009, captaining two premierships teams and named as captain of the Spotswood Team of the Decade.



Mathew also completed a Bachelor of Education at VU in 2000, and started teaching PE at Williamstown Primary School in 2001. After roles as Grade 5/6 Team Leader and ICT/eLearning Curriculum leader, Mathew moved up to Assistant Principal in 2015 and has been Principal of Williamstown PS since 2023.

Mathew's passion for sport continued during his teaching career: he started coaching the new U/18 team at the Williamstown CYMS football club in 2011, moving up to Head of Junior Development. In 2013 he became Senior Coach and Director of Coaching, leading the senior team to VAFA Division 1 premierships in 2014 and 2019 and allowing the club to be promoted to the Premier Divisions. In 2019 Mathew was VAFA Coach of the Year.

### James Duvcevski



After a successful campaign at the 2022 Qatar World Cup as General Manager of the Australian Men's National Team, James Duvcevski (Class of 2008) moved on to become Executive General Manager and Performance Director at Football Australia. After eight years at Football Australia, James has now taken up a position as Project Expertise Manager at FIFA. We wish James all the best in this new role.



### Dr Andrew Cronin

After graduating from St Paul's College as Student Council President and Student Marianist in 1994, Andrew completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Aeronautics at the University of NSW and served as an engineering officer in the RAAF from 1999-2003.

He later completed an MBBS at the University of Queensland in 2007, followed by a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine with Distinction at James Cook University in 2015. Andrew is now a fully qualified Rural and Remote General Practitioner, with a strong interest in Military Veterans' Health and Aviation Medicine.

Andrew has worked for the Royal Flying Doctor Service - Queensland Section and LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine, and is now the owner and director of Australian Veteran Health Services.



## STAFF RETIREMENTS

We celebrate the following staff for their commitment to the College and community.



Frank Drandi  
1985 - 2024



Georgia Georgiou  
1988 - 2024



Malcolm Willets  
1989 - 2024



Kerry Shiel  
2008 - 2024



# SAVE THE DATE

**Business Breakfast - 14 March 2025  
St Paul's Campus**

