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Partnerships Matter

The value of strong connections to the community



O-Week Convention

An unforgettable start
to College living

Meet St Cat's
Residents

Siblings leave home
for College

Philanthropy makes
a difference



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL **DR ELIZABETH CONSTABLE**

Success for a residential college is measured in a variety of ways - the academic progress and achievements of the residents, a strong pastoral support program, inspiring opportunities to network beyond the college, active involvement of its alumni, waitlists for admission and meaningful donor support to realise projects.

I am proud that St Catherine's is achieving all these success indicators with lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of residents. Highly professional staff, working closely with committed and hard-working residents, are propelling the College into an elevated phase of growth and as a College Council, we can confidently assure a long-term strategic future for the College.



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF COLLEGE **FIONA CROWE**

This edition of *The Banksia* focuses on the strength and success of strategic partnerships at the College, partnerships which have collectively created a richer, deeper and improved St Catherine's community. Our partnership programs, which are diverse and multifaceted, provide residents with opportunities to participate in meaningful dialogue with people and organisations from a range of experience, interests and expertise.

Through our partnerships, which not only focus on individual collaboration with residents but also provide much-needed financial support, we carefully align with organisations who share our values of diversity, integrity, courage and leadership.

St Catherine's College seeks to be outward facing, to make a real difference in the wider world. Having partnership programs with organisations who support that, allows our residents to gain invaluable insights into how change is possible when working in collaboration with others and how to navigate their course into a world beyond college.

THE BANKSIA CONTENTS



Welcome to the latest edition of *The Banksia*.

The Banksia is produced biennially as a magazine for the St Catherine's community. It profiles Alumni and students and provides insight into College life and the activities which residents are involved with.

Cover • College Fellow and alumna, Professor Helen Wildy, congratulating resident Dr Ellen Fortini at her PhD graduation. Helen is also the Dean of the Faculty of Education, UWA which is celebrating its centenary this year.

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Consider St Catherine's on Park for guest accommodation, seminars, conferences and events.

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“The most productive, healthy and satisfying relationships are based, not on a quid pro quo but on an ebb and flow of mutual support over time.”

Kare Anderson, author of "Mutuality Matters"



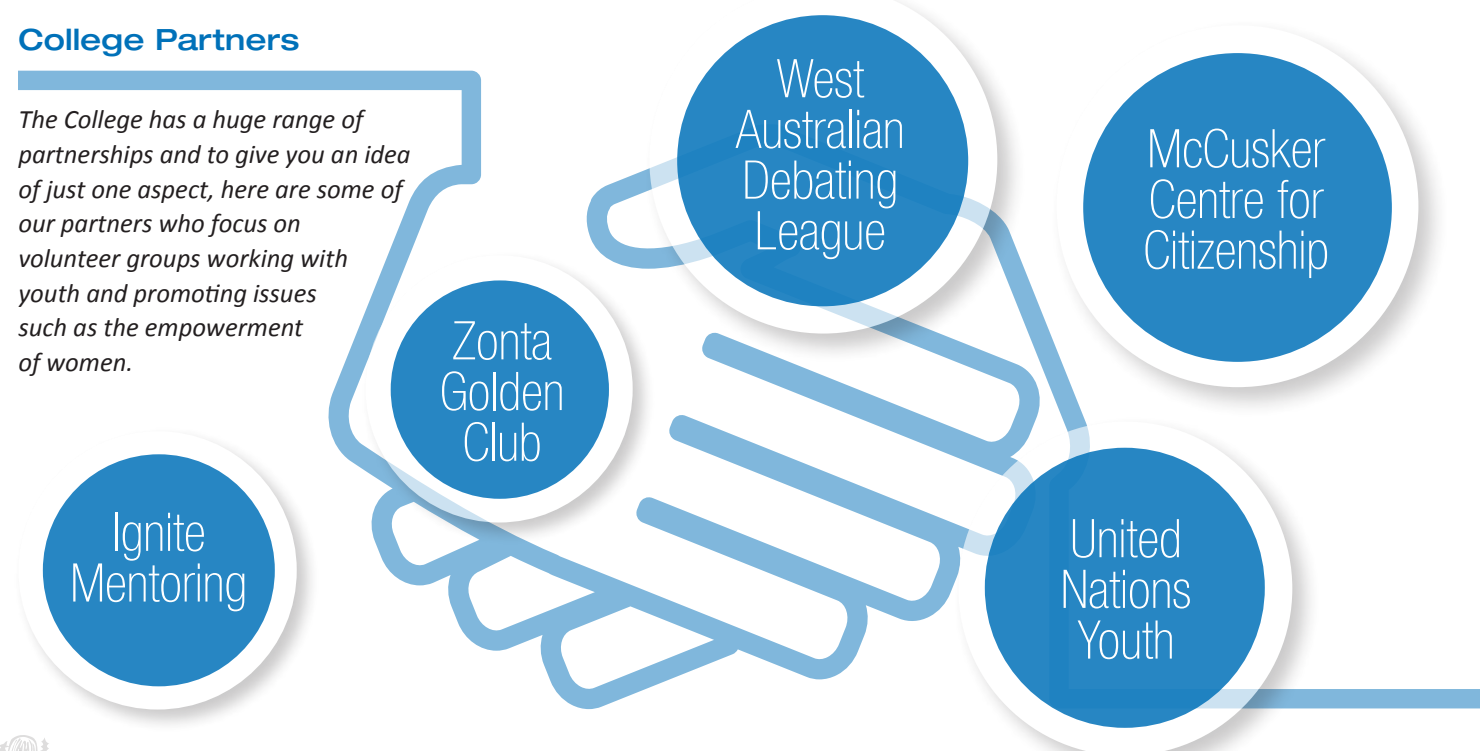
Above: Dandjoo Darbalung's recent mentoring trip to Newman

PARTNERSHIPS MATTER

Kare Anderson's philosophy perfectly encapsulates the rich array of partnerships and relationships the College enjoys and which underscores the programs that are run and contributes to the depth of benefit offered to our residents. St Catherine's College is consciously outward facing and embraces the opportunity of connecting College to the community. Having multiple partners who understand and endorse what the College strives for, exposes the residents to an extensive resource of networking, mentoring and financial support. The College has flourished because of its partnerships, of which there are many.

College Partners

The College has a huge range of partnerships and to give you an idea of just one aspect, here are some of our partners who focus on volunteer groups working with youth and promoting issues such as the empowerment of women.



Dandjoo Darbalung extends its reach

Dandjoo Darbalung has grown enormously over the past four years and although it is primarily funded as a flagship program at St Catherine's College, the depth of the program and the reach it has in remote communities, is directly dependent on a range of external partnerships:

Community Outreach which allows Dandjoo Darbalung members to visit and mentor hundreds of students in schools:

- True Blue Dreaming: Youth Mentoring
- Follow the Dream programs: Derby, Newman and Port Hedland (Pilbara)
- Fitzroy Crossing SHS, Halls Creek SHS and Yiramalay
- Port Hedland SHS
- Newman SHS
- Derby SHS
- Association of Independent Schools WA (AISWA), Perth



Pastoral Support and services from various organisations allow resident scholarship support, but also provides access to cadetships, professional development, industry mentoring, work experience and academic resources such as textbooks and laptops. A few of our primary partners:

- Woodside Energy Ltd
- Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)
- Universities in Perth
- Cultural Connection Code, Western Australia & National
- Sacred Radiance Counselling Services, Perth
- FMG, Perth

Senior Indigenous people partner with Dandjoo Darbalung to share their experience and knowledge, endorse the incredible work the program is doing in the wider community and help steer the program.

- Barry McGuire, the Dandjoo Darbalung Ambassador
- The Dandjoo Darbalung Advisory Council which includes significant community leaders
- Dr Noel Nannup, a Nyoongar Elder, who played a part in the formation of the program and named it Dandjoo Darbalung.

Bloom is not standing still

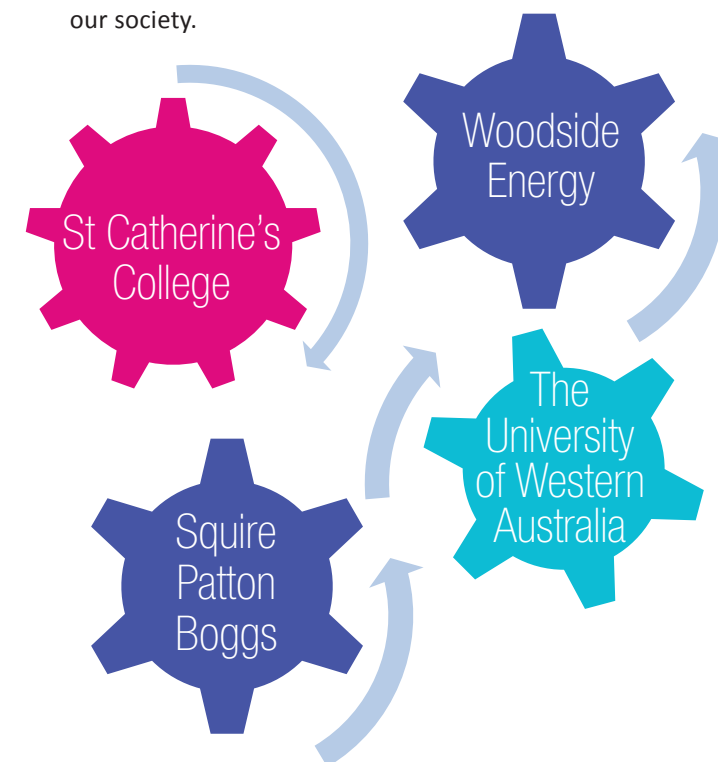
The BloomLab at St Cat's is in its second year and growing at a rapid rate. Since the start of 2015, over 3000 attendees have participated in 100 Bloom events which include the workshop series *Skills uni won't teach you*. 40 startups have now been supported by Bloom and with a strategic target to have 200 startups established by 2018, the Bloom team is not standing still!

CEO of Bloom Mark Shelton says, "It's fantastic to see how quickly Bloom's message is spreading – we're seeing so many young people who had never considered starting a business or non-profit having a go and, in many cases, having some serious success. The young entrepreneurs we work with are proving again and again that age is no barrier to making an impact."

Partners are essential in promoting Bloom not only by positive word-of-mouth and mentoring but also through financial support to allow the programs to develop. Bloom's primary partner is **St Catherine's College**, who not only funds and maintains the physical BloomLab where the innovators work, but also funds the CEO, Mark Shelton and COO, Shannon Ziegelaar, who drive the organisation as well as Julian Coleman, Bloom UWA President. Bloom was delighted to welcome three new corporate partners in 2016 – **Woodside Energy Ltd**, keen promoters of innovation, particularly in the resources industry; **Squire Patton Boggs**, an international

commercial law firm; and the **University of Western Australia** which is promoting the BloomLab as its primary student innovation hub.

These partners are supporting and enabling Bloom to achieve their mission which is to empower more young Western Australians to be entrepreneurial and improve our society.



Thank you to all our partners!

COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



St Catherine's on Park, the short-stay accommodation facet of the College, opened two years ago with a mission to become the most sought after, local boutique accommodation provider by giving our guests a truly memorable and unique travel experience.

Demand has increased steadily and record occupancy levels of 80% were achieved this year. Endorsing the quality of the experience, *St Catherine's on Park* was awarded the Booking.com Certificate of Excellence in February. With a score of 9 out of 10, the criteria took into account factors such as service, cleanliness and value for money.

Forging key partnerships and relationships in the hospitality industry is crucial and also plays an integral part in St Catherine's vision of engaging the wider community.

This year a number of commercial partnerships were struck with numerous organisations and *St Catherine's on Park* has increased its network immeasurably through these partnerships.

The University of Western Australia

Rex Airlines

Hollywood Private Hospital

The Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATs)

Berndt Museum

UWA Sports

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation

Tourism Council of Western Australia (TCWA)

Experience Perth

RAC

Reconciliation WA

Swimming

Netball

CTEC

Visitor Centre WA



MAKE A BOOKING

Please visit the St Catherine's College website if you would like to make a booking.

Alumni of the College qualify for a **10% discount** so be sure to tick the Alumni box when making a booking.

PRISM ALLIANCE



Sabrina Davies, Sally Topley (Cambridge Society, WA), Luke and Amy Ribet.

The Prestigious International Scholarships Mentoring Alliance (PRISM) is a new initiative developed through a partnership between the five Western Australian Universities and coordinated and supported by St Catherine's College.

The objective of the program is to provide multi-faceted support surrounding international scholarships:

- to increase the exposure of West Australian students to prestigious scholarships;
- to increase numbers of West Australian scholarship applications for Australia-wide scholarships;
- to assist in matching West Australia's brightest students with the right scholarships; and
- to provide ongoing assistance and mentoring to students applying for or planning to apply for these scholarships.



Alan Langford, Chief Economist: Bankwest speaking with St Cat's resident, Phoebe McClements.



Prof Lyn Beazley, AO, Ilona Quahe, current Rhodes Scholarship recipient and Fiona Crowe, Head of St Catherine's College.

The Chancellors and Vice Chancellors of the universities joined top faculty staff and industry leaders in launching the PRISM Alliance at a cocktail reception at Government House.

The next event will be a symposium held at St Catherine's College in June to provide students with information and guidance on applying for prestigious scholarships

For more information visit the website:
www.prismalliance.wa.edu.au



David Flanagan (Chancellor: Murdoch University), Prof Andrew Taggart (Provost: Murdoch University), Prof Celia Hammond (VC: Notre Dame University), Prof Paul Johnson (VC: University of Western Australia), Prof Lyn Beazley AO (Chair: PRISM Alliance), Prof Deborah Terry (VC: Curtin University), Colin Beckett (Chancellor: Curtin University) and Prof Steve Chapman (VC: Edith Cowan University)



Luke Ribet and Taufiq Zainal, College residents who worked on the marketing for PRISM.



The O'Week theme for 2016 was *Captains of Excellence*, with a fun nautical theme and a focus on building resilience. After all, life is indeed about plotting our own courses and not being defined by what happens to us but rather how we deal with it. Our Captains have already gotten off to a roaring start, joining together to grow and enrich themselves through social, learning and volunteering experiences.

O'WEEK CONVENTION

Structured around four key pillars of Resilience, Identity, Wellness and Community, this year's O'Week was formalised into a conference format and titled the *St Catherine's O'Week Convention*. The week provided a wide variety of seminars, panel discussions and networking opportunities to give new residents the best possible foundation for university life.

The aim of the program was to empower students to take ownership of their own health and wellbeing and to be the "captains of their own ships and masters of their destinies" by utilising all the supportive resources which the College provides.

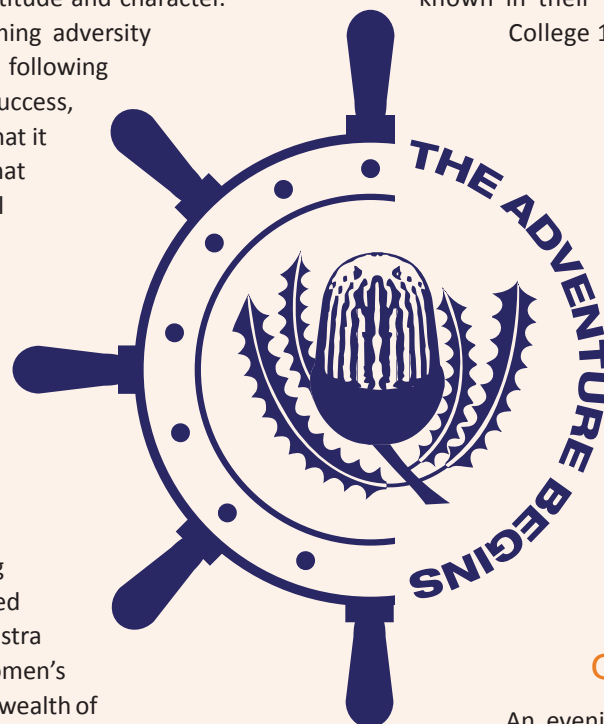
Highlights of the Convention included:

A Parent/ Student Seminar on Resilience

Nathan Hulls, a motivational speaker and youth coach delivered an entertaining seminar focusing on inspiring young people to dream big whilst teaching them the power of making correct choices, attitude and character. Sharing his story of overcoming adversity and disability at a young age, following his dreams and achieving success, Nathan reminded residents that it is not what happens to us that defines us but how we deal with it.

What Did The Butterfly Say to the Chrysalis: Dealing with Change

Winner of the UWA Business School Excellence in Teaching Award 2013 and nominated for the 2010 and 2012 Telstra Australian Business Women's Award, Dee Roche shared her wealth of knowledge about the critical competency of understanding the impact of an ever-changing environment.



Panel Discussions on Culture and Student Life

Personal reflections and guided discussions around diversity and cultural sensitivities as well as senior students sharing advice on things they wish they'd known in their first year of Uni was packed into the College 101 Panel.

Aspirational Sessions

Included a session by the *Red Frogs* entitled "Who Do You Want to Be?" with a focus on having a plan and taking steps to achieve your goals.

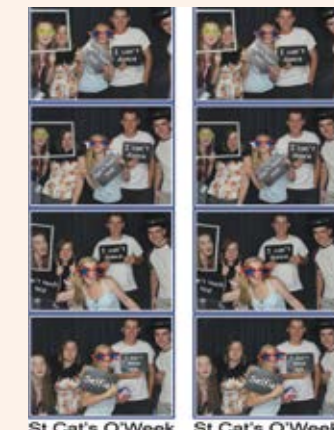
Fun Networking Opportunities

Concurrent sessions allowed students to mingle in smaller groups with focus on a variety of interests from smartphone photography sessions to trips to Ikea and hikes through Kings Park.

Cultural Enrichment

An evening of Indigenous food and music with *The Struggling Kings* and a seminar session exploring Indigenous culture with representatives of our own Dandjoo Darbalung program. Dandjoo Darbalung means "mixing together" and is an attitude which underpins the College culture.

O'WEEK 2016



MENTAL WELLNESS - FELICITY WARD

As part of the College's ongoing *Speaker Series* and in conjunction with the *Transition to University Program*, award-winning comedian **Felicity Ward** provided a light-hearted but helpful insight to students suffering from anxiety.

Based in the UK, Felicity has received international acclaim for her frank and open discussions about her struggle with anxiety and depression, and the mechanisms she uses to cope with it. This event was Felicity's only performance in Perth on her way to the Melbourne Comedy Festival and her humour and wisdom was enjoyed in equal measure.

COMMENCEMENT

Following the nautical theme of the O'Week Convention, the Commencement Dinner is the annual formal gathering of the College to celebrate the start of the year. The Head of College's challenge for 2016 is for each individual to embrace sustainability and make a positive difference to both our community and the community around us.



OXYGEN FOR THE BRAIN

St Catherine's College has partnered in a Speaker Series with the newly launched McCusker Centre for Citizenship whose aim is to foster critical thinkers and leadership in the community, provide students with experiences that will engage them in a lifelong commitment to contributing to the community and be the focal point for engagement with University students, staff and alumni and the not-for-profit sector.

- The series has been named *Oxygen for the Brain* and will tackle complex issues facing young people in a relaxed and informal environment.
- *Oxygen 1.0* was for students coping with parents who have a mental illness and was facilitated by Youth Consultants from COPMYI Youth in conjunction with Wanslea Family Services.
- *Oxygen 2.0* hosted Kaliyugan from Tamil Eelam and Sophie Stewart, President of Students for Refugees, UWA.



Airchairs are associated with this Speaker Series and when students see them 'popping' up they know the talk is about to commence
Brooke Peden, 2nd Year Psychology student grabs her Airchair.

FRESHER REP PROFILE

Meet Chris Collins, our Fresher Rep on the Residents' Council for 2016. Chris hails from Tasmania and is brimming with enthusiasm and passion for College life.

He is studying a double major in Sport-Science and Exercise and Health and plans to do a PhD in injury prevention, so he can work with sporting teams to develop athletes and help reduce injury.

Fun Facts ABOUT CHRIS

...he loves sport, his favourite colour is blue, and he hates reading!

“ I love the sense of connection at St Cat's. College is just one big family and there's always help and support when you need it. The social networks you create here are genuine and full of great people. I really want to make a difference to the Res Council and hope to make the first year experience an unforgettable one! ”

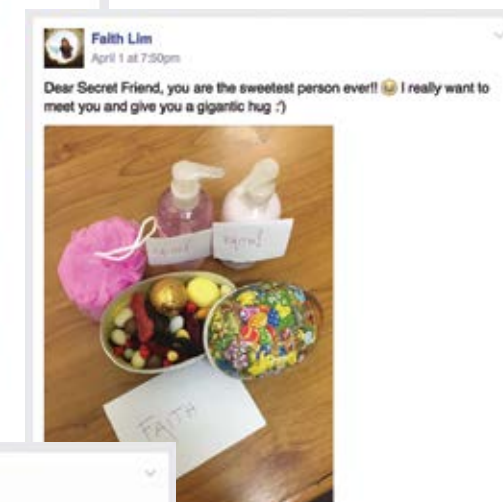
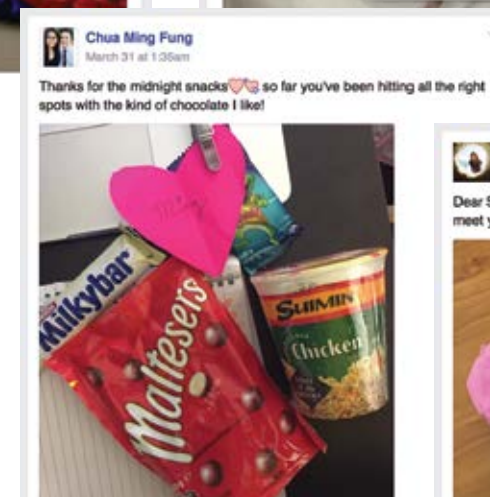
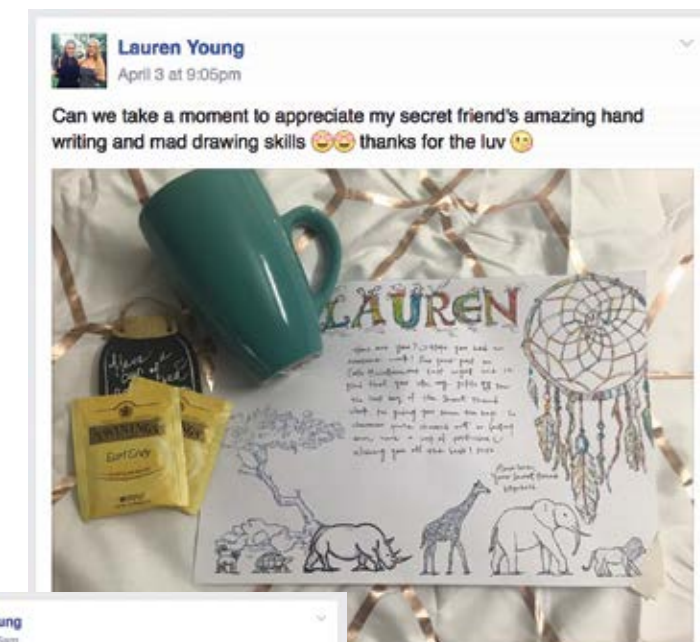
SECRET FRIENDS' WEEK

Isn't the best thing in the world being surprised by a gift, especially when it is tailor-made for you?

Secret Friends' Week is a week long event run by the Residential Advisors at St Catherine's where residents choose to become an anonymous "secret friend" for a week.

The job of a secret friend is to leave surprises at their new friend's door, have opportunities to treat their friend and even learn a little bit about them.

The week allows residents to share their talents and show their creativity through the gifts they choose to leave. Despite the expansion of St Catherine's, the College has strived to ensure the family atmosphere has been maintained and during Secret Friends' Week, the College community shows off just how much friendship and family are valued.



Good Friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there...



ART CLASSES

Under the tutelage of professional artist Annette Traicos, weekly art classes have commenced with a series of pastel and acrylic workshops.

Annette is a published artist and has paintings in the Permanent Collection of the National Gallery of Zimbabwe as well as the private collections of Sir Richard Attenborough, Denzel Washington and Burdett Coutts.



Residents Matt Robson and Jodi Roos with works produced during the classes

RELAY FOR LIFE

A St Catherine's team of 13, led by 1st Year Chris Collins, participated in the 2016 Cancer Council WA Relay for Life held in May.

This unique, overnight fundraising event brings communities together in the fight against cancer and also celebrates survival, honours those lost and offers hope for a cancer-free future. Over \$14 million has been raised through this event since its inception in 2001 and the St Cat's team made their contribution of \$1500 in a show of friendship and solidarity. Chris said, "The St Catherine's team embraced the opportunity to participate in the Relay as we knew we were helping to give hope to those suffering from cancer. It was a really enriching experience."



BROTHERS AND SISTERS LEAVE HOME FOR COLLEGE



15 sets of siblings are currently living in College which means we have even stronger connections with our long-standing families and the obvious word-of-mouth endorsement we experience is very effective!

The assumption is there that younger siblings follow older ones, but this is not true for many of our residents whose older siblings have either come from interstate or from other Colleges to join our community.



Image Top: Luke and Amy Ribet, Megan and James McLeod, Morgan and Connor Biggs. Image Middle: Tara and Aaron Strapp Image Bottom Nicole and Natasha Tay

ALOHA!

WELCOME TO MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Multicultural Week is a time when St Catherine's comes together as a community to celebrate our diversity and to enrich ourselves through our differences. A week-long schedule of festivities is underpinned by opportunities to learn about different cultures and traditions, and to share in the celebration of them.

This year eight Diversity Champions stepped up to help us become truly global citizens by seeing that "there is a little bit of each culture in each of us" and that we should be open to what each culture offers by really listening to one another.



(L-R) Ankush Wagle (Singapore), Muguntha Mezhiselvam (India), Jiranai Keatnuxuo (Thailand) and Hazam Halasa (Jordan)

The week commenced with a performance night filled with stories from our Champions and intermingled with a range of acts performed by our residents. These included acoustic performances and choreographed dances ranging from hip hop to salsa and everything in between. Several social and games' nights throughout the week were then

hosted by the Residents' Council, providing residents with the opportunity to bond in a fun and interactive way, whilst learning new things from around the world.

Food is an important component of cultural celebration and a Street Food Market was held with a line of eager residents waiting to try traditional dishes. These dishes are made by residents to represent their own culture and it is a highly anticipated evening.



St Cat's Dance Club performing



Residents, Shivangi Misha and Muguntha Mezhiselvam enjoying the evening

COLLEGE EMBRACES SPORT



Participating in sport is an important part of College life not only for the sportswomen and men, but also for the scores of supporters who cheer on their friends and proudly advocate St Catherine's College who are currently leading the Inter-College Sport Competition.



Overall Competition - 1st Women's Sport - 2nd Men's Sport - 1st

Anthony Edgar

Anthony joined the College this year and is passionate about basketball. Anthony is a state basketball player and helped the College attain first place at the Men's Inter-College basketball tournament. He was named Player of the Year in 2015 by the Kalamunda District Basketball Association. Anthony absolutely loves the mix of different cultures at St Catherine's and enjoys the jam-packed activities' calendar that is offered to residents.



Brett Leask

Engineering and Physics student, Brett Leask is a multi-disciplined sportsman who loves rowing, ultimate frisbee and running. Brett was the UWA Rowing Captain for the University Games in 2015 and he received a Half Blues award from the University in recognition of his sporting excellence. He makes ample use of the complimentary UWA gym membership as a member of the College and thrives on the College's strong culture of competitive sportsmanship in the Inter-College Competition. Brett carefully balances his regular intensive training with achieving his academic pursuits and is working towards becoming a national rower in 2017.



Kat De Ruyck

Kat de Ruyck has been a resident at the College since 2014 and is currently pursuing a Master of Health Science, specialising in neuroscience. Kat has a strong passion for horse riding and has been riding since she was five years old. Today, Kat trains horses four times a week and competes with them at show jumping competitions. She has competed at a national and state level in the 1.2 metre and 1.3 metre categories and has also competed at an international level in Europe. Although she has a heavy training schedule, Kat is also making an outstanding contribution to the College in her role as Secretary on the Residents' Council.



UNDERGRADUATES

Dr Ellen Fortini
Director: Student
Development and
Learning



As Director of Student Development and Learning, I assist students to identify and access the skills and resources that will allow them to excel in their studies. I coordinate the *Transition to University* program, which delivers practical workshops and other events that develop skills in academic performance, health and wellbeing and networking. I am also available to assist residents on a one-on-one basis and monitor their academic progress. St Catherine's College residents are from diverse backgrounds and tend to be far away from familial support, so this support ensures our residents have access to staff and student leaders, so they can be successful.

PROFILE OF KELLY SUN - DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Biochemistry researcher, Kelly Sun has been appointed to the position of Director of Studies - responsible for designing and delivering the College tutorial system.

The program has gone from strength to strength with the College offering over 110 weekly, unit specific tutorials. Residents of the College can both request and participate in tutorials as well as tutor in the program. This partnership encourages two-way learning and a deeper understanding of course content and core concepts.



TUTORIAL PROGRAM



The Academic Program is something that prompts many residents (and their parents) to choose St Catherine's College. This comprehensive and individualised flagship program offers everything our residents need to be successful at university and propel them into their future careers. Currently, over 110 unit specific tutorials are offered each week as part of the academic program. Most of the tutors are current or past residents, providing a unique opportunity for academically talented residents to contribute back to the St Catherine's community. Alumna, Eloise Ambrose, understands the value of the tutorial system.

The program was in its infancy when Eloise first came to St Catherine's but she was quick to take advantage of the opportunity and participated in tutorials from her first year at College.

My tutor was able to highlight the information we didn't know and being in a small group with other students doing the same unit, I felt I wasn't alone, something I think is really important for first year residents.

Now in the final year of her double degree in Economics and International Relations and having completed a diploma in Italian, Eloise is in a position to contribute to the tutorial program from a different perspective. Eloise is back at St Catherine's to tutor students in two units, USA Politics and Marketing. Ali Behjat and Kristen Seton, two first year residents, are the beneficiaries of her experience and her knowledge.

Ali's participation in the tutorial program is really helping him adjust to university study, "Eloise thoroughly understands the unit I'm doing and she is able to get straight to the point when explaining a concept" says Ali. "She also has a lively personality, which makes the tutorials an enjoyable experience and encourages me to stay on top of the material."

FACULTY NIGHTS OPEN DOORS FOR RESIDENTS

Developing skills in communication and active networking is something scores of students grapple with, and whilst our undergraduates appreciate the benefit of these skills, what they really want is the opportunity to practice them.

Faculty Nights give St Catherine's residents a unique opportunity to develop these critical skills and begin to build their professional networks.

Each semester, residents invite their favourite lecturers, academics or professionals from their field of interest to join them at a Faculty Dinner. A topical guest speaker, carefully structured seating arrangements to maximise discussion and a gourmet three course meal are a winning formula. During the evening, residents are able to meet a range of people who have built successful careers in their field and having personal access to these professionals is an incredibly rich experience for them.



The Sports' Science Faculty Night held in March
(L to R) Eilidh MacMaster, Shawn Lim, Joelle Cheng, Sarah Lim,
Dr Kym Guelfi, Prof Martin Anderson and Dr James Dimmock



Danah Hourani, St Catherine's alumna and 2015 President, was able to use the Faculty Nights to begin to build her professional network and kick-start her career in research. During the final year of her Bachelor of Science, Danah recounts being particularly inspired by and interested in the research undertaken in Professor Mathew Martin-Iverson's lab, which focuses on the pharmacological effects of Cannabinoids and Dexamphetamines.

However, even in third year it is sometimes difficult to catch up with your lecturers, "He was always running between classes, so I never got the chance to have a normal, unhurried conversation with him". Danah invited Professor Martin-Iverson to the Faculty Night where they were able to speak about his research and Danah's interest in possible honours projects. Danah is now pursuing her honours' research in his lab where she is working towards gaining a better understanding of the symptoms and underlying mechanisms of schizophrenia as a psychotic disease.

MAX CHAPMAN - UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENT PROFILE

Max Chapman, a first year student, majoring in Engineering and Physics at UWA is also the recipient of a UWA Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil) Scholarship and a St Catherine's Scholarship. His decision to choose to live at St Catherine's was influenced by his mother, a lecturer at Murdoch University, who attended a Faculty Dinner last year as a guest and was impressed by the facilities and programs on offer. Max did his own research, which supported his mother's advice and he is now a committed member of our College community.

Max is an avid sportsman, keen to try as many of the sports on offer in the Inter-College Sports Competition as possible. He is enjoying footy, waterpolo and mixed netball at the moment, in addition to his true sporting talent which is gymnastics. He has represented WA in State competitions and is currently training an average of 16 hours a week for the Nationals in May.



"There is always something to do and so many events and activities to be part of. I really enjoy the culture of the College and I know I made the perfect choice for me."

He is loving every moment of his experience at St Catherine's and argues that it is almost too much fun!

CORAL IS COOL

Coral aquaculture, also known as coral farming or coral gardening, is the cultivation of corals for commercial purposes or coral reef restoration. Aquaculture is showing promise as a potentially effective tool for restoring coral reefs, which have been declining around the world.

Onika Basile, a 1st Year Marine Science student, lives and breathes coral farming and she effusively explains how working with her mother and father, Tracey and Andrew, on their coral farm in Geraldton is the most exciting thing imaginable. For a young woman embarking on a tertiary education, she is incredibly knowledgeable about the industry and can describe the fragility in which these ecosystems survive in minute detail.

Her family, which has Italian heritage, were originally cray fisherman off the coast of Geraldton. Her childhood was focussed on the fishing season and for ten years, Onika and her family lived on a small island for three months each year. She laughs at the presumption that it may have been like camping on holiday with your family. "Oh no, it is hard work and we quickly learnt that being busy outside meant less arguments inside! It was a special time in my life. Dad has been coming out here ever since he was born as my Grandfather was also a cray fisherman and Mum began coming out here when she met Dad."

The crayfish business became less and less viable and through sheer ingenuity and tenacity her family began coral farming as an alternative. They produce sustainable corals which are sent to aquariums and oceanariums all over Australia and overseas. "The coral ecosystems are very fragile and they need specific conditions in which to thrive. Aquariums offer more controlled environments with the right PH levels, water temperature and water quality," says Onika. Demand for coral is high and depends on the type of coral and how rare it is.



Onika Basile

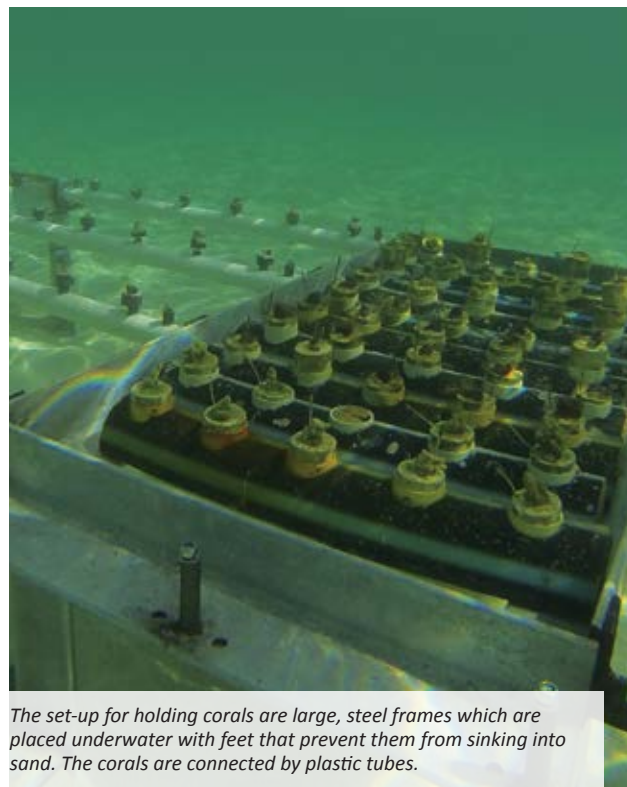
As concern in the marine biology community grows around the bleaching and death of coral reefs around Australia, the work Onika and her family are doing is both cutting edge and vital in sustaining our natural legacy.



A sample of a few different species of coral which include Montipora, Pocillopora and Acropora.



The colourful shed on the jetty is where the corals are grafted and where their family boat is moored.



The set-up for holding corals are large, steel frames which are placed underwater with feet that prevent them from sinking into sand. The corals are connected by plastic tubes.

A WOMAN IN LEADERSHIP

Eleisha Ozies is the first Indigenous Vice-President of the Residents' Council at St Catherine's College and the recipient of the 2015 Citizen of the Year award. An infectious personality and generosity of spirit are her trademarks and make her a universally popular leader in the College community. She chatted to Jesse Leaf.

Eleisha has been a member of the Dandjoo Darbalung Program since 2013 and is currently completing her Bachelor of Arts at UWA, majoring in Psychology and Society, and Work and Employment Relations, and is poised to graduate at the end of the year.

Eleisha feels strongly that she doesn't just want to be a "cog in the wheel" after graduating, but would like to make a difference in peoples' lives. She is carefully considering her applications for graduate programs in the Public Service and with charity organisations in order to find the right fit for her.

Eleisha was raised in Derby, in the Kimberley Region of WA and comes from a closely-knit family that avidly supports her learning. She says, "Education has been a core value instilled in me from a young age and making the right decisions around that was always important." It meant leaving Derby and her family as she moved into boarding for her secondary schooling at St Brigid's College, but she embraced the opportunity and graduated with good results, achieving direct entrance into UWA in 2012.

Eleisha strongly identifies as a Djugun woman and believes that "being an Indigenous person at St Catherine's has been a beautiful experience because our culture is well-received and respected here."

For Eleisha, her involvement in the Dandjoo Darbalung program and the Res Council have been enriched because of the diversity present at the College and because she has been proactive in embracing the opportunities available to her.

I have wanted to play an active role in making others' College experience a positive one because I have had such a great experience at St Cat's. Spending my formative years in a diverse, culturally rich environment has changed me as a person and I am incredibly proud of this community.

GRADUATES

Katie Bellini
Deputy Head of College



Developing partnerships and establishing connections is something that the College has always done well and is of enormous benefit to the students that participate in our programs. The newly launched Professional Mentoring Program has allowed students to make valuable connections with College Fellows, Alumni, Professors and working professionals to identify and access opportunities that will benefit them as they prepare to enter the workforce. The power of the right connections and benefit of wise mentors can never be overstated.

WENSONG ZHANG, DIRECTOR OF POST GRADUATE PROGRAM



- maximising the benefit from available college resources and seeking collaboration with both internal and external organisations such as the UWA Postgraduate Students' Association (PSA), Language and Cultural Exchange (LACE) and Bloom, the innovation hub for UWA's budding entrepreneurs, located at St Catherine's;
- tailoring the program to satisfy the needs of all community members. With over 90 postgraduate residents coming from more than 20 countries across the world, undertaking postgraduate courses including Honours, Masters, PhD, Medicine and Dentistry, this year's calendar was carefully designed to suit everyone's timetable and increase support and participation; and
- broadening the range of successful professionals, industry leaders and academics invited to our monthly dinners as guest speakers and table guests. This provides plenty of opportunities to elevate thinking, receive exposure to industry and create a tangible, professional network.

NEW INITIATIVE

The Mini Projects are a new initiative of this year's program. Postgraduate residents can approach the College with their own project ideas and if they can get enough support from other residents, we will help them to make it a reality by providing financial and logistical support. The project range is diverse and can be a talk by an expert in a specific field of research, a networking event with experienced professional and academics, or social/wellness events that require a bit of funding and a venue.

Born and educated in Shanghai, China, Wensong moved to Wales, UK in 2007 for his A-Level studies. He matriculated at Pembroke College, Oxford in 2009 and four years later graduated with a first-class MEng degree in Engineering Science. Shortly after his graduation, Wensong started his PhD at the Centre for Offshore Foundation Systems (COFS), UWA in early 2014 and moved into St Catherine's College later that year. Wensong immediately became an active participant in the postgraduate community and understood the value of a dynamic environment for networking, service learning and professional development for mature residents. He was appointed as the Postgraduate Program Director at the beginning of 2016.

As one of the Flagship Programs of the College, this year's Postgraduate Program builds on the successful foundations established over the past two years. The specific focus includes:

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE WORKING WORLD - PROFESSIONAL MENTORING



The commencement of the St Catherine's College Professional Mentoring Program, a newly developed program, was marked by a Launch event in early April. The program is open to all students in their third year of study or above, who are matched with a professional mentor from their intended career industry. The purpose of the program is for student mentees to seek information and advice to assist them transition successfully into the workforce.

Mentors come from a wide range of industries and are either professionals currently connected to the College (such as the College Fellows) or can be nominated by the mentees and other residents.

Recent graduate and now Alumnus of the College, Junran Cao, participated in the pilot of the program last year. He was matched with David Smith, Deputy Director General: Economic and Deregulation (Dept Premier and Cabinet). Junran is now working in the Department of Justice in Victoria and on the benefits of the mentoring relationship he says, "During our conversations last year, David was able to illuminate me on the skills that are currently in demand and the topical trends in research. It not only helped to clarify my understanding but it is also something that I have continued to lean on in my current role as an analyst."

Several other students have gone on to secure graduate positions, internships and highly coveted spots in research teams with the assistance of their mentors.

We hope to continue to grow the program and partner with more organisations and individuals in the future. If you are interested in being involved with the program, please contact Deputy Head of College, Katie Bellini at katie.bellini@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au.



Mentor, Linette Devigan, Director & Co-founder of OM ThreeSixty and Taufiq Zainal, Honours in Communication

Linette said "I am delighted to be part of this program and it is always inspiring to hear how young people envisage their future.

My industry evolves very quickly and my interaction with the students keeps me abreast of the latest thinking – a positive two-way learning experience!"

SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES LEADS TO SUCCESS

What do homelessness, international finance and public/private partnerships in the WA Health Department have in common? Post Graduate resident, Jessica Smith worked on these projects as an intern or a cadet with various organisations such as the Reserve Bank Australia and the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry and gained invaluable experience in her chosen field of Economics.



She is in her final year of a Bachelor of Philosophy currently completing her Honours, but has already secured a job with PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2017 as a result of a College-created opportunity. "At the St Catherine's Scholars' Dinner in 2015, I was seated next to Jill Svanberg from PWC. It was a really enjoyable evening, and we had a great conversation.

Several weeks later Jill called to let me know there was an opportunity for me to do an internship in Transfer Pricing. I had no idea what it was and I was nervous at the beginning, because I knew so little, but ended up having a great time. So good a time, I'm going back in February for full-time work as I was offered a graduate position for February 2017, which I have accepted. I'm so happy that Jill and the rest of the team took a chance on me and I'm looking forward to a new adventure next year!"

Jessica only recently moved into College and has found the opportunity a wonderfully enriching and positive experience.

Being able to take full advantage of everything on offer is so important and I can't stress enough how valuable networking events such as the Post Graduate Dinners are.

You never know, you too might find a job you're excited about!

PERTH USASIA PARTNERS WITH THE COLLEGE

Residents were treated to an incredibly interesting and entertaining talk by College Fellow, Professor Gordon Flake, CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre, at the last Faculty Dinner of the semester.

Professor Flake explained the role of the Centre in promoting stronger relationships between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the United States of America. Perth's geographic location places it at the fulcrum of this strategic relationship and he highlighted the incredible opportunity for Perth to play a leading role in the policy development and enhanced networks between governments, the private sector and academia.

Professor Flake also took questions from the floor which included an insight into the American voting public and the statistical prospects of Donald Trump's Presidential aspirations.



FOR THE LOVE OF WATER

Post Graduate student, Travis Dodson, has a penchant for water and how it interacts with the Earth and, together with a desire to live and study abroad, this Texan chose Perth as his perfect destination.

Understanding the world around me is a very intriguing thought. Not many people know things like what causes hurricanes, or how a spinning core helps life on Earth. Between weather, Earth's formations, the creation of things from elements to planets, and the complex relationships between every science and every aspect of the universe is something I find really interesting.

Travis grew up in the US Virgin Islands but completed his schooling at a boarding school in New Hampshire which was a complete culture shock after a relatively carefree youth spent in board shorts playing beach volleyball during lunch. Dressed in a jacket and tie and learning new sports like Crew and Lacrosse were all part of the experience and eventually led him to Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas where he graduated with a BSc in Geoscience in 2015. "Texas turned out to be a great fit and I quickly discovered geology as a major! Texas has fantastic camping grounds and beautiful landscapes from the mountains in the West to the beaches in the East and a vast desert in between. Geology involves being outside and understanding the places around us. The world is too

beautiful and complex not to understand it and I found my real love was with water and how it interacts with the Earth. It is so different from other mineral compounds and has huge effects on virtually everything. It is also a resource that we literally couldn't live without so hopefully there will always be a demand for those who study it."

Travis loves to explore the world and after various field trips to places such as Hawaii, Oregon, Colorado and Mexico, he spent time with his sister in Beijing, China and travelled to Nanjing, Chingdu, Xian, Hong Kong and Guangzhou. He has experienced a range of different jobs like labouring on an oilrig, teaching English to Chinese children, working in a brewery and helping on an archeological dig in Israel. With each job came the opportunity to travel which expanded his experiences and eventually drove him to further study in Perth.

When it comes to studying the geoscience fields you need to go where the geology is. Travis wants to study ground water and wants to be in a place that thrives off groundwater. "I was deciding between Iceland and Australia, it was a tough decision until I considered the lack of daylight they have during the winter so the beautiful weather tipped the scale in Perth's favour. At the end of the day I want to do something that has an impact on people and on the environment. Water is an important resource and messing with its cycles has domino effects that can easily get out of hand and become catastrophic." says Travis.

ALUMNI

Mandy McFarland
Director of Advancement



The St Catherine's Community is talented and inspirational and certainly keeps the values and the ethos which the residents embrace, active in the wider world. The expertise and generosity of spirit of our College Fellows projects our College into different arenas but also remains firmly focussed on empowering our residents and enriching their university experience. We are very proud of our Fellows, all of who have made an outstanding contribution to the College or to the wider community.

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

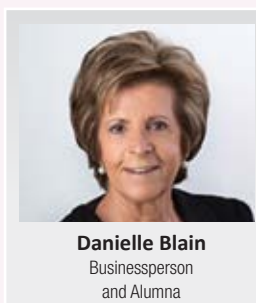
– CONNECTING COLLEGE TO COMMUNITY

St Catherine's has a rich tradition of service to the wider community and the College celebrates the outstanding contributions of our past residents, friends and benefactors through the award of Fellowships.

The Fellows program was established many years ago but was re-launched in March with a renewed focus on being outward facing so that our residents can benefit from a wider range of expertise, knowledge, networks and industries. Old and new Fellows attended the event and were presented with a pewter pin commissioned from local artist, Jan Zeck, which signifies the *Banksia Menziesii* that grew abundantly on the site of the original College and is a reminder of our commitment to a sustainable future.

FELLOWS OF St Catherine's College

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Danielle Blain
Businessperson
and Alumna

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Politician



Dr Michael Chaney AO
Businessperson
and Chancellor



Annie Fogarty AM
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and Businessperson



Janet Holmes a Court AC
Philanthropist and Businesswoman



Dr Sue Boyd
Diplomat and Alumna



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Dr Patricia Kailis AM OBE
Businessperson, Geneticist and
Neurologist



Larry Lopez
Business Development and
Innovation Consultant



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The Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi**
Businessperson



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Former Politician and Alumna

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Lesley Cala**
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and Health Sciences



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Law and Industrial Relations Law



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Leadership Expert



Prof Celia Hammond
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Laboratory Medicine



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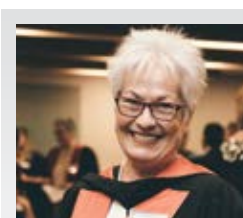
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Academic and Digital
Learning Innovator



Prof Ted Snell
Arts Academic and Curator



Prof Marc Tennant
Academic – Anatomy, Physiology
and Human Biology



Prof Helen Wildy
Academic – Education
and Alumna



Prof George Yeoh
Academic and Researcher –
Medicine and Pharmacology

The inaugural President of the Fellows, Prof George Yeoh, said “I really encourage ongoing engagement between the Fellows and St Catherine's College, so this program remains vibrant, continually evolves and is relevant to young people. The combination of experience and youth is a powerful one!”

COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INNOVATORS



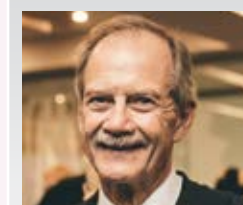
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Medical Administrator and
Aged Care Advocate



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Anaesthetist, Subiaco Councillor
and Alumna



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Researcher



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Ambassador of the Dandjoo
Darbalung Program



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Past Head of College



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Prof Fiona Wood AM
Burns' Surgeon, Innovator
and Researcher

VALE JACQUELINE

— A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE

On 15 March this year, Jacqueline O'Brien (nee Wittenoom) passed away peacefully in Dublin in her 90th year. A woman of many parts, she was an accomplished author, photographer, businesswoman, philanthropist, the wife of legendary horse trainer Dr Vincent O'Brien and a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also a notable alumna of St Catherine's College and was the first Student President of the University Women's College (now known as St Catherine's College) in 1947. Her ties to the College continue today as her granddaughter, Alexandra O'Brien, is a current resident.



Born in 1927, Jacqueline grew up on a sheep station near Albany. Growing up in a remote area, Jacqueline received her schoolbooks by train and her lessons via the radio and was eventually sent to board in Perth at the age of 11. She wanted to study Medicine but as there was no Medical Faculty in Perth at that time she considered moving to Adelaide. Her politician father, Charles Wittenoom, said positively 'no' so she settled on Economics and began her studies at the University of Western Australia, moving into St Catherine's College in her final year of her degree in 1946.

She remained in College for another year to complete her Honours and years later reflected, "The College was quite spartan and not exactly palatial. There was the relative grandeur of St George's College down the road but I don't remember ever envying those students. We had a room to ourselves and we shared bathrooms. We didn't have much furniture, just a bed, chair and a table but you didn't think "I'm being deprived". The meals were perfectly adequate and we were very grateful to be there at all."

After graduation Jacqueline secured a job with the Commonwealth Bank in Sydney before traveling to Ireland with her mother. Here she met her husband, Dr Vincent O'Brien, whom she married in 1951 and they moved to Ballydoyle in Co. Tipperary in Ireland. She spent most of the rest of her life there supporting her husband and her growing family as he built a horse training and breeding empire. She provided crucial support for Vincent and immersed herself in the business in her own way. Tasked to photograph the horses for sale and not one to be daunted by the unknown, Jacqueline bought herself a Roloflex camera and started taking photos of the horses and the trainers and their families. She enjoyed the creativity and honed her skills producing exhibitions in Dublin, Limerick, New York and Paris. She later specialised in interior and landscape photography and of course, horses.

She loved to write and authored seven books, taking the photographs for most of them herself. Her final book was a tribute to AH Stone, Western Australia's earliest photographer.

Jacqueline remained close to her old friends from University including College Fellow, Margaret Medcalf who was at the Women's College with her and Jacqueline appreciated what those early years meant, "The education I have been lucky enough to receive has stood by me all my life. If I hadn't had such great advantages I think that I would have been less able to handle all the different kinds of situations I've been in. I also think knowledge gives you a great appetite for more and that it is really important to feel that nothing is impossible."

Marketing student, Isabella Leandri, chatted to Alexandra about her grandmother.

"My grandmother was a woman with many admirable traits and talents. She just had such a zest for life and learning and had this incredible ability to set her mind on something and achieve it in a short amount of time. She lived her life to the fullest, with a determination and fortitude that has inspired me through my life."



This article also contains excerpts from an interview with Suzanne Welborn in 2013



MAGNUS IS MAKING HIS MARK

Recent alumnus, Magnus Hambleton, is working in a dream job in a vibrant and exciting city and couldn't be more optimistic about the future.

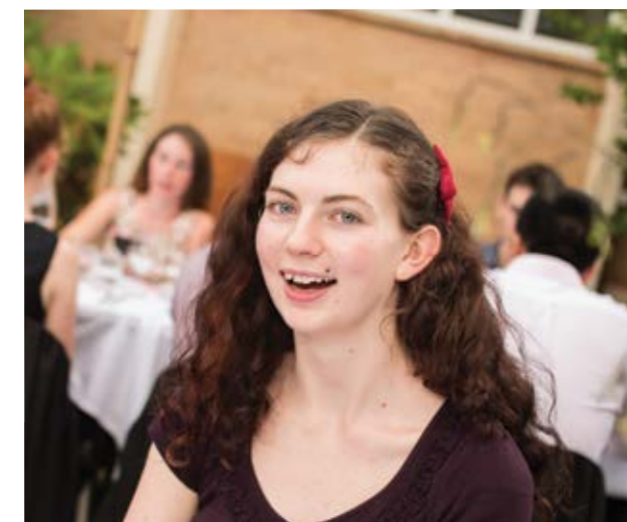
A chance discussion with a taxi driver diverted his career path to Perth and UWA, "I was traveling from New Zealand back to my home in Sweden with my father and we stopped off to visit some family friends in Perth. On my last day here a taxi driver told me about UWA and how it was a good university for engineering, so we diverted the taxi to check it out. The UWA International Office informed us about a double degree in Environmental Engineering and Economics, but that semester was the last time they were offering that degree. My father asked if they took late applications - they said yes, so I applied and got in within two hours. This was on a Thursday so I cancelled my flights home and I started University on Monday."

Armed with a Bachelor of Environmental Engineering, majoring in Ocean Systems and a Bachelor of Economics, majoring in Quantitative Economics, Magnus feels he has a really good foundation for a future career. "Engineering has given me a good basis in mathematics and the ability to spatially understand mathematical relationships and Economics has given me a great grounding in statistics and an intuitive understanding of the way markets and market participants function."

He is an Associate at the Boston Consulting Group in Sydney, an international management consultancy that helps businesses, governments and not-for-profits improve. He is currently working for a state government on a telecommunications strategy which has been uniquely challenging and rewarding for him.

Whilst at St Catherine's, Magnus was very involved with the establishment of the innovation program and exposure to different types of entrepreneurs and innovators in the BloomLab has helped him considerably in his current role. "I'm very interested in machine learning and am currently trying to teach myself some basic programming so I can play around with neural networks and various other machine learning techniques to see how they can be used by businesses and governments to increase efficiency."

I met some very talented coders in the BloomLab and they really stimulated my interest in this area so I think the College is incredibly progressive in fostering these types of connections for residents.



A FRIEND SADLY MISSED

The College was terribly saddened when Emily Kelly, a much loved member of St Catherine's, passed away in late November. Emily was in the fourth year of her Bachelor of Philosophy studying Physics and was an avid member of the College arts program and the Stats Group featured in the last issue of *Banksia*. She is greatly missed and the wider College community extends its condolences to her family.

ALUMNI CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTACT

We are continuing to refine and update our Alumni database and have been reaching out to Alumni in a number of ways. You may have received an email with a link to the latest *Banksia* or received a Facebook invitation to join your Alumni Year group. There has been a wonderful response to the communication but that can only work if we have the correct details, especially your email contact.

DATABASE

Please can you help with the following:

- Enquire from your St Cat's friends if they received their copy of *Banksia*. If not, please send me their details and I'll immediately make contact with them.
- Please gather as many email contacts as possible so there can be regular contact.
- We specifically require details from alumnae between 2008 - 2013.

Please contact the College through the website or email me at mandy.mcfarland@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au with any details.

CONNECT

St Catherine's offers many ways to stay in touch with fellow alumni and the College community. Please join our social media networks:



STAY IN TOUCH

Visit the St Catherine's website to update your details and share personal news.

www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au/alumni-update-your-details

REUNIONS

We are holding regular reunions and the next reunion is for women from the 1970s. If you are keen to be a reunion coordinator for your decade, please contact me on 9442 0581 or email me at mandy.mcfarland@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au

Watch out for more information about our events and please stay in touch!

Mandy McFarland
Director of Advancement

1950s REUNION



A visit to the rooftop garden (L to R) Rhona Giles (nee Smyth), Dr Lynley Hewett, Judy Morris (nee Honey) and Fiona Crowe, Head of College.

Alumnae from the 1950s were invited back to College to view the new buildings and catch up with current staff, students and old friends. Amidst the 'oohs and ahhs' as they paged through the historic journals, current residents were enthralled as stories were exchanged and memories shared. The same sense of community which is so integral to St Cat's was very evident and it was a wonderful afternoon.

1970s REUNION

- CALLING ALL '70s
COLLEGE ALUMNAE

Julie QuanSing-Rowlands (nee QuanSing) together with her friends, Jacqueline Phillips (nee Heard), Alison Rose and Jillian Obiri-Boateng (nee Smart), is coordinating a reunion of women who lived in College during the 1970s. In order to update the contact list, Julie is very keen to hear from Alumnae from that era. Please contact her at jquansing@gmail.com

Depending on feedback, the reunion will be scheduled at a date and time which is suitable to most but Julie looks forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in the planning phase.

More information will follow in August 2016, so please respond with information as soon as possible.

PHILANTHROPY

Mandy McFarland
Director of Advancement



Your giving inspires the next generation of philanthropists. At the heart of our program are our students who have new opportunities, better learning choices and the ability to join the College community because of your support. Thank you!

HUMBLLED BY GENEROSITY - MARISA DUONG

High academic achiever, St Catherine's and Forrest scholarship recipient and Alumna of the College, Marisa Duong shares her journey.

receive significant public endowments, and the University of Western Australia is no exception."

Marisa came to Australia from Vietnam at the end of 2008 with limited English, so she had to first do a High School English preparation course for 10 weeks. She went into Year 10 at Kalamunda Senior High School and did exceedingly well in her ATAR, being accepted into the first cohort of the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) in 2012. She officially graduated in March this year and is currently pursuing her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

"I loved my time at St Cat's and I was very fortunate to be able to reside at the College during the two most crucial years of undergraduate studies. The fact the College is right opposite UWA meant that every day, I could save several hours of travelling to take part in more meaningful activities like volunteering, tutoring, learn more life skills and ultimately, benefit from such a rich the community. There are many things I value about College - I valued St Cat's academic program, which I actively participated in as a tutor as well as a student. I was also truly inspired by and grateful for such a kind and devoted Head of College, Fiona Crowe. Her amazing leadership boosted the positivity and well-being of us all and together with other dedicated College staff I always felt I was encouraged to be the best I could be."

Marisa acknowledges that without the generosity of donors, she would not have had the academic opportunities she has had and her life would have been vastly different.

"I think philanthropy is noble, because educational systems benefit as a whole and quality education can be provided to those who are keen to learn despite their personal circumstances. Top universities in the world all



On a personal note, I was extremely thankful to have received philanthropic support from St Catherine's and more recently, the Forrest Scholarship is allowing me to pursue my PhD. I am humbled by the generosity and it fuels my desire to give back to society in the future.

Marisa's research aims to understand the mechanisms of devastating diseases such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy to enable timely and effective therapeutic interventions.

Tissues in this diseased state tend to suffer from a state of stress called "oxidative stress" which is similar to what happens when iron rusts and they are rendered dysfunctional. Her research project aims to develop techniques that discern which particular molecules are suffering from more oxidation to combat the dysfunction.

Marisa is a huge advocate for beneficial partnerships. "Learning such complex disease mechanisms at the molecular level involves multidisciplinary research where partnerships are indispensable. My supervisor collaborates with Proteomics International and also with researchers in other scientific fields to help us reach our research goals which benefits the community. With the advance of communication technologies and the increasing need for interdisciplinary collaborations between experts from different fields, a lot of current research partnerships span different countries. I believe that the demand for international partnerships will be ever-increasing as sharing knowledge and best-practice has never been easier or more important."

DONOR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

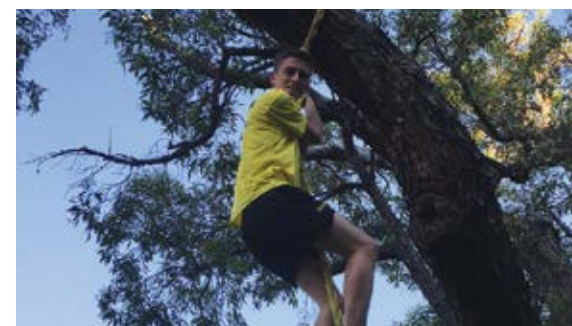


The UWA Alumni Fund supported a College proposal entitled “Growing Communities” to create a sustainable native garden area in the corridor of land between St Catherine’s and Winthrop Avenue.

This shared space for community interaction and student learning also has improved habitat for birds and insects and provides a teaching backdrop for sustainable urban planning. The garden links into the College’s Indigenous Access Program, Dandjoo Darbalung, and once the bush foods are established, will involve Indigenous elders and students teaching about “Bush Tucker” which can be grown, harvested and enjoyed.

This wonderful addition to the College was made possible by generous financial support and has immeasurably enriched the residents and the ‘urban portal’ to and from the university.

Check the website for a video view of the garden.
www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au/philanthropy





ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE
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ANNUAL GIVING 2016

From the Head of College

The College is experiencing an enormous growth phase and it is exciting to conceptualize the possibilities and the opportunities which directly benefit our residents. Building programs with impact require higher levels of funding and with donor support, we will be able to hugely escalate the many projects we have in the pipeline. Together we can achieve great things.

Your gift will make projects such as the Front Entry redesign achievable, so thank you for your commitment to making St Catherine's the best it can be!

Fiona Crowe
Head of College



Dandjoo Darbalung residents at the 2016 Commencement Dinner



St Catherine's Annual Giving Fund 2016 Your gift means so much to the College and the residents!

2016 Scholarship Recipients

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Indigenous Support Fund **New Project**

☐ Support Indigenous education at St Catherine's College. The Dandjoo Darbalung program is growing and we need increased resources to maintain the level of support required.

Building Fund Projects **(Tax Deductible)**

A gift to the Building Fund is important for our students so they can live and learn in a state-of-the-art environment and we can continue to maintain our beautiful heritage.

☐ Front entry redesign – Stirling Highway and Dining Room
☐ Innovation Hub development **New project**

Scholarship Fund **(Tax Deductible)**

A gift to this fund will ensure that St Catherine's can offer opportunities to students, many of whom could not otherwise have a residential College experience.

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