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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Greetings,

In her 2006 book 'How shall we live?' the Benedictine abbess, Sr Joan Chittester, reminds us of the importance of community:

"We exist to be miracle workers to each other. It is in community that we are called to grow. It is in community that we come to see God in the other. It is in community that we see our own emptiness filled up. It is community that calls me beyond the pinched horizons of my own life, my own country, my own race, and gives me the gifts I do not have within me... the function of community is to enable us to be about something greater than ourselves."

As I reflect back on this 125th anniversary year, and especially on the stories told by past students at each of the (many, many!) functions and events that have taken place, it occurs to me that Assumption College is indeed a

place where so many have been enabled to 'be about something greater than ourselves'. Whether that be through the challenge and support of a particular adult, the lifelong friendships that were formed and flourished, or the passions that became careers, so many people attribute the joys and successes of their lives in no small part to their experience of their schooling days at Assumption.

In this edition, we invite you to engage with our community in a new way through a contribution to the Building Greatness Appeal - our first major fundraising campaign in 40 years - designed to deliver a state-of-the-art Community and Sports Pavilion. The planned new Pavilion, which will replace the one generously donated by the Anderson family in the 1970s, will be a testament to the commitment and community spirit of all those who have helped make Assumption what it is today. Indeed, every student and family that

has ever engaged with Assumption College benefited from the reality that others had previously given generously to the College. Irrespective of when your time at Assumption was, you received access to resources and opportunities from a rich legacy of philanthropic giving. We now invite you and your family to consider a 'gift of significance' to Assumption College so that we can build a new community centre we can all be proud of.

I look forward to sharing more about this project with you across 2019, and in the interim, wish you and your family a truly blessed, joyful and peace-filled Christmas. Let us, as Joan Chittester noted, 'be miracle workers to each other'.

Peace and Blessings,

Kate Fogarty



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Our Staff

A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Assumption College's proud history of 125 years of education in Kilmore was commemorated at the pinnacle event of this celebratory year's festivities, the 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner at Crown Palladium on Saturday, 27 October.

The magnificent formal event, attended by nearly 500 guests, saw a who's who of Assumption alumni walk the blue carpet as the College community gathered to celebrate a further eight inductees into its Hall of Excellence. The night also announced the young 'Rising Stars' and AFLW achievers as well as the naming of the Cricketers of the Century.



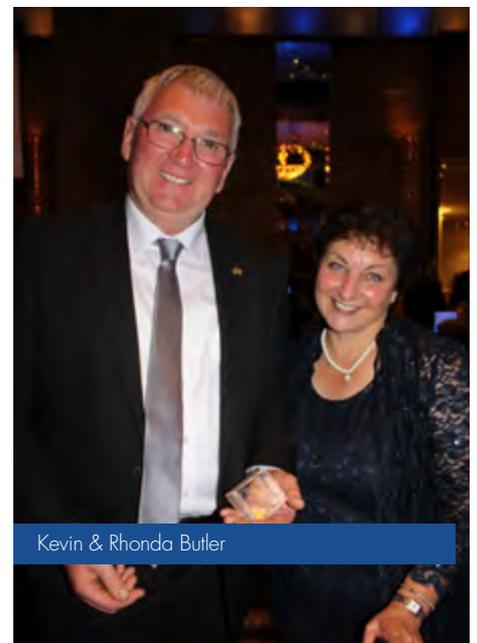
Neale Daniher Mardie Hamilton & Ray Carroll



Billy Brownless & Shane Crawford



Some of the Class of 1992 with Br Doug



Kevin & Rhonda Butler

HALL OF EXCELLENCE

The Assumption College Hall of Excellence celebrates the extraordinary efforts old collegians have made in their chosen field of endeavour. This year, our eight new inductees cover a variety of areas including medicine, humanitarianism, fashion and design, religion, film and television and philanthropy.

Fr John Wallis (dec) *Religion* Class of 1926

(Posthumous) Ordained in 1932, Fr Wallis was instrumental in the establishment of the Missionary Sisters of Service who reached out to Australians in remote locations as a 'convent on wheels.' He contributed to enlightened attitudes within the Australian Catholic Church and was 'a true pastor for his people.'

Award accepted by Fr John's niece, Sister Bernadette Wallis.

Jack Keenan *Law* Class of 1953

Jack was the first Assumption alumnus to attain the prestigious rank of Queens Counsel, which he did in 1989. He was known as the 'plaintiff's barrister' as he sought justice for ordinary citizens seeking compensation for serious physical injuries and trauma. He was an inaugural inductee into the Victorian Bar Association's 'Living Legends of the Bar.'

Kevin Butler OAM *Humanitarian* Class of 1970

Kevin and his wife Rhonda are the driving force behind 'BlazeAid', the volunteer organisation that provides physical aid including fencing, clean up, repairs and support to rural families across Australia affected by natural disasters.

Damian McMahon (dec) *Medicine* Class of 1976

(Posthumous) A dedicated and passionate trauma surgeon, Damian was a driving force behind the establishment of the Snowy-Hydro Helicopter Rescue Service and a fierce advocate for public hospitals. His tireless efforts to develop trauma systems and improve training have led to increased critical care survival rates in Australia and New Zealand.

Award accepted by Damian's wife Helen Delahunty.

Charles Williams (absent) *Film and Television* Class of 1999

A writer and director whose films have won awards at more than 100 of the world's most



Back Row: Kevin Butler Helen Katsapis Jess Wogan
Front Row: Helen Delahunty Sister Bernadette Wallis Neale Daniher Jane Pearce



Fr John Wallis' Family

prestigious film festivals including Cannes, Telluride, New York and Tropfest, Charles was most recently the winner of the prestigious Palme d'Or at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival for his most recent film All These Creatures.

Award accepted by friend, Assumption alumnus and current staff member, Jess Wogan.

Jane Pearce *Humanitarian* Class of 1978

Currently Director of Performance Management and Monitoring for the World Food Program (WFP), Jane has held various positions within this organisation and been part of the sudden onset emergency team deployed to areas of humanitarian crises such as the Rwanda genocide, the 2003 Iraq War and the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

Angelo Katsapis (absent) *Fashion* Class of 1989

Described by Vogue 'as one of Australia's most talented designers,' Angelo has dressed some of the world's leading ladies including Cate Blanchett, Charlize Theron, Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston, Halle Berry and Beyonce

while a senior designer at fashion house Georgio Armani. He now heads his own label Angelo Katsapis and creative consultancy across fashion, interiors and furniture design.

Award accepted by Angelo's Mum Helen Katsapis who was proudly dressed in one of Angelo's designs.

Neale Daniher AM *Philanthropy* Class of 1978

Neale has left a lasting legacy since publically announcing his diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in 2014. He has campaigned tirelessly to raise awareness and funds to combat this incurable disease. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2016 for his efforts to educate Australians about MND.

In what was a highlight of the evening, the whole ballroom gave Neale a standing ovation as he made his way to the stage to accept his induction.





Jake Lappin, Chloe Molloy, Pauline Duff, Emma-Louise Wilson & Caroline Burge

RISING STARS

The evening saw the announcement of a new award which acknowledges the contributions of younger alumni who are already making a remarkable difference and may one day join the Hall of Excellence!

Jake Lappin *Sport* Class of 2011

Jake has represented his country at four world championships, two Paralympic Games and one Commonwealth Games, competing in the T54 classification of wheelchair racing. He made his Paralympic debut in 2012 in London and took home bronze as a member of the 4 x 100 metres relay team as well as World Championship performances in 2013 and 2015.

Jeremy Burge (absent) *Entrepreneur* Class of 2002

Jeremy founded Emojipedia in 2013, the world's leading emoji resource and created World Emoji Day in 2014. He is described as the leading authority on emoji use and oversees proposals for new emojis that are implemented on billions of phones worldwide. *Award accepted by Jeremy's very proud Mum and staff member, Caroline Burge.*

Emma-Louise Wilson *Film and Television* Class of 1999

Emma-Louise is best known for her role as the dim-witted Katie in the ABC Award winning comedy series Utopia. Her star has shone with her natural aptitude for comedy and she is also an accredited stuntwoman.

Eugene Duff (absent) *Medicine* Class of 1994

Eugene's studies in Mathematics and Neuroscience led him to Oxford University's Centre for Functional MRI of the Brain where he is currently investigating infant sensory and cognitive systems, specifically the impact and treatment of painful clinical procedures on sick and premature babies. *Award accepted by Eugene's proud Mum, Pauline Duff.*

Chloe Molloy *Sport* Class of 2016

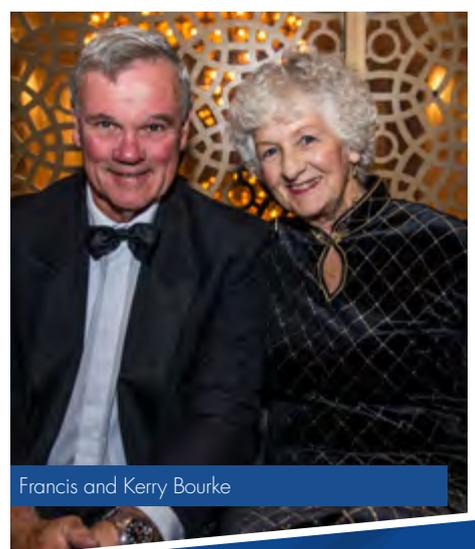
Following a stand-out season with the Calder Cannons in 2017, when she was named joint winner of the best and fairest award and leading goal kicker for the competition, she was drafted by Collingwood at pick three in the 2018 AFLW draft. Chloe won AFLW and AFLPA Best First Year Player, was named in the All-Australian team and won Collingwood's best and fairest award in a tremendous debut season.



Class of 1979



Joe McCarthy Br Paul Kane & Fr Michael Elligate



Francis and Kerry Bourke

AFLW



The evening recognised the incredible impact Assumption College is having on the newest sensation AFLW. As Ray Carroll will attest, Assumption College remains the single greatest school in Australia to produce the most footballers at VFL/AFL level. Now that mantle is shared by AFLW.

Jessica Kennedy – Class of 2008 – Carlton
Christina Bernardi – Class of 2008 – Collingwood / Greater Western Sydney
Clare Lawton – Class of 2011 – Greater Western Sydney
Chloe Molloy – Class of 2016 – Collingwood

CRICKETERS OF THE CENTURY



Finally, the stars of summer sport for 125 years were acknowledged with the naming of Assumption's Cricketers of the Century. Our chief selector Ray Carroll spent many months in painstaking research and finally named a fabulous Touring Party of 16.

Simon O'Donnell – Class of 1980 – *Captain*
Peter Ryan – Class of 1969 – *Vice Captain*
David Joss (dec) – Class of 1932
Des Purdon – Class of 1942
Nildo Munari – Class of 1957
John Bahen (dec) – Class of 1962
Peter Crimmins (dec) – Class of 1965
Neale Daniher – Class of 1978
Peter Tossol – Class of 1980
Ray Power – Class of 1982
Steve Gemmill – Class of 1987
Jon Henry – Class of 1988
Jason Smith – Class of 1990
Jarrold Travaglia – Class of 1998
Jamie Sheahan – Class of 2008
Tallan Wright – Class of 2010

Captain Simon O'Donnell gave two touching speeches following the naming of the team. He acknowledged the lifelong dedication of former staff member Ray Carroll, through years of caring for young men in the boarding house through to preserving the history of the College today.

Finally, in a very moving tribute, Simon spoke of the one person in the room who exemplifies the spirit of Assumption College, a person

dedicated to others and achieving their best when he acknowledged dual inductee Neale Daniher.

The night was a magnificent celebration of all things Assumption and could not have been possible without the generous support of Event Partner, Y2 Architecture; Gold Sponsor, DMC Group; Silver Sponsor, Spotless Catering; and Bronze Sponsor Seymour Coaches.

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A SALUTE TO BERNIE SHINNERS

2018 sees the much-deserved retirement of the Chair of College Advisory Council, Mr Bernie Shinners.

Bernie was a founding member of the Council when it was established in 2001, and then in 2007 took the reigns as Chair. During this period, he worked alongside three Principals – Br Fons van Rooij, Michael Kenny and Kate Fogarty, where the College witnessed arguably the greatest expansion of capital works the school has seen in its 125 year history. Indeed, not only has our precinct increased in overall size, but the facilities which have been delivered are exemplary. At the same time, the College has blossomed with our enrolment numbers at an all-time high.

Bernie, together with his wife Anne, are such passionate supporters of Assumption that they

educated their 10 children at our school. A journey in education that spanned 22 years from 1988 to 2010.

Bernie and Anne are both wonderful advocates of Marist education and truly live the values of giving back by acknowledging that we all benefit from the generosity of others before us.

Thank you for the loyalty, wisdom and love you have given our great school.

We salute you and wish you a fond farewell.



BUILDING GREATNESS \$1.1M ALREADY RAISED!

The 125th Gala Dinner night was also an opportunity for the College to publicly launch its Building Greatness Appeal. This is a philanthropic campaign, aimed to raise funds to build a new \$5 million state-of-the-art Community and Sports Pavilion overlooking the Carroll Oval.

The Campaign is led by Appeal Chair, Damien Meredith (Class of '74) who was joined on stage by Deputy Chair, Peter McCormack (Class of '75), Co-Patrons Simon Costa (Class of '85) and Ray Carroll, Bernie Shinners, College Advisory Council, who together with Principal, Kate Fogarty formally launched the ambitious project.

Acting in his role as President of ACKOCA, Simon Costa made a surprise announcement

of \$50,000 contribution on behalf of the Association. This took early pledges to just on \$1.1 million – a truly extraordinary start!

Our campaign video, available on our website, showcases a magnificent design by Y2 Architects.

All guests, and the greater Assumption family, were urged to give a gift of significant and impact – with 2019 targeted as the year to reach our goal.

All donations are tax deductible and can be made online at www.assumption.vic.edu.au/donate.





BUILDING GREATNESS

Appeal



“The pride I have in every one of the players that have represented our school, not only in football and cricket, but in every sport we offer, is immense. There is something special when the crest is worn. Sport teaches resilience, team work, humility and shared challenge.”

RAY CARROLL

*Co-Patron of the Assumption Community Pavilion Appeal
Former Staff, Coach First XI Cricket, Coach First XVIII Football*



AN EXTRAORDINARY INITIATIVE

At Assumption College, we are set to embark on a bold and visionary project.

One that will create transformational change across our school and the community: the delivery of a new state-of-the-art community centre and sports pavilion.

Situated in the heart of the College precinct, this magnificent new complex will serve as the premier sports facility and form a key gathering point for significant College occasions.

The facility is designed to replace the much-loved Harry M Anderson Pavilion, a special place which has loyally served the school since it was constructed in 1974, but is no longer fit for purpose or able to cope with the demands placed upon it.

It is the vision and foresight of those who have come before that inspires us to lead this exciting project today. This is your opportunity to be involved in something truly special.

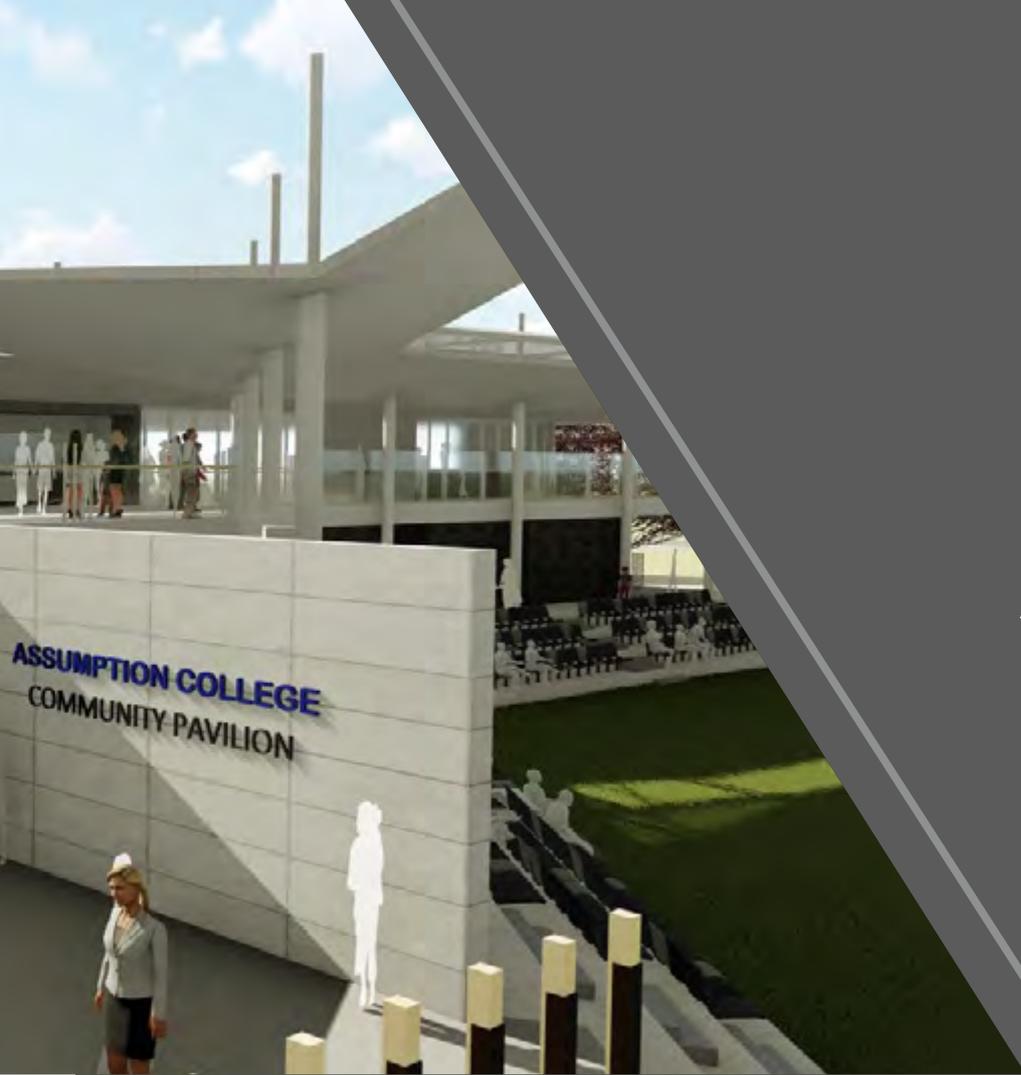
Our dream is to deliver this new project through philanthropy, enabling the College to continue to dedicate its resources to further enhance its educational facilities.

A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

The physical development of the College and its grounds over the next decade will see the creation of a special precinct in Kilmore, one of which the entire community can be proud.

The College is working in tandem with our architects to develop its capital priorities for a new Master Plan that will shape the direction of infrastructure projects.

The overall footprint of the College will grow to over 95 acres with the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to Lancefield Road.



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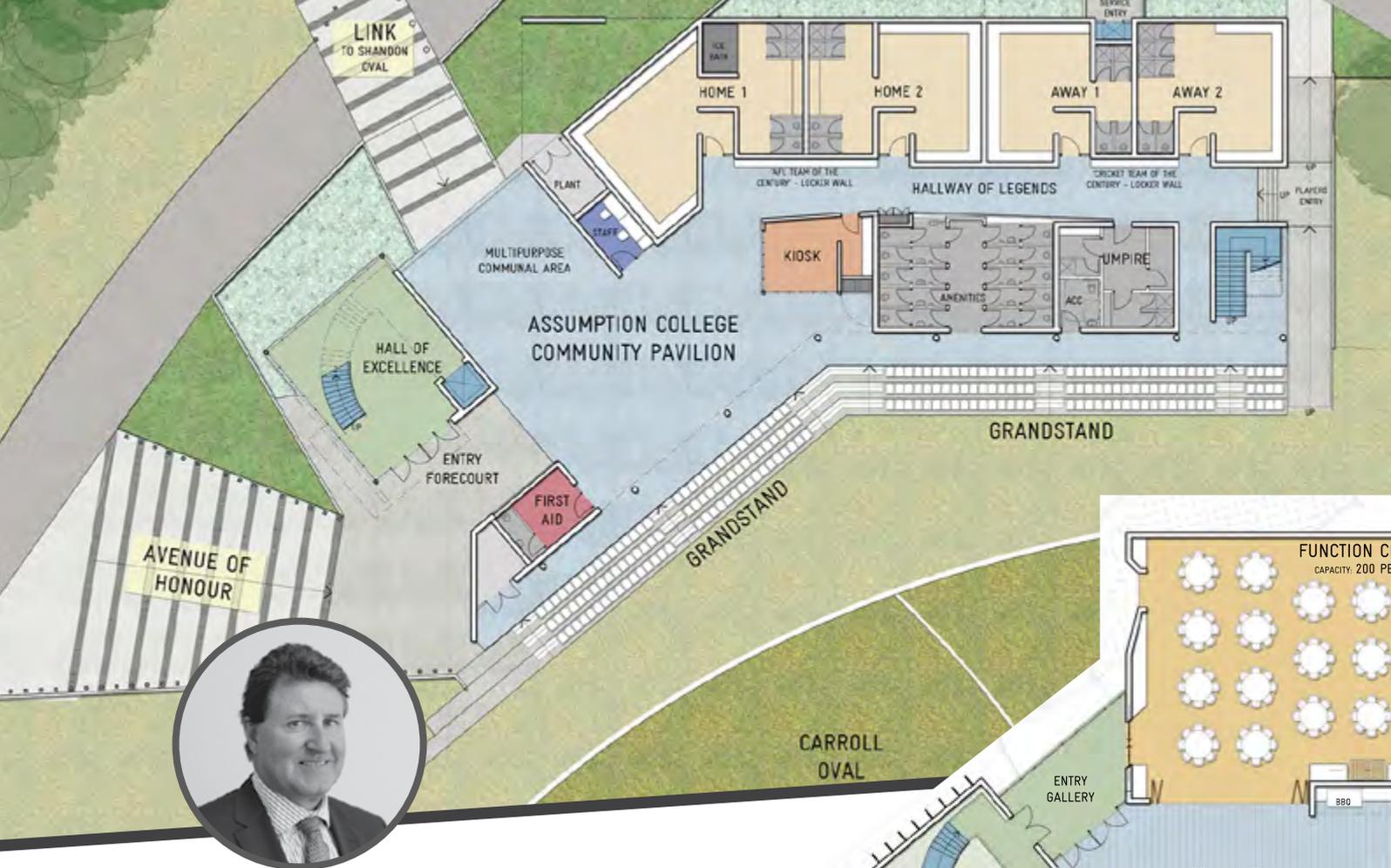
I invite all members of our great Assumption College community: past students, current and past families and staff, suppliers and friends of the College to get behind this truly wonderful project by making a gift of significance and impact.

DAMIEN MEREDITH
Appeal Chair, Class of 1974

OUR MODERN LEARNING PRECINCT

Since 2005, the College has evolved into a vibrant learning village. Significantly, this program has been achieved through prudent use of reserves and responsible borrowings. The overall College investment of these projects amounts to \$41+ million.

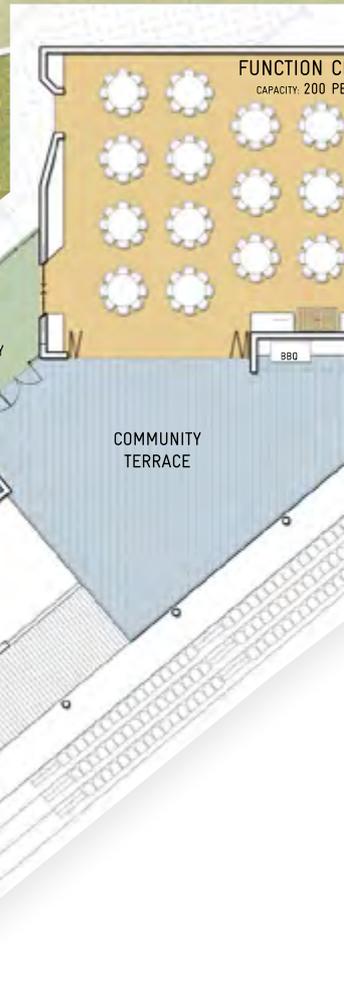




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The Community and Sports Pavilion will be a gathering place for all. Just imagine, our Old Collegians and friends coming together for reunions, business breakfasts or social occasions to watch a great sporting game on Carroll Oval. It will be a wonderful and practical function space not only for our boarding students and their families, but for the wider community: what a fantastic contribution!"

PETER MCCORMACK
Appeal Co-Deputy Chair, Class of 1975

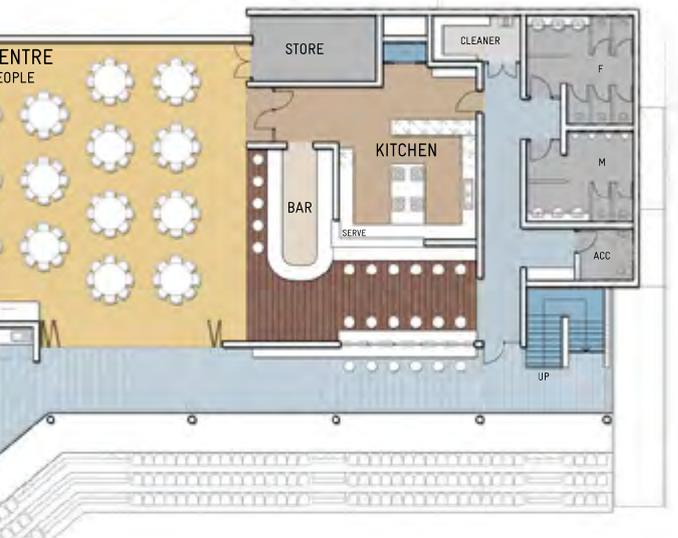


HALL OF EXCELLENCE

The Community and Sports Pavilion will be the new permanent home of the Assumption College Hall of Excellence, which recognises the contributions many of our past students have made to society across many fields including science, law, the arts, not-for-profit sector, medicine, education, business and sport.

A HOME FOR ALL SPORTS

As a modern, contemporary College, the new pavilion will first and foremost, be home to all sixteen Assumption sporting pursuits. Features include four modern change rooms, first aid centre, umpires' rooms, rehab spaces including an ice bath, warm up spaces, equipment storage facilities and a 250 seat grandstand.



A LEARNING HUB

The new pavilion will be a practical and innovative learning space that will enable students and staff to gather in larger numbers including for year level assemblies, house activities and staff training. This space will add a new dimension to what is possible in a rapidly changing educational environment.

ALUMNI GATHERING PLACE

Strategically positioned with spectacular views of Carroll Oval, the pavilion is the place where our old collegians can meet for informal gatherings and formal reunions: a place to call home. The two storey atrium entrance will be a perfect place to celebrate our rich heritage.

A SPACE FOR COMMUNITY

Capable of seating 200, the pavilion is the last step in the completion of our exceptional boarding village. Boarders and their families can now dine as one in the function centre that will be a premier facility in the greater Kilmore area, one that can be utilised by the community, local groups and service clubs.

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“We are so proud of the space the Harry M Anderson pavilion holds in the school’s history with so many great memories. However, we realise and support that it desperately needs replacing with a modern facility that will cater for the College into the future. We are humbled that this campaign seeks to replicate the generosity of spirit displayed by our father all those years ago, when the pavilion was officially opened in 1974. We as sons of Harry M Anderson Snr, and both long term boarders of ACK, strongly support it and encourage the great Assumption family to get behind it and make this a spectacular success, one for the new millennium!”

CYRIL & MICHAEL ANDERSON
on behalf of the Anderson Family

RECOGNITION

This project will require a total investment of \$5 million. Importantly, our College has pledged to invest \$1.5 million to the project. As the first philanthropic program in more than 40 years, our dream is to raise the majority of these funds from our extraordinary Assumption community.

We have developed a range of naming opportunities to be awarded in recognition of certain gifts to the appeal. Naturally, recognition is always considered in close consultation with the donor prior to any announcement.

Community Pavilion	\$2,000,000	Grandstand Seating Bay 2	\$50,000
Pavilion Boulevard	\$1,000,000	Grandstand Seating Bay 3	\$50,000
High Performance Sporting Complex	\$500,000	Grandstand Seating Bay 4	\$50,000
Community & Hospitality Centre	\$500,000	Change Room 3	\$50,000
Upstairs Function Centre	\$300,000	Coaches Box – Home	\$50,000
The Bar	\$300,000	Player's Race – Away	\$30,000
Community Terrace	\$300,000	Ice Bath – Change Room 1	\$30,000
Grandstand	\$300,000	Change Room 4	\$30,000
Entry Gallery - Upper Level	\$100,000	Coaches Box – Away	\$30,000
Multipurpose Communal Area	\$100,000	BBQ Area	\$30,000
Entry Forecourt	\$100,000	Umpires Lounge	\$30,000
Hallway of Legends	\$100,000	Staff Room	\$30,000
Change Room 1	\$100,000	First Aid Room	\$30,000
Grand Stairway	\$100,000	Seat at the Bar x 20 Barstools	\$20,000
Shandon Link	\$100,000	Change Room 1 Lockers x 20	\$15,000
Change Room 2	\$75,000	Change Room 2 Lockers x 30	\$10,000
Kiosk	\$75,000	Change Room 3 Lockers x 30	\$5,000
Function Centre Kitchen	\$50,000	Change Room 4 Lockers x 30	\$3,000
Player's Race – Home	\$50,000	Seat in the Grandstand	\$1,000
Grandstand Seating Bay 1	\$50,000		

GIFT & TAX BENEFITS

Gifts to this campaign are tax deductible and can be pledged over three years. All donations are kept strictly confidential.

My Gift to the Campaign	My actual investment after tax deductible benefit is factored based on 45% Personal Income Tax threshold over 3 years
\$2,000,000	\$1,100,000
\$1,000,000	\$550,000
\$300,000	\$165,000
\$150,000	\$82,500
\$100,000	\$55,000
\$50,000	\$27,500
\$30,000	\$16,500
\$15,000	\$8,250
\$10,000	\$5,500
\$5,000	\$2,750
\$3,000	\$1,650
\$1,000	\$550

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THE DANIHER DRIVE



Like so many of us from the Assumption College community, I marvelled for years at Neale Daniher's abilities on the football field. More recently, that sporting admiration has turned to a profound respect for the man himself. We always knew Neale was an outstanding individual but, since his diagnosis with Motor Neurone Disease and starting *Fight MND*, he has grown even further in stature. We all take great pride in having some connection to the man and his work. That's why over the past four years, a crew of old collegians can be found at the starting line of 'Daniher's Drive' to lead the charge on fundraising for *Fight MND*.

ACK was represented across six teams with **Rollicking Rowdy** with Neale Daniher ('78) and son Ben, **The Grasshoppers** led by John Keogh and wife Wendy ('79), **Team Consumption** led by Brendan Carey (who could not make it this year but his influence was felt) with Mark Spencer, Russell Dickson, Ron Humme and Marty Ryan (all '78), **Mildura Harness Racing** (with mobile barrier as mode of transport) led by Tim Scala ('79), **Mixers Transport** led by Michael McMaster ('85) and my team: **ACC Higgins**. During the drive, '78 classmates Adrian McMaster, Phil McEvoy and Peter Traynor joined us. Also Ray Carroll who we met in Woodend.

We joined around 380 other participants for the four-day driving tour of western Victoria. Starting in Melbourne, we covered a 1,000km loop that took in Woodend to Stawell, Mt Gambier, Dunkeld and back

to Geelong. A journey of that length allows plenty of time for old mates to catch up and for stories to grow larger and bolder and new ones to be created. We're certain that Mark Spencer from Team Consumption will dine out for years to come on winning the football kicking competition against three ex-AFL champions (who shall remain nameless for their own sakes, all of them being nearly half Mark's age).

It is the series of community and fundraising events along the way that make The Drive so special. As Marty Ryan, Team Consumption, explains, "The highlight is hearing the stories of those who have been affected by MND and who so bravely share their stories of struggle and courage. It is these moments that remind us of the important work that the MND Foundation do and how fortunate we are to play a small part."

By the end, Daniher's Drive 2018 had raised \$2.6m – breaking all previous records. That money will go to the best researchers in the world to continue their work to find an effective treatment and cure for MND ("The Beast" as Neale calls it).

Now, in just four short years and in true ACK spirit, a healthy rivalry has emerged between the Assumption teams for the title of leading fundraiser on the Daniher's Drive. This was fuelled by the ACC Higgins team taking out the overall title in 2016. The following year, John and Wendy Keogh led the way by running a



Neale Daniher with Wendy & Peter MacLeod



highly successful Bush Freeze in the Riverina. While this year neither of us would be the overall major fundraiser (The Grasshoppers finished second), between the six ACK teams we managed to raise over \$133,000. There were approximately 100 cars this year. Since the inception four years ago ACC Higgins is the leading overall fundraiser with \$156,523 and The Grasshoppers are the second highest with \$141,226.

Every day, two people every day in Australia are diagnosed with MND and, every day, two people die with MND. Currently, there is limited knowledge of its natural cause and no effective treatment. With the efforts of the MND Army, one day we will find a cure for "The Beast".



A LASTING LEGACY



Maxie on stage with award

A recent inductee into the Assumption College Cricketers of the Century team, Desmond Purdon has many fond memories of his time at Assumption, especially recollections of his time playing cricket.

One of only 16 former collegians selected from over 800 who have represented the College on the pitches of AGS and AGSV competition, Desmond was described by College legend Ray Carroll as:

"A gifted all-rounder, Des was a powerhouse in College cricket, football and athletics in the early 1940s and later in country cricket and footy. An inspiring First XI captain, Des was a powerful hitter who could destroy any attack."

A career police officer for 38 years, he is well remembered for his time in the force in Kilmore. His son Michael played for the First XI in the 1960s. Des is now 94 and his wonderful wife Maxie 95, both still reside in Bendigo. A very fine and admired person, Des Purdon is a significant name in ACK sporting history."

Stories abound of his cricketing feats including littering balls onto the roof of the boarding house while at school; premierships with the Catholic Young Men Society (CYMS) Parish cricket side in Kilmore; representing the Kilmore Association - before it became the present day Seymour District Cricket Association (SDCA) – at the MCG where he hit sixes into the outer stands; and playing cricket for CYMS Williamstown while at the seminary.

It is a long and colourful history and one that speaks volumes of the love Des has for the sport. His strong build at 5'10 and a half and a powerful swing saw him bat with strength and poise.

His years at Assumption, from 1940 – 1942, are fondly remembered and he speaks of College friends Tony Costello and Peter DeCampo and of the many Brothers he remembers who took great care of the boarders, with over 300 boarding students at the College during that time.

"I loved boarding at Assumption College. It was a time when boarders really bonded and we were all great friends," Des recalls.

There are special memories he recalls such as the many premierships he was part of and the picture theatre where the students and Brothers were treated to a viewing of the classic films.

Upon leaving school Des went to the seminary in Werribee, but this did not prove to be the calling he would follow and upon leaving there he returned to Bendigo and joined the police force.

Ever the sportsman, Des was also a handy tennis player and it was here he met his lovely wife of 69 years Catherine, or Maxie as she is best known.

They wed in 1949 in the Bendigo Cathedral, honeymooned in Adelaide then Des returned

to Kilmore, where he was stationed as a police constable.

Maxie describes the years raising their family in Kilmore as some of the best of their lives, 'the best of memories' with Des heavily involved in town life, playing tennis, as secretary of the Trotting Club and involved with Cross Country Horse Racing.

"We had some great friends there and had a great social life. They really were wonderful times," Maxie recalls.

Perhaps the most lasting legacy of both Des and Maxie's time has been the beautiful family they have created. They have six children, 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and only recently, welcomed their first great, great granddaughter.

At the recent Gala Dinner at Crown Palladium where Des was named as a Cricketer of the Century, while Des was unable to attend, a number of his family did, including Maxie, daughter Paula and a number of grandchildren.

It was testament to how proud they are of him and his achievements.

It was with great pride that Maxie took to the stage to accept Des' award and sit beside other inductees in her beloved husband's place.



Des with wife Maxie

BECOME A HOST FAMILY



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In semester 2, 2019 Assumption College is inviting a cohort of Italian high school students to study at our school. These wonderful young people are students of San Leone Magno, a Marist college in Rome.

Integrating overseas exchange students into our school community will assist in enhancing intercultural learning, language acquisition and knowledge of different traditions.

We are seeking host families for these students. Hosting opens minds and hearts, providing a wonderful opportunity for ACK families to welcome a slice of the world into their home.

HOSTING AT A GLANCE:

- Host families are unpaid
- Host families will be supported by not-for-profit student exchange organisation, World Education Program, and Assumption College.
- Students are insured and have their own spending money to cover personal costs.
- The hosting period is semester 2, 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BERNIE JEPHSON (ENROLMENTS):



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RICHMOND REUNION "THE FABULOUS 50s"



For more than 50 years, on the 1st Thursday of every month (except January), Michael Minogue (class of 1955) coordinates a group of Assumption College old collegians from the 1950s for a regular catch up over lunch. The event attendance fluctuates from month to month, however regardless of numbers, without fail you will find boys from ACK at the London Tavern in Richmond on this day.

The banter is a mix about what the boys are up to today with a random reminiscent injection of their time at Assumption College all while they enjoy a bite and flick through yearbooks and photographs.

Whilst the regulars do not need reminding, occasionally Michael will personally ring around 60 people to make them feel welcome and would like anyone from this era to know they are welcome, even if they are hearing about it for the first time.

In attendance at the most recent gathering in November 2018 was Paul Lighfoot (1956); Fred Le Deux (1952) and wife Pam; Michael Fogarty (1955); Des Walsh (1955); Leo O'Keefe (1954); Michael Duffy (1954); John Grenville (1955); Michael Balkin (1956); Brian Hoban (1958); Frank Fogarty (1954); Graeme Foote (1955); Mark Carracher (1954); Brian Forrest (1955); Kevin Forrest (1956); John Iacono (1951); Brian McCarthy (1952) and of course Michael Minogue.



CLASS OF 1958



Class of 1958

On Wednesday 17 October, men from the graduating class of 1958 gathered at the QPO, in Kew to celebrate their 60-year reunion organised by Messrs. Frank Peck and Kerry Breen.

With 23 in attendance, the dining room was buzzing with banter between the old school friends before all being seated at one long table for a sumptuous three-course meal.

Frank Peck reminisced about their shared time at Assumption College as the last group to be exclusively taught by Brothers. Depending on the subjects the boys were studying, they were taught either during the day or in the evening resulting in the Brothers covering two shifts in addition to yard duty, sports supervision refectory and dormitory duty!

Frank spoke of the alumni in the late 50s as somewhat of a lost generation in the history of the College. Although they were well known by the Brothers, their details were never recorded so as they left the College, so too did any record of their achievements.

In his speech, Frank highlighted the remarkable attendance of twenty-three with only thirty-three in their final Matriculation class. Among the class of 1958, 10 won Commonwealth Scholarships, 4 Teaching Studentships and 2 Government Scholarships. Seventeen subsequently commenced courses at University of Melbourne with 3 in Medicine; 6 in Law; 3 in Arts; 3 in Commerce; 1 in Agricultural Economics; and 1 in Architecture.

Further to this, 2 graduates studied Pharmacy, and 3 went on to study Primary Teaching. A fantastic reflection of their Assumption College education.

Principal Kate Fogarty was welcomed to present the Building Greatness Appeal see page 9 for further information showing a promotional video which was extremely well received by the guests who, for some, witnessed for the first time the outstanding establishment Assumption College has become.



Organisers Kerry Breen and Frank Peck with Principal Kate Fogarty



UPCOMING EVENTS

QUEENSCLIFF REUNION

All old collegians welcome

12.00pm – 3.00pm
Queenscliff Bowling Club

Organiser: Ron Forbes. Ron will collect from Ferry if coming from Sorrento

RSVP: Ron 0438 509 217

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DOUGIE'S LUNCH

12.00pm – 3.00pm
The Pumphouse Hotel Fitzroy

\$110 per head for 3 course lunch with beer wine & soft drink
\$60 from each ticket is donated to St Vinnies
Organiser: Sam Crimmins

www.trybooking.com/YFWR

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FAREWELL 2018 CAPTAINS

Ella Beveridge – 2018 College Captain

Ladies and gentlemen, for the last time today, I introduce myself and the wonderful man next to me as your 2018 College Captains, Ella Beveridge and Nash Kemp. Preparing this speech, I think I've rewritten the introduction at least 62 times, because I just wasn't sure how to approach this uncomfortable, yet exciting reality.

For those of you who didn't know me in my prime as a Year 7 walking through the gates, let me paint you a picture. Too many freckles to count, crooked teeth, and quite frankly, my eyebrows were non-existent. At that moment, I had no idea just what was in store for the next six years. Looking back at that, I am so proud of the person I have become, and it is because of the people in front of me today and the opportunities handed to me here at Assumption College, that I am able to experience this pride.

To all of the educators in the room. Thank you for so selflessly deciding you wanted to spend your life educating youth. You provide the building blocks each and every year, that allow us to develop knowledge. Not just the textbook knowledge but also the life lessons, the experiences, the opinions and the philosophies you so generously share with us.

Educators have all the influence in the world, you have the power to evoke curiosity and encourage different perspectives. You spark a longing for knowledge. Thank you for doing this for us.

To the wider staff, thank you for the work that is too often overlooked. There is so much more to this school than students and teachers. All of the staff that work each day to make sure all of the tireless behind the scenes work is completed, you allow our school to run as smoothly and efficiently as possible. You are more than worthy of our gratitude.

To any non-year 12 students. Promise me you will not wish your secondary school lives away. There are so many scattered across the planet that can only ever dream of being given such an incredible opportunity for education. You are privileged to have been born in such an encouraging community and nation, nobody is born deserving, we all simply got dealt better cards than others and this is something to be grateful for.

To the parents and guardians of the college. I cannot say thank you enough. Thank you for choosing Assumption College, thank you for giving your children this opportunity and



Outgoing Assumption College Captains for 2018 Ella Beveridge and Nash Kemp addressed the Assumption community at the Year 12 Celebration Day assembly on Friday, 19 October.

thank you for giving me the opportunity to know them. Despite what number each of us are given at the end of this year, I know that everybody here in front of me will walk out of these gates, the respectable, intelligent, hilarious, and fabulous individuals they are and go on to be a part of many great things.

The values and morals on display here are a reflection of the glorious nurture you have shown your children over the years, you have so much to be proud of.



To my family. To my parents and my two little sisters, I feel like one of the luckiest people on the planet. You have all taught me so much about the person I am continuously striving to be, strong, selfless, kind and courageous. You gave me this opportunity and without your guidance, love and support, I wouldn't be standing up here delivering this speech today, it's as simple as that. Thank you for it all.

Benjamin Gregory and Mardie Hamilton, Nash and I are so incredibly excited to see just how much you achieve next year. Best of luck.

To you Nash, it has been an absolute privilege living this year with you. Not only were you my co-captain, but you were somebody to lean on and now, someone I know I consider a life-long friend. The memories we have made and shared this year have been one for the books. I am so incredibly proud of your achievements this year, you are an outstanding role model, you stay true to yourself and have an inarguable determination for success. We survived the big 125 and gave it our best crack. Congratulations.

To my beloved Year 12 cohort of 2018. The whole cliché "we finally made it", is all I can think of. But we did, and this chapter of our lives is coming to a quick close, and the magnificent characters that surround you, shaped who you are moving forward. Be proud of them, each and every one of them. Yes, we all sat through the same classes and SACs, but a reminder that everyone was also fighting their own battles this year, yet, we all survived.

Winston Churchill once said "*Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm*". The pride that sits in that alone is next to none, each of you are strong, magnificent and talented in your own way. These next few weeks can have you questioning that, but know that it is true. I have

witnessed it. Let the hardships allow you to appreciate the good times. We have had our fun. It is now time, for us to close this book, together. As we move forward, we enhance our independence, we do the things we've been waiting for, take the leaps of faith that we know we need to. It's your time. You've worked to be here. I have such a strong admiration for each and every one of you, I am so ridiculously proud. I cannot wait to see just how much you have achieved by the time the five-year reunion comes around!

Thank you again, to everybody who came along today, we wish you all the best. It has been a privilege to serve and represent each of you this year. Quae Supra Quare.

Thank you.



FAREWELL 2018 CAPTAINS

Nash Kemp – 2018 College Captain

Greeting friends, family, staff, students and of the course the graduating year of 2018.

It is an honour to be standing in front of you today.

When I was first told that I would be addressing you all on this last day of my schooling journey, I struggled to imagine how I was going to put the last six years of schooling into words, and the impact that each and every one of you have had on me. I'm not going to lie, I was stuck. I sat there going over my time here and the wonderful opportunities and experiences I have been able to be a part of, and the many valuable lessons and values that you all have you instilled in me. And to be honest, it was quite sad to think that soon I will no longer be wearing the dark and light blue of the Assumption College crest.

The definition of acceptance: the process or fact of being received as adequate, valid, or suitable.

Acceptance is the true thing that everyone longs for. The one thing that everyone craves, to walk into a room and be greeted by smiles, and in that small passing moment you truly know, you have been accepted. This is the best way I could summarize what it is like to be a part of a house here at Assumption College.

I think I speak on behalf of many, that belonging to a House is much greater than just wearing your coloured polo on Aths day. Belonging to House is something that is instilled in an individual. Those who have a strong sense of belonging have the courage to be imperfect. Belonging to a House generates a feeling of acceptance and value no matter what academic or sporting level you are and is something much greater than what a shield is able to represent.



In saying this, I would like to thank Ms DaRiva and all staff and students of LaValla house. From the moment I started you not only accepted me with opening arms, but taught me what is meant to be a part of a team. You pushed me to my limits and opened my eyes to not only my own capabilities but also the ability that we all have, to impact others around us. You were there for me when it all seemed too much and I had reached my limits, but again I was picked up, dusted off and thrown back into the action, again, and again, teaching me things about myself I never knew. I am proud to say I belong to such a strong and supportive house as LaValla and is something I will cherish forever.

A great teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination and instil a love for learning. Here at Assumption we are fortunate enough to be surrounded by some of the most amazing,

gifted and incredible men and women, who not only have passion for teaching but shaping each one of us into the best versions of ourselves. The teachers and allied staff here are some of the most caring and accepting individuals and to each and every one of you. Thank you.

Each and every one of us brings our own uniqueness and individuality to the school grounds here at Assumption and that's what I believe is so great about the college. To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is one of the greatest accomplishments. All students, you are unique in your own way, nobody can be you, and nobody can influence the world the way you can. You are what makes this place so great. You are the ones that bring the smiles to hundreds of kids' faces each day. You are the ones that drive many teachers insane and



are the ones who have made my schooling journey so memorable, and to each and every one of you thank you.

I'll keep my thank you to my family short as I will have another opportunity for this but thank you guiding me on my life path so far. You have instilled so many incredible values into me becoming the person I am today and will ever be grateful for the sacrifices you have made in order for to stand up here. Thank you for supporting me through everything, I love you all.

My last thank you goes to this amazing young woman next to me. If I had to summarize the words strong, independent, driven and extremely dedicated, one of the first people that come to mind is Ella Beveridge. You have been a rock this year throughout the entire process. Your creativity and passion for this college shone this year throughout every opportunity and your humble and gentle personality is something I admire. This year has tested and challenged us on numerous occasions but we have always found a way to overcome the problem. You are an amazing woman and someone I am proud to call a friend. I could not have chosen anyone else to stand alongside and do this role with, so thank you.

To the graduating year of 2018, well this is it, all of the hard work, early mornings, late nights, packed lunches, days we have worn PE when we shouldn't have, has culminated in this moment. The moment when we become part of the history books here at Assumption and I could not have asked for a better bunch of people to do my schooling journey with. You all have your own unique flare and it is an honour to sit amongst you and call myself a part of Assumption next to your names. So thank you.

To finish my final address, I would like to leave you with this:

Do you have the courage?

To act outwardly on what you see inwardly, or will you leave a dreamer, will you leave in the land of 'coulda', 'woulda' and 'shoulda'.

It takes courage to be successful, it is far easier not to be successful. Misery will always have company. Success breeds contempt. If you don't want to make waves be mediocre, be normal and fit in, dress like them, walk like them, act like them, eat like them, go where they go, think like they think, do what they do, and once you have neutralised your uniqueness, you do not need courage.

It takes courage to be different, it takes courage to be successful, it takes courage to win, it takes courage to go where you have never gone before.

Do you have the courage to stand there, though the storms and when people get to talking, and say I've come too far to turn around?

It takes courage to be exceptional, it takes courage to be wise, it takes courage to be educated, it takes courage to be honest, and I'm just wondering, in this society that we live in today, I wonder how many of us have got the courage to say after all I've been through, and all my parents have been through, I didn't come through all of that to fit in with normalcy.

I have the courage to go after my dreams. Thank you.





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