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With this unprecedented year coming to a close, I have had time to reflect on how fortunate we are to be part of the Corpus Christi College community - a community willing to pull together to ensure the continuation of care, support and educational programs for our students and families, both past

and present. I am grateful to all community members for supporting the College and each other throughout 2020.

Our ability to react to difficult circumstances and adapt has allowed us to continue striving for excellence. I would like to highlight examples of this at Corpus in 2020 where we found ways for competition and celebration to go ahead:

- The College's Associated & Catholic Colleges (ACC) Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics Teams, under the tutelage of our staff, were willing over many months to prepare and perform really well at modified carnivals.
- For the Arts at Corpus, it was wonderful to witness our students still be able to share their gifts with their involvement in the music, dance and drama showcases at the College, as well as the visual arts exhibition.
- I also congratulate Year 9 students and families who worked over most of the year to have their Personal Projects exhibited in Term 4.
- Faith experiences are essential at Corpus, and our Ministry Team have endured the challenges of our unprecedented circumstances by successfully

preparing and facilitating opportunities for students and staff to pray together. These opportunities continue to provide a link between our students and our local parishes.

These are but a few examples of our community's teamwork and resilience shining through.

Connection and community feel more important than ever before as we witness millions across the world continue to fight a global health pandemic, march against racial injustice, make our fragile environment more sustainable or negotiate impending economic hardship and recession. Despite the turmoil, I am continually inspired by the courage of our community who strive to make the world a better place and how as a College we continue to build awareness and support respecting one another's differences.

The College Vision for Learning – expressed in the phrase 'Ignite the Spirit' – can be seen as an expression of the fact that we are all on a journey. As we head into a new year, we can be confident that we are not alone even as we forge our respective paths. To be a Corpus alum is to forever be a part of a community of people who aspire to have a common vision for life, education and faith, one that values real human growth and thus spiritual growth.

Finally, I also take this opportunity to once again honour and celebrate our late Principal Caroline Payne, who passed away in March. We look forward to celebrating her life and career with the Corpus community in a memorial service to be held next year.

Every best wish for a happy and holy Christmas.

Frank Italiano Principal



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BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT

Exciting news: construction on our Aquatic Centre is running ahead of schedule, with the facility expected to be ready for the 2021 competitive swimming season.

The centre will feature a covered and heated 25 metre, eight-lane indoor lap and water polo pool, a separate 12 metre learn-to-swim pool, and terrace seating for approximately 200 people.

We greatly appreciate the contribution facilitated by the P&F Committee through funds raised from the P&F quiz night and the P&F levy for the following Aquatic Centre equipment:

- Pool covers with additional bench seating
- Water polo scoreboard system





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- Pool equipment cages
- Water polo goals

We look forward to sharing more updates as it progresses. Visit our website to view the Aquatic Centre fly-through:

www.corpus.wa.edu.au/capital-development



WHAT'S ON AT CORPUS

SUSTAINABILITY AT CORPUS IN 2020 AND BEYOND

In October, Catholic Education WA announced the winners of their inaugural Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Awards, with Corpus Christi College winning the Stewardship category (secondary schools) for 'Stewardship in Action'.

Spearheaded by Sustainability Coordinator Mrs Melissa Baines, Stewardship in Action is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving the ecological footprint of the College. Developed as a result of students, teaching staff, support staff and the Parents & Friends' Association identifying environmental sustainability as a key priority for the College community, the initiative seeks to create sustainable change through culture and behaviour change.

The collaborative approach to investigating and addressing how the College can be more sustainable has led to the following positive changes and actions this year:

- Completion of a Waste Audit
- Application for Waste Wise Schools Accreditation, as awarded by Waste Authority WA



- Cessation of the sale of bottled water in the cafeteria
- Promotion of reusable water bottles, including having stainless steel water bottles for sale in the cafeteria
- All cafeteria packaging replaced with compostable BioPaks
- Selection and development of Stewardship Student Leaders from Years 7-12



- Student Voice feedback and ideas sessions
- Sustainability 'Tips of The Week'
- Development of a Sustainable Living subject elective for Year 9
- Specialised recycling station in the library
- Theatre screenings of environmental documentaries
- 'Threatened Species' Bake Off a themed cake competition
- Ratification of the College Waste Policy
- Establishment of the Sustainability Club
- Installation of additional timed and sensor lights around the College, as well the programming of airconditioning units for optimal energy efficiency

Engaging the whole College community has been key to sourcing a range of ideas and formulating opportunities for everyone to become involved. Student Voice sessions gave students the opportunity to provide feedback and suggest ideas on how the College can become more sustainable. The students are given the opportunity to collaborate with staff and the P&F to develop their ideas, propose actions and to raise required funds – the specialised recycling station in the Library is an example of a student idea coming to fruition through this process.



Students are empowered to educate and encourage the whole student body on matters of sustainability. Activities such as the 'Threatened Species' Bake Off and the screening of documentaries connect students from a range of different year and student groups. The development of Stewardship Student Leaders has allowed students from Year 7 to Year 12 to work together to represent their peers and to voice environmental issues that are important to the students. The recent two-week student challenge to address litter and waste on the College grounds is an example.



Some of the 'Threatened Species' Bake Off Entries

The students and staff have worked together to keep the College community informed of the progress made and goals achieved. Sustainability 'Tips of The Week' appear in the student notices each week, and submissions are regularly made to the College eNews and social media pages showing how students and staff are working together to improve the school environment. The College eBoards are also kept updated with ways in which students can become involved.



Campus Dean Sally Farrington, 2020 Stewardship Prefects Ellie Cokcetin and George Norris, Sustainability Coordinator Melissa Baines and Principal Frank Italiano at the 2020 QCE Awards, after being announced the winners of the Stewardship category.

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Tips from the Stewardship Team on the Corpus Christi social media pages

The College thanks all students, staff and community members for their contributions so far and looks forward to another year of collaboration and innovation in sustainability practices.

ARTS FESTIVAL

Over three nights in September, the College celebrated the 2020 Arts Festival, which showcased the best of our Year 12 final works. The Festival opened with the Visual Art exhibition and Year 12 Dance Perspectives. The second night featured the Music students' final Compositions, and the third night closed the festival with the Year 12 Drama Monologues and Solo Performances.

The performances and exhibition were a valuable opportunity for students to gain feedback and demonstrate their talents in an open forum. We congratulate all of our Year 12 performers and artists for rising to the occasion and also thank our community for their enthusiastic attendance.



HOUSE CUP RESULTS

Over the course of the school year, House points are awarded for participation and performance across a variety of areas in Sports, Academics, Arts and Ministry. 2020 demonstrated the importance of working as a team and staying connected, despite the many challenges that we faced this year.

The year started with the Swimming Carnival, where MacKillop swam their way to first place. In other sporting events Xavier impressed with a win at the Cross Country Carnival, while Chisholm triumphed with a back-to-back win at the Athletics Carnival.

In Academics, the best performing House overall in Middle School was Romero in both Semester 2 2019 and Semester 1 2020. In Senior School, Merici was the top performer in Semester 2 2019, with Xavier taking

HOUSE	SCORE	
Xavier	67	1
MacKillop	49	
Salvado	45	
Chisholm	44	Ø
Merici	43	
de Vialar	42	9
Pallotti	36	12
Romero	35	



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first place in Semester 1 2020.

The Arts points for this year were awarded to Xavier House due to their high level of participation in the annual Corpus Christi Day Talent Quest.

Once again, all Houses contributed generously to Ministry efforts in 2020. Salvado's efforts resulted in them collecting the most canned food for Quest, whilst Xavier's creative prowess saw them in first place for the LifeLink activity.

There was a very clear winner this year, with a final score that was 18 point ahead of its closest competition, with wins in every area of the House Cup. Congratulations to Xavier, winner of the 2020 House Cup!



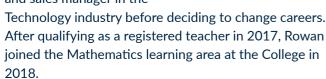


PEOPLE OF CORPUS - STAFF

ROWAN PLATEL

MATHS TEACHER
Alumni - Class of 1999

Maths teacher Rowan Platel didn't expect to return to Corpus Christi as a teacher – the Corpus alum (Class of 1999) spent 15 years as a project and sales manager in the



In addition to being in the classroom, Rowan lends his mathematics expertise to the increasingly popular Maths Club and also coaches both Senior Football and Junior Girls Basketball. In keeping both the mind and body active, Rowan sets an example for how we can train ourselves to be our best.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

What's not to love?! The culture is just amazing. The staff are extremely friendly and welcoming, the facilities are A-class, and the students are ALL incredible. To be honest though, the greatest part of Corpus is the Cafeteria. The food they produce for staff and students is worthy of 3 Michelin stars. Gordon would be proud!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT? WHY?

Corpus Christi Day. It is loads of fun, all the staff and students get involved, and the Talent Show puts X-Factor to shame. Any Staff vs Students games are also a lot of fun!

DO YOU HAVE ANY SECRET TALENTS?

During isolation I started learning guitar - I can play 'Hot Cross Buns' and 'Mary had a Little Lamb'. Rock on!

JOSHUA PAULEY

XAVIER HOUSE COORDINATOR & MATHS TEACHER

Xavier House Coordinator Josh Pauley is one of our favourite men in black! The Mathematics teacher joined the College in Term 3, 2018 and has



been an active part of College life both in and out of the classroom. When not coordinating House activities or teaching Maths, he can be found coaching the tennis team, Year 7 boys football, cricket or basketball. Josh became a teacher because he enjoys helping people improve and reach their personal best – we are lucky to have him here helping our students achieve their goals.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

The smiles that staff and students always have. The hive of activity on a day to day basis makes for a fun working environment. The progression of students as they move through the years is cool to see.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT?

Inter-house Athletics Carnival. It is always a fun day where everyone is striving for their best, although I'm looking forward to one that isn't raining! Silent Groove at Corpus Christi Day is a close second.

WHAT IS THE BEST HOLIDAY YOU'VE BEEN ON?

It's a tie between my honeymoon to Sri Lanka and a boys snowboarding trip to Austria. How good was it when we could still travel?



LEANA MARTIN

WORKPLACE LEARNING COORDINATOR

Workplace Learning Coordinator Mrs Leana Martin brought a wealth of experience with her when she joined the College in Term 4, 2019. The former corporate banker worked



in London for many years before making the move to Perth and commencing her journey as a teacher.

After becoming qualified, Mrs Martin taught for almost a decade in a variety of learning areas, including Career & Enterprise, Health & Physical Education, Humanities, Business, Mathematics and Religious Education. Towards the end of her stint at her previous school, she focused primarily on Careers, in particular: transition interviews, Year 10 selection interviews, organising work placements, and coordinating career information sessions for different year groups.

When the opportunity to coordinate Workplace Learning came up at Corpus Christi, Mrs Martin knew the role was for her. She is now a valued member of the VET & Transition Services learning area, as well as de Vialar House. We are very fortunate to have her expertise with work placements and industry, especially in this atypical year!

WHAT DOES A DAY AT CORPUS LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

As Workplace Learning Coordinator I am responsible for organising work placements for Senior School students. This involves working with the students, employers and parents to ensure a meaningful placement is made. I also help support students with their university applications and provide career counselling advice.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

The people (staff and students). I feel privileged to be a part of such a caring and nurturing community who cater for all abilities and individuals.

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND TIME OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I have three darling children, Harry (5), Rose (3) and Alice (1) who keep my husband and I entertained. I am part of a great community-minded gym. I love all things outdoors including running, surfing and going camping with family and friends.

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ANDRE PAPINEAU

MATHS TEACHER

Celebrating the big 4-0!

Mathematics Teacher Andre Papineau was recently honoured at Catholic Education WA's annual breakfast for staff who have completed 30, 40 or 50 years of service in the Catholic



education system. After teaching at various schools, Andre commenced at Corpus in 1987 and has been part of our journey ever since.

During his time here Andre has contributed to College life in innumerable ways, including several years as a Head of Year and coordinating various extra-curricular activities. Much loved by current staff and students as well as our alumni, Andre's enduring enthusiasm and positivity for the teaching profession has touched the lives of many in our community.

Thank you, Andre, for your continuing contribution to Catholic Education in Western Australia!

WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

I love communicating knowledge, encouraging student learning, and being involved in developing student potential and skills. Many of my family are or were teachers.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

The students - welcoming, challenging, questioning, seeking answers, creativeness. Also, having a close relationship with many of my colleagues.

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR TIME OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I have a love of learning foreign languages, reading, and travelling to experience other cultures.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

AMANDA WALKER (NÉE MONTAGU) CLASS OF 1998

WA HomeStay's **Amanda Walker** has cemented her status as one of the state's leading entrepreneurs by winning the 40 Under 40 Award at The Australian Business Awards. Undeterred by the presence of Airbnb and Stayz in the holiday rental online marketplace, Amanda set up her online booking platform two years ago and has since seen remarkable success with offering local homes to travellers.

'We are different because we only charge guests a 5 percent booking fee, compared to others that charge up to 20 percent,' she told Community News' **Carmelle Wilkinson (also Class of 1998)**. 'We believe a local booking platform is fairer for both owners and guests, as it gives back to the WA community and promotes sustainable tourism at the same time.'

Amanda was due to receive the honour in March, but the onset of COVID-19 delayed the ceremony to September. While the unprecedented global health crisis had a significant effect worldwide, it was especially felt in Western Australia due to a hard border closure restricting travel. However, with West Australians seeking to holiday within the state, demand for local holiday rentals is picking back up again.

Amanda is a believer in 'giving it a go', where anything is possible if you search for and find the right way to go about it. After graduating from Corpus Christi, Amanda went on to attain a Business degree from Curtin University before then working in corporate finance at global advisory firm BDO. She travelled the world and fell in love with exploring, and on return to Perth retrained as a teacher – in her view, a great exercise in forming meaningful relationships. When the idea for WA HomeStay came to her in 2018, she then drew on all the skills she'd acquired from every aspect of her journey to bring her vision to life.

These skills dated back to her time in high school. Reflecting on her time at Corpus, she told Corpus Spirit, 'The most valuable part was working out how I learnt best. Trying different study techniques and working out what worked helped me through uni and beyond.' The camps are her favourite memory, where students were pushed out of their comfort zones through climbing, orienteering and working as a team, all while having fun.



Her advice for fellow Corpus community members: 'Everything you learn has a use. Even if you are only in a job for a relatively small amount of time, the skills you learn will help you in other facets of your life. Make the most of every opportunity.'

For more on WA HomeStay, visit: www.wahomestay.com.au/

SCOTT MCARDLE

CLASS OF 2010

Scott McArdle's award-winning coming-of-age play *Playthings* will return to the stage for Black Swan State Theatre Company's 2021 season. The 2019 play was a success in its original run at The Blue Room Theatre, winning Members' Choice the theatre's annual awards and impressing local critics.

The story is inspired by real life events from his high school days.

'Arnold and Lucy are a combination of everyone I grew up with and myself,' he told *Corpus Spirit*. 'They're going through what we all went through as teenagers. They yell at their parents (and regret it), they say dumb things to seem cool, they fumble awkwardly around romance, and they freak out about homework. And that's great! Being a teenager is great – it's confusing and emotional at the time but it's also when we grow up, when we become individuals and have our own ideas and thoughts outside our parents.'

Playthings also delves into mental illness, something Scott experienced during adolescence. 'When I was a teenager, I struggled horribly with depression. Things happened in my life that everyone said "should never happen to a kid". This play is my reassurance to every kid who's struggling that it does get better, but only when we help each other.'

Scott's passion for the Arts took hold while at Corpus Christi. Drama teacher Mrs Sally Floyd provided early encouragement and showed him that the performing arts was more than just acting, also involving writing and staging, amongst other facets. Scott remembers the sense of community in the College productions Mrs Floyd directed – *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Oliver!* – and has since striven to imbue this in his own productions. In Year 12, Scott won the Drama Award and the Arts Leadership Award.

He went on to attain a Bachelor of Arts (Theatre & Drama) with Honours in English and Creative Arts from Murdoch University, and attended NIDA briefly in 2015 before studying at WAAPA from 2016-2018. He has worked in the independent theatre sector as a writer and director for many years.

Asked by *Corpus Spirit* about the benefits of getting involved in Drama productions (either in high school or beyond), Scott advised the following: 'Even if you don't want to be a professional artist, there are so many social and physical benefits to taking part in theatre.

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Photo by Duncan Wright

Studies show that being in the performing arts (as a hobby or a profession) has massive benefits on your mental health, assists with public speaking and socialising, and increases your overall confidence.

'The Arts is filled with a huge range of people from all over the world. We gather together to share stories, learn from each other, and grow. It doesn't get much better than that.'

For more on *Playthings*, visit https://bsstc.com.au/whats-on/playthings



ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Thank you to our Alumni who continue to come back each year to adjudicate our Public Speaking Competition. These Alumni were involved in public speaking during their time at the College, with many of them being coaches. This year's adjudicators met up afterwards for a meal together with Public Speaking Coordinator Noreen Stevenson.



Some of the Alumni Public Speaking adjudicators at a catch-up dinner Back row: Emma Shine (class of 2018), Mrs Noreen Stevenson, Ms Melanie Bird, Olivia Fuderer (Class of 2017), Rebekah Craggs (Class of 2015), Front row: Ike Adesanya (Class of 2019), Erin Martin (Class of 2019), Wai Sin Wan (Class of 2013), Daniel Thomas (Class of 2013).

> Wai Sin Wan (Class of 2013) pictured above, is to be commended on the official announcement of his appointment as a 2021 New Colombo Plan Scholar. He extends his gratitude and thanks and dedicates this award to his STEM teachers and Noreen Stevenson who had a big influence on him during his time at the College. Learn more about the prestigious scholarship here.

> It is always a pleasure to have our Alumni back at the College, including athletics coach Rebecca Del Pup (Class of 2011), who took some of our Year 7-10 sports classes for hurdles training earlier in the year, ahead of our Interschool Athletics Carnival.



> The McKenna brothers Jake (Class of 2014), Joe (Class of 2016) and Riley (Class of 2020), launched a weekly podcast earlier this year 'The MacPack'. They were recently featured on PerthNow - read the article here. The podcast can be accessed via the below links: Apple Pods https://apple.co/2VnVC0Q Spotify https://spoti.fi/3fSgaRM Listen Notes https://bit.ly/36q1Pje



The McKenna Brothers. Photo Credit: Andrew Ritchie/Community News

> On 21 November 2020, Celine Tan (Class of 2007), married Ben O'Neill in a ceremony at St Benedict's Church in Ardross. The two then celebrated with family and friends at a reception at Frasers Kings Park. Congratulations!



Celine (Class of 2007) and husband Ben on their wedding day

> An outstanding effort by Patrick Keane (one of the first four students enrolled at the College back in 1983), founder and director of Enter Projects Asia, whose work on the Vikasa Yoga Studio in Thailand has been awarded Winner of Leisure and Wellness Interior 2020 in the Dezeen Awards. View the award details here.

> In November our Class of 1987-88 caught up at Clancy's Fish Pub in Applecross for what looked like a fun night out!



> Ryan Khong (Class of 2010) who was featured in issue four of Corpus Spirit, was the guest speaker at the College's Creative Adventurers Project Showcase Evening in December. This event highlighted Middle School students in our Academic Excellence Program. Thank you to Ryan for his inspiring talk!

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> Recent Alumni Competition winners: Congratulations to Tamara Porter (Class of 2016), Kylie Stratton (Class of 1993) and Jake Waller (Class of 2018), who were the winners of our July Hoyts Voucher competition and our **Class of 2020** November Corpus water bottle winners Alex Marchese, Sienna Peruzza and Luke Spadaro. Keep an eye out for more alumni competitions in the future and make sure you are signed up to our mailing list for your chance to win!



Ryan (Class of 2010) talking at the Creative Adventurers Project Showcase



Dr. Adam Brown has practiced across WA for over a decade, and believes healthcare is about more than just aches, pains. and pills. As a lifelong client of chiropractic care, Dr. Adam knows the relief and freedom it can bring.

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