

# 2020

## CROSSLINKS

YEAR IN REVIEW



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# 2020 College Theme

# Living justice

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## Welcome to the 2020 edition of Crosslinks.

Better late than never! Having had to postpone our 2020 Reunion, we wanted to stop the press on this edition of Crosslinks until we had the opportunity to capture the fun and excitement of the 2020/2021 Reunion! Thanks for all those who attended. Due to the double up we hosted a record crowd of Old Collegians back at Clonard.

We hope you enjoy reading the stories of your fellow classmates in this digital edition. In our commitment to a sustainable future, we have decided not to send out hard copies this year, however, if you prefer a hard copy please don't hesitate to let us know and we will get one to you! Just click the link and fill in your details: <https://tinyurl.com/3ma2x39z>

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*Sincerely yours,*

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# PRINCIPAL

All of us have been to school which means that we all have our own mental models of what 'school' looks like - routines, timetables, subjects, uniforms, sports, athletics carnivals, productions, debating, camps, excursions, friends. Not this year. This year as we navigated our way through the COVID-19 global pandemic we have reimagined all that a school can be. We have been agile, responsive and courageous. We have been learners and innovators. And to be successful, we had to partner with students, teachers and families like never before. We were truly #inthisogether. And for that, I will be forever grateful.

On 13 March, we were scrambling to make changes to our plans for Open Day to be held later that afternoon. From that day on, not just as a school but as families and the community, our lives were punctuated by press conferences and news bulletins where we would wait to learn the new changes we would need to implement into our daily lives. Hand sanitising and social distancing became our new normal and masks became a new 'mandated' accessory.

Everything that gave us certainty about school was gone when on 22 March, the premier announced that we were all going home to learn remotely to keep our community safe.

Our staff and students are to be commended for the manner in which they adopted and adapted to remote learning so quickly. Our awesome IT team had prepared early and with great foresight had us ready to go with Microsoft Teams so that we could stay 'live' with our classes and our College Leaders had a clear plan to support staff to be successful.

The openness and professionalism of the staff to embrace this new technology and way of learning, supporting each other and ensure we could provide the best possible learning continuity to our students during this time was truly inspirational. I know that for many of them it came at a great personal cost as they supported the learning of their own children while delivering classes online.

I also want to commend many of our non teaching staff who also had to reskill and turn their hands to improvement projects around the buildings and grounds in our College. They too showed the Clonard spirit.

Remote learning at Clonard was so much more than just classes. Our Student Leaders initiated Clonard Chronicles which connected and motivated the student population.

Without events to host and coordinate Student Leaders turned their efforts and energy to other school improvement ideas. They became advocates for student voice in providing feedback to staff about what was working and what needed improving in the online learning space. This feedback was presented to teaching staff several times throughout the year.

Students told us that they noticed how much more independent they were becoming and how they were able to take responsibility for their learning in ways they had not experienced before.

Our students also lead a revision of our sports uniform based on their needs. A further highlight was our students hosting an online workshop with a panel of Old Collegians, who joined us virtually from locations both nationally and internationally. This had never been done before and was such a wonderful opportunity to tap into the wisdom of these extraordinary and successful women.

The virtual space became a canvas for creatively exploring other new initiatives such as memories of our history in 'Throwback Thursday' social media posts and the introduction of the Old Collegian Career Profiles. We are so excited about the increased connection with our Old Collegians. We received over 100 letters from them to present to our Year 12 students when they returned from remote learning for their last weeks of school.

Our new Wellbeing 2020+ framework was introduced this year with a new timetable, connection to a Wellbeing Teacher and a new Wellbeing Curriculum. If ever the skills and strategies for positive Wellbeing were going to be needed and put to the test - this was going to be the year. In the first 6 months of 2020 Geelong was saddened by the deaths of 5 young people. This touched us intimately and reminded us so powerfully of the importance of listening, reaching out, and seeking support. Our resilience was tested again when we experienced the direct impact of COVID-19 in our own community.

During this time, we showed fortitude, compassion, patience, courage and above all hope. And we got through. Through our wellbeing curriculum, learning about gratitude, self care, mindfulness, mindsets and character strengths have supported us during this challenging year. I think appreciation and gratitude have been hallmarks of this year. We have all come to appreciate the small things that we

have overlooked in our previous busy, overscheduled, frantic lives. We know that this year has generated a whole new respect for teachers and all that they do. Schools have also been elevated for the critical role they play in society.

We have also learned to appreciate our 'common home'. Ecological justice and sustainability have always been an important part of our social justice stance at Clonard. Maybe with less traffic and more walking, more listening and less talking we have learned to tread a little more gently on the earth and come to appreciate the rhythm of the seasons.

Our focus on 'Justice' almost became overshadowed with the demands of all things COVID. John 10:10 tells us that Jesus came so that all may have life and have it to the full. We know that there are members of our College and our community who are still waiting to experience the fullness of life - aboriginal people, asylum seekers and refugees, LGBTI+ and women. Through our virtual staff Spirituality Day in August, National Reconciliation Week and the actions of our Student Social Justice Team we ensured we have listened to voices, explored stories and brought the needs of the marginalized to the fore.

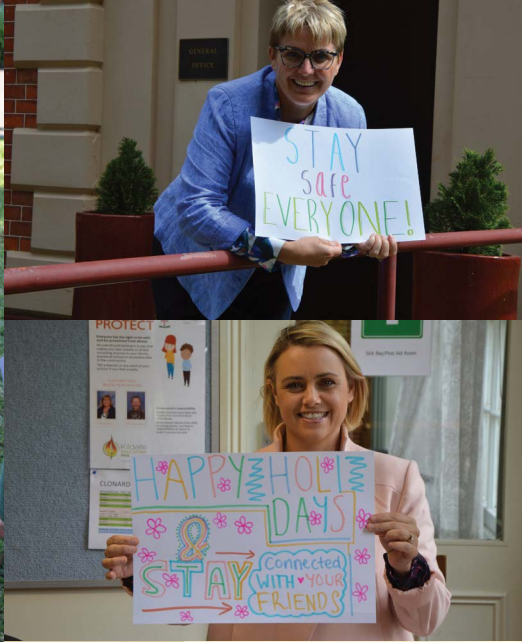
Amidst this global pandemic we managed to carry out our full School Review which included VRQA and Child Safe Compliance as well as a review against the Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Framework. Our Stewardship Council also commenced the beginning of a new Master Planning process to ensure the College facilities meet the needs of our community into the future.

No-one teaches you when you are training to become a teacher how to lead in a global pandemic. There was no rule book. So many days we had to make a call, back ourselves and trust this was the right decision. I was so grateful for the wisdom and experience of the College Leadership Team throughout this year.

What kept us on track was the compass of our core values - courage, hospitality, justice, compassion, wonder and above all hope. Schools were never built to be silent. Let us always appreciate the utter joy of young voices, seeing faces in person, and the power of human connection.

**Luci Quinn, Principal**





Clonard College Geelong  
16 July · 🌐  
**THROWBACKTHURSDAY**  
Clonard House.  
1930 and 2015, 85 years apart and some things are still the same.





# CLASS OF 1970

In 1965 Anita and I commenced our senior education at Clonard, we both came across from Our Lady's.

Anita and I had the privilege of visiting Clonard in November 2019 at the invitation of Dean Williams and Sister Geraldine Sheedy. Searching through boxes of old photos and memorabilia took us on a journey back in time. Walking through the grounds of the college and viewing the enormous changes and progress since our days as students over the past 50 years, was nothing short of amazing. The biggest impact was the wonderful state of the art library students today have the privilege of enjoying. In our day we didn't have the luxury of a school library.

Both of us enjoyed English and History. Regarding sport, my passion was softball while Anita proved to be a good swimmer and became the school's netball umpire. Softball was played at lunch time in what was back then in an open area just inside the front gates off to the right.

I left Clonard at the end of form 4 (year 10) in 1969. The following year I completed a Secretarial Course at Merindol Secretarial College, which was located in Malop Street Geelong. Back then this was focussed on typing and shorthand. The employment climate was very different in that era – I was successful with 3 positions I applied for, and as a result I accepted the position at Ambulance Victoria in the office. I worked there for a few years. Then I married and had my 3 beautiful children.

Moving forward a few more years, I decided to return to study. My 3 children at that stage were in secondary school. I attended the Gordon for 2 years which inspired me to strive further.

In 1990 I commenced study at Footscray Tafe, driving back and forth from Geelong to Melbourne, while working parttime. I received my 'Associate Diploma in Social Science' in 1994, gaining employment the following year with the Dept. of Human Services where I worked for 12 years, gaining a promotion in this time before I retired.

Anita and I still remain friends today. Our wonderful relationship has spanned 56 years! My most treasured memories are of our overseas trip together in Europe a few years ago, and closer to home the many coffee catch-ups we have shared, and I dare say will continue to enjoy for many years to come.

If I can offer any advice to those young ladies completing their secondary education it is this –

*Don't sell yourself short of your life goals and ambitions –  
Strive for what you want,  
no matter what stage you are in life.*

## **Anita's story....**

I recall stockings, hats, gloves and blazer from my Clonard days! Hot summer school days were most unpleasant!

I became the school's official netball umpire and loved when I was called out of class to umpire! We girls were bused to Melbourne schools for netball games and had most enjoyable days out. We loved having a school day off!

Many friendships were made and continue on till this day.

I completed year 10 in 1969 and worked at Myer for 12 months before starting nursing at Geelong Hospital in 1971. I had many nursing positions over the years, in Melbourne and Geelong. My most memorable managing the Geelong Immunisation for many years. I was also the "nit nurse" for several years.

I married in 1976 and have 3 sons.

Our School year celebrated 50 years together in February 2020 at Mt Duneed Estate. All 21 of us enjoyed a wonderful day together, and were so lucky to get together before the Covid lockdown. Many stories were shared amongst us reminiscing school days. Most of us having been at Our Lady's together since prep so it was very special to catch up again.

Sharing 56 years of friendship with Cheryl is certainly pretty special and I look forward to many more!

Good luck to you all,  
**Cheryl Picone & Anita Jones (Finn)**

1966.

We receive  
Christ through  
Holy Communion.





1964: ANITA AND CHERYL



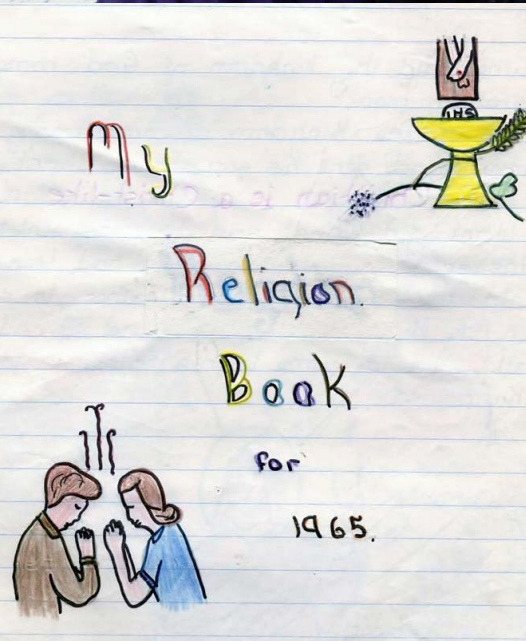
2012: ANITA AND CHERYL



2020: ANITA AND CHERYL



2012: ANITA AND CHERYL



1969: ANITA FINN, FORM 5



1965: CHERYL PICONE, FORM 1

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#### FORM 5 1969:

Mary Bates, Ann-Maree Sells, Mariana Iskra, Marie Cook, Kerry Balkin, Jennifer Bowtell, Leonie Hodgson, Christine Jones, Lucy Fuik, Paula Woodmansey

Patricia Myers, Mary Carey, Gabrielle McMahon, Carmel Walsh, Leanne Burt, Julie Powell, Elizabeth Kelly, Angela Oraniuk, Rosa Sgro, Margaret Letizia, Christine Russell

Karen Gallagher, Maria Vanjek, Lynette Wall, Maureen McManus, Theresa Augustyn, Ann Sexton, Mary Fitzgerald, Anita Jones



#### CLASS OF 1970 (Photo taken in 2017):

Leonie Hodgson, Christine Jones, Ann-Maree Sells, Kerry Balkin  
Maree Bates  
Cheryl Picone, Anita Jones, Patricia Myers





#### FORM 6 1970:

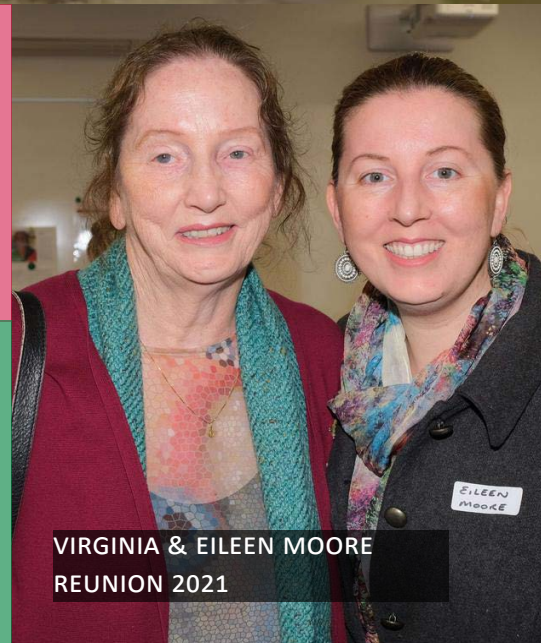
Karen Gallagher (Bayliss), Margaret Letizia, Mary Bates (Mayfield), Rosanne O'Keefe, Marianna Iskra (Bratych), Leonie Hodgson (Burke), Maria Vanjek, Mary Fitzgerald (Hundt)

Carmel Walsh, Patricia Myers (Pearce), Leanne Burt (Mills-Deceased), Julie Powell (Murnane) Elizabeth Kelly, Kristine Penny

#### CLASS OF 1970 (Photo taken in 2012):

Christine Jones (Malkin), Mary Bates (Mayfield), Karen Gallagher (Bayliss), Anita Jones (Finn), Gabrielle McMahon (Boyle), Julie Powell (Murnane), Mary Fitzgerald (Hundt), Cheryl Picone, Patricia Brunt (Young), Kerry Balkin-Flanagan, Leonie Hodgson (Bourke),

Virginia Moore



VIRGINIA & EILEEN MOORE  
REUNION 2021



#### CLASS OF 1970 (Photo taken in 2013):

Christine Jones, Mary Bates, Karen Gallagher, Anita Jones, Gabrielle McMahon, Julie Powell, Mary Fitzgerald, Cheryl Picone, Patricia Brunt, Kerry Balkin, Leonie Hodgson. Seated: Virginia Moore



# THROWBACK THURSDAY

## Are you following us?

Take a trip down memory lane with us every Thursday on our social media channels.



THROWBACK THURSDAY // 60 years ago - The Senior Class of 1960, which includes many foundation students who started in Clonard's first year, 1956.



Senior Class 1960

**Back Row:** Diane Wood, Pauline Virgona, Dorothy McGonigal  
**Middle Row:** Helen Vaughan, Carlene de la Hunt, Denise Wright, Patricia Pollard, Oksana Ivanciew  
**Front Row:** Sue Cronin, Madelaine Nyeholt, Ilona Nagy, Karlene Baker, Christine Winnett, Bernadette Lehane



Diane McClurg

How good were those wonderful school days. ...

Like · Reply · See response · 44 w



Joan Cunningham

Great photo friends I still keep in touch with school days were amazing



## THROWBACK THURSDAY

Throwing back to the turn of the millennium today with the official photo of the 2000 Convenor's Committee. These girls are 20 years out this year!



#+L



Lisa Bolitho  
Wow! I remember EVERY one of these students...seems like yesterday. What a great bunch.

Like · Reply · Message · 1 y



Leah Eddy  
Lisa Bolitho we still are!!!

Like · Reply · Message · 1 y



Chris Grigg  
Lisa Bolitho totally agree

Like · Reply · Message · 1 y



Michelle Brodrick  
Lisa Bolitho me too and agree totally.



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THROWBACK THURSDAY!  
23 years ago and plenty of familiar faces in the mix!



Roz Tee  
Mr Cahill!! Been using the password you gave me since 2001 🤪

Like · Reply · Message · 51 w



Mandy McManus  
Wow that's a blast from the past. Yes I remember being taught by a lot of those teachers. Class of 1996

Like · Reply · Message · 51 w



Erica Wiener  
There I am! Always in the front row!!!!especially when standing.



Fran Mifsud

Hey mum, there you are!!! Anne Monk x so many great memories of an awesome bunch of teachers!!! Loved you the most Vicki!!! You helped me pass my VCE by calling me out and telling me I wouldn't pass.. it gave me the fire in my belly I needed to lift my game! Always super grateful 🍪🍪 But I'd already left years before this pic of course 🤪❤️



Adriana van Noordenburg  
Love this!!! How privileged we were to be taught by so many amazing teachers! ❤️

Love · Reply · Message · 51 w



Kieley Lawless  
Oh wow! I was taught by so many of these teachers, brings back so many memories. Thanks for all your patience 😊

Love · Reply · Message · 51 w



Kell Murfitt  
Now some of these teachers are teaching my daughter 23 years later! Remember it like yesterday!

Like · Reply · Message · 51 w



Pamela Michael Doyle  
Yes, many great memories in this photo. Blessings to all.

Like · Reply · Message · 51 w



THROWBACK THURSDAY

The first graduation - 1970. An excerpt from the Clonard anniversary book.

'Kristine Penny was elected School Captain in 1970. She remembers instigating a detention system for any misconduct or disregard of uniform regulations. With the help of the other Prefects she was able to keep a check on students' conduct both in and out of school grounds.

1970 was the first year an end of year Graduation was held Mother Columbanus asked the girls in H.S.C. if they would like such an evening to mark the end of their school life at Clonard The answer was "yes" and so began the tradition of Graduation which has become a highlight of the H.S.C. year'.





# CLASS OF 1980

I'm Helen Hardie (Bellew). A country girl, the second eldest of five children, our family lived in North Geelong for many years where I either caught the bus or rode my bike to school, (the grey school blazer and gloves had to stay on but the hat could be removed). I left Clonard College at the end of Form 11 to attend the Gordon Tech for a 12 months Business Studies course.

After leaving school, my first full time job was in Admin, Pathology Dept in The Geelong Hospital which kept me busy for 10 years. Then I moved to Melbourne to work at St. Vincent's Hospital Pathology in Fitzroy once again in an admin role.

While on holiday in Ireland, I met a Sydney man who I later moved to be with, married and had three children (the oldest turned 21 this week). Sydney had plenty of part time work opportunities, another Pathology Laboratory and later aged care working the community which was very rewarding.

My favourite sport is social tennis which I still play weekly but after a fall on the court and a busted shoulder, my aged care career came to an abrupt end.

Sydney Catholic Schools is my current employer as a Learning Support Officer in local primary schools in the St. George area. Working along side so many talented classroom teachers, with special children who try so hard to be the best they can be, gives me extreme job satisfaction although can be exhausting. Some days you can find me in the school office. I have fond memories of Sister Pauline, Mrs. Fogarty, Mr. Turner, Mother Lelia and many classmates

while under the strong leadership of Sister Maureen. The school was two stream, sport was conducted over the back fence, "Go Finian" and the Brigidine Interschool Sports was held at the Olympic Park in Melbourne. At the time, my sport was Javelin.

I am so proud of my sister Joanne who graduated later in 1988 and now her daughter Lillian Taylor is in Year 7 at Clonard. I look forward to Crosslinks and Facebook blurbs and laugh along with the stories retold by many familiar faces. Wishing you all a full 2021 and look forward to catching up one day.

- Helen Hardie, Class of 1980.

## PENBRIDGE ..... Ma

The H.S.C. Legal Studies excursion to Penbridge was an experience all the girls will remember for the eeriness of the prison itself and the order of security checks and walking along side the prison groups was rather scarrey. The production of 'Twelve Angry Men' was excellent, and the high standard. It provoked much thought and audience.

Opportunity was given at the conclusion of the prisoners, which many girls did.

## SOCIAL

On 6th May, Year 12's from St. Joseph's Clonard gathered in all their splendour for the night was enjoyed by all as both young and old students, rose to the occasion. We gained 3 Year 12 class, namely Elspeth, Margaret and Josephine won a prize for exposing her black ambitious Dr I. Killem and patient who she expressing their true mentality. Many students exposing themselves to the public by walking this proved difficult as balloons, high-heeled shoes are not the best forms of transport. Margaret discarded as suffocation set in, and here we poor Sr. Angela. A little Mexican won the prize while the mafia did not have to break the prize. On the whole we all had fun!

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

## H.S.C. RETREAT

From 11th to 15th August, the H.S.C. girls' retreat was held at Turramurra Park. Here, all pressures and stresses from our intellectually fatigued minds. The atmosphere was enjoyed by all. Activities included target practice, the main target being Carmel's week, with very few clean clothes and not much the bedroom and Lynette's 18th birthday party back at school ready for a hot bath and a cold

## PREFECTS OUT, COMMITTEE

The present Committee system at Clonard was born of a conviction that leadership should be entrusted to students, and particularly those in HSC.

After much discussion, the former prefect system was abandoned at the end of 1978, and a diverse committee was established with the 1979 HSC students.

The committee system embraces communication, sports, graduation, social, rest and relaxation.

The number, nature and composition of the committee is flexible, and allow for individuality and change.

All committees have volunteer staff responsible according to their nature; for example, the housekeeping committee from other years.

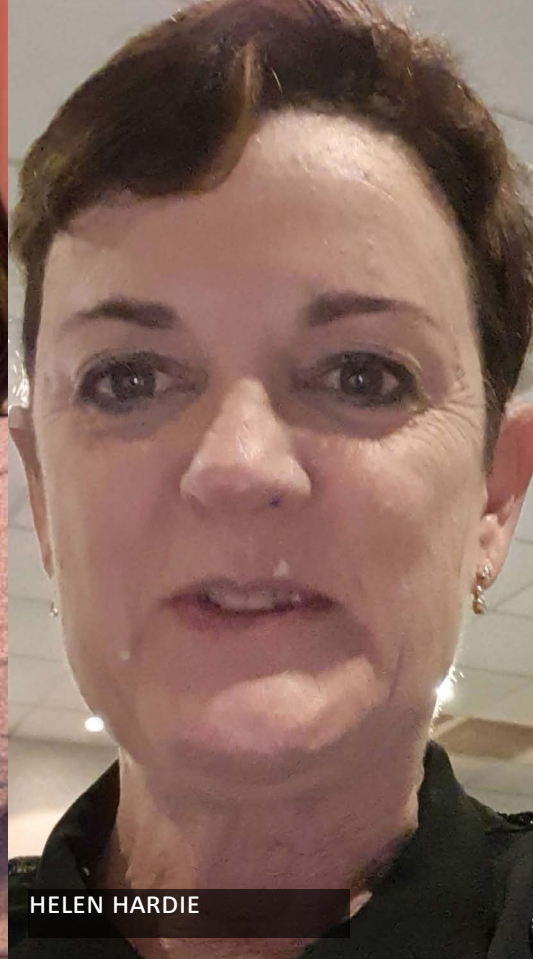




LILLIAN TAYLOR, YEAR 7 2021



LILLIAN AND JOANNE



HELEN HARDIE



- Back Row:** Maria Van Gemert, Andrea McKinnis, Karen Lucas, Anne Dougherty, Jeanette Reicha.
- 4th Row:** Megan Parker, Janet Brough, Karen Slade, Ksenija Markov, Margaret Lynch, Theresa Broekman, Carol Herman, Grace Caccamo, Cathy Sadler, Jacinta Wood, Kelly Irwin, Carmel Balchin.
- 3rd Row:** Sr Helen, Sharon Bourke, Chereen Heyward, Anna Giouzeopos, Christine Duggan, Daniella Bruschi, Lisa Fox, Josephine Spitala, Lisa Piccirilli, Angela Courtney, Mrs Hallows, Mr Frances.
- 2nd Row:** Diana Brunato, Maria Altimari, Leanne Hassett, Jolanta Jablonska, Dagmar McRitchie, Brenda Hoekstra, Julie Boothroyd, Michelle Buckley, Patricia Johnston, Svetlana Chumakoff.
- Front Row:** Pili Nieto, Margaret Leonard, Rosa Herrera, Karen Baulch, Christine McNaughton, Lynette Long, Lee Phing Teh, Jane Sherlock.
- Absent:** Enrika Barry.

YEAR 1





**CLASS OF 1980 (Reunion 2021):**

Jenny Walker, Cathy Sadler, Ksenija Markov, Silvana Matarazzo, Michelle Buckley, Jolanta Jablonska







#### 1980 STAFF:

Mrs H Wood, Mr R Turner, Mr G Frances, Mrs S Reicha, Mr R Wilson

Mrs C Moylan, Mrs L McGregor, Mrs J Everist, Mr W Teggelove, Mrs R Barrow, Mr B Grubb, Mrs K Fogarty, Miss M Phelan

Miss M Debrincat, Mrs D Nisbet, Sr Marita, Mrs I Ainsworth, Mrs S Chalmers, Sr Pauline, Mrs M Walker, Mrs A Diver, Mrs E Hallowes

Mrs H Haeberle, Mrs K Lolait, Mrs H Henry, Sr Helen, Mr R Flavell, Mrs B Pearson, Mrs M Scott, Mrs R Hill





# FACES OF CLONARD



## **Faces of Clonard // Mr Michael McCallum**

Mr McCallum is a familiar face for most after having spent 15 years teaching at Clonard and holding numerous positions including VCE and Year 12 Coordinator. Currently, Mr McCallum is the College's Timetable Administrator, undertaking the complex task of creating timetables for all students and staff based on subject selections and teaching allotments.

Mr McCallum's passion for the Humanities at the Senior level has seen him guide many students through their VCE in his specialist areas of Legal Studies and Australian History. Many will have lasting memories of visits to Barwon and Castlemaine Prison or Sovereign Hill as co-curricular opportunities outside of the classroom with Mr McCallum.

He has also set a great example in the past for the rest of us, in his commitment to sustainability and a healthy lifestyle by jumping on his bike and commuting to and from Clonard - he hopes to return to this two-wheel mode of transport once school resumes. Great work, Mr McCallum!

## **Faces of Clonard // Mademoiselle Najat Baqtatouche**

Mademoiselle Baqtatouche or Najat as she is affectionately known is one of our French language teachers and currently teaches French at every year except Units 1 & 2. Najat is also the Year 8 P Wellbeing teacher.

Najat moved to Australia in 2006 from Lyon, France and began teaching at Clonard in 2008 bringing her language, culture, passion and experience of everything French to the classroom. Najat loves nothing more than celebrating French National pride and all things French during our language days/activities in Year 7 and 8. Sharing her culture and language not only enlightens our students but fills Najat with pride and privilege.

Outside of the classroom, Najat is a member of Alliance Française de Geelong an organisation promoting French in Geelong and is an avid circus and aerial performer! Merci, Mademoiselle Baqtatouche.



## **Faces of Clonard // Mr Brendan Ryan**

Brendan Ryan has been a member of the teaching staff at Clonard for 13 years. In that time, Mr Ryan has played a central role teaching in the English, Humanities and Religion subject areas and has also held the role of Debating Coordinator. Mr Ryan's passion lies in the teaching of English, particularly introducing students to the power of books, encouraging them to read and to appreciate the wonder of reading.

In his time at Clonard, Mr Ryan has experienced the privilege of accompanying students to our partnership Indigenous community of Ampilatwatja and notes this as one of his highlights at Clonard. However, working with students and being surprised and enthralled by the different ways that students learn is the greatest gift.

Outside of Clonard, Mr Ryan has just released his 7th book, a memoir. Walk Like a Cow: One of ten children, Ryan grew up on a dairy farm at Panmure. Walk Like a Cow explores his upbringing, the western district including his experiences in the Ash Wednesday bushfires, and of making the inevitable transition to life in the city. It is a memoir from someone who grew up in the country, but has never quite left it behind.



### Faces of Clonard // Mr Ian Callahan

In celebration of Father's Day, it would be remiss of us not to recognise Clonard's Master of Dad jokes, Mr Ian Callahan. Mr Callahan has been a teacher at Clonard for eighteen years, teaching in the specialist area of mathematics.

Mr Callahan's sound knowledge and wealth of effective teaching strategies in the area of mathematics ensures all students are positioned for success, particularly in the senior levels. His dedication to understanding every student's strengths, weaknesses and developing rapport across a cohort is evident in the respect and fondness Clonard students past and present have for him.

Mr Callahan's most enjoyable roles at Clonard include being a classroom teacher, a diving judge at the House Swimming Carnival and goal umpire during the Staff Vs Students AFL match. Outside of school, Mr Callahan enjoys fishing, traveling, football at Bell Park, spending time with his family and especially in his role as Pa. Happy Father's Day, Cal!



Faces of Clonard

### Faces of Clonard // Sarah Ellmer

Ms Sarah Ellmer has been a part of the Clonard College community for some time as a student, Old Collegian and currently as a teacher. In her 7th year of teaching Ms Ellmer leads the Food Studies team, teaching VCE and Year 10 Food Studies, Year 10 PreCAL and is also the Year 11 Wellbeing and Community Assistant.

Ms Ellmer oversees the planning, curriculum and running of the Food Studies kitchens at all year levels. Ms Ellmer is also a keen Finian House representative and actively supports Finian House leaders at House events and assemblies throughout the year.

In her role as WELCOM Assistant, Ms Ellmer works together with the Year 11 WELCOM Leader, Justine Fitzpatrick. 'I am really enjoying working with the team of teachers we have this year. Following the Year 11 students up from Year 10 is fantastic because we worked hard last year to establish great relationships with the cohort and now we can continue for those to grow. This has always been one of the best things about Clonard since my time as a student and now a staff member. Community and relationships'.



Faces of Clonard



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### Faces of Clonard // Mrs Tania Anticev

As a relief teacher, Mrs Anticev began at Clonard in 2008 joining the Dream Team of teachers who for one year established a temporary Year 8 campus at the former St Anthonys Church and Primary School site in Hamlyn Heights. This was to make way for the current Year 7 building to be constructed. The class of 2012 will have many fond memories!

Since officially joining Clonard in 2010, Mrs Anticev has held numerous positions including coordinating roles at Years 7, 8, 11, 12, VCE, Careers, Student Leadership and currently as our School Improvement Leader for Wellbeing. In her role, Mrs Anticev works within a distinct team to lead the strategic intentions of the College to positively impact outcomes in student learning, engagement, and wellbeing.

As well as this, Mrs Anticev is the College's resident Business Management teacher who has supported the growth and learning of many students as they have completed their studies and in many cases provided strong foundations for the enterprising and small business operations that former students have established. Mrs Anticev's favourite memories include Year 7 and 8 camps and the amazing collaborative work and relationships built with student leaders.



# CLASS OF 1990

Whilst the class of 1990 was busy with their heads down completing Year 12, many may have gone the whole way through six years of schooling not realising one of their classmates had their mum working in the Audio-Visual department in the Library, Mrs Erica Wiener.

Since leaving Clonard in 2008, after almost 25 years in the library, I am enjoying life as a retiree in Queensland. I've had many memorable adventures, both abroad and within Australia - rafting down the Colorado River, flying in helicopters over the Grand Canyon, Fiji Islands and the Great Barrier Reef, sailing the coast of Alaska, and my favourite, para-sailing in Port Douglas. Floating high in the sky attached only to a 150 metre rope behind a small boat, was breathtaking.

I learnt to play lawn bowls here in Qld, and joined 4 Clubs, so was bowling 4-5 days in a week. I was elected President of one club, then went on to be a committee member of the district, helping organise competitions between over 20 clubs in our area.

I am a proud grandmother of 5 and their partners, and great grandmother of 2. I now live with my daughter and son-in-law in inner Brisbane, and fill what's left of my day knitting for premature babies; soft toys, dolls and winter woollies for the two Great-grandies.

Life is what you make it, and I have been blessed and am truly thankful for mine. I often think to myself "Here but for the grace of God go I" when I read of turmoil elsewhere.

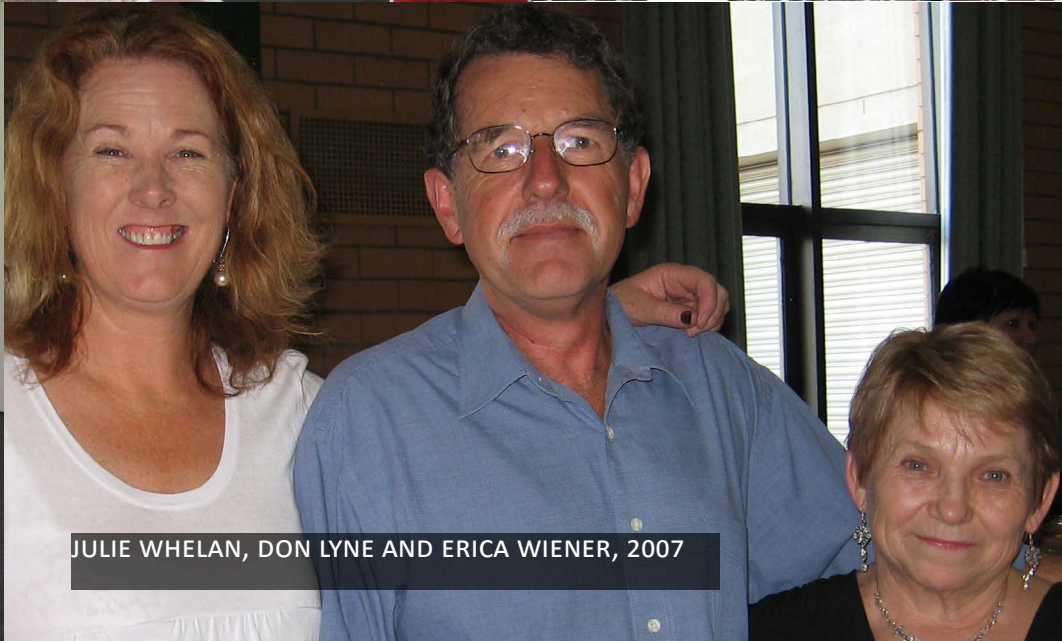
Keep safe and God Bless  
**Erica Wiener**







ERICA WIENER AND ROSIE SPARKS, CLASS OF 2011



JULIE WHELAN, DON LYNE AND ERICA WIENER, 2007



GABRIELLE TOLAN, RITVA FAZIO, ERICA WIENER, MARG PHELAN AND ROSEMARY MCCOY







Connie Celi and Sandra Trupkovic



Djana Benedict, Connie Celi, Maria Lecchino, Sandra Trupkovic, Angie Domico







Kelly Robinson, Jenny Sells, Belinda Shaw, Nevia Jefferies



**CLASS OF 1990:**

Angie Domico, Maria Lecchino, Djana Benedict, Nevia Jefferies, Kelly Robinson, Belinda Shaw, Tamsin Richards, Dionne Crichton, Jenny Sells, Liz Gulli, Sandra Tropkovic, Connie Celi



# CAREER PROFILES



## Samantha Guiney // Graduate Year: 1996

After Clonard I took a gap year to work full time in a law firm where I gained administration and office skills. VCE was intense, I really needed a break from study and wanted to earn some money. I moved to Melbourne and attended the University of Melbourne to complete a Bachelor of Science. These were the days before the internet, artificial intelligence and virtual reality so science was very different back then. I majored in statistics and psychology because I loved the structure and logic of numbers as well as learning about human behaviour.

Currently, I am working as a data analyst in the Marketing division at Deakin University. I love being able to work with data and help inform decisions based on what I find. Working in Market research is so rewarding, you become an essential link between what consumers want and what businesses offer. I think of myself as being a type of translator, turning numbers into something meaningful that can make a difference. You need to be able to think critically, have a keen eye for detail, be able to work as part of a team and communicate effectively. It's a great career for someone who is naturally curious.

My love for science began with Miss Gabrielle Tolan!

She made science so much fun. Her enthusiasm and ability to explain really tricky concepts gave me the confidence to follow it right through to VCE where I studied biology, chemistry, maths methods and physics. Studying STEM gives you excellent transferable skills in reasoning, problem-solving, critical thinking and communicating complex information.

**Advice for Clonard students:** So many jobs available now were not even conceived of when I was at Clonard. The world changes so rapidly, which creates new opportunities that you can't necessarily plan for ahead of time. Having a good breadth of skills and being able to adapt those in different environments is really important. I believe having the right mindset and being resilient will get you further than a final grade can alone.

## Amanda LaBonte // Graduate Year: 1992

After graduating from Clonard I went to RMIT to study Business Law. This was after the advice from my parents and teachers to get something "sensible" behind me before I pursue my love of acting. I lasted 6 weeks and quit the course, just before the HECS cut-off thankfully. I spent the rest of the year working in a retail job, saving some money and doing a little bit of travel around Australia. I auditioned for drama courses in September of 1993 and started at Ballarat University in 1994, this time studying Performing Arts.

Currently, I am an actor in Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. I am in the ensemble, and understudy for the roles of Ginny Potter, Professor McGonnagal and Professor Umbridge. I also run an independent theatre company called Essential Theatre which has just completed its 18th year of touring Shakespeare to vineyards across Australia. And lastly, I am a proud mum of my two sons, they are 16 & 11.

Unfortunately, Drama wasn't offered in VCE way back then however I was lucky enough to have a brilliant English Literature teacher, Mrs Myers, who ignited my love of language and Shakespeare.

**Advice for Clonard students:** Follow your heart – your instincts are always right. And if you are not certain, take some time. I think there is a lot of pressure to know what you want very early on and to go to University. Tackling a degree is a huge commitment,



## Amanda LaBonte Career Profile

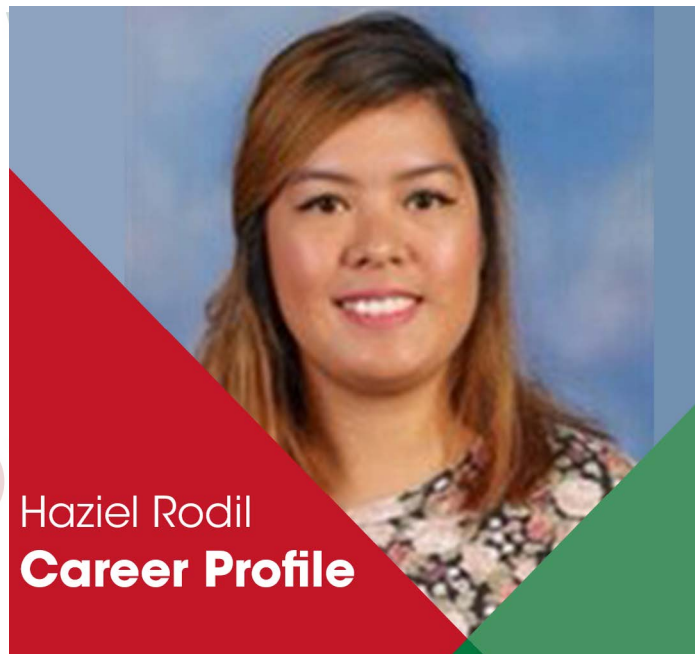
financially and personally, so I think it's best to wait until you really know what you want before taking on something. When you can combine your passion with your work it is incredibly rewarding and satisfying.



# Get involved

Nothing excites us more than finding out what our Old Collegians are up to!

Not only does it provide for chatter and pride amongst staff but the knowledge, wisdom and confidence that it imparts on our current students is not to be underestimated. We want to hear from you - no matter your experience, journey or employment sector. Visit the following link to register your interest and we will be in touch! <https://tinyurl.com/y5jdhsjj>



**Haziel Rodil // Graduate Year: 2010**

After Clonard I studied Chemistry and continued to study chemistry uAfter Clonard I went straight into university and commenced a Bachelor of Arts at Deakin, Waurn Ponds. Towards the end of my first year however, I decided that I really wanted to be a Psychologist, based on my enjoyment of the psychology subjects that I did. I transferred into a Bachelor of Psychology, completing this in 2014 which included an honours year. I then took a year off due to illness but when I got better, I applied for a Masters course in psychology, getting admitted after 3 attempts! Whilst studying my Masters, I landed a job as a teacher aide as I had experience as a disability support worker for a number of years during my studies. My Masters course didn't work out, unfortunately, as I realised I had more of a passion for the education field!

Currently, I am still working as a teacher aide. I am about to embark on some more study at Deakin, and this time I will be completing a mathematics major so that I can later enrol in a Master of Secondary teaching where I can work towards a qualification to teach both

psychology and maths. I've been reflecting on my time doing maths in high school and how much I enjoyed it, which has definitely helped me to arrive at the decision to pursue a pathway teaching mathematics.

**Advice for Clonard students:** Please don't put too much pressure on yourselves, especially in VCE if that's the pathway you're taking. Also, school can be very stressful towards the pointy end so please please please talk to someone you trust if you're feeling overwhelmed!

**Jess Gallagher // Graduate Year: 2007**

After Clonard I studied a Bachelor of Law/Arts at Deakin University but after my first year, I realised law wasn't my passion (despite absolutely loving VCE Legal Studies with Mr McCallum). I moved to Victoria University and began studying a Bachelor of Education, I even did one of my placements at Clonard! After graduating I spent a few years teaching in Victoria before I craved something different, packed up, and headed off to the Northern Territory in 2015. I spent 5 years as a teacher and principal in the remote community, Ampilatwatja.

I'm currently living in Darwin and completing a Master of Education in TESOL through Australian Catholic University. Next semester I'll be working in the DoE office as a Wellbeing & Behaviour Advisor. At Clonard, it wasn't so much the subjects, but rather the teachers and the experiences at Clonard that led me to where I am now. The opportunity to visit Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) in Year 9 certainly had a significant impact on my life, as did Megan Evans and Michelle Brodrick's passion for Indigenous Education.

**Advice for Clonard students:** Make the most of all that comes your way and truly cherish your Clonard years, you are so lucky to be a part of such a supportive and nurturing environment.



**Jess Gallagher  
Career Profile**

#NRW2020 Edition

**National Reconciliation Week message:** Always seek knowledge, educate yourself and get out there. Build relationships with your local co-op and share what you learn with your friends and family. Reconciliation is everyone's business. This week I encourage you to read Stan Grant, watch In My Blood It Runs, listen to Thelma Plum, follow Brooke Blurton, buy from Clothing the Gap and explore <https://ampilatwatja.com/>



# CLASS OF 2000

It's actually really hard to believe that I graduated from Clonard College 20 years ago! It honestly feels like yesterday. After graduation, I had no idea what I wanted to do or who I wanted to be. After completing Year 12 one thing I knew for sure, was that I didn't want to study again (or so I thought). I didn't apply for university for the following year. Instead, I worked part-time in a local retailer for 12 months and then took on a full-time role within the same organisation. I very quickly stepped up to a management role, managing one of the retail stores. I loved retail and meeting new people daily, which suited my personality (as Clonard teachers will remember me as the student who loved to talk).

I loved retail so much that I returned to the classroom as an adult learner to study a Certificate IV in Retail Management. This is where my passion for adult learning began! I went on to further my studies and complete a Diploma of Visual Merchandising at The Gordon TAFE. Upon completion of this course, I was given an opportunity to go on a student study tour to NEW YORK CITY! ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!! This is where my passion for travel began and it has taken me back to America many times since then. I continued to work full-time during my studies, and I put the skills I was learning in the classroom to practice in the workplace. Once I finished my VM diploma, I loved what I was doing, but I had an urge that I wanted to study again.

So I enrolled in Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. It was studying this course that I had a lightbulb moment. THIS IS IT! This is what I want to do! I want to be a Trainer and Assessor for adult learners. Once I completed this qualification, I landed a role at genU Training as one of the short course trainers. I can honestly say I love what I do! I meet new people, I talk all day long and I teach people new skills.

One of the short courses I train is 'Confidence In Me'. It's one of my favourites, as I help people overcome any confidence barriers they might be facing in their day-to-day lives. On the last day of the course, I love watching my class leave the classroom as I see them walk a little taller and smile a lot more. It completely fills my heart to witness the transformation of my adult learners. Life is a constant journey, not a destination. Fall asleep each night with a dream, wake with a purpose and live each day with intention.

**Yvonne Wells, Class of 2000**

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**CLASS OF 2000:**

Dianne Swindells, Alyda Van Ingen, Yvonne Roberts, Melanie Andonovski, Leah Eddy, Elizabeth Breen, Sherry Green, Allyson McKinlay, Amanda Brook, Melissa Donaldson, Daniela Pantano, Melissa Gubic, Greer Haintz & Arto



# ONE YEAR ON



## Maggie Evans // Class of 2019

After leaving Clonard, I intended on studying a Bachelor of Entertainment Business Management at University, however, I soon discovered that the course wasn't for me. I deferred from Uni with the intention to travel abroad and discover more about myself and the world after school. Unfortunately, due to Covid, I wasn't able to travel at all this year. I decided to work full time at a cafe, which I was soon offered management at. I plan on travelling soon, once it is allowed.

The transition from school has been less frightening than I imagined. I settled into both University and full-time work quite easily this year. The hardest part is probably friendships, as you don't see your friends daily at school anymore. It becomes a responsibility, in a sense, to maintain those friendships you formed and continue to grow them in your spare time.

Reflecting on my time at Clonard, without most of my teachers, and their advice, I don't know who or where I would be today. The staff at Clonard are amazing. They not only educate you on the subjects but teach you important life lessons.

**Hopes for the future:** Since leaving school, I have had many different career ideas, however, I have not found one that I love. In the near future, I hope to travel the world and engage with new cultures, and by doing that I will hopefully discover more about myself and where I belong.

## Racheal Nicholson // Class of 2019

After leaving Clonard I began applying for electrical apprenticeship positions. Currently, I am working as a first year apprentice at Engie and I'm enjoying it immensely! I am also renting out a house with two other people. I feel super grown up!

The transition from school to work has at times been very stressful. I've been slightly overwhelmed by all the changes that are going on in my life but with the help and support from my friends and largely my family, I believe I can do anything.

### Hopes for the future:

To become an A grade electrician and discover what I want to do for myself (work for myself, stay with a company).



## Chloe Virgona // Class of 2019

After leaving Clonard I applied and was successful in getting a job in the Hairdressing Industry. Currently, I am doing a three year apprenticeship at Impressions in Hair Highton and loving it.

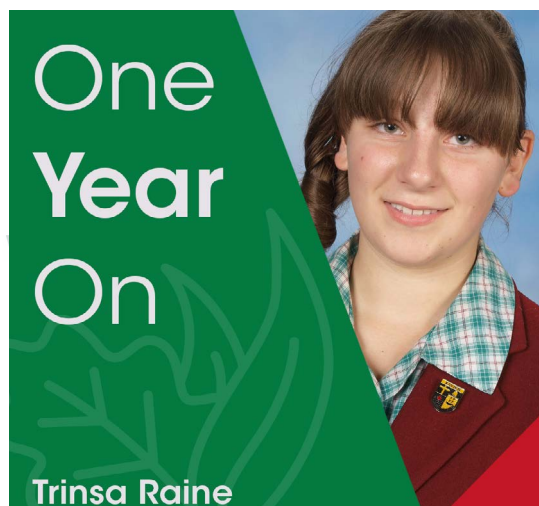
The transition from school to work was a bit stressful at first getting to know new things and changes but with the help of family and friends and my work colleagues they have made me feel so welcome and my work is like my second home. Doing VCAL and being able to do a work placement when I was at Clonard has helped me a lot as I had done a work placement in the Hairdressing Industry, so I was aware of what to expect.

### Hopes for the future:

To become a fully qualified hairdresser and expand on my knowledge and skills.



## Recently we caught up with the Class of 2019 to hear about what they have been up to since leaving Clonard.



### Trinsa Raine // Class of 2019

After leaving Clonard, I began my double degree in Law and Cyber Security at Deakin. Currently, I am working on starting my own small business, selling crocheted items and other handmade goods.

The transition from school to work and University has been bumpy. There are lots of challenges you face and learn to overcome with time. Having studied Legal Studies at Clonard helped with my Law studies and the leadership positions definitely helped with getting work and facilitating life in many aspects.

#### Hopes for the future:

To have my business up and running as a side hustle until I finish my degree and can get a position at the ADF working in Cyber Defence.

### Mez Filipovic // Class of 2019

After leaving Clonard I started working more hours at Woolworths and became a supervisor, as well as this I started studying full-time at Deakin in a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy.

The transition from school to work and University has been easy for me. I enjoyed Clonard a lot and will never forget the experiences and lessons it has given me and taught me. Every subject and class I participated in has had an impact but life out of high school is great and I am enjoying learning and growing as a person and being able to find who I am within and forming new friendships and bonds with people.

Hopes for the future: I hope I will be able to graduate as an OT and become one full time, as well as try and move up the ranks at my current job. Apart from my career, I hope to succeed in myself and grow as a person to become the best I can be.



### Mackenzie Abbey // Class of 2019

After leaving Clonard I took half a year off to work and save my money while still training in dance to be able to go dance professionally in America at both Universal Studios and Disneyland. Due to the situations last year, that dream was not possible, so halfway through 2020, I decided to apply for University. Due to my ATAR score, I was just short on getting into the course I wanted so I decided to pathway my way into University.

Currently, I am studying for a Diploma of Educational Studies at Australian Catholic University (ACU) but at the start of the year my transfer has been successful and I am officially enrolled in the Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education at ACU. The transition from school to work was relatively easy as I have been working through the years while being a student at Clonard. The transition from school to university for me was hard as I didn't have someone to help me to understand the ways of the University as we weren't allowed to go to the open days. This aside, all the classes and teachers were amazing and they helped with my studies a lot along the way.

#### Hopes for the future:

That I can graduate to become a Primary School teacher so that I can help children grow to the best of their abilities not only in their schooling but in their confidence and everyday life. Apart from my career, I would love to always be happy and healthy, doing the things I love, surrounded by the people who truly make my life special.

My time at Clonard was truly one that I will never forget. I have made so many memories and good friends that I still see every week not only from Clonard but from St Joseph's as well. The subjects that I chose at Clonard were subjects that I enjoyed and that I felt would help me in deciding what area I wanted to teach when I become a teacher in the future.



# CLASS OF 2010

My name is Lauren Hughes (Thompson), a graduate of Clonard's best class: 2010 - I am biased of course! Upon completing Year 12, I packed up my life, sadly leaving my family and friends, and have been on an adventure ever since!

Moving first from Torquay to the Northern Beaches of Sydney to study Contemporary Vocals, I completed one year of studies, not only learning how much I could achieve in my first year out of home but also finding a life partner along the way, my now husband of seven wonderful years.

I have moved many many times, including from Sydney to Noosa, Queensland in 2013 to help plant a church. After three sunny, hard working years in Noosa we moved back to Sydney so that my husband could complete his degree in Cinematography at AFTRS. During this time I spent 4 years working for Specsavers as an Optical Assistant, a fantastic company and a very rewarding career. We enjoyed our life in Sydney but the 'busyness' and fast pace always dominated our every move.

As the dream of adventure was still in our hearts, we decided to pack up and sell everything we owned, leaving Australia in May 2019 for Los Angeles. We spent three months fitting out a camper van and exploring California. We crossed the border to Canada in August 2019 and have embarked on the exciting journey of a Working Holiday Visa in Canada, basing ourselves in beautiful Banff.

Throughout this time we were extremely fortunate to travel to Toronto, Edinburgh in Scotland and Accra in Ghana to film a documentary for our church. Being able to travel the world and meet the most incredible people along the way has been such a highlight in my years since my schooling. I do believe being fortunate enough to take part in the French Trip to France through Clonard in 2008 began the journey of building confidence in myself and all important life experience.

I do tend to compare myself to others in my year level as perhaps I did not use my ATAR score as best as I could have (i.e I didn't use it at all). One thing I learned through my time at Clonard though, is that it is more about what is on the inside. You are championed to do what makes you happy, to lead a life that brings fulfilment and for all of us, happiness means different things. Clonard is a beautiful, safe place where you are always encouraged to be the best version of you that you can be. We are called to be women of 'kindness, strength and hope'. To be women who are caring, aware of others and making a difference in our world. People always tell you that your high school years are some of the best years of your life, and I absolutely do agree. There is a beautiful world out there, but more so there are incredible people you find along the way and it is the relationships you make that truly stay with you.

**Lauren Hughes, Class of 2010**









# CLASS OF 2010

It's been ten years since graduating from Clonard, and this year would have been our reunion- which I know many of the girls had pencilled into their calendar. Although our evening wasn't able to go ahead, I've been reflecting on the last decade and what I might 'cherry-pick' as a few moments that I'd highlight as the most special and exciting to share.

To begin, I've been working in Educational Leadership at Mernda Central P-12 College. My parents are both educators and being witness to the relentless volume of work they do, the last place I thought I'd find myself is teaching in a school. I genuinely love what I do, though I don't believe I ever intended on teaching- I suppose I just 'fell' into it. Working with young people is so fun, rewarding and entertaining... every day is different and every day goes unbelievably fast.

There is still a lot of travelling I'd love to do, namely- eating my way through Europe. I've been lucky enough to go snorkelling in the Great Barrier Reef and spend Christmas in New York. Visiting Mexico City however was one of the more notable experiences. A must-see is Diego Rivera's mural in The National Palace. If you look closely, you can spot Frida. I am certain Ms Davies will appreciate this, if my memories of VCE Studio Arts serve me correctly.

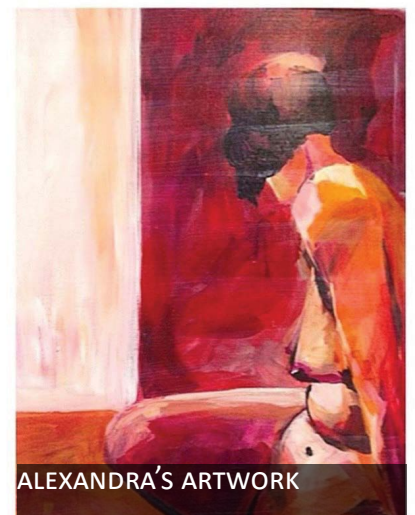
Painting is something I still enjoy from time to time, since Clonard. Although this is purely as a hobby and totally not to a professional 'people pay money for my art and put it in their home' standard.

Last year I married Bobby at St Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne. It was a stormy and humid Derby Day. We had a great big celebration with lots of dancing, family and food; I'm looking forward to defrosting the top tier of the cake in a few months' time (following anniversary traditions) as I don't recall trying a piece of it on the actual night!

Bobby was born in Macedonia, so we decided to incorporate elements of both of our families' traditions into our wedding (picture dancing in big circles and a seriously loud band).

Right now, I'm about 467 internet browser tabs, two spreadsheets and one slightly unrealistic Pinterest board into the renovation plans for our new home. I'm certain this will keep me very occupied over the next year or so, along with enjoying the company of my family, friends, and absolutely adorable nieces and nephew. Thank you for taking the time to read- from an old collegian.

**Alexandra Janceski, Class of 2010**



ALEXANDRA'S ARTWORK







# LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Welcome to the club of Old Collegians!

**Bree Gorman, Class of 1998**

I'm sure you will be awesome, you are a Clonard girl after all!

**Alexandra Janceski, Class of 2010**

I feel so lucky to still be a part of the Clonard community, and I hope that you will feel the same. Whenever I meet someone who also went to Clonard there is a sense of pride of being an Old Collegian, and we have great memories to share – no matter what year we graduated!

**Katherine Kvant, Class of 2013**

Rest assured your years at Clonard will hold you in good stead. The motto of "Strength and Kindliness" is admirable and should be pursued. More than 25 years on, I don't see my old high school friends very often. But I am proud of each one of them. Not because of their jobs or their academic pursuits but because of the people they have become.

They are people who care about people and the world we live in. I truly believe the environment of Clonard encouraged that behaviour and the pursuit of justice for all.

**Bryanna Borg, Class of 1993**

You have a world of opportunity ahead of you and I hope that you have learned the same values and skills that I am so grateful to have learned in my time at Clonard. Use them well.

**Katherine Rochfort, Class of 2007/2008**

Clonard has provided me with solid grounding. Moments that I reflect on as turning points in my self-awareness and confidence which have supported me through my career and home life. I hope that you can take away the same from your experience at Clonard.

**Chivonne Hollis, Class of 1996**

When you leave those gates for the final time, the most precious thing Clonard will have given you, the inestimable thing you will discover is not everybody has been gifted alongside their schooling is the lens of social justice and care for others you will find within yourself.

**Kate Wilson, Class of 2009**

The Clonard community and the Old Collegians are always there for you – to help when needed and where possible and to support you.

**Ilona Virag, Foundation student and Class of 1961**



The world is waiting and ready for another confident and capable Clonard Collegian!

**Amanda LaBonte, Class of 1992**

I know that all the years you have spent at Clonard will serve you in good stead as you strive for excellence in whatever lies ahead.

**Anna Korczynski, Class of 1997**

While you might look back in 10 years and think 'Why did we learn trigonometry? I am never going to use that!?', the values of strength and kindliness will stay with you forever.

**Bree Davis, Class of 2001**

I feel proud to be an Old Clonard Collegian and one day you will look back on this time and shake your head at how fast the years went and think of the memories and friends you made at Clonard.

**Deanna Zacek, Class of 1983**

I've realised in retrospect it's a privilege to be a Collegian and now I'm proud to be an Old Collegian.

**Jacquelyn Chantelle Higgins, Class of 2001**



During the lockdown of 2020, we reached out to our Old Collegian community to see if they were willing to show their support to the Class of 2020 as they returned to school in the weeks prior to exams. We were blown away by the outpouring of support and the many letters that arrived in our inboxes. Sharing the messages with this cohort made their return to school a positive one, knowing they were part of something much bigger - the Clonard community. **We thank YOU!**

From experience, you will never stray too far from the Clonard years. They will determine to a large extent the person you become. Among my best friends are the girls I met at Clonard. We spent our formative years at Clonard College, Geelong. We will wear this like a second skin to which much is added over the years.

**Mary Delaney, Class of 1964**

You will not realise this yet but your time at Clonard has given you a set of values that I think you will hold close as I have. I found the social justice aspect of Clonard has influenced what my values are today. It's about - how can we help right the injustices and help those in need. We - You can make a difference.

**Katarina Persic, Class of 1989**

I hope you will leave Clonard with many happy memories and friends you will keep forever. I feel lucky to say this was the case for me and whenever I hear our year 12 song "girls just wanna have fun" I smile and sing along.

**Rebecca Greaves, Class of 2001**

I've been able to reflect on how I came to work in a field that is challenging, murky, yet so damn rewarding. I've come to the conclusion that it was the support of Clonard which made me believe that I could achieve anything, be anything and recover from any challenges I faced.

**Kat Baulch, Class of 1999**

The Clonard motto "Fortiter Et Suaviter" is something that has stayed with me in my life through adversity and encouraged me to strive for what I want to achieve.

**Jody Smith, Class of 1989**



One of the best things about being an Old Collegian is that even after high school, you will always belong to a community of strong women. I'm proud to be a part of a community that has amazing women like yourself.

**Sarah Firth, Class of 2007**

Clonard is a truly remarkable place, and a community that you will always belong to no matter how many years it has been since you graduated.

**Rosa Napoli, Class of 2011**

Eight years on, I still hold the memories that I have of my time at Clonard close to my heart.

**Tayla Fitzsimmons, Class of 2012**

I am a foundation student of Clonard, way back in 1956. I was never a top student, never the best sporting student, but quiet in manner and personality. Clonard taught me to try, to try my best no matter what and I still do.

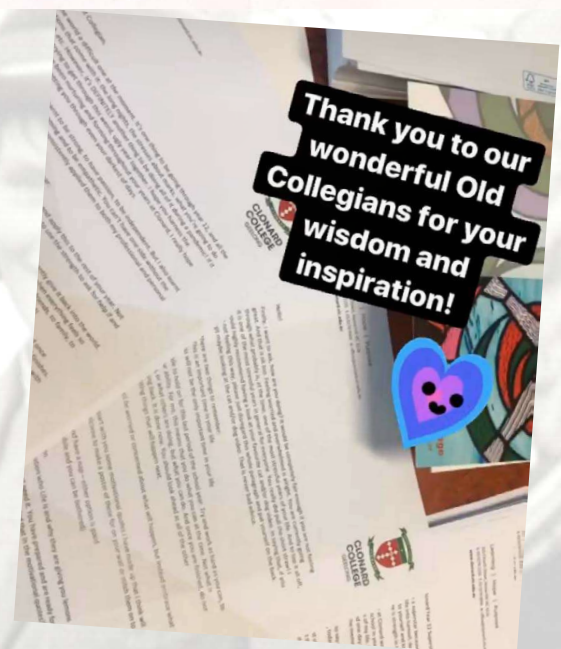
**Carlene Bolden, Foundation student**

My fellow Old Collegians are with you every step of the way. We always will be here if you need us. If you ever need to reach out we will happily assist you and you will be surprised how many of us you come across throughout your journey.

**Sheryne Price, Class of 2002**

During my time at Clonard, I learnt to be strong, to have passion, to be independent. But I also learnt that I need to be kind, to be welcoming and to be empathetic. I have taken these values and consistently applied them to both my professional and personal lives.

**Ellen Carter, Class of 2012**





# CLASS OF 2010

My name is Stephanie Simpson, College Co-captain and graduate of Clonard College in 2010. I chose to move straight into university to study a Bachelor of Nursing & Applied Science (majoring in Psychology) at Deakin, only to find that I was not enjoying the psychology side of my degree. After a bit of mucking around sorting out the subjects that I needed to complete, I finally graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing, and through a brutal application process, landed myself a Graduate position at Werribee Mercy Hospital.

I worked there for 10 months and left early to accept a position at St John of God Hospital, in Geelong, where I was born! I am currently working in the Emergency Department, which is challenging me every day. I think the ED and I are a perfect fit. I always aspire to work with 'strength and kindness' when I am caring for the most vulnerable. I am extremely proud of what I do when I am at work, and I am blessed to work with some true angels.

When I was 21, I got engaged to a farmer (who wanted a wife) and lived on a big farm just out of Geelong. I loved the sheep, my motorbike and my gumboots, but before the big day, I decided to trade him in for a puppy! Samba is now 2 years old and a very spoilt girl.

I have been lucky enough to travel to some beautiful places in Australia and overseas since graduation. I followed my siblings, Ali (2016 Clonard graduate) and Jesse, to Blackpool for the world's greatest Ballroom & Latin dance competition, then toured London and Paris. I have been to Thailand and Singapore which is one of the most beautiful places ever! Our family has a strong love for dance, and throughout my nursing career I have taught many 'first-dance' routines for couples getting married, and I still teach the occasional Debutante Ball. They are so much fun!

After a few big life changes, I am happy with where I am, but I am always striving to be better. I am currently planning to build my own home (and finally move out of mum and dad's house... again!) and perhaps go back to university to study something else! Since Clonard I have learned that I need to sprinkle my life with things I love, and they are my family, friends, Samba, CrossFit, painting, and eating out! We all need outlets to relieve the stressors we put into our bucket so that we don't spill over. Stay strong, stay kind, and enjoy the journey!

**Stephanie Simpson, College CO-Captain and Class of 2010.**















# IN THE MEDIA

**FEEL GOOD FRIDAY** // What an uplifting news story filled with perseverance and resilience from two of our 1989 Old Collegians, Bridgette Henderson and Vikki McCoy.

Bridgette is the 'Have a Go Hero' for her work in establishing the **Shane O'Brien Memorial Asthma Foundation** nearly 20 years ago and raising much need funds and awareness around asthma.

Well done Bridgette and Vikki, a fitting reward for all you have done in our community!



Dynamic duo - Old Collegian, Samantha Taylor from the class of 2015, has joined forces with @platformartsgeelong. Her latest body of work 'Diaspora' brings to life Sam's research and reflection of her transcultural identity and is due to open in October under the curation of Amber Smith from the class of 2009.



Thinking of others in our community during these difficult times shows great compassion and empathy.

Thank you, Old Collegian Montana Mee for doing just that.



Teneille, one of our Old Collegians hanging out at Channel 9 today as part of the push to see more females in trades. Just another Clonard girl who can!

## From a kick with bro to going pro

**DAMIEN RACTLIFF**  
AFLW

**DANIELLE** Orr, one of Geelong's latest AFLW recruits, says the decision to switch from netball to football was one of her biggest and riskiest life decisions.

The sister of North Melbourne star Shaun Higgins, Orr crossed codes at the start of last year, giving up representative level netball to try out for Geelong's VFLW team.

Not only did she make the cut, but 28-year-old proved to be one of the Cats' most damaging forwards, booting 14 goals in nine games.

Growing up kicking the footy with her brother who always seemed destined for AFL ranks, it seems only natural she is at the elite level.

"Before Dad would get home from work, Shaun would always bug me to go out the front and kick the footy with him," she said.

"Shaun and I are only two years apart, so we're the closest in age, so he'd get me out the front and want to kick the footy."

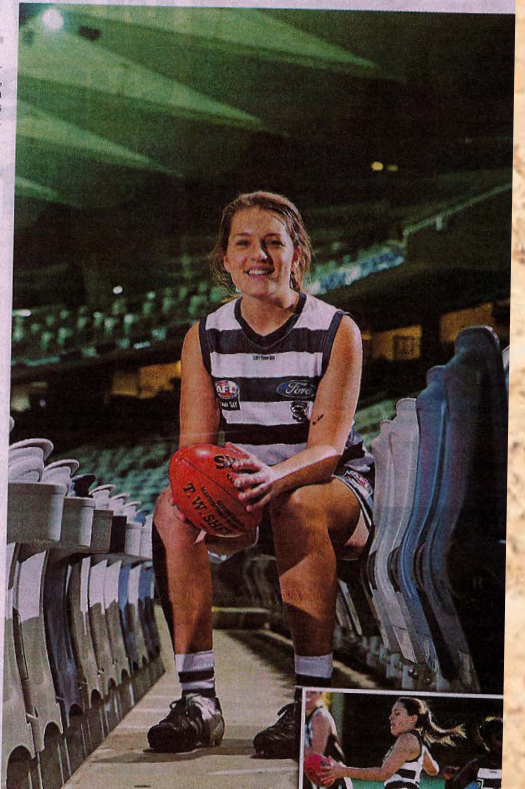
"That's probably where my first love came from."

"Once I got down here at Geelong, they've just been amazing. The facilities and how much I've learnt, I fell in love with footy even more and I suppose from there, when Geelong got the (AFL) licence, I thought, 'Why not, I may as well give myself the best chance to play well this year and see what happens.'"

It was a women's football talent ID day at the end of 2016 that piqued Orr's interest and it did not take long for her friends and family to encourage her to give it a go.

"My husband was probably the one getting behind me to have a go, because him and the rest of my family just know how much I love footy," she said.

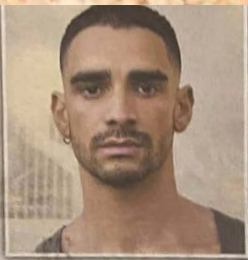
"Even a lot of my netball friends, when they saw Geelong was getting a team in the AFLW, they were like, 'You should go.'"



"It's probably one of the biggest decisions I've had to make. I've always loved footy and I just thought it was more the fact that I made sure I really loved it."

**PERFECT MATCH:** Danielle Orr's decision to swap netball for footy has paid off. **INSET:** In action for Geelong.





## LOCAL TRIO CAST IN HAMILTON

OLIVIA SHYING,  
ELIZABETH FORTESCUE

A FORMER St Joseph's student has landed one of the most coveted roles in theatre, being named in the Australian production of the smash hit Broadway musical Hamilton.

Newtown native Lyndon Watts will play the key role of Aaron Burr, alongside Geelong-born Kyla Bartholomeusz and GSODA's Kinky Boots star Winston Hillyer who have been named in the ensemble of a notably diverse cast for the Sydney production, due to open next year. Excited Watts tweeted: "Yo so this wasn't a dream" with hashtags including #aaronburr.

Sydney producer Michael Cassel announced the full cast of the premiere Australian production of the award-winning musical on Monday.

The theatre sensation focuses on the founding fathers of America who are played by non-white actors.

Written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, the Pulitzer Prize and Tony award-winning production is known for its rap, soul and R&B score.

Bartholomeusz wrote on social media that her "absolute dreams have come true".



Geelong's Kyla Bartholomeusz (top left) and Winston Hillyer (below) are set to star in Hamilton. Pictures: BOB BARKER, DAVID SMITH



of Hamilton, with Chloe Zuel to play Eliza Hamilton, Akina Edmonds as Angelica Schuyler and Matu Ngaropo to be George Washington. Brent Hill has been cast as King George III. Hamilton opens at the Sydney Lyric on March 17 next year.

"This year has been absolutely insane ... but becoming an original cast member of Hamilton Australia would have to be the most insane magic so far," Bartholomeusz wrote.

"My absolute dreams have come true and I cannot wait to bring this phenomenal masterpiece to life for Australia audiences."

"I'll never get over it. I'm still in shock. I am beyond grateful."

Bartholomeusz toured Australia with the Dirty Dancing cast for 12 months in 2015, taking on several roles in the ensemble cast.

In a 2016 interview with the Geelong Advertiser, Bartholomeusz credited her success to dancing at Geelong's Parallax Dance Company, which she said gave her the courage to undertake a two-year course at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance.

Hillyer played Lola in the 2019 GSODA production of the Tony award-winning musical Kinky Boots.

Hillyer also raved about his Hamilton role. "Amazing to be a part of this," he posted on social media. Jason Arrow will take the lead role

Congratulations to Old Collegians, Kelsey and Tarryn Love who are part of the Platform Arts LAB program! They are proud Gunditjmara Keeray Woorroong women from Western Victoria. Their work is about journey, family and spirit in their traditional dialect and is absolutely stunning. Tarryn's Dreaming designs are also featured in the stained glass windows in Brigid's chapel at Clonard. Stay tuned to Platform Arts to see what they are up to.



Shout out to our health heroes - Russeen Norman, Class of 2001 playing a pivotal role in Geelong's response to COVID-19. We thank Russeen, for being front and centre to ensure our community is safe. Her strength and kindness is shining during the most challenging of times!



It's not the first time Old Collegian, Morgan Jamieson has featured on GT's cover and we're sure it won't be the last. Great insight to Morgan's journey as an artist and where she is headed, good things on the horizon! #clonardcollege #oldcollegian



## Mindfully individual

Jae Allen's latest exhibition captures the colourful and unique celebration of gender nonconformity through her provocative paintings, writes ABBEY KING



Artist Jae Allen, known as myheadsajungle, and her pomeranian Bonsai. Photography: Peter Foster

HAVE you ever stumbled across an image or a sentence on a wall in the street that has really stopped you in your tracks, made you think and maybe even forced you to take a sneaky photo?

Local artist Jae Allen, better known by her creative name myheadsajungle, depicts not only powerful imagery in her art but also thought-provoking wording.

Her works can be seen as permanent fixtures on walls all over Geelong, including murals at Geelong West cafe Box Office, Little Creatures Brewery and the city's Piano Bar.

She is a campaigner of human and equal rights for all and often uses her art as a way of addressing issues of social justice.

Jae's favourite part about producing art is watching people react. She says she will always value the responses of her family, friends and peers but she experiences an entirely different kind of rush when a piece of art resonates with a stranger based on what they see in front of them, not because of the person behind it.

"It's a different sense of satisfaction to get

the attention of somebody just walking along who bothers to stop and take a photo," admits the South Geelong artist.

"Just makes it a little more real for me." Myheadsajungle's latest exhibition, Kiss My Glass, opened at Little Creatures Brewery last Sunday and is on display for the whole month.

It is a combination of large image pieces and smaller text pieces, all painted on glass. The collection is largely inspired by gender nonconformity in the form of drag queens. She was particularly influenced by work of local performers and Piano Bar colleagues, Art Simone and Philma Bocks. "I have made a conscious effort to look around and be inspired by what's in front of me," she explains.

"Coincidentally, the drag queens fell in my lap and it was like some sort of epiphany for me. The thought of turning yourself into a human canvas makes my head spin and I am in complete awe of them all."

From an outsider's perspective, Jae says her collection may appear to be simply about drag queens, but for her it's about expression - the



## Brooke Williams



Brooke Williams has a goal in life, to change the image of a cardiac patient from that of an overweight person who doesn't look after themselves, to the reality - which is heart disease in its many forms can affect anyone at any time.

Brooke was one of these people - a carefree 28-year-old fitness instructor and PE teacher, with a passion for highly competitive running. She was training for an elite 10,000 metre national running championship - when she collapsed.

After a series of tests Brooke found out she suffered from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), a thickening of the heart walls. The walls between the chambers were so thick blood could not pass through. This is a condition that affects approximately 1 in 500 people however there are many patients still undiagnosed.

"It really turned my life upside down. All my life and social circle was centered around competitive sport. I had to change the way I saw myself and had to approach things in a completely different way. Initially, I really struggled to see another future for myself. The stress, uncertainty and lack of confidence in your own body, can be paralysing. Without the confidence that research into HCM and exercise gave me, I would be in a dark place not knowing what the outcome would be for me."

**"If it wasn't for research... I would be in a dark place not knowing what the outcome would be for me."**

"I am now inspired to get the message out there about Heart Disease. Get your heart checked every 2-3 years. Know the signs and be informed and proactive. Because I think it's better to know, then you are able to manage your condition and prevent catastrophic events from happening."

Brooke came to our attention when, in the middle of Victoria's first lockdown period, she organised a Virtual Fun Run to raise money for Heart Research Australia. Not only did she want to fund research, but also to raise awareness of heart disease and to help get Australians moving through the first wave of COVID-19. She created a virtual event encouraging people to run (or walk) 5km in May and to donate \$20 or more to Heart Research Australia. Participants uploaded their donation confirmation and data of their run to the Facebook event page. With the help of her mother-in-law she also hand made some beautiful medals for the successful participants.

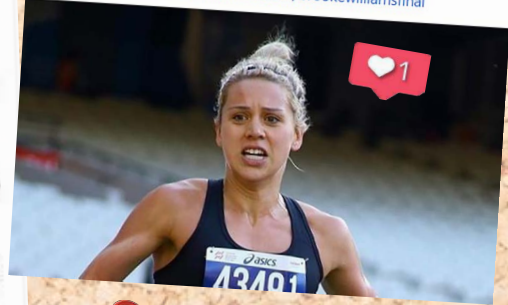
Brooke says her experience has taught her to focus on what really matters in life - to be grateful for everything, especially for what her body can do. Brooke and her husband are soon to welcome their first child - so we wish them all the best and we are so grateful for her fundraising efforts which raised \$906 towards life-saving heart research.



If you're looking for something to do this afternoon, get on to this Podcast - The Hidden Athlete, Ep. 78 featuring Old Collegian, Brooke Williams.

Brooke demonstrates so many of the qualities we strive for at Clonard: the determined pursuit of a dream, the ability to be open and seize opportunity, strength and resilience in the face of adversity, and includes a little mention of Brooke's Year 7 Cross Country run. An amazing story. Thanks for sharing, Brooke.

Listen to it via this link or on your podcast app.  
<https://www.speaker.com/.../thehidden.../brookewilliamsfinal>



## BOLD BEAUTY VISION

AN EXPANSION AT ITS PROMINENT GEELONG LOCATION IS JUST THE LATEST STEP IN A MAJOR GROWTH PERIOD FOR THE AESTHETIC SKIN CLINIC, WRITES JEMMA RYAN



etheric Skin Clinic in Geelong, which has recently expanded to two shopfronts on central Geelong's busy Malop Street.

MADISON Temelkovsky was just 24 when she opened The Aesthetic Skin Clinic.

She signed a lease to a large central Geelong location, just down from Westfield, with only herself, and the self belief that she could fill the empty rooms with loyal clients and a team of her own.

From the first day she opened doors, appointments were booked out a month in advance - a trend that has remained even with increased staff and appointment availability. Almost four years later, she has expanded to two Malop Street shopfronts, and double the floor space, to try and keep up with demand.

There are now 30 treatment rooms, up from six, and a vision to grow the highly motivated and educated team from 12 to 15 by year's end.

"I love helping women feel good about themselves and I love the challenges that having a business brings - that is what motivates me," says Maddison, who signed the lease on the additional space the same day COVID-19 forced the industry to close.

It took almost the entire shutdown period to complete the renovations, which saw the clinic expand into the neighbouring space, formally occupied by retail store Hutch.

"It was a bit of a blessing in disguise that we were closed and we got to renovate," the 28-year-old mum-of-one says. "For the past 12 months we've known we wanted to expand but we loved the location and the landlords are amazing so when Hutch became available it was perfect."

Born and bred in Geelong, Maddison has a decade of experience in the industry and spent her weekends while in year 12 gaining experience at a Melbourne clinic before commencing her formal training after leaving school. Of all the elements included in the course, it was the skin components she connected with most.

"I just really loved the skin side of it," she says. "I suffered from break outs when I was younger and had really bad skin - that's why I had that passion for it because I had that experience myself."

It was Maddison's own introduction to medical grade skin care that finally saw her achieve some results, and planted the seed for starting her own clinic one day.

"When I found everything else I was using wasn't medical grade, I started to learn more around that side of things," she says. "That is where I thought: this is what I want to do and I want to start helping girls through this industry."

Maddison spent six years working for renowned clinics in Melbourne before returning to Geelong to expand her skill set alongside a

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**BREE GORMAN (Manifold Heights)**  
294 runs at 49, 18 wickets at 7.1  
EXPERIENCED and smart, only three times did the Sharks skipper score less than 23 and only twice did she go wicketless. A driving force in Manifold Heights' run to the semi-finals, Gorman (left) has long been respected as one of the best cricketers in Geelong. She finished second on the wicket tally and with a better strike rate and average than anybody else.



## GREAT SCOT! THIS IS THE NAME SWANS STAR

THE career of South Barwon netball product Ellen Doyle continues to go from strength to strength after the 20-year-old was recently named in the Scotland A squad for the 2020/21 season.

Doyle (pictured), whose mother was born in Scotland, holds a dual passport, which qualifies her to play for the Thistles.

The versatile young gun had been preparing to fly to Scotland to play for the Strathclyde Sirens earlier in the year - where she was also due to trial for the Scottish under-21 side ahead of the Youth World Cup - before COVID-19 robbed her of a chance to impress selectors.

But her form and record was enough to sway the decision-makers to give her a shot in the senior program, and Doyle said she was delighted to be heading back.

"One of the coaches for the Strathclyde Sirens had seen some footage from my VNL games and found out I had won the VPL in the under-19s," Doyle said.

"She found out about my background from some people she knew that I was eligible and then she got her team onto me to see if I was interested."

"I went over last January to have a bit of a look and get a feel for things and from there I was going to be playing in the

**Lachie YOUNG**  
South Barwon Netball Club

Scotland under-26 team, which fell through because of COVID, but then this came about."

"I found out on Monday and it was a bit hard because the other girls found out earlier with the time difference, but I woke up to a bunch of messages, which was pretty exciting."

Doyle will retain her right to play for Australia if she is good enough to forge her way into the Diamonds program in the years ahead, even if she does come to represent Scotland.

But she said the opportunity to learn from international standard players in a professional environment was simply too good to pass up.

"It is a bit of a waiting game right now because they are in lockdown at the moment, so whenever I can head over there I will," she said.

"I will do a few of the camps and then they will select 12 or 14 girls for the World Cup squad. If I get into that squad I will head back over before then."

But Victoria is such a talented state, and in Australia it is so hard to get into some of those teams, so this pathway

will let me get to that next level and will give me some new opportunities back here.

"We will be linking up with the England World Cup team as well, so it will be good to be training with people who are so experienced and so talented. Even if I don't get into the World Cup team, being so young, it is just a massive learning curve and will be such a good experience."

Doyle, who works as an education support teacher, will once again front up for the Swans in 2021, as well as the Geelong Cougars in the Victorian Netball League.

There remains a chance she will also earn higher representative honours next year in the Australian Netball League with the VIC Fury side.

It comes after a year without any netball, but Doyle said she had made the most of the time away from the game.

"I have really enjoyed this year," she said. "I have missed netball a lot but I have also had a lot of time to work on myself and get my fitness up to the best level it can be."

"Sometimes you don't really get time to yourself with netball because it is so busy during the season. Having this year off has been a blessing. I couldn't be more ready for the 2021 season with club netball, VNL, and the other opportunities that will arise."



This is just the beginning for Emily, who hopes to continue to develop her art and aspires to hold her own exhibition and have the opportunity to collaborate with other creatives.

For now, she is enjoying where life and her brush is taking her.

"Being a creative person means that your days are never boring and there is always something new and exciting happening," she says.

"What I truly love most is that design and art has the potential to bring a little bit of joy to another person's life and that's a super special thing to be able to do."

"I feel grateful that something I enjoy doing can also bring happiness to another person as well."

Follow Emily on Instagram @emily\_grace\_creative or visit her website at emilygracecreative.com  
Potential stockists can email Emily at emilygracecreative@gmail.com



Emily Anderson will her vibrant artworks.  
Photo: Jake Langenegger Photography



## Harris in sight of gold bid

ALEX OATES

KRISTY Harris's hopes of world championship glory have received a timely shot in the arm, with the Geelong boxer dominating in Europe.

A four-time Australian boxing champion, Harris again proved her worth on the global stage, collecting gold and bronze medals in back-to-back tournaments.

The 25-year-old will now go to the worlds in India with supreme confidence, having claimed gold at the world title qualifiers in Perth in July.

"The whole trip was a vital part of the preparation for the worlds," Harris said.

"I had five quality fights against international boxers, which made me even more excited and determined for the world championships."

"As soon as the tournament was over I was looking forward to getting back in the ring."

"The worlds are five weeks away, so I'll head home for a few days before going back to Canberra for the last block of training at the AIS, where we will be joined by the Philippines national team."

Self-funded, she flew to Europe for two warm-up tournaments.

She opened her campaign



WORLDS NEXT: Geelong's Kristy Harris, (centre) with Australian boxing coach Wayne Tolton and Queensland coach Lukas Wlaschek.

in Istanbul, Turkey, where she competed in the International Ahmet Comert Tournament.

Fighting in the 54kg division, Harris copped a "walk-over" in the opening bout, disrupting her preparation.

"It was really aggravating," she said.

"They didn't tell us until I literally went to walk out. I had been warming up and mentally preparing, and then was a delay and we just hung out in the entrance."

"Then we were told 20-30 minutes later that she had

hurt her arm. I was very frustrated, but I did a session on the pads with my coach, hit the sauna and focused on the next bout."

Harris was quick to put the problems behind her, dispatching her Russian opponent in the quarter-finals, before going down in the semi-final to Indian Kumari Devi Maisnam.

Collecting bronze, Harris also won the "most courageous" award, providing her with a confidence boost before the final tournament in Spain.

After 10 days of training in the lead-up, she battled a familiar face in Hungary's Szucs Szabina in the opening round.

"I noticed her name and I thought I'd boxed her before," Harris said.

"So I checked my record and I found a video of our last fight 12 months ago, so I knew what I was up against."

"I beat her back then and I beat her this time, too, putting me into the semis."

Harris wasted no time against Spain's Marina Carrasco Cortes, with the referee

stopping the contest at the 2min 55sec mark of Round 1.

"I put three eight-counts on her and after the third one the ref called it off," she said.

"I hit her with some over-hand rights that put her on the ropes a few times."

With a gold medal in sight, Harris battled American Christina Cruz in the final, recording a split-points decision win.

"After the disappointment in Turkey, I was absolutely stoked to have a good tournament in Spain," she said.

Today's GT mag features Old Collegian, Anna Gwyn from the Class of 2007. The article writes of Anna's work, study, family and ongoing love of art. Anna's artwork is available just around the corner from Clonard at Soft Cafe and other stockists in Victoria.



MUSIC TO SOOTH: Organiser Jasmine Chivers says all proceeds from the bushfire fundraiser at Beav's Bar will go to the Red Cross. Picture: GLENN FERGUSON

## BEAVS RAISES BAR FOR FIRE VICTIMS

LOCAL musicians will unite to raise money for communities devastated by this summer's bushfires.

Organiser Jasmine Chivers said all proceeds from the event, held on Sunday, would be donated to the Red Cross.

"Our beautiful country has been on fire and it's going to take everyone's help to fight," Ms Chivers said.

"The devastating fires all around Australia have been affecting everyone in one way or another, we at Beav's Bar are doing our bit to help."

Beav's Bushfire Benefit will include live music, raffle and a sausage sizzle.

Musicians including Smalltalk, Jebediah Costin and Dave Anderson will perform from 3pm. Tickets are \$10.



# FAREWELL

## CHRISTINE GRIGG

Chris has a very long career at Clonard to celebrate, having notched up 37 years as a teacher of Health, PE and RE. After Chris migrated to Geelong she found work here at Clonard, teaching Health and PE. Many students over many years remember Chris fondly as a teacher who worked hard to get them physically active but who cared about their wellbeing before it was so fashionable to do so.

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If you're an Old Collegian, former staff member or parent of a student sometime in the last 36 years you would have most definitely met Chris Grigg. Chris has taught at Clonard since 1983 and despite celebrating a very significant birthday this week, Chris shows no signs of slowing down. We want to acknowledge Chris' contribution, dedication and joy towards her work. We know her influence is significant and far-reaching but impossible to summarise in just a few sentences. Thank you, Chris, and enjoy your special birthday x



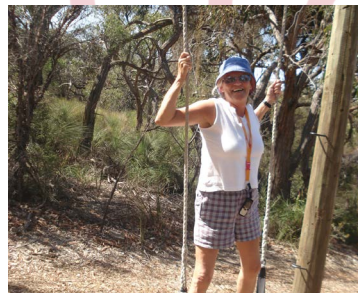
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62 Comments 3 shares



Her students also remember her as a legendary Year 7 homeroom teacher who always encouraged them to take responsibility for their actions and for their learning and to take leadership in the classroom.

Chris was also instrumental and central to our involvement in many, many inter-school sporting teams, while she has also led and supported the house sporting activities as well.



Some years ago, Chris introduced the subject SportsFun to years 9 and 10 and, over the years, many students have benefitted from teaching team sport to primary school students- most often at Hamlyn Banks Primary. This was a most successful program and a great way for Clonard to be represented in the local community.

We have so much to be thankful for having Chris as such a vibrant and valued member of our community and we wish her well in her well-deserved retirement.







## RITVA FAZIO

We say a sad goodbye to Ritva who retires this year after an impressive 30 years of dedicated service to Clonard. Ritva came to us as a laboratory technician from CSIRO and quickly settled to getting our Science labs in order and preparing experiments with teachers. Ritva has also had extensive experience documenting and managing our hazardous materials registers and more generally in OH&S.

We have benefited so much from her knowledge, her attention to detail and from her care for the labs and of the students and teachers she has worked with. What you may not know is that the very magazine you are reading now was produced by her in the 1990s.

Many editions of Reflections exist as a record of her hard work with groups of students to produce a thorough and creative record of the highlights of the Clonard year. We thank you for that Ritva and for all the other things you have done to support our science and environmental programs at Clonard over these 30 years: we already feel your absence from the labs and from the staffroom. We wish you well and good health in your retirement.



## LILLIAN SPRAGUE

Lil has been with us teaching Art, Humanities and RE since part way through 2010 and, unfortunately for us, she resigned earlier this year to take up a job in a Melbourne school. We will remember her for her laugh, her great smile, her stylishness and for the passion she brought to her work and to her relationships.

Being a practising artist, Lil also brought that artistic flair and experience to her work with students and with staff and for that we are very grateful- her version of the oak tree that is on the graduate outcomes posters in the school is a ready testament to her art and her skill. Thank you Lil and we wish you all the best with your continuing career.



## STEFANIE KUNOVIC

After taking a year's leave to explore another career area, Stef has indicated that she will not be returning to Clonard. We are really disappointed for us but very happy for her having a new career direction to pursue. Stef started work at Clonard in 2014 as a beginning teacher, employed to teach Art and RE. Despite being new to teaching, Stef soon showed students and the staff who worked with her that she was assured, knowledgeable and good at teaching.

Her students will remember her for her interest in them, their learning and their wellbeing but they will also remember her interest in all things style- buildings, fashion, design and people. Stef proved herself a very capable visual Arts and RE teacher but she also proved to be an impressive wellbeing teacher, sensitively guiding and supporting the students in her care. She leaves a significant gap to fill at Clonard and we wish her all success on this new page of her working life.





# OLD COLLEGIAN EVENTS

Despite the year that was, we were still able to host two fantastic Old Collegian events. In March, before COVID hit we hosted an International Women's Day High Tea and in the midst of Victoria's lockdown, our College Captains reached out to some Old Collegians who were able to host online workshops with our entire Student Leadership Team.

## International Women's Day

[www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)



Friday 6th March 2020  
2.00pm - 3.30pm  
Nagle Room at Clonard College

Theme for 2020 is #eachforequal / An equal world is an enabled world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day. We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements.



### Guest Speaker – Julie Whelan

— Julie is a member of the Clonard Alumni having attended the College and gone on to a career in teaching. Julie is a past Assistant Principal of Clonard but also has a strong alliance with the people of East Timor and continues her commitment to building an equal world through her volunteer commitments. Julie speaks with warmth and humour and has a passion for building equality through education and opportunity.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY HIGH TEA

High Tea where we had the privilege of being joined by Old Collegian and past Assistant Principal, Julie Whelan and Old Collegian and past College Captain, Laura Thistlethwaite.

Julie and Laura have a strong alliance with the people of East Timor after both visiting during their time at Clonard. Their continued commitment to building an equal world through volunteer commitments is an inspiration to us all. Their efforts, especially in ensuring education for young girls through their work in Timor Leste, are the foundation for creating gender equality.

## Student Leader Workshop

Hosted by your College Captains, Jordan & Saskia.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

In unusual conditions, our College Captains were able to prepare an engaging workshop with a focus on the development of leadership skills and qualities, with the assistance of seven guest speakers who also double as Clonard Old Collegians. We thank them for their generosity, willingness and wisdom.

During the workshops, one of the common themes discussed was the uncertainty of what to do post-school but the experience of trying different things is what guided them to their place and passion. Keynote speaker, Emma Day was quick to point out that although her journey since Clonard sounds like one success after another it is better summarised as an undulating set of hills with those successful moments punctuated by uncertainties and rejections.



**Keynote Speaker:**  
Emma Day, Class of 2009



**Dr Katrina Neville**  
Class of 1999



**Amber Smith**  
Class of 2009



**Cecily Jones**  
Class of 2008



**Sheryne Price**  
Class of 2002



**Laura Burge**  
Class of 2001



**Liv Penning**  
Class of 2017



# VALE

We take this opportunity to remember the Old Collegians who have recently passed and send strength and kindness to their friends and families.

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and  
let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

Colleen Carroll nee Tuddenham, Class of 1962  
Tamsyn Botha, Class of 2012

We recognise that this list may not be accurate and ask if you have any information to pass on to us from 2020 or prior, please do: [community@clonard.vic.edu.au](mailto:community@clonard.vic.edu.au)

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

2021 will mark our 65th anniversary!

In celebrating this milestone we are pleased to announce a part-time archivist will begin at the College.

Our history is your stories and it is ever so important this rich history is preserved for the generations to come. If you have photos, memorabilia, or stories that you are able to share with us, please get in touch: [community@clonard.vic.edu.au](mailto:community@clonard.vic.edu.au)



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Row 7: Jemma Monks Olivia Santospirito Katie Gdak Jessica Vanjek Isabella Georgievski Mikayla Javni Chloe Senkans Mackenzie Mielczarek Bianca Javni Maddison McKiernan Keira Marsh  
 Phoebe Pearson Bronte Rapp Phoebe Inei Mia Johns  
 Row 6: Eliza Fitzpatrick Alisia Franc Madeline Mrak Ebony Richards Bronte Bravo Nicolette Polyzos Zoe Jones Amika Nelson Alice McLaren Jade Hansen Yasmin Spiranovic Eliza Neyenhuis  
 Cassidy Wright Eliza Sharkey Maddison Daniel  
 Row 5: Laura Evans Sophie Norrie Annie Klein Phoebe Stojcevski Mackenzie Hobbs Gemma Arbutnot Laney O'Toole Kiah Vanderlei Tahlia Wineera Chloe Grcic Monica Turcinov Jordan Gasparini  
 Baylie Keogh Charli Brown Ruby McCallum Georgina Walker Talia Lombardo Jessica Evans  
 Row 4: Shaylee Pizaro Emma Wolfe Alicia McLean Tia McEwan Holly Thistlethwaite Grace Perin-Symons Shania Romeyn Sarah Debono Tara Barnett Annabelle Duyvestyn Marcel Bone  
 Marcelle Puelleine Abigail Albers Krystal Phillipson Mackenzie Chapman Ella Dillon Jemima Torres Emily Stewart Hannah Berry Miriam Khodary-Jago Chloe Graham  
 Row 3: Indiana Cavic Angelique Shields Kirsten Bradaric Sidney Hoi Ashley Hanrahan Ellie Payne Taylan Bourke Isabella Rosa Emma Spasevski Megan Withers Kasey Naylon Olivia Illes  
 Chelsea Daniel Meagan Forder Arlie Jeffreys Emily Vacirca Isabella Rose Leilani Aurisch Miyah Daglas Taj Anskattis Madisen Palicko Sydney Green  
 Row 2: Sophie Iannuzzi Rhannon Jones Abbey Closter Yu-Shin Tan Sophie Minner Bri Apma Hayes Jessica Ritchie Lexi Brown Alicia Caccamo Tess Russell Emma Van Der Meer Neva Ivanciv  
 Elizabeth Gizzie Amy Meade Philippa Taylor Holly Nicholson Brianna Rydberg Indiana Woolard Ellis Vamplew Eylia Samon  
 Front Row: Meghan Daniels Anita Trifiletti Sophie Boland Brooke Parsons Grace Wright-Janocha Georgia Walker Emily Papp Jordan Chisholm Saskia Frake Mina Ramzi Emily Dolder Alleyson Pante  
 Olivia Lodge Alexandra McKenna Breanna Bosevski Santina Indomenico Amelia Landthaler Lucy Mo  
 Absent: Liv Fleerackers

