

## History

### Establishment

St Patrick's College is a Catholic day and boarding school for boys, conducted in the spirit of the Edmund Rice tradition. The Christian Brothers, founded by Edmund Rice in Ireland in 1808, came to Ballarat in 1876, at the invitation of Ballarat's first Catholic Bishop, the Right Reverend Michael J O'Connor, DD.



*Right Rev MJ O'Connor*

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In 1883 Bishop O'Connor was succeeded by the Most Rev James Moore, DD as Bishop of Ballarat. Bishop Moore called on Rev Brother Treacy, the Provincial of the Christian Brothers to take over the administration of the original Holy Ghost college in Ballarat, and to develop it into the kind of Catholic college that the Bishop envisioned. The College re-opened as St Patrick's College on Tuesday January 24, 1893, welcoming 15 boarding students and 9 day boys. By the end of the inaugural year there were 39 boarders and 21 day students.

*Most Rev J Moore*

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Rev Brother John L Ryan (SPC 1893-1896) was appointed as the founding principal of St Patrick's College by Br Treacy. He was familiar with conditions in Ballarat, having already been on the staff at the Christian Brothers schools in both Skipton Street and in East Ballarat, and also had experience in managing boarding schools. After three years as Headmaster of St Patrick's College, he was transferred to Melbourne where he served as principal of the Christian Brothers College in East St Kilda.



*Br JL Ryan, founding Headmaster*

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*The First Roll Call, 1893*

## Notable Alumni

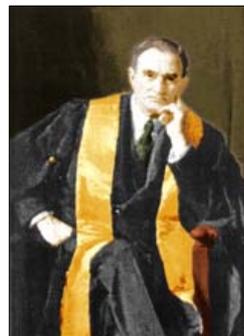
The many notable alumni of St Patrick's College are testament to the strong Christian values instilled in each student of the College. These outstanding graduates are represented across the Arts, Politics, Religious life, Medicine, and of course Sport.

### Medicine

#### **Sir Hugh Devine (SPC 1893-1894)**

Hugh Devine was one of the foundation students at St Patrick's College. He was the first president of St Patrick's Old Collegians Association (formed in 1899).

Devine matriculated in 1894, after which he studied pharmacy, and in 1902 began his medical studies at the University of Melbourne. Devine was one of the original advocates for the formation of a surgical college, and played a decisive role in the development of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) (originally the College of Surgeons of Australasia).



In 1965 the Hugh Devine chair of surgery was established in the University of Melbourne to commemorate his services as a distinguished surgeon at St Vincent's Hospital. In 1972 the council of the RACS approved a medal to be struck to honour and perpetuate his name, to signify the highest honour the college can bestow upon a fellow during his lifetime.

#### **Professor John G Hayden, CBE (SPC 1910-1917)**

John Gerald Hayden was Dux of St Patrick's in 1917, and won a scholarship to Newman College, University of Melbourne. He graduated with first class honours in 1925 and became resident medical officer, then registrar at St Vincent's Hospital, Fitzroy. He studied in the USA and in 1927 qualified as a member (fellow 1941) of the Royal College of Physicians, London.



Hayden was responsible for outstanding medical achievements in the Middle East and New Guinea campaigns of WWII.

#### **John Connell AO (SPC 1934-1939)**

John Connell had an outstanding career in the fields of General and Vascular Surgery for forty years, prior to his retirement in 1992. He graduated in medicine with high distinction in 1947 from St Vincent's Hospital Clinical School, of the University of Melbourne. He took up a surgical position at St Vincent's in 1954, and quickly established a very large practice in public and private surgery.

Throughout this time Connell maintained a keen interest in Vascular Surgery. By 1980, after a number of years of persistent persuasion the Vascular Surgery Unit was established and Connell became its first Senior Surgeon.



## Music & The Arts

### **Sir Bernard Heinze (SPC 1905-1912)**

Bernard Heinze studied violin and music from an early age under the guidance of Walter Gude (SPC staff 1901-1941) in Ballarat, and later at the University of Melbourne. He was awarded the Sir William Clarke Scholarship at the Royal College of Music in London in 1913.

Heinze's studies and music career were interrupted by WWI, when he was commissioned in May 1916 and fought at Arras, Ypres, the Somme and Passchendaele. After the war, Heinze resumed his studies in Paris and returned to Australia in 1923.

Bernard Heinze became a fellow of the Royal College of Music in 1931. He was knighted in 1949, the first Australian musician to receive this honour. He was named the 1974 Australian of the Year. On Australia Day 1976, Heinze was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia for his services to Australian music.



### **Professor Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-1962)**

Raimond Gaita is a German-born Australian philosopher and award-winning writer. He is Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne Law School and the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne and Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's College London. He is Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

The story of his childhood and the lives of his family members and close friends is told in his award winning memoir, *Romulus, My Father*, which was made into an award-winning film. Gaita has contributed extensively to public discussion about reconciliation, collective responsibility, the role of moral considerations in politics, genocide and the alleged uniqueness of the Holocaust, education and about the plight of the universities. He has also been active in speaking and writing against people who advocate that in order to protect ourselves against terrorists we should legalise some forms of torture.



### **Paul Bongiorno (SPC 1957-1962)**

Bongiorno, a former Catholic priest, started in television at the Seven Network in Melbourne in 1974. He moved to WIN TV in Wollongong later in 1974, then to Network Ten in Brisbane in 1978 as a reporter and, for a time, a weather presenter. In Brisbane he won four Walkley Awards for investigative journalism – the only TV journalist to do so.

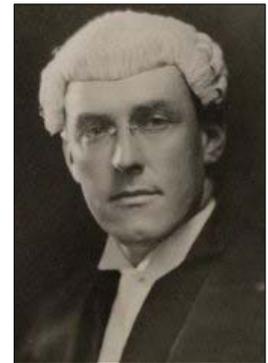


In 1987 Bongiorno was the *Bulletin* magazine's Queensland correspondent, and since 1988 had been with Network Ten's Canberra bureau. In November 2010 he was appointed national affairs editor for Ten News (along with Hugh Rimington), now the political editor and bureau chief in Canberra.

## The Law & Politics

### Hon AG Ogilvie, KC (SPC 1905-06)

Albert George Ogilvie was born in 1890 in Hobart. He returned to Tasmania after matriculating from St Patrick's, and completed a law degree at the University of Tasmania in 1913. He was admitted to the Bar in 1914. He entered Labor politics, winning the seat of Franklin in the House Assembly in 1919. In October 1923 Ogilvie joined the Lyons cabinet as attorney-general and minister for education, to which was added mines and forestry in March 1924. He was made a king's council in 1924, then the youngest to hold that position in Australia.



Ogilvie became premier of Tasmania on 21 June 1934. Under his premiership, school fees were abolished, health care was improved and hospitals modernised, unemployment relief increased, hydroelectric and papermaking development was accelerated, and housing loans were provided for the needy at minimal terms. Ogilvie was Premier of Tasmania until his untimely death in 1939.

### The Honourable Steve Bracks AC (SPC 1968-1971)

Stephen Philip 'Steve' Bracks is a former Australian politician and the 44<sup>th</sup> Premier of Victoria. He first won the electoral district of Williamstown in 1994 for the Australian Labor party, and was party leader and premier from 1999 to 2007.



Bracks led Labor in Victoria to minority government at the 1999 elections, defeating the incumbent Jeff Kennett Liberal and National coalition government. Labor was returned with a majority government after a landslide win at the 2002 election. Labor was elected for a third term at the 2006 election, with a substantial but reduced majority.

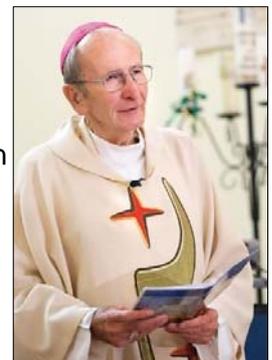
Bracks is the longest-serving Labor premier in Victorian history. He retired from politics in 2007.

## Religious Life

### Archbishop Thomas Francis Little (SPC 1938-1942)

Sir Thomas Francis 'Frank' Little KBE, was the sixth Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, appointed by Pope Paul VI on July 1, 1974 and retiring in 1996.

Little commenced training for the priesthood in 1943, and was ordained in Rome in October 1950 by Cardinal Biondi. In 1953 he returned to Melbourne and was appointed assistant priest to Carlton and then appointed assistant at St Patrick's Cathedral (Melbourne) in 1955. After three years in Sydney, Little returned once more to Melbourne, and became the dean of the Cathedral in 1965 and then parish priest of St Ambrose in Brunswick in 1971. During this time, he was involved in pastoral work with the large number of migrants, especially Italians, who were finding a new home in Australia.

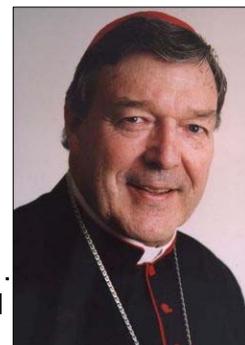


On February 21, 1973 Little was ordained as a bishop by Cardinal James Knox in Melbourne. He was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in the same year. In 1974 he succeeded Cardinal Knox as Archbishop of Melbourne. In July 1996 he

resigned from the office of archbishop for health reasons. Little died in April 2008 and was buried in the crypt of St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

### **His Eminence Cardinal George Pell AC (SPC 1949-1959)**

After Matriculating from St Patrick's College, George Pell signed up to play football for the Richmond Football Club, before turning his ambitions to the priesthood. In 1960 he commenced his studies at Corpus Christi College, Werribee, and in 1963 continued at the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome. He was ordained on August 15, 1966.



Pell is the eighth and current Archbishop of Sydney, serving since 2001. He previously served in Melbourne as auxiliary bishop (1987-1996) and archbishop (1996-2001). He was created a cardinal in 2003.

In 2006, Pell made a successful bid for Sydney to host the 2008 World Youth Day, one of the largest regular international gatherings of young people in the world, attracting crowds of millions. The 2008 event brought Pope Benedict XVI on his first papal visit to Australia.

### **Public Life**

#### **Francis John 'Frank' Doolan BEM, FIS Aust, FCIV (SPC 1908)**

Frank Doolan enlisted in the AIF and served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Signals in France and Belgium, returning home in 1919. In his civilian career he was a notable surveyor and valuer of real estate. In 1925 his firm of Doolan and Goodchild was formed, and one of the most notable of Doolan's surveys was made. This was the location (on road axes) of the site for the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, its construction controlled to exact measurements and the determination of the placing of the aperture for the famous 'ray of light' on the Stone of Remembrance.



Also in 1925, Doolan recommended that Legacy movement widen its field of service to include caring for, guiding and encouraging families of those comrades who, through death, were themselves no longer there to give these benefits to their families. This proposal was accepted and the real work of Legacy began.

#### **Paul J McGuinness DFC, DCM (SPC 1910-1911)**

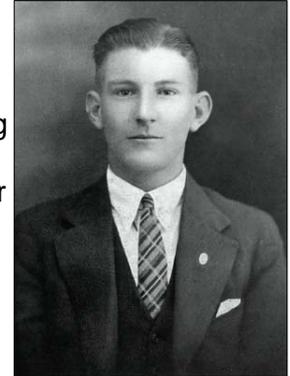
Paul McGuinness joined the 8<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Brigade in the AIF and won the Distinguished Conduct Medal for outstanding bravery at Gallipoli in 1915. He transferred to No 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, in Palestine where his gallantry and skill in action earned him a Distinguished Flying Cross. With seven confirmed victories, he became one of the few recognised air aces in Palestine.



McGuinness was the driving force in the establishment of Qantas and raised much of the capital that was needed. After helping to introduce the first scheduled Qantas service, he left the airline in 1922 to farm in WA. He re-enlisted in the RAAF in a training capacity when WWII broke out.

### **Noel Joseph Flanagan AO (SPC 1932-1936)**

Noel Flanagan was school captain in his matriculation year, 1936 at St Patrick's. The following year he started his public service career in the PMG in Melbourne. He enlisted in the RAAF in WWII. While undergoing emergency surgery, his bomber crew flew out over Balikpapan, Indonesia and were shot down with no survivors. For the rest of the war Flanagan was a Pilot Instructor training others to fly.



In 1947 Flanagan moved to Canberra and worked as Private Secretary to various Ministers for Immigration, including Calwell and Holt. Flanagan was Director of the Commonwealth War Memorial between 1975 and 1982.

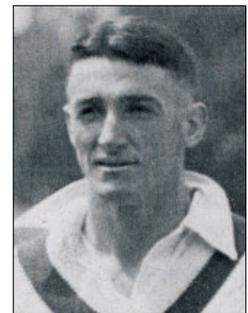
The Flanagan Art Prize, held annually in Ballarat is named in honour of Noel Flanagan AO.

## **Sport**

### **Cricket**

#### **Leo O'Brien (SPC 1920-1921)**

O'Brien was the Victorian and Australian Cricket XI opening batsman. He played in Test series against England 1932-33 and 1936-37, and South Africa on tour 1935-36.



A noted sportsman, he played football, was a successful amateur boxer and state baseball player, bred racehorses, and was a skipping champion, able to complete 1000 skips in five minutes – no mean feat! He was also a renowned cricket coach, being the first appointed to India's National Institute of Sports in 1963.

Leo was a member of the Australian Test Team during the famous Bodyline Series. In the final Bodyline Test in Sydney in 1933, he made 61 and shared a 99 run-a-minute stand with Stan McCabe. Leo O'Brien played in company with such greats as Don Bradman, Bill Ponsford, Stan McCabe, Bert Oldfield, Bill Woodfull, Bill O'Reilly and Clarrie Grimmett.

His first-class cricket career spanned the period 1929-1937. Leo O'Brien died on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1997, aged 89 years.

#### **Jack Hill (SPC 1935-1940)**

Jack Hill was already an outstanding schoolboy cricketer while at St Patrick's. At 15 years of age he was selected to play in the Ballarat Cricket Association's (senior) team, playing at least one match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



Hill was captain of the St Kilda Cricket club in the 1950s, a member of the Victorian State Cricket XI also in the 1950s, and a member of the Australian Test Cricket team between 1953-1955.

He is a member of the Ballarat Sports Museum's Hall of Fame.

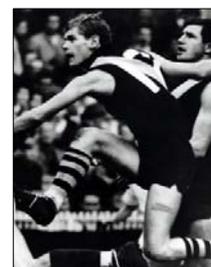
### Football

**Charlie Baker (SPC 1893-1896)** was a member of the foundation roll call of St Patrick's College. He went on to play 75 games for St Kilda Football Club between 1901-1906, kicking 120 goals. He also represented Victoria in cricket and football. Baker won the Leading Goalkicker Medal in 1902.

**Brian Gleeson (SPC 1947-1952)** played for the St Kilda football Club, winning the Brownlow Medal in 1957, and the St Kilda Best & Fairest award for that year. Gleeson represented Victoria four times.



**Barry Richardson (SPC 1961-1964)** is a former Australian rules football player who played in the VFL between 1965 and 1974 for the Richmond Football Club where he played 125 games and kicked 134 goals. He coached Richmond in 1977 and 1978, and served as Club President in 1985.



### Rowing

#### **Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-1990)**

Edwards spent his formative years in Ballarat where he rowed for St Patrick's College. He won silver Olympic medals in the lightweight four in Athens 2004 and Sydney 2000, and bronze in Atlanta in 1996 in a lightweight double scull. In Beijing he was a member of the lightweight four, but did not win any medals.

Edwards has also won five world championship medals, including a gold medal (as part of the lightweight four) at the 2011 World Championships in Slovenia. As a result of his stellar performance at Slovenia, Edwards was named the 2011 Rower's Rower of the Year, as well as being named in the 2011 Crew of the Year alongside his teammates.



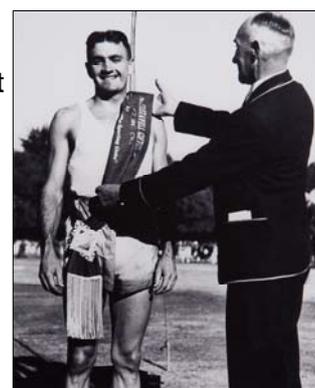
The 2012 Olympics in London will be Anthony Edwards' fifth Olympic Games.

### Athletics

#### **Tom Brudenall (SPC 1939)**

The first Stawell Gift was run in 1878 as a fun race between miners at the end of the gold rush. It has been raced every year since, except for four years during WWII. Today it is the most prestigious footrace in Australia.

The Stawell Gift was won by Tom Brudenall in 1948 in the time of 12 3/16 seconds.



**Stephen James ‘Steve’ Moneghetti (SPC 1975-1980)**

Steve Moneghetti is an Australian long-distance runner. He also has a degree in civil engineering, a graduate diploma in education and an honorary doctorate from the University of Ballarat. He is a personal development consultant with the Ministry of Education and chair of the Victorian Review into Physical and Sport Education in Schools.



Ironically, Moneghetti was told he was not wanted when attempting to join little athletics as a boy. But at St Patrick’s he developed into an excellent endurance athlete and was well on his way to becoming one of Australia’s greatest marathon runners.

At the 1986 Commonwealth Games Moneghetti finished fifth in the 10,000m run, and won the bronze medal in his first marathon at these Games. His first marathon victory was in Berlin in 1990. The following year he sat the course record of 40.03 for Sydney’s iconic 14km *City 2 Surf* event, a record which still stands.

In 1994 he won the Tokyo Marathon and the marathon at the Commonwealth Games. He has competed in the marathon at four Olympic Games, his best performance being fifth place in Seoul in 1988.

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