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COLLEGE**  
Warwick, Queensland



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## From the Principal

MR KYLE THOMPSON

### The Pillars Underpinning Progress

SCOTS PGC College continues to be a dynamic and vibrant community. We are presently experiencing a renewed energy around the College with growing enrolments from both day and boarding students, an expanding and deep Co-Curricular program, excellent Teaching and Learning programs being led by great staff and an evolving Pastoral Care program to enhance our students' well-being and development.

When thinking of our school, we often see and process what our students are doing and achieving, but we sometimes skip over or miss the work underpinning these things. Whilst teaching and learning from a pastoral, academic and co-curricular perspective will always remain our core business, there are several important pillars in our structure that allow us to support our students and the operations of our College as a whole. These important pillars at SCOTS PGC are our Foundation, our Council, our Past Students Association, and our Parents and Friends Association. All of whom are intertwined, yet separate in the ways in which they support our school.

Our College Council, led by Mr Martin Webb, provides strategic direction and corporate governance, ensuring our operations are compliant both financially and in terms of risk management and delegation. The members, whose names, backgrounds and experience can be found on our website, have expertise in town planning, marketing, business operations and education. They provide the oversight of how we operate from a strategic altitude. They support, challenge, question, endorse what management at the College is doing. They operate with a 'noses in, fingers out' philosophy in terms of all College operations.

The Foundation pillar operates as a separate entity, charged with raising and administering funds to support a variety of areas within the College. They receive and administer funding to support bursaries and scholarship programs, the compliment, to building and maintenance matters so that the school is able to ensure fit for purpose resources of a physical nature. In an independent school context, a school's Foundation is essential in ensuring we are able to provide an excellent environment for current and future generations of SCOTS PGC students. Recently the College, with the support of the Foundation, appointed Sarah Henry to the position of Foundation Manager, with a view of focussing Foundation activities on future initiatives that the College will need to develop. Alongside Tracy Dobie, the newly elected Chair of Foundation, and other new members, the Foundation will work collaboratively with the College to bring initiatives identified in the College's strategic plan to life.



The Foundation often works collaboratively with our Past Students Association in not only fundraising but providing a network for past and current students for mutual benefit. This pillar is important in keeping past students of SCOTS, PGC and SCOTS PGC connected to each other and the College, providing social and networking opportunities and connecting with current students and sharing what it means to be from SCOTS PGC. With the election of Carly Goddard to President of this group, this pillar is looking to reinvigorate engagement from past students with each other and the school. Importantly, they are also looking at setting up a mentoring program, connecting past students with current ones, especially in terms of study and employment pathways. This is an exciting step forward for our past students and the College!

The fourth important pillar is our Parents and Friends Association. This group, with newly elected President Lindsay Burgess, has provided support in the purchase of many resources over the last few years. They have been integral in working with the Student Council to fund and develop plans for a shade structure to be placed over the dining hall entry, a new lathe for the Tech shed, a sound system for our bands and drones for our STEM activity, just to name a few. Very significantly, the Parents and Friends Association has recently committed to a significant amount of funds that will allow the College to build a new Junior School playground in the Christmas holiday period in recognition of our recent centenary celebrations. In conjunction, this pillar provides opportunities for parents to mix socially and share experiences as well as providing an avenue for the school's management to report school matters at their monthly meeting.

As you can see, there is a variety of important groups underpinning all we do at SCOTS PGC. For our school and our community to be achieving excellence and ensuring a strong future, these groups need to be proactive, supportive and engaged with each other and the College as a whole. It is pleasing and refreshing to work in a school with energy across all of these important pillars and I thank all those involved for their selfless generosity and for what they bring to the tapestry of our school, now and into the future.





# Meet our 2021 College Captains,

## FELICITY SELICK AND WILLIAM GILMORE

Their leadership journey to this point has been nothing short of rewarding. Elected by their peers to guide the College throughout 2021, both Will and Felicity are keen to serve and 'give back' to the school which has provided them with so many opportunities to date.

"I wanted to be a leader because I have been here for so long and have seen the school change over time, and I think I can help it continue to thrive and grow in the right direction" says Will, who joined the College as a Year 1 student. Since then, Will hasn't really been out of the spotlight. He has humbly and ever so diligently worked his way to this point, achieving accolades as a star sportsman and top academic since his arrival. His peers believed he was a natural choice to help steer the ship for 2021.



As for Felicity, she has a vision to bolster the relationships with the younger students in the College. "I've always admired the leaders and now I want to be that person other people can look up to" Felicity said. A keen Equestrian Team member, Felicity knows just what it takes to make a team work and foster a keen sense of College spirit. She, alongside the prefect body, has already implemented an initiative to see that senior students have the opportunity to integrate and build relationships with the younger students across the College. "We've started out by introducing lunchtime play sessions with the Junior School students. We visit their playground, make play dough, play games and generally just have fun. I am not sure who looks forward to these sessions more - the Junior School kids, or us!"



# ANZAC Day Dawn Service

## HONOURING WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM EMERSON GILMORE RAAF

The College held its annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Friday 23 April 2021 with large crowds of students, parents, staff and special guests travelling near and far to honour our Magnificent 42 Past Students who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

This year's service commemorated the life of Warrant Officer William Emerson Gilmore R.A.A.F. Current College Captain and direct descendant, William Gilmore read an excerpt from Profiles of Courage (written by John Telfer in 2007) to give the audience a brief history of William's life.

## 8685 WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM EMERSON GILMORE, RAAF

William Emerson Gilmore was born in Allora, Queensland on 10 October 1917. He was the son of William and Alice Gilmore and lived on a farm called "Temuka" situated a short distance from the town.

William attended Allora State School for his early education before enrolling at Scots College after he had passed the State Scholarship examination in 1931. Arriving at Scots in 1932, William did not stand out much in the sport offered at the College but proved to be an intelligent and industrious student who, in 1933, gained his Junior Certificate with one A, four Bs, and one C.

On leaving school, William worked on the family farm until he enlisted into the RAAF at Laverton, Victoria, on the 5 February 1940. At first William worked in ground crew for over twelve months before he decided to use his solid academic background, by remustering to aircrew on 21 June 1941, to undertake a flying course. After successfully gaining a position on an aircrew course, he was posted to No 2 Service Flying Training School at Wagga, N.S.W.

While in training, William experienced the dangers of flying when he was involved in a plane crash. Flying a Wirraway aircraft in a night exercise, William received serious injuries from his lucky escape, and this kept him away from flying for some time. However, not to be deterred, William was now completely "hooked" on flying and kept badgering his Commanding Officer to be allowed back into the cockpit. His persistence paid off and after a complete recovery from his injuries, William was posted to No 5 Service Flying Training School to complete his course and attain his "Wings". After completing his training in Wireless and Air Gunnery, William was promoted to Sergeant Pilot and awaited an operational posting.

William received his wish when he was posted to No 78 Squadron which was now equipped with American P-40 Kittyhawks. This aircraft had now replaced the rather cumbersome and inadequate Wirraway, which was no match for the Japanese Zero fighter. Even the Kittyhawk required a good deal of skill to master, as in the first two weeks of delivery to Australia and her ally, America, they lost 30 with 49 Pursuit Group USAAF losing 140 Of 330



delivered. However, despite this record, the Kittyhawk became our front line fighter aircraft and William, now promoted to Warrant Officer, took part in attacking Japanese ground forces and installations. He was also flying escort duty for Bombers in their missions over the New Guinea area. In June 1944, Warrant Officer Gilmore was a member of an attack force of sixteen Kittyhawks which dived on a formation of twelve Japanese Zeros and three Dive bombers. They destroyed and downed nine enemy aircraft and damaged another six with minimal loss to the squadron.

On October 14 1944, Warrant Officer William Gilmore, now based with 78 Squadron at Noemfoor in Hollandia, was to fly his final mission. Flying at No.4 in formation, William was on duty escorting a United States Catalina Rescue aircraft which was searching for a missing pilot from 80 Squadron, over the area of the Kai Islands. After the group made contact with the Catalina, William's Kittyhawk did not appear with the rest of the formation. Some garbled radio contact was made with William, but then his aircraft was never heard or seen again.

A thorough search was carried out by the rest of the formation until their low fuel tanks made them abandon the search. As the Kittyhawks had experienced some ground fire while over the Kai Islands, it was assumed that William's aircraft had received some damage. In trying to radio the group leader, there was a possibility that he crashed into the sea and was now presumed dead. Next day, the search continued using Catalina aircraft but no trace was ever found.

William Gilmore was 27 years old and his name is now commemorated on the Ambon Memorial to the Missing, Indonesia, Column 9.

# "LEST WE FORGET"





# — Learning Pathways: an individualist approach

MR MARK RICHARDS | DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & INNOVATION

*"The things that make me different are the things that make me."*

A. A. MILNE

Everyone is different and at SCOTS PGC College, we embrace these differences and try to tailor our teaching and learning. We all are very different, but we have all succeeded in different areas of life and our careers. There is not one pathway to success, as our students come from a variety of backgrounds, with a variety of skills and talents, so we, as a College Community, must adapt and enable this multitude of outcomes. There is no such thing as a one-size fits all life and, therefore, there should not be a one-size fits all education. Here at SCOTS PGC we are committed to offering different learning pathways that suit individual needs and learning styles.

A primary focus is identifying a student's learning needs, acknowledging their skills and passions, and developing an individualised learning approach. This does have its own set of challenges but its benefits vastly outweigh these. The most successful learning pathways for students are both enjoyable, suit the individual learning needs of the students and provide the opportunity to access further study and work.

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*

MALCOLM X

Education is a facilitator for success, it opens doors and creates opportunities. Excellent education is not necessarily just excellent academics. It should empower the students to achieve their educational goals, both inside and outside the classroom. The vast co-curricular offerings are also vitally important as they allow students to develop different skills and attributes, as is service to the community.

Our academic results last year were outstanding, with 33% students achieving an ATAR of above 90 and 98% of students passing their general subjects, with our Dux, Andrew Wu, achieving an amazing 99.25. This, coupled with over 50% of the 2020 cohort completing certificates, has meant another excellent year. This puts SCOTS PGC College amongst the top achieving schools in Queensland. But this is not the only way to measure success, as 85% of students who applied for University were offered their first or second choice and there were many who successfully achieved Vocational Education qualifications, completed apprenticeships, and obtained employment as a direct result.

We are all unique. At SCOTS PGC we aim to celebrate that and to nurture every individual to be the best that they can be.

*"Intelligence plus character -that is the goal of true education"*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

## — Gift to Zambia

Several years ago our Uniform Shop Convenor Deb Perry was contacted by Jim McNamara. Jim is involved in an organisation called 'To the Nations Zambia' that helps to provide necessary materials and equipment to countries in need. Chris Shadbolt is the gentleman who facilitates the shipments and in recent years, has sent containers to Zambia, Malawi, South Sudan, Swaziland, Kenya and Nigeria. Deb answered the call and packed boxes full of preloved College uniforms to be sent across.

Jim says 'We fill 40 ft containers with medical equipment, hospital beds x-ray units, wheelchairs, crutches and supplies to be sent to hospitals and clinics out in the bush. We also send school supplies, books, desks and chairs, stationery etc. Shipping costs are around \$300 per cubic metre, so we have strict conditions to ensure that only quality goods are sent. When goods are distributed from the containers, there is great excitement and appreciation that someone they do not know from the other side of the world has helped to fulfil their needs. The hunger shown by these children to learn and achieve so they can get good professional jobs later on is inspiring.'

Late last year, Jim dropped into the College again and brought photos of some Zambian school students in our College jerseys which they used as rugby team kit. Their coaches looked the part as well in the College's maroon jersey. Jim said for most of these students it was the first piece of uniform they had ever worn and they cherished the items. Even though he has visited the country on many occasions, Jim said it still brings him much joy and added, 'Your generosity has made a huge difference to these communities. So on behalf of the Zambians who received uniforms from you, we say thank you.'



# Cultivating College Spirit



Throughout Term 1, our Junior School students have loved spending some quality time with our Seniors during lunch times. Musical chairs, soccer games and making play dough are just some of the fun activities that have been taking place in the playground.

We're not sure who has been having more fun... but one thing is for sure, every boy and girl, regardless of age, has enjoyed and appreciated what it means to be a SCOTS kid. This is just one of the many benefits of being part of a P-12 school!





# — Rejuvenating our Riverbank Ecosystems

MRS LYNNE NADEBAUM

Our Year 7 students are excited to be involved in an authentic project that will leave a positive legacy for the College community. Students have been involved in assessing the biodiversity (range of living things) in the Condamine Riverbank ecosystem and then implementing their own plans to improve it.

Funding for this project has been made available through Earthwatch Australia, a Government funded organisation that seeks to improve students' understanding of the interconnectedness of living things on Earth.

Students have so far identified a range of native and introduced plant species, with the assistance of local Landcare Co-ordinator Tanya Jobling, and made plans about how to restore native vegetation to the banks of the river, with the expert assistance of native plant enthusiast Susan Savage.

Boys and girls used mathematical skills to mark out the area and design a planting scheme, before using their muscles to dig holes, plant and water. Unfortunately, the planting site went underwater in the recent flooding of Condamine River, but all hope is not lost, the students are still excited to see what other positive changes they can make to the area going forward.



# Clean up Australia Day

On Sunday 7 March, we spent the morning making our community beautiful again by taking part in the national Clean Up Australia Day.

The College is very lucky to be spread out across such a large area and situated on the banks of the beautiful Condamine River, but it does mean we need to keep an eye out for litter that might impact our environment. Students and staff were happy to have the opportunity to 'give back' and serve the community, in a positive way.

Here are some snaps of our happy helpers!



COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT







## Equestrian Camp

April 16-18 saw the very first ever Equestrian Camp hosted on site at the SCOTS PGC Equestrian Centre. The camp commenced on the last Thursday prior to the end of the school holidays with a well-attended 'Welcome BBQ' by the Chapel. This provided an opportunity for our campers to familiarise themselves with their surroundings and fellow camp mates over dinner. Campers also enjoyed toasting a marshmallow in Mr Thompson's front yard fire pit.

The camp offered a variety of lessons and training in Dressage, Show Jump, Cross Country, Campdrafting, Led, Show Horse and Utility. The 34 riders who attended, travelled from as far as the Sunshine Coast, to the west

of Mungindi to enjoy three days of equestrian camp activity. Some students boarded in Hawkins House, which also gave them a taste of what it is like to be a SCOTS boarder. The majority of the camp horses were also stabled on site in the Equestrian Centre.

Overall, the weekend was outstanding. It was a wonderful way to bring like-minded students together to learn new skills and generally enjoy experiencing a range of disciplines. It was also great to be able to showcase the SCOTS PGC Equestrian facilities and the excellent coaching and instructors to which SCOTS PGC students have regular access.



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VERY EXPERIENCED AND DEDICATED IN-HOUSE AND VISITING INSTRUCTION TEAM:**

Mr David Finch – Show jumping

Ms Hillary McGregor- Potter – Dressage

Mrs Felicity Burton – Campdrafting

Mrs Sally Keable – Led, Cross Country and Show Jump

Mrs Beck Poole – Rider Biomechanics and Horse Management and

Ms Grace Buchholz – Show Horse, Presentation and Utility.

All visiting riders commented on how wonderful our team of instructors are, which should make us pause to realise how lucky we are here at SCOTS PGC to have access to this kind of high class tuition on an ongoing basis. The words to our visitors when discussing our quality training team, of "No, this is normal" became the catch cry of the camp.

We are fortunate to have a very supportive group of parents, who, together with Mr Peter Wilson (Director of Co-Curricular Activities) ensured the camp ran smoothly.



**SCOTS PGC COLLEGE**  
Warwick, Queensland

**COLLEGE CAMPDRAFT 31 JULY - 1 AUGUST**  
Warwick Showgrounds, WARWICK

**EQUESTRIAN EXTRAVAGANZA 29 - 30 MAY**  
Warwick Horse Trials, Morgan Park, WARWICK

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# A guide to scholarships & bursaries

## Scholarship of General Excellence

Open to new and current students entering Years 6-12. Students must demonstrate their excellence in a particular field and also sit an external EDUTEST examination.

Applications are open all year round.

## Rural Boarding Scholarship

Open to new students (not currently enrolled) who wish to enter Years 5-12 as a full-time boarding student. Students must be from a rural background and satisfy key eligibility criteria.

Applications are open all year round.

## Foundation Scholarship Fund

Open to students who are able to demonstrate that their financial circumstances would otherwise preclude them from attending the College.

Applications close 30 June 2021

## ACER Academic Scholarships

Open to new and current students entering Years 7 to 11 in the year following the ACER Scholarship Test. Applications for entry in 2022 have closed. Applications for entry in 2023 will close in early February 2022. Please check our website for details. Scholarships are available to Australian citizens only.

Please refer to our website - <https://scotspgc.com.au/enrolments/scholarships/> for detailed information regarding all of our scholarships and bursaries, or call our Director of Admissions on 07 4666 9808 or [scholarships@scotspgc.com.au](mailto:scholarships@scotspgc.com.au)

## Welcome to New Boarding Heads



**DAVID MARRIOTT**  
HEAD OF SENIOR  
BOYS' BOARDING

The 2021 year was always going to be a year of change for me and my family, and moving from Brisbane to SCOTS PGC has been a wonderful part of that change. With both my daughters graduating from the University of Queensland and my son graduating from St Laurance's College at the end of 2020, my wife, Jodi, and I were ready for a new chapter in our lives. When the opportunity came for me to take on the Head of Senior Boys' Boarding at SCOTS PGC College, I was instantly attracted. When I got the chance to come and meet some of the wonderful boys and girls and the staff, I knew it would be a great fit in many ways...and so the journey began.

I have been involved in education for many years, taking on various roles in academic, pastoral, boarding and co-curricular areas. Most recently, I was the Senior Boarding Coordinator at Brisbane Boys' College whilst also holding the substantive role as Director of Cricket since 2002. Prior to this position, I worked at St Edmunds College Ipswich for ten years. I have also worked as a Senior Teacher in Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory, a truly rewarding experience. At SCOTS PGC, in addition to my Boarding role, I also teach HPE and keep a keen interest in cricket, rugby and all co-curricular activities.

My wife Jodi, who is a primary school teacher, and I most certainly recognise the value in a quality education. I am passionate about providing a quality, caring educational environment – one that challenges and inspires boys to become the best version of themselves and make the most of the opportunities on offer. I believe this starts with fostering positive relationships and having a community mindedness approach.

Boarding is such an integral part of the College's history and, for many students, the highlight of their schooling experience. As a result, we strive to build genuine connections with each of our boarders and provide an environment where they can achieve individual and community success, all of which is underpinned by developing authentic and supportive relationships."

In my role at SCOTS PGC, I look forward to helping the boys, parents and staff build positive relationships together.



**SUSAN EVERSON**  
HEAD OF GIRLS' BOARDING

Susan is the Head of Girls' Boarding and cares for all of our girls in residence. An educator and mum of three children herself, Susan is passionate about mentoring students through building positive, supportive and trusting relationships. Susan resides on-site at the Locke Street Campus.

Committed to the holistic education and wellbeing of all students in her care, Susan prides herself on knowing each student on a personal and academic level. She is driven to see that each girl reaches their full potential and embraces the many opportunities the College provides.

"It takes a village to raise a child, and I am honoured to have the opportunity to be a guiding, loving presence for the girls of SCOTS PGC College through their journey of education, spiritual awareness, and life."

Extensively qualified through experience, Susan's formal qualifications are equally extensive having completed a Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Social Science (Children's Services). Susan also holds a Certification in Training and Assessment and Vocational Education Training.



# Parents & Friends Association Report

## LINDSAY BURGESS | PRESIDENT

I am a new Warwick resident having arrived here from Brisbane with my family in early 2019. We found this a lovely region and SCOTS PGC College quickly caught our interest as the likely school for our son. Our research and several visits to the school, highlighted a College with a wonderful history of education and instilling strong values that guide young people towards a successful future. All the wonderful niche things like the Pipe Band, Equestrian Centre, Agriculture programs and buildings with architectural splendor all point to the fact we feel fortunate in sending our son to this school. Oh, and I do love telling my friends back in Brisbane that the school provides morning tea and lunch. The look on their faces is just priceless.

After a few months, we also recognised a vibrant school community and within a short time I found myself a participant in the school's Parents and Friends Association. There is no escaping the fact that the P&F is a formal organisation, but it is also wonderfully organic with positive people who want to support the school community through various events and activities. I feel very fortunate to be part of our P&F community, which receives wonderful support from the Principal and College Executive.

To illustrate this P&F vibrancy, recently I was sent a spreadsheet with some interesting data. Normally a spreadsheet can be pretty dry reading but my eyes quickly widened as it really highlighted the calibre of our recent P&F groups. Over the last 15 years the P&F has contributed around \$300,000 toward many school projects and activities, which amazed me. Building on this strong P&F history we will continue this type of robust contribution in 2021 with more major investments including the new Junior School Playground and the Dining Hall Shelter. For a boutique style school in the country, our school community easily punches above its weight when compared to many of our larger metropolitan cousins.

At the beginning of this year, a number of very committed and long serving committee members stepped down so we now have a few new faces. We welcomed Leisa McGahan (Treasurer), Dianne Seibel (Secretary) and Jane Gilmore (Vice President) to the P&F Executive group and Toni Crawford has returned in her role as the Canteen Convenor. We also established a 'Fundraising and Social Event' sub-committee (Rachael Witton, Angela Moody and Meg Bazley) who have been considering a range of possible events for 2021. The major events planned for this year are: Mother's Day stall, Father's Day stall, Colour Run, Winter Trivia Night, and a Movie Night for our younger students. Of course, one of the most recognisable faces of the P&F is the Canteen at the sports oval and it will be running full-throttle this year supporting many sporting occasions. The P&F is also planning a long-table lunch concept, which may be towards the end of this year or early next year. It is important to note that, for any P&F event to be successful, we are indebted to the generosity of our parent volunteers – so a massive thank you to the SCOTS PGC families.

If you would like to be involved with the P&F, or know more about what we do, please contact me via email at [scotspgcpf@gmail.com](mailto:scotspgcpf@gmail.com). Of course you are always welcome to join us at the P&F meetings, either in person or online (we meet on the third Monday of the month during the school term). You can also follow us on Facebook. I hope to meet many of you at various P&F or school events this year.

Fathers Day Stall 2020



Lindsay Presenting at P&F Meeting



Toni Crawford (far right) and her canteen helpers



Myles, Michelle and Lindsay Burgess



# SCOTS PGC College Foundation



**TRACY DOBIE**  
FOUNDATION CHAIRPERSON

I am very proud to be part of the SCOTS PGC College Foundation.

For most of my life I have taken an interest in the College and what it represents to Warwick. Tradition, community support and a great teaching legacy are synonymous with SCOTS PGC College. And in my mind, a successful SCOTS PGC College relates directly to a successful Warwick.

I have spent many years of my working life focusing on strategy and planning and I know that the College has in place a sound strategic plan for the future. This plan will come to fruition through the College's pillars to success:- the Past Students Association, the Parents and Friends Association and the Foundation.

These Associations and the Foundation, supported by the College Council, are made up of people who are committed to working in partnership to deliver a secure future for the College. And that partnership extends to each and every person reading this Lion & Thistle.

Of course, partnerships are two-way streets.

The goal of the Foundation is to be an independent funding source to support the College. The Foundation has three main funds: the Building Fund for ongoing development of College facilities; the Scholarship Fund to create opportunities for young people to receive an education at the College; and the Future Fund to support strategic initiatives for the College.

None of this will happen without you and your contribution to the partnership. Whatever your connection is to SCOTS PGC College that has you reading this article, I am hoping it is a connection that will encourage you to look at the Foundation page on the SCOTS PGC Website, contact the College for more information, and investigate how you can support the Foundation.

The Foundation Manager, and I, along with my fellow Directors of the Foundation look forward to hearing from you.



**SARAH HENRY**  
FOUNDATION MANAGER  
AND CLASS OF 1997

Having graduated in 1997, I am delighted to return to SCOTS PGC as the Foundation Manager. It is a real honour to once again be part of this unique, inclusive and supportive College with rural values at its heart.

In the years since graduating, I have been fortunate to work extensively within private boarding schools, both in Australia and overseas, and spent ten successful years in the not-for-profit sector. Along the way I enjoyed travelling through Europe and Africa, collected a husband and three children before returning home to the Darling Downs.

Working as Foundation Manager and as a newly appointed Director of the Past Students Association, presents the perfect opportunity to use my professional expertise to support SCOTS PGC, which provided me such a high quality education, and so many happy memories and opportunities. For the past few weeks, I have been immersing myself in the life and operations of the College, and, while some things have changed, many elements remain, including the College's distinct sense of community, steeped in tradition.

I am thrilled to be working with the College community, its past students and families and the greater local community, to support the College's mission and vision. The College has some bold plans for its future and its historic buildings, so it's an exciting time to be part of this and witness the future growth of both the Foundation and SCOTS PGC College.

If you, or anyone you know, is looking to make a powerful impact on the lives of future SCOTS PGC students, the Foundation is eager to hear from you.

*"For over a century, every student has benefited from the generosity of those that came before them."*





## Meet Carly Goddard | PSA President

We are pleased to introduce Carly Goddard, who was recently appointed to take on the role as President of the Past Students Association. Carly takes the baton from Adrian Estwick, who retired from the role earlier this year.

Carly and her family have a strong and long standing connection with the College, which begins with her mother, Robyn Kienzle (Class of 1969) who was Chair of the SCOTS PGC College Council from (2002-2007) and author of "Architect of Kokoda".

Married to fellow Class of 1997 Graduate, Christopher Goddard, Carly completed a Bachelor of Business at Griffith University. Carly and Chris, moved overseas in 2005 and became caretakers of a chateau in the Loire Valley in France. A year later they returned to the Gold Coast and with her father, Soc Kienzle and

her sister Suzanne Kienzle (Class of 2002), walked the Kokoda Trail.

When Carly and Chris married in 2010, many of their fellow SCOTS PGC classmates were guests and formed much of the wedding party. After the wedding, they spent another year at the French chateau followed by some time in Canada.

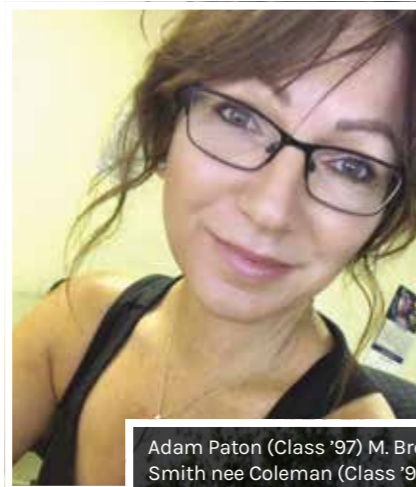
The Goddards moved to Toowoomba in mid-2011 to start a family. They are the proud, but tired parents of Mitchell Goddard (7), and Ciara Goddard (4).

Carly has worked in contract administration in the construction industry since graduating from university, initially in residential then shifting over to commercial during the last 10 years.

After practicing yoga since she and Emma Coleman (Class of '97) first went to a class in Burleigh, circa 2001,

Carly is now also a yoga instructor and teaches several times a week in Toowoomba.

With the help of all current and interested PSA members, Carly is hoping to revitalise the PSA. She believes she is well positioned for this task having maintained good friendships with many fellow SCOTS PGC graduates and having a long family history with the school. Her goal is for the PSA to play a much more active role in past and current students' lives and really embrace a reciprocally advantageous relationship for all members.



Adam Paton (Class '97) M. Breay, Ryan McLeod (Class '97), Emma Smith nee Coleman (Class '97), Christopher Goddard (Class '97), Carly Goddard (Class '97), Derek Goddard (Class '89), Suzanne Kienzle (Class '02), James Shirtcliff (Class '97), J. MacMartin.



Squadron Leader Benjamin Barber (1997-2002) and Private Lachlan Moody (2003-2012) both recently returned to the College for our annual ANZAC Dawn Service, held on Friday 23 April. Following the service, Ben and Lachlan visited classes in the Junior School from Prep to Year 4, sharing stories of humanity and kindness. Both men still have strong connections with the College as Ben's mother, Penny Frederiksen continues to work in our Learning Support Department and Lachlan's youngest sister, Georgia is currently completing Year 11.



## Jottings

## PSA Directors



**ADRIAN ESTWICK**  
PAST STUDENT 1964-1970

Adrian was born in Warwick in 1952, to parents Colin and Jeannette Estwick. Colin was a well-respected teacher at Scots College from 1947 to 1985 and during his time here, Adrian attended as a student from 1964 to 1970 where he went on to hold positions as Captain of Cricket and Athletics. After graduating, he lived in Brisbane – where he attended university, became a solicitor, married, bought his first home and became a proud father to one girl and three boys, and now grandchildren.

Adrian served as Director of the Past Students Association for 10 years, acting as Treasurer and President from 2017 to 2021. He is happy to hand over the reins of the PSA to the next generation, with his vast contributions throughout the past standing as testament to his dedication to the school.



**GIORGIA BRENNAN**  
PAST STUDENT 2014-2015

Giorgia is new to the Board, having joined earlier this year. Giorgia was a boarding student for Years 11 and 12, graduating in 2015. During her time as student, she was involved in as much of the College life as she could fit in but especially enjoyed being involved in sporting teams; netball, touch football, Rugby 7s, swimming squad and basketball to name a few. Giorgia held the role of College Captain in her senior year, and relished the opportunities and responsibilities that came along with this position. Giorgia was very committed to her studies and fortunately her hard work paid off receiving College Dux in her final year. Her most treasured achievement though, was the special friendships she formed during her time at SCOTS PGC with peers, teachers and mentors, and she holds herself very fortunate to still have many of these close friendships today.

After finishing school, Giorgia earned a Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Science - Graduating in 2019 and is due to also complete a Masters of Public Health (Nutrition) in June 2021.

Giorgia serves on the Events Management Committee within the PSA Board, and hopes to make a strong contribution to the organisation of PSA events.

### AIMING FOR THE SKY MEG KUMMEROW (NEE MCCALLUM) 1993-1997

Owner of 'Fly the Farm', Meg Kummerow (McCallum, 93-97), has recently been helping SCOTS PGC College introduce drones and enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics) opportunities to current students.

'Fly the Farm' provides drones and associated equipment to those involved in agriculture. The business expanded into educational drone and robotic products in 2019.

Meg started her business five years ago after seeing a need for someone within agriculture to help farmers, agronomists and Ag service providers make informed decisions when it came to bringing drones into their business. Meg now also provides drone training services through a trusted training organisation.

The College reached out to Meg in late 2020 to help implement a STEM program with a focus on drones. The STEM Club runs as part of the co-curricular programs on a Wednesday afternoon, led by Science

& Mathematics teacher Ms Lynne Nadebaum. Up to 11 students attend the club with a wide range of interests from biology to agriculture.

Meg recently spent an afternoon with the club, assisting them set up the drones and introducing them to the safety aspects and requirements for flying drones. Students were also given the opportunity to fly a small drone during the afternoon. Future club afternoons will see students building robots and learning to code both robots and drones.

Meg now lives on a grain farm at Bongen on the Darling Downs in Queensland with her husband Clinton, and daughters Georgie and Emma.





# With Sympathies

## DORIS JONES (NEE GRIGOR) PAST STUDENT 1937-40

Doris Jones [nee Grigor] a former student at PGC, passed away on 17 April 2021, aged 98. Doris was in Black House as a girl boarder, and her family home was based in Maleny. Doris was the Dux of the Commercial School at PGC and her family still have her books which she received as the prize. Doris was also known as a singer and sang at the Speech Days as a soloist during her time at PGC.

## ROBERT LLOYD 'OSS' SIMCOCKS PAST STUDENT 1968-71

Robert was born on 25 May 1953 and passed away on 5 February 2021. A Memorial Service was held for Robert at Glen Aplin on 24 February 2021.

The service was attended by a number of past students, six of whom performed the College War Cry after the service. Mark Walker (1966 - 70) led the war cry with John Hart (1966 - 70), Ivan J. (Jim) Rickard (1965 - 70) (L/M), Bruce



Pyke (1965 - 70) (L/M), Sandy Goodwin (1967 - 71) and Ian Goulter (1967 - 72).

Other past students who attended were Chris Barlow (1967 - 72), Susan (Bryant) Pearson (1966 - 70) and her daughters and Deborah (Debbie) (Marsden) Irwin (1957 - 71).

The PSA extend sincere condolences to families and friends of the following past students

JONES (nee Grigor) Doris (1937)  
SIMCOCKS Robert Lloyd (1968 - 71)  
STEEL Raymond (1950 - 51)  
WATSON (nee Beardmore) Betty (1937 - 38)  
COLLINS Kellie (2006-10)

## HANS PHILLIP PETERSEN PAST STUDENT 1952-55

WRITTEN BY MARIE (PETERSEN) NICHOLLS (1944 - 45)

It is with sadness I have to report the death of my youngest brother, Hans Phillip Petersen (1952-55), known as 'Phillip' - on 12 March 2021. He was my fourth brother and a boarder at The Scots College from 1952 to 1955. He was editor of the "Clansman" and a member of the rugby team while there.



Phillip obtained his Science Degree at the Queensland University. He had a long career as a microbiologist beginning with dairy research where he met his wife, Margaret. They produced two sons - both university graduates. His career progressed, firstly at the Queensland University and Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital, then 25 years as Senior Scientist at the Queensland Medical Laboratory. As well as directing routine facilities, he conducted work on "The In Vitro study of Infections" which earned him an international reputation, and as such was the first to be awarded - A Fellowship of the Australian Society of Microbiologists in Queensland in 1991. He was a Member of the M.E.N.S.A. organisation.

Phillip's career is a fine example of what can be accomplished with a happy family life and a concrete learning base undertaken at The Scots College, Warwick, Queensland.

## KELLIE COLLINS PAST STUDENT (2006 -2010)

Kellie Collins (Class of 2010) graduated from SCOTS PGC before completing a Bachelor of International Relations at Bond University.

In 2019, Kellie was diagnosed with a brain tumour. However, Kellie took the news with her positive outlook and fought an incredible fight. She was healthy until the end, but sadly passed away on 4 March 2021.

Kellie was a kind, compassionate and loving servant of God - she brought joy to friends and family through her quiet but radiant spirit and is forever in our hearts.

Kellie was laid to rest at the family farm "Glenbridge" and was joined by her family and friends for the most beautiful sunset.

Earlier this year, Kellie took on an Executive Director role with the Past Students Association and was looking forward to reconnecting with the College and becoming actively involved in bringing the large network of past students together. The Past Students Association Executive is grateful to have met Kellie when she attended her first meeting just days before she passed away. The PSA extends their sincere sympathies to Kellie's family and friends.



With Sympathies

# SAVE THE DATE Past Students Association Reunion Weekend

Saturday 9th  
October 2021  
&  
Sunday 10th  
October 2021

All past students are welcome to attend, particularly those who missed their milestone years due to last year's restrictions.

CLASS OF 2016 - 5 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 2011 - 10 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 2006 - 15 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 2001 - 20 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 1991 - 30 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 1981 - 40 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 1971 - 50 YEARS ON  
CLASS OF 1961 - 60 YEARS ON

## THE WEEKEND WILL INCLUDE THE OPTION TO BE INVOLVED IN:

- Tours of SCOTS & PGC Campus from 9.00am
- Morning tea and mingle - Oxenham St Campus
- Warwick Cup Races at the local Warwick Turf Club - afternoon and evening events
- Traditional Reunion Dinner in the Des Davey Dining Hall
- Sunday Morning Chapel Service

The PSA committee will be updating the SCOTS PGC Alumni Facebook Page and website [www.scotspgpcpsa.com.au](http://www.scotspgpcpsa.com.au) for further details and how to book tickets.





Put the kettle on....

# We are coming to visit!



Calling all past, present and prospective families...  
We are hitting the road!  
You'll find us in the following locations throughout Term 2 and 3.  
Visit our website for more details - [www.scotspgc.com.au](http://www.scotspgc.com.au)

## SCOTS PGC TOUR DATES

- 1. CASINO, NSW**  
20-22 May | Norco Primex Field Days
- 2. MITCHELL**  
30 May
- 3. CUNNAMULLA**  
1-2 June | QLD ICPA Conference
- 4. TOOWOOMBA**  
8-10 June | FarmFest
- 5. BINGARA**  
25-27 June | Bingara Orange Festival
- 6. TENTERFIELD**  
27 June
- 7. MOREE**  
22 July
- 8. NARRABRI**  
23-24 July | Narrabri Boarding Expo
- 9. LONGREACH**  
28 - 30 July | Federal ICPA Conference
- 10. WINTON**  
29 July
- 11. BRISBANE**  
3-6 August | EKKA
- 12. ST GEORGE**  
19 August | College Tour
- 13. CHARLEVILLE**  
20 August | College Tour
- 14. BLACKALL**  
21 August | College Tour
- 15. TAMBO**  
22 August | College Tour
- 16. SCENIC RIM**  
5 September | Beaudesert Show

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