



Another year at Emmaus College is coming to a close. We are pleased to inform our past students that the year has been a success for our 1145 students. At the close of the year, Tony Frizza, Principal between 2002-2008, will be retiring and from the commencement of 2009, Antony Hirst, who will be known to many of you, having been here for 20 years, will be taking over the role of Principal. David White will be returning to the College as Assistant Principal, Head of Year 7-10 Campus at Vermont South.

Some long-serving members of staff will be leaving us. Christine Holland and Wendy Marshall are retiring from teaching, and Anthony Banks will be taking up a teaching position at St. Peter's College, Cranbourne.

A message from each of our departing long-serving members of staff

Anthony Banks: I started at Emmaus College in 1991....can't believe 18 years has gone by and I'm still here. Over my time at Emmaus, I met some wonderful people...staff, students and parents. To me, Emmaus has an intangible quality of spirit that cannot be matched by having state of the art facilities or sprawling playing fields. It is the spirit that has kept me at Emmaus for nearly half of my life, and indeed all of my teaching life. It is sad for me to leave the environment that has made my working life such a pleasure on a daily basis. I would like to thank all of the people that have been a great support to me over the past 18 years, and I wish the Emmaus community all the best in future years.

Christine Holland: I have had an amazing thirty-seven years in education and I can honestly say I have never once woken up and wished I did not have to go to school. I have seen many ideas come and go and there have been enormous changes within schools in the way they provide for students. This opportunity to work in primary and secondary schools, within the Catholic and Ministry systems and leadership and consultative roles has provided me with immense satisfaction and personal growth. Teaching at Emmaus has added colour and polish to my career. I only wish I could turn back the clock and do it all over again.

What will I miss the most when I retire from Emmaus? Belonging to a community of wonderful staff, parents and students. Over the years I have worked with talented and inspirational people and seen on-going family members move through Emmaus and now there is a regular flow of past students returning to reunions, to say hello, or as teachers. So the "circle of life" continues. I will surely miss the connectedness. Thank you Emmaus for contributing to a fulfilling time in education.

Wendy Marshall: After twenty years at Emmaus College, I am graduating to the next phase of my life. I was fortunate to have spent ten years at both campuses and thoroughly enjoyed the life styles at both, the teaching experiences and the different interactions with the Year 12 students and the year 7/8 students.

Emmaus College has developed in all areas over this passage of time. It has been a privilege to have taught at Emmaus College. The students have been a pleasure to teach — especially the Human Development classes. I have taught in several schools — Education Department and Catholic for around thirty five years, so I think it is time to depart from teaching and to pursue my hobbies, find another fulfilling part-time activity and to enjoy being involved with my grandchildren and family. So thanks for the fond memories and the good times.

St Thomas More College 40th Anniversary - Class of 1968 Reunion

The Class of 1968 recently held a successful and well attended re-union. Over 90 students were in attendance. This is a group of students who have very much remained in touch with each other since leaving school.

The 40th Anniversary of the opening of St Thomas More College, Nunawading, in 1968, was celebrated on the 18th of October by the College's original Form 1 students.

The reunion idea was triggered by John Green and Graeme Booth in December 2007, they were soon joined by Paul Game and Pete McMahon. Over the next ten months the group tracked down over 90% of their classmates, not a bad effort after 40 years apart.

The Reunion evening was held at the Burvale Hotel Function Room where the classmates renewed friendships and swapped stories of schooldays past. These memories and the hours of catching up on the past 40 years made the evening a great success. Memorabilia, a PowerPoint display, class and sporting photographs, even a rendition of the old school song brought back many memories.

Special guests at the Reunion was ex-teacher Mr Terry Little, who recently retired after 39 years at the College and Mr Barry Parnell who is still at the College after almost 40 years.

The classmates attending the Reunion travelled from many places in Australia, including Western Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales and from many country areas in Victoria. Others travelled long distances from countries including Thailand and New Zealand. Apologies came from "Old Boys" domicile in Northern Territory, Germany, and the Netherlands.

The reunion culminated in a BBQ at the College on the following Sunday where the current Principal, Mr Tony Frizza along with four of the current students hosted the 'Old Boys' and along with Mr Barry Parnell, showed them around the hallowed halls of the college.

The Class of 1968 is aiming to hold another Reunion in 10 years, and to keep the renewed friendships alive by organizing smaller functions and events in the coming years.

St Thomas More College boys' school opened in 1968 and amalgamated with Chavoin College girls' school in 1979. The classrooms that the 'Old Boys' once learnt in are now a part of the Emmaus College 7-10 campus in Vermont South.

For more information contact one of the Reunion Organisers listed on the website <http://alumniemmaus.googlepages.com/>



VCAL — The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning: The College has now completed its fourth year of offering this senior certificate which stands alongside the Victorian Certificate of Education. Intended for students who do not seek to enter University or tertiary study, but for those who will move into apprenticeships or traineeships, the course attracts about 15 students each year. It is regarded as a “hands on” approach to learning. Students spend three days at school undertaking classes in literacy, numeracy, small business management, personal development and religious education. Much of this work is project based with students working around the school, in the community and at local primary schools.

One day of the week is spent at a TAFE or institution undertaking a Trade course in a trade of choice, and the fifth day of the week is spent in a work placement. Many students have been able to move directly into training and employment at the end of Year 11.

The availability of VCAL means that it is now possible for any student starting out in Year 7 to complete their education at Emmaus College.

Work Experience: As you will know, we endeavour to place all of our Year 10 students in a work experience situation. Your business or place of employment might be able to assist in providing placements for our students. If you think there is some possibility, contact our Careers Counsellor, Mr. Graeme Merrick, 9845-3211. I am certain that he would be delighted to hear from you.

Chavoin College — 30th Anniversary Reunion: We are attempting to contact all past students who attended Chavoin College, commencing in Form One in 1974 up to Form Six (HSC) in 1979. A reunion is planned during 2009. Contact either:
Frances Postma, fpostma@bigpond.net.au or (03) 97627128, or
Michael Jones, Alumni Representative, Emmaus College (incorporating Chavoin & More Colleges), majones@tadaust.org.au or (03) 97587784 (9.00am-9.00pm)



Emmaus College Alumni
(Incorporating Chavoin and St. Thomas More Colleges)
Database membership form

Complete and forward this form to: Alumni Office, Emmaus College, 503 Springvale Road, Vermont South, Vic. 3133, or fax to: (03) 9803 9912.

You may wish to forward a copy of this form to other past students you know.

The following information will be used to develop a database of past students/staff for:-

- Historical purposes
- The distribution of Alumni Newsletters
- The organisation and notification of events and reunions

Student () (Please tick) Staff Member ()

Full names at school:

Name now (if changed):

Postal Address:

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Email address:

Telephone No: Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Occupation:

Are you able to assist with: Student Work Experience placement (Yes/No)
Addressing students on Careers or Life Experiences (Yes/No)

School attended (Please tick)

Emmaus College (); Chavoin College (); More College ()

Year commenced: In Year Level:

Year concluded: In Year Level:

Do you have any relatives who were past students? Details please:-

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If you were a staff member please indicate College, and years of employment.

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