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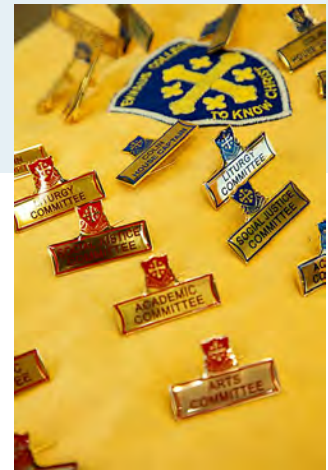
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Emmaus Alumni News

Welcome

Welcome to the 2018 edition of the Emmaus Alumni Newsletter, we must commence by expressing our thanks to Emmaus Community, past students and staff who have supported our quest to keep in touch and continue to keep us up to date with the achievements of our Alumni.



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OPEN DAY

Vermont South Campus

Thursday, 28 June 2018 | 1.30-6.30 pm



Peter Hitchener, our guest speaker at the 2017 Presentation Evening with the school leaders.

Emmaus Alumni Association

As a young Alumni association, Barry and I have worked tirelessly throughout the year to reconnect students and staff by running 3 reunions at the college in 2017.

The first one for the year was the 2007, 10 year reunion where Peter Jones, Chelsea Young Healy and others helped with the organisation and communication of the group via Facebook. For years we had a list of names and numbers of students on our Alumni

files, but because of changes in Privacy Legislation we are rethinking our set up and as it is easy to transfer files that we already have, we now are storing files within our Synergetic Database system. Some of the information from past students has been lost and we are putting together ways of reconnecting with people. Thank goodness for social media and our faithful students who have contacted brothers, sisters and friends telling them of the reunions.

This year we have seen a large number of children of ex students being enrolled in the school and we are so happy to tell the present Emmaus students the stories about their mum, dad, aunts, uncles and friends! They love telling the staff that they are the children of ex students. To date we have quite a number being enrolled for next year.

Throughout the year Barry, Tony and I collect as much information about past students and collate it all so that we can produce this newsletter, we hope you enjoy it and if you know of any information which would help us with the accuracy of our reports or just give us some ideas regarding what you all have been up to, that would be appreciated.

We are now going to offer to Alumni a number of reunions throughout the year for 1 year, 10 year, 20 year and 30 year reunions. The format will be different for the 1 year reunion as this is just a catch up with the students from 2017, where we give them the school Annual and find out what pathways they are taking beyond Year 12, this is a great event and is very well attended.

The other reunions will be spread throughout the year (with the dates appearing in this newsletter and will become part of the schools calendar year. The format for these will be a few hours at the school chatting and a school tour, after that the cohort may want to adjourn to a local watering hole down the road or something less exciting.

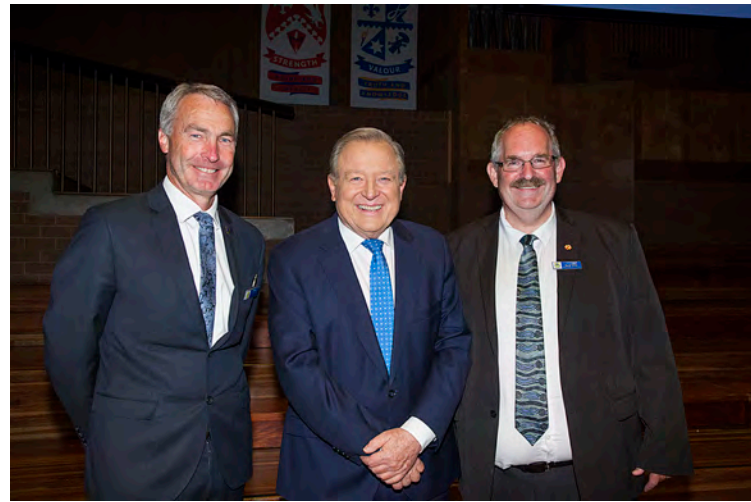
Barry Parnell and Denise McCann





A word from the Principal

Our 2020 Vision

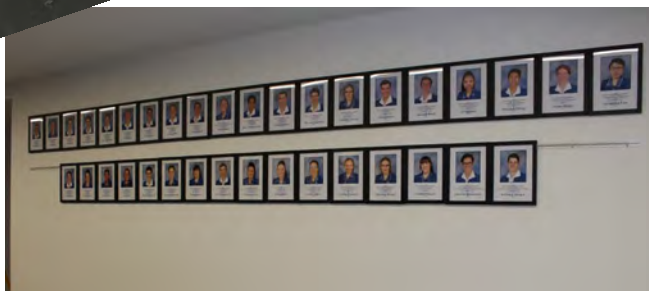
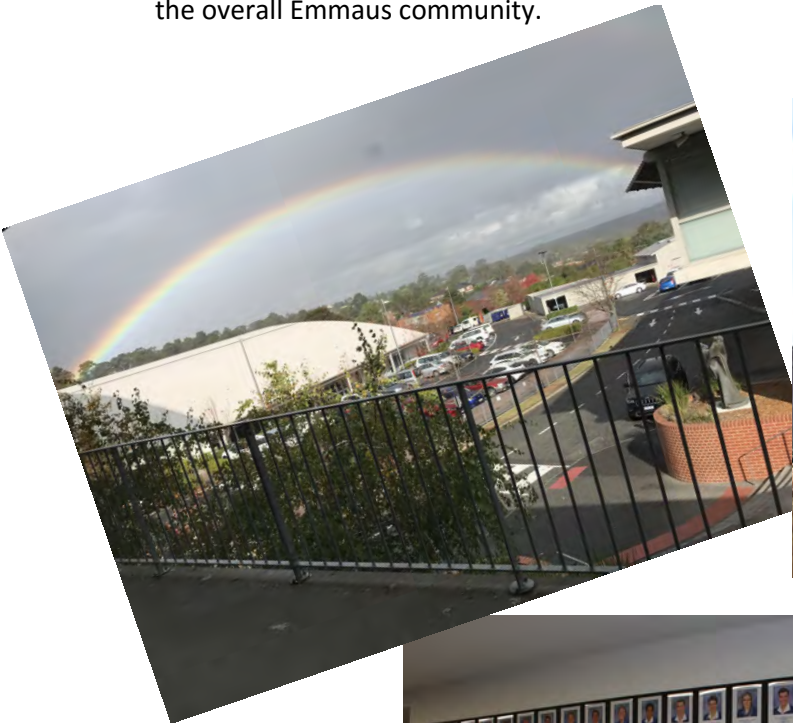


Our Emmaus 2020 vision has been developed by the Emmaus College Board to communicate to all members of our community the "Road" ahead. Each of the four pillars mentioned below will be led by a member of the College staff and supported by a member of our College Board. At the completion of second and fourth terms a progress report of our 16 initiatives will be published.

The College Mission is to assist each student in achieving their best academically, as they come 'To Know Christ' on their own road to Emmaus. We will support this with four vital foundations of Faith, Learning, Serving and Community.

Along with Board member Dionne Bird I will be working on the vision of 'Community' which one of the goals is Ongoing formation and links to the Emmaus Alumni . The Alumni is seen as an active and integral component of the overall Emmaus community.

Mr Tony Hirst, Principal



Class Reunions

Reunions are held every year to celebrate times past. Celebrations are held for the 1 Year, 10 Year, 20 Year and 30 Year, Class Anniversaries.

These events are going to be traditionally held on a Friday evening through the year and hosted by the College

The event begins with a warm welcome, drinks and snacks after that a College tour commences. From here attendees have the chance to drift off to another venue for further merriment!

All Alumni are welcomed at the reunions.

Reunions provide a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, establish new relationships and networks and see how the College has changed.

We strongly encourage you to attend your milestone reunion

Recent Events

CLASS OF 2007 (10 years on)

Over 30 ex students joined us for the 10 years reunion at the College in November. We welcomed them with a drink and some snacks and a tour of the college.



Michelle Yong (1987 - 1992)

I attended Emmaus College from Year 7-12 (1987-1992) which I remember not only for receiving a great education but also for the lifelong friendships I made. Certainly a few years have passed since Ms Allison Nally (Religious Education Co-ordinator) and I stuck pictures of Michael Hutchence in our school books and when I was taught Year 8 geography by Mr Tony Hirst (now Emmaus College Principal)!

After completing Year 12 VCE, I studied Medicine at the University of Melbourne, an experience which really opened up my world in terms of meeting a broad range of students and exposing me to a diverse range of interests. I'll never forget my first anatomy class, 6 students in white coats around a cadaver- a traditional part of the medical course that has been taught for hundreds of years!

Not only did my medical degree teach me about individual patient care but sparked an interest about health on a more global scale. The Australian health system is world class but I was also keen to understand and help people in developing countries so I joined Australian Volunteers International (AVI) and spent 12 months working in Mzuzu, Malawi in a rural hospital with only one other doctor. Here I treated countless cases of malaria, tuberculosis, complicated pregnancies, HIV and pneumonia with the bare minimum of resources. Upon return to Australia I was then motivated to pursue specialist training in infectious diseases and gained further qualifications with a Masters in Public Health.

In addition to pursuing scientific interests, I have had the chance to explore my other interests of languages and travel. I enrolled in a semester course to learn Italian at the Università di Siena, Italy and I've also completed a French summer course in Montpellier, France. My Emmaus Italian teachers would have been proud and I fondly recall first learning about Siena and Il Palio (famous horserace since 1633) through texts at school.



The learning never stops and as part of my PhD, I uprooted my family (husband, 3 year old and 18 month old daughters) and we moved to Paris where I worked as a research fellow at the Hôpital Pitié Salpêtrière, one of the oldest, largest and most prestigious hospitals in Europe. Here we enjoyed the French lifestyle, long lunches, local markets and beautiful wine and cheeses. The children attended maternelle and garderie and were surprisingly fluent in French within weeks. It took me a lot longer but it was a proud moment when I managed to fix up our internet after speaking to an operator for 20 minutes on the phone!

I'm now working as a specialist at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity where I combine patient care with medical research. My husband has been so supportive in my career and we both value our family life as being the most important thing above all else - we now have 3 daughters (age 8, 6 and 2). Looking back, when I was at Emmaus, I never set out to have so many degrees or to spend so much time as a uni student but I've always believed in taking as many opportunities as possible. There is still so much to learn.

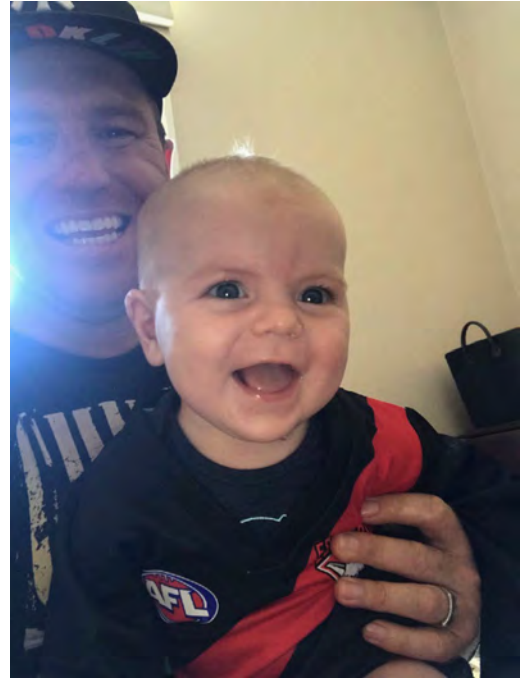
Kate and Adam Bester



Remember Ms Kerr and Mr Bester, well they left Emmaus traveled up to the Northern Territory and have started a family!

They worked on Elcho Island for a number of years then moved to Darwin where Adam worked for the Northern Territory Education Department.

They are back in their home State of Tasmania now with their two beautiful children Mavis who is almost 3 years old and Jimmy who was born in September last year.



Mr Bourbon is back!

After a few years absence Mr Bourbon has returned as Assistant Principal (Students). Here he is with Mr Hirst shaving their head for Australia's Greatest Shave (Mr White also shaved his moustache) where the school raised over \$5,000



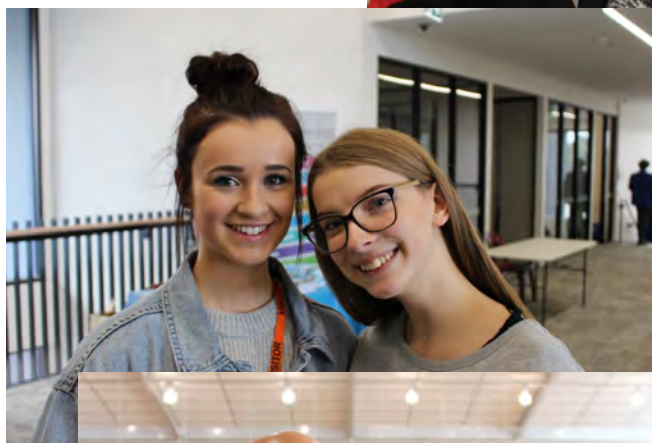
2017 Presentation Evening

Alex Brennan 2016 Dux



Around the school

Some familiar faces in and around the school in the last few weeks, it is great to see people return to the school for a visit or even to help us to give advice to our students.



Congratulations



Callum Mackie (graduated in 2016) for being recognised by the Lonely Planet for his unreal photography.



Jack Allen, Bahe Balamaheswaran and Santino Raftellis were in Panama City representing Australia/Monash University at Harvard World MUN.


DODGEBALL FEDERATION
AUSTRALIA

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Dodgeroos

2018 Dodgeball World Cup NYC
Australian Dodgeroos Squad - Women

Elli Darwinkel – Skye Rainbows
Emma Lester – Endeavour Hills Eagles
Georgina Downs – Surrey Hills Sloths
Kate Lewis – South Morang Stingrays
Kate McConnell – Greensborough Dodgers
Katrina Kotsakis – Surrey Hills Sloths
Krista Leveleky – Skye Rainbows
Lakita Seigafo – South Morang Stingrays
Madison Patmore – Endeavour Hills Eagles
Meals Carter – Greensborough Dodgers
Megan Coetzer – Vermont Vipers
Natasha Hollins – Greensborough Dodgers
Samantha Holcombe – Endeavour Hills Eagles
Simone Phillips – Surrey Hills Sloths
Tara Skellerup – Vermont Vipers

Madison Patmore (2014) being chosen for the Australian Dodgeball team

Congratulations

Laura Burns (2009) and Daniel Brock (2009) got married!



Micaela Campbell and Mark Austin's wedding



Congratulations



Emily Fisher (2017) has just signed with American University women's basketball for the 2018-19 incoming class. American University is a NCAA Div 1 college which is the highest level of intercollegiate athletics in the united states. Emily worked so hard for this and its awesome to see she has achieved this goal.



Tara Bohana (2012) playing for Southern Saints and Morgan Brown (2014) playing for Collingwood VFLW team this season



Alumni in London



Simon Reilly (2010)

Simon graduated from Monash Uni in 2015 with a degree in Biomedical Science, including studying for six months at Leeds university in England.

Simon then traveled extensively in Europe and North America and his love of traveling led him to work for Contiki in Europe. He completed one year on-site based in Florence. Then progressed to Tour Manager.

Simon is currently in his second year of taking tours around Europe. In total he has now visited over 50 countries!



Patrick Tibballs (2011)

Patrick Tibballs completed year 12 at Emmaus College in 2011, in the last year of the VCE campus at Burwood.

He completed a bachelor of Paramedicine at ACU in 2014 and moved to London to work as a Paramedic in mid 2015.

While in London he has travelled extensively throughout Europe and is currently preparing, with 6 friends, in a team called Feline Good, to undertake the Mongol Rally, a charity rally, driving 3 Nissan Micras from London to the Russian-Mongolian border. They will be raising money for Cool Earth and The Mongolian Gender Equality Centre.



Emmaus St Leos Football Club

A History of the club



Catherine McCann (Flood) and Gavin Simondson at opening of new clubrooms

The football club was established in 1987. The club's colours are dark blue on blue, and the footy team goes by the name "The Animals". The purpose of the club is to provide young adults in the community an opportunity to participate in local amateur Aussie Rules football, with focus on striving for excellent team results, promoting health and fitness, and providing a responsible and supportive social environment.

The club's home ground is the Bennetswood Reserve on Burwood Highway, next to Deakin University. The club maintains close contact and communications with Whitehorse City Council, who administer Bennetswood Reserve. The new pavillion and clubhouse have been built and new facilities were open in 2018.

The club has two men's senior teams which play on Saturday afternoons in Division 2 of the VAFA. This year, for the first time, the club is fielding a women's team in the VAFA.

The club's website is:
www.emmausstleos.com.au



Emmaus St Leos Football Club



Deakin University

Deakin University is a multi-award winning university forging a new path both locally and globally as a leading provider of innovative learning and a positive university experience. Deakin are young and innovative, have excellent facilities and offer flexible learning.



Emmaus College

Emmaus College is well recognised for its excellence in Catholic education in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The college prides itself on providing a safe and harmonious environment for students, whilst offering a broad, engaging and technology rich curriculum delivered by esteemed teachers.



goodSPORTS

Good Sports is a three-step program for sporting clubs. It provides resources and training to help clubs tackle alcohol-related issues as well as mental health, smoking and obesity. GoodSports aim is for all Australians to be the healthiest they can possibly be.



MOTHERS DAY GAME



Emmaus St Leos Football Club Update



ESLOCFC have started the season with a tough run of fixtures and injuries. However a strong win at our Ladies High Tea game has given the club a massive morale boost heading into the second half of the season, with the hope that there can also be less disruptions to the senior side. Our first ever women's team have made their debut in 2018 and have been playing well. They sit just outside the top 4 on percentage.

The club overall has undergone an image revamp headed up by the completion of our new clubrooms. It has given Bennettswood Reserve a brand new vibe and is a fantastic place to watch the footy on a Saturday.

Our major fundraising event for the year has recently passed with our Ladies High Tea, and was a massive success. All funds raised on the day were donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation to assist with crucial breast cancer research."



Indiana Hangan (2008)

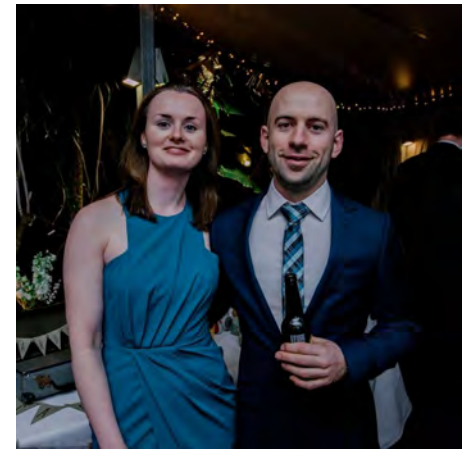


Do you remember the Hangan family, Indiana (Emmaus 2008) owns his own construction company, he builds 'Tiny Homes' out in Croydon (and other homes too)! Students from Emmaus met him at a Careers Day which Whitehorse Council ran in May, we were delighted to meet him and hear how successful his business has become



HANGAN
CONSTRUCTION

Shaun Kay (2003)



Shaun is a qualified Electrician working on small to medium sites mainly around the CBD. He has been with the company for 3.5 years and in the industry all up 10.5 years.

Congratulations to Shaun as he is getting married to a lovely Irish girl in Cork this coming July 8th.

He is still involved down at Emmaus St Leos but just help out with coaching the reserves side cause work gets in the way of a bigger commitment to coaching he's getting old! At the football club there are still a few boys from his year playing and some from the years below, and he is still in touch regularly with five blokes from his year of 2003 and boys from 2004 and 2005 which make up the core group of his friends. (Thanks Shaun for the interview via Messenger)



Grant Lynch (1998)

I left Emmaus in 1998. I then attend Deakin University in Warrnambool doing Marine and Freshwater Chemistry. I then worked overseas on a scallop farm in Ireland and realized that this wasn't the career for me. So the opposite of working in the ocean is on land so I became a real estate agent.

I have worked at Allens Blackburn, now McGrath Blackburn since 2005 selling homes and investments to the residents of Whitehorse and Melbourne's East ever since. I became an auctioneer in 2009 and then a Principal of the business in 2014. I was recognized as a top 100 agents in Australia by REB and a finalist for Auctioneer of the year by REB as well.

Grant will be working with Emmaus in the near future training some very lucky students in an auctioneering program, where he will train the students to become an auctioneer. The students will then compete in a competition which could eventually take them to a National level.



Grant Lynch
Principal | Blackburn

A top ranked property specialist, Grant Lynch is a vastly experienced licensed Sales Agent and an acclaimed Auctioneer. Working for Allens Real Estate his entire career, and a director of that agency, Grant continues these roles under the rebranded McGrath Blackburn banner. He has unparalleled local knowledge of the City of Whitehorse, living with his family in Blackburn. He also specialises in projects, listing the first exclusive development for the company. Achieving a consistent success rate of 97 percent and approved property development expert for the City of Whitehorse, Grant's clients are in capable hands. His personal approach, highly systemised campaigns and sense of humour to de-stress what can be a tough phase for vendors, define his impeccable reputation. Grant's loyalty and passion for real estate extends beyond the transaction process, to the people who make his job so rewarding. Wanting the best for his clients, Grant is the person to call for advice and solid result.

SPECIALTY SUBURBS
Blackburn
Blackburn South
Forest Hill
Mitcham
Nunawading



McGrath

Tegan Cunningham (2007)



Tegan Cunningham (2007) is an Australian basketball and Australian rules football player who currently plays for the Melbourne Boomers in the Women's National Basketball League and the Melbourne Football Club in the AFL Women's competition where she wears number 1.

Tegan joined Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kansas. During her time there she won multiple conference and tournament MVP awards and would leave the school as the all-time leading scorer. These strong showings and accolades earned her a transfer to Oklahoma State University competing in the Big 12 Conference of NCAA Division I. At the completion of her college career Cunningham was nominated for the WNBA draft where she was listed as one of the best available prospects heading in to the third and final round, however remained undrafted



Tegan returned home to Australia and began her professional career in 2010, for the Adelaide Lightning. She then moved to the Dandenong Rangers and helped take home the championship in the 2012 Grand Final. After a brief stint in Queensland with the Logan Thunder, she returned to the Rangers roster, after the Thunder left the league. After two seasons with the Rangers, she was signed for the 2016–17 season, by the Melbourne Boomers.[1]

After the completion of the 2016-17 WNBL season, Tegan found herself without a WNBL club and decided to turn her attention to the AFLW in pursuit of a career change and a new challenge.

She was drafted by Melbourne with the club's third pick and the 22nd selection overall in the 2017 AFL Women's draft. She made her league debut in Round 1 of the 2018 AFLW season where she amassed 10 possessions and kicked one goal in her side's victory.



She played in all of Melbourne's seven games despite suffering a sickening head clash in Round 5, finishing the season as the 2018 Melbourne AFLW Leading goal kicker with a total of nine goals.



The Second Generation!



The McCann family, Ryan McCann and Cathy McCann (Flood) and family, two of their boys are in Year 7.



Connie and Peter Castellan's son is in Year 8 and daughter coming to Emmaus next year.



Ross Brotherton and Suzi Clarke and family, their daughter is in Year 9

Second Generation Badges



This year we have started the Second Generation club!

Any student who has a relative who was an Emmaus Alumni will be presented a badge by Mr Hirst. We will be presenting these throughout the year and the students will be able to wear their 'Second Generation' Badge with pride. There are a lot more to be presented, we are looking forward to meeting all of our second generation students!

Our first inductees were:

Billy Andrews Year 8, his mum Catherine White was at Emmaus in 1987.

Chloe Carter-Dams, Year 8, her mum Samantha Dams was at Emmaus in 1986.

Michelle Cavallo, Year 8, her dad Joseph Cavallo was at Emmaus in 1986.

Kayla Ciccotosto, Year 8, her mum Sabina Malisa was at Emmaus in 1990.

Jack Cook, Year 8, his mum Marina Garbuio was at Emmaus in 1992.

Olivia Currie, Year 11,

Daniel DeCunto, Year 8, his mum Anna Reitano was at Emmaus in 1985

Erica Dewhirst, Year 11, her mum Brigitte Borg was at Emmaus in 1987

The Second Generation Badges





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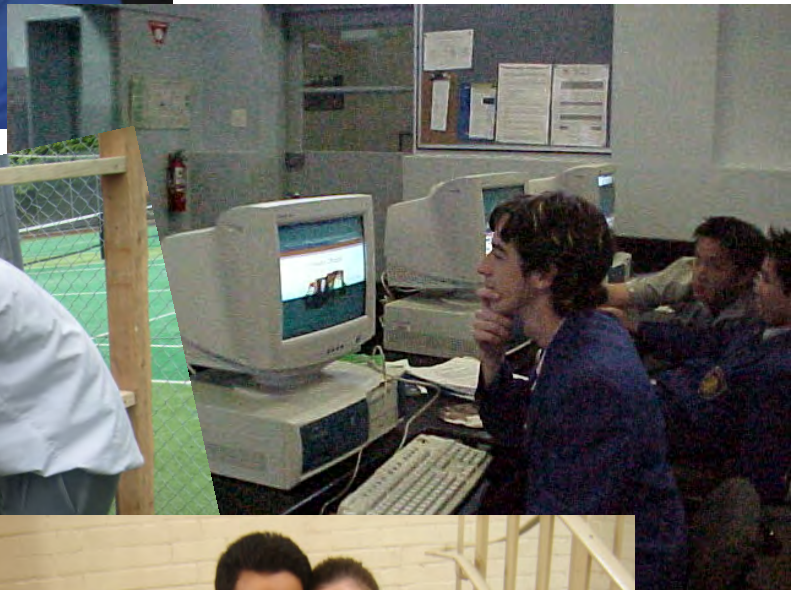


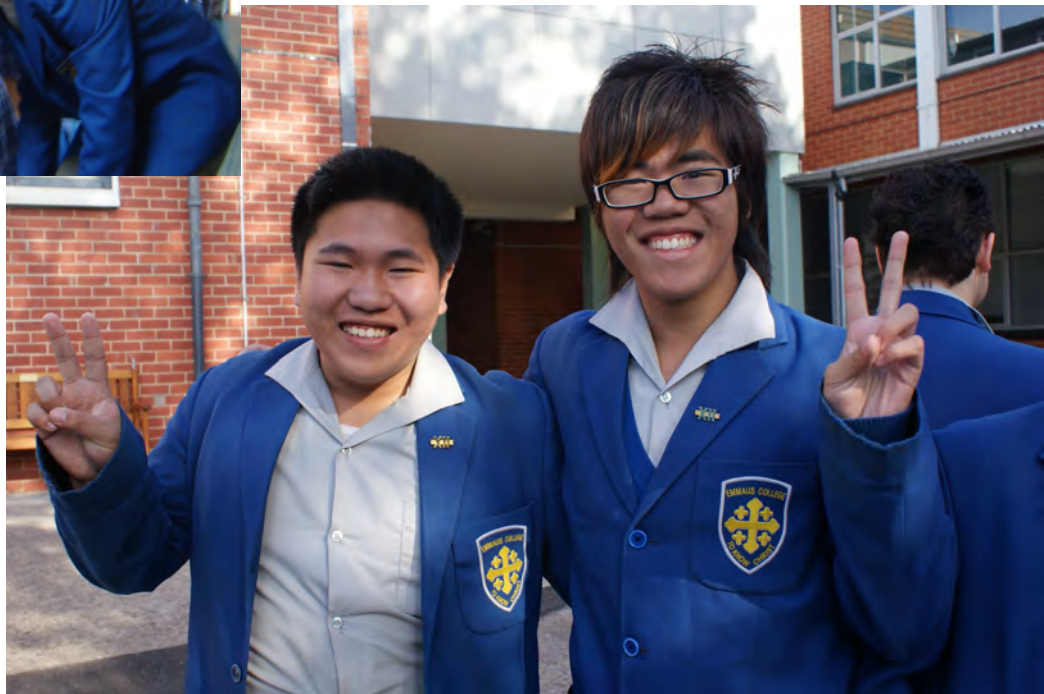














We need your help!

We are thinking of setting up a small Alumni committee which would meet a couple of times a year to promote the Alumni Association.

This will include collecting information for this newsletter and working on some other projects the school has for the Community.

If you are interested, please contact Denise McCann. (denise.mccann@emmaus.vic.edu.au)
We would love to hear from you.

In this newsletter and on the Facebook page we endeavour to send out good vibes and news about the community, if you think we need to include some stories, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Reunions

We are in the process at the moment of organising this year's reunions. If you are interested in helping please email Denise McCann or Barry Parnell:

denise.mccann@emmaus.vic.edu.au
barry.parnell@emmaus.vic.edu.au

We will do most of the work for you, all you have to do is have lots of enthusiasm!

Reunions this year

1988 - Organised by a group of Alumni, at the Burvale, where they had a fantastic night. Photos in next newsletter

1998 - Watch this space, or the Facebook page for the date

2008 - Watch this space, or the Facebook page for the date



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 <p>EMMAUS COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS Production of</p> <h1>Seussical</h1>	<p>25-28 July Whitehorse Centre</p> <p>TICKETS emmaus.vic.edu.au</p> <p> EMMAUS COLLEGE</p>
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