Welcome to the Spring edition of Jimmies Spirit. As many would be aware, the College entered a new chapter of its history earlier this year when it opened its new facilities – the Joseph Canali Centre (incorporating the Ba-ra Barimi Learning Centre and Science Department), an industry-standard Trade Skills Centre and extensive refurbishments to the Tom Carey Building. These were the first ‘new’ buildings at the College since 2000 when the Hall was officially opened. By maximising the limited space on the property, the College has provided state-of-the-art facilities for its students that will serve them many years into the future.

The gala opening was attended by the Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, Federal and State Members of Parliament, Christian Brothers, former Principals of St James, many past students, parents, staff, students and friends of the College.

Past students are always welcome to drop by to visit and receive a guided tour of their alma mater. Staff are always very willing and proud to show off their school to visitors and especially past students!

The College welcomes the establishment of the Headquarters of the Salvation Army next to the College on School St. The Salvation Army are moving into the former Queensland Health facility, adjacent to the back fence of the school. Housed in this building will also be the Youth Outreach Service (YOS) education facility.

For some years now, St James in partnership with the Salvation Army has been managing and staffing the education facility at YOS, providing opportunities for young men and women living in dysfunctional situations and difficult personal circumstances to access senior secondary studies. Over the years, many of these students have gone on to begin fulfilling careers after continuing their studies at TAFE and elsewhere after leaving school. YOS was formerly located in Baxter St in the Valley. Having the centre now so close to the school will further enhance the partnership between the school and the Salvation Army.

Along with advocacy initiatives and the provision of schooling for refugees and asylum-seekers, Brekkie Van for the homeless, educating students with learning differences and disability in an inclusive environment, while at the same time providing outstanding educational pathways in OP and Vocational Education, the work at YOS is yet another example of the continuing outreach that is part of the ethos and mission of this great little school of St James. This has always been part of the story of St James and I hope and pray it will always continue this way.

Recently, I had the opportunity to access some Professional Renewal Leave and spent four weeks studying in the Holy Land.

Based in the old part of the city of Jerusalem, I had the opportunity to study about and visit many of the so-called ‘holy places’ around the city and in other regions of Israel. Many of these places are reputed to be the exact places where this or that incident occurred in the Bible and, as such, are venerated by the many Christian, Muslim and Jewish pilgrims who have visit Jerusalem over the past 2000 years.

While it was not up to me to judge the authenticity of these places, what became increasingly clear to me during my stay and as a result of my study, was that the ‘holiness’ of the places had little to do with their physical location or appearance even though they may have been marked by the presence of a large basilica or church built over them by past worshippers.

When all is said and done, despite signage, over-enthusiastic tour guides and those eager to wrest another tourist shekel from a pious pilgrim, it didn’t really matter that whether I was standing on the reputed site of the Crucifixion at Calvary, muscling through crowds in the local souk or walking across a dusty windswept desert as to whether a place was holy or not.

For me, what made a place holy were the people who had gathered together here to listen, recall and open their hearts to the presence of God.
Here we have a school, a place where students from many cultures and backgrounds meet and interact – not unlike the ancient and modern city of Jerusalem and the way it has always been a centre-point of meeting of many cultures throughout the ages.

As an Edmund Rice school, we are guided by a charter that focuses all we do; it is a common vision that guides us to offer an education that we believe is truly authentic. What takes place here within these buildings is something that can never be restricted to buildings because it is about human beings, their lives, their faith and their hope. These places, these buildings can never tell the full picture nor should they. Schools are not relics or pieces of ground over which to build a monument. Schools are people, growing together.

It is for these reasons that I truly believe St James College is a holy place because it is here that we meet, we talk, we listen, we recall, we learn and all within a common belief that God is present among us and will open our eyes to the future that God has in store for us.

My very best wishes are extended to all past Jimmies students. Know that you are always very welcome here at St James.

Mr Gerry Crooks
Principal

Co-Curricular Activities at St James

St James has enjoyed many successes so far during 2015. Our team sports have been extremely successful and students have done the school proud with their own individual performances in making representatives teams. Our Inter-House Sports Carnivals have been full of excitement and friendly competitive spirit. The Swimming Carnival was full of colour and excitement with wonderful spirit shown and everyone doing their part to help their House achieve great results. Long House was victorious in the first Inter-House Carnival of 2015. The Inter-House Cross Country Carnival was another great day with everyone running the track well. Once again victory went to Long House. The final Carnival of 2015 saw everyone take to the track and field events, showing their athletic abilities. It was a glorious day and one enjoyed by all. Hogan House came away with the final win of year with Long House right on their tail.

Wednesday sports have been a huge success for the junior school this year with St James filling teams in all Divisions and competing at the highest level. We have been very successful this year with teams making the final series of the South District competition. We have had success in Boys and Girls Soccer and our Boys and Girls Basketball. Every team has represented our school with pride and have shown great sportsmanship to all other players.

Soccer and Futsal have been very successful this year with our Open Boys’ team having huge success in a number of competitions. They started the season off winning the Qualifying rounds of the Futsal Championships, moving on to finish Runners Up in the SEQ Championships, then finally finishing their Futsal season off as Quarter Finalists in the SEQ Champion of Champion Tournament. This has seen St James Open Boys’ Futsal finish fifth in Queensland this year.

The Open Boys’ Soccer showed that all their hard work under Mr James Anderson has paid off. In the Annual EREA National Tournament they were placed as Runners Up, showing they could compete at the highest level.

In the Uhlsport Cup the team finished in the top 16 of Queensland, finishing top of their group stage and narrowly losing their knock out match. We have also had some success with students representing the District and Region in this sport. Denis Yongule was our highest success making the U19 Met East Soccer team and returning as State Champions with Denis also scoring in the Grand Final.

The 2015 Confraternity Rugby League Carnival was another success enjoyed by the school with the team finishing fifth in Queensland this year.
by St James this year. The Squad undertook some fundraising activities and was generously sponsored by Mr Peter McWhirter who helped fund the 2015 jerseys. This year saw the Squad travel to Ipswich Brothers. They started the Carnival strongly and won their first match. They continued on to finish the group stage undefeated. This year’s Confraternity team went so well they went all the way to the Grand Final of Division Three and with only one loss in the whole competition, they finished as Runners Up. Some of our athletes achieved individual successes over the tournament with our Captain, Tala Matauaina, being the leading try scorer of the Division and Tai Leaupepe coming out as the leading point scorer of the Division. Next year’s Confraternity Carnival will see St James travel up to Rockhampton.

The Basketball season started strongly with our Open Boys’ team winning the EREA National Tournament for 2015. Three teams – Boys’ Division 1, Boys’ Division 2 Team and Girls Division 1 Team are all preparing for the 2015 State All Schools Championship. A number of our students made the Open and U15 Met East Teams for 2015: Open Boys – Jack Williams, Deng Mayot, Dan Acuil, Lachlan Haworth-Brown; U15 Boys (Champions) – Moses Majok, Dut Chol, Chol Guet and Tristan Bruhn; U15 Girls (Runners Up) – Jay-lee Hippolite and Esta Ratere.

Some outside Basketball news saw Moses Majok and Talita Taufua representing Queensland at the U15 National Championships this year in Tasmania. Both athletes played very well. Moses came back with a Bronze medal and Talita a Gold Medal. Moses Majok has also been selected in the U17 Boys’ Australian Squad for 2015. This opportunity will see him travel around Australia training with some of the best players of his age group.

Mr Scott Pickett
Sports Co-ordinator

Year 10 Work Experience

During Term 2 (15—9 June, 2015), Year 10 students attended a week of work experience.

The students were placed throughout the Greater Brisbane area with an incredible range of industries accessed.

Many employers were very pleased with the attitude and enthusiasm of our students and some employers commented that while industries were struggling during this economic climate, in turn making it more difficult to provide work experience opportunities for students, they were always pleased to make the extra effort.

Two students were excited to be going to Greencross Vets, Woolloongabba (Harry Moran) and Manly Road Veterinary Hospital (Jacob Forker-Freeman).

Student, Jack Stankovic, was very fortunate to be placed at Broadley Rees Hogan Lawyers and received the following glowing letter from the firm’s CEO, Andrew Churchill.

Dear Jack,

I am writing to say that it was our pleasure to have you attend our office for your school work experience programme and participate in our business activities during the week of 15 June 2015.

You made a very positive contribution during that week. You were very motivated in the way you applied yourself to tasks and you demonstrated mature interpersonal skills. All of our staff and partners that you had contact with were complimentary in their reflection on your time with us.

You displayed great maturity for a Year 10 student, which will be to your advantage in completing your studies and achieving your career ambitions.

On behalf of the partners and staff I would like to thank you for your contribution and wish you every success in achieving your goals.

Some great employer feedback was received for many other students and overall most of the students involved had very positive experiences.

Work Experience week was a great opportunity for students to explore future career pathways and assist in their decision making as they approach the senior phase of their education with St James College. Many teachers have also commented that students are showing a greater interest in their upcoming studies by asking informed questions to them about how to obtain certain qualifications.

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who completed work experience and took a step closer toward their career path.

Ms Margy Beddows
VET Office
Leroy Loggins Sporting Chance Program

Twenty-two students were selected from 150 students within the Leroy Loggins Community Organisation, Sporting Chance Program to attend a six day camp from 24 to 30 May in Sydney, New South Wales. Students attending came from St James College, Glenala SHS (Inala), Bray Park SHS, Bremer SHS (Ipswich) and Dakabin SHS. Students representing St James were Jamie Swan, Tevan Jones, Jay Jones, Mikayla Williams and Brandon Norman.

On arriving at Sydney Airport, the group led by Mr Leroy Loggins, Ms Lisa Fisher, Mr Mark Ormsby and Ms Carole Grant, were greeted by Amy from The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) and driven to the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), George Street, Sydney, which was to be the camp’s base. After settling in the group was taken on a Redfern Walking Tour led by community leader, Aunty Donna. Key historic and cultural locations were visited including the Tent Embassy at the Block, many local murals and the Koori radio station.

Monday morning saw members of the local community join the students in a 5.30am boxing class run by Tribal Warrior. The session was fun and got everyone’s hearts pumping. Later on in the morning the group travelled by train to undergo a nationally accredited barista course. All students completed the course, achieving two certificates – one in “Prepare and Serve Expresso Coffee” and the other, “Use Hygiene Practices for Food Safety”. The students were happy to be able to add these qualifications to their Resumes. That evening an outing was organised to the Totem Skate School where basic skateboard skills were taught, and for the more advanced skateboarders, a few tricks.

Tuesday was another early start with the group heading to Maroubra beach for surfing lessons with instructors from Surfing Australia. A trip to the ABC TV and Radio studios followed for a behind the scenes tour. Students were fascinated to see how the lighting and cameras operated, how the sets were made up for TV and some of the group even went live on ABC radio! Students attended an afternoon Money Savvy course where they learnt about budgeting, savings, compound interest, credit cards and superannuation. After dinner the group took a ferry ride from Circular Quay to Manly, capturing some of the most historical sites in Australia – the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. The Opera House was lit up with the Vivid Lighting Show and was an amazing sight.

Wednesday started with another early morning boxing session after which the morning was spent on site participating in career development. The NASCA staff planned an interactive workshop which aimed to provide skills needed to work towards obtaining one’s dream job. The afternoon session was at Sydney City Fire & Rescue where the fire station master showed and spoke about the fire and rescue trucks and their equipment. It was exciting to witness two fire trucks dispatch for actual fire and rescue calls.

Thursday morning started off with a tour of the University of Technology Sydney. This was a wonderful opportunity to experience life on campus as well as the opportunities available to Indigenous students. After lunch the group went to the Sydney Story Factory and, working in two teams, turned the information collected over the past few days into a fantastic newspaper story. All stories were put together and a complete newspaper was created with each student receiving a copy of this newspaper to take home. After dinner an action packed night was undertaken by an Aboriginal Amazing Race throughout the city. Students were put into teams and had to race against each other to solve clues, complete activities and reach various destinations all with an Indigenous theme.

A sleep in and late breakfast was enjoyed by all on Friday followed by the NCIE program staff arranging a variety of activities to participate in. There was a workshop with Jeral Grant from the Sydney Kings and a music workshop with the Jimmy Little Foundation. An inspirational afternoon was spent with a group of people from NASCA, IDX, AIME and the Sexual Health and Wellness Centre all sharing their stories in a yarning circle. Each person shared their stories, their obstacles and their achievements with the group. Following this, the students had a wonderful and rewarding time helping out at the NCIE Afterschool Program, interacting and playing games with the young children attending. After dinner the group was invited to attend the AFL Indigenous round Sydney vs Carlton at the Sydney Cricket Ground. After doing a lap of the grounds the group stopped right in front of the stage where Dan Sultan performed pre-game entertainment, followed by helping to form the on-field guard of honour for the Sydney Swans - a once in a lifetime opportunity. The students stayed on to watch the game which saw a Sydney victory!

Sincere thanks are extended to the staff of NASCA and NCIE for making this trip possible.

Ms Lisa Fisher
Executive Assistant – Leroy Loggins Community Organisation
It is wonderful to be enjoying the surroundings of the Ba-ra Barimi Learning Centre – the location of the College's new Library. Such a light, bright and modern space is a popular venue for Teachers and Students alike, and we are enjoying hosting many classes for research lessons. It is also a hub for students during breaks, where homework and assignment work is completed, and chess tournaments and card games are enjoyed. The Ba-ra Barimi Learning Centre is a flexible Teaching and Learning space, with moveable furniture and shelving, helping to create different layouts and zones, thus making it a perfect location for large or small groups. The Seminar Room located in the Ba-ra Barimi Learning Centre is also a sought-after venue by Students and Teachers; Students who are doing group work enjoy the isolation it provides, and Teachers find it a conducive environment for staff meetings and a quiet place to work with students. Recently, we changed our Fiction Collection into Genre Classifications, making it easier for students to find a book with a theme that interests them. Some of the genres include Adventure, Crime, Family, War and Young Adult. As a result, we have seen borrowing increase as the students are finding the Collection more accessible. As online and digital resources slowly take over, our Non-Fiction Collection is shrinking; however, we do still replace and update Non-Fiction resources that are imperative to the National Curriculum and teaching and learning in the College. As many of you may be aware, our students in Years 7 to10 now enjoy the benefit of LearningField - an online textbook application from the Copyright Agency - that gives them access to over 5000 chapters of texts books from publishers such as Pearson, Cambridge University Press, MacMillan, Oxford University Press, Jacaranda/Wiley, and Nelson. Currently, we subscribe to access text books for Maths, Science, English, History and Geography, which means that students can use the chapters and texts that their Teachers share with them, and can also use LearningField as an 'online library', for research for assignments and study both at home and at school. There are many benefits associated with LearningField - apart from students not having to carry heavy books to and from school! I particularly like that the students can download a portion of a text book at school, and it is available to them to use at home without access to the internet. If you so wish, the home internet can even be disconnected during ‘homework time’, thus removing the temptation of online messaging, social media interaction and web-surfing!

If you have any questions regarding the Library, our Collection, the One-to-One Laptop Programme or access to any of our digital resources, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I would also like to extend an invitation to you to come and visit us in the Ba-ra Barimi Learning Centre next time you are in the College – we will enjoy showing you around our beautiful Library!

Ms Nikki Carpenter
Head of Library and eLearning

East Timor Immersion 2015 – Walking the talk

Those who have been following the ongoing relationship between St James College and East Timor will know that one of the strongest relationships we have built over the past six years is that with the orphanage of Santa Bakhita in Dili. This relationship is one which is strengthened by the stories of hope of the children who have passed through this amazing place, continued by the ongoing hard work of Inacia Flores Faria, a 59-year old lady from whom our annual group draws immense inspiration. The orphanage first opened its doors when this phenomenal woman, who has six children of her own, and whose husband died of sickness in the late 90’s, saw a need in the local community to care for children who had either lost parents, or whose families, through economic or social reasons, could not care completely for them. She literally opened up her doors and her own house to these children and built the orphanage around her home, never turning back a child.

During our most recent visit we were saddened to hear that the place was to close within the month – a decision that has been a long time coming as Inacia continues to battle a 3-year condition with her faulty kidneys. Whilst all involved meet this news with a heavy heart, it is also a massive relief for Inacia and her family, who have worked overtime to balance and care completely for the kids who remain in their home. Over the past 15 years over eighty children have passed through this place and have become part of the story that is the Santa Bakhita Orphanage. They now go into the world with strengthened values of compassion and hope, knowing that they have so much potential to create change and achieve so much. We are so very grateful for the time we have had with this place – so much more than an orphanage – and keep them all in our prayers as they continue the next chapters of their journeys.

Our group this year, made up of six Year 11 students, were further privileged to hear stories from the villages of Seloi and Railako Kraik where they were touched by the lives of so many people who had experienced a lifetime of struggle. Mario, our gracious host in Seloi, took us on a tour of his land, giving us rare opportunities to take part in the daily rituals of life in the mountains – coffee picking, rice paddies, walking the tracks, life at school – one which all students took with both hands. Railako red was the colour of the week, as dry season saw clothes and skin soaked with the dust that seems omnipresent. Volleyball games, Art & English activities and walks along the mountain slopes gave even deeper experiences of daily life and opportunities to further know some amazing people and their stories. With this came a greater appreciation for their own lives and everything they have – borne of the simple fact that much of what our students have and where they live is decided by a God much greater than them.

Thanks must go to all those who help support this ongoing experience – all those who fundraised and assisted along the way. Particular thanks to Miss Jessica Whelan and Mr Aaron Hill for giving up their holidays to accompany the group. Our greatest appreciation is reserved for those in Timor Leste whose stories, time and hospitality continue to inspire us and change our hearts in ways immeasurable.

Obrigado! Obrigado! Obrigado!

Mr Chris Zammit
Where are they now?

Barry Sparks (1949 – 1953)
I have returned to St James’ a number of times over recent years to attend the invitation functions.
I have always hoped to meet up with past students of my era. – Sadly, not to be. So, it was a pleasant surprise to see and read “Terry Dinneen’s” article in Jimmies Spirit Newsletter recently.
I left school at Scholarship and had enjoyed my years at St James. I played League in the school team of “5 Stone 7Lbs” for two years.
I remembered we helped build the Tennis Court (now built on). There was Ken Cutting, Terry MacCormack and myself and another person (can’t remember his name) in the group. We were the smallest in the class and were responsible to take the concrete roller down to the lower level. We knew we could not take the roller down the stairs so we found an old door and laid the roller on the door to get it down the stairs. Of course, we could not hold onto the roller and, the old door only sped up the roller on its way. The roller managed to knock over the water main before being retained by the wire fence. OOOopps! Water everywhere. The brothers were not impressed.
After leaving school I did an apprenticeship to become a Motor Mechanic. I spent my whole working life in the motor industry.
I retired in 2004 leaving my business/workshop in the capable hands of my two sons.
I recently joined The Samford Area Mens Shed (SAMS) and am part of a Furniture Rejuvenation Group – Good Fun – Beats working on cars!
If Past Pupils of my era would like to communicate and/or maybe catch up I can be contacted at 07 3289 7920 or by Email at bandasparks@westnet.com.au

Peter Egan (1979)
My wife, Maria and I enjoyed a mid-year, four week holiday in Ireland. Along the way we visited the Edmund Rice Heritage Centre in Waterford. We found the Irish people to be generous, kind and gentle with a great love for God, family and friends. The Brothers were a part of the Irish export of people with these great qualities to Brisbane. St James College is indeed blessed to benefit from Edmund’s legacy.

Year 11 OP Art Camp—
Jimmies on the Dam and Mt Barney

“I believe that the sight is a more important thing than the drawing; and I would rather teach drawing that my pupils may learn to love Nature, than teach the looking at Nature that they may learn to draw.” 

John Ruskin

The purpose of the Year 11 Art Camp (involving 15 students and 2 staff) was to get students out of their regular routine and out into nature. It was a drawing camp, but foremost it was an opportunity to allow them to sit and observe and open up to new possibilities. It would be an introduction in understanding how observation is fundamental to an artist’s process and an important life skill, and that being in nature can not only inspire, but also rejuvenate the spirit. Thanks goes to Casey Francis for her invaluable assistance in not only conducting the camp, but also ensuring that all involved had a safe and enjoyable experience.
Initially, sitting quietly and observing nature was something that was a little challenging for some, but before long everyone was appreciative of the time to themselves and the opportunity to be in such a beautiful part of the world. Things that were at first un-noticed became the focus of intense scrutiny, with more than one student producing detailed studies of a single leaf or rock. Over the next few days students filled the pages of their visual journals with images inspired by their interactions with nature.
The first day saw us heading to the ‘Upper Portals’ in the Mt Barney National Park where the students spent several hours drawing and documenting various sites. Our last drawing site was arguably the most beautiful of the day and required us to hike to the top of an outcrop overlooking Barney Gorge. From this vantage point we had an amazing view of the sunset and watched the afternoon sun dip below the
Where are they now?

surrounding hills before making our way back to camp.

Most of the second day was spent drawing at a cavernous waterhole where students worked perched around broad rock ledges. After lunch we sketched some of the large gumtrees nearby, before driving around to the far end of the dam and following the ridge until we found a clearing overlooking the western hills. After an hour or so of drawing this vista we headed back to camp for an afternoon swim in the dam and some more sketching from the cabin veranda.

The final day went all too fast and before we knew it, we were back in Brisbane. The drive back saw a much quieter bus than on the trip there, and after stopping for lunch we arrived at St James with a group of happy and contented students. The beauty of a camp like this is that it provides experiences outside of the everyday realms of school and home life. Some of the activities challenged students at times, but as a group they stuck together and helped each other out ensuring that everyone contributed and improved. The students involved displayed high levels of maturity and initiative, and through their actions, showed that there were more than one or two genuine leaders amongst them.

One of the hardest things to learn and to teach with drawing is to draw what you ‘see’ and not what you think something looks like. This camp allowed students to spend the time to not only look at what they were drawing, but to begin to investigate it; deconstructing things in order to begin to understand. For example, that thing you initially thought was just a rock is actually far more complex in its construction than you could have imagined. It could have been around since Australia was part of Gondwana and will still be a rock long after we are gone. Really looking at the environment, seeing it, as Ruskin says, brings you closer to it, and makes you far more appreciative of its wonder and beauty. If this camp has been able to provide a sense of interest and intrigue in the students as to the wonders of nature, then it has been success enough.

Mr Aaron Hill
Art Teacher

The Edmund Rice chapel on the hill of Mount Sion

Mearon O’Brien (2005)
I am working in primary health care in Canberra on a project with GPs and medical specialists in the hospitals after completing my degree in Public Health with a Major in Biology. I am also currently completing post graduate study in Health Economics and hope to potentially move into this field when I have completed this but am still tossing up whether to pursue a medical degree at some point.

The College was delighted to welcome Mearon back to her alma mater for the College Open Day on Friday 31 July. Our sincere thanks are extended to Mearon for presenting our prospective families, staff and students, with a reflection of her time at St James and what she has been doing since having graduated.

Martin Edge (2005)
The College congratulates Martin for his self-portrait ‘Martin’ being one of the Archibald Prize Selections chosen for the Salon des Refusés 2015 Exhibition.

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Deaths

Colin Karger
Passed April 2014, RIP

Terry McCotter
Passed 2015, RIP

Sarah Jones (Class 2005)
Passed June 2015, RIP

Mitchell Morgan (Class 2011)
Passed May 2015, RIP

Thomas Beaumont (Class 2006)
Passed August 2015, RIP

The College was very saddened to learn of the passing away of a much-loved past student and former staff member of St James, Tom Beaumont. Tom completed Year 12 in 2006, was a Finbar Mulry Award Winner (the College’s most prestigious honour), and over the past seven or so years worked at St James as a member of the support staff. Parents and students may remember Tom as the young man in the wheelchair who worked at the main desk in the old Library and over the years helped to mount many creative displays for the students to develop their love of reading. He will be remembered as a gentle personality who had a wonderful zest for life underpinned by a great love and respect for others, a loyal colleague, a beautiful person and a true ‘Jimmies kid’. We keep Tom and his family in our prayers and thoughts.

Notices

You are warmly invited to attend EQUALITY THROUGH DIVERSITY art exhibition which will take place on Friday 23 October, 2015 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

The exhibition will be held in the Ba-ra Barimi Learning Centre and will be an ideal opportunity to showcase the new facilities and the Joseph Canali Building. Parking will be available on campus, entry via Gloucester Street.

This exhibition Equality through Diversity will incorporate the key values and aspirations of the St James community, in regards to the value of cultural diversity as well as the importance of social justice. Equality through Diversity is reflective of the St James Community, and sets the basis for the choice of charities we will be donating to with the money raised from the exhibition. The St James Immersion Program is an extremely worthwhile and ongoing program that develops solidarity between the St James community and several East Timorese communities. The Moggill Creek Catchment Group is a volunteer community action group working to conserve and improve the natural environment of the Moggill Creek catchment area.

Reunions

Class of 1975, 40 Year Reunion
Friday, 13 November 2015. The Reunion will commence with Drinks & Nibbles in the Ba-ra Barimi Centre, on the top floor of the Joseph Canali Building, St James College commencing at 5.30pm. A Dinner will follow afterwards, the venue to be advised. Please contact John O’Hara on 0419 679 843 to register your interest in attending.

Many thanks to Pat Flanagan (MC, chief organiser) with loyal assistance from Martin Quinn (Mr Music, Spinmaster), Gary Allen, Kevin Wise (Cake Coordinator), and Matt Keeffe along with the help provided by Naomi Ritchie from the school office.

We look forward to the 2018 celebration of St Jimmies 150th year.

Stay Connected

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- Title & Surname
- Surname at School
- Given Names
- Telephone
- New Address
- Previous Address
- Email
- Last year at St James & Year Level

- Occupation/Skills/Interests
- Have you been doing anything we should know about?
- Please advise if you would prefer not to receive information from the Past Students’ Association.

1965 – 1972
St James cohort gathering.
A large group of past students of 1965 – 1972 vintage gathered at the Royal on the Park on Sat 27 June 2015. This was the same venue used to celebrate our Year 12 formal in 1972. The original intake was in 1965 (Grade 5) but many of the group had staggered starts and finishes with their St Jimmies education. Coincidentally, many staggered from the function after a most enjoyable evening.

The 29-strong group enjoyed a 3-course dinner and looked resplendent in suits, along with the Past Student tie. Several recalcitrants (who will remain nameless) required assistance with the tie, including Noel Bertwistle, Paul Thompson and Paul Isaacs. Sales of school memorabilia went well. Many group pictures were taken of attendees who are mostly turning 60 in 2015.

A special guest (an “alleged” man of the cloth) also entertained with some searching questions about our faith and the Christian Brothers doctrines.