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This quote from the book of Daniel, relates to the star that is at the heart of the College crest. Our crest and its star have been an integral part of the College culture of St Joseph’s Nudgee College for 125 years. This year, we have used the star as an important symbol in the recent publication of our new Strategic Plan, *Our Strategic Plan - Towards 2017*.

Embedded within the star in this key document are the values that reflect our traditions, our current practice and our expression of the Touchstones of the Charter of Catholic schools in the Edmund Rice Tradition. These values are as follows:

- respect and courage
- justice and solidarity
- effort and commitment
- collaboration
- liberation

For our students to become Signum Fidei - *Sign of Faith*, their growth, development and formation into fine Nudgee College men, must always be central to all of our educational endeavours. Hence, *Our Strategic Plan - Towards 2017* must also ensure that our students remain at the centre of our planning and the actions that follow.

In my reflection written for the first edition of Nth Degree this year, I referred to four broad agendas influencing the vision and future directions for the College. The first of these was the College Strategic Plan. At that time, the final consultations for this plan were underway. The publication of *Our Strategic Plan - Towards 2017* has since been finalised, launched and distributed to our current families in Term 3.

This strategic vision for our future is expressed clearly in our five priorities:

- We proclaim our mission and identity
- We champion a learning culture
- We foster social and emotional wellbeing
- We develop leadership capacity
- We steward our finite resources

Further details of these priorities are provided in the elaboration statements which provide the key actions for the coming years. *Our Strategic Plan - Towards 2017* is intended to be a living document that is made transparent and relevant through the associated Implementation Plan. This plan is the operational responsibility of the College Leadership Team and will be shared with the community as an ongoing work in progress.

While strategic planning is important for the future of all contemporary schools, of equal importance is that the day to day schooling experience of our students is engaging and challenging.
Many of the stories in this edition of Nth Degree capture the essence of the diverse and dynamic range of learning activities and experiences that comprise College life at Nudgee College in 2015. These stories bear strong testimony to the fact that it is indeed a rewarding time to be a school student here at Nudgee College.

Significantly, this edition also contains a feature article on our newest facility, the DJ Hanly Learning Centre. This stunning building makes a bold statement about the central place that learning and teaching has within this community. It is an engaging and stimulating place within which our boys can learn. Over 125 years ago, Br Ambrose Treacy constructed our first building, named in his honour as the Treacy Building. Over the years, it has become an iconic building within this community, as well as within Brisbane and beyond. Similarly, the DJ Hanly Learning Centre will undoubtedly become an iconic building of our era and will service the learning needs of future generations of Nudgee College men in the years to come.

Mr Peter Fullagar
College Principal
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The Learning Centre is an upgrade of the built environment, with the library providing new, exciting and innovative ways to access information and resources. The variety of different learning spaces and layouts has already been eagerly sought after by many teachers and their classes.

A key feature of the layout of the Learning Centre is the promotion of Art Costa’s Habits of Mind. In the weeks after its doors opened for Term 2, there have been many opportunities for the boys to take part in a variety of exciting activities that required them to use some of the 16 Habits of Mind to successfully undertake the learning challenges set by staff. By incorporating the Habits of Mind into the structure of the Learning Centre, the College has made a commitment to teaching boys mindfulness and developing the ability to achieve success when faced with difficult situations and problems.

Included in the upper floors of the building are learning spaces designed to support staff in facilitating challenging learning experiences. Year 7 is located on the top floor with several flexible learning spaces on the middle floor. All rooms have been equipped with the technology to permit facilities for ongoing peer review. The new facility will also help the College explore additional possibilities in 21st century learning and teaching, with some lessons being “flipped” for student use and review to aid the learning process.

Through ongoing curriculum reform, the DJ Hanly Learning Centre is set to provide support for programs that offer students relevant flexible pathways in a building that is conducive to learning. For some boys, that might be a curriculum designed to maximise their options for further study. For others, the focus might be on job-related skills of immediate use in the workforce. With a variety of group work zones, lounge and reading areas, independent work zones, small group areas and an auditorium space, the Learning Centre is destined to be the hub of learning and teaching for many years to come.
On Wednesday 6 May, Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge opened and blessed St Joseph’s Nudgee College’s two new buildings – the DJ Hanly Learning Centre and the Bathersby Boarding Village.

The Bathersby Boarding Village’s namesake, Emeritus Archbishop John Bathersby, who boarded at the College in the 1950s, attended the ceremony.

The DJ Hanly Learning Centre is named after past Principal Mr Daryl Hanly (2002–14). The Honorable Wayne Swan (MP), Principals from surrounding schools and Christian Brothers were also present to celebrate the grand opening.

These buildings mark a new era for the College. As College Captain Ben Rada Martin mentioned in his closing speech of thanks, “the Bathersby Boarding Village has strengthened the core of our College, a warm and welcoming building, which has already brought together our tight-knit boarding community into the heart of Nudgee College. The DJ Hanly Learning Centre, likewise, promises a space for all to use the new resources which are available to interact and develop on such an extraordinary scale.”

The buildings ensure a new foundation for Nudgee College from which to build on and move forward. That foundation is one that will strengthen the College’s academic and boarding facilities, and make a positive contribution to the education of all Nudgee College students both in the present and the future.

The following Wednesday an Open Evening was held to provide an opportunity for the Nudgee College community to explore the new facilities, as well as hear Mr Ben Vielle (Director, m3architecture) present on the design principles behind the two buildings.
After graduating from university, Lara spent three years working for Marist College Ashgrove.

“I then moved to London in order to travel and see the world, during which time I taught at Mount Grace School for two years,” Lara said.

Upon returning to Australia, she began working at Nudgee College, taking on roles such as a Senior English teacher and the Head of English Communication. It was only this year that Lara started in her new role as the Head of Vocational Education and Training (VET).

“This means I oversee the vocational qualifications that we have on offer; including Certificates in Construction, Engineering, Hospitality, Business and Tourism, and next year we will also offer Fitness,” she said.

As the oldest of seven children, Lara Morgan is used to being part of a big family, and her career has now led her to an even larger family at St Joseph’s Nudgee College. Lara joined the Nudgee College family in 2007; however, her connection with the College began years prior, when all four of her brothers received their education there.

Lara is also responsible for all school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

“I discuss options with students and their families regarding Year 10 to 12 subject choices, in preparation for life beyond school – and every now and then I find time to teach!” she said.

As a result of the ongoing Australian VET system reforms, Lara said an important part of her role was to be aware of all the developments and changes to vocational education.

“The need to raise the nation’s qualification profile in both the school sector and adult skills sector, as well as the impact and need for future flexible learning delivery methods due to new technology, are areas that will continually influence VET at Nudgee College,” she said.

One of the biggest challenges for Lara, as well as many other Nudgee College
staff, is that there is not enough time in the day, but she said the students always manage to put a smile on her face.

“They are the reason I do what I do,” she said.

“The staff are also incredibly supportive, and I am fortunate that working in this environment allows me to balance family and work commitments.”

Maintaining a work and life balance is extremely important for this married mother of two; however, Lara’s work and family may become intertwined one day as Lara hopes to send her boys, currently aged four and six, to Nudgee College.

“I think it’s fantastic that a school like Nudgee College can design its whole environment around maximising the ways boys excel in all areas of life,” she said.

“We have wide open spaces and playing fields for the boys to be active, we embrace a high use of technology, and we tailor literature in our libraries towards their interests.”

The attributes of teamwork and unity are evident in staff and volunteers throughout the Nudgee College community, and Lara is no exception.

“Without teamwork and collaboration we cannot achieve unity; and when a group is united, success follows,” she said.

“One of Nudgee College’s greatest attributes is the school spirit; I love how the boys love their school and take such pride in it.”
The Great Wheelbarrow Race, now in its 12th year, is a fundraising event where teams race along the aptly named “Wheelbarrow Way” route which takes them from Mareeba to Chillagoe. Nudgee College took part in the event to raise money for Street Swags, an organisation that provides comfortable and practical bedding for the homeless. Year 12 students Jack Donovan, Bill Kidd and Tom Nugent were among the race team and agreed it was a fantastic experience.

“Each day we had to cover a certain distance so we took turns pushing the wheelbarrow,” Jack said.

“Our system was that we would sprint for 20 seconds and then change over; we ended up with an average speed of almost 20km per hour.”

The team came first in the High Schools category and second overall, with a time of 7hr 08min 45sec. Despite managing to break records in both categories, the overall first-placed “Bad Boys” team broke the record by more.

“At an event on the last night prior to the final day, the other teams were calling us the fast team, which made us feel great,” Bill said.

“On the last day we needed to go even faster to break the record, so we did.”

While the three boys recommended that future Nudgee College students take up the Wheelbarrow Race challenge, they might have some tough competition.

“It was such a fun thing to do that we are thinking of doing it again as Old Boys,” Tom said.

“I had never been to that region before; the scenery was really cool.”

More than 50 teams took part in the race, and Bill noted that they entered for a variety of reasons.

“Some take it seriously and try to win, but others were there just to raise money and have fun,” Bill said.

“Although we were going hard, the other teams were very supportive, and would cheer as we passed them on the track.”

When people travel 140km they normally drive; but for ten St Joseph’s Nudgee College students that lengthy distance was covered over three days of running while pushing a wheelbarrow.
All three boys agreed that one of the most exciting parts of the race was passing another team. “It was great, and definitely got the adrenalin going,” Jack said.

The consensus among the team was that the event was extremely worthwhile; however they conceded that it was also incredibly tough. “I only started to recover about a week after we got back,” Bill said.

The strenuous physical effort of the race has all been worth it; with the Nudgee College team raising $12,500 for Street Swags.

The College’s Head of Cattle Club, Mr Brian O’Reilly travelled with the race team, and commended them for their courage and commitment. “This is the first time Nudgee College has entered a team in this event, so to finish with such a great result is outstanding,” he said.

In total, this year’s teams raised a staggering $243,300 for various charities.
The scale of this event is huge – more than 85,000 people through the gates, including over a thousand international delegates, in excess of 4500 cattle featured from over 30 breeds, and more beef on offer than could be consumed in a standard week. But as one of Australia’s largest domestic and export industries, it is no wonder the event is so grand.

Among the multiple conferences, seminars, trade stalls, restaurants and cooking demonstrations is a key element of the week – cattle judging. Under the guidance of Mr Brian O’Reilly, the Nudgee College Cattle Club entered the highly competitive stud cattle competition and took out the Grand Champion Simbrah Bull and Grand Champion Simbrah Female categories.

The College was also successful in the Young Paraders and Young Judges events, with Year 7 student Lewis Cammack winning second place in the Young Paraders from a field of more than 40 entrants. Cattle Club President and Year 12 student Brendan Mobbs was a finalist in the 17-years category for Young Judges.

Principal Mr Peter Fullagar made the journey to his first Beef Australia event and said how proud he was of the Cattle Club’s achievements.

“The boys were great ambassadors for the College and were complimented by many working across the cattle industry,” Mr Fullagar said.

During the week, Nudgee College also hosted the Bull Dust Luncheon with 115 friends, Old Boys and past and current parents. Renowned Australian poet Mr Rupert McCall was an engaging MC, opening the luncheon with his Q150 poem, which was originally commissioned by former Premier Anna Bligh for Queensland’s 150th anniversary celebrations. During the event, Rupert interviewed three guest speakers involved with the beef industry: Mr Luke Comiskey, who heads the RNA Future Directions committee; Mr Terry Nolan of Nolan Meats, who is highly regarded within the industry and was a senior judge for Beef Australia; and Mr Barry O’Sullivan, a current parent who spoke about the innovative systems they are using on their property.

Thank you to the staff, parents and Nudgee College friends who helped achieve a successful week:

- Mr and Mrs Brad and Julie Cammack, current parents and owners of Rode Road Meats, who donated their time, a new stainless steel BBQ and meat, and graciously cooked student and staff meals for the week
- Mr and Mrs Alistair and Davina Woods, staff member and current parents who cared for the boys and assisted with meals and organisation
- Mr Peter Sullivan, former staff member who supported the boys and their work throughout the week
- Ms Louise Nardi, Head of Mathematics, who assisted with the public relations stall
- Ms Erina Carboni and Ms Tiffany Lloyd, Development and Communications team members, who coordinated the public relations stall and Bull Dust Luncheon
- Mr Graham Leddie and Mr Peter Fullagar, for their support and time they had to spend away from work and family
The Great Sphinx of Giza and the pyramids are awe-inspiring in daylight. At night, though, they are something else again. As each was illuminated in turn a voice reached out of the darkness – seemingly from the sphinx itself. With the appropriate gravitas, the disembodied voice observed that though man may fear time, time fears the pyramids. Here was history writ large in the desert sands.

I have returned to Egypt only once in the intervening years and the deteriorating security situation ensures that a third visit is regularly postponed. It would appear, however, that though I cannot at present journey to the mountain, the mountain has come to me. On the evening of Saturday, 24 October, 2015, St Joseph’s Nudgee College will have its own sound and light show on the front lawn, courtesy of a Queensland Anzac Centenary Grant and an Australian Government Arts and Culture Grant totalling $60,000. Though the College is a mere babe of 125 years compared with the pyramids, it nevertheless promises to be a night to remember.

As it was impossible for a school to gain funding in its own right, the Nudgee College Museum established partnerships with the College.
Foundation and the University of Southern Queensland (USQ). Other grant winners were major institutions, such as the Maritime Museum in Sydney, and it is a credit to the team and the College that we were successful in so competitive a field. Winning a federal grant as the only university–school partnership among the 32 successful recipients is indicative of the regard in which the College is held, the quality of its infrastructure and the talent of the staff.

The grants have funded the following projects:

- A spectacular sound and light show on the front lawn celebrating the College's 125th year and the military service of its Old Boys. This will be complemented by the College orchestra and choir, and showcase the depth of the cultural programs

- A children's picture book, Boys in Khaki, will be launched on the same evening. It tells the story of two Nudgee College students during the First World War. It is authored by staff members Mrs Margaret O'Reilly and Ms Suzanne Eldridge and illustrated by emerging artist Ms Eloise Tuppurainen-Mason from USQ

- A Museum display of dioramas commemorating the military experience of Old Boys that have been inspired by the work of Charles Bean in the Australian War Memorial in the 1920s. They have already attracted national and international attention

- A monumental six-panel embroidery, measuring 9 metres, and inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry, charts the experience of the College and its Old Boys between 1914 and 1919

Word of our efforts has led to a variety of opportunities to promote the College. I have been offered a contract to contribute a chapter to Palgrave/Macmillan’s Global Handbook of Arts Education, to be published in December, 2016. Thirty-five experts from around the world have been invited to contribute. My chapter will document the College’s heritage initiatives in 2015 in the context of our 125-year history.

Although the grants have appeared to come in a rush, they are actually the result of two years of planning, supported by the College and involving the following 15 people across a number of institutions and companies:

**Nudgee College:** Ms Suzanne Eldridge, Mrs Margaret O'Reilly, Dr Robert Keane, Mr Raoul Carmody, Ms Tara Shipperley, Mr Brett Foster

**Diorama makers:** Mr Wayne Roberts, Mr Bob Crombie, Mr Glenn Smith, Mr Mark Harrison, Mr Phil Charlwood, Mr John Larsen, Mr Brett Williams

**USQ:** Associate Professor Margaret Baguley, Associate Professor Kenneth Edwards, and Ms Eloise Tuppurainen-Mason

The institutions and companies include St Joseph’s Nudgee College, King and Country (Hong Kong), John Jenkins Designs (Hong Kong), The Nudgee College Foundation, Capital Transport (Brisbane), The Military Workshop (Brisbane), University of Southern Queensland (Springfield and Toowoomba), Marc Robertson Photography (Brisbane), and Screen Offset Printing (Brisbane).

For those wishing to reserve a copy of the picture book Boys in Khaki or to inquire about the sound and light show contact me at mkerby@nudgee.com.
To become an entrepreneur, the first and most important thing is to have an idea; and so it was that St Joseph’s Nudgee College Old Boy Michael Trusler (NC 2002-2006) had the idea that led to his being the co-CEO of PlantMiner.

After working as an engineer for a few years, Michael came up with the idea of creating an online search engine to find plant, equipment and subcontractor hire quotes, and save time and money in the process.

“I realised there was a gap in online search engines dedicated to the mining and construction industry,” he said.

“There were specialised websites, such as realestate.com and carsales.com; however, as an engineer whose role it was to procure equipment and subcontractors, there was not a single portal to gather quotes and compare prices.”

Once he had his idea, Michael and his business partner began to develop a business plan and organise financials in 2012. It was then that the duo managed to bring on board a seed investor who backed the idea.

The next step was to call as many people in the industry as possible to spread the word and gain support for the PlantMiner concept.

“As an engineer, I had never made a sales call in my life,” Michael said.

It was at that point Michael approached fellow Nudgee College Old Boy Dan Wilson (NC 1999-2006), who was working at an industrial real estate agency.

“After graduating I started a few different university degrees – from law to town planning – trying to find my passion,” Dan said. “In the real estate industry I was managing a team of people, which I really enjoyed.”

When Michael pitched his idea to Dan, however, he could see the potential and responded enthusiastically, and thus the process of finding industry support began.

“On September 24, 2012, we started as just the two of us, with two mobile phones and two laptops, using one half of our investor’s boardroom as office space,” Michael said.

“In the beginning we were making about 300 phone calls a day to various suppliers with nothing else behind us except a passionate idea.

“We were receiving extremely positive feedback about the idea, so we thought if the two of us making 300 calls a day could produce results, imagine what 500 or 600 could do.”

As Michael and Dan hired more staff to cope with the increasing workload, the company grew too large to remain in the boardroom, and ended up moving to Michael’s house.

“Having all of the staff working together at Michael’s house produced a really exciting start-up culture,” Dan said.

“It was like that feeling of being in the Nudgee College grandstand and cheering the team on.

“During that time we had a cooked breakfast together every day, and were working until late at night; it was like what you would have dreamt an online start-up could be.”

The company eventually grew to a staff of 17, prompting a necessary move from the home office they had grown out of.
to a warehouse converted into an office at Newstead.

“We signed a two-year lease for this property, thinking that it would be big enough,” Michael said.

“However, after six months, the company was too big again and we had to move – again.”

When managing staff Dan and Michael have developed a culture of positive reinforcement.

“You have to lead by example – do what I do rather than what I say – and provide constructive feedback,” Michael said.

“We have staff that have been in the industry for 35 years, and others we have plucked straight from working the drive-through at McDonald’s.”

“You have to adapt and be able to train and manage different people.”

Currently, PlantMiner has about 70 employees across Australia, with Michael and Dan saying they are striving to reach 100 by the end of the year.

“In the near future, we’ll be opening an office in Auckland,” Michael said.

“We’re looking towards entering other international markets in the future and becoming a global construction marketplace.”

To see what Dan and Michael have achieved since their start-up venture in 2012, visit www.plantminer.com.au.
On Friday, 24 April, the St Joseph’s Nudgee College community took part in a moving Anzac Day ceremony on Ross Oval. Attendees displayed sprigs of rosemary pinned to their attire as a symbol of remembrance. One hundred white crosses were placed in the ground to commemorate 100 years since the first landings at Gallipoli.

Many Nudgee College Old Boys, including current and former servicemen, walked across Ross Oval to the music of bagpipes to mark the start of the ceremony. Nudgee College Captain Ben Rada Martin delivered a moving speech, detailing the stories of a few Old Boys who lost their lives in the service of their country.

Lieutenant Brenton-James Glover (NC 2000-2004) was the special guest speaker for the occasion. Lieutenant Glover spoke of the particular significance of this Anzac Day and noted, in addition to it being the Gallipoli Centenary, it marked the 10-year anniversary of his joining the Royal Australian Navy.

Here is an excerpt of his speech:

“At Gallipoli so many years ago, those young men and women found out what it is to be an Australian. Our vast dry country, with its harsh beauty, open skies and tiny population, helps shape healthy, confident, competitive and freedom-loving individuals who, with good leadership and high motivation, can more than match...
the best people in the world in whatever they do.

I believe this is why Australians come together every Anzac Day. We do it to remember the Anzacs and their achievements, and we should remember them not as old soldiers from a forgotten war, but as the young Australians they were in 1915. We must celebrate their triumph over great adversity.”

Of the many roles he has held during his time in the Navy, Lieutenant Glover particularly noted his service as second in command of HMAS Brunei for four years. Lieutenant Glover was recognised for this role earlier this year when he was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross. He has been deployed to the Middle East for the remainder of the year, during which time he will be involved in land-based operations.

Nudgee College Old Boy Vincent Rao (NC 1955-1956) laid a wreath on behalf of the NCOBA during the ceremony, as did representatives of many groups that make up the diverse Nudgee College community.

In his speech Principal Mr Peter Fullagar commended the work of historian and former Nudgee College staff member Dr Martin Kerby, who penned the publication Nudgee Anzacs: A history of SJNC at War 1914 to 1918. Dr Kerby has also been the driver of the creation of a series of World War I dioramas that are now on display in the College Museum.

The ceremony concluded with special guests walking through a guard of honour formed by Year 12 students to the strains of Waltzing Matilda played by bagpipes.

The following day, 25 April, several Nudgee College boarders and boarding staff attended the Anzac Day dawn service at Sandgate, carrying photos of Old Boys who had fallen in war. ✯
I have to go back to the opening round of GPS Cricket for our first example. As I headed to the flats that day, it was great to witness our 5A and 5B teams take on Toowoomba Grammar School (TGS) for their first game as representatives of the “blue and white”. When I left the 5A game, TGS was well on top, and when I left the 5B game to head back to the 5As, TGS were on target for victory.

In the end, however, both Nudgee College teams had a great win over their Toowoomba rivals. The 5As were not quite sure how to celebrate their first victory, and then huddled as a team around the stumps and let out one almighty “En Gar Wee” war cry, one they had just learnt from their first Assembly four days prior. It was certainly a great way to start their sporting career at Nudgee College.

Another fine example of teamwork and collaboration came during our annual Lenten Fair. Held on the last day of Term 1, students had to plan and execute 11 fun activities in which all the Junior School students could participate. It was a wonderful morning watching students taking the initiative of running events, ranging from mini-golf to landing a 20 cent piece in a fork. While students had fun, they needed to work together as a class to both market and man their stalls. At the end of the fair, students had raised in excess of $2000 for Caritas Australia – a fantastic achievement.

Students of St Joseph’s Nudgee College Junior School have had a great start to the first semester of 2015, where there were many instances of excellent teamwork on show.
Nowhere is unity present more often than not than in the classroom. It does not take long for students to settle into their class and enjoy working together with their peers and core teacher. Unity is also evident in Pastoral Care (PC) gatherings that occur each morning. We are particularly fortunate to have excellent Big Brothers from Year 12, who each day engage our youngest students in a variety of activities. The following comments certainly sum up the Big Brothers’ contribution.

- Duggan’s two Big Brothers for this year, Jack and Hayden, have been a great presence in the Duggan 8 PC room. Both Year 12s bring their own special presence to the room. Jack, although quiet, is always willing to engage with the boys and Hayden is always ready to have a laugh with anyone around him. We are lucky to have them in our room each day and we look forward to having them with us for the rest of the year.

- David is a fantastic role model to the young boys in our group and is very dedicated to his studies and running. He’s an excellent Cross Country runner and one day we might even see him at the Olympics. He always chats to us during PC time and says hi in the playground.

- Our Big Brothers connect with us – it’s like they are our “big brothers”. They teach us how to live like Nudgee College men. They are good role models. Our Big Brothers are always happy and cheerful. Their positivity is infectious. 🌟
Detention for Detention

On Wednesday 10 June, St Joseph’s Nudgee College students stood on the steps of Wilkes Oval for a voluntary detention, to represent their solidarity with child asylum seekers being held in detention centres within Australia. This was the third consecutive year that Nudgee College students had taken part in this demonstration, joining thousands of students from more than 30 Edmund Rice Advocacy (ERA) for Change schools who were also involved.

Nudgee College Director of Justice and Peace Mr Mark Ellison said the students’ act of solidarity makes an important statement to the wider community and, significantly, to the 221 children still being held in detention, that they are not alone.

Year 11 student Lachlan Green said the collective lunchtime detention showed that Nudgee College students were aware of this unjust treatment of children.

“We know they exist and we will not stand idly by,” Lachlan said.

“It is part of our culture, as a school in the Edmund Rice Tradition, to aid the marginalised.”

The detention ended with a collective cry of “speak up”, calling on all to speak out for those who are unable to speak for themselves.

ERA for Change Football

On Sunday 24 May, students from Nudgee College, St Joseph’s Gregory Terrace, St Patrick’s College and St James’ College came together with Sri Lankan and Sudanese refugees to form an ERA For Change Football team to compete in the annual Multicultural Development Association Refugee Football Fiesta.

Nudgee College Year 11 student Max Homer presents his match report:

The event, consisting of more than 30 teams of local refugees, was hosted by Gregory Terrace at Tennyson as a way to celebrate refugee communities within Brisbane and its surrounding areas. The aim of the event was to bring refugees...
from differing nations together to foster multicultural harmony and to show welcomeness and inclusivity. During the day we wore Gregory Terrace jerseys, Nudgee College socks, and St Patrick and St James’ shorts.

This was a great symbol of our EREA brother and sister schools coming together to stand in solidarity with refugees in our community. It was quite a high standard of football, and we lost our first two games against Korea and Guinea fairly convincingly.

Before the next game against event organisers MDA United, the Sri Lankan and Sudanese refugees on our team brought us together to explain how we should play the next game. They came up with great tactics, which proved to be successful as it resulted in a 3-0 victory.

The match finished with laughter arising from both teams involved and, as we were getting changed, a member of the unaccompanied Hazara team asked if we wanted to play a friendly match against them as their opposing team had left. We quickly put our gear back on and raced over to the field and, after a very close game, ERA For Change scored with just minutes remaining for a 3–2 win.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this great occasion possible.

Even though the red and black jersey felt odd on my blue and white skin, it was a fantastic cause and it was an honour to be involved in such an amazing occasion like this bringing the refugee communities and our schools together. ☆

Kick for Kenya project continues

Last year Shaw House, in conjunction with Ms Karen Hanna and the Edmund Rice Foundation, collected more than 250 pairs of football boots to send to Edmund Rice schools in Kenya. Nudgee College Year 10 student Stephen Carpenter was unable to donate boots last year, so he has taken it upon himself to continue collecting, not just football boots, but various sport clothing and equipment to donate to Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and local communities.

Stephen has approached Norths Rugby Club, GPS Rugby Club and Hart Sport, seeking donations of unused and unwanted sporting gear. The project is continuing, with Stephen and the Shaw prefects launching the drive at a recent College assembly. ☆
UQ Great Court Race
Schools Invitational

What started out as a fun spur-of-the-moment idea turned out to be highly successful endeavour for a group of committed Nudgee College students on Wednesday, 27 May. This was the day Year 12 boys Jack Donovan, Brandon Herrigan and Nick Dooley, and Year 11 Hayden Shoobridge, took part in the University of Queensland Great Court Race.

In an event similar to that depicted in the British 1981 film Chariots of Fire, the race involves a four-person relay around the 636 metre perimeter of the Great Court on UQ’s St Lucia campus.

The Nudgee College team won the Men’s School Relay, which earned the College $10,000 of scholarship(s) to support those who are admitted to UQ in 2016. They completed the race in 1min 19.3sec, narrowly beating St Laurence’s College by just 0.4sec.

Jack said it was a great result, especially considering the team was finalised only the day before the event.

“There were two heats and St Laurence’s raced in the heat before us,” he said.

“I was the last leg and didn’t think about the other heat while I was running, so it’s lucky I didn’t slow down.”

The race has been held annually at UQ since 1985; however, it was the first time secondary schools had been invited to compete.
At an Assembly in June, Nudgee College Old Boy and Olympic medallist Brenton Rickard (NC 1996-2000) talked about his experience at the College, in the swimming world and beyond. Brenton attended Nudgee College for five years, graduating with an OP1 and with numerous swimming achievements.

After missing out on the 2004 Olympics, Brenton embodied the definition of overcoming adversity and went on to compete and win three medals at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

In addition to his Olympic achievements, Brenton has won six individual Commonwealth medals and three individual World Championship medals, one of which was gold for his world record-breaking swim in the 100m breaststroke at the 2009 World Championships.

Apart from his successes in the pool, Brenton studied a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Business after graduating from Nudgee College.

“I found that if I didn’t study, I would get too wrapped up in the pool - you get in a bad head space that way, so it was nice to have balance,” he said.

Brenton is now working for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games organising committee, and his advice to all Nudgee College students is to be themselves.

“I know that’s a bit of a cliché, but I think it’s important to find what you like, enjoy it and make the most of it,” he said.

“Too me, being successful is just making the most of an opportunity and, at a College like this, there are an abundance of opportunities - so go out there, give things a go, and be successful.” ✨
At a special College Assembly in May, Nova FM’s breakfast host Mr David “Luttsy” Lutteral and Channel 7’s Queensland Weekender host Mr Dean Miller gave a presentation about their recent trek along the Kokoda Track commemorating the Anzac centenary. Their pilgrimage followed in the footsteps of Australian soldiers who defended their country along the Kokoda track in 1942, and the event was captured from start to finish for a Channel 7 television documentary.

Dean, a Nudgee College parent, said their experience highlighted the extraordinary tale of the battle of Kokoda, when Australian soldiers were victorious against all odds.

“The documentary tells the story of the battle in 1942, but also our personal battles walking the 96 kilometres through the mountainous terrain in Papua New Guinea,” he said.

During the presentation, Dean highlighted four words he considered absolute touchstones for success in life – courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice.

“These four words are the keys to victory when taking on anything in life, whether it is a scholastic challenge, a sporting challenge, or walking the Kokoda track,” he said.

“We finished Kokoda with sore knees, some with missing toenails, but through the mud, blood, sweat and tears was a great sense of accomplishment with a new group of friends that will have a special bond for life.”

Nudgee College Old Boy “Luttsy” (NC 1989-1993) then spoke of the Anzac spirit and how it was personified at Kokoda through first-hand experience of what the young soldiers achieved back in 1942.

“The Sign of Faith has become more than a school motto over the past century here at Nudgee College,” he said.

“Like the spirit of the Anzacs, and what it means to be Australian, Signum Fidei represents a set of values – a character – that we as Nudgee College men and people associated with Nudgee College, can proudly identify as being something distinctly different from everyone else; something that will stay with you for the rest of your life.”

Since his time at Nudgee College, Luttsy explained that not a week had gone by that a fellow Nudgee College man, who shares those same values, hadn’t enriched his life.

“It could be your mates now, those that left the College years before, and those who won’t get here until you are long gone – probably a combination of all three,” he said.

Being a Nudgee College Old Boy, Luttsy’s enthusiasm for his alma mater was certainly evident when he joined in with the College war cry at the conclusion of the Assembly. ☆
ACTIVITIES
WRAP-UP

Cross Country

It has been a highly successful season for St Joseph’s Nudgee College Cross Country athletes.

Forty boys competed in the Metropolitan North Championships and exceptional performances from nine of those earned them a start at the 2015 State Championships in July.

On Wednesday, 3 June, a team of 156 Nudgee College boys from Years 5 to 12 competed in the GPS Championship at Limestone Park, Ipswich.

The 11 and 12 years teams won their age division and the 10 years team came third, resulting in the juniors being announced the GPS Cross Country Champions. Congratulations to the junior top 10 finishers: Elijah Burton (7th in the 10 years), Paddy Dallimore (4th in the 11 years), Jaiison Angalo (4th in the 12 years) and Daniel Carroll (9th in the 12 years).

With this great start to the competition, the battle then began for the Jack Ross Trophy. The Nudgee College 13 years team started strongly with a solid 4th place, led by 9th-placed Tom O’Neil, followed up by the impressive efforts of the 14 years group who came second, with Stephen Lean and Ollie Diggles finishing in the top 10.

The 15 years team improved two places from last year, coming 4th, with Nelson Birogi taking 2nd place.

The 16 years group also improved a place, with Brock Hunter cracking the top 10, and a gallant run from Year 9 man Hugo Smith – running up with the Year 11s – to achieve 6th place.

In what turned out to be an event-winning race, Nudgee College’s six Open Division runners all finished in the top 20. Taking out the age group in spectacular fashion was David Lean who came 1st, followed by Yousif Birogi (3rd), Hayden Barrett (8th), Jack Donovan (14th), Harry O’Sullivan (15th) and Joseph Hijara-Stockwell (18th). As a result of a nine-point turnaround, Nudgee College was announced the winner of the 45th Jack Ross Trophy and GPS Cross Country Champions by a clear five points. In what eventuated to be an extremely close event, the top seven schools finished within eight points of each other. ★
Football

For the fourth year in a row Nudgee College fielded a record number of GPS Football teams with 42 teams pulling on the famous blue and white in Term 2.

Results have improved steadily in recent years as Football has gained in popularity at the College and at GPS schools in general. The 1st XI went into the season looking for a third consecutive Premiership but stuttered away in Toowoomba in Round 1. Nudgee College had three key players out injured, but led 1-0 after a stunning Alex Fiechtner strike. Nudgee College then had the chance to put the game away after Fiechtner won a penalty. Unfortunately a missed penalty changed the momentum of the game and Toowoomba came back to win 2-1 with the entire school community cheering them on. To the squad’s credit they came back strongly, dispatching of Brisbane Grammar School and Brisbane Boys’ College comfortably before drawing 3-3 with Churchie. Unfortunately, the Churchie game and the proceeding TSS game saw three serious injuries to Jack Dutton, top scorer Alex Fiechtner and Vice-Captain Rhys Raymond which derailed the Premiership bid and the season ended with some disappointment. For the fourth consecutive year, Nudgee College was in the title race up until the last round but, in a tumultuous competition, it was Toowoomba Grammar School who claimed their first GPS Football Premiership.

Across the board, the way Nudgee College teams played the game was a credit to themselves and their coaches. In particular the Year 6, 7, 11 and 12 teams were strong and Year 9 fielded a record seven teams.

We farewell a determined Year 12 Football group, many of whom have already expressed interest in returning next season as coaches and role models to our younger players to continue to grow Football at Nudgee College.

Music

On Monday 1 June, Nudgee College’s annual Music Soiree delighted a full-capacity audience by showcasing the exceptional talent and progress of the College’s many musicians. The College’s Head of Music Mr Brett Foster said the event was the perfect opportunity for the boys to embrace performing live and to grow as musicians.

“The overall atmosphere and feeling was one of great appreciation and enjoyment by all who attended,” he said.

The Soiree featured various ensembles of students from NC Big Band, NC Voices, Drumline, Guitar Ensemble, Rock Bands 1 to 5, Trumpet Choir, Junior Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Clarinet Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, NC Strings and selected soloists, culminating with a performance by the Combined Orchestra.

“Thank you to all the family and friends who attended,” Mr Foster said.

“We hope you gained an insight into the splendid progress the boys are making. We are excited to continue growing the success of the Nudgee College Music Program to offer boys boundless more performance opportunities in the future.”
Rowing

After a successful undefeated GPS season, St Joseph's Nudgee College took on the best in the country at the Sydney International Rowing Regatta in Penrith, NSW, in April, and came away winners of the Australian Championship Schoolboy Eight. The Barrington Cup is the first national title for Nudgee College’s Rowing program – a major achievement, having been won previously by only three Queensland schools since 1964: TSS (1987), BBC (1993), and BGS (1997).

Director of Activities Mr Greg Thorne said, “this is an extraordinary achievement, made all the more deserving as the boys had to go through a repechage round and row an extra race to qualify for the final.”

Nudgee College also took home the national title for the U19 Men’s Single Scull and the U19 Men’s Quad.

Year 12 student and Australian junior medallist Adam Bakker rowed in all three events for Nudgee College. Bakker also made history at this year’s GPS championship, becoming only the second person to win three Head of the River events in the history of the sport in Queensland.

The exciting national achievement was a follow-up to the College’s third consecutive win at the GPS Head of the River, defining Nudgee College as the youngest and most successful rowing club in Queensland.

Congratulations to our national champions and dedicated coaching staff, Mr Christian Oneto (Rowing Director), Mr John Bowes (coach) and Mr Graham Leddie (Nudgee College Rowing founder and coach).”
Swimming

Highly regarded Australian swim coach Mr Peter Gartrell has joined Nudgee College Swimming as the program’s elite squad coach. Since June, Gartrell has been coaching middle to long distance swimmers, including World Junior Champion and Olympic Games prospect Remy Fairweather.

Nudgee College Swimming Director and Head Coach Mr Josh Krogh said he was excited to have Peter’s expertise on staff.

“I was coached and mentored by Peter late in my swimming career and it is fantastic to have someone of his calibre join Nudgee College Swimming,” he said.

“Peter will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to his targeted coaching role at Nudgee College and will help attract developing swimmers to the program who are on the pathway to elite distance competition.”

Gartrell has held a successful career and brings over 45 years of experience to the pool at Nudgee College. He has coached swimmers to Olympic and World Championship finals, many Australian Championships and is well respected among the elite level swimming community.

Gartrell is the former coach of dual Olympian Samantha Hamill and Olympic bronze medallists Julie McDonald and Justin Lemberg. Gartrell joins Nudgee College Swimming on the back of his previous coaching and mentoring role at the Launceston Aquatic Club, Tasmania.

Tennis

Nudgee College Tennis teams saved their best performances for the last GPS match, dominating their Ipswich Grammar School opposition. The 1st IV found form early to win the first four doubles matches. Ricky Singh and Jamie Brown continued their good form from the previous match when they comfortably defeated the Ipswich Grammar No.1 pair, followed by a straight-set win over the No.2 combination. Nudgee College won the first three singles matches in straight-sets and Sam White was unlucky to lose a closely contested match in the third set.

The 2nd IV bounced back from their loss against Gregory Terrace the previous week to easily defeat Ipswich Grammar’s 2nd IV by 50 games. Steve Cawood put in a solid performance for the team, and 2015 Tennis Captain Ian Ridgway played attacking tennis to defeat the Ipswich Grammar No.1 player in straight sets.

Both the Year 10A team of Aaron Fahey, Campbell Bentley, Tristan Knibbs and Charlie Seymour and the 10B team of Matt Masotti, Ethan Lawrence, Tony Rudkin and Corey Heydon-Butcher won by large margins. Corey Heydon-Butcher and Matt Masotti played in fine form to lose only one game in their three sets played.

The 7A team of Cooper Bentley, James Hong, Sam Griffiths and Cooper Corless combined well as a team to win five of the eight sets played, to eventually triumph 44–28. The Year 6 teams fought valiantly all day but were no match for the Ipswich Grammar teams without most of their best players who were away on camp. The 6A team of Zac Paullik, Declan Townsend, Edward Launchbury and Eamon Gerard Stace had a great season, losing only one of the one match. The 9A team showed great improvement in 2015 to have only two losses compared with their 2014 season, where they won just one match.

Congratulations to Sebastain Hanna, Elec Reverente, Jackson Owen and Patrick Kropp.

The 5A team of Mitchell Carlow, Cy Mearoa, Will Rogers and Harrison Board showed how much they had improved throughout the season by convincingly winning their final match by 45 games. All the boys won their singles 6–0 and combined to win all of their doubles for the loss of just three games.
The most recent junior college season finished last November, with Lee sitting third on the national goal scorers list. He was only a couple of goals from the number one spot, an astounding achievement that is only compounded by the fact that he missed several games mid-season due to ligament damage to his ankle. Lee was recognised for his efforts by being named Potomac’s Male Athlete of the Year as well as earning a spot in the All American team (the best 11 players in the country).

Born and raised in Papua New Guinea until he moved to Cairns when he was eight, it has been a long, but exciting, journey for the 21-year-old. Brandon’s mother Elsie said he has gone from playing barefoot backyard football in Papua New Guinea, to captaining his college team and being named as one of the best junior college football players in the United States. Like any parent would be, Elsie and his father Kevin are extremely proud of Brandon’s efforts.

“The fact that he’s gone over there by himself and achieved what he has is fantastic; we’re very proud,” Kevin said.

Brandon is now back in Brisbane temporarily, where he aims to save some money to return to the United States to try to earn a place in the senior college system.

“The more-recognised colleges in America have a great relationship with the professional football teams, so that’s my next step towards a professional career,” Brandon said.

“It would then be amazing to eventually work my way into an international team.” Brandon is eligible to play nationally for both Australia and Papua New Guinea.
At Nudgee College, Matt was a member of the Head of the River-winning 1st VIII rowing team. He continued rowing after he graduated, going on to represent Australia in 2012 at the World Championships in Bulgaria.

Since then, Matt has decided to step away from the world of rowing and pursue an equally brutal career path – launching a successful online start-up. Matt envisaged an idea he branded LAZiGROUP.

In conjunction with MACH Technology CEO Paul Pettigrew, he aims to provide a number of services aimed directly at the student demographic. The idea has begun to take shape with LAZiBOOKS, a platform intended for students to buy and sell their textbooks with no listing fee or commission.

The platforms are live and functional across desktop and mobile devices using cutting-edge technology, thanks to Paul’s know-how. The mobile functions also include an inbuilt barcode scanner allowing users to immediately upload their books with ease.

Matt’s idea has already garnered the attention of students all over the world, from international institutions such as Harvard and Oxford, to domestic establishments such as the University of Queensland and the University of Sydney. 🌟

We are living in the age of the technology and services entrepreneur, and Nudgee College Old Boy Matt Hart (NC 2007-2011) is taking the game head on. His determination and desire to succeed is clear for all to see.
In only its second year, this event, which is hosted by the Nudgee College Old Boys’ Association, provided a unique opportunity for the entire Nudgee College family to come together and celebrate the Nudgee Spirit that bonds us all.

The NCOBA has quite deliberately pursued a closer relationship with other parts of the Nudgee College community in its annual calendar of events. We still host events for Old Boys for the purposes of reunions and Old Boy-specific programs, but through events like the Gala, our Business Breakfast and regional visits, we have enjoyed harnessing the energy of the broader Nudgee College community. It is evident that our band of “ten thousand brothers” draws strength from an even larger family.

Proceeds from this year’s Gala will be put toward the Jack Ross Bursary program. This has been the NCOBA’s sole focus for fundraising since 2008 and continues to change the lives of boys in need by giving them the opportunities that come with the Nudgee College experience. The NCOBA extends its sincere thanks to all those members of the Nudgee College family who supported the Gala. In particular, we must acknowledge the efforts of Hugh Hamilton (NCOBA Vice-President), Natasha Svenson (Year 7 parent) and Daniel Tonino (past parent) for their valuable contributions in organising this year’s Gala. We look forward to hosting you all again in 2016.
Reunions

The NCOBA hosted its annual CBD gathering at Madame Wu on Friday 3 July. This event continues to be popular and will be followed by another CBD networking event in October. There are two major reunion events to be hosted in 2015. On Saturday 8 August, the NCOBA is convening a Senior Old Boys reunion for those Old Boys who graduated more than 50 years ago. Additionally, on Saturday 5 September, the annual Reunion Day will be held at Nudgee College, which coincides with the GPS Rugby round against Gregory Terrace. For those who would like to carry on celebrations after the game, we will be joining the Boarder Parent Support Group at their "Boarders’ Bash" which is traditionally held at the College in the afternoon and evening.

For any Old Boys based in or visiting the UK at Rugby World Cup time this year, there is a Nudgee College Old Boy event in London at this time. Please check our website for details closer to the date. The NCOBA will continue to promote all our activities through our website and on Facebook so, to keep up to date with our events, make sure that your details are correct on the website and that you join us on Facebook.

Order of Australia

Two Nudgee College Old Boys have recently been recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honours Lists. Congratulations to Mr Peter McMahon OAM and Professor Dr John William Boldeman AO.

Peter received the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition for his significant service to the community of Ipswich. He came to Nudgee College from Ipswich and was a boarder from 1956 to 1961. He was College Swimming Captain in 1961 and went on to study at the University of Queensland, where he completed a Bachelor of Commerce. Peter has worked on many community committees, including those of the Ipswich Hospice Care, Rotary Club, TuffKidz annual triathlon for primary school children, Ipswich Show Society, Swim Australia and Alexandra Headlands Surf Life Saving Club.

John was honoured with the Officer of the Order of Australia for his distinguished service to nuclear science and technology, particularly through the design and construction of the Australian Synchrotron particle accelerator, and as a mentor of young scientists.

After graduating with a degree in physics at the University of Queensland, John joined the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, being appointed Foundation Technical Director in 2009 and the principal advisor to the Victorian Government for the Synchrotron, which he co-designed and monitored the construction of. In 2010 he was awarded the Clunies Ross Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to Australian science. He is also co-founder and current Vice-President of Gunnamatta Youth Weight Training Association in South Cronulla.

John came to Nudgee College from Maryborough as a boarder from 1954 to 1955. He is the eldest of the four Boldeman brothers who attended Nudgee College. ★
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