On A Winner

A History of Marcellin College
Randwick
1923 - 1998

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It has been a most rewarding task to compile this account of the first seventy five years of the history of Marcellin College. Not a lot of archival material exists on the College. There are small term reports and programs of concerts from the earliest years. Later on the annual magazines have provided the main source of information. In recent years, newsletters also provide material.

There are several very short historical glimpses in some of the early magazines and a more detailed history was published in 1983. To these early authors I must express my gratitude. I suspect a fair bit of the material may have been written by Brother Valens. The task of compiling this history would have been well nigh impossible for a “part-time” author without their material.

John Hennessy was of great assistance throughout my work in providing information and answering questions, as was Br Frederick.

The history book was designed by Miss Louise Formosa with the assistance of Mrs Billie Lee who did the typing of my original copy.

Throughout the whole process the guiding force has been our Headmaster, Br Patrick.

May the College move into the next twenty five years leading up to its centenary with pride in what has gone before and with the strength to meet the challenges of the new century and millennium. May those who celebrate 2023 find a College as strong and vibrant as we have in 1998.

AETERNA NON CADUCA

Charles McGee

Introduction

Our 75th Anniversary year, 1998, has been a marvellous year of celebration for our great college. What is recorded here may help in some way to reinvigorate our Marcellin spirit by recalling some aspects of what has gone before us. In writing such a history one is acutely aware of the vast story that has not been told. Marcellin is a mosaic of seventy five wonderful years of humanity. While recalling some names throughout the story there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others that should be there also. Some figures of necessity are etched large- headmasters; the young men who have achieved remarkable things while at school and in later life; long serving staff members who have influenced generations of young men.

I somehow suspect, however, that in a College such as Marcellin the “unknown history” that has not been recalled here would be at the very heart of the mosaic. It would include the first families who took the risk of sending their sons to the new College when it opened; the early staff members who worked in fairly tough conditions; all those who gave their life for their country; the men who built so much of the College; the tuckshop ladies, parents and friends and-ex-students’ groups; families who have really struggled to keep their sons at the College; staff who have given so generously of their time and energy in so many ways in and out of school and those thousands of young men who have worn the Cerise and Blue with love and pride.

I believe it is people such as these who have given the mosaic its real character and who have breathed life and strength into the College. They have forged our special Marcellin way of doing things. We will never have to imitate others - Our story, our traditions, our people are second to none.

It is to these ‘Marcellin people’ whose names are here and whose names are not, that I dedicate these pages.
CHAPTER 1
PIONEERING DAYS

"Against much opposition and timidity on the part of many, I
sent Randwick to the front from the lifting of the barrier. I
knew I was on a winner. Time has proved this".

Brother Walston, first Headmaster of the College

"We have most things in the district of Randwick in the way
of racecourses, hotels and picture shows; so it is only
reasonable we should have a boys' school"

John O’Riordan.

THE RANDWICK AREA

On 2nd February 1859, Randwick was the first of all districts in
Australia to be proclaimed a municipality and the motto on its
crest and seal, "Semper Prima" (Always First), would seem to
celebrate that fact. It may even have had a racecourse as early
as 1833, but it waited nearly another seventy years before it
could boast of a Catholic school for boys.

EARLY EDUCATION IN RANDWICK

Not that the children of Randwick, girls especially, went
unschooled, for it seems to have been common enough for ladies
of education to use the splendid roomy mansions of the district
as centres of learning. In Dutruc Street, for example, were Mrs
Evans' Ladies' School and Madame Dutruc's Private School.
Gildethorpe Avenue had Miss Bloomfield's School for Young
Ladies. At the corner of Avoca Street and Belmore Road, where
Captain Cook still stands guard, was the Lotaville School for
Young Ladies. Miss Janet Hyland established Claremont College
in Judge Street. The old Post Office marks the site of St Jude's
Church of England School (1863) which was a good stone
building for a hundred children but 'quite destitute of proper
furniture and possessing few books'. Even the Coogee Bay Hotel
served as a private school for twenty-five years (1863–87) and,
of course, there was the public school in Avoca-Cowper Streets,
erected for 200 pupils in 1885, along with a teacher's residence
on two acres of land.

FIRST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic girls, from 1901, had the opportunity of attending the
Brigidence College for Young Ladies and, early in the century, the
Christian Brothers were established at Waverley (1903) and the
Marist Brothers at Darlinghurst (1911).

Perhaps it was the availability of these last two that seemed to
make a boys' school at Randwick of no immediate importance.

BEGINNINGS OF MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Archbishop Kelly, on a visit to Randwick in 1921, insisted that
a school for the boys of the locality was essential. Father Treand,
the parish priest of Randwick, had just spent 18,000 pounds
on extensions to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, and was
initially somewhat reluctant to go into further debt. However, in
October 1921, a property became available for sale - "most
central, close to the church and tram, with a playground of two
acres". This property presented an opportunity not to be passed
over. "Fr Fleming began to run about and I who am an old man
began to say my beads. After a few days, a loan was arranged
and completed and the site became a parochial property" (Fr
Treand).

The original mansion on the property was built in 1854, for a
Mr Samuel Hebblewhite and called 'Brisbane Villa'. The property
was later purchased by Mr HS Gibson. When he purchased it,
he renamed the mansion 'Greenstead' after a famous racehorse.
There were also stalls at the back of the property as well as a
coach stall and jockeys' quarters. Mr Gibson sold the property
to a horse trainer, Mr Whitworth, who sold the future site of the
College to the Randwick parish in 1921.

Some drama then followed as to which order of Brothers would
staff the College. In January 1922, the Marist Brothers indicated
that they could open at Randwick in July 1923. But the Christian
Brothers, with their College at Waverley and their Sunday School
activity in the Randwick parish, had also received an offer and
indicated that they were also able to start a school at Randwick.

The matter appeared settled in favour of the Christian Brothers
by May 1922. However it appears the Marist Brothers in June
made a better offer and the Christian Brothers were informed
that if they could match it, they would still have the school.

Then, from having two groups of Brothers willing to start a school,
both were lost. The Head of the Christian Brothers wrote that
he "refused to enter an undercutting competition with the Marist
Brothers". The Head of the Marist Brothers declared that "we
are not prepared to go to an auction to secure any school".

Finally, in June 1922, the Marist Brothers were offered the school
and obtained overseas approval for the venture on August 12
1922. The property had been acquired and the Marist Brothers
would staff the school.

FIRST DEVELOPMENT

The old home 'Greenstead' was originally to have been the
Brothers' residence. This fine building had nine rooms and
offices, a spacious cellar and an elegant wrought iron verandah
around it.

For their maintenance, the Brothers would receive an annual
salary of sixty pounds, though this was not to be claimed by the
third Brother until the number of pupils exceeded 70. The
salaries were to come from the school fees charged at sixpence,
nineth of one shilling per week for each child, according to the class attended, with the parish priest making up the deficit.

Parents were notified and asked to consider sending their children to the promised new school instead of to Waverley. The announcement of the new school must have caused much excitement and decision making by the families of the Randwick area.

On November 5, 1922, before a great gathering of people, Archbishop Sheehan arrived in the grounds of Greenstead to bless and lay the first stone of the new school. Only two weeks before, he had arrived from Ireland and this was his first official function as the Archbishop of Sydney. After the foundation stone was blessed, speeches were made by the Archbishop and Fr Treand, who explained how the property was acquired and looked forward to the coming of the Marist Brothers in a few months’ time - “The Marist Brothers will be welcomed here soon and I am sure they will win great laurels in the cause of Catholic education.”

The Marist Brothers were represented at this ceremony by Brothers Gerard and Liguori - both from St Joseph’s College, Hunters Hill.

The appeal for funds for the new school was made by Dr Cyril Joseph Fallon. In asking him to move the resolution “That a subscription list be opened”, Fr Treand said that “Dr Fallon had grown in the love, esteem and admiration not only of the people of Randwick but also of the people of New South Wales, for his manly and able defence of our Catholic faith and institutions.”

Dr Fallon paid a compliment to the Marist Brothers from whom he had received his early training: “They are men we can welcome to our hearts with perfect trust,” he said and proceeded to point out that society needed good Christian schools and that Catholics had a claim in justice to the support of the Government. Finally, he launched the appeal: “A sum of twelve thousand pounds is necessary to pay for this site and the school to be erected on it. The sooner it is paid the better. The appeal is to give generously and, I hope, in the interest of Christian education, everyone will give spontaneously.”

John O’Riordan, in seconding the resolution, remarked that he was pleased that the school was being taken over by the Marist Brothers and he claimed that many leading men in Australia owed their place in life to them. “In Randwick alone,” he said, “there are four doctors educated by the Marist Brothers.” To put the crowd in a giving mood, he related that during the weeks of the recent holidays, the takings of the local picture theatre had dropped from about two hundred pounds to seventeen pounds.

There followed a vote of thanks to His Grace by L.J. Drew, a seconding speech by M.J. Moloney and a brief reply from the Archbishop, in which he expressed the hope of paying a visit to the new school and meeting the Marist Brothers “in whose hands the spiritual and temporal welfare of your boys will be placed.”

Meanwhile, the subscriptions were being collected and before His Grace left, he announced that, so far, six hundred and thirty pounds had been received, of which Mr. Edward Heaton, the Children of Mary sodality and the Altar Society contributed one hundred pounds each, and the Sacred Heart Fathers fifty pounds. What the total was at the end of the day is not recorded.

**THE FIRST DAY**

Early on Monday, January 29, 1923, three Brothers - Walstan, Aquinas and Alphonsus, arrived at Randwick from Marist Brothers Darlinghurst, St Patrick’s Church Hill and St Joseph’s Hunters Hill.

Somewhat later that morning, from Kensington and Kingsford, homes in Coogee and Randwick, came small boys - eight, ten, twelve years old, leather school bags slung over their shoulders, and boots shining in the warm sun. From all directions they bore down on Alison Road and, just where the three black Norfolk pines towered high, they turned into the sunken drive leading up to old Mr Whitworth’s house and stables. Carpenters hammering away at the large brick hall to their left paused to watch their advance and to count them. On they came, up to the homestead, some to swarm over the lawn and explore the wilderness of bamboo nearby, others to drift down further and survey the possibilities of the splendid fig trees or gaze over the fence at the stables and sandy paddock used for famous horses like Amounis and Nigger Minstrel.

The task of admission was begun by Brother Walstan, the first Headmaster of the College. He was an experienced man who had pioneered the famous New Norcia College in Western Australia in 1913 and had also been in charge of Norwood and St Patrick’s Church Hill. It was a somewhat rough start. The crowd of parents that queued up on the sunken driveway and on the steps leading up to the verandah and front door of 'Greenstead' was embarrassing, especially since the school was not ready to receive them all.

Some boys - those unaccompanied by parents - were sent home, while Brother Aquinas took his class on to the lawn stretching for 100 feet between ‘Greenstead’ and Alison Road, and carried
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on as best he could beside the small fountain and under the towering Norfolk pines standing sentinel by the front fence.

By the end of that first day, Brother Walston had enrolled 159 boys - although there is some doubt as to whether all of them turned up for the first classes.

CLASSES BEGIN
Temporary reinforcements arrived next day with Brothers Cyprian and Raphael from St Joseph’s College. As the new school building on the eastern side of the driveway (subsequently known as Greenstead Hall) was still under construction, temporary classes were held on the verandahs and in the lower rooms of ‘Greenstead’, a building like no other to arouse youthful curiosity. Inside the house was a cedar stairway leading to the top floor and another stairway from the top floor to a lookout on the apex of the roof. This gave an excellent view of Randwick, including Randwick racecourse, and had been used by previous owners to watch races and track work. Under the house, in the basement, was the laundry.

Late in February, the primary classes took possession of their rooms on the lower floor of Greenstead Hall. There were three classrooms on the ground floor, divided by folding partitions to enable the whole area to be opened up. There was a stairway in the front of the building leading to the top floor and at the rear of the building was another open stairway leading up to an exposed verandah on the side of the building. On February 22, Brother Avellino was appointed to the staff and as carpenters were still at work on the top floor “the buzz of the infernal sanding machine” moving over the dance floor made teaching conditions very trying. This top floor “the buzz of the infernal sanding machine” could also be divided into three classrooms by folding partitions.

As the initial enrolment of students exceeded expectations and the boys could not fit in their new classrooms, the old homestead ‘Greenstead’, originally intended as the Brothers’ residence, had to be used for the ‘upper classes’ - this was probably 5th and 6th classes. This building became known as the ‘Senior School 1923’. The first Brothers had their lunch in the upstairs part of ‘Greenstead’. There was little furniture other than an old table and stool. The meals were sparse. At the end of the school day, Mrs Pearson, who lived in ‘Glanmire’ next door, would not allow the boys to go home without a cup of tea. In return, Brother Aquinas had to send his class into her yard to slide down the bank and cheer her up.

It appears from the ‘Weekly Programme’ of the school for June 1923 for 5th class that the simple and straightforward curriculum of the time consisted of Religion, English, Mathematics, History and Geography.

EARLY REFLECTIONS
A description of these early days has been given by Brother Avellino: “The ground between the present High School (Ignatius Wing) and the Science Block (the Senior School 1923) was just a tangle of vines which once had been supported upon a trellis work structure, but time and want of attention had played their parts well. Soon the place was in a deplorable state, but what a playground! Here, many a game of ‘bobbies and bushies’ was played with all the abandon of youth. Close by was a magnificent Moreton Bay fig tree, regarded by many as the best in the district but it had to be sacrificed when building the new school. In season, ‘fig fights’ were on the go and, later, a more portentous weapon made its appearance - watermelon skins. Up the street and across the small park, whistles and commands were useless. The fight was on. Lone Pine and Somme were not in it!”

“In the meantime, the school roll had increased. The classes were large. Boys came from all quarters, some to be a success, and others a blur upon the escutcheon of the school.”

“I wonder if many recall the physical ‘stunts’ as taught by the estimable Aldershot Major - Mr Brophy? There was little that he didn’t know about physical culture, and he had the happy knack of being able to impart his knowledge in a happy, breezy style.”

“I think 144 boys formed my first Confirmation class. I vividly recall their magnificent marching and splendid appearance on that day, much of it due to their drill instructor. Dear old Father Treand was waiting at the church gate, the tears were running down his cheeks, as he watched, with a justifiable pride, the boys as they marched down Avoca Street. Grasping my hand, he said ‘Oh, for forty years I’ve waited to see this day. God bless you. Hurry, Brother, the Archbishop will be waiting.”

THE BROTHERS’ HOUSE
The site of the school was part of a five acre property boarded by Belmore Road, Alison Road, Avoca Street and Harper Lane. This property was purchased in 1852 by Samuel Hebblewhite, an early settler in Randwick. In 1854, he built the house which he called ‘Brisbane Villa’. Apparently, his wife’s family had some association with Governor Brisbane. In this home, two of the Hebblewhite children were born. In 1882, a Mr Harper became owner of the property. A third owner of the property was Mr H
Gibson, who renamed the house ‘Greenstead.’ Subsequently, the land must have been subdivided and when purchased by the Randwick parish in 1921, as mentioned earlier, it was owned by a horse trainer, Mr Whitworth.

Next to the school property stood a fine two storey brick house, possibly built by Mr Gibson. In 1914, it was the home of the Dynon family. They called it ‘Glanmire’, after their home in Ireland. In the garage behind the house there was a 1912 Cadillac. There was also a small gymnasium which was the training place of noted fighters Chiddy Ryan and Tom O’Malley. Some of the younger priests of the parish also used to drop in there for a workout.

In 1919, Mrs Pearson became the owner of this house. Going back to St Joseph’s one afternoon, Brother Aquinas noticed a ‘FOR SALE’ sign in the front yard which he had not noticed while coming to school in the morning. He drew Brother Walstan’s attention to it, who straightaway spoke to Mrs Pearson about the possibility of the Brothers purchasing the house. She removed the sign at once and promised to give the Brothers first option. Their journey back to St Joseph’s, St Patrick’s and Darlinghurst every afternoon came to an end and the house was purchased in March 1923.

THE CHAPEL: FIRST MASS
The first Mass was said in the chapel on August 15, 1923. Brother Joachim worked into the “wee hours of the morning” to finish the predella. Many kind friends came forward with gifts to furnish the chapel - EJ Dwyer, Mrs T McClenahan and C and T Moss. The Brigidine nuns donated a beautiful hand carved Communion rail and Miss Rohan presented the gold Monstrance, designed by one of the Brothers and made at a cost of one hundred and five pounds. Furniture for the Brothers’ house itself was not abundant. At the end of 1927, the following report was made: "The house, from the peculiar way in which it was founded, still lacks sturdy furniture. A desk for each Brother should be provided without unnecessary delay. The outside of the residence needs painting and some of the rooms should be renovated."

THE FIRST BROTHERS
The earliest report on the school is found in the visitation book of October, 1925: “The Community and the two schools (Junior and Senior) are well directed. There is an excellent tone in both schools and all the Brothers are devoted to their duties and zealous for the Christian education of their pupils. I was impressed by the gentlemanly bearing of all the boys, their respect for the Brothers and their air of refinement pervading the schools. Signed: Br Brendan, Provincial.”

If an important work is to last, it must be established on a solid foundation. When you consider the founding members of Marcellin College, Brothers Alponsus, Walstan, Aquinas and Avellino - you understand some of the strengths and vigour imparted right from the beginning. The Brothers of 1925 - Br Walstan (Director), Br Gonzaga (Sub-Director), Br Avellino, Br Hugh Thomas, Br Angelus, Br Benedict, Br Hilary and Br Ephrem - constituted a staff that any school at any time would be proud of. They were all religious of the highest quality; their programme of life was austere and their work constant. It is not to be wondered at that under their guidance the pupils excelled in piety and discipline and displayed an uncommon keenness for sport and study. Eight years after the start of the school there were five studying for the priesthood and five in training for the Brothers.

THE COLLEGE MOTTO
Brother Aquinas kept, until his death in 1966, a photo of his Under 12 physical culture team which easily defeated two teams from St Benedict’s under Brother Raphael by twice scoring 90 points to their 80 and 75. Of special interest in the photo, apart from the names and the smart outfits of the boys, is the motto displayed on the badge: ‘Veritas liberatus vos’. As it stands, it does not make sense. Presumably it was intended to express ‘The truth will set you free’. The traditional motto, ‘Aeterna non Caduca’, must have soon replaced it. It is not known who chose it or where it came from; one can only admire it.
CHAPTER 2
GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

After only three years in charge, Brother Walstan was replaced as Headmaster. Brother Walstan provided remarkable leadership in the difficult early years of the College. An amiable character, he was respected and admired by those first students and the early Brothers. His was the role of the true pioneer of the enterprise whose 75th anniversary we celebrated in 1998.

EARLY SUCCESS
In 1926, the total roll call was 350, with 95 in First, Second and Third Years of the Senior School and 255 in Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes of the Junior School. The staff consisted of six Brothers only. Registration as a secondary school was obtained in 1927. The first public examination taken was the Intermediate Certificate in 1926, where 17 students averaged over six subjects and secured 40 As. There were nine presented for the first Leaving Certificate in 1928 (six had come through since 1923) and the results were very pleasing with six Honours in Maths, Physics and Chemistry, two University Exhibitions and one Teachers’ College Scholarship. In the third LC in 1930, thirteen boys sat. They secured 32 As and 11 Honours, 2nd place in NSW in Physics, 12th in Maths. There were five University Exhibitions, one University Bursary and five Teacher Scholarships won. These results remain as a testimony to two brilliant teachers, Brother Angelus (Science) and Brother Raphael (Mathematics).

Intense competition was the order of the day for the Primary also. All took part in the “Marist Brothers’ Competition”, held twice in the first term and once in each of the remaining two terms. Also Randwick was the centre for a special Bursary which had three divisions: the Convent School Bursary, the Marist Brothers’ schools of the city and suburbs and the Randwick Bursary, awarded to a boy attending the school. In this way, Brother Andrew set out to get some bright students at his school. Brothers’ schools of the city and suburbs and the Randwick had three divisions: the Convent School Bursary, the Marist Brothers and six to seminaries. The first Marist boys had gone to try their vocation, six to the

BRILLIANT SCHOLAR
Patrick Kenny, one of the original intake, must surely rank among the outstanding scholars of Randwick. In 1926, at the age of 12, he won a State Bursary and passed the Intermediate in seven of the most difficult subjects. Two years later, he passed the Leaving, then, being too young to go further in his studies, repeated the Leaving and at the age of fifteen became the first Randwick student to win a University Exhibition and one of the thirty University Bursaries. When he graduated from Sydney University in 1934 with second class Honours, he was one of the youngest doctors in the state. Thirty years or so later, for services rendered, he was made Knight Bachelor.

DEVOTION TO MARY
When school reopened in 1929, Brother Andrew lost no time in establishing the Sodality of the Children of Mary. Two years previously, the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament had been established for the primary classes. Numbers had to be limited to fifty-two, drawn from the three top classes. Weekly meetings were attended faithfully. The Sodality sustained and promoted devotion to Mary among the students for many years. It was rejuvenated in 1945 and again in 1951, but by 1956 seems to have given way to the Legion of Mary.

THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART
A great spirit of cooperation existed between the priests of the parish and the Brothers. Names of Frs O’Loughlin, Campbell, O’Connell, McCarthy, Bourke, Dignam, but especially Fr Smith, constantly receive mention for their devotedness to the needs of the boys and the Brothers. Each morning, there was Mass in the chapel and Benediction on Sunday evening. There were hundreds of confessions in preparation for the First Friday, always celebrated by the whole school going to the church for Benediction and Sermon. Archbishop Sheehan, who had turned the first sod, and expressed a wish to return later, did come back in 1929 to confirm 202 boys. Fr Campbell made it a point to go through the school each week, giving instructions to the classes in turn. Fr Smith never failed to attend a public function connected with the school during the year. Indeed, because of the efforts of the Brothers and the priests, Randwick began to develop into a truly Christian school.

VOCATIONS
There soon appeared, not surprisingly, vocations. Within four years of the start of the school, there were four at the Marist Brothers’ Juniorate, Mittagong - Paul Jones, George and Frank Clarke and John Greenlees. Three others were studying for the priesthood at Springwood, Douglas Park and Galong. In 1931, some twelve boys had gone to try their vocation, six to the Brothers and six to seminaries. The first Marist Brother to come from Randwick was Frank Sainty who completed the Leaving Certificate in 1928 and received the habit as Brother Julian Regis in July 1929.

SINGING
Brother Andrew spent a lot of his effort promoting singing throughout the school and he was blessed with at least two very successful teachers in this field, Brothers Xaverius and Aiden. “The average boy,” he wrote, “enjoys the outward expression of his feelings in song,” and again, “Our singing is one of the few accomplishments that have not been crushed out of the life of the school by the...
fret and fever of examination stride”. There were senior and junior choirs which sang at Mass each first Sunday and at Evening Devotions every third Sunday of the month. On one of these occasions, their performance was broadcast by 2UE. Apart from special events, like the Eucharistic Congress of 1928, the choir gave a local concert each year and especially provided splendid entertainment at the Annual Concert in Greenstead Hall on the Sunday before break-up. Miss E McKelvey would be accompaniste, Mrs Scott was in charge of the orchestra and Harry Thomas, the elocution master, would have his charges reciting Kipling’s ‘Boots’ or performing a scene or two from ‘Coriolanus’ and ‘Macbeth’. What wonderful, well balanced programmes would be presented at those concerts! The choirs, the solos, recitations, physical displays, dramatic selections, short sketches, running through thirteen to seventeen items, provided a splendid finale to the year’s work.

THE FIRST MAGAZINE

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Here again was a small beginning to what has been one of the strengths over the years of Marcellin College. Membership fee was fixed at 5/-; Life Membership three pounds thirty shillings. An Old Boys' Bursary Fund was started and the Committee was left to design a badge.

MARIST FETE
When fire destroyed the Marist Brothers' Novitiate at Mittagong in 1928, one of the functions to raise money to rebuild it was a combined fete at the Australian Hall in the city. There were six double stalls and proceeds exceeded one thousand two hundred pounds which, given the times of stress that prevailed, was excellent. The Randwick stall topped the list from all the Marist Brothers' schools.

It is good to recall the names of those who worked on the stall because they were some of the outstanding early benefactors of the school: Mr & Mrs Brenna; Misses R & P Brennan; Mrs Munro; Mrs CJ Fallon; Mrs Brodie; Mrs Stapleton; Mrs Finn; Mrs Fox; Miss N Walker; Mrs Darb; Mrs Grierso; Miss Moss; Mrs McDenahan; Mrs Christie; Mrs Fraser; Mrs H Tancred; Messrs Stapleton and Westwall.

A WELL ROUNDED SCHOOL
In June 1931, Brother Andrew was appointed Provincial of all Australia and it was typical of the man that he still carried on as Headmaster of Randwick, although the volume and pressure of work which the double role entailed were beyond the strength of an ordinary man. But if Brother Andrew had been an ordinary man, he could not have spread the Marist Brothers throughout Australia and the South Pacific and improved the quality of their service as he did over the next twenty-five years. At Randwick, he had been able to bring to bear all his energy, his farsightedness, on making it a great school. That is just what he did in six years. Others have had to build and to cope with problems of the time, but it was Brother Andrew who established the spirit of Randwick and made it into a model Christian school of such unsurpassed quality in every aspect that subsequent successes have been echoes of what he achieved.

Some idea of Brother Andrew's effect on the Randwick scene may be found in these testimonies from former students: "My first contact with Brother Andrew was when I started school at Marist Brothers', Randwick, as a nine year old. He was my first Principal. I have strong memories of how well he conducted the school and how he was always putting before us the importance of trying to achieve. He visited all classes fairly frequently and inspected our day books which had to be well kept. Eventually, efforts paid off. Bursaries from Sixth Class and Exhibitions from the Leaving Certificate class made Randwick a first-rate school within the Catholic Colleges."

A deeper testimony, one concerning the humanity of the man, comes from one of the staff members. "I was with Brother Andrew for all his six years at Randwick. The school was in need of a shake-up, an impulse which Andrew certainly provided. As Headmaster, he put unity of effort into the Randwick school. As Director of the Brothers' community, he never appeared flustered or annoyed. Always careful of people's feelings, he was warm and friendly in community. The humorous stories that he told were never uncharitable. As Headmaster at Randwick, Andrew took on a full day's teaching. He was consistently firm but kind. A shy man, he had to 'push himself' in his position of leadership."
CHAPTER 3
DEPRESSION YEARS - CONTINUED GROWTH

An extraordinary Marist Brother was chosen as Brother Andrew's successor—Brother Ignatius. He was a man of God who led the school to remarkable achievements and consolidated the early ideals into permanent traditions. For the last five years of his life he was unable to attend Mass but daily received Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Penance. Those who knew him well admired him as a teacher, revered him as a religious and loved him as a friend. He had the gift of attracting powerful support: the Governor; Mr J Dunningham MLA; Dr Fallon; as well as a legion of loyal and devoted helpers, both men and women. Whatever he did, he did on a big scale with an exuberance and enthusiasm that sprang not from grandiose views so much as from conviction of faith and fervour of ideal.

REMARKABLE EVENTS

Sports Day, 1934, began with a flawless physical culture display by 500 pupils on Coogee Oval. A verse speaking choir of 300 - the largest to perform in Sydney and perhaps larger than any other to perform in England - gave Mansfield's 'Cargoes' and Kipling's 'Boots' in Sydney Town Hall to raise money for Westmead and Manly's chapel. One of the annual balls was attended by 1600 with the Governor as guest of honour. In 1932, despite the Depression, the College uniform was introduced - neat straw hat, tie and socks - and 160 boys marched proudly in it for the St Patrick's Day procession carrying their new silk banner on which Mrs Wright had skilfully woven the College shield and motto: 'Aeterna Non Caduca'.

The Annual Concerts, begun in Greenstead Hall in 1926, and subsequently held in the Doncaster Theatre at Kensington, were such that the memory of them still persists. Indeed, this was the springtime of the College with everything bursting with vitality and growth and colour.

RELIGIOUS FERVOUR

Following Brother Ignatius' own example, a profound religious fervour pervaded the College. The sodalities of the Blessed Sacrament and St Vincent de Paul were started. The month of May began with the Consecration of the Children of Mary; the Feast of the Assumption was a day for a General Holy Communion; the Annual Retreat was a highlight of the year and the month of the Holy Rosary was celebrated with enthusiasm. When the first priest from the College, Fr Cletus Moverley, was ordained, the reception given him was tumultuous.

THE CRUSADE OF PRAYER

With 550 pupils in attendance, the school's accommodation was overtaxed but to Brother Ignatius' suggestion to build extensions, when the country was in the grip of depression, people laughed. No permit could be obtained from his Superiors unless he had one thousand pounds in hand before starting. In September 1932, "asking for practically a miracle", Brother Ignatius launched a crusade of prayer involving the whole school, parents and supporters.
Special prayers were addressed to the Infant of Prague, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St Therese for three requests: that God would give to a number of boys from the College a calling to His Priesthood or Brotherhood; that students studying for the public examinations would be rewarded by outstanding success; and that a new College, to house the increasing number of pupils, would be erected by 1933. Eighteen months later, there were eight vocations among the students who sat the exam, results were probably the best in the history of the College giving to a number of boys from the College a calling to His Priesthood to the Sacred Heart and St Therese for three requests: that God would augur well for the ultimate success. During the week, we were favoured with fine weather, though some of the nights were particularly cold. The closing night was fixed for Monday, August 7th. This was by far the best night of all. The crowd came in the hall in relays. The principal raffles were a source of great interest and the crowd waited till a very late hour for the drawing of the Stone-Marten furs. Eventually the hall was cleared and the preparations had to be made for the opening of school. In a few hours the former fete room was speedily converted into the sombre everyday classrooms and the students were rather unpleasantly surprised to find 'business as usual' at 9 o’clock. After the upheaval of the preceding weeks, it was a pleasant relief to return to the normal school routine. The finish of the fete left us free to proceed with the preparations for the ball.

THE GREAT FETE - 1933

The decision to hold a fete lasting eight days was made on the 13 March. There followed months of hard work raising funds through house parties, dances, raffles, juvenile attractions, picture shows (Gary Cooper and Bing Crosby were starring in ‘Alice in Wonderland’ that year) and house parties. Brother Ignatius had found some generous supporters, including Mr Dunningham MLA, who altogether lent him nine hundred pounds free of interest for twelve months. The bulk of the money, one thousand seven hundred and fifteen pounds, came from a ball and from the preparations for the ball. When the new school was nearly finished, since all the building work was done by the Brothers, boys and parents.

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The Race Week Ball was held two weeks later, on a Tuesday night in 1934, by Archbishop Kelly. The opening day dawned in a burst of golden sunshine. The monastery that would comfortably house half a dozen persons was estimated at their true worth. That the things of God hold first place and that the College motto ‘AETerna NON CADuCA’ following precedents, you are making them, building up traditions to which others will turn for inspiration and guidance.” And the estimated at their true worth. That the things of God hold first place and that the College motto ‘AETerna NON CADuCA’ was done by the Brothers, boys and parents.

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ANNUS MIRABILIS

Undoubtedly, 1934 was Annus Mirabilis in the history of the College. The performance of the senior boys in the public exams during the time of Brother Ignatius was extraordinary, as the following summary may testify.

For the last six years, 1930-1935, thirty percent of the candidates successful in the Leaving have secured University Exhibitions, exempting them from fees in the Faculties of Medicine, Law, Arts and Economics. The monetary value of these exhibitions was, in some Faculties, over two hundred pounds.
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**HANDBALL COURT - 1934**

When the new school was nearly finished, since all the building equipment was still on the property, Brother Ignatius thought of a handball court. Dr W (Buster) Summerhayes, later National Doubles Champion, recalled his introduction to the game when he was about 11 years old. Where the court stood was a large stable and the game consisted in hitting a ball up on the roof, letting it fall back on to the strip of bitumen below and then hitting it up again. When it rained, the game was played against the back wall inside the stable where the stalls had been removed. Now there was to be a court of regulation size. Generous donors came forward to help finance the project: Joe Gordon gave one hundred pounds; twenty pounds from Mr Wade, in memory of his son, Bert; ten pounds from Dr Pat Kenny; and five pounds each from Mr Lyons and Mr Butler. Boys were urged to bring a brick to school and costs were further reduced by voluntary labour, especially of the Brothers. The main portion of work was completed in ten days and on June 17, 1934, in the presence of a large crowd, the court was officially opened by the Honourable Mr Dunningham MLA. There followed an exhibition game, Australian Champions v NSW Champions. H Ratcliffe was the first Senior champion.

In his speech, Mr Dunningham said that the boys who in years to come would use this court would bless those who had provided it for them and it would be an important factor in keeping the students attached to their old College. His words were prophetic. Brother Cyril used to take a group of boys, including 'Buster' Summerhayes and Lionel Bowen, by tram on Sunday morning to Balmain, Ashfield or wherever there was a court. As a result, Randwick acquired a reputation for handball and before long the State and National titles were being played here. Perhaps, over the years, no recreational facility has been used by so many, both during term and in holiday time.

**STATUE OF OUR LADY**

In 1935, a magnificent Cararra marble figure of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was placed in the niche in front of the additions to the College. Valued at one hundred and thirty five pounds, it was the gift of Mr James Hackett, in memory of his wife, Honorah. The following year, a donor, who wished to remain anonymous, presented the statue of St Therese as a token of gratitude.

**MONASTERY EXTENDED**

In 1936, a record first day enrolment of 540 was made and early in the first term there were 650. These numbers required an increase in staff and this, in turn, demanded more accommodation. The monastery that would comfortably house half a dozen persons now had fourteen Brothers. On July 23, 1937, the foundations of the addition were blessed. As had been done before in the case of the new College building, the whole undertaking was placed under the powerful protection of the Infant of Prague, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and St Therese. The work was finished by the end of the year. During 1937, a large clock appeared on the wall of the Senior School beneath ‘1923’ and a strong wall was built passing along the boundary of the monastery as far as Bell Lane. The work was done by the Brothers, boys and parents.

**‘AETerna NON CadUCA’**

These were difficult, crowded years of amazing achievements in every field, mainly because at the head of a devoted team of Brothers was a man of rare ability and deep faith who took literally “Ask and you will receive”. Part of the answer to his prayers was the strong support of the parents and friends. He made the students quite conscious of the fact that it was their vocation to blaze a trail and establish traditions. Sir Phillip Street commented: “Even if you have no past history and no established school traditions to live up to, you will have a finer part to perform, and that is to establish standards of conduct for those who come after you. Instead of following precedents, you are making them, building up traditions to which others will turn for inspiration and guidance.” And the tradition that the College seemed bent on establishing in those Depression years was to put God first. “We hope that all will realise that Randwick is remaining true to its noble ideals, the values are estimated at their true worth. That the things of God hold first place and that the College motto ‘Aeterna Non Caduca’ is the inspiration of our lives.” (Brother Ignatius)

**TRIBUTE**

Brother Ignatius remained at Marcellin till 1937. In a tribute paid to him we read: “Randwick will remember him as a great spiritual leader, a great teacher and a great organiser. To his memory stands the present Secondary School, the Brothers’ Monastery and the handball court. While these endure in stone, there will live also in the minds of those he influenced a very sacred memory of a great man.”
Brother Damian became Headmaster of the College in 1938, succeeding Brother Ignatius. The College continued to thrive under his leadership. Debating became an important part of out of school activities with one of the first debates against Brigidine College, Randwick, contesting the motion that “Mussolini’s policy has been beneficial to Italy.” Randwick again won the Combined Swimming Carnival at the Drummoyne baths. College Carnivals were held annually at the Coogee Aquarium. An outstanding swimmer of the time was Don Furness. The Fete and the Annual Ball were again great successes. There was a record crowd at the Ex-Students Ball held at the Wentworth and was largely organised by the Ladies’ Committee. Boxing, which had begun in 1937, was extremely popular, attracting a large crowd to Greenstead Hall to witness the semi-finals and finals.

The foreword to the 1940 magazine says, “The ravage of the European war cast a dull foreboding cloud across the scene and yet through the gloom there are glimpses that give cause for satisfaction and rejoicing. Within the school there is much that evokes thanksgiving and encouragement. The roll mounted to a new record early in the year with nearly 750 boys. It was pleasing to see how quickly the newcomers settled down.”

The one hundredth anniversary of the death of Marcellin Champagnat was celebrated by a Mass in St Mary’s Cathedral. A combined choir of over 500 boys from the Brothers’ schools around Sydney sang at the Mass.

A Papal Knighthood was bestowed on Dr CJ Fallon. A wonderful gathering was held in Greenstead Hall on the 18th of August to honour Dr. Fallon and a presentation was made as an expression of the appreciation of the people of Randwick, Coogee and Kensington.

The handball players had a most successful year with N Haertsch winning the singles in the NSW Schoolboys Championships and N Haertsch and W Summerhayes winning the doubles.

At the end of 1940, Brother Damian’s term as Headmaster ended. He was a splendid Headmaster. Under his capable guidance, the school flourished. His capacity for work, his efficiency in the classroom, his charm of manner endeared him to the boys, while his courtesy and composure of manner put parents and visitors at their ease.

BROTHER LOUIS

In 1941, Brother Damian was replaced by Brother Louis as Headmaster who was to remain only one year. The school had a most successful year, particularly in sport. At the Olympic pool, North Sydney, the school retained the SM Wallace Cup for swimming for the eighth successive year. The school also won the TM Burke Shield for lifesaving.

In football, the boys were successful in winning the A Grade Premiership for the first time in the history of the College. Premierships were also won in the 6 stone 7 pound and 5 stone 7 pound divisions. The A and B Grade cricket teams were also premiers.

FORMATION OF THE CADET CORPS

In accordance with the wishes of the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Gilroy, a voluntary cadet corps was established at the College. It was stated at the time that, “Parents must realise that this is not a movement to teach ‘war’, although we are all aware that the boys do learn the art, and are thus prepared should the necessity ever arise. It is considered that the formation of a Cadet detachment will serve as a training ground to provide future leaders in military and, above all, in civil life. An improvement in character and powers of leadership is already noticeable in many of the cadets.”

The lads in their neat uniforms went on parade each Friday and occasionally paraded for special periods. During the year they marched with other detachments through the streets of Sydney - the cadets’ effort to assist the War Loan. The whole corps went into camp during the Christmas vacation at Brookvale. Lessons learnt and the pleasant experience left them with vivid memories - all are looking forward to future camps. Five pupils underwent special training in Cadet School for Officers - all five received commissions.

It was considered by the Brothers and all who had at heart the welfare of the pupils that the cadet corps would be a potent factor in inculcating loyalty and national duty, school tradition and esprit de corps. Though the Corps received every assistance and cooperation from the military authorities, the Brothers had exclusive charge of the boys.

The magazine of 1941 featured the first listing and pictures of ‘ex-students now serving in the Forces’.
At the beginning of 1942, Br Albertus took over and endeared himself to the students during the three years he was in charge. College enrolments had risen a lot and the need for more room was being felt. An effort was made to establish better laboratories, the sandy yard was asphalted and the five remaining fig trees removed; a public address system was put through to the seventeen classrooms; and a modern tuckshop was promised. More might have been done had not the war that started in 1939 come much closer to Australia.

No less than 3750 sandbags were filled by the Fourth Year boys with a dusty mixture of 'dry cement' and stacked high against the Ignatius building against a possible air raid. A First Aid centre was also fitted out early in the year.

The first Roll of Honour appeared in the 1942 magazine with three killed in action and six reported missing. The Ex-Students’ Association reported, “We regret that we are unable to record, as in previous years, the functions and activities of our Association. The reason is that every individual member of the Committee is in the Services.”

In March 1942, a Flight of the Air Training Corps was formed at the College by Squadron Leader Woods. After extensive medical and eye tests, 31 were enrolled. Parade took place on Wednesday afternoon and instruction at Morse on Friday evening.

THE RATCLIFFE BROTHERS

It is worth recalling the memory of a few of those who died. Of the three Ratcliffe Brothers serving in the RAAF, Vince was killed in June 1943, in a raid over France - he had been mentioned earlier in dispatches for his exploits - and Peter was killed five months later; Harry went on to win the DFC.

The words of Harry's official Citation read: "Throughout his operational tour, Flight Lieutenant Ratcliffe has displayed outstanding navigational skill, cool courage and unfailing devotion to duty. On one occasion when detailed for a sortie against Stuttgart, the aircraft had been airborne only a short time when certain navigational instruments became unserviceable. He was determined to continue with this important mission and convinced the captain of his ability to navigate the aircraft over a long and perilous flight with practically no navigational aids. Before the target was reached the aircraft..."
Old Pupils on Active Service

was blown from its correct course by winds and it was singled out for attack by enemy fighters. Flight Lieutenant Ratcliffe's aircraft was attacked by anti-aircraft fire and severe damage was sustained which caused a steady loss of petrol but with great skill and determination, he successfully navigated the damaged aircraft back to this country. Both in the air and on the ground, this officer has at all times set a splendid example of skill and courage.

RALPH DEVLIN
The heroism of Ralph Devlin is something that any school should be proud to record. Ralph left College in 1935, enlisted at the age of 19 in 1940 and was in the Middle East the same year. From Tobruk he went to Greece in 1940 whence he was evacuated to Crete, where he was captured in April 1941. Letters from seven fellow prisoners including Fit-Sgt John Darragh bear testimony to Ralph's absolute fearless. John writes, "Ralph will always be remembered by those who knew him as one man who was totally unafraid of German threats." It was the fearlessness, joined with a courageous self sacrifice, that brought about his death. A German civilian, in charge of a working party, was mistreating certain prisoners. Ralph, who could speak fluent German, remonstrated on their behalf and the German drew a revolver and shot him. It was March 21, 1945 - Ralph's 23rd birthday. His memory is perpetuated each year by a College Bursary.

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
During the war, the Old Boys' gatherings had lapsed but as soon as the European war was over and the soldiers returned, Br Albertus displayed much vigour in re-establishing them. In 1944, the Old Boys' Union had a statue of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat erected to keep fresh the memory of those who served and died for their country and to inspire students of the generations to come, so to order their lives as to be worthy of those who died for them. In 1946, tablets to commemorate those ex-students who died at war were erected beside the statue in the corner of the Senior School building.

NEW LABORATORIES
The 'new' laboratories at the top of the 'Blue' building were opened in 1943. They consisted of the tiered demonstration room, a chemistry laboratory and a smaller physics room. "No pains seem to have been spared to make the laboratories as complete as present conditions allow. In fact, we feel that astounding progress has been made in spite of the difficulties of procuring materials under present day conditions."

Awards for Bravery are recorded in the 1943 magazine.
"Two Distinguished Old Boys.
PO Kevin William Light, DFM
Old friends of Kevin Light will be glad to hear that he has been serving with outstanding merit in the air war over Europe. Tangible appreciation of this fine work has come to him in the form of the Distinguished Flying Medal and more recently he as won promotion to the rank of Pilot Officer. The Air Ministry's citation awarding the DFM says: 'Flight-Sgt Light has participated in attacks on targets both in Germany and German occupied territory. He has, at all times, displayed commendable courage and devotion to duty whilst his high skill has made him a valuable member of the Air Force'.

FO Francis J Magee, DFC
It is with pleasure that we record the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Flying Officer Francis John Magee, of Clovelly, a famous ex-pupil of the College. The citation quoted below gives the circumstances under which he gained his distinction: . "Flying Officer Magee has been actively engaged in operational flying as air observer since November 1942 and has, since that date, completed 140 hours of flying against the enemy. He has proved himself to be a cool and efficient observer and the clear, concise manner in which he has reported enemy activity has proved of invaluable assistance to his pilot. As squadron navigation officer, his continued efforts have set a high standard of navigation in the unit. In December 1942, on the occasion of a sudden attack by an enemy aircraft which made a surprise appearance many miles from enemy territory, his vigilance in observing this sudden attack enabled his pilot successfully to take evasive action and return to
base in safety. Flying Officer Magee has always shown courage and devotion to duty of the highest order. His determination and efficiency are an example to his squadron."

**LIBRARY**
The first College Library was set up in 1944 in the room originally intended for the Headmaster’s Office. The room was described as “well lighted, quite sunny of an afternoon and, for the present, large enough to house our books. Shelves were fitted, a special table made; the addition of a carpet and of suitable blue curtains, together with some well chosen pictures, soon gave quite a cozy appearance to this sheltered nook.”

**‘THE ROARING FORTIES’**
War, grim and sad though it was, could not suppress the joyousness of a boy’s life at Marcellin. The craze for marbles and tops swept the school in the mid-forties. The School Patrol each day effectively halted traffic and led the boys across the road. Mr Jack Radford clarified their diction.

Mr Ted Bramston, physical culture instructor, combated any flabbiness in their muscles with vigorous drill. The Marcellin Eisteddfod, starting up in 1941, offered a worthy challenge to local talent.

The Annual Concert still produced superb performances of ‘The Maid of the Mountains’ or ‘Mikado’ though, at times, unrehearsed acts captured much attention. One ex-student recalled: “At the Annual Concert, we rocked the house with a boisterous rendering of ‘The Teddy Bears’ Picnic’ and ‘Slats’ McCreedy, our class contortionist, who played the frog, could not be undone and was carried off the stage screaming.”

**‘THE VOICE OF THE COLLEGE’**
In March, 1944, the first issue of ‘The Voice of the College’ appeared, claiming to be the ‘Official organ of students of Marcellin College’ The first edition was ‘a semi-legible twelve-page roneoed paper which did not do justice to the work put into it.’ It was a once-a-month publication at first, but in 1947, after four years’ good work, it became a term magazine and finally yielded to the Annual. No doubt its Careers Column, Question Box (Sport & General), Film Review and Little Men’s Page entertained many a boy. In any case, it indicated the earnestness and enthusiasm of the students at the time.

In 1942, the annual magazine, assumed the format it has retained ever since, though it is doubtful whether any issue since ever attained the excellent standard of those (1942-45) edited by Br Flavius Donnelly.

**Br ALBERTUS**
When Br Albertus came to Randwick in 1942, he was no stranger as he had been on the staff several times previously. He brought to his position, therefore, an intimate knowledge of Randwick’s needs and a natural zeal to meet them.

During these difficult years, many students were guided to the much coveted ‘quotas’ at the University while many Exhibitions and Bursaries were won.

The ex-students owe a special debt of gratitude to Br Albertus for reviving the Old Boys’ Union which had ceased to function in the early days of the war. For those who made the sacrifice of their lives for their country, he erected an enduring memorial in the statue of Marcellin Champagnat.

The spiritual care of past and present students was Br Albertus’ principal care. Many have experienced the help of his kindly but firm advice. The Legion of Mary which he established in the school provides a further means of sanctification for the senior students.
CHAPTER 6

PEACE AGAIN

When Br Quentin arrived in 1945, the College staff had grown to eighteen. Sixteen of these were Brothers and two were lay teachers - Mr Bill Morgan and Mr Matchett.

On October 30, 1946, a solemn ceremony was held with the unveiling of the memorial statue erected by the Old Boys’ Union to honour those ex-students of the College who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives during World War Two. Thirty-one ex-students gave their lives. In his speech, Br Quentin “pointed out the significance of the ceremony and expressed the desire that the memorial would not only serve to recall the names and deeds of gallant men but also to inspire the boys of the present and the future to so order their lives that they may be worthy of those who died for them.”

For the thirteenth successive time, Randwick successfully defended its swimming title at North Sydney Pool. The result hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith defended its swimming title at North Sydney Pool. The result hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith defended its swimming title at North Sydney Pool. The result hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith defended its swimming title at North Sydney Pool. The result hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith defended its swimming title at North Sydney Pool. The result hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith defended its swimming title at North Sydney Pool. The result hung on the last race - the 200m-where a great swim by Ron Casey snatched victory from Hamilton. The famous Sam Smith

In 1946, Br Quentin negotiated with Fr Doyle to have four extra classrooms built for the Primary classes. These were to be located beside Greenstead Lane and at some distance from the Hall. Work commenced on this block in 1947.

During 1947, Mr WM Gollan, the member for Randwick and a constant friend of the College organised a visit by Mr RJ Heffron, the Minister for Education: “A request from the Minister for a show of hands on the question of a half holiday brought such spontaneous approval for the ‘aye’ vote as would have cheered the heart of any statesman.”

Randwick won its first MCC Tennis title in 1947.

SILVER JUBILEE 1948

In the 1948 magazine, Dr J McMahon MSC wrote: “The Silver Jubilee of the Marist Brothers’ College, Randwick, has come and gone. During the commemorative ceremonies her sons relived the glories of a cherished past; they felt the throbbing lifebeats of a proud and vigorous present; they foresaw, as in vision, the triumphs and the harvests of a fertile future. A great school had come of age. Already it boasted manifold titles to fame. Many of its sons had shed their blood on foreign sands to protect the land which gave them birth; some had distinguished themselves in the halls of learning and of culture; still others had won laurels on fields of sport and play. There was much of which one might be proud; so many achievements for which to offer thanks to God.”

His Eminence, Cardinal Gilroy, celebrated the Silver Jubilee Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday, August 18. An inspiring address, recounting the College’s history was given by Fr Slaney, an ex-student of the College. His address concluded: “May then the motto of your College, which you have worn on your hat bands by day and your caps and blazers in the field of sport, which is engraved on the facade of your College, which is borne aloft on your school banner, which is stamped on your College notepaper, be ever engraved on your hearts, that you may always seek the eternal things, not the vain, fleeting, shadowy, passing, insubstantial things of this world. May you always think and say and seek ‘Aeterna non caduca’.”

Other major events of the Jubilee year included the formation of a College Choir - made up of boys from the Randwick parish to sing at the Sunday Masses.

The pupils also moved into the new school building during the course of the year.

In order to assist in the organisation and carrying out of the various functions of the Silver Jubilee, a Parents & Friends Auxiliary was formed. The principal work undertaken by this group was the...
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Silver Jubilee Ball. To assist the funds for this, a theatre night proved most successful. The Ball was held at the old Grace Brothers Auditorium, Broadway.

PASSING OF DR FALLON

The year was saddened by death of Dr CJ Fallon. The magazine records:

"On the 20th of April last, with the passing of Dr Cyril Joseph Fallon, Knight Commander of The Order of St Sylvester, there has gone from our midst a great Australian, a loyal and fearless Catholic, a cultured and distinguished scholar, a good and kindly physician, a devoted and exemplary family man and a most sincere and faithful friend. This loss was most keenly felt at Randwick and by the Marist Brothers there in particular."

"Twenty-five years ago, when the Brothers first came to Randwick, they found there to greet them on behalf of the laity an already old friend in the person of Dr Fallon. After the first day's toil, with numbers far exceeding all expectations, it was from the thoughtful household of Dr Fallon that came the refreshing cup of tea, a simple but kindly gesture that was to be indicative of the simple but strong friendship that was to last over the years."

"Always a champion of Catholic Principles, Dr Fallon had a particular interest in Catholic education and often from the public platform at Speech Days and on other occasions, he enunciated with characteristic clearness and simplicity the principles on which the work of the Catholic schools is based."

The affectionate friendship which he showed to the Brothers extended to even the smallest ‘casualty’ at the school. Many a young patient had his confidence restored by the quiet and effective attention which was so readily given by Dr Fallon. To use his own words at his last public appearance on behalf of the Brothers: ‘A request from the Marist Brothers was regarded by me as a command.’

We may seem to pass over his work as a Catholic physician (the first member of the Order of St Luke), as a Catholic member of parliament (the only one to be elected as such), as a Papal Knight of the Order of St Sylvester, as a scholar and as an orator and as so many other things that the name of Cyril Fallon stood for; but to us at Randwick he was our friend - charitable, courteous, sincere, generous of soul, mind and heart, we came to know very quickly his spirituality and great charity, his humility, sincerity and simplicity, his clear and logical mentality, his deep culture and wise counsel, and his remarkable gift of friendship."

"Few, we imagine, could go with such confidence to the God he had served so well, as the simple generous soul of Cyril Joseph Fallon. May he rest in peace."

"To Mrs Fallon and family we express again our sincere sympathy and hope that the loss they must experience with the death of one so dearly loved will be tempered by the realisation of his devoted life and holy death."

To perpetuate his memory a statue of St Joseph was erected at the school and the new classroom block became known as the Fallon Wing.

In the Leaving Certificate of 1948, John Hennessy secured first place in the state for Mathematics and thus won for the first time for the College the Barker Scholarship. The scholarship carried with it a substantial monetary award to the student.

CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART 1949

At the beginning of the year at a meeting of Catholic teachers, Rev Dr Dwyer MSC was invited by His Eminence the Cardinal to deliver an address on Devotion to the Sacred Heart. From this beginning, it was decided that special attention be given during this year to Devotion to the Sacred Heart.

The principal function in this regard was the Consecration of the College to the Sacred Heart on the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart. The day began with a Mass in the Randwick Church. The singing at the Mass was done by the Randwick Boys' Choir and the Mass was celebrated by Rev Fr Drohan. At three o'clock in the afternoon the College assembled in the grounds for Benediction of the
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The New School Building 1948

The Devotion of the First Friday was continued during the year and each First Friday the Act of Consecration was renewed.

Br Quentin’s term as Headmaster ended in 1950 when he was transferred to St Joseph’s College, Hunters Hill. Brother Quentin’s first Headmastership (Randwick) came after a preparation period at Darlinghurst, where he completed his University degree. Quite young for the position of Headmaster, Brother Quentin nevertheless manifested that quiet authority, competence and perception that were eventually to bring him to Provincialship and, later, to the position of Vicar General of the Congregation. Mid-way through the Randwick Headmastership, Brother Quentin had to take sick-leave because of a bad throat affliction. He went to Mittagong, where he took to repairing the building. He also lent a hand in his field because of a bad throat affliction. He went to Mittagong, where he took to repairing the building. He also lent a hand in his field because of a bad throat affliction.

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Br Edmundus began his time as Headmaster in 1951.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The College, in common with other Catholic schools, participated actively in the celebrations sponsored by the Secretariat of Special Works to honour the Golden Jubilee of Australian Federation.

On Wednesday April 18, a flag ceremony was held. The Australian flag presented by the Commonwealth Government was taken to the Parish Church where a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Fr J Doyle. The College cadet corps, under the direction of Br Elgar, represented the College at the Mass. As accommodation at the church was shared by the three schools within the Parish, it was impossible for a larger representation of boys to attend. Mr Gordon Anderson MHR attended Mass and participated in the Ceremony at the College afterwards.

After Mass, Fr Doyle blessed the flag, which was then carried to the College accompanied by the cadet corps and College band.

At a full assembly of the boys the ceremony of “Breaking the Flag” was carried out with great solemnity and effect. After the National Anthem had been sung by the whole school, Br Edmundus, Headmaster, introduced Mr Gordon Anderson MHR, who spoke eloquently on the ideals of Australian citizenship. The saluting of the flag was followed by the singing of the anthem, “God Bless Our Lovely Morning Land”, led by the school choir, under the direction of Br Kenan.

The precision of the cadets on parade and the efficiency of their NCOs were a feature of the ceremony. The buglers, led by John Harris, contributed greatly to the occasion. The parade was commanded by Br Salvius and Sergeant-Major Higgins.

SYDNEY MARCH

On Thursday 19th, nearly 18,000 pupils of the Catholic schools marched through the streets of Sydney. The march began from the Public Library end of the Domain, went along Macquarie Street, down Martin Place, along George Street to Market Street and terminated in Hyde Park near St James’ Station. His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant General Sir John Northcott, took the salute from a raised platform in Macquarie Street. His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate...
and Archbishop Masterson of Birmingham were with the Governor on the dais. On the balcony of Parliament House, behind the dais, 30 Archbishops and Bishops were accommodated. The procession, led by mounted police, took an hour to pass the saluting base. Both boys and girls marched with splendid precision and the bearing and the neat uniforms of all schools brought loud applause. The cadet units, with their bands and colour parties, came behind the Eastern Command Military Band, the cadets of St Joseph’s College leading. Then came the boys’ schools’ groups in school uniform. The Marist schools marched first, led by 400 boys from Randwick and the same number from Parramatta, marching twelve abreast. After the Marist schools came the groups from the schools of the other Orders, according to seniority in Sydney. Before the pupils of each Order a suitable banner was displayed telling the name of the Order. In addition each school or college had its own banner. Bands were interposed at suitable intervals. At the Cenotaph the columns of twelve divided into two columns of six, passing on either side and saluting. All this was done with excellent precision. A temporary downpour caught some of the girls’ contingents at the rear of the procession, but was not sufficient to interfere seriously with the march nor to spoil the general effect.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Part of the College at this time was the Ladies Auxiliary. Part of Br Edmundus’ address to this body in 1953 included the following: “Regarding comics, teachers have consistently pointed out, in season and out of season, for the last half century or so, the obvious fact that too much indulgence in the comic reading habit is an obstacle to genuine study. As there is no opportunity for children to develop the comic habit at school, the matter is one for the parents. Of course, where comics are not merely frivolous but pernicious, your obligation in the matter is pretty serious.”

THE FETE

The Annual Fete of 1953, as ever, was a grand occasion, particularly the opening ceremony. The magazine recalls: “The Annual Fete was held on the afternoons and evening of the 9th and 10th October in the College grounds.” The Official Opening was performed by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman PD Hills and Mrs Hills, who were welcomed at the entrance to the College by Mrs M Fallon, representing the President of the Ladies’ Auxiliary, Mrs T Allen and by the Headmaster, Br Edmundus, Mr and Mrs H Jensen, and the Fete secretaries, Mrs N Donlan and Mrs C Brewer.”

“A Guard of Honour was formed by the Second Randwick Scout Group, with Scoutmaster E Lyons, and the Second Randwick Cub Pack, under Lady Cubmaster Mrs D Johnson. The College band played the general salute and the College choir, conducted by Br Vales FMS, sang.”

“In introducing the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Alderman H Jensen, Chairman of the Fete Committee, spoke of the work of the College and the purpose of the Fete.”

The Stalls were staffed as follows:

Cakes: Mesdames Paul, Mitchell, Vaughan, McRae, Close
Fancy: Mesdames Sweeney, O’Rourke, Haggerston, Best, Wooten, Waite, O’Grady
Refreshments: Mesdames Gerrard, Chatworthy, Jensen, Gieson, Stokes, Watts, Buckley, McIntyre, McElhone, Smythe
Flowers: Mesdames Foley, McMahon, Gray, Jeffries
Housewives: Mesdames Beaver, Davison, Roworth
Opportunity: Mesdames Mansour, Phillips, Fallon, Montgomery, Carolan, McGee, Causer
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SWEETS: Mesdames Gracie, O’Neill, Hanley, Killorn, Davis
Wishing Well: Mesdames Martin, Prendice, Hidebrand
Hoop-la: Mesdames Byrne and Thomas
Lucky Envelope: Mr and Mrs Moylan
Bicycle: Mesdames Kessler and O’Sullivan
Radiogram: Mr A Mansour

SPORT
Des Connolly was the Australian Champion in schoolboys handball and Jim Heaney won the coveted Cardinal’s Cup at the St Patrick’s Day Sports.

VOCATIONS
Both Br Quentin and Br Edmundus, who replaced him as Headmaster, did much to promote devotion to Our Lady during their terms of office and this would seem to have paid off in vocations. In 1953 when the College was thirty years old it had to its credit thirty priests. On October 19, 1954, to honour the centenary of the definition of the Immaculate Conception as an article of Faith, a statue of Our Lady was blessed by Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney, where it stood on a brick pedestal set in the lawn in front of ‘Senior School 1923’. There followed a torchlight procession which included pupils from the five Marist Brothers’ schools in the Eastern Suburbs.

CHANGE OF NAME
It was during 1955 after the Beatification in Rome of Marcellin Champagnat that the College’s name was changed to Marcellin College. At the Annual Speech Night at the Sydney Town Hall, in his Annual Report, Br Edmundus stated: “The conferring this year of the name Marcellin on the Marist Brothers’ College at Randwick seemed to us to be a fitting way to honour a school which for thirty-two years now has been endeavouring to impart to its pupils the spirit and the doctrine of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat. Blessed Marcellin, beatified this year, founded the Marist Brothers in 1817. Considerably less than a century after his death his spiritual sons opened a school at Randwick. Even at that time there was mention of naming the new establishment after the holy founder. The name however was not used and the College was listed in the Catholic Directory as Our Lady of the Sacred Heart but in most official documents it was referred to as Marist Brothers’ College, Randwick. In popular reference it was simply, in common with another and somewhat differently purposed institution, Randwick. With the approval of His Eminence Cardinal Gilroy and of the Catholic Education Office and by permission of the Rev Br Provincial, the official title is now Marcellin College. This has been accepted as official by the Education Department and - more importantly - it has been enthusiastically acclaimed by the boys themselves who are pleased and proud to be pupils of Marcellin College.”

THE BADGE
The original badge remained until 1956. The Marist emblem that is to be found in all other Marist school badges was modified: the badge itself was surmounted by MCR and the whole encircled with a laurel wreath. This wreath had first appeared in 1948 on the costumes of those representing the College in the MCC Swimming. Presumably the 1923 crest was regarded as too plain and these changes were intended to make it more ornate.

WAR CRY
The enthusiasm of Br Edmundus to make Marcellin College, Randwick, the best school possible led him to realise that there needed to be a stirring war cry. Though what was eventually composed lacked any pretensions of literary merit, it has served over many years to stir the hearts of the College boys on many notable occasions. The text of the war cry is as follows:

MCR
Kura Kura Kura Rombe
Hanko Hanko Zum Bar Zar
Hot Day Cold Day
Kura Rombe
Randwick Randwick
MCR
Red Blue Blue Red
Randwick!

Br Edmundus left the College in July 1956 to begin studies for the priesthood. The capacity of Br Edmundus for work was strongly in evidence during his years of responsibility at Randwick. With no more than the essential personnel for the classes, he had to spread his own activities over many classes of varying subjects throughout the day while organising the internal workings of a school of about
1,000 pupils from the lower primary grades to the Honours of Leaving Standard. He was a hard working, devoted and very approachable man.

**BROTHER BEDE**

Br Bede became Acting Headmaster till the end of the year after Br Edmundus’ departure for the Second Novitiate in France and, from there, to begin studies for the priesthood. To the highly esteemed and very talented Br Bede is due the foundation of the Men’s Auxiliary, which was to transform the College during the next decade.

Br Bede felt prompted to do something when practically all the proceeds from the fete went to pay for the painting of the ‘Senior School 1923’ Why, he thought, could not the Brothers and parents do it themselves and use the hard earned money on things just as essential?

**THE MEN’S AUXILIARY**

In the Annual Report, Br Bede noted: “This year was born a new organisation in the College, one which has already rendered invaluables assistance and which promises for the future to develop with new membership into a force with unlimited potential. I refer to the Men’s Auxiliary - an organisation for fathers and friends of the College. Its Constitution states that its aim is to give assistance in the form of skilled and unskilled labour for the undertaking of any projects for the welfare of the College and to enable the fathers to meet the Brothers and to combine with them for the welfare of the College in their sons’ interests.”

Their first project was the construction of a fine new classroom, admitted by all to be the best in the school, in the short space of three weekends. Some 50 men participated …. other much needed works are contemplated - a shelter shed, extra toilet accommodation and a tuck shop. Members of the Auxiliary have lightened the task of the Brothers on many other occasions by their generous assistance. The classroom mentioned was at the western end of the Fallon Building. The ‘Senior School’ was painted blue and became commonly known as the ‘Blue Building’.

**BROTHER BEDE**

Br Bede came to Marcellin College in 1955 after completing a term of Directorship at the Brothers’ High School in Maitland.

Br Bede had been blessed by God with many talents which equipped him for the Christian instruction of youth and which he exercised to the full in true Marist simplicity and humility.

As a teacher of Mathematics and Chemistry, he had few peers for thoroughness, zeal and ability to impart knowledge. Having majored in Mathematics for his University degree, he was ever willing and anxious to give extra time outside school hours to further the studies of his pupils in Honours Mathematics and Chemistry.

As a sports coach, he displayed a profound knowledge of the science of all games and to knowledge was added an aptitude for moulding boys into a team. Ever conscious of the necessity for school spirit, he contrived to instil in the boys this important quality. He had a happy knack of inspiring boys with a will to improve, not only to develop their sporting prowess but also to strengthen their character.

But his greatest delight lay in instilling religious spirit into boys. His work in creating the spirit of Apostleship in the senior boys will ever be remembered by those with whom he came in contact. He was always a model of an exemplary religious to his confreres and to the boys.

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SPIRIT AND HARD WORK

In 1957, the man who was especially gifted to gain maximum use from such a force as the Men’s Auxiliary became Headmaster of the College. He was Br Anselm. Few men had his gift of organisation and leadership, his breadth of vision, his drive and energy. Under him, Marcellin College, which seemed to have settled down into a comfortable middle age, was galvanised into action and started to ‘swing’ again.

SATURDAY TASKS

Fathers were asked to volunteer their services for a certain number of Saturday mornings in the term. A dossier was kept on the specialists: architects, builders, plasterers, mechanics, engineers, welders, painters, electricians. Anyone who was not a specialist found plenty of work as a labourer. The motto of the Auxiliary was ‘Deo Soli’ (for God alone) and its patron was St Joseph the Worker. It was a providential means of making progress during very difficult times when the changes in education were demanding more classrooms and better conditions than previously.

OTHER EVENTS

In 1958, William Perignon, at the early age of 38, was appointed Judge of the District Court and Chairman of the Quarter Sessions.

During 1960, Br Aquinas celebrated 50 years as a Marist Brother at Randwick. Brother was a member of our Foundation staff at the College in 1923.

Two of our old boys represented Australia in the Rome Olympics. Peter Macken competed in the modern pentathlon and performed creditably. Dennis Maguire took part in the kayak events and his performance also was only just a little below medal class, in an event dominated by the strong European teams.

The 1960 First Grade Rugby League team played against Strathfield at the Sydney Cricket Ground as a curtain raiser to the Third Test against the French. They won the match 10 - 7. At the St Patrick’s Day Sports, Pat Greene crowned a fine athletic career at school by winning the Cardinal’s Cup in 9.8 seconds. Brian Finegan was the champion miler.

During the course of 1960, the bulk of the work on the ‘Anselm Wing’ was done by the Men’s Auxiliary. In all there were six classrooms, each set of three being flanked on the eastern side by a verandah.

The plans were drawn up by an Old Boy of the College, Mr Kevin Gallagher. On being approved by the Randwick Council, the plans were handed over to the Men’s Auxiliary to be put into action under the guiding hand of Mr Terry Hanley. The first obstacle to be removed was the historic (but very unsightly) Moreton Bay fig tree and by Saturday March 19, a determined onslaught was made on the foundations. By April 9, all foundations were poured and work on the superstructure could be begun. A tremendous amount of work - tedious work - went into the tying and the welding of the steel reinforcing.

A great deal of levelling had to be done preparatory to the pouring of the three lower floors with five inches of reinforced concrete. In all, 75 yards of concrete were used in the three lower floors and all was poured on one Saturday, April 23, with the aid of fifteen ‘labourers’ and five plasterers.

Wednesday, May 11, saw the first course of bricks erected and the lower floor was completed by June 13.

In the meantime, the men were busily engaged each Saturday preparing box frames and welding steel for the concrete floor and for the beams to support this second floor. The first half of the second floor was poured on Tuesday, July 12, and the remainder on Wednesday, July 20.

On August 9, the bricklayers returned and by the 19th of the month, the bulk of the brickwork on the second floor was completed.

Next on the agenda was the erection of three trusses to support the roof and another array of box frames and beams. Saturday, September 17, was one of the busiest days of all. A group of about 35 of the Auxiliary and the Brothers got away to an early start at 8am and worked through till 1.30pm.

Three beams running the length of the building were poured. The ten yards of concrete, prepared in two hand mixers, was bucketed up by relay teams.

The roof was laid on October 9 and 10. On the 12th, the bricklayer was able to continue his work, which was completed by the 18th. Much of the brick work was scrubbed with acid on October 29. In the meantime, the rails for the stairways and the verandah on the second floor were welded. Much labour and sweat had meanwhile gone into the reorganising of the grounds between the buildings with the removal of the lawn and many, many loads of sand.
The new block was officially opened on March 12, 1961, and was a fitting culmination to the wonderful work of the Men’s Auxiliary. The College Captain, Peter Barrett, accepted the new rooms on behalf of the students and assured the gathering that the boys would work hard in them.

**GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS**

The following is a summary of what Men’s Auxiliary achieved under Br Anselm and the succeeding Headmasters: remodelling of laboratories and study rooms; remodelling of toilets twice (these apparently become quickly outmoded); construction of Q store and garages; a wall along the lane; tuckshop and shelter shed; a new school comprising 6 classrooms; another new school comprising 8 classrooms; a new monastery and woodwork centre; yet another new classroom and gymnasium; remodelling of large sections of the old monastery (common room, kitchen, laundry, chapel, refectory); electrical installation and plumbing for these complexes, including Greenstead; extensive renovations at Marcellin Junior, Coogee; and development of the Marcellin Sporting Complex at Heffron. In addition to all this construction and remodelling work, there was the constant painting and maintenance work that went on both in the monasteries and the two schools.

No true estimate of the work done has been made; probably it was about three hundred and fifty thousand pounds. For example, the six new classrooms erected at a cost of ten thousand pounds were immediately valued for insurance at thirty-five thousand pounds.

**LADDIE PARKINSON**

This vast work was achieved by marvellous work and sheer hard work on the part of men from all walks of life and the Brothers, who offered particular skills to erect the school. Work begun each Saturday morning at 7.30am sharp and usually continued till 12:00 noon. If need be, the work extended to the afternoon and on occasions, went on at nighttime.

Laddie Parkinson, one of the original 1923 men, was particularly devoted to the work as, week after week, he met each worker and quickly directed him to a suitable task. When work was over, he would make sure that brushes were cleaned and tools put away. In recognition of his work and as a tribute to the Men’s Auxiliary in general, Laddie Parkinson was affiliated to the Institute of the Marist Brothers. The same honour was also bestowed on Bill McGuigan, who teamed up with Br Charles Bradley during many years to do all the electrical work at the College.

**THE FETE AND THE ‘SOCIALS’**

Money to finance the scheme was raised by the Parents and Friends Association whose main function was the annual fete for which different groups worked throughout the year. At the end of every term, the Social Committee of the Men’s Auxiliary organised a supper dance in Greenstead Hall. It was here that deep friendships were strengthened and wonderful memories stored up of Pat Delaney’s Band, of Una Smith and her friends dancing the ‘Charleston’, of Mark Hawes singing ‘Rambling Rose’ and, in general, of a happy group of people.

**PROUD BOAST**

What Marcellin parents had done in all this was seized upon as an effective apostolate for bringing people together and soon other schools began Auxiliaries modelled on its system. For all that, none was ever able to rival the achievement of Randwick. No Marist Brothers’ school, indeed no other school in the whole of Australia, in the past one hundred years, has raised up its own buildings through voluntary labour so successfully, so extensively and at such a minimum cost as has the Men’s Auxiliary of Marcellin College.
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**EPITAPH**

When Br Anselm finished as Principal in 1962, he left a very flourishing school with highly satisfactory performances in every aspect of its life. It was well equipped for all the vicissitudes of the sixties. More than that, he left ineffaceable qualities of manliness and hard work impressed upon those boys and men who came into contact with him.

He died in 1970 at the early age of 55. Requiem mass was concelebrated for him in St Mary's Cathedral by five bishops. One of the letters of sympathy received summed him up this way: “he was a truly great man, one who worked himself unsparingly in the cause of Christian Education in this State. He exhibited first class standard as a school man, builder, financier and counsellor. His wisdom was profound, his influence on people immeasurable.”

**THE SIXTIES**

It was no enviable task to follow Br Anselm as Head of Marcellin College, but Br Wilfrid was one man who proved capable of doing it. His quietly spoken manner, his happy disposition, his undaunted courage and his deeply religious spirit made him most acceptable to the large following Marcellin had acquired. Unfortunately, a serious illness was to force him to retire after three years.

**MONASTERY EXTENSIONS**

Further additions to the monastery became necessary in 1963. The accommodation provided by the extensions in 1937, if sufficient then for thirteen Brothers, was quite inadequate for sixteen in 1956, and still more so for 19 in 1963. Br Wilfrid, leading the Men’s Auxiliary, added eight more rooms and toilet facilities on the top floor, while beneath, a large woodwork room, a Q store and two garages were constructed. This was one of the last major undertakings for the Men’s Auxiliary at Marcellin Senior College; henceforth it concentrated most of its efforts into making the Junior School more functional. The opening of this development took place on September 22.

**NEW CURRICULUM**

In 1963 the lower secondary classes began following the new Wyndham Curriculum. The aim of the curriculum was to provide a broader and more comprehensive education than before.

**MARCELLIN JUNIOR**

It was through the reorganisation necessitated by the Wyndham system, and to provide for the expanding primary population of the South-Eastern suburbs, that the De La Salle Brothers generously relinquished their secondary school in Coogee which at the beginning of 1964 became Marcellin College Junior. In 1963, both Colleges had a combined total of 1088 pupils. Some 380 boys moved to Coogee there to join 70 others and bring the total to 450 in three streams from fourth to sixth class. Later, by a decision of the Catholic Education Office, Brothers’ schools could not accept classes below 5th class. Splendid work was done at Coogee by Br Phillip and succeeding Headmasters. Suffice it to say here that the work undertaken and the enthusiasm shown recalled the heroic efforts of 1923.

**SIR MORGAN**

When the primary school went to Coogee, it took away the senior teacher from Randwick, Mr William Morgan. Altogether he spent 62 years teaching for the Marist Brothers, of which twenty-seven were spent at Marcellin College. In recognition of this, he received the Diploma of Affiliation to the Marist Order and became the first honorary Life Member of the Old Boys’ Union. Sam Smith nearly approached his record of service with twenty-five years spent as Swimming Coach.

**MARGE JAMES AND CONNIE DOYLE**

The mothers of the tuckshop found their task considerably lighter now in caring for some 600 boys instead of a thousand when the primary school moved down to Coogee. Ever since it had been set up in 1958, Marge James and Connie Doyle had worked in a partnership that was broken only in 1982 when Connie retired and died shortly afterwards. In 1983, Marge James completed her twenty-five years of unbroken service, during that time having endeared herself to thousands of boys whom she looked after with so much affection and efficiency.
Chapter Eight

MARCELLIN A REGIONAL SCHOOL
The restructuring of the Catholic Education Office meant Marcellin College, which was a private school, had to decide whether to continue privately or become a regional school, operating within the framework of the Catholic Building and Finance Commission. The tendency at first was to remain private, but the advantages offered as a regional school decided the issue in its favour.

GOVERNMENT AID AT LAST
In 1964, financial aid began to come to independent schools from both State and Commonwealth governments. The following year Marcellin Senior received a Science Grant of sixteen thousand pounds for the construction of a laboratory complex to become payable in 1967.

FAREWELL
A special dinner was held in 1965 to farewell the last of the Leaving Certificate classes from Marcellin, as well as the members of Third and Fourth Forms who were entering avenues of life which did not require the new “School Certificate” or “Matriculation” as the HSC was originally called.

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The work of Mr Morgan for the Marist Brothers has been enduring, for all those 62 years he has been attached only to the Marist Cause. Recognition of this service was accorded to him in 1965 when he received the Diploma of Affiliation to the Marist Order. His work with Senior boys in the fields of sport, cadets, and many other projects.

BR WILFRID
Brother Wilfrid came to Marcellin in 1963 and immediately settled into the task of running the College. His methods and approach were very different from Brother Anselm’s, but, as St Paul reminds us, each has different gifts, and one man is the complement of the other. In the person of the new Headmaster the boys found much to admire and imitate. There were his spiritual talks, so obviously the reflection of the man. Then the constancy and consistency of his temperament, features which made him very approachable. Again the quiet persistence with which offenders were corrected and encouraged to improve. Lastly, the long tiring hours spent interviewing and helping anyone who called on him.

BR LAURENCE 1966-67
Brother Laurence took over from Brother Wilfrid in 1966. Daily Mass became a feature of College life in the Brothers’ Chapel. Mass was celebrated at 9.00 am and attended by one class at a time. Br Phillip, the first Headmaster at Marcellin Junior, sailed on the Marconi for Fribourg, Switzerland, to do his second Novitiate. A wonderful social gathering was held in St Brigid’s Hall, Coogee, to farewell Brother.

Although Brother Laurence was not Headmaster for the whole of 1966, the year of 1967 witnessed the retirement of Mr William Morgan, a man who was as close to the ideal educator as one could wish to meet. A tribute at the time recorded:

“What a wealth of wisdom and understanding has accumulated with our ‘Sir Morgan’ over those years. The children of these latter years were so fortunate to have the fruit of his vast experience. Many of his boys today had their fathers taught by him; indeed, their grandfathers are numbered among his pupils.”

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“Never did Mr Morgan lose the enthusiasm of his early years and the finished products of his classes were the envy of his fellow teachers. Parents were never happier than to hear that their boys had made it to his class for they knew of his wonderful record of achievement. To make his point in class how many homes have been graced or ‘disgraced’ with Mr Swivel Head. He certainly inculcated the ideal of ‘Manners maketh the Man’.

“Many times has his devoted wife, Mrs Morgan, opened the door of their little home in Creer St, Randwick, to admit a returning old boy; whether it be a newly ordained priest, an old boy in distress, or one who just felt he would like to see Sir again, they were all received with that characteristic smile. In point of fact the counselling role of this grand old man within the walls of his home has led to the solving of many problems of the young.”

Brother Laurence
CHAPTER 9
NEW CHALLENGES

Soon after Brother Demetrius took up office in 1968, a very grave illness put him out of action for a good part of the year and left him somewhat weakened. In spite of that, he achieved an extraordinary amount of work, bringing to completion the plans and negotiations begun and strenuously pursued by both Brother Wilfrid and Brother Laurence. By 1969, he had built four laboratories. These had been promised in 1967, but a delay ensued when Brother Laurence insisted on elevating them on columns in order to protect the valuable playground space. Eventually the Government Science Aid paid $70,000 for the laboratories.

THE RAY NORMAN OVAL (MARCELLIN FIELDS)

Since it was not easy to secure sports grounds, and realising that a College like Marcellin should have its own, Brother Laurence had obtained in 1966 a twenty years’ lease of Heffron Fields, and now Br Demetrius proceeded to develop them. The work force came from the Men’s Auxiliary as always, and the finance from the generosity of Mr Ray Norman who donated $13,500 straight out, and made arrangements for further assistance from a trust he had set up. Three playing fields, the Pat Walsh Field, the Brother Silverius Field, the New Doolan Field, perpetuated the memory of those who pioneered the land, while Ray Norman himself is remembered in the major oval and the splendid pavilion, the first stage of which was erected at the cost of about $50,000. The 1969 Magazine records: “Mr Ray Norman has been most generous in his assistance. Ray Norman represented N.S.W. in 1912. In the ‘20s his playing career ended with a hip injury. In the meantime he had played brilliantly as five-eighth beside Duncan Thompson in teams which included such men as “Pony” Hay, Viv. Farnsworth, Sid Deane, Dan Frawley, Bill Kelly, Wally Messenger, Harold Horder and Howard Hallett. “This year has seen plenty of action at the Marcellin Fields. The year began with the area 250,000 sq. ft that had been developed in the summer of 1968 covered with sufficient grass to be used as playing areas in the football season.”

To overcome damage done by car circuits on the fields and to improve the appearance, a new style log fence was erected around some 300 yards of the perimeter. This involved two Saturday morning working bees in March.

The football season saw much action at the Fields. On Thursdays colour competition football was the usual thing but M.C.C. competition games were held when other grounds were unplayable. On Saturdays the Fields were often used by the Marcellin Rugby Club.

September witnessed some 450 tons of good quality top soil being spread over these fields. It is hoped that this dressing will put the final touches and already the effect is obvious and pleasing.

‘During winter much negotiating and planning went on re the additional 350,000 sq. ft the College had been given permission to develop.

Then, on Saturday, October 9, a total of some 250 workers descended on this area to lay more than one mile of P.V.C. irrigation piping. ‘There are many people to whom the College is indebted for help with the development of the Playing Fields.

Mr Ray Norman: his donation has provided the finance for this project.

Mr Pat Walsh: who has done the surveying and design for the Fields and the irrigation system.

Mr Don Ramping: he and two of his workers did all the off-field plumbing for the irrigation system.

Mr Neville Doolan: Nev. has done a phenomenal job in making sure the Fields have steadily progressed during the three years they have been established.

The hundreds of friends of Marcellin who have given of their time and energy. The Marcellin Fields and, especially the Ray Norman Oval will remain a memorial to the efforts of Marcellin parents and friends of the 1968-1972 era.

“LUCERNE”

In the thirties, an old stalwart, Bert Green, remarked to Brother Ignatius: “You must make sure you acquire ‘The Pines’ when it becomes vacant.” This large property did eventually go on the market in 1967, and was purchased at auction by the Building and Finance Commission for $100,000 of which Marcellin College contributed $20,000. This money was raised by the sale of a property in Avoca Street. In the early sixties, there was a plan to try to acquire houses along Avoca Street with a view to expanding the College in that direction. Fortunately, the purchase of “The Pines”, or “Lucerne”, as it was later called, to provide extra playground space made this expansion unnecessary.

“SEABIRD”

Very soon afterward, the Building and Finance Commission bought the house, “Seabird”, adjoining the monastery and presented it along with the deeds to the Brothers. The rest was to become occasional classrooms, and lay-teachers’ staff rooms, Geography, Careers and Music Centres.

NEW LIBRARY

In 1971, a grant of $77,000 became available to build a library.
However, Brother Demetrius had to obtain a loan of $30,000 to put the buildings on columns, and to add walkways and other features. It was dedicated to the memory of Brother Andrew. At the opening of the library, Brother Demetrius, mentioned that the completion of the new Brother Andrew Library marked another step in helping to perpetuate the memories of those who had contributed significantly to the development of Marcellin. The Ignatius Wing, Dr Cyril Fallon Wing, the Anselm Wing were all reminders of men who had worked with zeal in laying foundations and building on them to make Marcellin, Randwick, a leading educational institution in the State.

His Eminence, the Cardinal, was welcomed with a guard of honour of College boys and, after being introduced to the other guests, proceeded to the Blessing. The College band entertained the visitors while the blessing was carried out. College Captain, Richard Morrow, welcomed the Hon. J.H. McKellar, M.H.R., representing the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Education and Science. In his reply the Member for Warringah said that his researches had revealed Marcellin College as a prominent name in football. His work at Oxford had impressed on him the value of high-class libraries and it gave him great satisfaction to see what value the College authorities had got for the Commonwealth grant of $77,000. Mr McKellar warmly commended the College band and complimented the Guard of Honour from the Cadet Corps.

Brother Othmar (Provincial) expressed the gratitude of the Brothers for the interest shown by His Eminence in matters pertaining to education in the Archdiocese. In thanking the Government through the Hon. J.H. McKellar, Brother reiterated the needs of schools such as Marcellin and urged that the Government’s present policy be not only continued but also extended. Finally, addressing his remarks to the large group of parents and College boys present, Brother urged the spiritual needs of Catholic education in terms of Religious Vocations.

The library was open for inspection following the official function. A book exhibition was arranged in the large annex. Volumes ranging in price from $300 per set to single volumes were exhibited with price tags and presentation labels. Nearly $2,000 worth of books were presented to the library during the afternoon. The Parish presented the 20 volume Encyclopaedia International.

**CENTENARY OF MARIST EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA**

The Centenary of Marist Education in Australia was celebrated in grand style at the College in 1972. Each school arranged its own particular celebrations. To coincide with the actual foundation day on April 8, Masses of Thanksgiving were organised at Marcellin.

The Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was filled to overflowing on the night of the Parents and Friends’ Mass. The College Choir, supported by the Band, provided the lead for the singing at the Mass which was concelebrated by all the parish priests of the Eastern Suburbs area. On the following day the entire student body of the College - both Senior and Junior - crowded into the Ritz Theatre to offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice with a large number of the sixty-five former Marcellin students now working for Christ as priests.

On the social side, the Marcellin Ball was replaced by the Marcellin Centenary Dinner Dance at Kei-Ron. Just on four hundred parents, friends, ex-students and associates managed to secure tickets for this magnificent night. Apologies were made to the very large number who applied but were unable to be accommodated on this occasion.

The “Friends of Marcellin” Dinner helped to raise funds for the purchasing of audio visual equipment for the College. It had a centenary ‘flavour’ and was a truly grand occasion. Again the venue was Kei-Ron. The Ex-students’ Association Annual Mass and Dinner brought the Centenary to mind again. A large gathering at the Church for Mass and then down to the Union Club at Coogee for the Dinner - both Church and Club were suitably decorated in the blue and white centenary motif.

The final “official” function was the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, August 27, when thirty-seven of the Australian Bishops gathered to concelebrate with several thousand other members of the Marist Family.

**FIRE!**

Two fires occurred during Brother Demetrius’ term of office, one destroying the new wing of the Monastery, and the other,
deliberately lit, ruining the Chapel. He was able to profit from
the mishaps, however, especially in regard to the Chapel. Apart
from insurance, a bequest from the estate of Miss Mary Ross was
sufficient to restore it to a more beautiful state.

GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR 1973
When the College reached its 50th year, over 1000 Ex-students,
of whom a good number came from 1923 and the early years,
met for a series of happy reunions. These were arranged in groups
representing each decade, and it is interesting to note that there
were at least thirty-two of the originals of 1923 at the first of the
gatherings. However, the highlight of the year was the Mass of
Thanksgiving in St Mary's Cathedral which was packed to the
doors for the occasion with Marcellin supporters.

GREENSTEAD HALL AGAIN
In order to celebrate the Jubilee of the College in a permanent
way, Br Demetrius undertook the remodelling of the Greenstead
Hall which dated back to 1923. The cost was $30,000 and the
generous Parents and Friends accepted the burden of paying off
the debt.

BR DEMETRIUS
The list of works achieved by Br Demetrius is lengthy and bears
testimony to his genius for planning, organizing and financing.
They were all carried out by a man far from well, while directing a
major school and a large religious community. Because of what
he did and still more because of what he was, Brother Demetrius
must rank as one of the most outstanding Headmasters of Marcellin
College.
Under him the College flourished in every sphere, religious,
academic, sporting and cultural, and the enthusiastic celebration
of the Jubilee was a fitting comment on his efforts to make the
College ever better.

Chapter 10

Changing Times

Brother Kenneth took over from Brother Demetrius in 1974.
Because of the increasing complexity of education in a time of
rapid change had made the management of a school a very
heavy burden, Brother Kenneth became the first Headmaster
not to have the responsibility of also being Superior of the Com-
munity. In his first Report, he made it clear that the school was
far from being completed: “We do not have offices for subject
masters ... we do not have adequate central administration of-
ices. We have no sick bay; no offices for a careers adviser (and
hence no careers adviser). Two classrooms serve as a gymna-
sium; facilities are inadequate for Art and Craft. Lay staff ac-
commodation is unsatisfactory and poorly situated. To make
good these deficiencies will require monumental effort.”

NEW WAYS
The euphoria of the Jubilee Year overflowed into the next year
with a resurgence of ex-students’ activities and reunions. But
changes were on the way and a new order was being ushered in.
The HSC examination was modified after 1974. University
education became free. The Intermediate Certificate gave way
to Reference Tests. Classes which had gone under various names
were now officially “Years” numbered from one to twelve. Internal
sport found new freedom in skating, fishing even, orienteering
and the like. Excursions and camps became popular. To cope
with it all, parents and teachers began to feel the need of
combining forces as never before. As though they read the signs
clearly, the veteran Brother Xavier Kelly retired from the
classroom, and the great ‘Sir Morgan’ passed to his eternal
reward.
Chapter Ten

**CADETS**

An important College institution was affected when, in 1975, the Government decided to disband the Australian Cadet Movement. Marcellin Unit started in 1940 with thirty-five, then numbered two hundred and forty. After a year in limbo, because of popular demand the cadets revived even though Government help was minimal. The military side was played down, and in its stead some seventeen skills were taught, from canoeing to abseiling. If there were not now the same old ‘spit-and-polish’ of yesteryear, with the barking of orders and the rhythmic tread of boy soldiers with sloped rifles, at least enthusiasm and the spirit of adventure went on undiminished.

**CAR CLUBS, ETC.**

These were the years of the famous “Car Clubs” run by Brother Charles Bradley and Mrs Maureen Bowen. The great “Marcellathons” also continued and the Pavilion at Heffron Park was completed.

In 1975 the School Certificate for the first time was not determined by the results of an external examination and Marcellin introduced its first ever work experience program for the Year 10 organised by Brother Oliver, Mr P O’Connor and Mr T Breen.

Central Australian Tours were organized by Brother Karl Muller. Future international Peter Tunks played in the 1st Grade league team in 1976.

**IMPROVEMENTS**

By 1976, with a government grant of $58,000, the last two of the six laboratories were added and connected to the Fallon Wing by an internal staircase. The staff moved into the two rooms on the lower floor of Greenstead Hall previously used by the CYO. With $6500 from the Commonwealth Government, a fine Geography centre was established in “Seabird”. Then it took $9000, raised by car clubs and Walkathons, to resurface the school yard, and a further $1180 to repair guttering and downpipes of the “Blue Building”.

In 1977 Dr Patrick Kenny received a Knighthood in the Queen’s Honours list. He was an ex-student of Marcellin finishing in 1929. There was another famous “Ask the Marist Brothers Off the Beaten Track”, this time to the Ord River region.

**BR KENNETH**

Brother Kenneth was a most gifted schoolman. He excelled in teaching Mathematics and Physics at senior level, possessed a rich singing voice that stood him in good stead as a first-rate choir-master, and was a fine sports coach in cricket and football. He was most generous in taking on “jobs” that needed to be done.

So proficient was he in teaching that, on one occasion, the Chief Examiner in Physics, in his published report, commented on the accuracy, the method of answering, and the neatness of presentation of papers of five candidates from a certain centre (Brother Kenneth’s boys) who gained First Class Honours.

Brother Kenneth came to Headmastership somewhat late in life. He displayed his customary organisational skill, but did not pursue the Headmastership beyond four years.

Brother Roger took over as Headmaster from Brother Kenneth in 1978. During that year the legendary Clive Churchill paid a visit to the College for one of the famous “football rallies”. It was also the first year that Marcellin entered teams in the MCC Soccer Competition.

**EXTENSION TO MARCELLIN JUNIOR**

On July 8, 1979, the extensions to Marcellin Junior were Blessed by Archbishop J. Carroll, and officially opened by Senator, the Hon JL Carrick, Minister for Education. Over 500 people were present, representing the parents, friends, teachers and students of Marcellin.

The Library incorporated the old Room 4 and half of the open flat roof to give a spacious, central and aesthetically pleasing room in which boys could learn to love books, learn the skills of Library usage, note-taking, group work and become familiar with the areas from which knowledge can be gleaned - books, tapes, films, slides, etc.

The new Room 4, covered the remainder of the flat roof to give a very practical classroom with a pleasing aspect.

Originally, the building had one central staircase and the top floor had only one means of egress. All doors on this stairwell were changed to fire-rated doors, and the two passage ways walled off, thus giving a safe fire-rated exit in accordance with standards of the day.

The project was financed by the Commonwealth Government ($398,500) and Regional Parishes ($25,000) and Marcellin Parents and Friends. The total cost of the building was about $165,000.

The boys in the Senior School Band played as the visitors took their seats, and boys in the Junior Choir led the singing during the blessing ceremony. The official proceedings were concluded when David Segreto, representing the students, made a presentation to His Lordship as a memento of the opening.

All then enjoyed afternoon tea, organised by the Marcellin Mums. An inspection of the building followed.

R.I.P - 1979
The history of Marcellin College is a testament to the dedication and hard work of its community. In 1981, the school needed significant rebuilding, including the conversion of the old staff area, the gymnasium, and two adjoined rooms known as the Fallon Wing. An early decision was the formation of the Advisory Council under the chairmanship of Mr Geoff Gately. The plan proposed by architect Michael Dysart was accepted because it was the development of the school in various stages. The plan proposed for General Building and Equipment Grant was submitted to the Schools Commission.

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After detailed negotiations with the Schools Commission, the College finally won approval for the offer of a Grant of $480,000 to proceed with a building development to the tune of approximately $950,000 for the construction of a technics wing and for the establishment of new administrative and staff facilities. The Technics Block was built over the existing toilet block, and adjoined the row of classrooms known as the Fallon Wing. It had three storeys, with rooms as follows:

SECOND FLOOR - a classroom, technical drawing room, art room, music room and courtyard.

FIRST FLOOR - a dark room for photography, metal work room, technics room.

GROUND FLOOR - a social science room and undercroft.

The new administrative and staff facilities were established by the conversion of the old staff area, the gymnasium and two classrooms on the ground floor of the Fallon Wing. The work also covered rebuilding a section of the Alison Road frontage, the creation of a main quadrangle, and a comprehensive landscape plan to soften the harsh spaces and to create a quiet order the school needed.

Building Program 1980

From 1978 moves were made to look into the future of the College and consultations were held with the priests of the local parishes and representatives of the Catholic Education Office, Sydney. Meetings were also held with interested parents, past parents, ex-students and friends of the College.

An early decision was the formation of the Advisory Council under the chairmanship of Mr Geoff Gately. With the formation of the Council, an in-depth evaluation of the school’s requirements was carried out. Curriculum, administrative procedures and building requirements were reviewed and many innovative measures introduced.

One of the College’s devoted and long-serving lay teachers, Mr Mick Costello, died on August 6, 1979, in the Prince of Wales Hospital. Mick had a long and distinguished teaching career of 50 years, the last 13 of which were spent at Randwick.

Mr Charles Scarf, a very good friend to Marcellin over the years, also passed away this year.

The “Blue” Building

As part of the building project of 1981, the Blue Building had to be demolished. A strong and well publicised protest against the demolition of the Blue Building was made by the Historical Society of Randwick, understandably anxious to preserve architectural links with the past, but it went unsupported by the Heritage Council of NSW which advised the Minister for Planning and Environment that it did not consider “Brisbane Villa” to be an item of environmental heritage, and that no action under the provisions of the Heritage Act 1977 should be taken in respect of the building.

Wonderful musicals were characteristic of Marcellin at this time, produced in conjunction with Brigidine. The 1981 production of “Godspell” was no exception. One of Marcellin’s greatest workers over the past 25 years, Mrs Connie Doyle passed away in 1982.

End of An Era

In the August holidays of 1981, the wreckers moved in and took three weeks to finish their work at a cost of $4600. One hundred and twenty-seven years before, the Hibblewhite family had built for themselves this stately mansion in a wilderness where wild dogs roamed. Here two of their children had been born, and people gathered on a Sunday for Church service. Here this school had its beginnings. It was sad to watch the demolition, for no one liked destroying the cradle in which a whole family had been reared even though it had to be done.

Opening of the Extensions

The opening of the extensions to the College was celebrated in beautiful sunshine before a crowd of some three thousand. At the end of the day, the Honourable Lionel Bowen, ex-student and later Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, deposited a Time Capsule containing written statements from the students destined to hand on to the centenary students of 2023 AD the “Aeterna Non Caduca” spirit of those who went before.

Finance

In July, 1982, when the work was finished, Br Roger was able to write: “Well over $1 million dollars have been spent at the Senior School in the past eighteen months to improve conditions and to meet several urgent needs. Nothing has been done that was not considered urgent and essential. Both prior to the start of the building program in December, 1980, and throughout the entire course of construction, much effort has been expended to finance the project. We could not have even started without
financial backing from the Commonwealth Government and the local Catholic parishes, but to keep the project on the move for the past eighteen months, we have had to rely heavily on two substantial loans from the bank and on the help from the Parents and Friends’ Association and from parents generally.”

MORE PROGRESS
Not content with these commitments, nor yet fully extended by their demands, Br Roger set about renovating the classrooms with new desks, carpet and audio-visual facilities. The twenty-five year old roof of the Shelter Shed was replaced in one day by the Men’s Auxiliary, and a property adjacent to the school yard, 162 Avoca Street, was acquired to accommodate staff during the building project. A very thorough and professional restoration of the entire fence along Alison Road became possible with grants from the National Heritage Council and Randwick Council.

SURFING COMPETITION
In 1982 Marcellin won its first N.S.W. Schools Surfing Competition at Werri Beach, near Gerringong. David Cruickshank was a NSW and Australian Schoolboy representative in Rugby Union.

DIA MOND JUBILEE YEAR 1983
The Diamond Jubilee Bazaar took place on June 4. There was a wide variety of stalls and attractions for both young and old. Special Jubilee souvenirs, especially the tie, were on sale. The Bazaar ended with a dance for the students in Greenstead Hall. On July 19 and 20, the students of Marcellin and Brigidine combined their musical and stagecraft talents to delight audiences with two hours of dance, song, music, mime and comedy. The production was a credit to the students and showed the wealth of entertaining potential at both schools. The show was known as Diamonds Concert.

HISTORICAL REVIEW
During Jubilee Week, a Historical Review took the form of six ex-students, one from each of the decades of the College’s existence (Fr Arthur Clune, Fred Somerfield, Ben Virgona, John Connolly, Kevin O’Reilly, Phillip Davis), giving their impressions of their school days. Many amusing stories were recalled, and a deep sense of appreciation was expressed, by each speaker. As each speaker was led to the dais, he was accompanied by the playing of music appropriate to his era at school. The music was supplied by Mr Tony Moltzen, General Manager of 2SM Radio Station. Some highlights of the College and the world at large were depicted on huge sheets of paper spread across the front of the Science Laboratories. The Review was climaxed by a fireworks display organised by the Year 12 students; because it was so unexpected, it was all the better received by the other students, the pandemonium was quickly subdued, but the excitement of the occasion lived on.

MASS
The Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop John Heaps, the ex-student Priests of Marcellin, and priests of the neighbouring parishes on Monday, 6 June, at 7.45pm This was also the feast of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat, a day of special significance in all Colleges where Marist Brothers work. On the same evening, there were two special dedications - of the Science building to a former Headmaster, Br Demetrius, and of the Courtyard to Br John Baptist, recently deceased, a long-time member of the Marcellin staff.

EX-STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION
The Diamond Jubilee Year, 1983
In the Diamond Jubilee Year, Marge James celebrated twenty-five years as manageress of the tuckshop at Marcellin College. Even long before that, with her husband, Bill, himself an ex-student, she was an active member of the P & F while her sons, Tony and Peter, were attending school here. Each of the six Headmasters whom Mrs James had seen in charge of Marcellin College had publicly admitted that he had never had to worry about the tuckshop under her control. No matter what the difficulties over the years, what the disturbance - a bad-weather cancellation, a lightning holiday declared by a passing Bishop, an unannounced strike - her tuckshop had never failed to feed the hungry students.

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Chapter Ten

BR ROGER
Brother Roger completed his term at Marcellin in 1983 and was appointed Headmaster of Gladstone in his beloved home state. His years at Randwick saw the College undergo a development unequalled by any regional school for efficiency and achievement. The physical resources of the College were transformed in a major rebuilding program, a third storey was added to the Heffron Pavilion and success followed success in all areas of study, sport and extra-curricular activities. Yet Br Roger’s greatest legacy to the College was the spirit he engendered in the parents, staff and students. He led by example, involving himself in all aspects of College life and inspiring all around him with the confidence to give of their best. His own love for the school was immediately obvious and infectious.

BR PAUL
Brother Paul took over from Brother Roger in 1984. Enrolment this year reached 864, an increase of 49 students over the previous year. There was also an increase of eight teachers, particularly to make much more use of the new Technics, Art and Music facilities of the “Roger” Wing.

At the College Mass to celebrate Champagnat Day - three devoted Ex-students were made Life Members of their Association: Bill Walsh, Ted Barr and George Vaughan. Ex-student journalist, Max Walsh became a member of the Order of Australia in the Queen’s Birthday honour list, as did Brother Quentin, a former Headmaster of Marcellin.

1984 will go down in the history of the College as possibly our most successful sporting year ever. In cricket we won the 1st and 2nd Grades for the first time since 1960. We won all four MCC Swimming trophies for the first time in nine years. In rugby league we achieved what no other school has ever achieved by winning six of the seven Age Trophies and the Raymer and Aggregate Shields. The athletic squad won the aggregate, senior and junior trophies. In other more recently introduced MCC sports, the College won the squash competition for the first time, the Aggregate Trophy and five of the seven golf age trophies, the Under 15 volleyball and the Under 15 tennis doubles. A remarkable achievement.

During the year work was completed on the new courtyard, concrete steps were built at Heffron Park, Greenstead Hall was again completely renovated and the famous old cupola on the roof of the Ignatius wing was renovated and restored.

Also the Government decided to cease full support for the school Cadet movement. Over the previous few years our own cadet unit had moved towards those activities which form part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It would seem that the future of the unit would be very much along these lines.

Long serving staff member, Brother Timothy, moved to Queensland and Mrs Margaret O’Donnell retired after many years in the Library.

On October 9, after a long tradition, the last Latin lesson at Marcellin College was given by Brother Valens to his three Year 12 students “Lux Luceat in Tenebris”.

The College Musical was “Of Mice and Men”. Famous author and ex-student Jon Cleary, visited the College.

Brother Paul’s appointment as Headmaster came after several years at St Joseph’s College, where he showed much promise as an all-round schoolman. He spent only one year as leader of Marcellin College, but, during that short period, displayed the qualities of school leadership that led to subsequent Headmasterships in the Sydney secondary school scene.

Brother Ernest became Headmaster in 1985. Some very well-known Marcellin identities left at the end of the previous year. Don McCallum after 21 years of teaching service, Brother Roland after 12 years, Pat O’Connor after 12 years, Vince Nair after 12 years and Steve Walsh, an ex-student, after 6 years.

A new tradition began this year with a special College Assembly held early in the year to welcome back and congratulate students who obtained excellent results in the Higher School Certificate. They included David Fredericks, Maroun Mallat and Andrew McGrath. Brother Ernest presented gifts to each boy; and Matthew Vesper, College Captain, extended congratulations from the present students, John O’Meally, President of the Ex-students’ Association, urged all to aim high and work hard.
Brother Ernest began the famous “HAVE-A-GO” study awards for students who were making a sincere and genuine effort in their studies. The mock trial team, under the guidance of ex-student solicitor, John Connolly, had an extremely successful year reaching the quarter finals out of a field of 300. The swimming squad, coached by three ex-students of the College - Vince Waight, David Stores and Tony Brosnan - won all the trophies at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Michael Chee Quee played in the First XI cricket. In a real first - all seven rugby league teams won their respective competitions (with the A Grade, however, having to settle for undefeated joint premiers). The A Grade soccer team were also premiers with a 10-0 score line in the finals series - a remarkable effort. There can be no argument about this team being the finest yet produced by Marcellin.

At the end of 1985 Brother Valens was transferred after seven years. He “retired” after three stints at Marcellin: 1942, 1961-1974 and 1981 to 1985. Pat Burnett and Charles Bonett also completed long periods of time at Marcellin. Excellent results were obtained in the 1985 H.S.C. with five students in the top 1% of the State. There were seventy eight Catholic High Schools in NSW catering for HSC students and only two of these - St Ignatius (8) and St Joseph’s (6) - had more than our five boys. Both, however, presented more than twice the number of candidates than Marcellin. Over the Easter weekend of 1986, the last major event occurred in the famous Handball Court with the staging of the Australian Championships. The NSW team, who won the Carnival, consisted of eight senior players and four junior players. Seven of the eight players were proud Marcellin ex-students - Paul Sweeney, Michael Hamilton, Richard Fallon, Claude Varnier and John, Paul and Glenn Marsh.

The First Grade cricketers reached the final of the state-wide Downey Shield Competition. Richard Chee Quee was a member of this team. The First Grade league team, coached by Charlie McGee, won the last MCC Premiership at the old Sydney Sportsground before it was demolished.

BR ERNEST

When he arrived at Marcellin, Brother Ernest had already completed several years of very successful Headmastership. His great talents shone at Marcellin before he was called to take over the boarding College of St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown. Brother Ernest’s leadership was marked by a personal interest in all the boys of the College; he tried assiduously to remember them all by Christian name. This interest in the welfare of people carried over into his contact with all those associated with the College.

Brother Ernest’s general competence in all aspects of school leadership led to a long line of leadership positions.

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feel very proud of him.'

"You know how you read about those famous battlers in books who you can’t actually relate to, well I know of 950 people who can because we had a battler at our school - his name was David Jenkins.”

EXPO

"On August 1, one hundred and twenty six students from Years 7 and 8, and nine staff members, travelled to Brisbane to tour World Expo 88, the major celebration of our Bicentennial year, for many it was a once in a lifetime experience."

"Three buses with bleary-eyed and eager pilgrims set out early on Monday for the sixteen hour journey to that State of the north." 

"We arrived at Mt Tamborine at what seemed like 3 o’clock in the morning. This was base camp for our stay in Queensland. We were welcome there by the culinary delights of the cooks and were warned NOT TO GO NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF!!!"

"So the Tuesday saw us off to Expo! Full of excitement, laden with lunch (and lollies). And what an experience it was!! There we saw street parades with oversized floats, concerts, fireworks, playgrounds working by sensors, laser concerts, talking robots, robotic music sculptures, and a monorail (that didn’t break down). There were concrete sculptures of people in different leisure-time activities. Pavilions from all over the world were filled with artifacts, films on their leisure pastimes, displays of equipment of the 21st century, food and, of course, we can’t forget the race to get as many stamps as possible. Unfortunately what stood out the most throughout our visit to Expo was the inconvenience caused by the bomb scare - and just when we were all about to get into the New Zealand Pavilion!"

"Expo 88 was certainly a week we will never forget. Its eye-opening exhibitions and atmosphere of warmth and fun provided us with a great adventure."

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOUR

"The idea of taking a group of boys from Marcellin on a trip to the Northern Territory seemed exciting, but at the same time, daunting due to the huge amount of organisation involved. However, through the determination of Mr Ken Orrock and the experience of Br John Maguire, the format of the trip began to take shape." As a geography teacher, Ken Orrock wanted to include all areas of the Northern Territory, which, over the years, the boys had heard so much about.

It was planned that the group fly to Darwin, spend some time in the "Top End" seeing the tropical north and Kakadu, then tour through Central Australia to Ayers Rock."

"The group, consisting of five Year Eleven boys, eighteen Year Ten boys, thirteen Year Nine boys and one Year Seven boy, Mrs Sue Hitchings, Ken Orrock, Br John Maguire and Miss Jenny Dove, set off on July the fourth to ‘tackle the Territory’. On arrival in Darwin it was a sizzling 31 degrees and the boys were ready for three days of sun, swimming and touring the city. The boys adapted very quickly to the slower, more casual pace of the Territory.

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EX-STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY

The year 1988 marked the 60th Anniversary of the Ex-students’ Association. Accordingly, a committee was set up comprising representatives of the ex-students from each decade of the College’s history and it was the tasks of the committee to contact as many ex-students as possible and foster interest in the reunion night and the functions of that evening. The committee members worked hard and their labours were rewarded.

The evening of Friday, July 29, saw a large representative gathering of ex-students in the College courtyard, where His Eminence, Cardinal Freeman, blessed and unveiled a memorial plaque to commemorate the handing over to the College of a new statue of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat, donated by the Association to replace the former statue, which had become badly damaged. The new statue, along with bronze plates bearing the names of ex-students who died in World War II, stands as a memorial to these
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The year 1989 saw another spectacular Marcellin/Brigidine production. This time it was HMS Pinafore, harking back to some of the very early Gilbert and Sullivan productions in the history of the College.

In rugby league Jeff Orford gained selection in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges' team and then went on to make the Australian Schoolboys' team. The Under 16 rugby league team were MCC Premiers and State Knock Out Champions. For the first time in a long time the College won the M.C.C. Golf.

Brother Xavier passed away in 1989. Aged 81 years, he was regarded as one of the best primary teachers in the Brothers. He was at Randwick and Coogee for twenty years teaching Bursary classes. He was also well-known as a football coach and was a keen rock fisherman at Malabar.

BROTHER ANTHONY

Following on from Brother Ernest, Brother Anthony displayed a quiet calm and competence in this, his first Headmastership. Under his leadership, College affairs ran smoothly, in spite of the upset caused by the restructuring of the Brothers' Monastery, a process which occasioned the inconvenience associated with the transfer of the Brothers' residence for a considerable period.

In 1990 Brother Anthony was called upon to become Province Secretary.

Brother Robert became Headmaster in 1990, the first ‘old boy’ Headmaster in the College's history.

Brother Joseph Aitken, who had been so much a part of life at Marcellin retired after many years of hard work. Tony Brosnan left Marcellin after eleven years, John Dening after nine years and Keith Doherty after an amazing twenty four years of teaching Woodwork to generations of Marcellin boys. The memory of David Jenkins was perpetuated in the David Jenkins Award to go to a student who has had to “battle” and overcome difficulties in his life.

Year 9 went on the first Outward Bound experience which was ten days living outdoors and involved activities such as bushwalking, abseiling, rock climbing, rafting and orienteering. The students experienced learning to live harmoniously with each other and the environment, preparing their food and facing adventure together.

Year 7 also had a great adventure experience going to the Warrumbungles.

The Ex-students' Association organised an excellent series of six career nights for Years 11 and 12 students and those Year 10 students who intended to leave at the end of the year. The year 1991 saw something new to Marcellin with the introduction of a vertical home room system with boys from Year 8 to Year 12 in the one “home room”. The system was aimed at developing communication between older and younger students. The boys developed an awareness of year groups other than their own and seemed to have become more sensitive to the needs of other students in their home rooms.
A novel undertaking this year was the construction of the Marcellin Mileage Marathon car, which turned out to be the most economical school car built in NSW. In the Shell Economy Competition the car came 7th overall in the schools' category from 60 schools all over Australia and was the best placed NSW entry.
The first grade league Team won the competition, the Under 12 Team were State Champions and a well-known coach issued the famous edict to one of his players to "never pass the ball again".

BR JOHN
Brother John concluded six years as Deputy Headmaster at the end of 1992. Brother Robert wrote in the magazine: "1992 marks the end of a bountiful six years of extraordinary service to this College by Brother John. As I reflect on the three years in which I have been privileged to work side by side with Brother John, what comes strongly to mind is how he teaches me, and I believe, all of us, about the meaning of vocation: a call, a way of life. Day by day in so many ways Br John has taught all of us what living out conviction and a call to the service of Christ and His Church is about. A man of huge heart and generosity, for whom no sacrifice is too big; be it one of the boys, a member of staff or families in need. He is for us all a shoulder to cry on, a firm hand, an organiser par excellence, a self-taught computer whiz, an outstanding teacher. Also in 1992, Year 11 student, Paul Sheehy, received a great honour when he was selected to attend the National Capital Seminar. The seminar is a project sponsored by the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians - known as the Queen's Trust. An outstanding teacher.

MARCELLIN HOUSE
The newly renovated Brothers Monastery - now called Marcellin House, became home for six senior Brothers, a student Brother and the Marcellin College teaching Brothers. The Superior was Br Matthew.
The Brothers have opened their house to numerous meetings and parish prayer groups including the Ex-students' Executive, Fete Committee, Project Planning Committee, Walkathon Committee, Religious Education Inservice days and regional Principals meetings. A highlight of the year was the Annual Ex-students' Association Mass held in the Monastery which saw about 120 ex-students in attendance.
The senior Brothers helped that year with the counting of the Lenten Mission collection and the Art Union raffle.

R.I.P. 1993
Two great Marists passed away in 1993: Brother Demetrius and Brother Valens.
Brother Demetrius died on July 30 after a short illness but recent years had seen him suffering a debilitating illness and the effects of a serious stroke. For those who knew this noble man, good in everything, great in character, full of mellow kindness and a centre of compassion, never thrown by immediate crises, wonderfully kind to his contemporaries, it was no surprise that he should leave almost, as it were, without a ripple, and demanding no fuss and bother. His first teaching appointment was to Randwick in 1941. How fitting that it should be from this same community some fifty-two years later that he should go to his final reward. He was a Headmaster of Marcellin College as well as being in charge at Parramatta, Darlington, Hamilton (Newcastle) and St Patrick's Church Hill. He came back to Randwick to retire in 1991.
His great service to education over so many years was rewarded by being made a Member of the British Empire in 1974. Brother Demetrius was a man with a deep sense of kindness, compassion and generosity. Anyone in trouble or in need always found a compassionate and sensitive ear in Demetrius. This applied not only to the Brothers in his community, but to lay teachers on the staff of his school, to students, and also to his domestic helpers. No one was ever ignored or sent away empty-handed. Brother Valens counted the happiest day of his life the second of July, 1940, when he received the habit of a Marist Brother. His teacher training was interrupted after six months because there was a gap to be filled at Randwick. Here he found himself teaching students just a year or two younger than himself, in four or five subjects. All told he was to spend twenty six years at Randwick. Small of stature, Valens was made for the big stage. He possessed a Diploma in Wool Classing, a BA from London University, a Licentiate in Religious Sciences from the Lateran University in Rome and a Diploma in Mariology from the Marianum, again in Rome.
Brother Valens was earthy, witty, always provoking. He loved life but could even make light of his deteriorating physical condition. He was a champion of orthodoxy, steadfast in his convictions and very clear in his principles of theology, morality and religious life. He was the soul of charity and had a great love of the Asian community in Sydney.

FUND RAISING
The boys at Marcellin have a great ability to respond to special calls made on their generosity. When a challenge is put to them concerning a group that needs support, or a charitable appeal that needs helpers, there is always a generous response.
In Lent each year, there is the daily collection in home rooms to support the traditional Lenten appeals. In addition, in a scheme that began in 1992, each home room class collected funds to
support a needy child under the Foster Child program. The Year 12 group is responsible for co-ordinating the above appeals; they also work to provide some funds for Marcellin Outward Bound activities. A significant group attended the Red Cross Blood Bank in June to boost the supplies of that vital fluid for accident cases and surgical patients. Year 11 ran car-wash mornings to raise funds for the Red Shield Appeal and the Sydney City Mission. They also conducted some visits to nearby nursing homes. Year 10 sold badges for Amnesty International, often raising as much as $8000 in a single day. Year 9 sold badges for the Spastic Centre of NSW, and received two impressive sets of reference books for the library in recognition of their being the best fund raising group in NSW for that appeal.

Years 7 and 8 conducted a sponsored fast and other activities. Funds raised by Year 8 have gone to the Deaf and Blind Children’s Centre at North Rocks, and to the Foster Child scheme. Year 7 have donated moneys to St Vincent’s Homes at Westmead and to Barnado’s, and have participated in the M.S. Readathon in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Overall, this is a remarkable effort, helping to keep aware of those who are more needy than ourselves, and students can be pleased with their continuing effort in this area.

**CURRICULUM CHANGES**

Significant curriculum changes took place at the College in 1994. Our increasingly diverse student body represents both an asset and challenge. We aim to give all students equitable access to quality education that services their individual needs and we are now in a position to take account of students in the areas of Special Education, Gifted and Talented, ESL, Business and Tertiary Preparation, JSST programs and External Languages.

The junior curriculum has been expanded in the LOTE area through the introduction of Japanese into stage 4 - Year 8. The senior curriculum has been expanded in HSIE with the introduction of Business Studies and in Creative Arts with a one unit Content Endorsed Ceramics Course. Furthermore, the senior program has been remodelled to cater for non-tertiary boys through a ‘Business Preparation’ route allied to a JSST project with Randwick and East Sydney TAFE Colleges. This initiative arose from surveys indicating that as many as 35% of Year 12 boys attained TERs which did not equip them for University placement. Now they have the realistic option of undertaking TAFE Courses which gain them accreditation, documentation and practical experience in the technical trades and hospitality fields whilst completing their Higher School Certificate.

The College also took the first step in a major planning process called Reshaping Our Catholic Schools for the 21st Century. This first step was known as the Educational Audit. This consisted of a major inspection of all aspects of school life, but particularly the curriculum offered, by a team of inspectors from the Catholic Education Office and the Board of Studies. A large amount of work went into the preparation for this audit. A detailed report on the College was prepared by the auditors.

**SPORT**

The Under 12 rugby league team won the State Knockout Competition. Harold Dakin was selected in the Australian Schoolboys Under 16 Rugby Union Team and Willie Peters in the Australian Schoolboys Under 15 Rugby League Team. The Marcellin team won the NSW All Schools Touch Football Competition. John Velthuys was selected to represent Australia at the In-door Soccer Championships in Argentina. Damian Whitty won the Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition and Adam Fraser won a role in The Man from Snowy River.

**BR ROBERT**

Brother Robert completed his period as Headmaster at the end of 1994. The following tribute was written by Brother Kelvin Canavan, the Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

“Brother Robert, fresh from overseas study leave, brought to Marcellin a wealth of intellectual wisdom and renewed vision for its development. At College functions and school assemblies, he articulated his hopes and expectations for the College community.”

“He has strengthened the Marist and religious dimension of the school. His introduction of the midday prayer time for the whole College community, the high priority given to the Religious Education curriculum, his interest in and support of the retreat program, and his formation of the Marcellin Champagnat Fund to support Marcellin students in crisis, all attest to his impact in this fundamental aspect of a Catholic school.”

“Brother Robert has been keen to provide an open forum whereby parents can identify and discuss educational issues and initiate strategies for action. Accordingly, he instituted the very successful Parent Consultative Group.”

“Students will remember Brother Robert for his courage in bringing to reality, the Marist Centre. This new multipurpose centre, to be opened in 1995, will provide a hall/gymnasium and specialist rooms to enrich all areas of the curriculum, but especially Physical Education, Music and Drama.”

“But beyond the many physical improvements he has made to the College, students will remember his high expectations of them, whether it be in behaviour, studies, sport or indeed any activity associated with Marcellin College. The good name of Marcellin in the community has been upheld due in no small part to the quality of his leadership.”

“It is worth noting, too, the priority Brother Robert gave to being a teacher first and foremost. He taught Ancient History and Religious Education, and served as a model to his colleagues. He trained
The Inaugural Mass - Marist Centre

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Marist Centre

Sunday, April 2, was a very special day in the history of Marcellin College. The Marist Centre was officially blessed by Cardinal Clancy and opened by Marcellin ex-student, Br Charles Howard, former Superior General of the Marist Brothers’ Congregation. It was a great occasion with 1500 people in attendance. The speakers included Marist Brothers’ Provincial Br Alexo Turton, the Executive Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Sydney, Br Kelvin Canavan, and former Headmaster, Br Robert O’Connor. The Chairperson for the occasion was the curriculum co-ordinator, Mrs Christina Muldoon.

The opening was a memorable occasion and to mark the day Brother Patrick spoke on behalf of the Marcellin community.

“It was out of respect for protocol, that I naturally address our distinguished guests, ahead of our students. Yet the students were first and foremost in the mind of Archbishop Kelly, in 1921.”

“Shortly after a visit to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Randwick, he made this historic remark: ‘I have been on visitation in Randwick lately and they have no school for boys. And they should have one!’

“Archbishop Kelly’s vision for boys of the Randwick parish took shape in the humblest of forms two years later. Six Marist Brothers in community and an enrolment of just 159 students, comprised what was then known as Marist Brothers Randwick.”

“The facilities may have been modest, but the vision was unstoppable - and the students were first and foremost, right from the beginning.”

“The founding Headmaster, Br Walston in 1933 commented on the first ten years in this way - ‘I can truly say that nowhere have I met a finer class of boys. I feel there is a great future ahead.’

“History proved Brother Walston right. Yet, I wonder if even he could have imagined the school in which we stand today? 850 students still, as ever, the primary focus of the present teachers and support staff, and the dedicated Marcellin Family network.”

“And such a Marcellin Family network is a worthy reflection of the original vision. For seventy years the strength of Marcellin College has been built by the tremendous community spirit of the Marcellin family network. The strong ex-student body is testimony to the contribution this College has made to their successful transition to adulthood. The supportive mothers’ groups and continuing Mother/Son Masses demonstrate the family role model so important to balanced personal growth. The fathers’ working bees in the late fifties and the continuing strength of our Parents and Friends Association show we are a hands-on ‘sleeves rolled up’ College and demonstrates commitment by mothers and fathers as well as Brothers and teachers, to the building up of the school and building up of its students.”

“The welfare of students was first and foremost in the construction of additional buildings in the Brothers Anselm and Demetrius years of the 1960s and 70s to accommodate the additional academic year brought about by the introduction of the Wyndam Scheme.”

“In the early 1980s, student needs inspired another building program led by Headmaster Brother Roger Burke to compliment curriculum changes.”

“But one vision stands out in the recent history of the school and that is the vision of former Headmaster Brother Robert O’Connor. He envisaged a multi-purpose centre which now includes a Religious Education room, a Physical Education area, a Music room, a Weight Training area.”

“Brother Robert, on behalf of the parents, staff and students, thanks for having the foresight and drive to make the Marist Centre a reality. Thanks also to the Architect and Builders.”

“So now the Marist Centre vision is a reality. We do not say the centre is built and we can rest on our laurels. To do so would be to show no respect for our history. Those who showed the vision that underpin our College have a right to expect we will maintain the vision for the future.”

“What does the future hold for Marcellin College? During this year I will ask the Marcellin community to support a School Review and Development program to clarify our core values and mission. These are then applied to the development of a strategic plan.”

“A tangible outcome of this review in the coming years, is to reassure parents that top quality Catholic and Marist education continues to be offered at Marcellin College.”

“In conclusion, my aim is to ensure Marcellin College is worthy of the reputation it has enjoyed for the past seventy two years by developing a College that meets the increasingly sophisticated needs of students approaching a new millennium.”

SCHOOL REVIEW and DEVELOPMENT

During the course of 1995 the College was involved in a most critical and important process known as School Review and Development. This process followed on from the Educational Audit of 1994 when all the courses taught in the College were subject to an appraisal by the Catholic Education Office. As a result of the Audit, the Department of School Education granted the College official registration as a Secondary School.

However, this was only the beginning of a most challenging process of looking at what needs to be done to make Marcellin the best possible school it can be in the years to come. Sweeping changes were occurring in education at that time and schools faced the task of chartering the way ahead - taking what was best in these changes and rejecting what was not appropriate to their particular circumstances. This is what the School Review and Development Process was all about. It was an exciting process because all members of the College were encouraged to be involved in ‘having
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a say in the future direction of the College.

The process began early in the year with the College Executive - Br Patrick, Br Bill, Mr Woolford and Mrs Muldoon meeting with Mr Seamus O’Grady of the Catholic Education Office and Ms Kathleen Hughes, an independent business consultant. This group set up a structure for looking at Marcellin’s future. The structure consisted of a co-ordinating committee and six self-managing teams. Early in Term Four each team presented to the co-ordinating committee a series of recommendations for the College and specific strategies for their implementation. The co-ordinating committee then drew together these recommendations in an overall document stating the direction in which the College should move. Early in 1996 this document shaping Marcellin’s future was published and presented to the College community. Implementation of the recommendations began soon after.

ANZAC DAY
1995 being the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II, we were privileged to be able to invite to our ANZAC Paraliturgy thirteen ex-students who served in the war. In a special way we remembered those thirty one ex-students of the College who fought and died in World War II. The address was given by Mr Harry Ratcliffe, an ex-student who served in the RAAF and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross. Mr Ratcliffe lost his two brothers (also ex-students who served in the RAAF) in that war.

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY
On Wednesday, July 19, Marcellin’s first Academic Assembly was held. This was an occasion to honour those students whose commitment to their studies was outstanding, and to encourage all boys to a furtherance of their academic obligations. First, second and third place-getters in each subject area were acclaimed, as were the winners of Merit Awards. Senior boys spoke about the place of each Key Learning Area in the overall curriculum and thanked staff and Studies Co-ordinators for their efforts in the academic program. The two guests were Judge John O’Meally and Mr Marshal McMahon - both ex-students of the College and prominent in the fields of law and education. They spoke fondly of their days at Marcellin in the 1950s and exhorted the students to do their best.

LITURGIES
Some marvellous Liturgies were celebrated in the Marist Centre. The Inaugural Mass was held there with the Investiture of College Leaders and Class Captains. The Champagnat Day Mass and a moving Easter Paraliturgy also took place there. Brother Charles Howard, an ex-student of the College and former Superior General of the Marist Brothers Order delivered the Homily.

GRADUATION DAY
An impressive graduation day was organised for the Year 12 students. For our students graduation means the culminating moment of 12 years of primary and secondary school education, by any reckoning a long time. However long, one hopes that the years have mostly been happy ones and the friendships made during those years will continue to develop, blossom and endure. Graduation does not mean the end of one’s education: most students will go on to further study at institutes of tertiary education. However, it does mean that one stage of life has been completed and another, perhaps more exciting and challenging, is about to begin. One hopes that the years spent at Marcellin have prepared each of our graduands to face the many challenges which lie ahead and have given each of them the strength, fortitude and incipient wisdom to succeed in whatever enterprise they may undertake. One further hopes that the Marist spirituality and focus upon those essential Christian values of justice and compassion, which is at the very core of a Marcellin education, will continue to influence their lives and provide them with a guide to life.

The students began the graduation day together with an early morning breakfast, followed by a Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick. Morning tea in Greenstead Hall was an occasion for graduands, parents and staff to get together and share experiences. Year 11 students presented their senior colleagues with a Farewell Celebration in the Marist Centre. Following this, Year 12 students were ceremonially dismissed for the last time. A graduation dinner and presentation of awards was held at the University of New South Wales Roundhouse in the evening.

STUDENT EXPLOITS
Ryan Clark and Joshua Lee continued to make appearances on the “small screen” and Marc Heggart won a scholarship to the Australian...
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Defence Force Academy. Wade Kelly and Shaun Berne were selected to represent Australia in the Under 16 rugby union team. David Savares was selected in the Australian Schoolboys Soccer Team. In the MCC Athletics, Randwick won the Aggregate Trophy for the first time since 1984.

CONCERT BAND
1995 saw the purchase of a range of brass and woodwind instruments to found a Concert Band. Some of the Year 7 and 8 boys tried them out in class and were not slow to sign up for lessons. Some of the older boys also signed up for the band. Two tutors were brought in to teach the boys individually. Stewart Kiwan teaches brass instruments, and Dimitri Vaiolios teaches clarinet and saxophone. Both tutors are highly qualified teachers and experienced professional performers. Instrumental lessons began in Term Two. In the last week of Term Two the first rehearsal of the band was held. Most members of the band had only five lessons by this time and the sounds they made were surprisingly convincing. Term Three saw regular rehearsals and performances. What the boys have achieved so far is a great credit to themselves and their tutors.

TRAC
1995 also saw a new program introduced to Year 11 called TRAC (Training in Retail and Commerce) with a small number of students selected to do the course. One day a week the students would leave school to go and work in the real workforce. Also, the students did “off-the-job” training. With the help of Mrs Hughes they were able to catch up on the work required that they had missed. In the workforce they were required to carry out many duties which ranged from very important tasks to the everyday basics. While at the job, they had to communicate with other staff and customers. In some work placements the students were required to handle large amounts of money and important legal documents. At off-the-job training they were required to do Maths and English tests which would help them at work. They also had spokespersons who came in and talked to them about such things as occupational health and safety and other standards required by their companies. TRAC, opens many avenues but mainly gives on the job experience, which is very important when trying to get a job in the 1990s. When the students finished and passed the course, they received a portfolio and certificates as well as a certificate from the Chamber of Commerce.

STAFF MOVEMENTS
Long serving staff members, Mark Woolford and Michael Donnelly transferred to other schools. Tina Muldoon who had been on the staff for thirteen years was appointed Assistant Principal of Kincoppal, Rose Bay, and popular Deputy, Brother Bill, was appointed Headmaster at Marist College, North Shore.

1996 -BISHOP DAVID WALKER
In 1996 the College gained its first Bishop. The Director of Sydney’s Educational Centre for Christian Spirituality and an ex-student of Marcellin College, Father David Walker was announced as being the new Bishop of Broken Bay. His appointment by Pope John Paul was announced by the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Franco Brambilla. He succeeded Broken Bay’s first bishop, Dr Patrick Murphy, who had reached the retiring age of 75, his resignation having been accepted by Pope John Paul. Broken Bay was the northern section of the Archdiocese of Sydney, which was divided into three in 1986, the western region becoming the diocese of Parramatta.

Bishop Walker grew up in the eastern Sydney suburb of Clovelly where he attended the local parish primary school of St Anthony’s. In 1947 he was enrolled in 3rd class at Marcellin College, Randwick. He completed the rest of his primary schooling and all of his secondary studies at Marcellin where he gained his Leaving Certificate in 1955. After graduating from high school he entered the minor Seminary of St Columba’s, Springwood, and then proceeded to do his major studies for the priesthood under the direction of the Catholic Theological Faculty of Sydney, a Pontifical Faculty of Theology situated at St Patrick’s College, Manly. Bishop Walker was episcopally ordained as the second Bishop of the Broken Bay Diocese on Tuesday, 3 September, 1996, in Our Lady of Dolours Church at Chatswood. As the new Bishop, he has the responsibility for a Catholic population of 182,000 in 40 parishes served by 110 priests and 267 religious.

SCHOOL REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT
A great amount of time and energy was generously invested in the Review and by the end of 1995 the Management Plan was completed. The Management Plan consisted of nine priorities and a set of goals related to each priority. The nine priorities for Marcellin College toward the Year 2000 are:

1. The Catholic Faith is central to the life of students, staff and parents.
2. The community is enlivened by the charism of Marcellin Champagnat and enriched by our Marist traditions and practices.
3. Academic standards are important.
4. Every student is encouraged to learn to his capacity.
5. Technology is used to promote learning.
6. Students, staff and parents are treated with care, support and fairness.
7. Better teaching occurs through ongoing staff development.
8. Effective organization, management and promotion
support our goals.


INAUGURAL MASS

1996’s Inaugural Mass was held once again in the Marist Centre, but moved to an evening time slot to enable more parents to attend. The result was a full house of students, parents and teachers that contributed greatly to the joyous celebration of the start of the school year. With the theme of “A Future Full of Hope”, the celebration included the investiture of school leaders for 1996 and also the launch of the Strategic Management Plan that was generated by the College’s Review and Development process carried out in 1995. The new promotional video which had been put together by Br Oswin, and focussed on the College at the present time, provided an entertaining platform from which to launch the plan for the future.

Bishop Peter Ingham delivered an inspiring homily focussing on leadership, hope for the future and the challenge to be a follower of Christ in the world today. Not even the temporary technical problem with the sound system could distract the most attentive and appreciative audience.

The student leaders for 1996 rose and answered in turn as they were called by name, as has been the tradition over many years at Marcellin, and together promised to lead to the best of their ability. The music for the liturgy greatly enhanced this special occasion.

ORATORY

Marcellin College won the eighth Marist Schools Oratory competition held at Cerdon College, Merrylands on September 20. This competition has had a relatively short history, however, it has established a reputation for producing outstanding examples of public speaking. Sixteen Marist Schools from throughout the State competed.

STUDENT EXPLOITS

Joel Xuereb was selected in the Australian Under 17 Youth Squad in Cycling and Thomas Whitaker was selected to represent Australia in the World Youth Surfing Titles in Bali.

SPORT ASSEMBLY

The College’s major Sport Assembly was held in the Marist Centre on May 1. The main purpose of the assembly was to present awards to those students who have achieved success in MCC and College summer sports, such as swimming, Cricket, touch football, tennis, squash and golf, as well as presenting representative shirts to those students who have been selected to represent Marcellin in the MCC winter competitions for 1996 (rugby league, soccer and basketball).

For this special occasion the College invited a number of guests to present the awards and address the assembly who included Phil Kearns, the Randwick and former Australian Rugby Union Captain; Stephen Whitehead, the Sydney Kings Basketball star and Steve Gillis, former Marcellin student and manager of a number of sporting personalities. Richard Chee Que, another former Marcellin student and a member of the N.S.W. Cricket squad, was also on hand to present the Cricket awards.

One of the highlights of the assembly was the slide presentation, set to music, which graphically illustrated the Marcellin sporting exploits of 1996.

HSC RESULTS 1997

The HSC results of the class of 1996 continued the fine academic standard which has been set by the Year 12 students at Marcellin College. Results clearly indicated that our boys had excelled themselves by working to the best of their ability.

Twelve Marcellin students obtained a TER ranking which placed them in the top 5000 students throughout the State. The top three were: Philip Wheeler 99.85, Daniel Garcia 99.10, Paolo Alvarez 97.50.

The top student, Philip Wheeler, gained the highest TER ranking in the Sydney Systemic Catholic Schools. Philip was awarded a $10,500 per annum scholarship from the University of NSW, to study Industrial Chemistry.

ACCELERATING STUDENTS

Students from Years 10 and 11 studied accelerated courses for the 1996 HSC in 2/3 Unit Computer Studies, 2 Unit Mathematics and 1 Unit General Studies. In each of these courses our students obtained outstanding results.

2 Unit Mathematics

11 of 21 students (52%) scored in the top 91-100 percentile band. The top students in this class were: Hason Ho (95/100), Shane Cook (94/100) and Mark Teasdale (92/100).

General Studies

9 of 15 (60%) scored in the 91-100 percentile band. The top students in this class were: Piotr Kowalski (47/50), Luke MacNamara (46/50) and Mark Teasdale (46/50).

Computing Studies

Raymond Leung (89/100) in 2 Unit Computing Studies and (45/50) in 3 Unit Computing Studies.

Overall results such as these are exceptional and indicative of what can be achieved by a lot of hard work.

INAUGURAL MASS

On February 11, Marcellin College celebrated its 74th Inaugural Mass. It was held in the Marist Centre with a packed hall of 1800 people, possible the largest gathering who ever entered the centre for one event.

We had the pleasure of having many special guests. They were: Bishop Peter Ingham, who has been our celebrant for the last two years; Fathers Peter Robinson (Parish Priest, Randwick); George Connolly (Parish Priest, Clovelly); Frank Perry (Parish Priest, Coogee); Laurie Hannigan (Chaplain of the Marist Brothers Randwick Community); the Director of Human Resources -
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The Investiture ceremony was next, to announce the student leaders of the school from Years 12 to 7. Miss Natalie McNamara, Bishop Peter Ingham and Brother Patrick presented the leaders with their badge and candle. The College Captain, Luke MacNamara, was first, followed by the College Vice-Captain, Peter Husband, then the eight College Councillors, four College House Captains and Vice Captains and finally the Class Captains of Years 7 to 11. After Communion, the congregation was addressed by the College Captain and Brother Patrick. The night finished with the launch of the Marcellin College School Song. It was a hit! The crowd enjoyed it and the students sang it with pride. The Inaugural Mass of 1997 was a great success.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIST EDUCATION

1997 marked the 125th anniversary of the beginning of Marist ministries in Australia. This anniversary was a focal event for both the staff and students at Marcellin College. For the students, this anniversary year was celebrated in three major ways. First, our Inaugural Mass for 1997 incorporated a liturgical movement tracing the establishment of the Marist Order and the first steps into the ministries that exist in Australia today. Second, the school community at Marcellin joined with all the other Marist schools throughout Australia to commemorate the foundation of the first Marist school in Australia. This school began as St Patrick’s at The Rocks in Sydney and exists today as St Patrick’s at Dundas. Marcellin students symbolically laid 125 flowers at the feet of the statues of Our Lady and Blessed Marcellin Champagnat in the courtyard to the College. Mr John Hennessy, esteemed ex-student and teacher addressed the College, tracing his memories of life as a student through to the present and treated all present to a unique insight into the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat and of Marcellin College Randwick. The third and most spectacular event celebrating the anniversary was the Pageant at Homebush on Champagnat Day, June 6. Here the Marist schools of Sydney and surrounding areas gathered to perform in and watch a tribute to the pioneering Marist Brothers in Australia. A performance, mixing students and professional performers, told the tale of Br Ludovic and his companions who travelled far and worked and prayed hard to accomplish their educative goals in the rough and ready Rocks district of Sydney. Staff attended an in-service day in April with staff from other Marist schools throughout Sydney to learn and share the Marist vision and charism. Another significant initiative has been the attendance of staffs at a Marist in-service course entitled “Sharing Our Call”. This program involves staff going in pairs to attend a course at Mittagong for three days with staffs from other Marist schools to learn more about the distinctive charism of Marist schools.

Catholic Education Office, Miss Natalie McNamara, and Marist Brothers from the Marcellin Brothers’ House.

The Mass began with a performance by Year 10 students enacting how Marcellin Champagnat started his work to teach young people in France. Bishop Peter Ingham delivered a great Homily. He shared his views on the Catholic religion and expressed how people tend to not sing any more and just sit there and stare. He suggested we put Jesus first, others second and yourself third (JOY), because today people think more about themselves than others.

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, 16 July, the third annual Marcellin College Academic Assembly was held in the Marist Centre. This assembly is a very special event in the Marcellin calendar. After the First Semester examinations we take time to recognise and celebrate the academic achievements of our students. It also serves as a timely reminder about the importance of obtaining a good education and the need for students to always work to the best of their ability in all of their academic endeavours.

The College was honoured to have Mr John Riordan and Mr Carl Manning as our special guests. Both of these men are ex-students of the College and are held in very high esteem by their peers and throughout the community. Both guests spoke of the high regard they have for Marcellin College, the fond memories they cherish about their past school experiences and the importance of having goals and working hard to achieve one’s true potential. They were both delighted and felt extremely privileged to be invited as guests at our Academic Assembly.

Mr John Riordan attended Marcellin College from 1944-1948 and gained a law degree through the Barrister’s Admission Board. He has had a long association and involvement in Rugby League, both at South Sydney and the NSW headquarters in Phillip Street, Sydney. He has been a loyal member of the Ex-students’ Association over many years. Mr Carl Manning was College Captain in 1991. He has since completed a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of New South Wales. He now works as a pacemaker technician at Prince Henry and Royal Prince Alfred Hospitals. He is also actively involved as Junior Vice-President of the Ex-students’ Association.

Students from Years 7 to 12 were awarded certificates in every subject in each form. The names of the prize winners in each year were read out by subject co-ordinators and the certificates were presented by our special guests. Students were also presented with two special awards; the “All Round Achievement” recognising those students who have consistently worked hard throughout the year and have obtained a high level of academic achievement; and “The Dux Award” given to the top academic student in each form.

Highlights of the assembly included a videotaped speech from Mr Mark Turkington, the Acting Director of Sydney Catholic
Education. Mr Turkington paid tribute to the impressive HSC results achieved by our Year 12 students last year. In particular, he mentioned the outstanding HSC performance of Philip Wheeler, who received a TERR rank of 99.95 which placed him as the highest TERR of any male student who attended a Systemic Catholic School in NSW. He also spoke of the need for our students to seize the educational opportunities, responsibilities and challenges which are being provided for them at Marcellin College.

The other highlight of the assembly was the very entertaining piece of music, titled "Gymnopedie Satie", which was played by our Year 10 (accelerated) music students, Justin Compton, Michael Boraso, Derek Salvador and Carlos Adura. This piece of music was played with great precision and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

**MARCELLIN TOPS "GO CASUAL DAY"**

Marcellin College students raised more than $9,000 during the Go Casual for a Cause campaign and won an Apple computer for their efforts. Go Casual for a Cause Day was held on March 7. Schools and businesses were encouraged to wear casual clothes for the day and purchase a badge. Marcellin College raised more than 84 other schools participating in the campaign and was presented with their prize on Tuesday, June 24 at The Spastic Centre of NSW. “The whole Go Casual campaign has been an outstanding success,” said organiser Bruce Alcorn. “We have already raised more than $210,000 and the money is still rolling in.” This outstanding record result was raised for the Spastic Centre's Children's Therapy Services, helping kids with cerebral palsy.

**ANZAC DAY 1997**

On Thursday, April 24, the eve of Anzac Day, the whole school community assembled in the courtyard to pay tribute to all those who gave their lives for their country in the two World Wars and other conflicts, and especially the ex-students of Marcellin in World War II.

We were honoured to have as guests on this occasion eight ex-students of the College, ex-servicemen of World War II. One of these men, Mr Laurie Maloney, gave the special address recounting his wartime experiences. He also laid a wreath, in company with the College Captain, Luke MacNamara, at the memorial statue of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat. Mr Maloney, a student at Marcellin from 1932-1936, enlisted in the AIF at age 19 and did his army training at Ingleburn and elsewhere in NSW. He was posted to New Guinea in early 1942 and altogether served 15 months there in two separate commissions. In the first posting he saw action at Milne Bay, Port Moresby and Wau. After returning to Australia for about 9 months he was again sent to New Guinea where he was in action at Aitape and Wewak.

The ceremony was a simple but moving tribute to the fallen, consisting of two readings, a reflection, the reading of the Roll of Honour, the recitation of the Ode and the playing of the Last Post and Reveille. During the ceremony the whole assembly observed a minute's silence out of respect for those who had made the supreme sacrifice. The students are to be commended for their attitude of respect and honour on this solemn occasion.

**YEAR 9 OPTIMUM EXPERIENCE CAMP**

The Year 9 Optimum Experience camp took place this year from August 11-15. Fine weather ensured the camp ran smoothly throughout the week.

The boys began their preparation for camp on May 29 with a Parent Information night taking place in the Marist Centre. This meeting gave parents and students an insight into the logistics and philosophies of the camp.

Over the course of the five days, the boys took part in many activities including abseiling, rock climbing, camp cooking, navigation and teamwork. These activities were dispersed throughout the canoe and hiking legs of the camp which all boys undertook.

Year 9 boys on camp are exposed to situations that they would not normally encounter. This means that they are put in a position where they must rely on their own instincts and teamwork within the group. This is a growing experience that has many benefits, not always realised immediately, but certainly after camp and into the boys' future. Each year parents comment on the changes that they observe in their sons as a result of them having attended and been involved in the Year 9 camp.

**MARCELLIN FETE**

Fete Day 1997 held on Saturday, 31 May, saw fine but cool conditions. The Fete had wider promotion and publicity than the previous year, which, together with new stalls and rides, may have influenced more people to ‘check us out’. Healthy numbers, although not record levels, were witnessed throughout the day. On the two previous Saturdays, P & F Committee Members, students from Year 12 Student Council and representatives from Year 7 classes sold fete raffle tickets at Royal Randwick Village. The 1997 fete was a financial success as our major fund raising activity for the year. It was in fact our most successful fete on record, with over $50,000 being raised between the raffle and fete day sales. The profit was $38,000.

Over three months planning and co-ordinating occurred prior to the ‘big day’. The wonderful results are testimony to the time, efforts and sacrifices by a very dedicated P & F and Fete Committee.

The result was a significant, memorable, successful and enjoyable day in the life of the College in its 74th year.
CONCERT BAND

In 1997 the Concert Band attracted a number of new students to take up instruments, together with previous students improving their skills. Learning an instrument is hard work, and requires regular practice and attendance at rehearsals, but the pleasure of being able to make music in an ensemble becomes more and more rewarding. As well as working on an arrangement of "Sub Tuam," the beautiful Marist hymn, the band practised a Latin American piece by Philip Sparki, "Tijuana Trumpets," to perform in the September Eastern Region Musical Festival. The band members come out of school lessons to take individual tuition on a weekly basis with Stewart Kirwan, who teaches brass, and Dimitri Vouros, who teaches reeds. These teachers help the boys with techniques specific to the instrument plus coaching in band parts and general musicianship. Coming out of lessons requires the boys involved to keep up with any work missed in academic lessons, together with practice for the instrumental lessons. Band rehearsals are held on Wednesday and Friday at 8.00am. Playing together as an ensemble promotes listening skills, concentration and team spirit, which are essential in music. The ongoing training in "getting it right" is a useful training for life, provided in a context of fun.

MARIOT ORATORY EVENING

Boys and their parents began assembling at about six o’clock. The Marist Oratory Competition for 1997 was underway. Off-site, Year 10 spoke at the OLSH Parish Centre and Year 9 at the Abbey Street Hall. Within our College grounds, Years 7 and 8 spoke in the Marist Centre, the senior division in Greenstead Hall and the Impromptu speakers in our library. In a few short hours, the fruition of months of preparation came about. At eight o’clock, our special guests, the Governor-General Sir William and Lady Deane, arrived. It is because Sir William has a special interest in encouraging aboriginal reconciliation with the rest of the multi-cultural Australian community that the theme for this year’s Marist Oratory Competition was Aboriginal Reconciliation. Most speakers integrated their own particular concerns about indigenous Australians in their speeches. Sir William and Lady Deane visited the three on-site speaking venues and were very impressed by the quality of the oratory they heard. We were very pleased when he told us later that he could see “that little Jonathan as a High Court Judge” (Jonathan Vasiliiou, Year 8).

When all the competitions were complete, everyone gathered in the Marist Centre for the formalities. Sir William, an ex-student of St Joseph’s, Hunters Hill, decided to attend Marcellin College, Randwick, for two reasons: first, acknowledging the 125th anniversary of Marist education in Australia, and second, the aboriginal reconciliation theme we had chosen for the night. Both Brother Patrick and Luke MacNamara, our school captain, welcomed everyone to our College. Sir William Deane then gave a moving address. Finally, we were overjoyed to find that not only had Marcellin won the major trophy but that each of our six speakers had earned a place: third place for Simon Mullard (Year 7), Jonathan Vasiliiou (Year 8) and Stephen Pratt (Year 10); second place for Michael Cusani (Year 12); and first place for Lucas Pontifex (Year 9) and Stefano Montresor (Year 12).

The school cheered! Councillor Michael Daley, a Marcellin ex-student, said later in tones of wonder, “And they were cheering for public speaking!” Indeed they were.

TAFE

The Joint Secondary Schools TAFE (Technical and Further Education) Program provided the opportunity for 32 senior Marcellin students to engage in study in subject areas ranging from Computer Aided Drafting, Electronics, Carpentry and Joinery, Child Care to Hospitality. The students attended either Randwick TAFE or East Sydney TAFE. The JSST/TAFE courses run over the first three terms of the school year. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive recognition of the subject on their Higher School Certificate, plus a nationally recognised result notice. In most cases advanced standing enabling further study at TAFE is granted.

TRAC

TRAC (Training in Retail and Commercial Skills) is an industry initiative involving students studying a particular strand of Retail and Commercial skills in both on and off the job work training. The student would normally spend one day a week away from school participating in the TRAC program. The work placements enabled students to develop work specific skills and to have these skills officially documented and recognised by TAFE Colleges and Employer Industry groups. The TRAC program is recognised by the Board of Studies and is acknowledged on the student’s Higher School Certificate. The three senior students who participated in the TRAC program gained valuable experiences. They expressed a high level of satisfaction and a real sense of accomplishment.

SPORT

1997 was again a most successful year for sport at Marcellin College. Success was due to the dedication and involvement of a large number of students and staff. 1997 saw the expansion of sports such as rugby union and Australian rules, and a continued show of strength in swimming, cricket and rugby league. The year started with the Annual MCC Swimming Championships at North Sydney Pool. For the second year in a row, Marcellin regained the Juvenile Junior, Senior and Aggregate Cups. The summer season ended with our B Grade and Under 15
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cricket teams each winning the premiership for the second year in a row. The College's First XI also reached the grand final and represented their College with pride. We were also successful for the second year in a row in winning the Annual MCC Golf Championship.

Our winter season was kicked off earlier than usual with the participation in the NSW Schoolboy Rugby Union Tens Competition. Both our Opens and Year 10 sides moved from local level to compete in the State Competition at Sydney University. In what was an amazing night, the Cerise and Blue triumphed at the Sydney Football Stadium, winning a State title that few students and parents will forget.

The start to the MCC Winter Season was marked by the third Annual Sports Assembly in the Marist Centre. Guests included ex-student and representative rugby league player, Jeff Orford and dual rugby league international, Adrian Lam. The event comprised of awards from the previous summer sporting Competition and presentation of jerseys to all players. In rugby league, our Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams made it to a rain postponed Grand Final at North Sydney Oval. With the whole school present, the Under 14, 15 and 16 teams won their respective finals with the Under 13 being narrowly defeated. Marcellin also retained the Brother Raymer Junior Aggregate trophy.

Basketball has continued to develop, largely due to a dedicated coaching staff. Our First Grade team fought hard, reaching the semi-finals. Success came to the Under 15 team, the second year in a row for their coach, Mr M. O'Farrell. Our First grade team will be looking to build upon their achievements at next year's Marist Basketball Competition in Traralgon, Victoria. 1997 also saw the creation of our school sports song “We Are Cerise and Blue”, a rally cry that is sure to become a tradition at the College.

There were many outstanding individual sporting achievements during the year: Nicholas Crothers was fourth in the State 100 m Freestyle, Ryan Jenkin won the State Surf Life Saving Carnival board rescue event, Todd Phillips toured New Zealand with the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Union Development Team, Jamie Russo was Easts best in the Harold Matthews Cup, James Adams won the Junior Ironman at the State Titles, Luke Roberts was sixth in the State Golf Championships Under 13. Ryan Syrell won the “Rider in Action” at the Royal Easter Show, James Fallon represented NSW in the Short Statured People’s Basketball Championships, Dean Widders was the best player in the SG Ball Competition and Michael Durante was third in the Under 18 800 metres in the National Athletic Titles.

BROTHER ALFRED DOLAHENTY

Brother, who spent 18 years on the staff, passed away in 1997. He was born Geoffrey Augustine Dolahenty on July 17, 1924, at Maitland in the Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, and it was there that he was educated by the Marist Brothers. He entered the Marist Juniorate at Mittagong and completed his schooling there. In 1942, aged only 18 years and not very much older than his students, he received his first teaching appointment to Marcellin College. Br Alfred was gifted with a remarkable talent for the disciplines of mathematics and physics, and it was during his nine year stay at Marcellin that he completed a university degree by night-time study.

His personal expertise and brilliance with mathematics and scientific subjects carried over into his teaching and it soon became clearly evident that he was an equally brilliant teacher, who had the ability to impart his knowledge to his students in a most effective manner. His students of that time at Marcellin grew to love and respect him for the care, concern and personal attention which he gave to everyone, and they remembered and revered him long after he left Marcellin at the end of 1950. Groups of ex-students of the forties’ era were still journeying in the nineties up to St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown, where he lived out the last fifteen years of his life.

In 1964 he was reappointed to Marcellin, where he was to remain for a second period of nine years. During his second stay at Marcellin he was no less committed and dedicated than on the first. If anything, he came even more active in every sphere of Marcellin activity - the classroom, the sports field, the cadet unit, the cultural pursuits, the fund raising, the writing of catechetical books - and all the time maintaining that highly personal relationship with each and every student that came under his care.

Br Alfred will be long remembered as a wise man and a gifted and committed educator, using his outstanding teaching qualities to call people beyond themselves and to reveal to them their full potential and be affirmed in it. He will be revered as a man of deep, personal faith in Christ and His Mother Mary, and a true example to all he has left behind of a firm commitment and fidelity to the values and virtues of the Gospel of Jesus.

May he rest in peace.

BROTHER PATRICK

Brother Patrick
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ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The Anniversary Year
Seventy-five years to the day after Brothers Walstan, Aquinas and Alphonsus arrived at Randwick on 29 January 1923, the 1998 Marcellin Community gathered in the yard to remember that day and to take part in a simple Opening of the Vaughan Media Centre. Among the special guests invited to the Assembly were five of the first group of students enrolled on that opening day: George Vaughan, Joe O’Mara, Pierre Quinlan, Pat Carney and Ted Gillin. Other guests present were: Mrs Quinlan (wife of Pierre), Adrian Gillin (brother of Ted), Br Tony Vaughan (son of George), Br Michael Green (from the Provincial House, Drummond), Brothers Frederick, Montanus, Crispin, Godfrey (from Marcellin House, Randwick), John Hennessy (Secretary, Ex-students’ Association), Bryan Ratcliffe (ex-student), John Gilsenan (ex-student) and his wife, Tessa, and Fr Laurie Hannigan S.M. (Chaplain, Marcellin House).

After a brief address of welcome by Br Patrick, Br Michael Green spoke to the assembly on the significance of the day, and of the great name and spirit of Marcellin College.

Fr Laurie Hanigan then said a short prayer, followed by a reading by the College Vice-Captain, Peter Pizanis. This was followed by Fr Laurie blessing the newly-constructed media centre in the lower school yard, to be named the Vaughan Media Centre in honour of Mr George Vaughan, Special Guest-of-Honour, who cut the ribbon across the doorway of the Centre, declaring it officially open. A special plaque commemorating the event was also blessed.

The Centre consists of a tiered learning area with comfortable seating for over one hundred people. Modern audio visual equipment is set up in the Centre which is air conditioned. A wooden carved stature of Our Lady is located on the front wall and a large College crest is set in the tiles at the front of the Centre.

INAUGURAL MASS
The Inaugural Mass, held at the College in the Marist Centre on Tuesday, 17 February, was once again well attended. As well as over 1700 students, parents and friends of the College, a large number of Marist Brothers from the Marcellin Community were present.

Prayers were offered for the families of Mrs Carew and Mrs Martin, recently deceased parents, whose funerals took place that same day.

Bishop Peter Ingham and Father Frank Perry concelebrated the Mass, which began with the blessing of a new statue of Blessed Marcellin Champagnat. The statue by Englebert Piccolruaz was commissioned to mark the 75th Anniversary of our College. It is now on display in the office foyer. The Marist Centre was adorned with banners for the Mass, two had Marian themes and the third publicised the Great Jubilee planned for the Year 2000. Marking the second year of preparation for the Great Jubilee, 1998 has been designated by Pope John Paul II as the Year of the Holy Spirit. In his homily Bishop Ingham concentrated on the themes of the Mass: spirit, faith, love, joy and peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control.

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL
This took place early in Term Two and consisted of two “Open” days at the College. Wonderful memorabilia displays were set up throughout the College as well as displays of present students’ work in each of the Key Learning Areas - English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, etc. Display lessons were conducted, sporting demonstrations took place in the Marist Centre. All students were involved in some way, setting up displays or performing during the Festival. Many parents and friends took the opportunity to visit the College as did incoming Year Six students from schools around the area.

ANNIVERSARY BUILDING APPEAL
In 1995 a detailed survey was carried out on the present and future needs of the College. This resulted in the drawing up of a Seven-Stage Master Plan. The implementation of this plan will cost a considerable amount of money. On 27 May 1998 the Marcellin College 75th Anniversary Appeal was launched under the Chairmanship of Dr Merv Cross. Through this Appeal it is hoped to gain the financial support of many of the ex-students. The first stage - The Vaughan Centre, has already been opened and the second stage – a new technology wing commenced construction at the end of 1998. As an integral part of the overall planning process, a Technology Committee, under the Chairmanship of Professor Paul Compton has been established. This Committee will ensure that any technology that is utilised under the Master Plan, will provide the best possible benefit to the students of the College.

CHARITABLE WORKS
The Marcellin Community has a fine tradition of supporting those in need. Each year our students and their families give generously to and also work for a number of causes. In 1998, the Year 9 students raised $16,000 in one day for the Spastic Centre - the highest amount raised by an school. Through the Lenten collections, over $2000 was given to Father Chris Riles for his work with homeless kids and $1500 was sent to the victims of the tidal wave disaster in Paupua New Guinea. Years 7 and 8 raised over $4700 through their sponsored fast - money which goes to the Foster Parents Plan to support children in need overseas.

“Go Casual for a Cause Campaign” saw Year 11 raise over $5000 for the Red Cross.
After almost a twenty year lapse a St Vincent de Paul group was formed at Marcellin during 1998. Shaping a more just and compassionate Australia is not for the faint-hearted, but the Marcellin boys have shown tremendous charity, compassion and character in their approach to the works in which they have been involved. Some of the activities undertaken include visiting nursing homes, youth hostels, hospitals and camps for under-privileged children and providing services to the homeless and destitute. The students took part in the St Vincent de Paul Badge Day Appeal and the Papua New Guinea Flood Appeal. The group was organised by teacher, Mr Reg Soares.

SPORT
The M.C.C. Swimming Squad created history by becoming the only school to win all four trophies - Juvenile, Junior, Senior and Aggregate for the fourth time in succession. The Golf team won the M.C.C. Aggregate Championship for the third year in succession and Braith Anasta, Johnny Ayoub, Luke Adams and Luke Roberts went through to the State Championship for school teams, ably coached by Mr Michael Burden and Mr Charlie McGee. Under 14, 15 and First Grade Rugby League teams were all premiers.

For the First Grade this was Randwick’s first outright win for seven years. Luke Branighan and Jamie Russo played Australian Schoolboys League against New Zealand. Michael Russo was the best player at the Australian Schoolboys Under 15 Rugby League Championships.

75th ANNIVERSARY AWARDS EVENING
On 10 September the Marcellin family gathered at the Sydney Town Hall to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the College. To mark this very significant milestone students, staff, parents and ex-student representatives joined in a gala evening. It was an opportunity to celebrate students’ academic, sporting and cultural achievements and showcase the musical, speaking and vocal talents of our students. Award winners from Years 7 to 12 were presented with certificates and trophies. Guests were entertained by the NSW Police Band and the Marcellin Singers led by Mrs Una Smith.

The College was privileged to welcome as principal guest of honour the Honourable Mr Bob Carr, Premier of NSW. Mr Carr presented certificates and trophies to Year 7 students. In his address, the Premier praised the work and dedication of the Marist Brothers in particular and Catholic Schools generally, especially in this Eastern Region.

Other guests included: Br Kelvin Canavan, Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Sydney Diocese, Br Peter Rodney Vice-Provincial of the Marist Brothers, Mrs Vicki Tanzer and Mr Peter McNamara from the Catholic Education Office, ex-students Dr Mervyn Cross, Judge John O’Meally, Councillor Michael Daley, and parish priests Fathers Frank Perry and Peter Robinson.

Following the presentations and performance items addresses were made by Br Kelvin Canavan and Br Peter Rodney. College Headmaster, Br Patrick Howlett spoke of the proud history and traditions of the College. He highlighted the remarkable work of its founding Headmasters and those many pioneering Marist Brothers, who with skill, dedication and clear vision, laid the solid foundations that have been followed. Brother thanked people who had contributed to ensuring the stability and continuing growth and development of the College.

The evening concluded with a spirited singing of the traditional Marist hymn, Sub Tuum, led by the College choir and the Marcellin Singers, accompanied by Mr Paul Bourke, an ex-student, on the Grand Organ. The evening was organised by Mr Anthony Bataille.

CHAMPAGNAT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
This exciting initiative was begun towards the end of 1998 aiming to take Marcellin to the forefront in the use of information technology in the educational process. The centre will consist of four large computing rooms, media room, a research area and a technology centre.

BR PATRICK
Brother Patrick became headmaster of the College in 1995 coming from Benedict College Auburn. He is the second ex-student Headmaster. He has brought to Marcellin a great desire for the achievement of excellence in all areas of college life. He has undertaken the implementation of the Strategic Management Plan which has chartered the College’s pattern of development into the next millennium. He has worked tirelessly for the improvement of academic standards throughout the College. He has taken on the challenge of placing the college in an extremely strong position in the area of Information Technology. He has been a dedicated, hard working and extremely forward thinking headmaster in leading the college during a challenging period.
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Br Michael Haynes
Br Anthony Leon
Br Bede Donnellan
Br John Clegg
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Br Aielred Wilson
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Mr C Tabone 1934 M. Woods
Mrs E Taylor 1935 V. Tuohy
Mr M Taylor 1936 C. McClenahan
Miss I Tesereiro 1937 C. McClenahan
Mrs M Thomas 1938 C. McClenahan
Mr M Thomas 1939 B. Doyle
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Mr D Thompson 1941 B. Doyle
Miss J Tombs 1942 B. Doyle
Miss J Topping 1943 J. Murphy
Mrs R Tolley 1944 J. Murphy
Mr R Townsend 1945 R. Barry
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Mr P Trotter 1947 R. O’Sullivan
Mr W Towers 1948 T. Ginty
Mr R Towson 1949 T. Ginty
Nrs E Tyacke 1950 K. Barrington
Mr P Tyacke 1951 K. Barrington
Mrs P Veness 1952 K. Barrington
Mr B Vicary 1953 J. Porteus
Mrs H Viskuij 1954 J. Porteus
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Mr R Zietsc 1976 J. Heaney
Mr C Zouroudis 1977 J. Gerathy
1978 J. Gerathy

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1979 J. Gerathy
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1982 P. Sinclair
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1984 J. O’Mealy
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1994 J. Gerathy
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1997 M. Petersen
1998 M. Dále

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1966 L. Colenso
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1970 W. Riordan
1971 W. Riordan
1972 B. Gillis
1973 B. Gillis
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1975 N. Skuse
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1979 P. Husband
1980 P. Husband
1981 D. Ventura
1982 A. Pavlakis & J. Sullivan
1983 W. Hamilton & K. Northall
1984 A. Coleman & M. Riley
1985 A. Gately
1986 D. Sullivan
1987 T. Crowe & G. Miller
1988 A. Pavlakis & J. Sullivan
1989 T. Mitchell
1990 T. Mitchell
1991 J. Donnellan
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1993 J. Donnellan
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1995 B. MacNamara
1996 B. MacNamara
1997 B. MacNamara
1998 M. McMahon

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1956 D. Collins
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1958 W. Mullins
1959 W. Mullins
1960 J. Dunne
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1998 M. McMahon

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R. Davis
R. A.A.F.
W. Devlin
A.I.F.
C. Gamble
R.A.A.F.
1954 P. Pemberton
1955 B. Collins
1956 P. Donlan
1957 M. Cross
1958 P. Timmins
1959 G. Williams
1960 B. Finegan
1961 P. Barrett
1962 J. Gerathy
1963 P. Starr
1964 R. Crippin
1965 P. Barrett
1966 T. Morahan
1967 T. Morahan
1968 B. Donohue
1969 V. Barrett
1970 R. Cartmer
1971 R. Morrow
1972 P. Murphy
1973 J. Couani
1974 K. Harron
1975 A. Clarkson
1976 M. Rainbird
1977 P. Davis
1978 T. Ricketts
1979 A. Cogin
1980 S. Gillis
1981 P. Brandtman
1982 D. Cartmer
1983 D. Maroon
1984 M. Malat
1985 M. Vesper
1986 P. Bell
1987 P. Daley
1988 A. Galea
1989 S. Pizzino
1990 P. Azzarello
1991 C. Manning
1992 S. Deyer
1993 M. Rodriguez
1994 B. Bayot
1995 G. Johnson
1996 K. Howes
1997 L. MacNamara
1998 L. Mitchell
1957 R. Delaney
1958 J. Kersh
1959 P. Greene
1960 B. Cooney
1961 D. Jackson
1962 J. Cross
1963 R. Smith
1964 E. Parkinson
1965 K. Cassidy
1966 R. Haddock
1967 R. Haddock
1968 B. Wood
1969 P. Doherty
1970 M. Smith
1971 D. Walsh
1972 M. Gilmore
1973 J. Veness
1974 M. Brydon
1975 S. Zagami
1976 K. Solomonson
1977 N. Gibbs
1978 A. Virgona & M. Woolford
1979 A. Gately
1980 C. McDonald & P. Lewis
1981 A. Coleman & M. Riley
1982 A. Harrigan & M. Rigotti
1983 W. Hamilton & K. Northall
1984 A. Fitzpatrick & P. Natoli
1985 T. Crowe & G. Miller
1986 D. Sullivan
1987 S. Rheinberger
1988 A. Pavlikis & J. Sullivan
1989 P. Walsh
1990 P. Daley & J. Garcia
1991 D. Ventura
1992 R. Bardetta
1993 P. Sheehy
1994 D. Sharpe
1995 M. Borger
1996 G. Upton
1997 P. Husband
1998 P. Pizanis
1945 D. Ratcliffe
1946 D. Ratcliffe
1947 K. McMahon
1948 M. Coen
1949 F. Connolly
1950 F. Jones
1951 F. Jones
1952 J. Brewer
1953 P. Pemberton
1954 J. Beckett
1955 N. Ryan
1956 V. Davis
1957 M. Cross
1958 M. Cross
1959 P. Greene
1960 B. Cooney
1961 D. Jackson
1962 J. Cross
1963 R. Crippin
1964 E. Parkinson
1965 R. Norbury
1966 J. Kiliiher
1967 P. Johnson
1968 T. Ryan
1969 F. Roberts
1970 A. Bassil
1971 S. Deady
1972 J. Barden
1973 J. Veness
1974 G. Scott
1975 C. Clementson
1976 K. Solomonson
1977 N. Gibbs
1978 A. Virgona
1979 A. Dever
1980 T. Anderson
1981 A. Coleman
1982 R. Rigotti
1983 K. Northall
1984 P. Natoli
1985 D. Segreto
1986 P. Foster
1987 R. Pizzinato
1988 M. Rheinberger
1989 P. Walsh
1990 C. Watson
1991 S. Kilran
1992 R. Bardetta
1993 M. O'Halloran
1994 D. Sharpe
1995 M. Borger
1996 K. Heggart
1997 P. Husband
1998 P. Pizzinato

CRICKET CAPTAINS (First Grade)
1931 L. Maher
1932 K. McMahon
1933 J. Gilligan
1934 R. Carlin
1935 F. Bradley
1936 F. Bradley
1937 G. Lister
1938 W. Delacour
1939 L. Moran
1940 N. Gerathy
1941 N. Gerathy
1942 A. Burt
1943 A. Burt
1944 A. Burt
1945 D. Ratcliffe
1946 D. Ratcliffe
1947 K. McMahon
1948 B. O'Connell
1949 A. Best
1950 R. Grant
1951 R. Grant
1952 J. Taylor
1953 J. Taylor
1954 P. Pemberton
1955 B. Collins
1956 V. Davis
1957 M. Cross
1958 M. Cross
1959 G. Williams
1960 R. Franke
1961 J. Maree
1962 P. Crossley
1963 Ron Crippin
1964 Ron Crippin
1965 R. Duff
1966 Richard Crippin
1967 J. Haney
1968 B. Wood
1969 P. Doherty
1970 P. Roberts
1971 R. Morrow
1972 D. Flamer-Caldera
1973 P. Jackson
1974 P. Chown
1975 S. Walsh
1976 G. Brennan
1977 P. Wright
1978 R. McCaffray
1979 D. Anderson
1980 P. Byrnes
1981 M. Riley
1982 J. Natoli
1983 W. Hamilton
1984 R. Yates
1985 P. Regan
1986 P. Foster
1987 S. Norbury
1988 J. Puddick
1989 P. Walsh
1990 R. Lawrence
1991 D. Ventura
1992 H. Clark
1993 G. McMahon
1994 J. Rice
1995 J. Rice
1996 S. Day
1997 W. Perry
1998 B. Champion

LEAGUE CAPTAINS (First Grade)
1930 L. Lynch
1931 L. Lynch
1932 J. Dixon
1933 A. Blomgren
1934 A. Blomgren
1935 L. Morris
1936 R. Gerathy
1937 G. Lister
1938 W. Delacour
1939 L. Moran
1940 N. Gerathy
1941 N. Gerathy
1942 A. Burt
1943 A. Burt
1944 A. Burt
1945 D. Ratcliffe
1946 D. Ratcliffe
1947 K. McMahon
1948 B. O'Connell
1949 A. Best
1950 R. Grant
1951 R. Grant
1952 J. Taylor
1953 J. Taylor
1954 P. Pemberton
1955 B. Collins
1956 V. Davis
1957 M. Cross
1958 M. Cross
1959 G. Williams
1960 R. Franke
1961 J. Maree
1962 P. Crossley
1963 Ron Crippin
1964 Ron Crippin
1965 R. Duff
1966 Richard Crippin
1967 J. Haney
1968 B. Wood
1969 P. Doherty
1970 P. Roberts
1971 R. Morrow
1972 D. Flamer-Caldera
1973 P. Jackson
1974 P. Chown
1975 S. Walsh
1976 G. Brennan
1977 P. Wright
1978 R. McCaffray
1979 D. Anderson
1980 P. Byrnes
1981 M. Riley
1982 J. Natoli
1983 W. Hamilton
1984 R. Yates
1985 P. Regan
1986 P. Foster
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1989 P. Walsh
1990 R. Lawrence
1991 D. Ventura
1992 H. Clark
1993 G. McMahon
1994 J. Rice
1995 J. Rice
1996 S. Day
1997 W. Perry
1998 B. Champion

1979 T. Cogin
1980 T. Anderson
1981 J. Thomas
1982 J. Natoli
1983 D. Maroon
1984 P. Natoli
1985 T. Crowe
1986 P. Foster
1987 G. Pizzino
1988 F. Bell
1989 J. Orford
1990 M. Gollan
1991 J. Wenke
1992 J. Dickson
1993 J. Shortland
1994 S. Favan
1995 J. Campbell
1996 W. Kelly
1997 M. Mutton
1998 L. Branigan

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1955 N. Ryan
1956 K. Nichols
1957 J. Stokes
1958 M. Cross
1959 G. Williams
1960 B. Finegan
1961 D. Jackson
1962 V. Kearney
1963 J. Holt
1964 Ron Crippin
1965 R. Duff
1966 Richard Crippin
1967 J. Haney
1968 B. Donohue
1969 J. Marsh
1970 P. Roberts
1971 P. Morrow
1972 G. Pizzino
1973 J. Couani
1974 K. Haron
1975 A. Brosnan
1976 P. Tunks
1977 N. Gibbs
1978 K. Connan
1979 T. Cogin
1980 T. Anderson
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1982 J. Natoli
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**MCC Aggregate Swimming Championships**
(entered 1930)
1934 1935 1936 1937
1938 1939 1940 1941
1942 1943 1944 1945
1945 1947 1948 1949
1950 1952 1969 1971
1998

**MCC Aggregate Athletics Championships**
(entered 1930)
1937 1957 1958 1963
1964 1965 1966 1967
1983 1984 1996

**MCC Aggregate Golf Championships**
(entered 1967)
1998

**MCC Aggregate Tennis Championships**
1978 1979

**MCC First Grade Cricket Premierships**
(entered 1930)
1932 1941 1942 1943
1944 1946 1950 1959

**MCC First Grade Rugby League Premierships**
(entered 1930)
1941 1944 1951 1957
1998