



Overnewton is a school which prides itself on a close community model, from the student, teachers, parent and friends. However an important part of this greater community is the past students of the College who form a small community known as the Old Collegians Association. Upon completing studies at the College, all students are welcomed into this community and accepted as members within the Old Collegians Association. The association hopes to provide a valuable connection by career networking and community development of past students' businesses, but also continue the community feeling and social atmosphere which is part of life at the College. Whilst we are still a relatively small community compared to other alumni organisations, we are proud of the support and active members within our community.

2011 proved to be another successful and eventful year for the Old Collegians Association. This year we saw our committee grow in size with the addition of three new members. We were pleased to welcome Lee Stamatopoulos, Gavin Hansford, and Julie Morrison to the committee. They have already started assisting in broadening ideas and providing a greater coverage of graduating years within the group. Gavin and Julie, whilst being old collegians, are also parents of the school, with their children now being second generation family members.

In 2011 we again hosted our annual re-unions which, as always, proved to be a huge success. The reunions for the 1 (2010), 5 (2006), 10 (2001) and 20 (1991) year reunions were held this year with all those attending reporting that they had a fantastic time re-visiting the school and catching up with classmates of the past.

The College provide us with a venue for the function, assists in the organisation and helps finance the events, and as such, without their assistance the reunions would not be such a great success.

Following on from the precedent set last year by the Class of 1990, this year the Class of 1991 also passed the hat around at their reunion function asking for a donation towards a scholarship of their choice for a current student. The Class of 1991 collected a total of over \$1,200, which is presented in the form of a scholarship to a Year 11 student who has excelled in economics at next year's Presentation Night.

As well as the scholarship there is also a presentation of the annual Old Collegians Quiet Achiever Award. The 2011 winner of the award was Kristina Allen, who also received, as part of her award, a monetary prize donated by the Old Collegians Association. The award was presented to Kristina for being the best all rounder and for performing to the best of her ability.

Get 'Linked IN'

http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/oacc.php?page=old_collegians_linked_in

Old collegians registered on the site, can participate in the footy tipping, keep in contact with old friends, view photos, leave messages, blogs or simply reconnect with past school mates they have not heard from for a while. It is an interesting and valuable resource for past students. Over 1,300 students are currently registered on the site. This year saw the highest number of logins along with the highest number of registrations in three years. This is a great result for the program and we would encourage all old collegians to jump on board.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone for their contributions throughout the year. The committee is committed to growing the community and increasing the number of events available for past students to participate in. We encourage all past students to register on Linked IN and where possible to become involved and encourage the growth of our community and benefit from the fun and potential benefits from our Old Collegians Association.

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