

2012 proved to be another successful year for the Old Collegians Association.

Our **regular reunions** which consisted this year of the 1st (2011), 5th (2007), 10th (2002) and 20th (1992) year reunions were all a great success. Unlike many other schools we are fortunate that Overnewton funds our reunions, providing a venue, food and drinks which means they are all free of charge to those attending. We would like to thank the College for their ongoing support.

The 20 Year Reunion is a fully catered sit down dinner. This year entertainment was provided by Joyce Chahine, a current performing arts student at the College. The evening was well represented and received by all who attended and I am lead to believe, was followed by a great after-party. As is now tradition at the 20 year reunions, the Class of 1992 put a hat around at the end of the night and collected a contribution which will be awarded to a student at the College at the Presentation Night next year. The Class of 1992 has chosen to present their award to a student who excels in Science.

Further to our annual reunions we also held the popular annual Old Collegians' footy tipping competition. The footy tipping competition is hosted on our Old Collegians website, **Stay Connected** (formerly Linked IN). It can be found through the links on the OACC web page www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/oldcollegians/. This year's 1st place winner was Michelle Price (Class of 2002), whose prize has been donated by Anaconda and was presented at the one year re-union on November 30th.

Whilst facilitating the footy tipping competition, 'Stay Connected' also provides a valuable tool for keeping in contact, viewing photos, leaving messages, blogs or simply reconnecting with past school mates.

Currently there are over 1300 past students registered on the site, providing a great avenue to stay in-contact or search for past friends and keep up to date with all activities including the reunions.

September this year saw the hosting of the **current students vs. old collegians** indoor soccer match. The old collegians team consisting of players from the Class of 2008 and 2009 battled it out against the current OACC indoor soccer team umpired by Saverio Ciccone. Unfortunately the old collegians lost the match, however we hope to re-group and come home with a win next year.



The end of 2012 also saw the annual presentation of our own **Old Collegians' Quiet Achiever Award** at Presentation Night. The old collegians award is nominated by teachers at the College and is awarded to the best all rounder who has given 100%, and performed to the best of their ability. The winner has a go-getter attitude and shows enthusiasm at the College both academically and socially. This year the winner was Michaela Pitcaithly, who received a certificate in recognition of the award, plus a monetary prize donated by the Old Collegians.

Further to all the aforementioned activities, a large number of past students represented their professions at the College's annual **Careers Night**. Reports from the current students indicate that they enjoy meeting and talking with old collegians as they feel a significant connection. Thanks to all those who donated their time and participated on the night.

Finally I would like to say thanks to all the members of the committee for their time and efforts this year and all old collegians for your contributions throughout the year. Your participation keeps the Old Collegians' Association alive and moving forward into the future. Without your ongoing support the Old Collegians Association and the activities and service we provide would not exist.



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