

2013 proved to be another successful year for the Old Collegians Association, with the reinforcement of our ongoing staple traditions and activities, whilst implementing some new initiatives.

Our regular and on going tradition of hosting the 1, 5, 10 and 20 year reunion continued and again these events proved as popular as ever. This year we also held our very first international reunion, which was hosted by Jim Laussen in London and was open to all graduating year levels – it was great to provide a connection to all those studying, living, working or holidaying abroad.

As per the ongoing tradition, the Class of 1993 had a collection at their 20 year reunion for a scholarship to be awarded to a Year 12 student in 2014 who excels in a particular curriculum area, chosen by the respective graduating year. At the 20 year reunion this year, the Class of 2013 collected donations totalling \$1,235 and have decided to present their scholarship to a Year 12 student in 2014 who excels in community service.

I am also pleased to report that at this year's Presentation Night, the Class of 1992, chose to present their scholarship to a student who excelled in science; their scholarship was awarded to Daniel Morcos.

As well as the presentation of the Class of 1992 bursary, the Old Collegians Association presented the 'quiet achiever' award. This is an award, along with a monetary prize, presented to a Year 11 student who has worked consistently to the best of their ability throughout the year, and who has not received any other award. This year we presented the award to Selin Kasif. Congratulations to Selin.

Again this year we prepared and published the annual Old Collegians magazine *Murmurs* which was filled with articles and reports from Old Collegians within Australia and from around the world. Thank you to those Old Collegians who contributed to this magazine.

The annual and ever popular footy tipping competition was held again on the old collegians Stay Connected web page. First prize of our \$250 voucher, donated by Anaconda, was award to Matthew Todd from the Class of 2010. Congratulations also to Graeme Ward (Class of 2008) who came in second position and collected a \$100 Anaconda voucher, followed by Hannah Jackel (Class of 2010) in third place collecting a \$50 voucher. Thanks once again to Anaconda Stores for their generous sponsorship of our footy tipping competition.

This year we have also created our new line of merchandise. As Overnewton old collegians we are just as proud of our school, and where we were brought up, as those of other ivy league colleges, so we thought what better way to show our pride than to create some old collegians merchandise. Currently we have hoodies, both in the jumper and zip up varieties, USB sticks, bumper stickers and key rings available to our old collegians. I'm confident that in 20 years time, our old collegians' hoodies and merchandise will be as sought after as a Harvard or Oxford jumper.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Overnewton and the Board for all their help and assistance over the year. Without their ongoing support and funding the activities and presence of the Old Collegians Association as we see it, would not be a possibility. And thank you also to all the old collegians who attend reunions, send in news and pics, have bought merchandise, or participated in the footy tipping competition. Without your interaction the Old Collegians Association would not be possible.

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