

This year I attended the College's 30th anniversary Gala Ball and it got me thinking how time has flown, and how such a number has managed to creep up on me. Since I left the school in 1998 a further 3000 old collegians have graduated, in addition to the 1200 or so that graduated before me. All of whom have joined that special exclusive club of the Overnewton Old Collegian. Our community of old collegians is growing at a constant steady rate, branching out all over the world and will soon compete with the alumni of the many other old well-established schools, and why wouldn't they. We have former Overnewton students that have made a mark all over the world, from sporting stars to high flying corporates, lawyers and doctors. We have alumni in senior government positions as well as business owners employing hundreds of people. There are electricians, plumbers, nurses, teachers, police officers, accountants and many more. The reach of our community is spreading and weaving its way across the world. To think how far we have spread in 30 years and then to consider the reach of our alumni network in the next 20 years is staggering.

When I looked around at the people at the 30th Gala Ball and also remember those that I meet along the way at other such Overnewton events and reunions, I realise that there is also an ever-increasing number of old collegians re-entering the College community. Currently there are 45 second generation Overnewton students at the school with the number increasing every year. Every one of these families speaks of how they are enjoying their second experience at the College as a parent just as much as they did as a student.

Our reunions program is now becoming so enshrined in the culture of the old collegians, that this year our 1 year reunion had the biggest turn out ever recorded at any reunion. So, it is great to see that the reunions are being embraced so strongly throughout the old collegians community.

Thank you for another great year, it is your contributions that keep our community alive and ensures everyone benefits from the rewards that come from a community like ours.

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