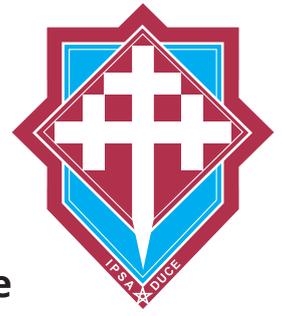


Ipsa Duce



An occasional publication from Kavanagh College

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Vale, Tracy O'Brien



It was with shock and profound sadness that the Kavanagh College community learned of the passing of our principal, Tracy O'Brien on the morning of Tuesday March 19th.

Tracy grew up on the East Coast of the North Island and attended Whakatane High School

where he was a schoolboy rugby star, and Head Boy in his final year. Tracy then completed his degree at the University of Auckland. Tracy was a strong academic performer – attaining a Diploma in Teaching, Trained Teachers Certificate, and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in History and Education). In later years Tracy completed his Master of Educational Leadership through the Australian Catholic University.

Tracy's early teaching was in Auckland. Stints at Dilworth and Kings College preceded a 14 year career at Rosmini College. At Rosmini Tracy covered everything from the tutor teacher's role to subject teacher (Economics, Religious Education, History, English, Social Studies, Tikanga Maori and Physical Education) to HOD (Economics), Dean then Assistant Principal.

A year spent as Acting Principal at Hato Petera College in Northcote whetted Tracy's appetite for principalship and after a year back at Rosmini, Tracy won the position as Founding Principal at Cullinane College in Whanganui. Drawing together two single-sex schools will be a familiar scenario to many of us here and

Tracy managed to unify the groups with his trademark honesty and humour.

In 2010 Tracy was appointed as Kavanagh College's third principal. Relocating south with wife Vicky and children Nathan and Caitlin, Tracy wasted no time in immersing himself in the southern lifestyle. Joining Rotary, the St Clair Golf Club, Dunedin Rugby Club and MICE (Men in Catholic Education), Tracy was a valued and valuable contributor to all these groups.

In his educational capacity, Tracy at various times sat on the executive of NAPCSS (National Association of Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools), SPANZ (Secondary Principals Association of NZ), OSSSA (Otago Secondary Schools Sports Association) and multiple other committees and Ministerial Task Forces as required. Tracy was also a valued mentor to new principals and was a major force in the establishment of the Dunedin Catholic Community of Learning (CoL).

Tracy's time at Kavanagh was not without it's challenges. The Catholic Church came under intense scrutiny for previous sins and a local campaign to change the name of the College kept Tracy on his toes. He was unflappable, and remained a man centred with exactly the sort of compass needed in times like this. Tracy's tenure was marked with tolerance, compassion and humanity. Whenever things went a bit wonky for anyone in the community – staff, students or parents – Tracy provided an ear, a shoulder or when needed a voice.

Vale Tracy Alan O'Brien – Third Principal of Kavanagh College.

By Mike Campbell

Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Tane
The totara has fallen in the forest of Tane

Osten Shield goes to 8HAI



The inaugural winner of the Osten Shield was 8Hai. The shield was awarded to the Y7 or Y8 tutor class best epitomising the values of teamwork, mateship and camaraderie - the very values treasured by Lyn Osten who passed away just over a year ago. A very pleased looking Shaun Haig and two of 8Hai's finest - Sophia Kevill and Jamaica Cabantoc receive the Shield from Katelyn and Jemma Osten at last year's prizegiving.

Congratulations! - Stop Press

The Kavanagh Girls Handball team are national champions - the team was triumphant at the Secondary Schools Tournament in Christchurch in early April. The Boys team was a heroic second.

Erika Fairweather smashed a 43-year-old swimming

record at the national age-group champs over the holidays. Just for good measure Erika broke another three records and won eight gold medals. Crikey.

Maescha Fox has been selected to attend the National Shakespeare Schools Production in Wellington.

How good is your general knowledge *by Arizona McFarlane*

- What is the 7th planet from the sun?
a. Mars b. Uranus
c. Saturn d. pluto
- What is the world's longest river?
a. Amazon
b. The Nile
c. Mississippi river
d. Yellow river
- What is a group of lions called?
a. Pack b. Heard
c. Murder d. Pride
- How many versions of the iPhone are there?
a. 10 b. 15
c. 12 d. 17
- How many legs does a butterfly have
a. 4 b. 6
c. 8 d. 2
- How many colours and in a rainbow
a. 6 b. 8
c. 9 d. 7
- What is the capital of England
a. London
b. Liverpool
c. York
d. Manchester
- How many stars are on the American flag?
a. 50 b. 30
c. 25 d. 60
- How many people have walked on the moon
a. 11 b. 12
c. 6 d. 3
- What year did JFK die
a. 1965 b. 1970
c. 1963 d. 1976

Welcome to the first edition of Ipsa Duce for 2019. With the retirement of former editor, the redoubtable Mrs Ireland-Kenny, the Y12 Media Studies class has taken up its publication. With a hotchpotch of editorial features and photography, mostly contributed by the students, we hope our inaugural issue hits the spot.

Ben O'Farrell (Head Boy 2016) talks to Cormac Kelly

After finishing up at this fine school in 2016, I was without an idea of what I wanted to do long term (still pretty much are) however knowing I didn't want to study.

Football had always been a dream and also to travel, so I worked whatever jobs were going in Dunedin then booked a one way ticket to Europe. I had a friend who played football in Iceland and he managed to get me some trials in a small village up the very north where there was a former Champions League club that now plays in the Icelandic 4th division. Here I shivered through the summer playing footy, working in a fish factory (can't recommend) and cutting grass while grabbing any opportunity available to explore Iceland's ludicrous landscapes. Socially it was tough fitting in as the Nordics are notoriously closed off people which led to me leaving early. This was to be the pinnacle of my footballing career, the European cuisine that

followed in the next eight months made sure of that.

After Iceland I was eager to travel and spent a lot of time volunteering in places like Taize and helping refugees in Greece, this was a cheap way to live and meet awesome people which is great when solo travelling (can recommend). Eventually I ran out of money so three months later I came home, where it was great to see the fam and friends again. Still having no idea what to do and feeling burnt out I started temp working again and here the realization struck me that maybe studying wasn't a bad option. So I signed up for a course in Human Geography at Otago Uni and have gradually began to love it, only wish I paid more attention at school.



Clubs - Debating

Cormac Kelly finds out what they're talking about with Ms Maggie McGarry

What is the Debating club?

Debating Club is a weekly group that meets up every Thursday and we do practice debates, have seminars with debating coaches on how to get better at debating and help prepare speeches for the Bishops Shield Debating competitions. We also compete in Dunedin Schools Debating (DSD) competitions annually against other junior and senior teams from around Dunedin

Who can join the team?

Anyone is able to join, but to compete at DSD or at Bishops Shield you have to be at least Year Nine for

junior and Year 11 for senior. We meet every Thursday after school from 3:00-4:30, and compete every two weeks at DSD from about 4:00 to 6:00

What has inspired the growth of the Debating club?

I think the main reason for the growth in the debating club is because of the success we have had at competitions at a regional level. Last year, we had Sam Meikle make it onto the Otago Development squad, which means you get extra training on how to be a better debater, as well as having both a junior and Senior team making it to the DSD semi finals. This year, Rosa Latton made it onto the Region all Development Squad, and all our teams seem to be doing well in DSD so far.

Eva Blucher and Skyla Bell talk to our new Head of English Mrs Emma Harris.

Mrs Harris is the new Head of English here at Kavanagh

With a Masters and PhD in English Literature, and also has a degree in Art History, Mrs Harris is superbly qualified for the role. Born in England, in a county called Kent Mrs Harris has lived in New Zealand for 28 years, but only moved to Dunedin recently. Mrs Harris moved to New Zealand as a teenager, when her family immigrated to Auckland to find work.

After getting her masters in English, she wanted to get her doctorate. However, she needed money to do that. She found out that there was a shortage of English teachers, so she entered a free teachers scholarship and to her surprise discovered she enjoyed teaching. She taught for two years before heading back to get her doctorate, and teaching at Uni. Needing money again, she went back to high school teaching, this time staying and has been teaching for fifteen years.

So far Mrs Harris has been enjoying it at Kavanagh, finds the students to be unique, “warm, and switched on, and funny.”

Mrs Harris thinks the worst part of teaching is marking, especially as an English teacher, as it can be easy to be distracted from the ideas in a text, instead looking at punctuation, and spelling. It can also take a long time, and she often has to work at night and on weekends.

On the other hand, her favourite part of teaching is being able to talk about the things she loves all day - books, language, film - and getting paid to do it! She loves the energy of the classroom, as she’s rather quiet in home life - if she could, she would spend her life playing games, knitting, and reading books.

At home she loves doing crafts, and has a very artistic family, but she can’t draw. She likes to write poetry, knit, crochet, embroider, and all the “old lady crafts”. She loves the process of making things, and has done so since she was a child.

Mrs Harris also loves playing video games, with her favourite being Skyrim, along with any immersive fantasy/sci-fi RPG, Assassin’s Creed, and Fable to name a few.



At home Mrs Harris has a black cat called Mog who is an inside joke with her family, because of an award-winning short film her husband wrote about a black cat. She prefers cats to dogs, and feels too busy for any other pet.

In school her favourite subjects were Biology, History, Art History, and of course, English.

Her favourite novel at the moment is *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro, a fairy tale with dark undertones. In literature she has very varied tastes with some of her favourite authors being Marjane Satrapi, Ahmed Rushdie, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Margaret Atwood.

Some of her role models include her English teacher from high school as well as Simone de Beauvoir, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, and Audrey Hepburn.

Mrs Harris has many ideas for changes here at Kavanagh, but is going to wait a year to get a feel for the school, and see what’s best for the students here. For now she’d like to encourage reading and enjoying literature.

A tribute from Craig McLennan

Mr O'Brien was a friend to everyone at Kavanagh College. He always knew how to tell a joke that people always laughed at, or mostly. Even at those assemblies he was his good self although they were sometimes a bit boring. Whether he was telling you off behind closed doors, or laughing on the field he was always a good person. But sadly he unexpectedly passed away.

When the words came out from Mr Steve Read's mouth the whole room went quiet, both with sadness and because people didn't know what to think. They just couldn't believe that he had left us. After everyone found out we were all very sad and we all went around hugging each other to show we are all one big community.

On the Thursday we all had an open community Mass for Mr O'Brien to celebrate the life of a remarkable person and a great principal. Mr O'Brien also had other interests at school besides dealing with the trouble makers. He had a strong relationship with sports at the College. He was at most of the First 15 matches. He was always on the stage presenting badges awards and sports awards.

I had the honour of getting my first referee whistle and cards given to me on stage by Mr O'Brien. He decided to play a little joke on me in front of the school. I went up to get my cards and whistle and Mr O'Brien gave me a yellow card. It was one of the best moments I've ever had with the man. After that me and Mr O'Brien had a good friendship. Pretty much everytime we saw each other we would have a talk on our way to class followed by a hand shake or a fist bump.



Oops! A measuring activity didn't end quite so well for Sophie Golden, Jess Lester and Tom McDade



8CAM 2018 finished off the year by unloading and sorting over 5000 cans from the Dunedin Christmas Can Appeal. Dunedin Young Vinnies co ordinator Mark Currie (8CAM, 2006) is the bushy-haired, mustachioed chap left centre.

Joseph Brennan, Christopher Caulton and Oliver Lodge reflect on a successful orienteering event.



Late in Term One, Year 10 Māori Studies students and Year 13 mentors spent a week in Paradise, Glenorchy

This was a new destination for the annual Year 10 Māori Studies leadership wānanga/camp and it did not disappoint. Our home for the week was a small clearing in a beautiful beech/tāwhai forest, nestled between two stunning mountains - Mt Earnslaw/Pikrakatahi (2830m) and Mt Alfred/Ari. These two iconic mountains that dominate the top of Lake Wakatipu provided a breathtaking backdrop.

The purpose of the camp was to “get off the grid” and retrace the footsteps of Māori who once used the Dart Valley/Te Awa Whakatipu and Greenstone, Caples and Route Burn valleys as greenstone trails/ngā ara pounamu.

We packed in a huge amount into five days and a highlight for me was the school visit to Glenorchy Primary School on Thursday morning. The local kids and principal, Mrs Paula Miller, loved the way our students taught them about ngā ara pounamu/greenstone trails, toi ataata/visual art and ngā tākaro/traditional games. A very special morning indeed.

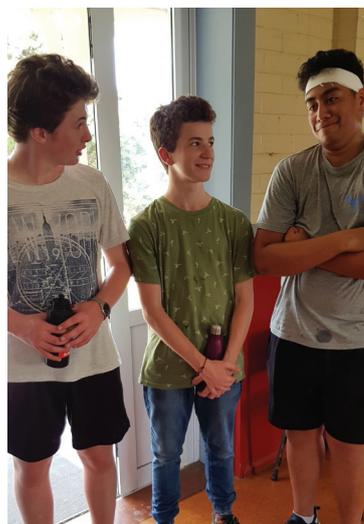
Lastly, a huge thank you to our kaimahi/staff - Mrs Julie Buchanan, Steve Cogger, Emma Young, Theresa White and our Year 13 mentors Raumati Hanning, Cassius Marunui, Niko Tili, Temika Apuwai-Bishop and Te Wheturangi Aitken for such great contribution and team work.



Y12 Retreats

Three Y12 retreats were conducted at Tirohanga Camp late last term. The retreats were one day each and were warmly received by the students and the staff who led them. The Y13s have their overnight retreats later this term.

Pictured below: Jamie Church and Elisha Cowan take a break between reflections. Kieran Kelly, Sam Meikle and Emmanuel Toilolo have a chat about something.



SOUTHERN LIGHTS & SERVICES LTD. May 8 and 10 7PM, May 9 6PM 2019
 Adults: \$18, Students: \$10, Seniors: \$10, Under 5 Free
 Kavanagh College Auditorium, Cnr York Place And Tennyson St
 Tickets From School Office

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 Original Broadway Production Directed By **MARTIN CHARNIN**
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The Academic Blues remains one of the premier events on the College calendar and this year saw us celebrate our biggest group ever. Just under 90 students across Years 11-13 2018 attained at least 50 excellence credits.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr Trudy Sullivan who gave an informative and thoughtful speech about her academic journey from short-hand typing at Moreau College, to small-business owner then further study that led to her current role at the University of Otago. Dr Sullivan is a Health Economist in the Dept of Preventive and Social Medicines.

Congratulations to Top Scholars Andrew Wilson - Year 11, Ruoren (Stephen) Xu -Year 12 and Aoao (Aubrey) Li - Year 13.



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April in history

On April 8th 2013 Margaret Thatcher passed away at the age of 87 at the Ritz Hotel in London which she had been staying at since December 2012.



The 9th of April marks 353 years since the first public art exhibition at the

Palais-Royale in Paris that took place in 1667.

In 1970 on April 10th Paul McCartney officially announced the split of the Beatles.



On the 11th of April the Titanic stopped at Queenstown, Ireland at 12:30pm to pick up its last



passengers before beginning its fateful journey to New York City in the United States of America.

On April 12th a Russian cosmonaut called Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the earth in 1961.



Kavanagh College Athletic Sports 2019



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