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FROM THE MASTER

Gregory C Eddy
Master and Chief Executive

From almost the moment we arrived at King's in 2005, Thérèse and I talked of how best to engage with the King's and broader communities – and so “Drinks on the Deck” at the Master's Residence was born. It still exists today, most recently **ENGAGING** with the parents of the College's rowers on the night before the ICC Regatta and earlier in the year with long-time friends of the College.

Engagement has been critical to King's for several years and so, in this edition of the Wyvern, we show how the College today is engaging with our own community but more importantly, with those outside the College and the University.

“Drinks on the Deck” at our home has been responsible for finding many Collegians their first job after graduation. It is not at all unusual for a student to be introduced to the partner or similar of a firm and the next they know they are having coffee in the city and considering their career prospects. It happens everywhere at King's and this engagement is central to the College's career and employability strategy.

In support of the wider St Lucia community the Deputy Master, Peter Walker introduced our students to Bushcare whereby King's has taken responsibility to engage with the St Lucia community to improve the riverbank west of the College's boundary.

There are so many initiatives of this nature and far too many to mention here but you will see them as you scan the magazine.

One significant area of engagement which deserves my attention is the engagement of women at King's College. In our first year of co-residency (2020) the population of women was 22% of the College. This year it is 33% or about 110. We anticipate the figure will be around 40% in 2022. What a tremendous social and cultural impact they have all had on the life of the College. It is subtle but clearly apparent. There was nothing subtle about their rowing though - who would ever have imagined that the Women's VIII would win the ICC Regatta and that our women rowers would win the overall ICC regatta in only their second year. What an extraordinary achievement by them!!

Thank you all for your support of King's in the first semester of 2021. It is proving to be a very special year and I look forward to engaging with many of you in the second semester and beyond!

From the KCSC President

Last year during the peak of COVID-19, the prospect of an entire college community coming together for a small event seemed strange. However in 2021, student engagement is at an all-time high, more so than I've seen in my three years at King's.

Being on the KCSC executive last year, it was a daily struggle to attempt to think of new (COVID safe) activities that could possibly be viable for the entire college engagement. This year has been quite the opposite. In such a confusing time for the world, King's College in 2021 has maintained a sense of normality and is still providing a holistic university experience.

All of the student leadership team has been blown away by the community of the Fresher cohort and returning students, whose experience in 2020 may have been tarnished due to the unforeseen circumstances. I'm so grateful to be able to experience so many community driven activities alongside my Kingsmen and Kingswomen such as Bushcare, King's at Home/Away and other UQ College events. In addition, community engagement in the past six months has been demonstrated in the clean-up Australia day initiative lead by our Vice President, Bryce Harrison, gathering over 90 King's students and our first ever Mental Health walk lead by our Sergeant At Arms, Will Harding, gaining an admirable amount of attraction too.

I've said many times this year to the Master, Greg Eddy, and Deputy Master, Peter Walker, that we have a first-class Executive group and Student Leadership Team that have formed great bonds over our three years together. We have received kudos for our leadership so far. However, in my personal opinion it's easy to run a Students' Club when the students are well behaved and genuinely good people. The residents at King's in 2021 are truly a special bunch. The second-year students are eager to catch up on the events that they missed out on last year and open to the new experiences and the Freshers have been fantastic at stepping out of their comfort zone which was exemplified in O Week. I can say from the third-year cohort that the remainder of 2021 will be a time to remember for the King's College community. I hope that the students returning home for the mid-semester holidays have a great report about their first semester. Being the KCSC President this year has been an absolute privilege so far, I hope everyone has a great holiday and I look forward to the rest of the year – keep up the good work!

James Murray

L-R: Bryce Harrison, Vice President KCSC with James Murray





FROM THE DEPUTY MASTER

One of the first events held at the College this year was the Wise Wyverns' Lunch. By the number in attendance it was evident many were happy to once again take the opportunity to engage with the College community. Peter Walker, Deputy Master, provided the address, giving an overview of how the College has successfully transitioned to co-residency since it was announced in March 2019. Both factual and observational, the following is Peter's address.

It has been two years since the Wise Wyverns' lunch was last held and one or two major events have occurred at King's during that time. So I do have to say that when Greg asked me to speak about co-residency and COVID, while also keeping it brief, I thought he was having a laugh. But I will attempt, in a short space of time, to give some insight into the journey we've had over the last two years and into two areas that don't immediately appear to have a close or obvious connection. And in advance I'll apologise for glossing over anything that seems important or interesting.



Going back to the beginning, two years ago in March 2019, immediately following the announcement about co-residency the most noticeable impact for most were the mixed emotions and heightened discussion within the wider King's community about the decision and the impact it might have. But there were a number of less obvious impacts that people didn't see. The first of those was our workload! While considerable planning had already been completed for co-residency the real work in implementing that planning took place from that point on. The Co-residency Implementation Committee, which still meets regularly to this day, was established to examine absolutely everything our community does, from the mundane operational issues, to decisions over what our members would receive at the Enrolment Dinner in Orientation Week, to examining every inch of the facilities, including the number of cardio machines and weights in the gym. So we became very, very busy.

The second hidden impact was the significant interest we received online. We knew the announcement would garner some attention, and that this would produce a spike in the number of visitors to our website for a short time, and that certainly happened. But then the increase in visitors produced by the spike never went away. Our already popular website was now bringing in double the visitors every month.

Away from the numbers there were also a number of events that began the process of socially transitioning King's from male only to co-residential. In July 2019 our first women student leaders were appointed, including Annika Luebbe, our first woman in our most senior appointed student role, Associate Dean of Students, who was awarded First Class honours last year and has received the 2021 Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship this year (see Annika's article on page 9). In conjunction with this we had also identified our first female applicant, Lilly Woods, who is now one of our outstanding Residential Assistants, and received applications from residents of other colleges looking to transfer, including Sarah Robinson, the daughter of our current President Brett Robinson who is now the Women's Representative on the Student Club executive. So these indications of change, some time, and lots of discussion around co-residency brought about a growing acceptance around the changes that were occurring.

And then we started to see changes in our application numbers for 2020. Our best year for applications had been 2012, our Centenary year. However in August 2019, immediately following the UQ Open Day, on which we received twice the number of visitors expected, our application numbers rose dramatically and just kept climbing, becoming the largest number of applications received on record. Among the 2019 cohort, the success of our incoming applications continued to fuel strong interest in returning for 2020. Numbers were as strong as ever, as were nominations for roles on the Student Club Executive, and applications from returning men to be part of the Residential Assistant team.

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So in February 2020 we found ourselves beginning our first year of co-residency with 100% occupancy, something we hadn't achieved since 2015. Demand was such that decommissioned rooms were recommissioned as we attempted to fulfill the interest we were seeing. From a numbers perspective we found ourselves with the same number of returners we would normally see, 43% of our incoming cohort were women, 33% of our Associate Members were women and we were operating at 102% occupancy!

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Now, as we did with everything for 2020 we spent considerable time engaging, consulting and reviewing how we would adapt our programs and services for a co-residential environment, and O Week in 2020 was no different. As the King's Orientation Week has a boot camp nature to it and we had thought there might be need for a number of changes to the program following this consultation. So we were slightly surprised when the O Week planning committee, which included a number of our new women leaders and staff, were adamant that the events, activities, and the boot camp nature of the week, should remain. And so the program for 2020 looked remarkably similar to the previous year's program, albeit with an increased system of 'check ins' by the Residential Assistants with the first years to ensure they were doing okay. In fact, the most significant change for the whole week was the introduction of yoga to the morning PT program.

Of course there was a lot of uncertainty amongst the student leaders as to how events would go, would our new members be involved, would they opt out. But participation levels were as high as ever and the end result was a week thoroughly enjoyed by all, as shown in the Orientation Week survey in which the results were higher than in previous years.

2020 had started extremely well. We were at 102% capacity. We had a co-residential community. We had a highly successful Orientation Week. Sports were starting and we were excited to see how our teams would perform, ICC Cultural programs were gearing up, and the social events were enthusiastically enjoyed. Culturally, based on our observations, conversations, and focus groups we've had over the last year, our women, who I should point out reported feeling welcomed and supported as part of the King's community, were still very much aware that this was the first year of co-residency and that they were the first cohort of women to be members. They were distinctly aware that only a few months earlier King's had been a male only environment and so for some the full sense of belonging hadn't quite been established. Some of our returning men still had a tendency to think of King's as a male only College that just had some women, now officially, living in it. We knew that the transition to co-residency was going to take time, and a lot of it, and we knew from other colleges who had transitioned that changing these mindsets could take many years. So we were prepared for the long haul.

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Then, just as we were becoming settled and comfortable that all had gone to plan, the Master asked me to form a group to examine the threat of this mystery virus, COVID-19, and how King's might respond should it ever make its ways to our shores. So at the beginning of 2020 the first meeting of the King's Coronavirus Response Group, also known as Corona Club, was held. We were somewhat fortunate to have had some experience managing outbreaks, most notably the Norovirus outbreak that occurred during Orientation Week of 2018, which saw 50 students become unwell and require considerable care and isolation. As a result, we had recent and thorough pandemic response documentation that outlined the types of actions and processes required to respond to these types of situations. So we set about reviewing this information and formulating our response.



And then in mid-March 2020 everything started to change in ways no one had foreseen as the first local cases in Brisbane were announced. COVID-19 had arrived. On that same day we had approx. 500 students attending a function in the city, the King's Away and only two days later an event to celebrate the Triple J's hottest 100, which would be the last major event we would hold for semester one.

On the one hand our previous experience and recent work had set us up nicely to respond to the outbreak. Regular and direct communications were set up with residents and their parents. Extra touch point cleaning was introduced. Educational information was thoroughly disseminated. Hand sanitiser was everywhere. We checked in with all of our residents and we managed the fears and concerns for all involved. But it was also completely new territory for the modern world. The situation changed daily, new cases, new restrictions. One day the universities are pausing teaching for a week, then suddenly they were pausing for in-person teaching until further notice. International borders to some countries closed. Then some interstate borders closed. Everyone was tense and the months of March, April and May were particularly tumultuous with how quickly circumstances changed as the world learnt, or began learning, how to manage this pandemic.

For our residents the concerns firstly centered around being able to get home and then around being safe in a high density living environment. A small number left for their family home immediately, with the bulk of those who stayed away for semester one, about a third of the College, doing so from Easter onwards. We had made the decision early on, sometime in March when other colleges were sending all their residents away, that King's was our residents home, and that we would do all we needed to make the community safe and that we would not close unless directed to by the authorities.

For those who remained there was the struggle of contending with restrictions around the number of people that could be in any one space at any one time. Rigorous spatial distancing meant the dinner queue went out the Dining Hall and out the front door. Room restrictions required us to setup outdoor dining to accommodate everyone and we were fortunate that we had fine and settled weather.

But asking young people to do something that didn't come naturally, namely stay away from each other, was a major point of tension. And at the same time the world outside had shut down. No sports, no nightclubs, no in-person university, no jobs to go off to. In light of the torture-esque nature of the restrictions in place, one of the hardest decisions we were forced to make was the closure of the gym for a period of time, as while the students understood they were heartbroken to lose the last outlet of fun and freedom they had. From a College perspective they were still aided by an outstanding support system and academic program. Otherwise there was little sunshine in the world for our members.

However, while everything closed down and the world bathed in COVID misery, something remarkable happened. Without the distractions of an overburdened and busy modern lifestyle, movies, nightclubs, sports etc, our residents found that their socialisation had to occur at home. They engaged by talking to each other more, sat at dinner longer. Much to our collective frustration without the ability to go to the pub they gathered in mostly small groups and socialised until the wee hours here at King's. And as the murky haze of COVID lockdown began to clear late in semester one, the new normal was being established, confidence in the management of COVID by the authorities was growing and it became clear that a new community had been developed at King's. One that was far more cohesive than we had ever seen previously and which had cast off the awkward, newly co-residential nature it had experienced earlier.

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I don't think we truly realised the extent of the change until people who had been away for some time began returning towards the end of semester one and commenting on how it felt like a completely different community. The COVID restrictions also reinforced the importance of community and human connection for those who had been away, and being part of King's had become even more important for them.

The new normal and our new community converged on semester two with a vengeance, determined to make up for all the time lost in semester one. Modified intercollege sport and cultural programs were back, staff returned from working from home, the tutorial program was in full swing, as were nightclubs and socialising. We even had an annual ball, attended by 600 people, at which everyone was required to be seated when they had a drink in hand. I do believe, due to the massive number of events that semester, Greg and I have never been quite so exhausted but it was a wonderful return to college life, especially for the 'new' King's College.

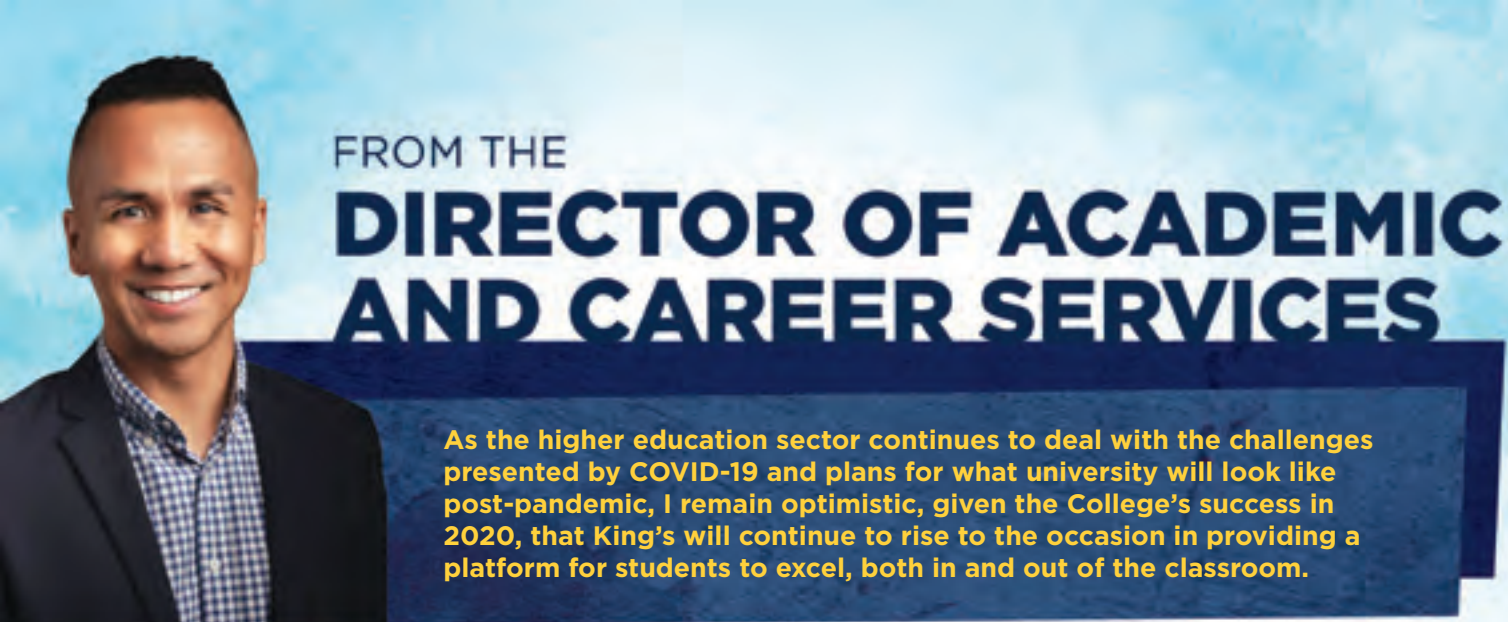
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And that, almost, brings us to now. Throughout 2020 we had been concerned for what would occur to application numbers for 2021. Would students and families be willing to leave the safety of the family home and go to college in uncertain times? We needn't have worried. At the same time, we were excited about the return of college life, we also found ourselves becoming excited about the explosion of applications.

For 2021 we received more applications from new students than ever before and, we believe, the largest number of applications to any one college at UQ. Add to this the largest number of returning resident applications and over 50 applications for Associate Membership, we now have a community of 381 current and active members. So far, that community has been considerably more settled. Women are not new to the College and there is confidence within the community about our co-residential status. We saw 206 people, the largest ever, take part in O Week and the survey results for O Week are the best we've ever seen. Subjectively I see that our community is more proactive in managing mental health, we have higher levels of respect and a willingness to 'engage' that is being outstandingly role modelled by our student leaders. Perhaps most importantly King's has not lost the competitive spirit, the desire to win, the comradery, the mate ship, or the will to succeed that has always made King's such a special community.

Peter Walker
Deputy Master





FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SERVICES

As the higher education sector continues to deal with the challenges presented by COVID-19 and plans for what university will look like post-pandemic, I remain optimistic, given the College's success in 2020, that King's will continue to rise to the occasion in providing a platform for students to excel, both in and out of the classroom.

As we have already seen in Semester 1 2021, Australian universities are progressively reintroducing more opportunities for student cohorts to engage with their classes, or at least parts thereof, in-person. This return to the classroom looks set to continue in Semester 2 2021, as many universities are transitioning back to only two modes of delivery – internal (in-person) or external (online). From the feedback we have received from those at King's who have already been able to participate in face-to-face teaching this semester, these changes will be warmly welcomed by students. As well as allowing them to reconnect with peers, the ability to engage in person with university lecturers, tutors, and classmates that comes with a return to campus is widely understood to benefit their learning.

This type of feedback reiterates the importance of places like King's College – and, in particular, the personalised academic and career services on offer here. Through King's academic and career services, students are able to access direct in-person support to help them fully engage with their studies from the very outset of their degree through to their transition into the workforce. We offer a comprehensive weekly tutorial program currently covering 130+ specialised subject areas, an academic writing consultant, a 'Flourishing at University' series, and study skills workshops, as well as academic advice and support across the student lifecycle. Given that studying at university to achieve an academic qualification is the single point of commonality between all King's students, this makes the Academic and Careers Program one of the most widely engaged services at the College.

Just as the tutorial program is currently operating on the largest scale in the College's history, **King's Careers & Employability Program** has also increased over the last few years. Assisting King's students to expand their networks and be job-ready individuals capable of joining the workforce, this program revolves around the provision of opportunities for students to engage with industry experts through regular careers events and information sessions.

For example, King's runs a range of workshops on how to write effective CVs and cover letters, how to create and maintain a professional online presence, and how to enhance soft skills, like public speaking. The College also offers further opportunities to engage with industry leaders through field-specific networking events, such as the Cooper Foote (Law), Broomhead Feros (Business, Commerce & Economics), Watson Miles (Engineering & IT), and Whyte Pegg (Health & Medical Sciences) annual society events.

Such has been the engagement to date with Academic and Career Services at King's that, due to the increased demand on the portfolio and our plans to carry on growing and enhancing these services, the College has recently appointed an Associate Director of Academic & Career Services, Lynda Murphy. Lynda will work alongside me to continue supporting students academically, but will primarily focus on developing a formal mentorship program for the College and on enhancing existing opportunities for both current students and Old Collegians within the employability and careers space. Lynda comes to King's after several years on the Student Employability Team within the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture, and Information Technology (EAIT) at The University of Queensland – one of the largest faculties at UQ. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the student employability and careers space having supported and worked with over 7,000 students and academic staff in the EAIT Faculty, and previously in her role as the National Career Services Manager for a Brisbane-based registered training organisation. During her time at UQ, Lynda received a UQ Award for Excellence in Teaching & Learning for programs that enhance learning, and a Faculty Citation for Excellence in Student Learning. She holds a postgraduate qualification in Careers Education and Development from RMIT University, Melbourne.

Given her passion for working with university students, her background in recruitment, and her invaluable experience with connecting students to industry, we are excited to have Lynda on board and working with me on these projects.

Over the next several months as Lynda and I roll out new projects in the Careers and Employability Program at King's there will be a range of opportunities for Old Collegians and those in the King's Community to engage further in the life of the College. We will soon be sending out additional information via the College's various communication platforms for individuals to provide us with their updated information and to confirm their interest in participating in our new mentoring program, for example.

Whatever the years ahead bring for the higher education sector, and the broader economy, King's looks forward to continue providing meaningful opportunities, like these, for our current students and Old Collegians to ensure they are best positioned to succeed with their studies and career plans. We look forward to engaging with you all on this important work.

All the very best,
Tony Andres



Welcome Lynda, our new Associate Director of Academic & Career Services

Living, learning and Engaging

AT KING'S 2020

As the first female Associate Dean of Students, I remember thinking 2020 was bound to be a challenging and ground-breaking year given King's first year of co-residency...little did we know a global pandemic would swoop in and take our thunder.



Annika with fellow 2020 Associate Deans of Students (ADOS), Damon Cook & Callum Tucker

Fortunately, we were able to keep the doors open throughout the year, and as a college, maintained some level of normalcy. I think I speak for many when I say that this was vital in keeping us all sane! Being a part of a community is at the core of college life and being able to (socially distanced and safely) continue to be involved was fantastic.

In a year where 'engagement' looked a lot like zoom meetings, we were still able to make the most of the opportunities that King's provides, as well as joining in on the fun. With a senior leadership position, this was a tricky act to balance at times but also extremely rewarding. I have to thank my RA team for reminding me to focus a little more on the fun side at times too!

Having very little else to do, thanks to COVID, I found myself engaging in my studies more than ever. This was not without the incredible support of the talented academic team on hand. I cannot thank Tony, Brian and all my tutors enough for their help and guidance – getting me through my final year of undergrad, helping to clarify my thesis, apply for scholarships, and encouraging me to work hard in order to reap the rewards.

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At the beginning of last year, I would not have believed you if you said by 2021 I would have graduated with first class honours, been awarded the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship, and started a PhD in the Faculty of Medicine. I truly think being at King's allowed me to achieve those accomplishments, and for that I am ever-grateful. Being one year out of college has reinforced how amazing the support systems are at King's and how beneficial and crucial, they were to my successes.

In a year fraught with challenges, Greg and Peter and the team, the Residential Assistants, Execs, and my fellow Associate Deans managed to pull through and make an enjoyable and memorable year and one about which I will always reminisce fondly. Being at King's taught me many things and perhaps the biggest take away is the importance of supporting one another as a community through times of need and unease.

I am genuinely so grateful to have had this opportunity, grateful to the whole King's community that welcomed me (and all female residents) so graciously and with open arms, and grateful to look back and be proud of what we all achieved in such a trying year.

Annika Luebke (King's 2020)

2020 King's Scholar

At this year's Commemoration Dinner in May, the King's Scholar medallion for the 2020 academic year was presented to Toby Buckley (King's 2018-20). Toby is just the second King's student to receive this award twice – having also received the 2019 award.

Toby graduated with a Bachelor of Biomedical Science degree from UQ in December 2020 with a cumulative GPA of 6.71 over 3 years. During his undergraduate studies, he was a recipient of the prestigious UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship and achieved the Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence in multiple semesters.

In addition to using his talents to regularly tutor high school students he has also been a member of the UQ Premedical Society, an Academic Residential Assistant supporting students at King's, and a recipient of the Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship.

Toby is now enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine Program at UQ and is thoroughly enjoying the challenges and rigor of medical school. Looking ahead, Toby would like to work in anaesthetics or emergency medicine and then join the global humanitarian organisation, Doctors Without Borders, to assist in conflict zones and countries affected by endemic diseases. Huge congratulations and well done again, Toby!



North, South, East, West

Increasingly King's is becoming a destination for women and men from all corners of the Nation when considering their higher education options.

Historically the College's cohort was derived from a regional, remote Queensland centric population, (with a small interstate & international cohort). More so than ever, it has become increasingly evident the geographical catchment for King's is broadening. Students are engaging with the College, Australia wide. Old & current students, school career coordinators are encouraging students, friends and family to research options further afield and experience university life in new surroundings.

Students from Darwin, Tasmania, Perth and yes...the Redland Bay (just to the East) were asked how they became part of the King's Community. **Here are their stories...**



West My move from Western Australia to Queensland was purely to help me get out of my comfort zone and gain life experience outside of Perth. I had studied one year of podiatry at The University of Western Australia after high school, but I didn't feel like it was right for me. I applied to UQ and got accepted for a Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (honours). Shortly after I received a contract for a State League Netball Club (Ipswich Jets) in QLD, so everything fell into place. I do miss my family and Perth friends everyday, but Perth is home and I know it'll always be there no matter where I live.

However before I came to King's, I originally attended Grace College. It was during my first year at Grace where I met a few Kingsmen at College events, one whom I know from home (Perth, WA) already. I was then convinced by those friends to apply for King's when the college went co-residential. My decision to move to King's was largely dependent on being involved in the movement

from single sex to a co-residential college. I believe the first couple of years or so of this transition would be the most critical in terms of building a positive culture and environment, so I wanted to be a part of that. I am also a big sportswoman and I knew how much King's college valued their sport, so that also persuaded me. The pool helped a little bit too!

King's College provides many opportunities for students to be involved and in a range of extracurricular activities - whether it be engaging culturally in the Chess team, participating in the sporting teams, or academically by attending the tutorials provided by the College. My experience so far at King's has been an enjoyable one. I am very thankful to be a part of the King's College family and I look forward to Semester 2 of 2021.

Olivia Ridley (Perth, Western Australia)

North From a young age we have all dreamed of moving out of Darwin and going to university interstate. Upon finishing school, we were all sure that we all wanted to move away from our small city and go to college. College has definitely been an engaging experience for us with the academic assistance and the packed social calendar being our main reasons.

Bella and Kaiya were always set on Brisbane due to family. Katie was tossing up between Sydney and Brisbane and in the end it was the course at QUT that drew Katie to Brisbane. When applying to colleges, we each took our time in deciding which one would best fit us. It came to our attention that King's was accepting its first ever female residents and was taking applicants immediately. This was something we wanted to be a part of.

The King's application process was easy, and all the staff were extremely encouraging and responsive to any queries we had. When it came to making a final decision, the facilities of King's were the best and most suitable for us.

Joining a college community with people who are predominantly from the Queensland area provided an insight to the different lifestyles available outside of our small community in Darwin. We have been introduced to an endless number of people and have been offered many opportunities within the college and university. The friends we have made have brought us to a variety of different places we would have never considered going and we can now confidently say we have friends in every state across the nation. Our choice of joining the King's College community was one of our best and our time spent at King's will be remembered forever.

Isabella Daniels-Knox, Katie Riggall and Kaiya Hancock (Darwin, Northern Territory)

East In my first year of university, I had very few friends of mine attending the colleges here at UQ, due to how close the Redlands is to St Lucia. However, I quickly heard from these friends as well as the college students in my classes the many stories and experiences that they were having. It was here that I really felt something was missing from my university experience and I was lucky enough to have one of these friends convince me to come and have a tour at King's. It's safe to say that this was one of the best personal decisions I have ever made, as I very quickly put an application into the College and was fortunately accepted.

Since my tour, my time here at the College is quickly coming to four years and it's safe to say that there are far too many experiences for me to put down. However, the best experiences have been the friendships—whether this be from the countless college, sporting and cultural events, tutorial groups or even something as simple as sitting in the Dining Hall with a new face.

These friendships I have made through college have made my time at university a truly special experience that transcends the typical day to day university life. There is something uncannily special about these connections and the sense of the King's community and spirit that only someone from the college can truly feel.

I know this will go beyond just my college years. These friendships will be lifelong and the diverse nature of the College really will mean that I will have friendships spanning across Australia if not the globe. Adding to this, through holding multiple student leadership roles I have also had the opportunity to facilitate this platform and pass on the culture of the King's camaraderie and history—something that I really do think is special. To sum up my King's experience in a few words, I can truly say that happy, fortunate, and special come to mind.

Nat Young (Redland Bay, Queensland)

South Ben and I come from Launceston Tasmania, in the north of the state. For Ben, Queensland was where he used to live, so returning for university was always something he wanted to do. I decided on Queensland because I have family up here, although the climate was also taken into consideration! We both had the option of going to the University of Tasmania, but decided we wanted to get out and experience "the big smoke" interstate. We heard about King's from family who were in the College in 2019. Looking online, King's was a clear frontrunner in terms of facilities and their staff were personable and outgoing.

After speaking to Greg, Peter and Rachelle in finalising applications we were relatively convinced that King's was the home for us.

After a year at College, we can confidently say our expectations have been exceeded. King's has given us a completely fresh start and a new vibrant community through which to amplify our university experience.

For anyone considering making the big trip to King's from interstate, we recommend it highly. King's has the great ability to break the ice between its students, making it easy to fit in and enjoy, even if like us, you know no one else here.

William Barranger and Benjamin Hill (Launceston, Tasmania)

ICC Sport, Cultural and Community



AFL



Swimming



Table Tennis



Tennis



Rugby League



Choralfest



Debating



Bandfest



College Idol



Bushcare 2021



Cross Country



Rowing



Touch Football

COLLEGE *events*



ANZAC DAY

Commemoration Dinner

UQ's 2018 Distinguished Young Alumni of the year Cameron Bellamy provided the address at this year's Commemoration Dinner.

Should it be rowing from Australia to Africa; across the treacherous Drake Passage (South Africa to Antarctica) or a 57 hour, 150 km ocean swim (Barbados to St Lucia) 'resilient' is the word that best sums up Cameron's approach to all he undertakes. Through these challenges he is able to raise funds for the charity he founded 'Ubunye Foundation', assisting communities in Africa.

Speaking of reliance, Cameron recalled a story of when he was more than 50 hours into swim, the water was over 30 degrees, he was sunburnt, fatigued and on the verge of giving up. His support team were providing gentle words of encouragement from the boat...at that point his Mother leaned from the boat - pointed towards the shore of Barbados and said "you're only two hours from shore, let's finish this!" Needless to say, that was just he encouragement he needed to finish the job!

Congratulations to Adj Prof Roger Dooley AM, who was presented with a tippet and welcomed as a new Fellow of King's. In addition, Roger was awarded an AM in the recent Queen's birthday Honours for significant service to community health, psychology and to professional societies.



Adj Prof Roger Dooley AM



Recipients of The Professor Stanley Castlehow Bursary



L-R: Blake Miller, President KOCA, Barry Harris (King's 2004 - '07) & Cameron Bellamy (King's 2006)



Fresher Dinner



Friends of King's Drinks on the Deck



Wise Wyverns



Friends of King's Rowing (The FOKRs)

Enrolment Day





FROM THE KOCA PRESIDENT

Hello King's Old Collegians and to the wider King's Community.

Engagement through KOCA

Echoing the theme of “engagement” that has been set for this edition of the Wyvern, it has been wonderful to have the full range of King's Old Collegians' Association events back up and running.

A major focus of KOCA has been on creating space and time for Old Collegians to engage with each other and the College population. A tricky proposition indeed with members spread across the globe. A shift in KOCA's approach to increasing online forums and tools is slowly creating momentum. The committee fields at least 3-4 enquiries a month from Old Collegians and students looking for talent or employment opportunities. The key initiatives are:

- The four societies for business, health, law and engineering disciplines.
- The ongoing development of the KOCA Facebook group, which includes mentoring request forms and a jobs wanted / sought notice board.
- Direct match-making between King's Collegians and potential employers.

Newest KOCA Management Committee members.

It is pleasing to report the Management Committee has had much interest from members seeking to represent and service the Association. Recently the management ranks have been joined by:

- **Ashleigh Hockings, (King's 2020)**- The first woman to join the KOCA Committee, was the College's 1st VIII coxswain at the Royal Henley Regatta and for a successful 2020 ICC campaign. Ashleigh is a web-designer and studies a Bachelor of Creative Industries at QUT.
- **Jack Woods, (King's 2017 - '19)** – Studying Law and Political Science at UQ and moonlighting as a DJ on weekends Jack joins the committee supporting in an Under-Secretary role.

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James Barrett

The College community congratulates James Barrett (King's 2015 - '17) who was recently informed by UQ that he is the recipient of a University Medal for 2020. James completed a dual degree: Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) with Honours Class 1 & Bachelor of Business Management (Business Economics) in July 2020.

Below are some of James' other achievements during his time at UQ and King's:

- UQ Excellence Scholarship (2015-2018)
- UQ Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence (2015-2018)
- Dean's Honour Roll for UQ Faculty of Business, Economics & Law (Semester 1 2020)
- UQ Exchange student to The University of British Columbia in Canada (Semester 1 2018)
- Orica Australia Engineering Scholarship (2016-2018)
- King's Scholar (2016)
- Keith McDonald Travelling Scholarship (2017)
- King's Residential Assistant (2017) and Academic Tutor (2018-2020)



Events so far this year

The **Commemoration Dinner** saw Old Collegian Cameron Bellamy, a close friend, present on his journey in life and the amazing ultra-endurance feats he undertakes. Cameron does this to raise funds for the Ubunye Challenge, a charity he founded in 2011. Cameron spoke of his most recent challenge, an ocean row for 13 days across the Drake Passage from South America to Antarctica. To donate or read more about Cameron and Ubunye visit <https://ubunye.web.app/>.

The “Welcome to KOCA” drinks held on the last Friday of February each year. This year saw the largest turn out of King's College Collegians in the history of the event, which continued an informal tradition of being held at the Port Office hotel. Some 50 Old Collegians made the trek into town.

Two Society events have been held already this year with the **Cooper Foote (Law Society)** and the **Broomhead Ferros (Business and Economics)** events having been completed in March and April. I attended each and it was pleasing to see a small number of Old Collegians present at both events giving many current King's students in attendance the opportunity to network.

The Society events are important engagement opportunities and have helped both current and past Collegians. A recent development has been the sharing of job opportunities at the events for King's Collegians to apply for – seeing several students at the College gain valuable work experience.

The **ANZAC Day service** returned in 2021 and again the College Community was in strong attendance. The ANZAC Day service, and following brunch, continue to remain the most popular event in the Old Collegian calendar and is always a family friendly gathering which brings something special to the day.

Inaugural KOCA Golf Day

The **Inaugural KOCA Golf Day** was held recently with 31 members of KOCA and the King's Community assembling at the Ashgrove Golf Course for a half day event. An innovation, which was championed by Kingsmen **Stefan van der Linde** and **Robbie Benadie**. The first event was a resounding success and plans are already underway for the 2022 event.



Events upcoming

Ahead there are still some key events for Old Collegians and the King's Community.

Two more society events are coming up:

- The Watson Miles Society for Engineering – scheduled for 17 August.
- The inaugural Whyte Pegg Society for Health & Medical Sciences scheduled for 12 October.

The “KOCA Annual General Meeting” which is planned for 30 July 2021 with 5:30pm arrival time for 6:15pm meeting commencement. The AGM will be held in the College Chapel following the success of the venue last year.

All Hail the Great Wyvern.
Blake Miller



Vale Henry Jennings

Henry Jennings was tragically killed in Maroochydore on the 1st January this year. Henry had completed three years at King's. In 2020 he became a member of the KCSC Executive having been elected the Social Minister.

Henry was hugely popular with a unique talent of being inclusive of all and engaging with everyone. He was brilliant at bringing people together and was particularly fond of a quad session.

His death was met with disbelief and enormous sadness, not only at King's but at many of the other University Colleges as well as his huge group of friends on the Sunshine Coast. The College offers his parents Peter and Alison Jennings sincere condolences.

We all miss him terribly.



To honour Henry's contribution to college life a commemorative 'quad session' was held in May at the College. Peter and Alison attended along with many of his college friends – both current and Old Collegians.

The Students' Club had commissioned a plaque in memory of Henry to be unveiled as well as the announcement of a new tradition where the Fresher who embodied the best of Henry in Orientation Week was named.

A small plaque with the name is included on the step below Henry's plaque. The inaugural winner of that honour was Wilson Cochrane, and it was a special moment when he met with Henry's parents.

The College is extremely grateful to Peter and Alison Jennings who also have launched a scholarship in Henry's name which will be awarded annually to a third-year student.

The inaugural award of the Henry Jennings Scholarship will be announced this year.



Vale

Rev Ronald Ramsay
(DEPUTY MASTER OF KING'S 1986-1993)

Ron passed away in March this year aged 82.

Ordained Presbyterian Minister in 1965 after being an accountant and teacher, Ron served at Scots Church Toowoomba and then at St Peter's Mt Gravatt and the St Mark's Cooperative Parish. He was the last minister in Queensland to be called under the Presbyterian system, but the first to be inducted under the Uniting Church system, when he came to Kenmore at the time of Union in 1977. After Kenmore, Ron was the first minister called to the new church in the Kawana Waters Extension Area on the Sunshine Coast. He was the Deputy Master at King's and then Manager of Centres for Retirement Living around the Sunshine Coast.

Ron was also heavily involved in the Synod's financial administration and the national UCA Beneficiary Fund, and also served as a chaplain to the Army Reserve. He retired in 2000 and lived at Buderim and Mt Gravatt, doing supply ministry, before moving to Azure Blue, Carina, in 2014. Ron is survived by his wife Shirley, their children Karen and Ian with their spouses, and five grandchildren.

Duncan Paterson
(KING'S 1959 - '60)

Duncan passed away on the 2nd July 2020.

Noel Preston (KING'S 1963 - '67)

A regular attendee at the Wise Wyverns' luncheon. Noel passed away late last year.

Chad Hastings (KING'S 2009 - '11)

John Jerrard
(KING'S 1965 - '66)

John passed away suddenly on the 31st May this year. Appointed a Fellow of the College in 2008, John was a regular guest at a variety of King's events. More recently attending the Wise Wyverns' luncheon. John was a Platinum Club donor. He is survived by his wife Bronwyn and sons Geoff & Alex.





Noticeboard

WHAT'S ON

- 31 July** Winter Music Festival at the College from 6.00pm
- 17 August** Watson Miles Society
- 24 August** Annual Dr David Williams Dinner & Lecture
- 4 September** Francis & Kassulke Cup (Rugby match against St. Leo's College)
- 9 October** Parents' Cocktail Party
- 10 October** King's In Pink
- 12 October** Whyte Pegg Society
- 22 October** Valedictory Dinner
- 4 November** Theologs' Luncheon
- 20 November** Master's Garden Party

At Homes

Adelaide
Friday 20 August

Melbourne
Friday 1 October

Calling all King's

Does anyone have a copy of the **1974** and **1984** College photos – the only two missing from the College's full collection?

Contact Madeleine Warner if you can help. m.warner@kings.uq.edu.au



Wensley Memorial Plaque Ceremony

The recent plaque additions to the Wensley Wing Memorial Gates were acknowledged and celebrated by family, friends and the King's community following the Wise Wyverns' lunch in March.

It did not take long for stories to be told by the families of those Kingsmen whose names were before us. Often it entailed some light hearted humour, but most notable was an underlying sentiment each had for the College that was once their home.

For more information contact the Foundation Executive Assistant, Ronda Eastall: reastall@kings.uq.edu.au

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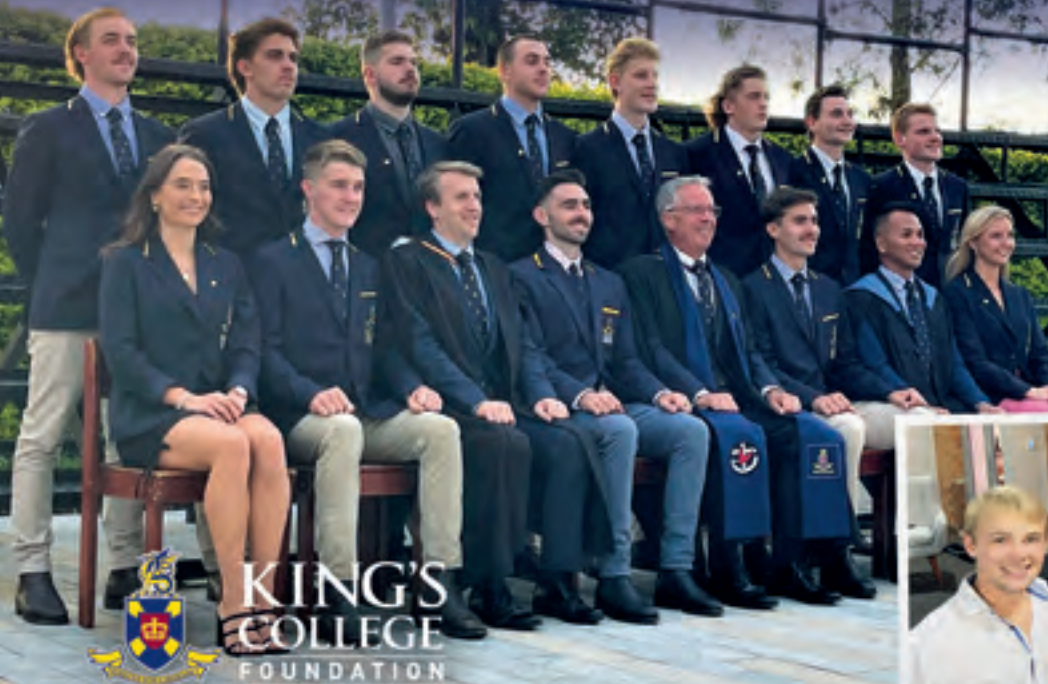
Community Engagement



Annual Appeal

For some students the opportunity to attend King's would not be possible without the financial assistance provided by the College's numerous Scholarships and Bursaries.

The focus again is to generate greater financial support for King's students.



We need to help King's College support all students who are in financial need.

The ANNUAL APPEAL is entirely focused on securing donations to the Foundation, and especially to the

- **Malcolm Whyte Bursary Fund** Supporting new students
- **Platinum Club** Supporting Kingsmen and Kingwomen
- **Cultural Program**

No gift is too small – all gifts will support King's students. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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