



2016 HALL OF FAME

We are committed to recognising and celebrating our past students' achievements post their time at the College. On Friday 18 March, 2016 we formally acknowledged and celebrated the contributions of Salesian College Chadstone Alumni who have achieved significant success in their chosen fields of service and who act as positive role models for current and future students.

An initiative commencing in 2007, our 59th Anniversary year has seen the following past pupils inducted in 2016: Professor Mark Dawson (1996), Mr Philip Bretherton (1975), Mr Andrew Wood (1996) and Mr Michael Henry (1962).

2007

Frank Davis (1959)
AFL Football

Bishop Tim Costelloe SDB (1971)
Religious Life

Peter Foley (1980)
Medical Specialist

2008

Dave Pignolet (1962)
Church Life & Community Service

Fr Dennis Handley SDB (1967)
Religious Life

Gerry Wood (1967)
Australian Politics

2009

Michael Grose (1973)
Counselling

Michael Mitchell (1982)
Fundraising

2010

Fr Bill Edwards SDB
Religious Life

Mr John Stretch (1962)
Defence Force & Community Service

Ms Debra Punton (1976)
Education

2011

Dr Sab Ventura (1981)
Medical Research

Des Perkins (1982)
Overseas Aid Projects

2016

Professor Mark Dawson (1996)
Medical Research

Mr Philip Bretherton (1975)
Education

Mr Andrew Wood (1996)
Bravery & Community

Mr Michael Henry (1962)
Sport and Business

2016 Hall of Fame Inductee

Professor Mark Dawson

Born 1 October, 1974 to Heather and Fred Dawson, Mark is one of four siblings. He attended the College between 1987 and 1992. An active member of the school community, Mark was Class Captain, School Prefect and a member of the Senior Leadership team, and on the College soccer and volleyball teams throughout his time. Mark visibly excelled in English, leading the debating team as Captain, representing the school in State public speaking contests, as well as being an active College volunteer at the St Vincent DePaul Society.

Tertiary education for Mark commenced at Melbourne University, where he studied Medicine with Honours. A fifteen-year commitment to study and training sees him today as Program Head for Haematology Cancer Therapeutics and leading a group of researchers in the Cancer Epigenetics Laboratory at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

Ranked in the top 10 students (out of 220) for his MBBS degree at the University of Melbourne, Mark was one of only eight Australians and the first doctor to be awarded a General Sir John Monash Scholarship. Awarded a Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship, he was invited to attend the University of Cambridge for his PhD studies. Mark ranked as the top candidate in the United Kingdom for a Wellcome Trust Career Development Fellowship.

At each stage of his career (PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator) Mark's research has led to a landmark scientific discovery, which has been published in the world's most prestigious and important scientific academic journal, Nature (2009, 2011 & 2015). These discoveries have helped establish new understandings about the development and maintenance of leukaemia. He has also helped to pioneer new treatments that are currently entering the clinic. Married to wife, Dr Sarah-Jane Dawson, also a leading clinical researcher at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, they have two sons, Noah and Jack.

Mark's most significant learnings from Salesian College were perseverance, resilience and optimism.

Below: Accepting Mark's 2016 Hall of Fame Award, Fred and Heather Dawson





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Mr Philip Bretherton

Born 8 May, 1958 to parents Valerie and Jack, Philip is one of six siblings. Attending the College between 1970 and 1975, Philip was College Sports Captain of the 1975 Mannix House, College Sportsman of the Year 1974, and was heavily involved in liturgies through music throughout school years and was awarded the Past Pupils' Prize for Student Leadership in 1975. Returning to the College as a teacher at Salesian College between 1979 and 1982, Philip introduced the College Instrumental Program and later became Musical Director for the World Premiere of the School Musical "Germs".

Philip studied a Diploma of Teaching (Primary), followed by a Bachelor of Teaching and a Graduate Diploma of Religious Education. He later went on to study a Masters of Educational Leadership at Australian Catholic University, as well as a Certificate Magna Cum Laude Professional Learning Program from the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies KU Leuven. Today, Philip is Assistant to the Director Governance, Research and Communication, at Sandhurst Catholic Education Office.

Philip has been a significant contributor to Educational Boards and Councils, as Chairperson, Principal representative and Bishop representative during his educational career.

With a considerable commitment of service as President of Salesian Past Pupils' Association and Committee Member from 1976-2000, Philip was appointed National President of Salesian Past Pupils' Association from 1980-1990. This saw him attend the delegate Asia-Australia Past Pupils' Conference in Manila in 1980, and he was a delegate and presenter at the Asia-Australia Past Pupils' Conference in Mumbai (Bombay) in 1984. National President of the Catholic Society for Marriage Education, Phillip was also a founding member of the Australian Kosovar Refugee Support Group.

Philip is married to wife of 34 years, Jane Bretherton, who he met at Salesian College Chadstone. Together they have two daughters, Ellen and Hannah.

The educational philosophy of Don Bosco, Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness, has underpinned Philip's 38 years' work in Catholic Education. He acknowledges the fine priests, brothers and lay teachers who provided him with an excellent education, but, more importantly, a way of being as a teacher in the world.

Below: Philip Bretherton accepting his 2016 Hall of Fame Award, with Principal Robert Brennan



2016 Hall of Fame Inductee

Mr Andrew Wood

Born 13 November 1970 to Michael and Jane Wood, Andrew is one of six siblings, with a three generation connection to Salesian College Chadstone. Attending the College between 1993 and 1996, Andrew was a Peer Support Leader and a Don Bosco Camp leader for five years. Tertiary education for Andrew took place at Monash University, where he studied a Bachelor of Sport and Outdoor Recreation and a Bachelor of Teaching. Carrying the life lessons of Don Bosco, Andrew spent time at Interchange, an organisation for agencies providing family respite and social opportunities for children and young people with disabilities. He applied university theory and skills, willingly embracing 46-day wilderness trek therapy programs with Native Alaskan youth, while lecturing at Monash University Faculty of Education. An avid Ski Patroller and Life Saver, Andrew taught Sudanese refugees at the Brotherhood of Saint Lawrence and volunteered with the St Vincent De Paul Soup Van.

Currently, Acting Station Officer, with a seven-year service to date with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Andrew was the tenth recipient in the history of the MFB to receive the Valour Medal for his extraordinary role in the Middle Park gas explosion in 2014, a night on the job that changed his life. Despite his own life threatening injuries, saving the lives of others remained his priority. Post this experience, Andrew has been actively lobbying for a law to be passed to support firefighters contracting work-related cancer, as well as shedding light on mental illness in men.

Andrew received an official Victoria Police Commendation, and was nominated as Australian of the Year and Pride of Australia. Post the Middle Park explosion that almost took his life, Andrew completed a 12-month firefighter exchange to Vancouver Island, Canada.

Andrew is married to wife Tahnee. Together, they have recently welcomed son Fraser into the world. Andrew acknowledges the importance of brotherhood, camaraderie and maintaining close friendships, and the value of resisting judgment on others.

Below: Andrew Wood accepting his 2016 Hall of Fame Award, with Principal Robert Brennan





2016 Hall of Fame Inductee

Mr Michael Henry

Born 19 October 1946 to parents Walter and Kathleen, Michael is one of three siblings. Attending the College between 1959 and 1962, where he was a member of School Religious Societies, he completed his Intermediate education, now known as the Victorian Certificate of Education. Shortly after leaving school, Michael became the Secretary of the Salesian College Old Boys' Cricket Club. Mike maintained and fostered strong links with the College, making himself available to umpire football games between competing schools during annual "Carnivals" over the years. Commencing as a Junior Clerk, Mike advanced to Senior Area Manager, responsible for five suburban branches. He worked for Catholic Church Insurances, prior to joining the ANZ Bank, where he contributed 34 continuous years of service, his last year as General Manager for the Mornington Peninsular. Mike held management positions in Banking, Area Operations, Recruitment, Securities and Accountant roles at various branches. Mike held a great passion for AFL (formally VFL) Field Umpiring, with service from 1971 - 1977 (incl.). He umpired 89 Senior Games, including two finals and A Reserve Grade Grand Finals. He officiated at the infamous 1974 Windy Hill brawl between Essendon and Richmond. He was also the first Premiership Captain of the Salesian Old Boys' Cricket Club 1964/1965. Now retired, Michael lives in the Dromana parish area, where he plays an active role, together with his wife Pauline, President of the local St Vincent de Paul Society.

Mike has been inducted as a Life Member of the AFL Umpires' Association, a Life Member of the Salesian Old Boys' Cricket Club and a Member of the Team of the 60s Decade and a Life Member of the Springvale South Tennis Club.

Married to Pauline for 46 years, Mike is father to Karen, Chris, Danielle and Sheree and grandfather to Chelsea, Mitchell, Georgie, Halle, Rory, Jensen and Lachlan.

Mike acknowledges that self-satisfaction and success in the business and sporting fields can be achieved through constant application of having an honest, reliable, ethical and common sense approach to life.

Below: Michael Henry accepting his 2016 Hall of Fame Award, with Principal Robert Brennan



2016 One Year Reunion

More than 120 students and staff from the class of 2015 gathered on Wednesday 22 June in the Fr Terence Jennings Centre to celebrate their One Year Reunion. The evening was abuzz with many students taking the opportunity to catch up with past peers and teaching staff.



SAVE THE DATES

Class of 2006 10 Year Reunion

Keep an eye out for the November 2016 Reunion details in the next issue of the Griffin.

2017, Hall of Fame 60 Year Celebrations

Get together your Chaddy connections for Friday 17 March 2017 to celebrate our 60 Year Anniversary and Hall of Fame.