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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new look BCC Alumni Newsletter!

In this edition, we feature past students. You'll find upcoming events and a call for updates to include in our next issue. We'd love to hear your feedback on the content you want to see.

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NEWS FEED

OUR OLYMPIC ATHLETES!



They will forever be part of Australia's most successful Olympic team – three incredible BCC ex-students competed in this year's Olympic Games in Paris which started on July 26, and another has his time to shine in the pool for the Paralympics.

We are proud to see the outstanding achievements of so many ex-students who have chosen to pursue competition at the highest levels of their chosen sports.

Being selected to compete at the Olympic Games is a dream for many athletes, but few reach the position of BMX racer Lauren Reynolds for whom Paris 2024 was her fourth Olympics.

Lauren, from the Class of 2008, has been ranked among Australia's top 10 riders for more than a decade and in Paris this year she attained 10th place in the Women's BMX Racing. Her first Olympics was in London in 2012 - along with classmate and Olympic Rower Alexandra Hagan - and her best Olympic performance was 5th at the 2020 games.

Marathon Swimmer Kyle Lee attended Bunbury Catholic College at the Mercy Campus from 2015 - 2019 and graduated from Our Lady of Mercy in 2020. He was part of the Southwest Academy of Sport and dreamed of one day becoming an Olympian. That dream came true on August 9 when he dived into the Seine and swam the 10km Marathon to finish in 13th place.

Paris was also a first Olympic Games for Hockey player Jake Harvie, Class of 2015, who plays half-back for the Kookaburras. Jake is a gold medallist from the 2018 and 2022 Commonwealth Games and the team held hopes of adding an Olympic gold medal for the first time since 2004. The Kookaburras made it to the quarterfinals before a 2-0 loss to the Netherlands ended their campaign.

Ex-student Alex Saffy, aka the “Bunbury Bullet”, was selected for Australia in the 2024 Paralympics. Alex would have graduated from BCC in 2023 however he left the College in 2022 to pursue his swimming career.

Alex, who was diagnosed with dyskinetic cerebral palsy at age 7, competes on September 3 & 7 contesting the 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley, and he's a possibility for the 100m Freestyle.

Alex is one of 15 first-time Paralympian athletes named among a team of 30 for the Australian swimming team to compete in Paris. This life-changing selection is a result of his consistent dedication and performance on the national and international stages.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? CLASS of 2008



Michael Italiano: Lives in Bondi, Sydney and works as a Senior Executive Analyst at Kordamentha. Balances the books by day and the Bondi point by night (or at least he likes to think so).

Kieran Edward: Lives in Perth and works as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist. Was inspired to do the degree from Year 12 PE studies with Jonesy. Rates himself highly with the golf clubs and has been self-proclaimed "the longest driver" in the group.

Callum Richardson: Lives on the Gold Coast and works in Childcare Sales & Advisory. After school, he spent time in the UK and Melbourne as a professional soccer player. Is much better than Kieran at golf.

Matthew Hannagan: Lives in Kununurra and works as a Senior Regional Pharmacist. Enjoys the outdoor

lifestyle that the North West offers and is a bit of a local legend after being allegedly chased by a dingo and then telling the story on a local radio station (we still think it was a puppy dog).

Nick Trinder : Lives in Melbourne and works as a Senior Property Valuer at Urbis. Has suddenly acquired a newfound passion for coffee and craft beers but claims he 'hasn't changed since moving to Melbourne'.

Jaxon Hickey: Also lives in Melbourne and works in Technology and Startups. Is by far the worst golfer in this photo (lucky Rhys isn't in it).

Louis Asser: Lives in New York City and works in Sports Media. After school he ventured to the US to play college tennis and has spent almost the last 10 years living in the states.

BCC ALUMNI INC - WE'RE RE-BRANDING!

Yes, we're re-branding! We are now officially renamed BCC Alumni Incorporated, updating from BCC Ex Student Association this year, with a new Constitution! *Alumni* is a term used to describe former students or graduates of a school, college, or university. We decided to be part of the global family of graduates by adopting the word 'alumni'

Why? Firstly, it has cultural and historical significance: 'Alumni' has a longstanding tradition in formal academic institutions, particularly in western education. It is a term recognised and used internationally across various languages and cultures.

Secondly, 'alumni' implies a continuing relationship with the institution, often carrying a positive

connotation of pride, loyalty and ongoing affiliation. It emphasises a sense of belonging and the enduring, sometimes lifelong connection between individuals and their graduating school. 'Ex students' on the other hand might sound more detached from the school, less connection.

Who's included? Our Alumni includes those who have attended *Bunbury Catholic College* from 1973 onwards, *Marist Brothers* prior to 1973 and *St Joseph's* prior to 1973. This spans a history of well over 100 years of Catholic Education in Bunbury, and nearly 51 years of Bunbury Catholic College alumni. Some of our St Joseph's and Marist Alumni are celebrating life well into their 80's and 90's. It was wonderful to meet with some of our oldest *and* youngest Alumni at our 50-year anniversary in 2024.

BIOGRAPHY



TAYLOR BUORO Graduated in 2008: Originally from regional Western Australia, Taylor is a trained screen and stage Actor in addition to her work as an Arts Educator and Filmmaker. Her educational pursuits include a Double Degree in Contemporary Performance (WAAPA/ECU) a Graduate Diploma in Education (Drama/Visual Arts specialisation) and Post Graduate qualifications in Arts Management (Deakin) and Art History/Curatorial studies (ANU).

She is currently completing a Masters in Screenwriting at the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS). Through AFTRS Taylor has had the opportunity to write and choreograph, *ALLY*, a proof of concept for her science fiction feature film *VESTIGE*. Her exegesis is focused on interdisciplinary collaboration in screenwriting and will culminate in the musical short film *INTERLUDE*. A project she wrote, acted and choreographed for.

In 2022 she worked on Damien Giglietta's (88 to 1 Productions, Six Placed Pictures) latest feature film *MERCY OF OTHERS* as Producer, Production Designer and Acting Coach. In 2021 she acted in her first feature film *MISPLACED* by James Demitri, starring Matt Levett. Her love for filmmaking has also seen her adopt the role of Director, Writer and Producer while acting in the smartphone short film, *PACKET MIX* (2021).

Taylor's acting has seen her work across theatre and screen in Western Australia, New South Wales and London. Taylor is determined to continue developing her craft, promoting arts accessibility for regional areas, and embracing all that this incredible industry has to offer. Taylor still has strong family connections to her home town, Bunbury.

COMING EVENTS

2024 ART EXTRAORDINAIRE

You will all have memories of the Art Extraordinaire from school days, when the Hospitality class catered and served, the music students played, and other students and parents helped with the set up and the pack down.

BCC's major fundraiser is on again on October 11-13. More details here: [BCC ARTEX](#)

CLASS OF 1994 REUNION

A November reunion is being planned for the Class of 1994. Do you know someone who was part of this class group? Let us know and we can put you in touch with the organiser, Rino Papalia.

PLANNING A REUNION?

Do you have a Reunion coming up? We can help you find your classmates. We'll share your event details in newsletter and through our socials. Let us know the details as soon as you start planning and send us your photos afterwards. We'd love to share! (with your permission of



HALL OF DISTINCTION NOMINATIONS

Keep in touch with the newsletters and social media for 2025 Hall of Distinction awards. Watch out for celebrations to come.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

CALLOUT FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Your contribution can help us develop a vibrant BCC Alumni community together.

How? Join us on the committee! Perhaps you're good at sharing news on our socials, or you have new ideas to share, or simply want to support the

committee to build the BCC Alumni in a different way.

Your commitment will be 4 meetings a year, (1 per term) and biennial Hall of Distinction Awards night preparation. Please contact Malena or Margo for further information or join us at our next meeting.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 11 November 2024 | 5PM

BCC | Tom Hall Meeting Room

STAY CONNECTED

Keep in touch with the newsletters, Hall of Distinction Awards. Watch out for future reunions and celebrations.



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BCC WEBSITE LINK TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online form and keep up to date. Share with your BCC friends and family.

**** We are in the process of updating to our new name on the *BCC website, Instagram and Facebook.* ****

CONDOLENCES



Our community includes both recently graduated and those with many years of life lived. We extend our heartfelt condolences on the recent losses of those within our community, both younger and older. Please keep the families, friends, and colleagues of those who have passed in your thoughts and prayers.

We remember with fondness those who have been a part of our community and have recently departed. Their contributions, dedication, and warmth have left a legacy, and they will always be remembered by those who shared time at BCC with you.

FEEDBACK

WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! Share with us via email: contact@bcc-alumni.com

Please let us know about yourself and how life has been since you left Bunbury Catholic College.

You may like to share some current info about yourself: your hobbies/ interests/ family etc.

These questions may help as prompts:

1. What was your first post school adventure?
2. What is your idea of a great day?
3. What was your greatest accomplishment at school?
4. What is the most important thing you learned from your school days?
5. What would your message be to current BCC students?
6. Tell us about your funniest time at BCC
7. What has been satisfying about your post school life?
8. Any career or personal surprises you'd like to share?

And finally.....*Are you a parent or family of a BCC Alumni? We thank you for your past contributions to Bunbury Catholic College. Please share this newsletter and invite your family to register online.*

NEXT EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER: December 2024.