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# Paduans' Newsletter

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#### **Autumn 2010**















#### The College 2010 Inaugural Eucharist





# A Prayer for the Intentions of Padua

(The College, its students, past pupils, parents, and teachers)

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that we may understand and support young people, as we would like them to understand and support us.

St Anthony of Padua, patron of our School – Pray for us St Clare of Assisi, model for praising God – Pray for us St Francis of Assisi, model of Gospel living – Pray for us Blessed Mary MacKillop, compassionate educator of the poor and disadvantaged – Pray for us Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia – Pray for us Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College.

Holy God, source of all goodness we place before you the needs of Padua College. May it continue nourishing the spiritual, physical and educational needs of the boys it serves. We ask this through Christ our Lord

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



The 2009 Seniors performed well in their OP results. Domenico Antonaglia, Liam MacAndrews, Giuseppe Pastore, and Michael Zappala, all received an OP of 1. Fifty-seven percent of OP eligible students received an OP between 1-10 and eighty-two percent received an OP between 1-15. (Statistics on the outcomes for the vocational course students were not known at the time of printing.)

The following students from 2009 received these scholarships: Domenico Antonaglia – QUT Vice Chancellor's Scholarship Anthony Cau – UQ Merit Scholarship Joel Fernandes – QUT Vice Chancellor's Scholarship Liam MacAndrews – QUT Vice Chancellor's Scholarship Giuseppe Pastore – UQ Excellence Scholarship

Congratulations to these Old Boys on their wonderful achievement.

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Photos of the 30 Year Reunion held late last year. The class of '79...



The Paduans



The Mt Alvernians

# A Rare Occurrence?

Old boys and former teachers at Padua, **John Mula** ('76) and **Peter Hill** ('84) are both in charge of Catholic Education Offices in NSW. John commence this year in the position of Diocesan Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Armidale. (Read more about John below.) Peter commence in 2008 as the Executive Director of Schools for the Bathurst Diocese.

It has been suggested that it is rare to have two directors of Catholic Education Offices in the same state having come from the same school and also having later taught at that same school at the same time. Is the Padua spirit slowly taking over Catholic education...

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# Seen on TV

**Damien Garvey** ('82) is currently appearing on TV in *Underbelly: The Golden Mile* in the role of Detective Sergeant Graham 'Chook' Fowler. Damien is also being regularly heard on TV as the voiceover for a number of Queensland Government advertisements. He was seen last year in the series *East of Everything* in the role of Owen.

**Greg Thomson** ('05) is reading the news updates on Southern Cross in Far North Queensland. Next month he will be moving to read the news for Northern New South Wales and the Gold Coast.

Nick Wiggins ('05) was often seen reporting for Ten News, Brisbane, across the summer months.

**Dominic Deutscher** ('06) was seen in a recent episode of *Sea Patrol* in the role of Ryan White. The episode aired on 29 April.

## **Sport**

**David Shillington** ('00) has once again been named in the Australian Rugby League Kangaroos Test team. He has been picked in the starting side for this Friday's (7 May) test against the Kiwis. It will be his 3rd test after playing two off the bench on the Kangaroo Tour last year. David continues to be a great supporter of the College and has donated a signed Kangaroo Jersey from that tour that will be auctioned at the Sportman's Dinner June 18.

### **Old Boy Profile**

**JOHN MULA** (Padua student '68-'76; Padua teacher '80-'91)



John has 27 years of experience in a diverse range of educational settings including Preschool to Year 12 schools, day and boarding schools, city and country schools, post compulsory adult education, boys independent Catholic College, coeducational Catholic colleges and private schools. He has had 17 years in senior educational leadership in Rockhampton (Deputy Principal - The Cathedral College), Toowoomba (Principal – St Joseph's Stanthorpe), Brisbane (Principal – St Mary's College Maryborough) and Cairns Diocese (Assistant Director) and in private training colleges and schools gaining valuable experience in the primary, secondary and adult

vocational education. This year John was appointed Diocesan Director of Schools for the Diocese of Armidale.

# **Past Padua Friars**

#### **Barry Kirby ofm**

Some of you may already be aware that Fr Barry (Teacher Padua 1968-1974/Rector 1984-1989) has started Chemotherapy treatment for colon cancer diagnosed late last year. He is trying to remain positive despite some initial setbacks in hospital after his surgery. He will require radiation as well but his specialist hopes to do this concurrently with his oncology treatment (in about 6 week's time).

He is very appreciative of the thoughts, prayers and well wishes that he has received and intends to respond to the many cards, etc once he feeling a little stronger. He is currently residing at Waverley Friary where there is a nurse on duty who can assist with the care required whilst he undergoes his treatment. He is reported as saying that just when he was getting his "beer" taste buds back, the chemo drugs have taken the taste sensation away. He is looking forward to once again being able to share a coldie with Old Boys and friends around mid October. He believes he may not have recuperated sufficiently to attend the Old Boys weekend planned for October but doesn't think he will be too far away.

He caught up by phone with a couple of Brisbane and Mackay based Old Boys who just happened to be in Sydney whilst the (Queensland) Reds were playing. The Paduan Community wishes him a speedy recovery. *Contributed by Greg McLean ('73)* 

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#### **Peter Dillon**

Peter was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2001, which spread out of his prostate and into his bones. This has preoccupied him somewhat since, but he has been determined to live with cancer as opposed to die from it, with controlling the way to go as cure was out of the question.

Geelong is where Peter lives - he used to barrack for Fitzroy in the AFL and has gloried in the Fitzroy-Brisbane merger resulting in the 2001-2003 premiership 'three-peat'. However, with his five children (Francis, 24, William, 22, Oliver, 19, Gabriel, 17 and Martha, 15) all having been born in Geelong, he now is glorying in the recent Geelong success.

Peter left the Franciscans in 1984 to marry Gabriella, a New Zealander with a Dutch father and an Italian mother - so no inbreeding in their children - and they now both work with homeless and disadvantaged young people in Geelong. He is also a civil marriage celebrant, and a multi-faith chaplain at Deakin University in Geelong.

A highlight for Peter was, after having been the celebrant at a wedding at Spray Farm on the Bellarine Peninsula just out of Geelong, being approached by a wedding guest whom he had taught Geography, amongst other things, at Padua College, Kedron, in 1971, and who had gone to become a cartographer.....inspired by his Year 8 Geography classes! That was Peter Davis.

Ex-Paduan Brian Longhurst and his Melbourne wife Kay also visited Peter some years ago in Geelong when their children were younger, and only last year Rod and Desleigh Garozzo visited during the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival.

1971 was Peter's only year at Padua, but what a year for making many beautiful and long-lasting friends and wonderful and long-lasting memories. By the way, Peter had taught current Padua principal, Robert Out, in 1971 also, when Robert was in Year 9.

Contributed by Rod Garozzo ('75)

## Interesting...

In the 2009 Paduan annual there was a photo of sons of old boys at the college. There were well over one hundred in it, including a teacher. This represents more than 10% of those at Padua and many more than the entire enrolment in the first year at Padua.

# **Padua Business Directory**

The Padua College Online Business directory is located at: http://www.paduadirectory.com.au/

Take the time to visit this page and see which businesses you might be able to use. Support the businesses that support Padua.

To more directly support fellow old boys, go to: <u>http://paduadirectory.com.au/directory/listing/old-boys/108</u> This is a list of the Old Boys and their businesses from the Directory.

# **Dates to Note**

- 27-30 May High School Musical (Mt Alvernia Padua Musical)
- 13 June Feast of St Anthony
- 1-2 July Confraternity Shield hosted by St Laurence's College
- 17 Sept Feast of the Stigmata of St Francis
- 4 Oct Feast of St Francis
- 22 Oct FCIP Senior Showcase Performance
- 31 Oct FCIP Family Concert



- **14 May** Artscape at Padua (For details see advertisement in this Newsletter.)
- **16 May Padua Open Day**

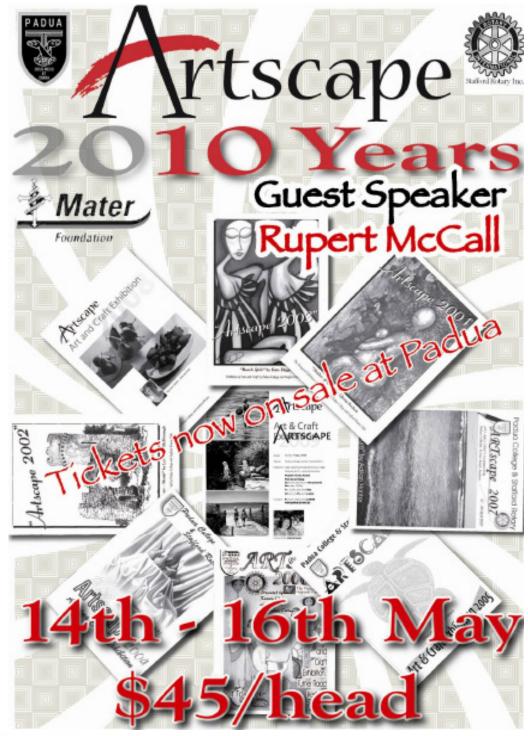
This is an opportunity for you to have a wander through the College, or perhaps even be taken on a guided tour, and see what it all looks like these days.

- **18 June** Sportsman's Dinner at Padua (For details see advertisement in this Newsletter.)
- **30 Oct Padua College Race Day**



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The Padua College Foundation and Old Boys' Sportsman's Dinner is proudly supported by Yes Optus Windsor, Clovelly Estate Wines, Quality Food Services, Brisbane Racing Club, Britz and Pieces, First Aid International and Harvey Norman Electrical Rothwell.



# Artscape is Padua's annual Art show and you are all invited.

There are three parts to this event...

Friday 14th May - Opening Night: Tickets are \$45/head to attend this wonderful grown up night out. Finger food (from Angel Food), Beer, Wine, and entertainment.

Saturday 15th May - Plein Air: All artists are invited to have a go at painting Padua's buildings and grounds. Sunday 16th May - Padua Open Day. The artshow continues throughout the day and winner of the raffle is drawn.

Come and have a great time at Artscape. Bring some friends.

Contact Sandra Healy on 3857 9950 or shealy@padua.qld.edu.au

**Around the College** 

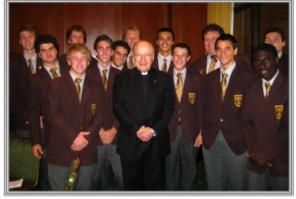
#### (from the College Bulletins)

Highlights of work that happened at Padua over the Christmas break:

- Carpark expanded
- St Francis Hall grounds refurbishment
- Tartan Track/Long Jump Pit
- Conversion of C2 classroom to a computer lab Yr 8-12
- Laptops for teaching staff
- Replacement of front verandah of St Francis Hall
- Upgrade of computer servers
- Many thanks to Mr Keegan and Mr Franklin for their supervision of the works.
- 23 computers in Music Room
- Commencement of new classrooms on Eastern Campus
- Refurbishment of Eastern Campus entrance (ongoing)
- New access pathway on northern side of Eastern Campus
- Raising of wickets No 2 & 3 at Banyo
- Laser leveling and regressing of eastern end of Banyo

#### **Catholic Men's Breakfast**

On Thursday 11 March 14 Year 12 students and staff attended a Catholic Men's Breakfasts held at the Tattersall's Club, Brisbane, organised by menALIVE a Catholic men's archdiocesan group. The event was hosted by Archbishop John Bathersby, Archbishop of Brisbane. After the breakfast the Archbishop talked with the boys from Padua and had his photo taken with them. The guest speaker, John Brady, spoke honestly and bravely about his life experiences both in Australian and overseas.



Padua Seniors with the Arch Bishop at the Catholic Men's Breakfast



#### Walk In The Light

On Monday 19 April Fr John (College Chaplain) and Michael O'Brien (Vice Rector Formation) accompanied our Student Leaders to the Power House at New Farm for a day with other school leaders from around the archdiocese. Over 450 other leaders were presented for this inaugural annual event hosted by the archbishop and Brisbane Catholic Education. It was a great chance for the Padua boys to engage with other students leaders, hear the Archbishop speak and be entertained and challenged by a wide range of speakers and performers.

Padua continues its outreach. Rosies St Van volunteers



### Padua teens go to the extreme

By: Selina Venier 21 March 2010



Keeping up: Various physical challenges at Emu Gully called for teamwork and leadership

Padua College, at Kedron in Brisbane, chose an "extreme" experience for its Year 12 students to start the year in a different and challenging way in 2010. It proved to be a weekend the young men would not easily forget, as journalist SELINA VENIER reports.

THEIR clothes needed a good scrub, they carried mates on stretchers in the black of night and faced various rigorous armylike challenges in daylight hours.

Yet 150 senior students from Padua College, Kedron, were the better for it.

The "it" was a first-of-its-kind weekend retreat -"menALIVE extreme" - hosted by the menALIVE team from January 30 to February 1 at Emu Gully, Helidon, west of

Brisbane.

Padua's vice rector for formation Michael O'Brien "in a

chance meeting" with menALIVE's Mark Lysaght was spurred by "the mud" photo from the first eXtreme event in July 2009 which was printed in The Catholic Leader.

"He asked whether menALIVE could do the same event for Padua's Year 12 students," Mr Lysaght said. "We slightly modified the program ... and enlisted some of the menALIVE guys that had been part of the first eXtreme.

"This included men from all walks of life - a lawyer, university gradates, a marketing consultant, plumber and accountant were amongst the team, all sharing stories from their lives as well as the challenges with the young men of Padua College."

Mr O'Brien said he "liked the idea of mixing physical challenges with spirituality" in the menALIVE tradition in "an absolute first for Padua in many ways".

"For some time Year 12 did not have a camp-retreat at all," he said. "The boys had a fantastic time. It was the best thing we could have done so early in the year ... a community-building moment ... we will make reference throughout the year."

The 150 students were accompanied by six staff who volunteered "for the whole three days", two including the college rector who "stayed for two days", another who came for Sunday, and the "house guardians" who came for part of the weekend.

Talented Catholic musician Roby Curtis and Army Defence Force chaplain Fr Morgan Batt were popular additions to the troops too - adding to the mix of leadership and faith-filled themes.

"Many of the activities had a leadership element to them," Mr O'Brien said. "(This) set the boys up for their year of leadership as Year 12s within the college."

The retreat's "positive atmosphere" stood out.

"Even when the boys were being really challenged, the sense of fun (was present in) the moments of prayer, Mass with Fr Morgan (and) spending time with the menALIVE team who were a mixture of blokes from early twenties to forties and fifties," Mr O'Brien said.

"(And it was evident in) the Emu Gully activities - especially the night walk through the bush carrying someone on a stretcher, paintball and the two 'man buggies'."

The Paduan menALIVE retreat had an "Anzac" focus that blended well with the challenges, Michael adding, "Many of the Anzac values that imbue the activities at Emu Gully are easily transferable to a Catholic school setting and Gospel values."

A common word heard from the students when reflecting on the three days was "awesome".

"It was a great experience, with the feedback from the boys and staff overwhelmingly positive," Mr O'Brien said. "I learnt trust and something more about leadership," was a comment made from a student as well as, "The camp was good because it started the year on a good footing."

"This has been one of the best school experiences I have been part of and been privileged to organise in a long time," Mr O'Brien said.

menALIVE and menALIVE Xtreme is a ministry to Catholic men.

#### **RUGBY TOUR TO JAPAN**

Thirty Paduan Rugby players, and six staff took off on 8<sup>th</sup> April for an eight day, five match tour of Japan. After a nearly nine hour flight they arrived at Narita Airport, and then there was an hour and half bus ride that took them to their two night accommodation at Training Lodge, Tsukuba University. The next day the group enjoyed the many attractions at Tokyo Disneysea, and began to acclimatize themselves to their new environment.

We were all up early the following days for breakfast at "Cocos"- curry and rice; scrambled egg, bacon and tiny sausages – a small part of an extensive range of delights!

Then to a solid training session in preparation for the afternoon game against Tsukuba Shuei High School. The game was played on the well manicured pitch used by the University Rugby Club. After a very tentative start by the Paduans with a half time score of 12-nil against them, the boys rallied magnificently to win 39-12. It was a delightful spectacle of school boy rugby, with excellent defense and well disciplined and focused attack.

With a degree of nervous trepidation (*What will this home-stay experience be??*) the boys took off to a local hotel for a reception hosted by the school – and then to be allocated their billets.

The next day the squad was well rested and ready for their games against Meikei Gakuen. The second's team had a 14-12 loss, but played out a hard fought game, with some stand out performances. The first team had a well deserved win of 20-10; a reflection on their attentiveness at training and ability to capitalize on their opponent's weaknesses.

Monday it was back to school, with the boys immersing themselves in Maths, Science and a little Judo – and spending some time being pursued by the local female students!!

Our final days were in Tokyo and Kyoto. Before our afternoon game we visited Harajuku and the Meiji Shrine in Tokyo, then to Hongai High School and the astro-turf field colosseum set in the middle of the massive metropolis of Tokyo. Our first team seemed somewhat bedazzled by the atmosphere and frustrated by a mildly partisan referee, putting in a disappointing loss of 25-10 against the locals. The seconds more than redeemed Padua with a exciting display of rugby – creativity, determination, focus, and a never-say-die approach, with a win of 14-5 against the boys from Daiko High School.



Before our bullet train ride to Kyoto we shopped at Aklhabara Electric, then to the train station for the two and half hour speed trip to Kyoto- the ancient capital of Japan.

I was pleased at how sensitive the boys were to the local culture and the particular customs associated with playing Rugby in Japan.

We had the good fortune to be accompanied on our tour of Kyoto by an excellent informative guide. We visited Buddhist, Shinto and Zen temples and shrines that enriched our understanding of the history and culture of this beautiful country.

With a near seven hour delay at Kansai International Airport, we arrived back on the Gold Coast tired, but with many stories to tell of a wonderful and enriching experience.

The boys are blessed with parents and staff who generously supported and organized this tour.





Congratulations go to Eamon Conway, a 2010 Senior. Eamon has been accepted into the QUT Dean's Scholars Science (Accelerated Honours) Maths Program.

Fr. John Co-Manager 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby



**Open Soccer Squad** which toured New Zealand during the recent Easter holiday break



A recent spectacular addition to the College is the landscaped area to the rear of St Francis Hall (the former Friary). As a feature for the centre of the school it is very aesthetically pleasing. A number of names have been considered for the area. One, suggested by Fr John, has been submitted to the Provincial Definitory for their approval. The name is La Foresta.

The following extract from "Sanctuaries of the Rieti Valley" describes the significance of the name.

"In 1225 the year before his death, Francis stayed at La Foresta for a short while before the operation on his eyes was undertaken at Fonte Colombo. At that time there was a small chapel of San Fabiano looked after by a priest, with humble accommodation attached to it. Word that Francis was staying here spread quickly and soon people were

congregating at La Foresta to catch a glimpse of him, which made the priest rather anxious as he was more worried about his vineyards being trampled by the crowd than them receiving the word of God from the friar from Assisi! Francis reading the mind of the priest begged him to let him stay at La Foresta and be willing to sacrifice his grapes for Francis' sake and for the good of the people and in return the cleric would be well rewarded. The priest, amazed at Francis' telepathy and shamed at his own selfishness, agreed and in return his vines miraculously provided a bumper crop and the best wine ever made."

The landscaped area has trellis work to support, not a grape vine, but a vine which bears deep red flowers. Important features of the College have been named so that there can be constant reminders of the College's Franciscan ethos and heritage. The result of the friars deliberations will be announced soon. There will be an official opening of the area somewhere in the next few months.

### Life as a Friar

When you were at Padua did you ever consider what it would be like to wear the habit? Has one of the friars who worked at Padua over the years inspired you to consider a similar vocation either as a Franciscan brother or priest? If so why not follow up this thought with a confidential call or email to Paul Ghanem ofm on 0408163257 or vocations@franciscans.org.au





# **Things Franciscan**

The Fioretti (Little Flowers) of St Francis is a collection of stories first set down in the fourteenth century, a little more than 100 years after his death. It was probably an adaptation of a work written in the preceding century by the Franciscan friar, Ugolino Montegiorgio. Wholly a product of the Middle Ages, it was written in a time when commonplace and the miraculous shared the same stage, as if boundaries between heaven and earth, the spiritual and the everyday life, were not so demarcated.

With extraordinary devotion and charm the stories recount miraculous happenings and provide examples of extraordinary piety, but their simplicity of style lends them an immediacy that bridges the centuries to speak to our often jaded and weary sensibilities.

Adapted from the preface of a copy of The Little Flowers of Saint Francis: The Life of Saint Francis of Assisi

Below are two of the stories from the *Fioretti*. The first one opens the stories of the book. The other, about St Anthony, may well be significant for Old Boys.

#### Chapter I

#### In the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ crucified, and of his mother the Virgin Mary, The miracles and pious examples of the glorious servant of Christ St Francis, and of some of his very holy companions, have been put together in this book; all to the glory and praise of Jesus Christ.

First let us consider how the life of the glorious Saint Francis was conformed in every act with that of our Blessed Lord. For as Christ, before he began to preach, made choice of twelve Apostles, teaching them to despise all the things of this world, to follow him in poverty and in the practice of all other virtues, so Saint Francis, on the first founding of his Order, chose twelve companions, all lovers of poverty. And even as one of the twelve Apostles, being reproved by Christ, hanged himself by the neck, so among the twelve companions of Saint Francis was one, called Brother John della Capella, who apostatised, and finally hanged himself by the neck. This should be for the elect a great example and cause of humility and fear, when they consider how no one is certain of persevering in the grace of God to the end. As the holy Apostles, being filled with the Spirit of God, shone forth mightily before the world in holiness and humility, so too did the companions of Saint Francis: for from the time of the Apostles till this present day the world had never seen men so wonderful and so holy. One of them, Brother Giles, like Saint Paul, was raised to the third heaven; another, Brother Philip the Tall, like the prophet Isaiah, was touched upon the lips with a burning coal by an angel. Brother Silvester held converse with God, like one friend with another, as did Moses of old. Another, the most humble Brother Bernard, through the penetration of his intellect, reached the light of divine science, like the eagle - the emblem of Saint John the Evangelist - and explained all the deepest mysteries of Holy Scripture. One there was who was sanctified and canonised in heaven, whilst still living on earth; this was Brother Ruffino, a nobleman of Assisi. And thus all bore singular marks of sanctity, as we shall see hereafter.

#### Chapter XXXIX

#### Of the wonderful discourse which St Anthony of Padua, a friar minor, made in the consistory.

That wonderful vessel of the Holy Spirit, Saint Anthony of Padua, one of the chosen disciples and companions of Saint Francis, whom the latter called his Vicar, was preaching one day before the Pope and the Cardinals in Consistory; there being present men of divers nations - Greeks, Latins, French, Germans, Slavs, English, and others; and he was so inflamed by the Holy Spirit, and explained the word of God so devoutly, so sweetly, so clearly, and in a manner so efficacious and so learned, that all those who were in the Consistory, though they spoke different languages, understood what he said as perfectly as if he had spoken the language of each. And they were all full of wonder, for it seemed to them as if the miracle of the Apostles at the time of Pentecost had been renewed, when the Holy Spirit taught them to speak all languages; and they said among themselves: "Does not he that preacheth come from Spain? How is it, then, that in his words we each hear our own tongue spoken?" And the Pope, as much surprised as the others, considering the deep meaning of his words, exclaimed: "In truth this man is the Ark of the Testament, and the treasure of the Holy Scriptures." To the praise and glory of Jesus Christ and his poor servant Francis. Amen.

# Where we've come from...

St Francis Hall was the original Friary for the Order of Friars Minor at Kedron. While the newly arrived friars of 1929 lived in the presbytery (now the parish hall) the new friary was opened in 1930. Two extensions were added over the years to accommodate the growing community. Below are photos from across the last 80 years with an attempt at comparison with 2010, although this was not easy due to the placement of other buildings.

















1950s – first extension (to the north)



1963 – courtyard









1964 – second extension (to the west)





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1974 – Autumn Fair



c1965 – western extension complete



1966 – from the oval

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1981 – from the tennis/basketball courts



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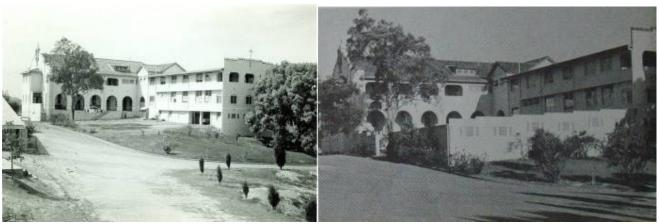
1966



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c1965 - from the north-east









#### **Aerial Views**



1959 – from the south-west



1970 – from the north-east

Historical photos of the Friary provided by the Franciscan Province Archives and Paul Ghanem ofm.

Do you know of anyone not receiving the Newsletter? Encourage them, and every other Old Boy, to get their email address to Susan Skoien at the College.

### **Privacy Notice**

- 1. Padua College provides personal information to associations connected with the College, concerned with the involvement of old boys in the College, such as the Old Boys' Association, and a prospective College foundation. The primary purpose of collecting and providing this information is to inform you about activities of the College and those associations, and to keep old boys informed about other old boys.
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- 4. The College and the associations may publish details about you in their publications. If you do not agree to this, please advise the College now.

The Newsletter is produced four times a year (Autumn, Winter, Spring & Summer).

To make sure that it is interesting and informative there is a need for relevant information to be included. To this end please send along information about yourself and other Old Boys – what you've been up to, where you've bumped into Paduans – and what you would like to see in the Newsletter.

Please let me know via email or send information to the College (address on the front page).

Chris Fitzpatrick (Class of '83) – Editor

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