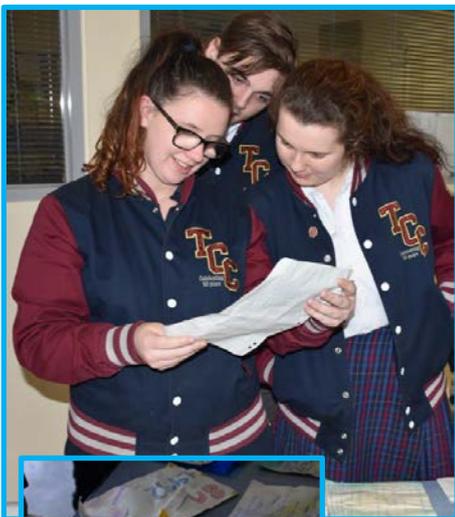




UNEARTHING A TIME CAPSULE

Recently, Trinity College Colac's Year 7 students, along with a number of Year 12 students, gathered with several College Collegians from the 1992 Year 12 cohort to exhume a time capsule. Rhani Buchanan, Trinity College's 1992 College Captain, opened the time capsule, which had been buried twenty-five years ago in the College grounds next to the flagpoles. In the general discussion prior to the exhumation of the capsule, there was an acknowledgment that over the past twenty-five years, many changes had occurred at Trinity College: new students, new staff, new uniforms, new styles of learning and teaching, new discipline and behavioural expectations and new buildings and facilities. However, through all changes, Trinity College Colac has remained faithful to its tradition and ethos.



In the lead-up to the opening of the time capsule, there was a great deal of excitement and speculation about the contents of the capsule: would it contain old-style computer discs or old uniform items or things that were for sale in the College canteen? Some even suggested there might be copies of books used at the time, photographs of the College or even handwritten notes.

As Rhani removed the lid from the time capsule, a strong 25-year old smell from the dampness which had accumulated over the years was released. Rhani pulled out a plastic bag that contained the contents of the time capsule. As all was revealed, it became apparent that students in various homerooms in 1992 had contributed to the time capsule. Students had either contributed as a group or individually and each item was either a handwritten note, a drawing or a photo. The documents have been dried out and, in the coming weeks, the papers will be scanned and the contents, which have mostly stood the test of time, will be made available for viewing. We also look forward to sharing the contents of the time capsule at the 50-year celebrations which will be held on October 28 and 29. The time capsule itself is on display in College Reception and, while not an elaborate-looking device, it certainly was up to the job of maintaining most of the contents buried twenty-five years ago.

I thank Rhani and the other old Collegians who joined us for the gathering. I also acknowledge the wonderful excitement of the Year 7 students as they joined with the Year 12 students and staff who also gathered. A special word of thanks to all who helped arrange this historic event.