

## ANNUAL 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD DINNER

The annual 30 Years of Service Dinner was held at St Patrick's College Pavilion on Friday evening, August 7. Guests gathered to celebrate and acknowledge staff who have contributed thirty years of service to Catholic Education. A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated prior to the dinner in the St Patrick's College Chapel by Bishop Paul Bird.

Nineteen staff were recognised this year for their significant contributions. Audrey Brown, in acknowledging the awardees, said "the celebration was such a great way to acknowledge all those who have given extensive service to Catholic education over the last thirty years. Those who were presented with awards truly do inspire with their ongoing commitment to our Church, through their relationships with children, young people, families and colleagues. They continue to live the Diocesan Education Vision – *As partners in Catholic education, and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.*"

The dinner provided guests with an opportunity to share in great company and to catch up with colleagues, some who they may have studied with thirty years ago. Master of Ceremonies was John Meneely, Acting Director of Catholic Education with Fr Peter Sherman, Chairperson of the Ballarat Diocesan Schools Advisory Council welcoming all to the evening. During the evening students from Damascus College, Loreto College and St Patrick's College entertained guests with music. We thank Hannah Armstrong, Charlotte Crowley, Gemma Ford, Sean O'Beirne and James McKinnon for their accomplished performances.

Guests were privileged to be addressed by guest speaker Lachlan Ryan, a former student of Sacred Heart Primary and Trinity College, Colac. Lachlan's address demonstrated some wonderful insights into the life of a film producer and the pressures experienced working with tight deadlines. Lachlan was able to share his experiences and the background to him deciding to go down the path of film production. Lachlan also shared his school experiences of his time at Trinity College and give an insight into his time at Sacred Heart Primary School.

Many would agree our guest speakers are an integral part of the evening and provide a perspective of how their school experiences influence their career choices. We are certainly blessed to have ex-students willing to speak about their Catholic education and post education experiences. Once again we thank St Patrick's College for their outstanding hospitality during the dinner.

Below: L-R: Cheryl Pefanis, Lachlan Ryan, Steve Ryan and Tim O'Farrell from Trinity College



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## Thirty Year Recipients are named below:

Name	School
Helen Atwood	Our Lady Help of Christians School, Wendouree
David Boadle	Damascus College, Mt Clear
Gabrielle Driscoll	St Brigid's School, Ballan
Cathy Dunbar	Catholic Education Office, Ballarat
Carolyn Fraser	Sacred Heart School, Colac
Patricia Grady	St Patrick's School, Port Fairy
Megan Grant	Damascus College, Mt Clear
Stephen Hill	St Patrick's College, Ballarat
Kate Lawry	Catholic Education Office, Ballarat
Jack Lenaghan	Sacred Heart School, Colac
Jo-Anne Macdonald	St Francis Xavier School, Ballarat
Murray Macdonald	Lumen Christi School, Delacombe
Nancy Meiklejohn	Damascus College, Mt Clear
Linda Mulraney	St Michael's School, Daylesford
Anthony O'Connor	St Joseph's College, Mildura
Josephine Pangrazio	St Joseph's School, Warrnambool
Susan Paulka	St Patrick's School, Port Fairy
Maureen Payne	St Malachy's School, Edenhope
Susan Purves	St Aloysius' School, Redan
Kate Quin	St Mary's School, Swan Hill
Anna Robertson	St Michael & St John's, Horsham
Neale Thompson	Damascus College, Mt Clear
Gerard Viccars	Loreto College, Ballarat
Bernadette Zagame	St Joseph's School, Charlton



L-R: Sr Marie Davey and Nancy Meiklejohn



L-R: Therese Winter, Emma Anticaglia, Danielle Peters



L-R: John Meneely, Christine Meneely and Fr Justin Driscoll



L-R: Audrey Brown and Fr Peter Sherman



Lisa and Anthony O'Connor



L-R: Jenni Ryan, Suzanne Beaver, Fr Kevin Maloney and David Beaver



L-R: Kate Lawry, Majella Lewis and Margie Dodd



L-R: Bishop Paul Bird and Jack Lenaghan