



The Old Ignatians Present

# The Saint Ignatius College Careers Panel

7.00pm, Monday 22nd May 2023

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### **Dr Brenden Borosh** Old Ignatians President

The 2023 President of The Old Ignatians Dr Brenden Borosh was a graduate of Saint Ignatius College Geelong in the 2010 academic year. Since Brenden's graduation at the College, he has completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Deakin University, a Bachelor of Science (Hons; 1 year at University of Melbourne/Ludwig Institute), and a Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery (4 years at Deakin Uni).

Brenden is currently a critical care resident in anaesthetics (1 and a bit years), and has been a doctor at Barwon Health since 2020.

Brenden acknowledges the wisdom passed on by Mr Anthony Fitzgerald and Mr Smith and recalls that some of their classroom content is still remembered fondly to this day.

Brenden has championed this evening, the second SICG Careers Panel, and hopes that the evening is insightful and beneficial to current Saint Ignatius College students in Years 9-12 and their families.



### **Georgia Cowdery** Old Ignatians Vice President

2009 Saint Ignatius College graduate Georgia Cowdery, and Old Ignatian Vice President, has completed a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and International Studies) with Diploma of Languages (Indonesian) 4 years University of Melbourne | Masters of Policing, intelligence and Counter-Terrorism, Masters of International Security Studies (specialising in Intelligence) 1 year Macquarie University (Open Universities Australia) | Certificate of Vocational Proficiency (Indonesian) Victorian Language Learning Centre Melbourne | Australia Public Service (APS) Graduate Program, 1 year, Canberra since graduating from the College.

Head of Languages Bu Julia Hall inspired Georgia to continue with her Indonesian language studies beyond Saint Ignatius College Geelong, and Georgia reflects on Bu Hall's ability to encourage her to continue with her second language acquisition at the tertiary level.

Georgia currently works as an Assistant Director Policy- National disability insurance Agency, and has done for the past 4 years.

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### **Cruz Almeida**

Cruz Almeida graduated from Mrs Fran Kealey's homeroom in 2009 after successfully completing his VCE. Following on from graduation Cruz embraced a Bachelor of Law Degree at Deakin University.

Cruz recalls that during his time at the College, Linda Pape was the most caring and understanding teacher he had ever had.

Cruz currently works as a Senior Associate in a Law Firm.



### **Renee Agudelo**

Renee Agudelo was a graduate of the College in 2011 who successfully completed a Bachelor of Environments - Architecture (2012-2014) and Masters of Architecture (2016-2017).

Renee recalls Mr Campbell as the most memorable teacher during her time at the College. 'He had a great 'eye' and pushed us to produce better work than we thought we were capable of. He prepared me for some of the realities of architecture school,' Renee explains.



### **Gabrielle Costa**

Gabrielle Costa graduated from Mr Terry Tolan's homeroom in 2009 before embarking on a Bachelor of Education, 4 years at ACU Melbourne.

Gabrielle recalls Mrs Linda Pape and Mr Malcolm Campbell as teachers that supported her and guided her through her time at the College. 'Mrs Linda Pape played a significant role in my love for Music and the opportunities she opened to us as students were unforgettable. Mr Malcolm Campbell was a great support through my VCE Visual Arts units. The genuine kindness and empathy they both showed towards their students,' she writes.

Gabrielle currently works as a Visual Art & Music Primary Teacher at St Margaret's Primary School in Geelong.

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### **Stephanie Cowdery**

Stephanie Cowdery completed her VCE at the College in 2009 before embracing a Bachelor of Health Science, Diploma of Languages (Indonesian), Psychology Honours, and then a PhD Medicine and Fellowship over 10 years at multiple institutions. Stephanie currently works as a Senior Cancer Research Scientist.



### **Blake Drever**

Blake Drever has completed a Certificate iv Horticulture, a Certificate iii in Horticulture, a Certificate ii Horticulture at The Gordon Tafe before completing a Diploma Horticulture at Swinburne University.

Blake recalls being guided and support by recently retired Mrs Guinane stating 'Mrs Guinane is an amazing lady who helped me with my Religious Studies and always was a great encouragement to me, and who remains a dear friend to this day.'

Blake currently works as a farm manager / horticulturalist.



### **Lachlan Ford**

Lachlan Ford graduated from Bu Hall's homeroom in 2017 before embarking on a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting Major) at Deakin University, Waterfront Campus.

Lachlan recalls being guided by homeroom teacher Bu Hall during his time at the College, stating how she was constant support in all fascists of life throughout the senior years.

Lachlan currently works as an Accountant.

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### **Bridget Garbutt**

Bridget Garbutt graduated from Saint Ignatius College in 2011, and embarked on a GAP year of travel, and working in hospitality before embracing a double degree, Bachelor of Education (P-12) and a Diploma in Languages (Indonesian).

Bridget currently works at Drysdale Primary School teaching Indonesian.



### **Douglas Harvey**

Douglas Harvey completed his VCE at the College in 2007 before enjoying many years of travel. Douglas then undertook a Bachelor of Paramedicine at ACU, and currently works as a paramedic.

Doug recalls being inspired by Mrs Alexander during his time at the College. The mental support she provided me to stay the course through my completion of high school can not be understated, and I would not be where I am today had it not been for her.



### **Mon Henry**

Mon Henry graduated from Saint Ignatius College in 2007 before embarking on travel before embracing a Bachelor of Education (P-12) at Victoria University, majoring in Outdoor Ed and Biology.

During her academic journey at the College Mon was inspired by Bryon Mitchel and other science teachers, who over the years provided her with a love for learning about the world around us.

Mon currently works with Distant Education at Katherine School of the Air in the NT, and is currently teaching middle years as science teacher.



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### **Darcy Hewitt**

Darcy Hewitt was a graduate of the 2016 year and under the guidance of homeroom teacher Bu Julia Hall completed his VCE before embarking on a working 'GAP Year' to Canada. Upon Darcy's return he completed a Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours), Deakin University Geelong Waterfront that was of a 4 year duration.

Darcy is currently completing his 3rd year of his apprenticeship.



### **Aidan Jones-Murphy**

Aidan Jones-Murphy graduated from the College in 2010 under the guidance of homeroom teacher Mrs. Fran Kealey before embarking on a Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) at Deakin University. Following on from the successful completion of this degree Aidan undertook a Doctor of Medicine (MD) at the University of Queensland.

Aidan currently works as a Psychiatry Registrar (Doctor) at Barwon Health, and has held this position for the past 9 months.



### **Tahlia Juraga**

Tahlia graduated from the College in 2017 under the guidance of homeroom teacher Mr Andrew Smith before studying for 1 year of a Bachelor of Health Science at Deakin University, before changing to a Bachelor of Pharmacy (honours) at RMIT University.

Tahlia currently works in a compounding pharmacy, working as a laboratory and dispensing technician.

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### **Alysha Kitchingman**

2014 Year 12 graduate Alysha Kitchingman enjoyed a Gap Year full of travel, and work before enrolling at the Australian Institute of Music. Alysha encourages all students to attend as many Open Days as possible in seeking the perfect tertiary education for them. Since graduating from Saint Ignatius College, Alysha has been a member of the Alumni Executive Committee and regularly contributes to the Alumni group.



### **Chloe McDowell**

Chloe McDowell graduated from Saint Ignatius College in 2013 under the guidance of homeroom teacher Mr David Alexander before embarking on a Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Paramedicine, at ACU Ballarat.

Chloe recalls the guidance and support of Bek Spencer, Stacey Learmonth, and Joe McLean who were always able to provide advice that proved useful, and to highlight different pathways/opportunities you can take within the area of health.

Chloe currently works as a Registered Nurse/Associate Nurse Unit Manager at The Royal Children's Hospital where she has done so for the past 6 years.



### **Samuel Salisbury**

Samuel Salisbury graduated from Ms. Learmonth's Year 12 homeroom in 2019 before attending Deakin University in Geelong where he studied Law and International Studies. Realising that this wasn't the course for him, Samuel attended The Victorian Police Academy in Glen Waverley for approximately 25 weeks, before graduating as a Victorian Police Officer.

Samuel recalls being guided by Ms. Doble stating 'Ms Doble who was my legal studies teacher helped me better understand our legal system and how it operates. This knowledge has aided me in my ability to operate as an effect law enforcement officer.'

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### **Caroline Smith**

Caroline Smith graduated from Saint Ignatius College in 2011, and undertook a Certificate 2 in Hospitality from The Gordon Tafe.

Upon reflection Caroline would tell 'her Year 10 self,' to follow your dreams and to set goals.

Caroline currently works as a Venue Operations Manager.



### **Reece Wood**

Reece Wood graduated from the College in 2012 from Mrs Fran Kealey's homeroom before embarking on a Certificate 3 in Arboriculture, followed by a Diploma of Policing.

Reece recalls the guidance, support and encouragement given to him by Mr Ray Livingston during his time at the College.

Reece currently works as a Police Officer.