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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A COLLEGE OF DANGEROUS IDEAS

A group called Edge comes up with an annual question to be addressed by its membership. The 2006 question was: What is your dangerous idea? In the light of Emmanuel's Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society and the questions that it seeks to address, the group's challenge and questions are particularly relevant:

The history of science is replete with discoveries that were considered socially, morally, or emotionally dangerous in their time; the Copernican and Darwinian revolutions are the most obvious. What is your dangerous idea? An idea you think about (not necessarily one you originated) that is dangerous not because it is assumed to be false, but because it might be true?

At Emmanuel, we believe in promoting dangerous ideas. What does this mean? It means that whatever presuppositions a student may arrive with, at some stage will be challenged. We seek to push the boundaries through our academic programs and particularly our new SuperTutes which seek to address issues of international significance from an inter-disciplinary perspective. This approach is at the very heart of a liberal education.

Of course students need to arrive with a certain perspective. They need to be open to different ideas and to be transformed by mixing with people from diverse backgrounds, faiths and opinions. Diversity leads to different conversations, different questions, different debates and ultimately different ideas. Different outcomes than what perhaps would be achieved in a homogenous community. The College started down this track 40 years ago with gender diversity and women now make up 50 per cent of the population of the College.

Harvard Professor of Education Richard Light writes of the importance of recruiting talented students and then "make a thoughtful, evidence-based, purposeful effort to get in each student's way". Emmanuel does this as it stretches members of the community to excel intellectually, culturally and socially. Dangerous ideas are not limited to the academic, as students are also stretched to participate and compete in sports or cultural activities that they have never tried at school. Consequently a critical role for the College and its leaders is to get in the way of each student, to help them to evaluate and re-evaluate their choices. We want our students to feel uncomfortable as they grapple with difficult questions that are filtered through studying in a community of 350 from a diversity of backgrounds. This is how to develop dangerous ideas that can transform the individual and the wider community.

Stewart Gill

Principal, Emmanuel College

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Above right: Four in a row for our debaters: (pictured, l-r) William Roughan, Crispin Scott, Luke Metherell and Ryan Minuti

Below right: Chess champions: (pictured, l-r) Justin Turner, Eka Setiyawan, Jeremy Qiao, James Bentley, Sabin Karibasic and Andrew Herrmann



DEBATING AND CHESS CHAMPS

Emmanuel continues our magnificent winning streaks in the Debating and Chess Inter College Competitions. In 2015 we have taken out the premierships once again – that's four in a row for Debating and 3 in a row (actually 7 out of the last 8 years) for Chess. Excellent results by both teams.



A DOCTRINE OF DOCTORS

by **Michelle James**, Marketing and Communications Officer

Emmanuel's high proportion of medical and pre-med students — more than 10 per cent of our student body — could be described as a clique of clinicians, a mystery of medicos, or a phalanx of physicians.

In fact, the term is a doctrine of doctors. Coming from the Latin *doctrina* meaning teaching and learning, this is a very apt term for Senior Residential Tutor Dr John Jasinski. "The students I started teaching when I first came to Emmanuel are now in fourth year and seeing people come through in a clinical setting is very rewarding." A physiotherapist in his homeland of Canada, John, together with his wife Jenn, Emmanuel's Assistant Dean of Student Services, moved to Australia in 2009 so John could attend UQ's MBBS program. Since 2013, he has tutored Emmanuel students in physiotherapy and medicine. "Alastair Bell [Emmanuel's other residential tutor in medicine] and I are now working in the same ward at the Royal (RBWH). Working with the people I have taught is a big part of giving back."

The individuals that make up Emmanuel's doctrine of (future) doctors have come into the Emmanuel family from around the nation and all over the world. A few of them share their experiences here.

Angela O'Connell, age: 17, hometown: Maryborough, first year pre-med

Fresher Angela has had no trouble making the transition to uni and city life this year. "My brother Padraic lived at Emmanuel until last year. So, I had a bit of an idea of what it would be like, but I never thought it would be this good. College is a little community in itself — an instant family. And having your washing done, your room cleaned and your meals provided makes studying a lot easier. The older students studying medicine help you out with things like making subject choices. Nothing is too hard for anyone. I've bonded with people in my medical tutes, too. Our tutor Alastair is great. He's so knowledgeable and tells us stories about what happens in a hospital environment and cases he's learned about; we don't just get stuck on the basics of cell biology."

Tushar Agrawal, age: 20, hometown: Los Angeles, USA/ Bangladesh/Perth, second year of B Medicine/B Surgery

A keen sportsman, Tush says that living at Emmanuel offers convenience, a balanced lifestyle, and a solid home base. "I'm involved in a lot of College activities — basketball, cross country, athletics, chess, Dancefest, Theatre Restaurant. I think it's healthy to be around non-med students, too; I really enjoy networking with people going into allied health fields, like physiotherapy. We moved around a lot for my father's job when I was young and I graduated from high school at 16. I've lived at Emmanuel since 2012 and, in a way, Emmanuel is more my home now than my family's home is."

Victoria Bong, age 20, hometown: Kuching, Malaysia/ Melbourne, third year pre-med

Vicky returned to Emmanuel this year after spending semester 2 of 2014 at the University of Sheffield in South Yorkshire, England. "I always planned to go on student exchange somewhere in Europe and the UK is so similar to yet so different from Australia. Jenn Jasinski helped me make the decision to go to Sheffield. They have a very active student union and I wanted to immerse myself in the British culture. Receiving the scholarship from Emmanuel and a travel grant from UQ made my parents very happy, and not only because it offset the financial costs; they were very proud of me as well. My studies are going great. This year there's more independent learning, more real-world current research and less textbooks."

Adrienne Kornfeld, age: 20, hometown: San Francisco, USA/ Auckland, NZ, third year pre-med

Adrienne's American parents wanted her to have the experience of going away to uni and broadening her horizons. "A family friend did medicine at UQ and loved the campus and loved Brisbane. I came here not knowing anyone and I loved it, too. I'm fortunate to have received academic scholarships at Emmanuel. It's amazing that alumni and other supporters of the College make it possible for students, myself included, to stay at Emmanuel longer. Now that I'm in my third year I can give back more, like being a Wing Community Leader. I'm looking forward to starting my MD next year. I'm really interested in scientific research, particularly in the brain, but there are so many different fields you can go into."

Alastair Bell, age: 24, hometown: Toowoomba, fourth year of B Medicine/B Surgery

Family connections made Emmanuel the clear choice for the College's residential tutor Alastair. His grandfather Alan Bell lived at Emmanuel from 1938 to 1941 while undertaking veterinary studies. "Tutoring our pre-med students is very rewarding. I am currently enjoying my hospital rotations at RBWH and I'm looking forward to finishing my degree this year. I'm not sure what my specialty will be. I'll be working as a hospital intern next year and will be taking care of a multitude of patients with an array of health problems, so time will tell."



Above and cover photo: Emmanuel College's Dr John Jasinski, along with an assistant, and some of our medical and pre-med students
front row (l-r): Dr John Jasinski, Stephen Townsend, Samara Thambar, Sarika Suresh, Sangami Ranzil, Lorraine Chung, Angela O'Connell
second row (l-r): Kate Gibson, Fergus Robbins, Saumya Kakria, Sonia Sahni, Paul Chen, India Plath, Martin Lo, Kendrew Wong
third row (l-r): Daniel Khouchaba, Maccalla Fenn, Tionne Seden, Alexandra Sadler, Dylan Bestwick, Caitlin Sorour, Michael Zhang
back row (l-r): Alastair Bell, Zinnia Kohli, Victoria Bong, Andrew Ngan, Adrienne Kornfeld, Adrian Mok, Tushar Agrawal, Tim An, Jeremy Qiao, Tehan Amarasena

“OUTBACK TO ICECAP” FOR YOUNG INDIGENOUS LEADERS

by **Dr Lesa Scholl**, Dean of Academic Studies

Over the summer, Emmanuel College Paramedical Science student Brody Le Lievre was one of five students from around Australia invited to be a part of Yalari’s “Outback to Icecap” expedition. Yalari is a not-for-profit organisation that offers scholarships at Australian boarding schools for Indigenous children from remote, rural and regional communities. This expedition was organised by Peter Bland, the first Australian explorer to go to both the North and South Poles.

For Brody, who was involved with Yalari throughout high school, this was his first trip outside Australia. He was attracted to the adventure because of the leadership training offered and the international experience, as well as the challenge of physical endurance.

From horse-riding over the Andes and kayaking in Antarctica, Brody said that snowshoeing was the most challenging part

of the journey. On Christmas Day he spent three hours with his peers, tied up on a rope, walking through bitterly cold terrain — although, Brody says, it wasn’t as cold as he was expecting.

As a young Indigenous student, Brody felt that it was a great experience, enabling him to learn skills that he could take back to his home community. He was able to meet other successful Indigenous young people, such as Rachael Perkins, producer of the Australian film *Bran Nu Dae*. Most of all, Brody was struck by the stop-over in Buenos Aires, where the pollution and poverty were overwhelming. “It made me see how fortunate we are here,” he said. Brody returned to Australia eager to continue his plans to become a paramedic, a role through which he can make a practical difference to his community.



EMC–UQRFC PARTNERSHIP

by **Michelle James**, Marketing and Communications Officer

Emmanuel College has a proud rugby heritage with former Wallabies David Crombie AM, Patrick “Paddy” Batch, Paul McLean MBE and Nathan Sharpe among our alumni. We are equally proud of our sponsorship of the UQ Rugby Football Club and the benefits that relationship brings to our students. In 2015 the Emmanuel–UQRFC Rugby Scholarship was inaugurated, with two promising rugby players receiving support. Congratulations to Commerce/Economics student Chris Morris and first-year Engineering/Biotech student Harrison Madge.

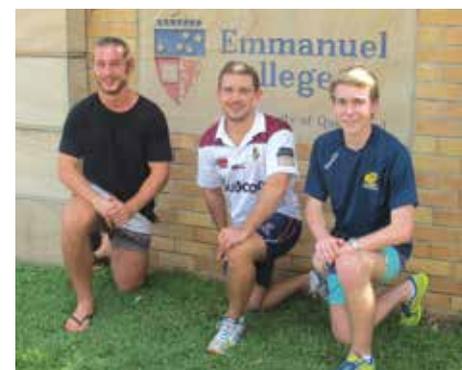
Chris said, “Scholarships have provided me with a pathway to study at a Group of Eight university while living at one of

the best residential colleges in Australia. For me, remaining at Emmanuel College in 2015 was dependent on scholarships. I have been fortunate to be awarded rugby and academic scholarships, allowing me the support, guidance, and enjoyment that Emmanuel provides while completing my third year of university.”

For Harrison, being awarded an Emmanuel–UQRFC Rugby Scholarship in his first year of university was very exciting. “It recognises my past achievements in rugby and gives me the opportunity to play rugby for Emmanuel College as well as UQ. Playing for the Emmanuel College fresher team this year has been a wonderful experience. The team spirit and support is amazing.

Fitting in all the training and playing along with studying for my dual degree can be a challenge, but all is going well.”

We thank UQRFC for their generous support of Emmanuel and our students.



Top right: Kayaking in Antarctica; Brody Le Lievre (bottom left) with co-expeditioners
Right: (l-r) Chris Morris, UQRFC General Manager Cameron Chater, and Harrison Madge

WELLNESS WEEK WORKS

by **Benjamin Driscoll**, Wing Leader Coordinator

April 2015 saw the successful second edition of Emmanuel College's Wellness Week. This is a student-organised and -operated week that aims to encourage students to participate in thought-provoking and constructive dialogue about wellbeing — including mental, physical, personal and community wellness. Wellness Week ran from Sunday 19 April to Saturday 25 April with Emmanuel students participating in a wide range of events. These included: the annual ICC Cross Country competition; early morning aerobics (thanks to UQ Sport); a Café Crawl (thanks to the Red Frogs); a trivia night raising money for *beyondblue*; smoothie and juice bars; attending the Anzac Day Dawn Service; and Emmanuel's first student-organised mental health panel discussion.

During my three years at Emmanuel and my two years as a Wing Leader, I have witnessed first-hand the issues and stresses university students experience. Consequently, when formulating a program for Wellness Week, I attempted to create a clear area for detailed and constructive discussion about mental health issues, ultimately culminating in the idea of the panel discussion. The discussion topics were audience generated and covered themes of depression, anxiety, suicide, eating disorders, friendship-making and many others. The session not only provided holistic discussion, but also gave students grounded advice and tips for dealing with certain scenarios. Students could submit questions verbally or through an anonymous online tool, expanding the avenues of contribution and encouraging direct interaction with more students.

Guests panelists for the evening included Red Frogs founder Andy Gourley; Irene Clelland, Lifestyle Services Manager of Open Minds, a not-for-profit organisation offering programs and support services to enhance mental health and wellbeing; psychologist Dr Alex Ward; and Emmanuel's Assistant Dean of Student Services and qualified Life Coach Jenn Jasinski. Thank you to all our panelists for volunteering their time for this event.

Following its inaugural running last year, other University of Queensland colleges followed Emmanuel's lead and adapted their own versions of Wellness Week — an acknowledgment of the groundbreaking work being done by the College. At

Emmanuel, we aim to lead the UQ College society in a new direction and to show the wider community that Emmanuel College rejects the stereotypical college culture, and is a considerate, accepting and wholesome place to spend these important years of our lives.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and operation of this week. Hopefully efforts like Wellness Week can continue and expand into the future; Emmanuel and its students will certainly be its beneficiaries.



Top: (l-r) Panellists Irene Clelland, Dr Alex Ward, Andy Gourley and Jenn Jasinski

Far left: Smoothie-meister Ben Driscoll

Left to right: Café Crawl with the Red Frogs crew



RACQUETS, RUGBY, RUNNING & ROWING

by **Alexander Tredinnick** and **Dominique Giese**, Sports Convenors

It's been a great semester for both male and female sport at Emmanuel. We've seen heaps of enthusiastic first years and returning students trialling for everything offered, and had loads of great results as the first semester draws to an end.

The ICC sports competition kicked off with tennis, where both men and women came through in 3rd place. After trialling huge numbers for badminton and table tennis, we finally managed to pick teams of star players. The men and women achieved the same fantastic result in both sports, coming 2nd in table tennis and taking out the winning titles for badminton.

After a week of recovering from the busy start to the year, the fresher rugby season was ready to kick off. The team looked strong this year and showed their worth with an impressive 4th place.

Cross country was one of our best events this semester, both for participation and talent. Our very own Ben Brunckhorst came in 1st for the men's individual event and helped the team relay to an impressive victory to tie for 1st place overall. The women had a strong turnout for the 4km race and a quick relay team that earned us a tie for 2nd place overall.

Emmanuel's sprinting talent was verified at the Great Court Race, a 636 metre lap of UQ St Lucia's Great Court, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. Our men won the Inter College Relay of this historic race and our women's team came a very close 3rd.

Nearing the end of the semester, the rowers were keen to show their stuff out on the water. All those early morning training sessions paid off, as the men came in 4th at the ICC Regatta and the women 2nd. The Dining Hall has accumulated a nice number of oars with thanks to the victorious Emmanuel women's 1st crew.

Other sporting successes were cricket, with the men finishing on a high note and sharing the premiership with King's College, and hockey, with our very strong women's side finishing in 2nd position.

At the end of semester 1, we've finished on a high. The Emmanuel women are coming 2nd on the ICC calendar, not far behind The Women's College, and our men are also doing extremely well in 2nd position ahead of St Leo's College with a significant margin.

Bring on semester 2!

Above left: Badminton premiers: (l-r) Veronica Morlotti, Andrew Ngan, Matika Laycock and Tristan Chien

Above right: Cross country champ Ben Brunckhorst

Far right: (from top to bottom) Great Court relay winners: (l-r) Linton Enoch, Hiroki Nakazawa, Thomas Arbon and Dylan Thompson
Great Court relay racers: (l-r) Emma Pressler-McHugh, Cassy Mingin, Abigail Spanner and Kristy Rigby
EMC rowers

Emmanuel v St Leo's fresher rugby match

CULTURAL COMMUNITY

by **Alexander Stallman** and **Andrew Herrmann**,
Cultural Convenors

The first cultural semester of 2015 at Emmanuel has been wrought with both high achievement and consistency due to our blooming and recurring talent. We began with a powerhouse performance by Lizzie Schluter in College Idol, putting us in a great starting position at third. Bandfest then followed, and we surpassed the success of the previous four years by achieving second place.

The greatest triumphs of this wonderful cultural semester were winning both the chess and debating competitions. Jeremy Qiao, Ryan Minuti, Eka Setiyawan, Sabin Karibasic, James Bentley and Martin Lo performed with consistent excellence throughout the seven-week ICC chess competition, taking out the trophy over St John's in the grand final. Debaters Luke Metherell, Ryan Muniti, William Roughan, Sheridan Scott and Crispin Scott performed with equal excellence, succumbing only one defeat against Union, whom we then thrashed in the grand final with a convincing 3 point win.

The final cultural event of the semester was Choralfest, conducted and brought together by Elspeth Sutherland. Everyone involved put in a massive effort in the days leading up to the competition, pulling off an incredible performance which saw our choristers taking out second place for the second year in a row.

We couldn't be prouder of our success this semester and of everyone who has contributed to the many facets of the Emmanuel cultural community.



Above: (l-r) Bandfest "Kilted Siblings" – Alexander Stallman, Callum Schalch, Logan Guilding, Claudia Farhart, Vincent Tran, Matthew Kelly, Lizzie Schluter and William Roughan

PIPE BAND OUT AND ABOUT IN 2015

by **Jess Logan**, Tenor Drummer and Secretary of The University of Queensland Pipe Band at Emmanuel College

Our 2015 started off with a bang as, for the fourth year in a row, the band performed at the Woodford Folk Festival across different venues including the Folklorica Stage, the Duck and at the Amphitheatre, and took part in ceremonies such as the Hogmanay on New Year's Eve. This year the band brought a rock band element to our Woodford gigs, which generated an electric aspect to the traditional pipe band concert and was exceptionally well-received by festival goers.

Our university year began in February with the band hosting a stall in the Great Court at UQ's Market Day, where band members promote tutoring in the pipes and drums to staff and students. The 2015 Market Day was very successful with a record number of prospective learners attending an information night to discover more about the Pipe Band.

The St Patrick's Day Parade quickly followed, and festivities also included performances

for the UQ Union and at several Pig 'n' Whistle venues.

At the end of March the band took part in the Operation SLIPPER "Welcome Home Parade" to mark the end of Australia's deployment in Afghanistan and was the only civilian band that participated. We felt very fortunate to meet Benjamin Roberts-Smith VC MG on the day.

With 2015 marking the centenary of the Gallipoli landing, the band was invited to be a part of "A Patriotic Event", a program of entertainment held in Brisbane City Hall that recreated the atmosphere and enthusiasm of an Australia at the outbreak of World War I. Less than a week later, and traditional for the band, we were once again representing the College and the University in the Anzac Day March in the Brisbane CBD. Solo pipers were also involved in formal dinners, dawn services and church ceremonies to mark the centenary. After the march through the CBD the band headed up to Wickham Terrace

for the St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital Anzac Day Service, which is always a privilege to play at.

We then found ourselves in Glen Innes, New South Wales, for the Australian Celtic Festival. The festival is always a fantastic weekend with very appreciative and enthusiastic audiences and the band performed numerous times in massed bands, engagements, as entertainment in the Club Hotel and in presentations at the Australian Standing Stones that mark Glen Innes's Celtic heritage.

Our next major appearance was at the Fassifern Highland Gathering, a new event held in conjunction with the Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular at the Boonah Showgrounds.

We've had quite a frenetic year so far and there's more to fit into our 2015 schedule, but it's a privilege to represent Emmanuel and UQ and we love every minute of it.



Through a link with Pipe Major Andrew McCabe, who served with the 8/9 RAR Pipe Band, the band has been in contact with representatives from the Pacific Islands Regiment about forming a pipe band for ex-servicemen in Papua New Guinea. The band is assisting through donating bagpipes and other equipment to get them underway. This donation is to support current bandsmen in their performances and to provide additional instruments to aid in their involvement in the Pacific Games being hosted in Papua New Guinea in July 2015.

Left and top right: The Pipe Band performs at "A Patriotic Event"

Bottom right: The Pipe Band at Woodford Folk Festival

REMEMBERING MERRINGTON

by **Michelle James**, Marketing and Communications Officer

Commemorations are being held across the nation and around the globe this year in remembrance of the service and sacrifice of Australians and New Zealanders who battled through the bloody and brutal Gallipoli campaign of 1915. Emmanuel College honoured the Centenary of Anzac in a number of ways, including presenting the “Remembrance and Representation: Colleges, Churches and Community in WWI” conference; co-hosting a memorial dinner with St John’s College; holding a formal dinner for our students; and participating in church services at St Andrew’s Uniting Church and the College Chapel. Also, the Emmanuel College Pipe Band gave several performances.

Beyond these activities, our connection to the legend of Anzac is unique and distinctly personal: Emmanuel’s founder served in the Gallipoli campaign as one of the 414 chaplains of the approximately 420,000 Australians who enlisted in the First World War.

The **Rev Dr Ernest Northcroft Merrington** (1876–1953) was a remarkable man. A scholar, author, clergyman and philanthropist, his good works continue to resonate in the institutions he established. After gaining his BA and MA in philosophy at The University of Sydney, he obtained his PhD from Harvard University in 1905, probably the first Australian to do so. In July 1910, eight years after being ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church, he was called to the congregation at St Andrew’s in Brisbane. Merrington embarked on a fundraising drive to found Emmanuel College and, in 1911, he established the Council and served as its first Chairperson.

At the outbreak of World War I, Merrington enlisted in the First Australian Imperial Force (AIF). He served as an army chaplain at Gallipoli from May to October 1915; during this time, he kept a diary:



“We passed the Turkish fort of Gaba Tepe and saw the grim slopes above the small cove that was later to bear the historic name of Anzac Cove... We could see the shrapnel bursting on the beach and whipping up fountains of spray near the landing stages... I conducted a burial at Hell Spit before nightfall on that eventful day of our landing, 12th May... The zip of bullets in the scrub of the cemetery was a constant evidence of the activity of enemy snipers from Dead Man’s Ridge at the head of the valley.”

“Constant attention was paid to the wounded and sick in the casualty clearing station and beach hospital. After an engagement the wounded lay on their stretchers in front of the tents where the surgeons and orderlies worked, and one could always hand out cigarettes, etc., as well as giving a timely word of cheer and spiritual comfort.”

“So October came on, and bombardments, sniping and machine-gun fire brought many casualties. Sickness also took its toll... I was now feeling the long strain of my life and work at Anzac.”

Much of Merrington’s time was spent carrying out burials and writing to the family and loved ones of those who died. His war experiences were so grim that, in later life, he suffered from bouts of depression and melancholia.
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Top right: Chaplain Ernest Northcroft Merrington (at far right) conducting a communion service for members of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade at Gallipoli, Turkey, in 1915. The altar is two biscuit boxes draped in a cloth. source: Australian War Memorial, P01875.004

Bottom right: Studio portrait of Merrington in London, 1918. source: Australian War Memorial, P01875.005

On 27 October, Merrington was invalided out. He returned to Brisbane and St Andrew's and became a founding member of the RSL. But his war was not over. He returned to military action, serving on the Western Front in France, becoming Chaplain General and rising to the distinguished rank of Major General. He was in France when The Great War ended in 1918:

“On 11th November came the great news for which everyone was waiting: The Armistice has been signed... The Commandant borrowed my Australian flag, which had been given me by the ladies of my Church, and it proudly flew over the largest depot of Australian soldiers in France at 11 o'clock on that eventful day. On my return to Brisbane I presented it to Emmanuel College.”

Merrington's flag is one of the original flags from Federation in 1901. When Prime Minister Billy Hughes went to France for the signing of the Armistice in 1918, the only Australian flag available was Merrington's, and it valiantly flew above the assembled Australian Imperial Forces gathered at Le Havre. For many years it flew above the College; but, timeworn and fragile, now it is displayed only on special occasions. Merrington's flag — along with his chalice and plate from Gallipoli — was displayed in the St Andrew's Uniting Church Merrington Memorial Peace Chapel on Anzac Day.



Merrington's flag on display in St Andrew's Uniting Church on Anzac Day 2015

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

What a difference 40 years make — While still committed to providing an education for life, not just for livelihood, the Emmanuel College of today is a very different one from that envisaged by its founders in 1911. A major change to the fabric of College life and culture came when Emmanuel welcomed women into the fold in 1975.

This year we celebrate 40 years of women at Emmanuel and appreciate the advantages that life in a co-educational College can give. Those first Emmanuel women of 1975 were made of stern stuff and forged the way for others to benefit from an Emmanuel education.

In this edition of *Fiat Lux*, alum Jenny Hutson tells us about her time at Emmanuel College.

Jenny Hutson (1986–1988), B Com LLB; Emmanuel College Honorary Fellow

I am Managing Director of Wellington Capital Limited, an investment banking and funds management business I established 10 years ago. I am also Chairperson of G8 Education Limited, a leading operator of childcare facilities in Australia and Singapore and an ASX 200 listed public company. Prior to this I was partner at a leading Queensland law firm, McCullough Robertson, where I spent the first 15 years of my career following graduation from The University of Queensland. I am based in Brisbane and have two sons, James and Tom, who love hearing stories of my time at University and, in particular, Emmanuel College.



1. What do you remember most about College?

The thing I remember most about College is the student community's diverse backgrounds and extraordinary talents. There were people from all over Australia and the world, in particular the United States — a wonderful cross section of perspectives and diversity. Overall, Emmanuel provided a collegiate place that was cross-disciplinary and exciting, where we could all find the boundaries, share views that were idealist, triumphs, defeats and be part of a supportive community.

Inter-college sport was a highlight with rowing being my passion. The enthusiasm of the College community for sport and the celebration when the women's First IV, which I stroked, won its first "oar" at the first regatta of the season in my first year is, without question, a memorable highlight.

2. How did being part of the Emmanuel community shape your life?

I grew up in Grafton in northern New South Wales and was the last person accepted into Emmanuel College in 1986 — into the smallest room. I felt very included from the beginning as our rowing crew enjoyed

early success at the inter-college regattas. The Emmanuel community provided my home away from home for the next three years while I rowed for the College and the University and studied law and commerce. I had part-time jobs in the College garden, wearing fashionable red overalls, and in the kitchen. I enjoyed being a part-time member of the team looking after the College, as well as a full-time student and enthusiastic participant in every possible College adventure.

The diversity of nationalities and experience at Emmanuel without doubt opened my mind to what was possible and has led to some lifelong friendships. Everyone was generous with their time. Emmanuel College was a place where what I believed in and aspired to be, and do, was deeply and positively influenced and refined.

3. If you had anything to say to your peers who attended College at the same time as you, what would it be?

I would say they should reflect and smile about the wonderful experiences we had together. They should then give themselves permission to set themselves free of the routines of today, even if only for a moment, to revisit the expansive free-thinking, fun, happiness and friendships we enjoyed while at Emmanuel College.

TAKING ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT TO NEW LEVELS

by **Dr Lesa Scholl**, Dean of Academic Studies

This semester, Emmanuel College students have been given the opportunity to think about their studies in new ways through the introduction of professional MasterClasses and interdisciplinary SuperTutes.

The MasterClasses, so far covering Law and Ecology, and soon to include Politics, enable students to engage with specialists in specific fields, including Emmanuel Council member Roger Derrington QC, UQ Ecologist Dr Matthew Mitchell, and former Queensland Deputy Premier's Chief of Staff Jeff Popp. In small groups, students are able to talk to professionals about what they need to do to be a successful graduate in their field, as well as what working in that field is really like.

In the SuperTutes, Emmanuel offers something quite unique: team-taught workshops that engage with Medical Science, Politics and Philosophy to discuss current contentious world issues. To date, students have addressed the global impact of Ebola and the highly debated question of asylum-seeker children in detention centres. The students have been effectually encouraged to think outside their comfort zones and to be concerned about world events. One student commented, "I really didn't know a lot about the underlying political issues in West Africa and this has given me a great desire to keep up to date with these sorts of issues." Another said, "I thought the SuperTute was fabulous! The small groups worked really well as we

were given opportunities to discuss topics in our groups, allowing for lots of individual input, and then all the groups would come together and share ideas."

Both the MasterClasses and SuperTutes are designed to maintain the outward academic vision of Emmanuel College, which is not just to be academically successful, but to be successful in order to make an impact on one's community and sphere of influence.



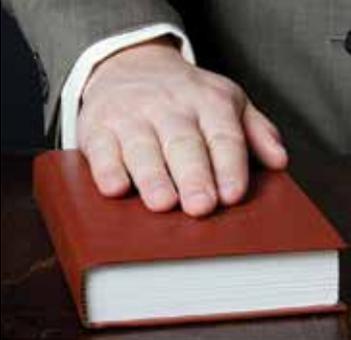
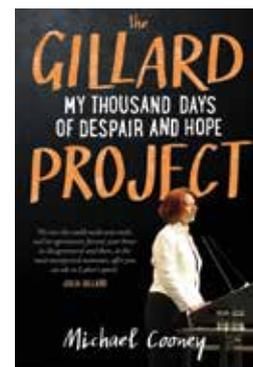
FAITH & PUBLIC OFFICE PLUS THE GILLARD PROJECT

On Thursday 3 September the Centre for the Study of Science, Religion and Society, together with UQ's TC Beirne School of Law, will host the Faith and Public Office conference. While there has been much discussion of the relationship between faith and politics, less consideration has been given to the constraint public office can place on the expression of an individual's personal faith. Unique in focus and perspective, the conference will see these issues addressed by academic specialists and Christian individuals who have held high public office, including Lt Gen, The Hon John Murray Sanderson AC, former WA Governor and Chief of the Australian

Army; Fiona Simpson MP, Member for Maroochydore and former Parliamentary Speaker; and The Hon John Anderson AO, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia.

On the evening of the conference, the CSSRS will host the launch of Michael Cooney's fascinating book *The Gillard Project*. As speechwriter to Prime Minister The Hon Julia Gillard MP from 2010 to 2013, Cooney gained a unique glimpse into the backrooms of power and an intimate insight into Gillard's character. Emmanuel alumnus Wayne Swan MP, Federal member for Lilley and former Australian Treasurer, will introduce the event.

All welcome to the conference and book launch; see the CSSRS website for details http://centressrs.org/events/faith_public_office.



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