ST LAURENCE’S COLLEGE

CENTENARY

Events

2015
a message from the principal

St Laurence O’Toole, the great Irish saint and first Bishop of Dublin under whose patronage this school was placed by Archbishop Duhig, had a heraldic crest with the motto ‘virtute et fidelitate’.

This is best translated in our school setting as ‘courage and faithfulness’. The story of Lauries over the last 100 years has been shaped by numerous individuals who share the values of courage and commitment. We celebrate each and every one this year.

But our year is not only about celebrating past trials and glories. It is also about shaping the future. There will be several milestones shaping decisions.

I invite you to be part of the celebrations to share with others the gifts we have received and commit to a future filled with hope and optimism.
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**Centenary Welcome Assembly**

Staff and students of the College will commence the school year with a special welcome assembly on the first Friday of Term 1. A Centenary theme will be infused into the event while still upholding the traditions, followed by the first School 100 photo to be taken on Gair Field.

- **Date:** Friday 30 January
- **Where:** ERPAC Auditorium
- **Price:** Not required
- **Booking via:** College website

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**Century Cricket Day**

Marking a ‘ton’ since the first match was played on College soil, join in watching a memorable match at the Runcorn Playing Fields where the 2015 XI cricket team take on the Old Boys. As the students replace their black and gold with their cricket whites, we encourage guests to do the same with a ‘touches of white’ dress code. An unmissable Centenary-themed reception will follow the day’s proceedings to further celebrate the history of cricket at Lauries with special guests in attendance. Tickets are available now via the College Centenary web page.

- **Date:** Sunday 1 February
- **Where:** St Laurence’s Playing Fields, Runcorn
- **Time:** Match - 9.30am - 4.00pm
  Special Event - 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- **Price:** Matches - Free
  Special Event - $15 per adult
  $5 per child
  $25 for family ticket
- **Families with more than 6 members can purchase additional family, adult and children tickets as required.**
- **Booking via:** College website

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**Centenary Mass (day)**

Staff and students of the College will come together for our first Mass of the Centenary year and to inaugurate the year through prayer and song.

- **Date:** Friday 6 February
- **Where:** ERPAC Auditorium
- **Price:** Not required
- **Booking via:** College website

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**Centenary Candlelight Mass (evening)**

As Edmund Rice’s lantern shone light for the masses, so will the Lauries spirit illuminate through candlelight at this event.

Part and present families are invited to join the College community as we light a candle to initiate the beginning of our 100-year celebrations. The candlelight mass will officially welcome the Centenary year to all with light refreshments to follow. LED candles will be available to purchase as wax candles are not possible at this venue. This event will be free to attend, however, an RSVP will be required for catering and seating purposes.

Should the guest numbers exceed ERPAC capacity, large screens will be set up in front of Gair Field for families to take part.

- **Date:** Friday 13 February
- **Where:** ERPAC Auditorium
- **Time:** Mass - 7.00pm - 8.30pm
  Supper - 8.30pm - 9.00pm
- **Price:** Free
- **Booking via:** College website

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**Centenary Splash**

**SWIMMING & WATER POLO EVENING**

Dive into the Lauries swimming legacy and join our students for the annual swimming age championships with an extra water polo twist.

St Laurence’s College has a proud swimming heritage that includes such past and present greats such as Mark Stockwell, Rowan Crowthers, Laurie Lawrence, Andrew Mewing, John Rigby and many more. Situated at Yeronga Park Swimming Pool, our annual age championships will be extended to include Old Boy challenges such as 100 years / 100 metre sprint and an entertaining water polo match.

Tickets are available now via the College Centenary pages.

A ticket to this event includes VIP access to a reserved area, a drink on arrival and a selection of canapés to be served while watching the Old Boys water polo match against the College’s 1st team.

- **Date:** Friday 20 February
- **Where:** Yeronga Park Swimming Pool
- **Time:** Age Championships - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
  Centenary Pool Events - 7.00pm - 8.00pm
  Access to VIP area - 4.00pm - 8.00pm
- **Price:** Championships - Free
  Special Event - $15 per adult
  $5 per child
  $25 for family ticket
- **Families with more than 6 members can purchase additional family, adult and children tickets as required.**
- **Booking via:** College website

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Centenary Courtside

VOLLEYBALL EVENT

Witness St Laurence’s College – 2014 AIC Premiers – as they challenge their competitors St Patrick’s College in this special fixture with a Centenary flavour.

Volleyball at Lauries was an outdoor sport until the construction of Brady Hall. Join the College community as we say goodbye to this institution as it stands today before it’s major refurbishment in the Centenary year.

At the end of play, guests will be invited to ERPAC Level 6 to view nostalgic photos of Lauries volleyball players over the decades. Tickets are available now via the College Centenary pages.

The post-match function price is inclusive of a drink on arrival and a selection of canapés as well as reserved seating for the Open’s match in Brady Hall.

Date: Saturday 7 March

Where: Brady Hall, St Laurence’s College and ERPAC Level 6

Time:
- Open Match - 1.30pm Start
- Post-Match Function - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Price:
- Match - $15 per adult
- Special Event - $15 per adult
- $5 per child
- $25 for family ticket

Families with more than 6 members can purchase additional family, adult and children tickets as required.

Booking via: College website

Open Day

On Thursday 12 March, St Laurence’s College will once again open its doors to current and prospective families to view the facilities, curricular and extra-curricular activities available to students of the College.

The SLC Twilight Open Day provides an opportunity for all to explore our classrooms; talk to staff, parents & students; learn more about our academic, pastoral, spiritual and co-curricular programs; find out more about enrolments, enrol your son/s and enjoy the vast range of food and drink available.

Date: Thursday 12 March

Where: St Laurence’s College

Time:
- 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Price: Not required

Booking via: College website

Civic Reception

In honour of reaching our 100-year milestone the College will host a Civic Reception at Parliament House in Brisbane. The cocktail soiree is an event not to be missed for invited guests who have contributed to the rich tapestry of the College.

Limited tickets will be available to members of the Lauries Community via the College Centenary page.

Date: Thursday 19 March

Where: Parliament House, George Street

Time:
- 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Booking via: College website

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Clash of the Lions

SLC VS EREA

REDS VS LIONS

In an historic first, witness the St Laurence’s 1st Rugby Union team take on a combined EREA force at Suncorp Stadium, as a precursor to the QLD Reds vs the South African Lions.

Invited students from Nudgee, Terrace, St James, St Patricks and St Edmunds will take to the field to join St Laurence’s College in celebration of their proud and enduring rugby heritage. Guests are invited to watch this momentous game followed by a cocktail function in the Paddington Room for the presentation of the teams and the launch of a Lauries Rugby History book.

Limited tickets will be available for this special rugby package, which includes the Centenary Clash, a drink on arrival and canapés at the post match function in the Paddington Room as well as reserved seating for the Reds vs Lions.

Tickets for ground entry only or cocktail function entrance only (Reds season tickets holders only) are available for purchase.

Date: Friday 27 March

Where: Suncorp Stadium, Milton

Time:
- SLC vs EREA Match - 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Post-Match Function - 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- Reds vs Lions Match - 7.00pm onwards

Price: $100 per person

Booking via: College website

Football Carnival

St Laurence’s College will play host to an EREA National invitational football competition for Year 10 and Open Divisions. Competing in a round robin format, the Lauries teams will be tested against the best that EREA have to offer in Australia.

Members of the Lauries community are invited to watch throughout the competition, culminating in the finals to be played on Friday 10 April from 2.00pm. In celebration of the success of the event and Lauries’s strong history of football, a special reception will be held in the Brother Ryan Function Centre at the conclusion of the competition and trophy presentations.

Tickets are available now via the College Centenary pages with the post-match function price inclusive of a drink on arrival and a selection of canapés.

Date: Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 April

Where: St Laurence’s Playing Fields, Runcorn

Time:
- Final Match (Friday) - 2.00pm - 3.30pm
- Presentations - 3.30pm - 4.00pm
- Post-Match Function - 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Price:
- Matches - $15 per adult
- Special Event - $15 per adult
- $5 per child
- $25 for family ticket

Families with more than 6 members can purchase additional family, adult and children tickets as required.

Booking via: College website
Combined Centenary Commemoration

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

As St Laurence's College and the landing at Gallipoli celebrate their 100th year in unison, the Lauries community is welcome to join staff and students for the annual Anzac commemoration service.

The ceremony acknowledges Lauries Old Boys and servicemen and women alike who have made the ultimate sacrifice in duty.

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‘A day in 1915’

To make this event as special as possible, the activities available to staff and students will unfold on the day.

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100 Year Birthday

The Centenary themed afternoon invites the Lauries extended community to attend and commemorate this special occasion with the unveiling of the Centenary arch, birthday cake and much more.

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Centenary Concert

Come and witness why music is the co-curricular activity with the highest participation at St Laurence’s College at the Centenary Concert. A selection of College choirs and bands will perform across a variety of musical genres, including a performance of the special, commemorative music score written for the Centenary year.

Old boys are urged to join the College and extended community for this concert. The drum and bugle band will feature on the night in honour of the war days.

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase prior to the commencement of the concert.

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St Laurence’s Rugby 7’s Tournament

This annual event against invitational teams is a highlight of the Lauries sporting calendar and is open to Lauries friends and families to watch. The Canteen will be open during the day for catering purposes.

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Basketball Carnival

St Laurence’s College will play host to an EREA National invitational basketball competition. Competing in a round robin format, the Lauries teams will be tested again the best that EREA have to offer in Australia.

Members of the Lauries community are invited to watch throughout the competition, culminating in the finals to be played on Friday 10 July from 3pm. In honour of the origins of the sport, American style catering will be available for sale during the final day.

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College Tours
A highlight for Old Boys and families, return to the hill and experience a century of College evolution by walking through buildings old and new. Retrace your steps with a guided tour of the campus or meander at your own pace. The spirit of the College will also be on show with displays of the many ways Lauries students have embraced Service Learning and other important touchstones of an Edmund Rice education. Leave your mark by sharing your memories at the Alumni film studio and take a moment to reconnect with your former school classmates.
The Lauries Shop will be open for the purchase of College or Centenary mementos. This event will be free to attend however an RSVP will be required for catering purposes (morning tea provided).

Brothers Gathering
The St Laurence’s College Leadership Team will host invited Christian Brothers to re-visit the Monastery and share their many stories amongst old friends.

Runcorn Football, Rugby & Change Rooms Commemoration
Cheer from the sidelines as our current students compete in their weekly fixture against Padua in rugby and football. Experience the Lauries spirit in action as students compete in this integral round of sport. Prior to the first matches, bear witness to the opening and blessing of the new change rooms, the next step in the development of the Runcorn fields.

Centenary Gala Dinner
St Laurence’s College invites the entire Lauries community to the most prestigious 100-year celebratory event on the calendar for 2015 - the Centenary Gala Dinner.
Both past and present families are urged to purchase tickets early to secure attendance to this special event that will be hosted at the Royal International Convention Centre on Saturday 2 May 2015.
This formal event will commence from 6.30pm with professional photographers available to create lasting memories of the occasion.
The ticket price includes a three course dinner and drinks package, silent auctions, lucky door prize, entertainment, the launch of the official Centenary video and much more.
Early RSVP and registration is recommended to attend this once in a 100 year event via the College Centenary pages on the website.

Mass and Communion Breakfast
Local, inter and intra-state guests are invited to attend mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen – the Cathedral church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. A continental communion breakfast will be available at the adjoining Francis Rush Centre at the conclusion of the Mass.
Early RSVP and registration for the breakfast is recommended as space is limited. The mass will be free to attend, however RSVP is appreciated to assist with the administrative needs of the Cathedral.

Centenary Cup
AMBROSE GOLF DAY
Ever fancied a friendly swing of the club alongside some of your fellow Lauries Old Boys, friends or families?
The Lauries community are invited to enjoy a great day of golf with your team. The Centenary golf event for the College is set to feature at one of Brisbane’s most prestigious clubs, Brisbane Golf Club on Sunday 3 May. Complete the weekend’s festivities with this ambrose event followed by a beverage and nibbles in the club lounge.
The package price is inclusive of 18 holes of golf, use of a motorised cart, a lunch pack to be served on the greens plus a post-game function including a drink on arrival and a selection of canapés.
Numbers are strictly limited for this event. Registration will be available via the College Centenary pages on the website.
**Centenary Grand Slam**

**TENNIS EVENT**
Witness St Laurence’s College as they challenge their competitors Iona College in this special fixture with a Centenary flavour.

Senior fixtures will be played at this premier venue, with players having the opportunity to play at the famous Pat Rafter arena.

At the end of play, guests will be invited to the River Terrace to view nostalgic photos of Lauries tennis players over the decades including those of Ken Fletcher, our most celebrated tennis old boy and Wimbledon champion.

The post-match function price is inclusive of a drink on arrival and a selection of canapes.

**SLC Sports Carnival including Athletics & Cross Country Event**
This is an event not to be missed for Old Boys and Lauries community members alike. The day will be an extension of our inter-house carnival with nostalgic races, old boys competitions and the crowning of the Cross Country King of Runcorn.

This day will be highly anticipated by current families as they cheer their sons from the sidelines on Ekka Wednesday. Bring a blanket and take your place on the hill or purchase a picnic hamper to enjoy on the day.

**History Launch**
After more than two years researching, interviewing, collating material, sourcing images and writing the text, the College Principal, Ian McDonald, will officially launch his latest book, *It Is Good for Us to Be Here* - the Story of St Laurence’s College.

Limited tickets will be available to attend the launch at the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre. The evening will include light refreshments and an opportunity for you to purchase a copy of the publication.

Tickets will be available via the College Centenary page.

**The South Bank Story**
The South Bank story will showcase the College’s visual and performing arts students through acting, song and dance.

Taking the stage at the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre, guests will be immersed in the history of South Brisbane, hosted by Pete Churchill, international Jazz performer and educator.

Drinks and snacks will be available from the Gair Field bar on the night.

St Laurence’s College and members of the community will come together to perform items with a jazz influence.

**Melbourne & Sydney Old Boys Reunions**
Lauries old boys who are interstate and unable to take part in the yearlong celebrations in Brisbane are invited to attend one of the special reunions to be held in Melbourne and Sydney.

Catch up with old friends and meet current Principal, Mr Ian McDonald. Ticket price includes beverages and a selection of canapes.

**Walkathon**
A sea of yellow will again sweep through the Brisbane CBD as St Laurence’s College students embark on the annual College Walkathon to raise funds for multiple charities.

Celebrating 46 years of walking, over 1,700 students and 200 staff will complete a 15-kilometre walk around the Brisbane River, and for the Centenary year, College families are invited to walk along too. In the Centenary year, the charities of choice include Act for Kids, Micah Project, Bravehearts and AEIOU who will also be celebrating their 25 year anniversary in 2015.
Melbourne Cup

All members of the Lauries community are invited to join the festivities at the annual Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday 3 November.

This day is a significant fundraiser for the College with all proceeds raised assisting facilities on campus.

Wear your best black and gold outfit and flutter your way to a winner at this event which includes a fashion parade, raffles, accessories for sale and much more.

Tickets include a glass of bubbles on arrival, buffet lunch, lucky door prize, entertainment and much more. Keep an eye out on the Centenary events page for tickets.

Chapel Opening

The blessing and official opening of the new chapel will symbolise the conclusion of the formal centenary celebrations and will present a joyous occasion to be shared by the Lauries community.

This event will be officiated by the Archbishop of Brisbane or his delegate, followed by an afternoon tea served at the front of the Monastery.

The new chapel’s capacity of 300 people means tickets will be strictly limited.

Past & Present Staff Celebration Event

St Laurence’s College extends an invitation to past staff members to join our existing faculty in our annual end of year Christmas gathering.

Past staff are welcome to tour the grounds with a guide or at their leisure prior to enjoying a buffet dinner and beverages on level 6 of the ERPAC building.

Tickets will be available via the College Centenary pages.

2015 College Calendar

This 2015 Calendar will colourfully present historic and contemporary images of the school.

Copies will be provided to all currently enrolled boys and their families.

A collector’s edition will be available for sale.

History Book

Archbishop Duhig’s theme for his address at the opening of the school in 1915 was based on the scriptural quote from Matthew 17:4

It is good for us to be here.

It is the title of the story of St Laurence’s College, which has stood atop the Hill overlooking the city reach of the Brisbane River for 100 years.

It is a story of success and failure, achievement and setback as the school grew to a vibrant Year 5-12 school in the 21st century.

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who wrote, ‘There is properly no history, only biography’. This captures the ebb and flow of the Lauries story – a story which has a cast of thousands all of whom have contributed to the rich tapestry of the school story in different ways.

The story of Lauries has unfolded against the backdrop of the 20th century. World wars, the Great Depression, post war migration and expansion all had significant impact on the staff and boys of the school.

The Lauries story (in their story) proudly told with numerous illustrations and anecdotes.

This collectable memento of the Centenary Year will be launched in August.

Lauries Magazine

The tri-annual Lauries Magazine will be published in March, July and November in 2015. Each edition this year will be ‘special’ as it features all Centenary event photos, plenty of Old Boy content as well as some great feature articles and front covers.

Lauries Yearbook

The ultimate collectible for 2015 will be the hard bound year book. It will have full coverage of all centenary events, précis of speeches and numerous photographs.

The text will be accompanied by a Centenary DVD.
Celebrating

100 YEARS
OF EDMUND RICE
EDUCATION AT
LAURIES
1915 – 2015

Stay tuned for more information on our Centenary celebrations via our social media pages and the College website, as listed below:

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