



Annual Report 2018

Good Day-Old Boys and Friends of King Edward VII School,

John F Kennedy famously said that “Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” 2018 has been a year of tumultuous change for us all both locally and globally. It has thus become a necessity that we continuously survey what the future holds while never forgoing our past and celebrating our present. In this spirit, the OBA has used 2018 to strengthen our established base and structures, revelled together as a friend in the present, while always keeping an eye towards a better future for our School and community.

This year the OBA kept the annual calendar filled with events aimed at reconnecting Old Boys and friends of King Edward with each other and with the School. This included the annual Polar Bear Swim, rugby at Gaudy Day and the Old Boys 10s, the 94.7 Cycle Challenge, and a cricket game between Old Boys and the School’s first XV. The OBA also hosted the following years for their reunions 2008, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1978, 1968, 1958 & 1953 as well as a drinks evening in Melbourne and golf day (and dinner) in London for those based abroad. To welcome the “new” Old Boys, the School hosted the OBA at valediction where each matriculant was presented with an Old Boy’s tie and welcomed to the alumni fraternity.

Further to the social commitments the OBA continued to invest our member’s subs into the School. The OBA currently supports 3 Learners at the School on bursary and this year introduced the Chris Moffat Teaching bursary. The OBA also made a financial contribution to the Rowing club to purchase new oars. All of this would not be possible if you the community did not continue to support us both financially and in deed – so thank you for your continued encouragement and backing! I would like to extend my gratitude to the Committee and other legs of our community (the School, Trust, and Old Edwardians) – thank you for your support this year. And finally, to Derron, thank you for your unwavering commitment to the OBA and your perseverance in making sure that we move forward!

To all, have a blessed break and enjoy your December holidays!

Byron Leggett
Association Chairman