

Danielle Crowned Australia's Favourite Ballerina

Danielle Rowe (1996) was proclaimed Australia's Favourite Ballerina for the second time in three years in November last year.

The talented solo dancer, who is with the Australian Ballet Company, was awarded the People's Choice Award in the 2005 Telstra Ballet Dancer Awards. The award (and the \$5000 cash prize) is presented to the dancer who receives the most votes from the public.

The awards were held at a cocktail party at Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art and were hosted by the Australian Ballet's ambassador, Sarah Murdoch, wife of Lachlan Murdoch, director of News Corp.

We congratulate Danielle on her spectacular achievements and wish her success in the future!

Danielle, at right, is pictured with Sarah Murdoch at the event



SA's Hottest Young Chef!



Gleeson Old Scholar Matthew Bennink (1998) was chosen as South Australia's State finalist for the inaugural Lexus Young Chef of the Year showdown last year.

Matthew, who is the sous chef at Penfolds Magill Estate Restaurant, travelled to the Hilton Hotel in Sydney last July to compete against

five other State finalists from around Australia. The contest was a 2½ hour battle, cooking a main dish from a mystery box of ingredients and a set dessert, in front of an amazing range of judges.

Matthew impressed the panel with his concept and preparation of the dessert course, however the overall winner on the night was Queenslander, Kenneth Bryce.

Chef Jerome Tremoulet commented on Matthew's outstanding performance.

"He is very clever, a quick learner, highly motivated, extremely hard working, he has an excellent palate and he runs the most impeccable kitchen that I have ever seen!"

Congratulations Matthew on an extraordinary achievement.

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Sounding Good for Belinda

Flinders University sound design graduate Belinda Trimboli (2001) was accepted into the prestigious Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) in Sydney recently.

Belinda is hoping the AFTRS Sound Design Course will help launch a career working on projects both overseas and at home in Adelaide. Graduates of the school include directors Philip Noyce (*Rabbit-Proof Fence*) and Jane Campion (*The Piano*).

The creative 22-year-old enjoys conjuring sounds for films, television and radio, and of late has been working on a locally made horror flick. Tricks are

used to make the violent sounds realistic and extra gruesome for viewers - Belinda took a pair of scissors to an uncooked chicken to make the sound of a limb being hacked off!

"Clearly we don't have pre-recorded sounds for cutting someone's hand off or poking someone in the eye," Belinda explained. "You can experiment with this sort of stuff."

Well done Belinda and we are sure we will be hearing your work on the big screen one day!



Perfect 20s for Four Gleeson Students

On Tuesday 14th February, four of our Year 2005 Stage 2 students were invited to Government House to be presented with their Merit Certificates for achieving 20/20 in their respective subjects.

Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC CVO MBE, Governor of South Australia, addressed the assembled students, their parents and school representatives. She paid tribute to the students' efforts and dedication and congratulated them on their outstanding achievements.

Photo (L-R): Kate Astrauskas-Graves, Mauricio Carias, Jessica Zizzo and Jessica Keller.



Merit recipients Kate Astrauskas-Graves (Business Studies), Mauricio Carias (Spanish), Jessica Zizzo (Business Studies) and Jessica Keller (Vocational Studies B) were among students from across the State who were recognised for excelling in one or more of their Stage 2 subjects in 2005.

These students were also presented with Certificates at the Gleeson College Academic Assembly, which was held in Week 3. They were congratulated on their outstanding results, along with other high achievers from our 2005 Stage 2 cohort.

Phil Lewis, Principal



With Deepest Sympathy



The Gleeson College Community is deeply saddened by the untimely death of Jessica Lewkowicz, past Gleeson student and SRC Secretary (1999).

Jessica was a caring and giving person who endeared herself to both staff and students. She will be fondly remembered by the Gleeson community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this very sad time.



Blast from the Past



Hey! It's Mark Dean here (Year 12, 1998). I'm now 24 years old and still young at heart and happy-go-lucky. Some teachers and past students may remember that for a few years I was a guitarist who played in the School's Rock Band. These days I'm often called by a nickname, 'Crafty', which I've gained since graduating from Gleeson.

Since those good ol' days I have studied music performance/industry, sound production, small business management and acting and have earned two diplomas: Commercial Music and Sound Production. I have worked as a one-on-one teacher of guitar/bass/drums, live sound engineer and lighting tech, produced music in a studio situation, acted as a roadie, sold merchandise for bands such as *Regurgitator* and *Killing Heidi*, worked on crew and acted in theatre, short films and a Feature Film, 'A Life In The Day Of'/'2:37', Internet Webmaster for my band's Website and have also undertaken tour management for interstate bands.

I have always been passionate about music and since 1998 there hasn't been a period when I haven't been performing in a band and writing music. In mid-late 1999, I joined forces with fellow Gleeson-ite and bass guitarist, David Arnold, and have since performed all around South Australia and in a few interstate tours with the band 'Close Call'. This involved a lot of work, as not only did I do most of the songwriting, play guitar AND sing, I was the main organiser as well. Together with study and part-time work, it meant I didn't get a lot of sleep at that stage of my life. With achievements such as performing at Band Festivals, having my songs recorded and released on CD, receiving national radio airplay, our video clips being played on RAGE, Channel V and playing in support band slots with successful bands such as *The Butterfly Effect* (QLD) and *Faker* (NSW), it has meant that I only remember the fun parts!

As Dave decided that he wanted to travel overseas for at least six months, we went our separate ways in July, with the lingering possibility of reforming the band with new members. I decided that a change could be good for me too, and within a few weeks I was in Darwin playing drums in a funk band called 'NEO'. I had a ball, to say the least! Such different weather and Northern Territory's impressive sights were eye-opening enough, but drumming at least once a day on average really brought about a noticeable improvement in my playing ability. Also, the fact that 'NEO' were predominately a funk band meant guaranteed dance-floor action and my drumming played a big part in that – a very new and inspiring phenomenon to me.

During January '06 I toured the East Coast with 'NEO' and have now returned to South Australia to perform at some Adelaide Fringe Festival Events. Make sure you come and say "Hi" if you're out and about during the Fringe.

To keep up with my goings-on you can check out www.closecallband.com and www.theneo.com



Top (L-R): Mark and fellow Gleeson Old Scholar David Arnold hamming it up!
Left: Mark's School Photo - Year 12 1998.

OLD SCHOLARS SOCCER

Gleeson Old Scholars Football Club has now commenced pre-season training towards our SAASL Saturday Division 1 campaign.

We encourage all Gleeson College Old Scholars who are currently playing football/soccer elsewhere, or any new players interested in playing for Gleeson F.C. in 2006, to contact **MICK ROMEO** on **0408 849 391**.

Collection of 2005 Stage 2 Work

2005 Stage 2 students can collect moderated work from the College Bookroom from Monday 6th March to Monday 20th March between 8.20am and 8.50am every weekday morning.

Any work not collected during this time will be deemed unwanted and will be discarded.

Where are they Now?

Tim Daly (1999)

Tim has been in the South Australian Police Force for three years, and is currently based at Marla in the far north of the State. He covers about 150,000km² of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands and works with many Aboriginal communities, cattle station owners and tourists within the area.

Sarah Taylor (1999)

Sarah graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing at Uni SA and will commence post graduate studies in Remote Area Nursing in Alice Springs this year. Sarah also plans to marry in 2006!

Andrew Taylor (2000)

Andrew graduated in Butchery at Regency Park TAFE and is currently Assistant Manager at Woolworths Meat Department at Northpark Shopping Centre.

Steven Carter (2000)

Steven has finished his final year of a double degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering & Science. Last summer he travelled to Vietnam and Malaysia for 10 weeks work experience, and returned to Vietnam and Cambodia in January for a holiday. Steven has just commenced working with an Adelaide-based company in their water engineering department.

Rebecca Smith (1997)

Rebecca is in her final year of study for a Diploma of Business Administration (Management) at Adelaide TAFE. She has two young sons - Zachary (6) and William (2).

Melissa Neave (1995)

Melissa is now a qualified Chiropractor, and is currently studying her Masters in Paediatrics in Sydney.

Jemma Goldner (1994)

Jemma completed a Certificate IV in Business (Real Estate Sales) and currently works with a developers agent - RDMS (SA) Pty Ltd. She is based at The Marina, Hindmarsh Island, and specialises in the sales and marketing of waterfront properties. Jemma is also getting married in October this year!

Sarah Maynard (1999)

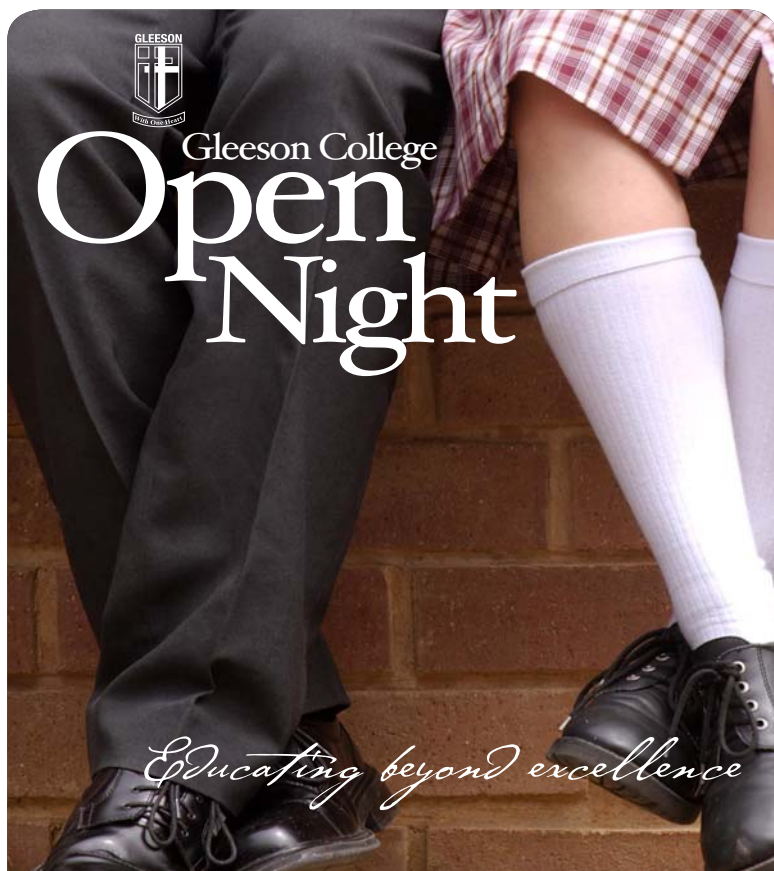
Sarah graduated with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy in 2004 and now works as a full time Physiotherapist at Modbury Public Hospital.

Kate Maynard (2003)

Kate is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts - Professional and Creative Communications, and is due to graduate this year.

Shannon Ryan (1999)

Shannon is getting married in March 2006.



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