

50th Anniversary



*The story of Whitefriars College starts in 1955, almost six years before the first students walked through the school gates.
And it starts with an enthusiastic young Carmelite priest named Frank Shortis.*

These are the opening lines of the story of Whitefriars College now being prepared for publication in the year of its 50th Anniversary.

A group of people have been meeting regularly over the past twelve months to make preparations to mark this milestone in the life of the College.

The year will begin with **Mass for the Opening of the School Year on 17 February 2010** at the College.

Major public celebrations are scheduled throughout the year beginning with the **Blessing and Opening of the new College Chapel on Sunday 25 April 2010**. On this day we hope to welcome many past and present students, staff and families. There will be time to take a walk around the College and relive your own time at Whitefriars. Archival material from across the years will be displayed and current students and staff will be on hand to welcome you. The Prior General of the Carmelite Order will officially Bless and Open the Chapel at 3.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the area of the Reflective Garden.

The story of Whitefriars will be available in 2010. We hope that you will all take advantage of the opportunity to purchase a copy of the book and follow the story of those first thirty-three students who began many of our traditions. Today we have in excess of 1150 students. There have been many stories of all the years in between. We hope you enjoy them.

A Whitefriars College 50th Anniversary Ball will be held at the Manningham Function Centre on 17 July 2010. This promises to be an exciting event. Please put this date in your diary now and begin to gather together a table or two from your year, your football team, a musical, your family, friends you made during your time at Whitefriars, staff you worked with, the list is endless. Places are limited so book early as bookings close 30 June 2010.

Saturday 4 September is set for a night of Stars of Whitefriars. Following in the tradition of the Concert held during the 40th Anniversary of the College we will present the very best of musical talent.

The Anniversary Year will conclude with **Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 14 February 2011** fifty years to the day when those first students walked down the hill to begin their secondary education in a brand new College.

No doubt the 50th Anniversary flavour will permeate most of the events at the College during next year. As plans unfold we will keep you up-to-date.

Please note all these dates in your diary now. Further information will continually be updated on the College website www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au. We look forward to an exciting and memorable golden Anniversary Year.

**Anne McKenna – Chair
Whitefriars 50th Anniversary Committee**

Whitefriars College 50th Anniversary Ball

Friday 17 July 2010 6.30pm - 12am

Manningham Function Centre
699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Tickets \$120.00 per person includes
3 course dinner and beverages

Music and Entertainment by "Reflections Of..."

Dress: Black and Gold - After 5

Limited numbers so book early! Bookings close 30 June 2010
Book online at www.trybooking.com/CCX

