



NAGLE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

INTRODUCTION

This report is a summary of our work during the Nagle Library's first year of operation, which corresponds to the 2018-2019 College year.

In July 2018, work got underway to retrieve the College's library materials from various storage sites and to accommodate them in the new Nagle Library. In November the College community came to celebrate the blessing and opening of the refurbished Philosophical and Reading Rooms, and to view the transformation of both rooms now furnished to provide space conducive to study and with some of our print collections already on display.

The purposes of the Library are:

- to conserve printed, photographic and other material relating to the history of St John's College and its historical context broadly conceived;
- to make such material accessible for researchers and other interested persons;
- to make available resources for the broader education and intellectual development of the College's students beyond the scope of their immediate courses of study;
- to provide a physical environment conducive to study.

COLLECTIONS

The Nagle Library is arranged into three collections.

The first, comprised of several special collections, is kept in the Philosophical Room. These are described in the Rector's Memorandum regarding Special Collections. Of note, the book collection donated by our benefactor, Justice John Nagle, of over one hundred publications relating to the British discovery and early history of New South Wales has been included in the Australian history collection now renamed The Nagle Collection of Australian History.

The General Collection, kept in the Reading Room, has works across a number of core humanities and other disciplines, and will be extended to include areas of contemporary relevance. This collection is organised by the Dewey Decimal Classification system, widely used in academic libraries and other cultural institutions.

In March 2019, the Law Collection, including donations by a number of benefactors, was moved to the newly refurbished Library annexe in the O'Reilly Room.

STUDY SPACES

Students have been provided with eight spaces around the College for study. Amenities have been enhanced in the Reading and Philosophical Rooms and these, together with the O'Reilly Room and five tutorial rooms, are now zoned for individual study, quiet work with a fellow student or group work. These arrangements have been readily adopted by current students.

The spaces are available to students 24/7 with secure after-hours access and energy efficient use of aircon and room lights in place.

ONLINE ACCESS

Work for online access to the collections commenced from the outset. Searchable records of nearly 3,000 items have been created on the Catalogue, including all items from special collections and over 1,000 from our General Collection. These will become available online to the College and wider communities when the Catalogue is launched later in 2019. Cataloguing of these collections, and of new items, will continue through 2019-2020 and beyond.

Work is underway to make the College's historical information more widely available with a searchable online catalogue of a collection of College photos and other heritage objects. It is envisaged that this component of the Catalogue will be available late 2019 or early 2020.

GROWTH

The growth of the collections depends on purchases, bequests and donations. The Library has benefited from the latter in the past, and work is underway to continue to attract and encourage those who wish to support the College's vision in this way. Notable gifts this year include those from the Rector, Adrian Diethelm, particularly for the General Collection history, liturgical and Australian Church collections. And, an agreement has recently been reached for a gift from the professional collection of Roy MacLeod, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Sydney, with a focus on Australian history, and the history and philosophy of science.

Planning has also commenced to purchase resources to add to the General Collection for students for their broader education and intellectual development beyond the scope of their immediate courses of study. Publications will be selected from the core humanities disciplines and areas of contemporary interest and will be aimed at supporting the College's vision around "...intellectual excellence, ...Christian living ...and service to society".

Work in the Nagle Library under the guidance of the Rector has been enthusiastically and ably supported by Library staff and student assistants, and by College staff, in particular Facilities, without whose skills and collaboration we could not have come this far.

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OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

 **8 STUDY SPACES FOR READERS**
ALLOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COLLEGE

6   UNPACKED 
OVER 10,000 BOOKS **OVER 3,000** 
EMPLOYED STUDENT ASSISTANTS SEARCHABLE ONLINE RECORDS CREATED FOR OUR WEB-BASED CATALOGUE

50 BOXES 
OF BOOKS ASSESSED BY THE RECTOR EACH WEEK FOR 8 WEEKS

11  SPECIAL AND RARE BOOK COLLECTIONS SHELVED IN THE PHILOSOPHICAL ROOM

500 BOOKS DONATIONS RECEIVED OF

3 ZONES  DESIGNATED FOR SILENT, QUIET AND GROUP STUDY

OVER 5,000 GENERAL COLLECTION BOOKS  **RELAXATION ZONES** COMPLETE WITH **BEAN BAGS** 

45 BOXES  FROM RECTOR ADRIAN DIETHELM AND 200 FROM THE NAGLE ESTATE

24/7 ACCESS  TO STUDY SPACES EQUIPPED WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT AIRCON AND LIGHT

 **45 BOXES** OF OUT-OF-SCOPE MATERIAL DONATED TO OTHER LIBRARIES

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

From the Nagle Australian History Collection

- 1836 edition of *The voyages of Captain James Cook round the world : comprehending a history of the South Sea islands : in two volumes. Volume II.*
- First edition of *An essay on New South Wales, the mother colony of the Australias*, written by G.W Reid in 1876 to describe the "...progress, resources, and condition ..." in New South Wales for the Centennial Exposition of the United States of America.

Early printed books

- A 1512 copy printed in Paris of the *Primus tomus operum Origenis Adamantij* from the works of Origen, born in Alexandria in 184 AD, a Church Father widely regarded as one of the most important Christian theologians of all time. From the library of William Augustine Duncan, who migrated to New South Wales as a Catholic schoolteacher in 1837 and was a supporter of St John's College.
- A Roman missal *Missale romanum : ex decreto sacrosancti concilii tridentini restitutum Pii V. Pontif.* published in Salamanca in Spain in 1588. The title page is printed in red and black with engraved title vignette and the missal contains music.

Books printed in Australia prior to Federation

- Patrick Francis Cardinal Moran's *History of the Catholic church in Australia : from authentic sources, containing many original and official documents in connection with the church in Australasia, besides many from the archives of Rome, Westminster, and Dublin, which are here presented to the public for the first time published in Sydney in 1894.*
- *Illustrious exiles : or, military memoirs of the Irish race abroad* by J. Edward Kelly printed in Sydney in 1875 by J.G. O'Connor of 19 Jamieson Street, Sydney.
- *The wanderings of the human mind in searching the scriptures : being a concise history of the origin, progress and condemnation of the principal heresies that have arisen in the several ages of christianity, from the private interpretation of the holy bible : in a series of letters to a candid inquirer after truth* by the Rev. John McEncroe and published in Sydney in 1841 by W. A. Duncan.

Liturgical books

- *Pontificale romanum Clementis VIII ac Urbani VIII iussu editum*, a liturgical book of rites performed by bishops, published in 1845 and is signed on the fly leaf "Ex Libris Guliemi Wardell de Hampstead, 1850", from the library of William Wardell, architect of St John's College.
- *Hierurgia, or, The holy sacrifice of the mass : with notes and dissertations elucidating its doctrines and ceremonies, and numerous illustrative plates* by Daniel Rock, an English priest, published in 1833 with "The Liturgy of the Mass" in double columns of Latin text and English translation,

Limited editions signed by the authors and illustrators of Australian works of literature

- Selected poems of Henry Lawson. Illustrated by Percy Leason. Published in Sydney by Angus and Robertson Ltd Publishers to the University in 1918.
- The Wild Swan 1930 and The Rue Tree 1931 by Mary Gilmore published by Robertson and Mullens in Melbourne in 1930

St John's College - association copies

- Help nearest when need greatest : a sermon preached in the Synod of Oscott on Sunday, July 11, 1852 by Henry Edward Manning includes a letter to W.W. Wardell, dated October 23 1854 from Cardinal Manning, who became Archbishop of Westminster in 1865.
- Rector of the College from 1874-1877, R. B. Vaughan's Lenten exercises: given by Archbishop Vaughan in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Sydney, in 1877 published in Sydney by Edward F. Flanagan in the same year.
- An 1805 edition of the Wealth of Nations from a collection of text books belonging to Francis McCarthy, a student at the University of Sydney, signed and date March 18th, 1869.