



**AMBROSE TREACY
COLLEGE**

ATC DEVELOPMENTS

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Important Dates

- First Round Interviews for Year 7 2016 - **Week March 17-21**
- First Round Interviews for Year 4 & 5 2015 - **Week May 19-23.**
- ATC AFL Club Guernsey Presentation - **Friday, March 28**

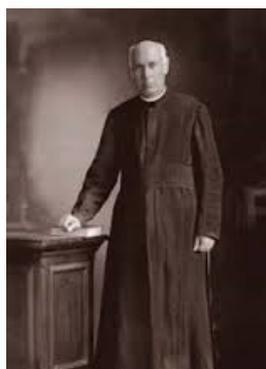
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Patrick Ambrose Treacy

Br Patrick Ambrose Treacy was born on 31 August 1834 at Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland. In February 1852 he joined the Congregation of Christian Brothers in Waterford. In 1868 Bishop Goold asked for a community of Christian Brothers to establish schools in Victoria, Australia. Treacy was chosen as leader, and with Bodkin, Lynch and Nolan arrived in Melbourne on the Donald McKay. Treacy did not even have enough money to pay for the removal of their luggage from the ship and shortly after Archbishop Goold

informed him "I have not a rap for you...Throw yourselves on the people and they will provide."



Undaunted by lack of money, Treacy opened a primary school in Lonsdale Street in 1869 and in 1871 Parade College

opened in Victoria Parade. By 1900, when he retired after thirty years as a provincial superior, he had established twenty-seven schools in Australia, and one in New Zealand. He was recalled to Ireland in 1900 as an assistant to the superior-general, and returned to Australia in 1910. Although retired, he insisted on working and was sent to Brisbane in a bid to prolong his years in a warm climate. He died at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, on 2 October 1912 and is remembered as a man of learning, leadership and service.

Middle School at ATC

The Middle School at Ambrose Treacy College will provide a dynamic, intentional approach to teaching and learning that is responsive and appropriate to the full range of needs, interests and achievements of young adolescent boys. Years 7, 8 and 9 are years of discovery and exploration in which boys build on the experiences and learning of their primary years and prepare for the rigours of the senior years. That is why our Middle School is discrete but not isolated from the

Junior School and the Senior School.

At Ambrose Treacy College we believe that the pastoral care of each boy is very important and underpins all activities. We are concerned about each boy's development as a whole person: spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical. Learning is optimized when boys feel safe and valued, and they believe that they belong and are capable of achieving success. Boys also need an environment in which mistakes are

viewed as permissible and integral to the learning process whether on a sporting field or at a high level of academic pursuit. Our Middle School recognises this need for a specially tailored curriculum and learning environment where we care for, and show a personal interest in, our boys and engage them in interactive and collaborative approaches to their work. They are challenged and given opportunities to feel successful, through our relevant and student-centered curriculum.



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Ambrose Treacy College AFL

One of the exciting developments on the sporting front for Ambrose Treacy College is the establishment of the ATC Junior AFL Club. AFL is an established sport at the College and has been enthusiastically played for more than ten years at the College. This new structure will provide boys with an expanded opportunity to play AFL in a structured club competition. In our initial year we have over

ninety players who will proudly play in the new blue, white and green guernsey with the College fielding 5 teams across under 9 to under 12 age groups. As a lead into 2015, any boy enrolled at Ambrose Treacy College next year will also have the opportunity to start their induction journey by joining existing students at NJC in one of the teams. From a sporting perspective this is the start of an



exciting journey for the College and it has already generated a great deal of interest in the community.

Staff Profile



Name:	Michael Senior
Position:	Principal
Year started at College:	2004
Started teaching:	1980
Teaching Experience:	24 Years in Secondary / 10 years in Primary
Previous Appointment:	8 years as Deputy Principal and 2 years as Acting Principal at Nudgee College, Boondall.
What I like most about NJC:	The wonderful sense of community and the fact that all boys can feel comfortable and can excel in their own area at the College. The words "caution boys being boys" are an accurate reflection of our lived experiences at the College.
What excites me most about ATC:	The opportunity to truly do something special on the campus and provide boys with the opportunity to grow into the kind of young men that our society desperately needs.
Favourite pastimes:	Fishing and photography
Highlights in last 5 years:	My daughters Julie and Dani's weddings and the birth of our first granddaughter Lily
Favourite TV Show:	Any episode of Big Bang Theory or Modern Family
Best Book:	Any autobiography

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Architectural image of the Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) classroom currently underway