

# Fun Scotch Facts

## C is for Captains...

There are captains of a wide array of sports and activities at Scotch, but here we take a look at those with the greatest leadership responsibilities: the Junior School Captains and the School Captains:

- Since 1916 there have been 105 Captains of the Junior School: Richard Nelson Paling was Captain in 1919 and 1920, while Hamish Parnall Ewing and Finlay Alistair Macrae were co-Captains in 1961
- 78 are living, including the Captains of 1938 to 1942, and 1944: the oldest is 94
- Six Junior School Captains have also been School Captain: David Evan Price (1952 and 1958), Graeme Surrey Blanch (1963 and 1969), Finlay Alistair Macrae (1961 and 1967), Timothy Charles Collie Downing (1992 and 1999), Lachlan Michael Strathmore (2009 and 2016) and Nicholas Daniel Marks (2012 and 2019)
- Although not all Junior School Captains stayed at Scotch until Year 12, of those who have finished at Scotch, 58 (over half) of them did not receive a Senior School office (Prefect, Probationer or School Officer)
- Since 1904 there have been 114 School Captains: two-timers were Norman Charles Harris (1905 and 1906), Henry Herbert Bowden (1906-07), Robert McCracken (1909-10), Cecil Newton McKay (1918 and 1919), Colin Wallace Ross (1922 and 1923) and Alexander Thomas Dix (1944 and 1945).
- 67 are living, including all Captains since 1961: the oldest is the 1935 School Captain, William 'Bill' Morgan, who is 104
- The inaugural School Captain, William Johnstone Knox (grandfather of former Premier Ted Ballieu) died in WWI on 20 August 1917, and Stanley Walter Neale, the 1912 Captain, who played football for then-VFL team University, died in WWI on 29 September 1918
- At least 11 of them have been awarded Australian honours or military medals, including the CMG, DSO, MC, OBE, AO, OAM and AM
- Thirty-one Junior School Captains have sent sons to Scotch, and 46 School Captains have sent sons to Scotch (two were both Junior School Captains and School Captains): John Andrew Blanch (1938) and Graeme Surrey Blanch (1969); and William Euan Ironside Littlejohn (1939) and Euan William Robert Littlejohn (1970); and Peter Graham Hey (1949) and Murray Peter Hey (1976) were father and son School Captains
- Boys from Carey Baptist Grammar School (1), Geelong College (1), Geelong Grammar School (1), Haileybury College (1), Melbourne Grammar School (3), St.Kevin's College (2), Wesley College (3) and Xavier College (1) have produced Scotch School Captains