



# The Johnsmen's Association

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Dear <<First Name>>,

## **OUR CANDIDATES & THEIR PLATFORM A CHOICE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF YOUR COLLEGE**

The election for four lay members of the new Council will open on 8 November 2018.

As an enrolled elector you will soon receive a ballot paper either electronically or by mail. You will have until 23 November 2018 to cast your vote.

The 2018 election is the most important in the College's history. The *Saint John's College Act 2018* has preserved the independence of the College, but your Association had to spend six years fighting for that outcome. Those who wished to see the College's members denied any genuine voice in its governance have been repulsed, but they have not gone away. And now voices outside the colleges are even calling for them to be completely dismantled.

Your Association will remain vigilant and vocal against threats to the independence of your College. But the alumni alone cannot secure the future autonomy of Saint John's. For that, the College must have a Council whose members are firmly committed to its future as a vigorously independent institution, and unafraid to defend it publicly against all comers.

The future independence of the College is now in your hands. It will never again depend so much as it does now on the choices you make when voting in a Council election. Although you get to elect only four members of the Council, on this unique occasion those four will join with the four appointees of the Archbishop and Vice-Chancellor in recruiting a further four. The College will need all four elected fellows to be rock-solid in their insistence that appointed members must be people of unquestionable independence and integrity.

Your Association Executive has endorsed four candidates who, you can be sure, will, if elected, meet that need. They will be committed to John's and to nothing else.

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### **Candidate Profiles**

#### **John Anthony Coorey BA, LLB (Syd) (John's 1981 – 1983)**

John is a Partner in the national law firm, Sparke Helmore. He has held senior management positions within the firm including serving on the Board and as Chairman. He is a Vice President of the Alumni Association and was intimately involved in the protracted negotiations with the

Interim Council, the Archdiocese, the Vice-Chancellor's office and the NSW Parliament regarding the *Saint John's College Act 2018*.

Having been at the coal face of the governance debate, John is highly conscious of the importance of the College having Council members whose first priority is the wellbeing of the College and its community. He sees the College as having an integral place within the University of Sydney, as an independent academic institution but working closely with the University and being deeply enmeshed in its academic, cultural and sporting life.



John's family has a long history with the College and its community. His father served on the Council for many years and his mother was also a long-serving member of what was then known as the Ladies' Auxiliary. His niece is currently attending the College and her experiences and views about College life are a major part of his motivation to serve: *"The College must continue its long standing commitment to providing its students with a safe, supportive and challenging environment in which to pursue academic excellence and enjoy all the positive experiences of University life"*.

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**Alexandra Ryan BEd (Syd) MBA (UTS) (John's 2006 – 2008)**

Alex is eager to put her experience in driving sales and marketing outcomes at the service of the College. After taking her Education degree at Sydney, in 2014 she completed a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from UTS Sydney, and in 2017 an MBA (International Business). She is currently working as a Channel Manager with Allianz Australia, where she has undertaken a number of marketing and digital roles in the course of the past 5 years.



During her time in residence at the College, Alex served on the elected student House Committee as Rosebowl Secretary (2008). More recently, for the past 2 years she has been serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of the Saint John's College Foundation.

Alex is convinced that this election is of historic importance. As a recent resident of the College, she is passionate about guiding its future direction as an independent institution – one whose resident members can look to its entire graduate community for support and engagement: *"In order to mould the future of the College, we must harness the energy, creativity and diversity of its*

*Alumni and community.”*

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**Khan Horne BAgEc (Syd) MEd (UNE) (John’s 1988 – 1991)**

Khan brings to the team experience as a recent member of the Council, as well as expertise in finance and managing stakeholder relationships.

Khan is a 26 year seasoned banker with NAB Ltd. A skill set in finance, risk and compliance is embedded in Khan’s day to day work. These are skills that will be vital for the new Council.



Some degree of continuity between the interim Council and the new Council will be vital, and for the past 4 years Khan has been a member of the current Council, and has served on its Finance & Risk subcommittee.

During all of that time he has remained a passionate John’sman, alumnus, parent of past and present students, and an active supporter of the Association via membership of the Laffo’s Long Lunch Committee.

As a parent, Khan recognises that the safety and wellbeing of our resident student is the priority. He believes in a College balance of academic excellence, sporting competitiveness and other extra-curricular activities.

Khan supports the *Saint John’s College Act 2018*. He believes it is time for the John’s community to lead in implementing the new legislation, and ensuring that the College is prepared for opportunities in the ever changing world of 2019 and beyond: *“We need strong leaders, a healthy culture that sees the current and future needs of our students and staff exceeded, and due respect to our history, traditions and wider alumni”*.

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**Gerard Phillips LLB (Syd) LLM (Syd) (John’s 1983 – 1985)**

Ged is a partner in the global law firm K&L Gates and has served as the national practice head of one of its practice groups, and 5 years as a member of its global board. While undertaking masters study at the University of London, he gained experience as a resident at the London House for overseas postgraduates. He also attended a live-in business/leadership programme at the Harvard Business School in 2011.

Ged was House Secretary in 1985. His brother also attended the College, and his eldest daughter

was recently a resident for 3 years. Having seen the sons and daughters of many friends also benefit from their years at the College has deepened Ged's love for Saint John's and his desire to see it prosper and grow.



Ged considers that the 2018 election will be the most important election in the College's history, and stands with the overwhelming majority of the Association's members, who want the College to remain an independent institution: *"Success is the best protection against those who mean the College harm, and a successful College is one where the students are able to perform their best, in an environment that is collegial and congenial for all. To sustain that goal, I believe the new Council must engage with its alumni to rebuild trust and connections that have been lost."*

To read Ged's detailed candidate statement [click here](#).

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## **CANDIDATES' PLATFORM**

The four candidates endorsed by your Association are committed to the following platform:

- Whilst they welcome the endorsement of the Association, if elected, they will act solely in the best interests of the College as an institution and as a community. None of them is beholden to the Association or to any other person or entity external to the College.
- They share an absolute and unshakeable commitment to the continuing independence of the College.
- They accept the findings of the Broderick report and endorse the proposals for cultural renewal that are proposed in that report. They will support any reasonable measure that improves student safety and wellbeing within the College.
- They are committed to promoting active engagement by the College with its graduate alumni and enhancing opportunities for the alumni to contribute constructively to the life and mission of the College. As a means to that engagement, they will, at the earliest practicable opportunity, move the Council to exercise its power under the new Act to establish sub-committees on which graduate alumni and other friends of the College can be invited to participate.
- They see the College as an integral part of the University community and will pursue co-operation with the University to enhance the stature and reputation of both institutions. They also believe that the College should work closely with the other colleges on campus to promote in the community a better understanding of the benefits to students of college life.
- Whilst they emphatically believe in the independence of the College, they equally believe that it can only thrive with the continuing support and guidance of the Church in the faith

that its founders professed. They will actively pursue renewed dialogue with the Archdiocese concerning how the Church may best guide and assist the College's mission.

- They prefer openness to secrecy, particularly concerning matters that may affect the rights of the alumni. They will oppose any proposal to diminish the voting rights of the graduate members of the College below those prescribed in the new Act.
- When recruiting additional members of the Council, they will seek individuals of the highest integrity and unquestionable independence who, in addition to being supportive of the preceding platform, will be able to attract support for their appointments from a substantial majority (at least) of all voting members of the Council (and preferably unanimous support).

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## HOW TO VOTE FOR THIS PLATFORM

Because so much is at stake in this election, it is important to understand the voting system, and to vote strategically. A copy of the by-law that governs the election can be downloaded [here](#).

Under the voting system, your 1, 2, 3 and 4 votes are all of equal value and are all allocated to candidates as, in effect, first preference votes. For this reason, you are **required** to vote 1, 2, 3, 4 for at least four candidates.

In addition, you will have the **option** to indicate a preference between the remaining candidates by casting a vote or votes numbered 5 or higher. An optional "5" or higher vote will govern the distribution of your "1" votes if any of your first preference candidates is eliminated in the course of the ballot. But you are **not required** to number more than four boxes because you are not required to permit any vote of yours to be allocated preferentially to any candidate whom you do not positively support.

**To secure the College's future independence, your Association Executive urges you to cast your 1, 2, 3 and 4 votes for the Association's endorsed four candidates in the order of your preference between them.**

By voting for all four of the Association's endorsed candidates, you will send an emphatic message of support for their platform and will greatly strengthen their voice in the selection of the further four lay members that the new Council is required to appoint soon after the election.

**If you wish** to allocate a preference for any additional candidates, I urge you to read with care the official candidates' statements, and to indicate further preferences **ONLY** for the candidate or candidates who you are satisfied are firmly committed to the independence of the College from **ALL** outside influence.

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## INVITATION TO MEET OUR CANDIDATES IN PERSON ON NOVEMBER 8

Our four endorsed candidates want an opportunity to meet you in person before you vote. They

want to hear your views and concerns about the College, and answer your questions about where they stand on its future.

I warmly invite you to come and meet the candidates on **8 November 2018 between 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM** at Tattersalls Club, 181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

You will be made welcome with or without prior notice, but, for planning purposes, we would welcome your reply to this invitation in advance.

To accept the invitation now, or to let us know you can't attend but wish to register a question for the candidates to answer, [click here](#).

I hope to see you on 8 November.

## HOW TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL

The College has engaged CorpVote to conduct the election. By now you should have received email correspondence from CorpVote. If you have not yet received any correspondence from CorpVote please check your junk mail folder or contact [election@stjohnscollege.edu.au](mailto:election@stjohnscollege.edu.au) to ensure you are on the electoral roll.

## PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS MESSAGE AND INVITATION

Please note the Association's database may not align with the College's and we would encourage you to forward this email onto your fellow alumni who are eligible to vote.

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