



We have created a legend for St John's – the Legend of Aquila.

Over 1300 alumni, current St Johnians, friends and guests of the College gathered at the long table setting of the Grand Hall, HKCEC to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St John's College.

"Yee Jie" started the dinner with the classic "ding ding" piano music and the doors of the Grand Hall were gradually opened to unveil the Grand Hall with long table setting and a night view decoration of the St John's dining hall projected on the centre stage.

After all the floor guests got seated, the 86 head table guests marched in after a group of green gown St Johnians leading their way.

Then we followed the good tradition of having Rev Paul Tong 湯顯森 (BA 1963; PCLL 1989) saying grace for the College. Then the Legend of Aquila finally started with the six masters of ceremony coming up to the stage: Dr Yeung Sum 楊森 (BSocSc 1974; PhD 1990) (3/F), Anna Hui 許安娜 (LLB 1995) (9/F), Dr Ball Wong 黃劍榮 (BA(ArchStud) 1984; BArch 1986) (4/F), Dr Vanessa Chow 周穎思 (MBBS 2005) (8/F), Clarence Shen 沈君德 (BSocSc(Govt&Laws), Year 2) (1/F), and Jennie Wu (9/F).

Dr Eric Chong 張志明, the Master of St John's College firstly addressed the audience followed by Dr Albert Chau 周偉立 (BSc(Eng) 1983; CertPsych 1984), Dean of Student Affairs, HKU, and Vincent Chiu 趙崇德 (BSc(Eng) 1987), Chairman of the Legend of Aquila and SJCAA.

Then Dr Yeung Sum invited all the chairmen of St John's to come on stage to lead the College Song. Afterwards, our guests of honour, including our two Patrons of the event Dr Cho Kwai-chee 曹貴子 (MBBS 1988) and Dr Alfred Tam 譚一翔 (MBBS 1977), all the current and past Masters of the College including Rev Paul Tong, Rev Ian Lam 林壽楓 (BA 1971) and Professor Leung Koon-shing 梁貫成 (BSc 1977;

CertEd 1980; AdvDipEd 1983; MEd 1984) were invited to come on stage to do a simple yet symbolic cake-cutting ceremony.

The night programmes were split into three sessions with the themes showing the past, current and the future of St John's in these 100 years. In the interview, our alumni The Hon Rimsky Yuen 袁國強 (LLB 1986; PCLL 1987) (6/F), Secretary for Justice, and Rev Paul Tong talked about their good old days at the College. Current students then showed their talents with a band performance and dance, followed by a fashion show of St John's sports and floor wear.

In the future session, both the Master – Dr Eric Chong and Dean of Students – Dr K C Wong 黃國俊 (BSc(BldgStud) 1982; BBLd 1983; PhD 1992) disclosed to all the alumni about the future plan of building the Fourth Wing of St John's.

The highlight came when the Centennial choir members marched in while singing "O when the Saints". Our Choir then first performed the Centennial song 「心的契約」 – the new Centennial song (Cantonese) written by Lesley Chan 陳家曦 (BA 2003) (4/F) and lyrics by Kwok Tung-kit 郭東杰 (BA 2008) (1/F).

The Legend of Aquila then came to its ending climax by asking the 10 floors of St Johnians to come on stage to sing their own floor song one by one. The biggest-ever floor photo of each floor was taken at the same time.

At 11:30 pm, party ended with the College Song led by Dr Yeung Sum. 1,300 St Johnians left the Grand Hall with the St John's centennial scarves on their dresses, with the Centennial Song still hanging on their lips, with many centennial souvenirs carried in their shopping bags, plus all the sweet memories of this grand reunion and celebration in their minds.

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Legacy from the Hill the Early Years of St John's College



Legacy from the Hill - the Early Years of St John's College, written by St Johnian Franco David Marci and published by St John's College Alumni Association, is the first detailed history of its formative years.

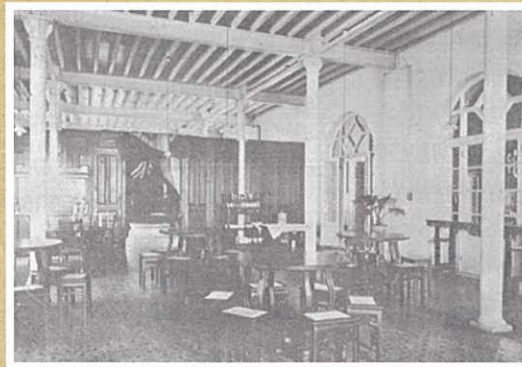
"When the Japanese finally attacked Hong Kong in December 1941... They (St Johnians) gave of themselves for the benefit of their comrades, their friends and their neighbours."

The Spirit of Aquila Spanning 100 Years

St John's College



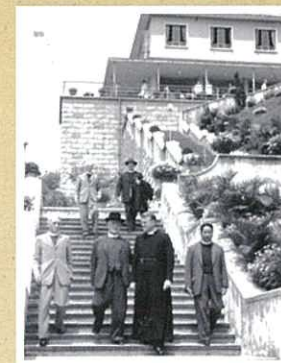
The Old Fairlea Building (left) and The **1914** Block of St John's Hall (right)



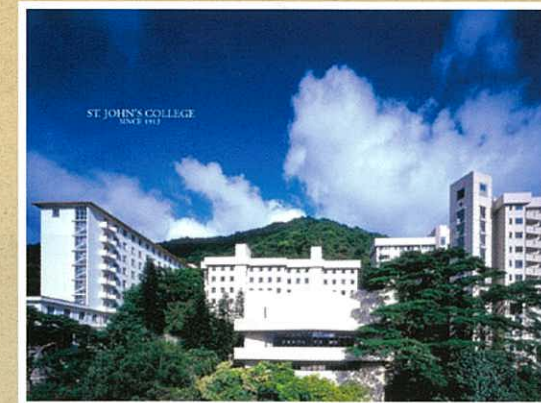
1920s The dining room



1955–56 Establishment of Marden Wing, St John's College in no.82 Pokfulam Road, after combining of St John's Hall and St Stephen's Hall



1960s Stairway to the Old Wing, later named as Dr Wing-chiu Leung Path in 1990s



1997 Overall view of St John's College with the Third Wing newly built



2012 New Dining Hall: Danny Ho Bradbury Hall

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1910s St John's Hall students

1910 Sir Frederick Lugard, Governor of Hong Kong demanded students of the University of Hong Kong to live in Hostels for discipline and moral education and ask the Hong Kong Anglican Church for establishment of residential hall.



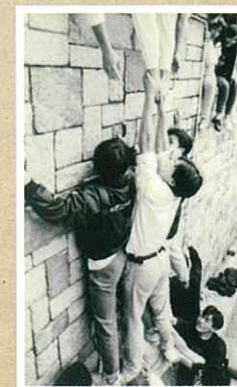
1960 Presentation Day of The First Champion of Malayan Cup by St John's College



1989 Round The Island



1976 Interhall Athletics Meet Mens and Ladies Overall Champion



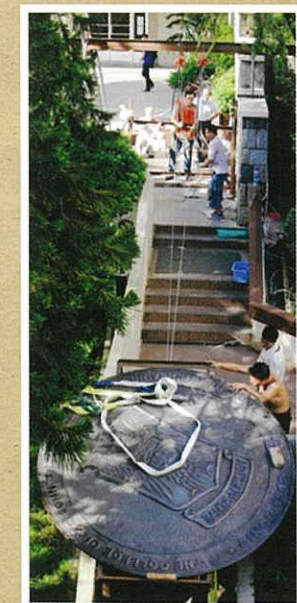
1991 Wall Climbing in the front of Marden Wing



2002 Interhall Choir Competition



2011 St John's College Alumni Association



2012 Commemorative Plaque to be placed in front of the Marden Wing


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