



**De La Salle OCAFC
Team of the Decade
1975 - 1984**



**COACH
BERNIE
SHEEHY**

**CAPTAIN
PAT
MAHER**

**PETER
MCDONNELL**

Full Backs

**TIM
COOKE**

**CHRIS
LOFT**

Half Backs

**RICHIE
HALASA**

**MICHAEL
DEVESON**

**BRIAN
BOURKE**

Centreline

**RALPH
MCHENRY**

**BILL
TYSON**

**JOE
DOOLAN**

Half Forwards

**VIN
EDDY**

**SHANE
MURPHY**

**BERNARD
DUNN**

Full Forwards

**PAT
MAHER**

**MICHAEL
NUGENT**

**ALLAN
GROVES**

Ruck
**MICHAEL
GREENE**

Ruck Rover
**PETER
DONEGAN**

Rover
**SIMON
BEDDOE**

Interchange

**DAVID
HOLLIER**

**PETER
CZERKASKI**

**DAVID
HARRINGTON**

Off-field

**BARRY
LYONS**

**TONY
O'CALLAGHAN**

**PETER
CURTIS**

**TONY
MCILROY**

**JOHN
MITCHELL**

**DAMIEN
O'DONNELL**

HOW WE PERFORMED

1975	"B" Section	PREMIERS	1980	"A" Section	PREMIERS
1976	"A" Section	THIRD	1981	"A" Section	THIRD
1977	"A" Section	PREMIERS	1982	"A" Section	RUNNERS UP
1978	"A" Section	FIFTH	1983	"A" Section	PREMIERS
1979	"A" Section	PREMIERS	1984	"A" Section	PREMIERS

On-field

Bernie Sheehy	Bernie, during five outstanding years, turned our Club into a football powerhouse. No peer at VAFA level then or now.
Tim Cooke	Sheer 'workhorse' who constantly worked on his game to improve skills. Tough, eventually reliable and very versatile.
Peter McDonnell	Powerful, strong marking centre half back. 'Blondie' led the backline with strength and skill.
Chris Loft	Powerhouse of a man. Started numerous attacks from the backline with pace, strength and adventurous handballs.
Richie Halasa	Talented and pacy athlete who controlled the half back line with agility, skill, flair and dash. Automatic State representative.
Michael Deveson	An out and out champion. Competition B&F winner. Played on many talented players and usually left his opponent demoralised
Brian Bourke	Running from the back-line, long kicks into the forward line and picking up many Victorian jumpers and an "A" Grade B&F in the process.
Ralph McHenry	A great leader who never gave up no matter what the odds. Endeavour and commitment could well have been his middle names.
Bill Tyson	Strong utility player who put the fear of God into the opposition with his hard at the ball style. An inspiration to his teammates.
Joe Doolan	Best remembered for his booming kicks into the forward line and his great pace. Won all Australian selection.
Vin Eddy	Magnificent mark and strong kick. Noted for his exciting swerving runs. Laconic personality who transformed on the football field.
Shane Murphy	Whether playing on a flank or in a key forward position, Shane always performed in big games. An automatic State selection.
Bernard Dunn	High possessions winner who was also a magnificent kick. Knitted the whole team together with energetic and constructive running.
Pat Maher	Showed unflinching courage and was absolutely outstanding in his ability to maintain a high standard of consistency in his game.
Allan Groves	Whether on the wing or forward line, Allan will always be remembered for his mercurial and exciting play. One of the best kicks in football.
Michael Nugent	Arguably De La's most talented player. Won two B&F's in his three years at the club. Crippling injuries stopped his VFL career.
Michael Greene	Almost certainly the best amateur player of his era. Tough, courageous and with a single minded desire for success.
Peter Donegan	The most competitive player to take the field for D.L.S. Incredible abilities to contest every hard issue and nullify opposition moves.
Simon Beddoe	Highly talented, courageous player skilled on both sides of his body. Two premierships, State selection, was cut down by injury.
David Hollier	Strong determination to improve saw him become one of the club's very best players. Four premierships and rarely ever beaten.
Peter Czerkaski	Came straight from school football in 1984. Struggled early but by the end of the year was sensational. Ran straight and hard at the football.
David Harrington	Highly skilled player who invariably played his best football in finals. Left footer who could cut the opposition to pieces.

Off-field

Barry Lyons	President for 4 years with two A Grade premierships, he was well known for his player recruiting skills and single minded determination to make his club the best.
Tony O'Callaghan	President of our first A Grade premiership team. Nobody has contributed more over a longer period than Tony.
Peter Curtis	Two Years as President and two A Grade Premierships. Not much more needs to be said.
Tony McIlroy	An excellent Secretary, Tony was also a keen member of the social side of the club at the time.
John Mitchell	Never made a mistake, cool in a crisis. Another outstanding Secretary over four years.
Damien O'Donnell	Big "D" was a major contributor as secretary and committee man and also involved in all areas of club life..