The names which have been chosen to represent each of the Houses are all famous Australians, who have been instrumental in forming a culture in Australia that Lalor Secondary College, similarly promotes for our students; pride, achievement, honesty, caring and cooperation. The famous and significant Australians which we honour are Sir Donald Bradman, Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop, Edith Cowan, and Andrew Barton ‘Banjo’ Paterson. Each of these noted Australians have been pioneers and leaders in their chosen fields, giving students at Lalor Secondary College the encouragement to strive to achieve in similar fields – Sport, Medicine and Science, Politics, and Literature. They are honourable people who relentlessly gave their all for their peers and communities and it is hoped that our students follow in their footsteps and exemplify the qualities espoused by Sir Bradman, Sir Dunlop, Ms Cowan and Mr Paterson.

A brief description of each of these famous Australians is highlighted below:

**Sir Edward ‘Weary’ Dunlop (1907 – 1993) – Red House**

Second World War Veteran

- Prisoner of War (POW)
- Helped other POW’s who were sick, often placing himself in danger to do so
- Appointed senior consultant at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1948
- Australian of the Year 1977
- Also played Rugby Union for Australia, promoting the game in Victoria
Edith Cowan (1861 – 1932) – Blue House

- Pioneer in women’s and children’s rights at the turn of the 20th century
- First female to be elected to Australian parliament
- Became President of the Karrakatta Club – Women’s Education
- Order of the British Empire – working on the Red Cross Appeal
- Found on the $50 note

Andrew Barton ‘Banjo’ Paterson (1964 – 1941) – Yellow House

- Most notable for his Poems, ballad writing, journalist and horseman.
- “Waltzing Matilda”, “The Man From Snowy River”, “Clancy of the Overflow”.
- Wrote for the Bulletin and Sydney Mail
- Editor of the Evening News in Sydney
- Ambulance driver in WWI
- Also found on the $10 note!
Sir Donald Bradman (1908 – 2001) – Green House

- Unquestionably the world’s greatest cricketer to have played the game
- Averaged 99.94 runs per innings
- Played in 52 Tests for Australia, captaining over a decade, including the greatest team in the history of cricket, ‘The Invincibles’ in 1948
- Wisden Cricketer of the Year 1931
- Australian Cricket Hall of Fame 1996
- Wisden Cricketer of the Century 2000