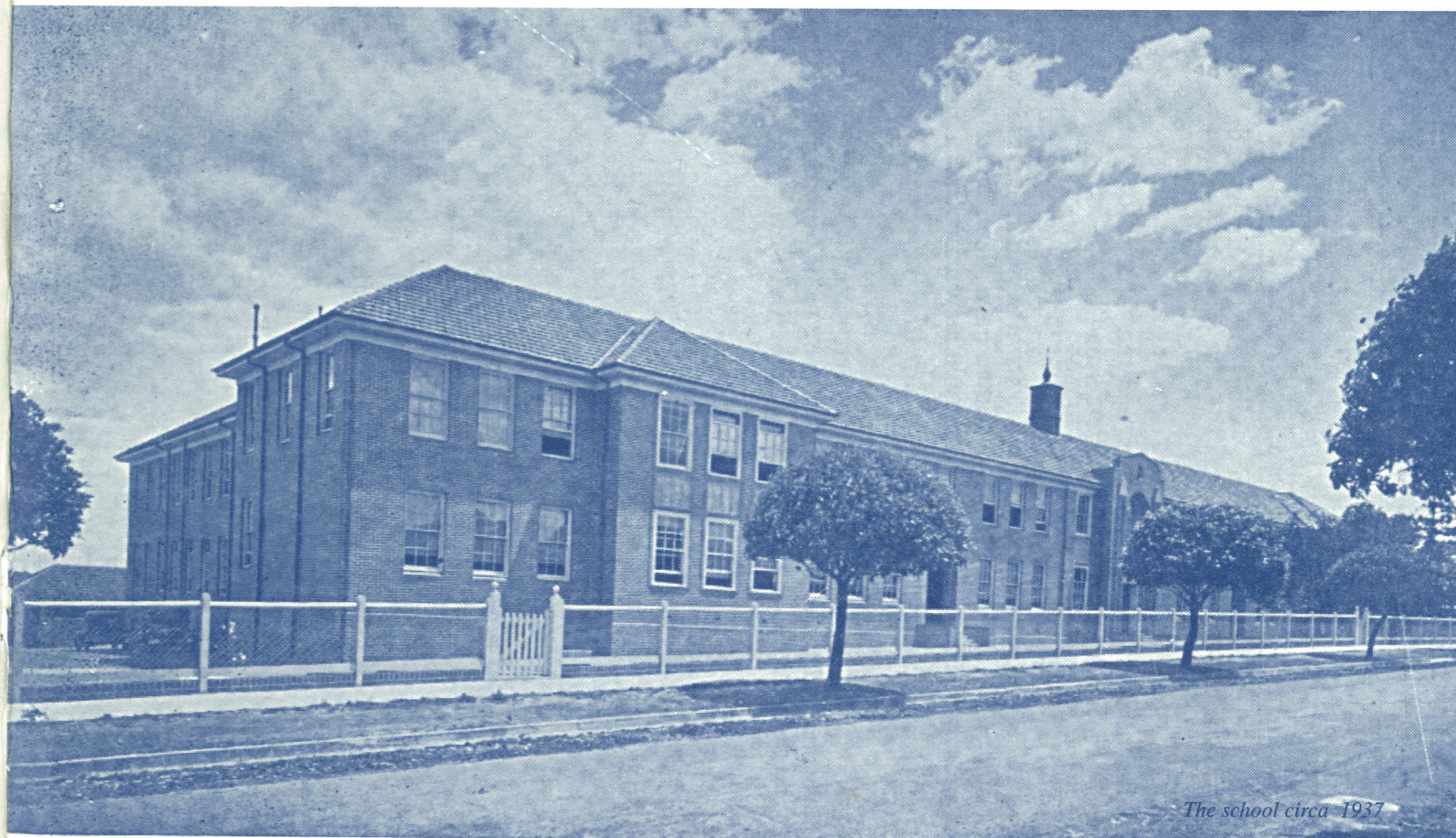


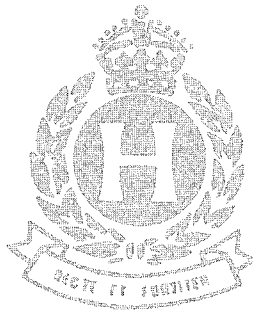


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The Principal's Message



I have great admiration for most high school students today. The adult society sends very mixed messages to them of values and attitudes.

We often look back through rose-coloured glasses at how wonderful the world used to be and tell our young that they do not compare favourably. We often, as a society, do not sufficiently appreciate just how difficult it is to be a teenager at this end of a century when families, media, schools, peers,

employers, government and other social and anti-social institutions all have different messages.

At Homebush Boys', we encourage boys to be independent, to be rational, to be tolerant and to be responsible. On every occasion we acknowledge achievements, events and participation to let every student know what can be achieved. We also inform the boys of incidents where intolerant or irresponsible or illegal acts have taken place so they are aware that there are consequences of such behaviour.

During 1997 a record number of "Bushy" boys have demonstrated outstanding performance in a very wide range of activities. These are all acknowledged in this magazine. It has been a great year to be at the school and I hope that ensuing years will be as good or better.

I congratulate all the boys who in so many ways have made every day a good day and I thank the staff of the school for their dedication to their task and their students. I hope that this magazine will keep 1997 in your memories.

Brian Greene



The Staff

Deputy Principal's Report



The signs and symbols we observe around schools are often very good indicators of the quality of the programs, policies and personnel. Many people and groups from outside the school regularly use our premises after school hours. Their comments on what they see left behind provide a good insight into the practices undertaken by the students and staff during the day.

The attractive state of the buildings and grounds, and in particular the examples of student work on display, are always a subject for comment. School resources are used to create an environment which is attractive for students and teachers, but it is the respect shown by students which assists in maintaining these standards. The lack of neglect reflects the care taken by students and the sense of responsibility they have towards property which is not their own.

The vast quantity and quality of student work on display reflects the rigour evident in the classroom where art work is created, literature is written or mathematics calculated. The trophies, memorabilia

and honour boards are evidence of years of endeavour which our school community acknowledges and sets as standards for future generations of students.

There is a belief among the boys and staff that success is achievable for all. I was impressed by *Tommy Chan's* enormous achievement in winning a prize in the Maths competition but it was equally as satisfying knowing that six hundred and ninety eight boys have confidence enough to enter the competition. Many schools enter only their elite candidates, yet seven out of every ten Homebush boys were prepared to challenge themselves and gain the benefits of formal examination practice. Some of these boys have only average Mathematics ability but unlimited confidence and a "have a go" attitude.

Whether acknowledging the successes of *Gareth Williams*, (The Inner West Youth Ambassador) The Open Table Tennis Team (Australian Champions) The Open Water Polo Team (NSW CHS Champions for the fifth successive year), *Shane Lodge* (NSW Boxing Champion), *Hong Nguyen* (Science Awards), *Rahulani Jegatheeswaran* (First in Year 12) or the 256 students who received Silver Awards throughout the year, the range and opportunities for participation and the achievement of excellence is unlimited.

As parents you can be confident the best interests of your son are at the centre of all activities within the school. As students you can have confidence in the quality of instruction and example you will receive. As teachers we ask only that you do your best.

Schools should be a safe and happy, place where students can develop their academic, social and sporting potential. Homebush Boys' is such a place.

Mr Bill Hilliard

David Nim

1981-1997

David Nim, of Year Eleven, died in hospital on 6th December. David was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in Year 9 and fought its effects for two years.

David's death came as a great shock to his Year 11 peers who were numbed and emotional when told. But their love and respect for David and their admiration for the manner in which he coped with his illness has been evident in their actions since hearing of his death.

On the 11th of December thirty students joined David's family in a service for David at the funeral parlour in Fairfield. The next day fifty Year 11 students, accompanied by their Year Adviser and the School Counsellor, travelled to Leppington to form a guard of honour for David at his burial. The simple Buddhist ceremony was enhanced by the presence of the boys who stood with quiet, loving respect honouring David and his family.

The words of the students in the memorial assembly held at the school on the following Tuesday conveyed their feelings as eloquently as their actions of the previous week.

His friend Peter Lu likened David to the universe: "The universe started with a big bang according to scientists. That is how David started his day: with a big bang. So energetic so full of life. I will really miss his smile. After staying in hospital for a long period of time he would come back to school with a smile, as though nothing had happened, as if it was just another school day. I admired him for that. We all take life for granted. The death of a friend, a close friend for me, changes the way we look at life. Cherish the memory of his smile. It will warm you, it will make you safe. The universe is ever expanding, according to scientists. So will our memories of David."

Tim Tsang remembered David's generosity. "In Year 8, I got to know David's characteristics. He was a very kind person. Since he was so kind I knew who to look for when I needed money for my lunch. When we were in the same PE class we used to fake the 1.6km run. He used to come in last, about three minutes behind the one in front: me. But what I saw in David was his enthusiasm for life and his endurance. These impressed me deeply. David's life was short but nothing can erase him from our memory."

George So's memory of David stretched back to Kindergarten and to the two little boys who helped their teacher. "I knew David as Soi-Senh in Kindergarten and Year 1 at Ashfield Primary School. He used to get a lot of prizes for his little deeds around the classroom and I would end up second after him in receiving prizes for my deeds. David was a cheerful person who had no problems with other students. I still have a photograph of him with two other students and myself playing with our racing cars."

Wilson Ly reiterated what the other boys said and told of his friendship and love for David.

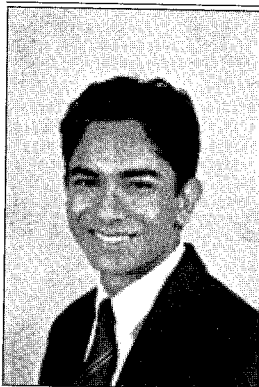
George Deftereos described the aura that surrounded David. He was deeply moved by David's death and joined with the other boys in saying how much he would miss him.

Gareth Williams, the School Captain, did not know David well but gave support to students in shock, attended both the service at Fairfield and the Burial ceremony and led the memorial assembly.

David's life will be remembered always by his friends. His death will also be remembered for its unifying effect on Year 11.

School Captain's Farewell Speech

Joseph Nalliah



Teachers, students, parents, Year 12, friends: When I first came to this school all it ever really meant to me were some bricks and mortar. I just came to school to read a few books, listen to a few lessons and then was happy to go back home. But it is only now, and ironically only at the end of Year 12, that I have come to realise what Homebush Boys High School really means to me.

While I have been at this school, I have learnt many things, good and bad, which have made me a better human being. I enrolled in Mr Balan's Chemistry class with the hope that I would become a better chemistry student. However I did not count on becoming an expert on food technology as well. Mr. Balan's afternoon chats on what he and his family had for dinner the night before sent all our senses reeling. And of course, how could we forget Ms. Degney's history class? Whether the lesson be about WWI, WWII, the Great Depression or the Gulf Crisis, it hinged upon the all important debate, *The importance of women in the 1990's*. I'm sure her efforts to convert us all into avid feminists have not been in vain.

So as we leave the hallowed corridors of Homebush Boys High School, I now realise that the school is not merely bricks and mortar, it is not just facts and figures and it is not just books and lessons. There is so much more to this school: something that I was never able to touch, or feel, or even know existed until it was taken away from me.

At the end of this year, we the graduating class of 1997, will leave school, with a certificate in one hand and a number in the other- a number which is supposed to tell us how good a student we were. But ladies and gentlemen, is that all Homebush Boys is all about: a number and a piece of paper? I think not. To me what Homebush Boys really means, is the friends which I have made. For you see, the friends that I have made, the people I have known and the faces which have grown so very familiar is the

very essence of Homebush Boys High School. To me a friend is someone who will catch me when I fall, someone who will comfort me in my sadness, someone who will enjoy my success and bear my failures and that is exactly what I've found in Homebush Boys High School.

We have all achieved a lot of things over the past twelve months. Our water polo team has won yet another state championship, our cricket team have come even closer to winning the coveted Davidson Shield and our debating team has had a prolific year. But to what avail are all of these achievements? Aren't they just another fact to throw into the archive?

The very beauty in these things is that we can share them, and it is the sharing of these achievements that make them truly great. It is this very brotherhood, this very *coming together* of students and teachers alike to share all of our successes and failures that makes Homebush Boys High School so very dear to me. It is this camaraderie which I have grown fond of and which I shall miss and it is for this reason that I am proud to say that I finished my Year 12 at Homebush Boys High School.

Over the past year, we've all ebbed closer to the ideal of finishing Year 12. We've all had goals. Some of us simply wanted to finish Year 12, others wanted to attend university and of course Rahulan and Johan wanted to get a perfect TER of 100. However, the fact that we've all come closer to achieving our goals shows us that we've matured into young adults. Our persistence, determination and sacrifice to achieve these goals shows we have grown into greater individuals.

So ladies and gentlemen, in years to come I will forget Mr. Balan's Chemistry class (I'm sorry, Sir), and the memories of Ms. Degney's class may even fade, but there is one solitary thing which I shall never forget. One thing shall remain locked in my heart for all time, and this is the memory of you, my friends. Your faces shall never fade, and your memory will never disappear, because that is the greatest gift this school has ever given me, and it is the greatest gift I could have possibly dreamed of receiving.

In 1997 you, the Year 12 class, gave me the role of Captain. It is a role which I have felt both privileged and proud to have had: not because of the title or the shiny badge, but because it was given to me by my friends. My election as captain

indicated to me that my friends believed in me. So for making me captain I sincerely thank you. But for making me your friend, I have grown to love you (In a manly kind of way).

It seems that I have come to that point in my speech where I'm expected to give you a piece of advice. Yet, I'm not in a position to do that, for I'm just like you. I too have many failures and many successes in front of me, and hopefully I too will learn from them to become a better and a greater person. However, I do know one single thing. Life is nothing more than a fleeting moment. A speck in the grand scheme of things.

We as individuals, whether we live on this Earth for ten, twenty, fifty or a hundred more years we must do all we can possibly do to ensure we can become the best people we can possibly be. This means taking every opportunity, capitalising on every option and making sure that when we look back on our lives, we don't think to ourselves of what could have been, but of what was.

As Robin Williams once said, "When in doubt, look up to the velvety night sky and look for a single shooting star. Though it's in the sky for only a matter of seconds, in that time it turns night into day and all the other stars stop and watch in awe". So fellow students, I know that given the opportunity, each and every one of you has the capacity to shine more brilliantly than you've ever shone before, and indeed you will light up the world. Don't just let your life be a speck in the grand scheme of things- make sure your life illuminates. So I leave you now with a quote from Henry IV by Shakespeare, which I believe sums up our unity as a year,

"These wounds I had on Crispian's day

Old men forget, yet all shall be forgot but he will remember with advantages what facets he did that day.

Then shall our names familiar to his mouth as household words Henry the King, Bedford and Exedor, Patto and Robbo, Peter and Kevin, Mahamod and Haithem, Daniel and Senthuran,

But in it shall be remembered

We few, We happy few,

We band of brothers,

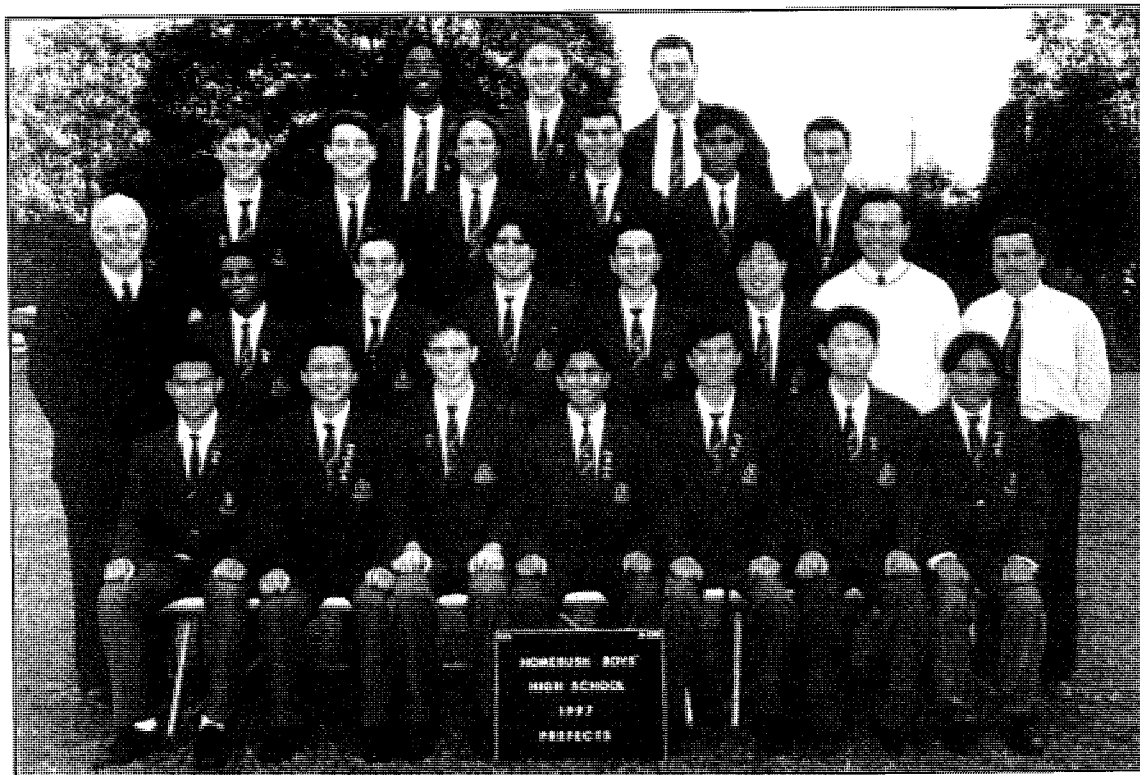
For he who sheds his blood with me this day

For he, shall surely be my brother.

Forever and ever."

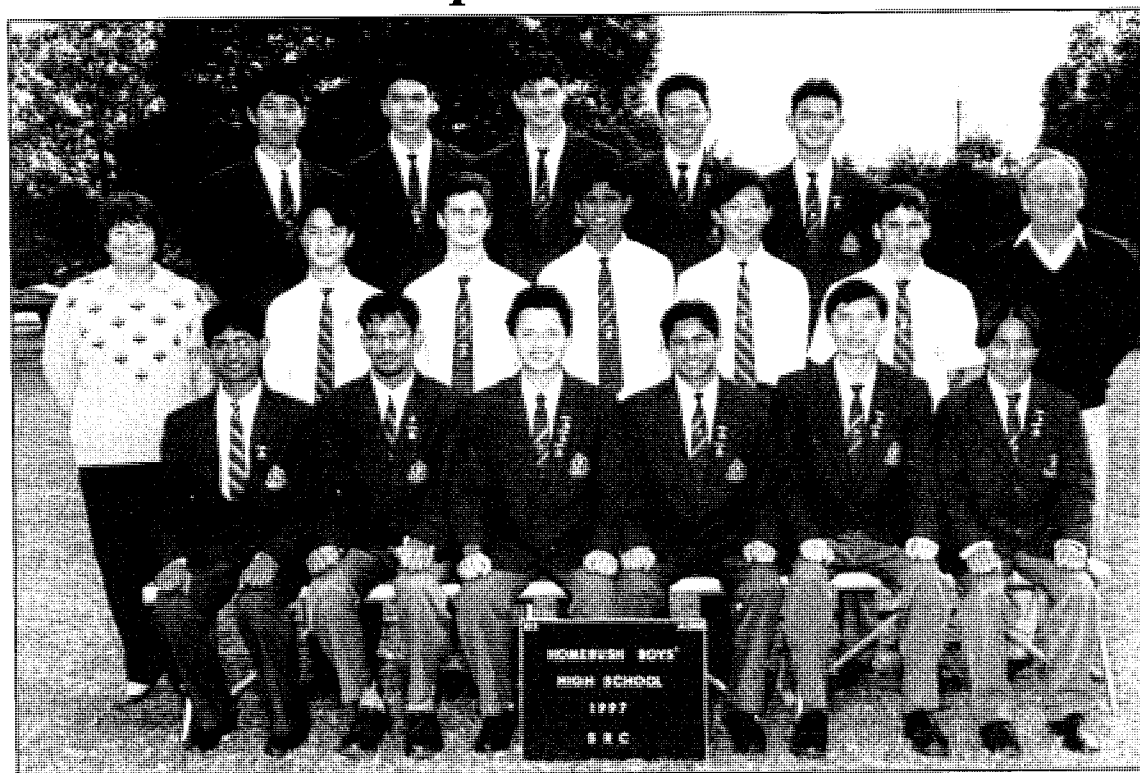
Special Thanks: To our Year Advisor Mr. Davison who has been an inspiration to us all. We, the graduating class of 1997, sincerely thank you for all your efforts.

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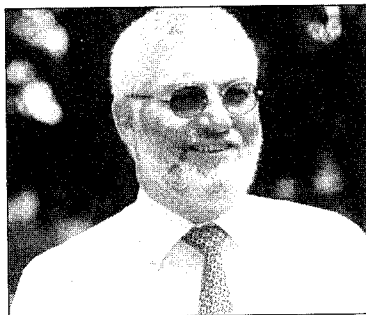




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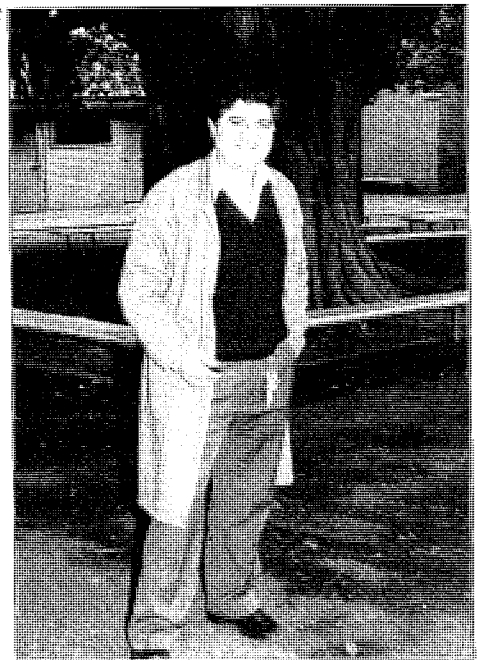
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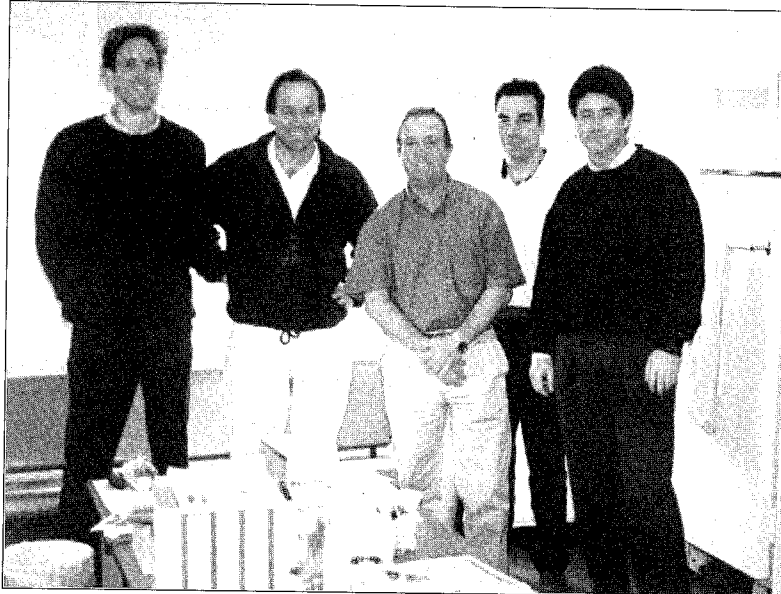


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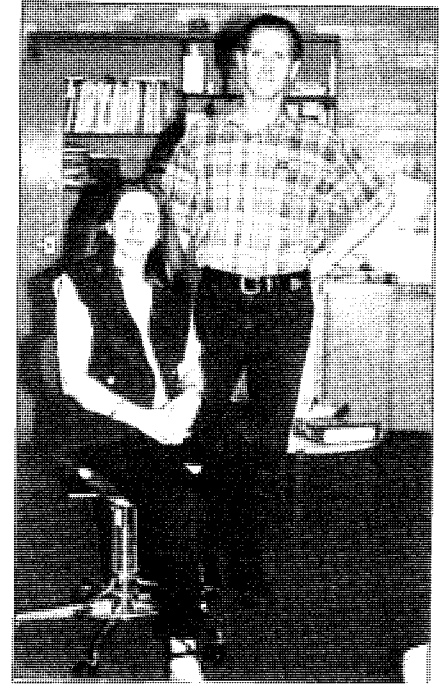


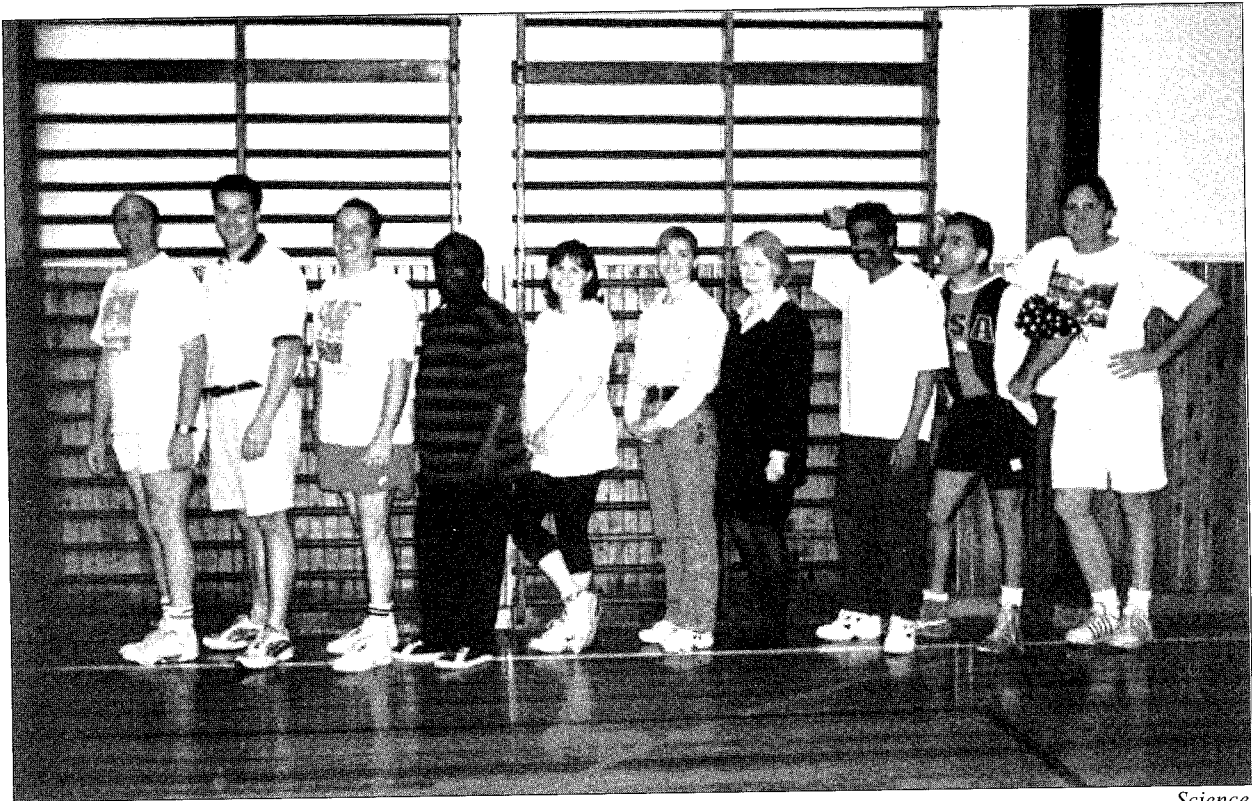
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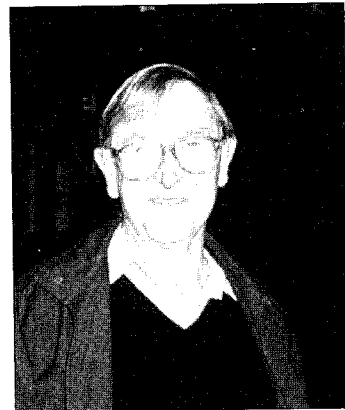




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ADMINISTRATION

This morning it was a pleasure to record 3 Silver Merit Certificates for 2 year 8's and 1 year 7 boy. About half an hour ago I just finished writing to 30 year 7 -11 boys regarding their continual lateness to school. My position holds many pluses and minuses. Unfortunately most of my days have far too many minuses.

Attendance seems to cause lots of problems for lots of boys. Really its very simple. Come to school every school day, get here before 8:55am, stay 'til 3:15pm and go to all of your classes in the between time.

At the beginning of 1998 I will send out to parent/guardians a full explanation of attendance procedures in the Bush Bulletin.

Once again we have had a lot of successful students receiving Merit Awards - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Congratulations to all. I have listed all the recipients on a later page.

Susan Ballard
Head Teacher Administration

CAREERS

Another successful year for our students with regards to the 1996 HSC. Information provided by The Sydney Morning Herald suggested that the school's results place Homebush as the top Comprehensive Boys' High School in the Metropolitan East area and seventh overall of all comprehensive schools in New South Wales. However, as stated in the Bush Bulletin early in the year this school believes that it is misleading and wrong to highlight just the top students. We are proud of all our students and the effort they have put into their studies.

Each year the Career Adviser undertakes a telephone survey of our Year 12 students of the previous year and over the years the results have remained fairly constant. For our students last year, figures show that out of the 149 students there were:-

69 students undertaking university study,
25 full time TAFE courses,
7 apprenticeships,
10 in full time employment,
4 in private colleges,

3 students undertaking University preparation courses,
2 part-time work,
2 undertaking "Pathways",
11 repeating their HSC,
2 unemployed,
3 students studying or travelling overseas and
14 students could not be contacted.

For students to be successful in their endeavours towards careers, students need to ensure they are active in their research into the different options available to them. This entails them looking at Career orientated literature, attending Open days at all institutions of Higher Education (Universities, TAFEs and Private Providers), and talking to employees, employee organisations and business organisations. This will allow the student to make informed decisions about career moves.

Tom Pinkey
Career Adviser

COMPUTING

Computing has continued to grow in 1997. The number of computers in the school is increasing and the interest in the use of this technology also continues to flourish. Students in many faculties are being exposed to computing technology and the Internet in the library has allowed research to extend outside the confines of the school.

Once again Computing continues to be a popular elective choice for most students, particularly with our seniors, with more than half of year 11 and 12 studying computing. The Year 9 students found the new course interesting and the number of classes in the junior school is certain to increase in the future.

Most students in the Senior computing classes continue to perform well, although there are still a significant number of students who have chosen this subject for the wrong reasons. The following students, however, should be congratulated on their efforts this year:

Year 12 Common General

1st *Eun Sub Kim, Matthew Mansour, Hoang Vinh Huynh*
2nd *Adam Turner*

Year 11

1st *Andrew Eviripidou*
2nd *Jason Layton, Gareth Williams*

Applications

1st *Henry Yang, David Lu*
2nd *Joel Vijayakumar, Victor Lam*

I would like to thank Mr Halkidis, Mr Puran, Mr Kretzas and Mr Martin for their help throughout the year and I am sure that their dedication has enriched the learning outcomes of all students.

Mr G. Carozza
Co-ordinator

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

We are very proud of the number of language backgrounds represented at HBHS and we are equally as proud of the achievements of all of these students.

The ESL staff aims to help students to gain a better understanding of the role language plays in all subject areas. In doing this we also teach specific skills and strategies to help students reach their full potential and

ultimately gain the results they want and deserve.

This year we have continued to see an improvement in students reading and writing skills. In 1998, as members of the School Literacy Team we will focus on the whole school literacy strategy which will not only benefit our recently arrived students but all of our students.

The ESL Staff

ENGLISH

While English is certainly about spelling, vocabulary and the rules of grammar, it is most importantly about communication, about understanding what others write and say, and about being able to express thoughtful, considered responses to what we see, hear and read.

If a student has these skills he will never be conned by bureaucratic rhetoric, slick advertising or false arguments. He will be able to comprehend the world in which he lives, and be able to stand up for himself while making important decisions and contributions in those areas of life which are important to him.

Often when we as teachers look at our students, their shirt tails hanging out of their trousers at the end of the day as they hurry away from school - it is difficult to remember that each one of them is an important and unique individual, with specific interests and hidden personal talents. (Certainly, many of them fail to realise that their teachers are not just automatons, that they are human too!) Students come to school, preoccupied with family problems, trying to cope with adolescence and concerned with finding their place in our ever more competitive and impersonal world.

English teachers often see more than one hundred students in the course of a day. If we divide our lesson time each day by the number of students in each class; in an eighty minute lesson each student has roughly two minutes and forty seconds to personally interact with his teacher. (That is assuming each student gets an equal share of the teacher's time!) This is not an ideal model for teaching, by any means. That is why the contribution of parents and guardians is so important.

As we hurtle towards the twenty first century it is becoming more and more challenging to encourage young men to value the pleasures of reading, the skills of effective writing and the importance of being able to articulate thoughts and feeling through speech. A teacher can never have the same influence over your sons as your do!

If you help your son plan his homework using his "Study Planner" - you will help him learn life long organisational skills. If you show him that you value all types of reading, he will too. If you are interested in your son's views, and encourage him to refine and challenge his ideas through research, discussion and debate, your son will see the advantages of an enquiring mind. On the other hand, if you are only interested in marks, if you send him to his room to read and work alone while you watch TV or go out - he will feel frustrated, and not really appreciate the value of learning.

'...Growth in language is integral to the student's personal growth as a thinking, feeling person...' It is mainly through language that human beings explore their public and private worlds, organise their experiences and form their values...'

In addition to the class work which English teachers at Homebush Boys' have prepared, presented and tested in class, once again this year, teachers have spent their own time preparing and supporting extra curricular activities. It is these activities which develop the skills of many of our most enthusiastic and talented students. Mr Klein, Mr Wills, Mr Koff and Ms Gardener have spent lunchtimes before and after school hours training their debating and public speaking teams. For the first time in many years these teams have included students from Years 7 to 12.

Ms Parkin has trained all our Year 8 students in the skills of Commedia del Arte, spending many Friday lunchtimes rehearsing some volunteers for a performance afternoon. Ms Pather has again run the English Competition giving our students the opportunity to pit their language skills against those of thousands of other students from the Pacific region. Ms Roberts and Mr Groves have coordinated Year 12 courses - ensuring that Year 12 assessment tasks ran smoothly and that students who changed courses or missed lessons were given catch - up lessons and tasks. Ms Turai Kiss has been responsible for easing our Year 7 students into the rigours of high school, while Ms Lindstrom has helped all Year 7 students understand the school reading programme. All teachers of Year 12 have spent many extra hours giving revision lessons before and after school. Homebush Boys' High is the only school I know of where students get so much free out of school hours (even during the holidays!) English tutoring.

Finally to spotlight reading, language and expression, Week 10 of term three was dedicated across the school to "English Week". Mr Greene, Mr Hilliard, Ms Lewis and Mr Mitchell all read excerpts, from their favourite novels, over the P.A. System during Roll Call. Teachers from all faculties in the school, wrote poems based on photographs. (Look for these poems printed elsewhere in this issue.) Students were asked to identify these poetic geniuses in a "Guess the Author" competition. Literature prizes were awarded across the forms and each day general knowledge quizzes took place. Of course it would be foolish to deny that many students were more motivated by the prizes, that by their thirst for learning! Ms Tsouloukidis' tireless efforts in organising all these components of English Week made the project an outstanding success. On behalf of the school the English staff would like to thank the local businesses listed below for their very generous donation of prizes for English Week."

HOME BUSH NEWS AGENCY - 19 Rochester St, Homebush
SOUND CORE MUSIC - 160 Burwood Road, Burwood
ANGUS AND ROBERTSONS - Westfield Plaza, Burwood
THE TEXTBOOK AGENCY - Engadine (9545-2015)

Finally, my most sincere thanks go to the P & C who have supported our lunchtime newspaper room by subscribing to the Herald for us. Most of all a heartfelt thank you to all the members of the English staff (including Ms Dwyer whom we share with Social Science). These teachers really do work with their hearts as well as their minds, constantly giving more than is required and always treating students as important and unique individuals.

Ms S. Crossan
Head Teacher



Year 7 Debating Team
Left to right: Mr Anderson, Edward Lester, Philip Pooley, Ben Tarrant-Wind, Weisheng Lu and Mr Wills

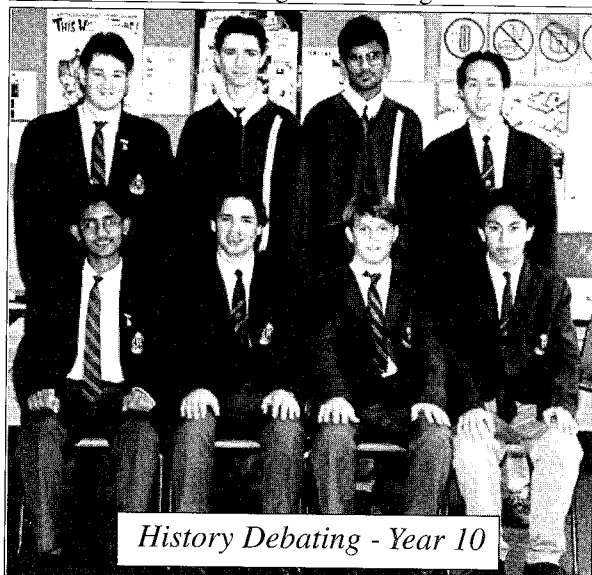
HISTORY

Although Henry Ford is purported to have said that "History is Bunk" students at HBHS have continued to prove that the study of History is relevant, important, interesting and even exciting.

The History Faculty at HBHS has continued to promote the academic, cultural and social values of all students who have come under its care and guidance in 1997. This has been facilitated by the dedication, enthusiasm and sheer hard work of Mrs Degney, Ms Gardener, Ms Tsouloukidis, Ms Pather, Ms Lindstrom, Ms Silberstein, Mr Groves, Mr Klein, Mr Koff and Ms Dwyer. Without the inspiration afforded by these committed teachers life would not be so enjoyable at HBHS - my personal thanks to them all.

All class/course groups undertook a diverse range of activities throughout the year. Year 7 visited *The Dinosaur World Tour* at Darling Harbour and experienced a hands on display of ancient weapons and uniforms while Year 8 experienced Medieval weaponry and armour. Year 9 carried out their mandatory site study with a fun packed day at the *Rookwood Necropolis* and a small group appeared on ABC television.

Year 10 historians participated in the Les Gordon History debating competition against other Met East schools. One of the teams figured in a three way tie for top of their group but the vagaries of the rules excluded all three teams from the next phase. All History debaters did gain useful socialising and debating skills.



There were many outstanding academic results gained during the year.

Year 7: *Khanh Dai Huynh, Basil Shkara, Howard Choi, Christopher Luu, Phillip Pooley, Yathu Sabanayagam and Piradeep Jegathesan*

Year 8: *Jia-Xi Guo, Ragulan Vivekanantharajah, John von Königsmark, Navneet Kumar and Hillary Sri Rajan*

Year 9: *Scott Huang, Ben Ong, Kevin Yeh, Alex Helou, Mesut Eroksuz, Hasanka Wickramanayake*

Year 10: *Arnel Rodriguez, Prashanth Shanmugan, Andrew von Königsmark, Alexey Taran, Chung-Pyo Kim, Gajan Pasupathy and Laurence King*

Year 11: *George Deftereos, Jason Layton, Gareth Williams, Chris Chan and Vince Frisina*

Year 12: Ancient History: *Anthony Au and Stan Ilic*, Modern History: *Adam Banas and Stan Ilic* and

Anthony Au and Samuel Kim. General Studies: *Adam Banas, Eun Sub Kim, Kevin Pathinather and Terence Moopanar*

All of these students have worked very hard for their success. Hopefully other students may follow their example in 1998.

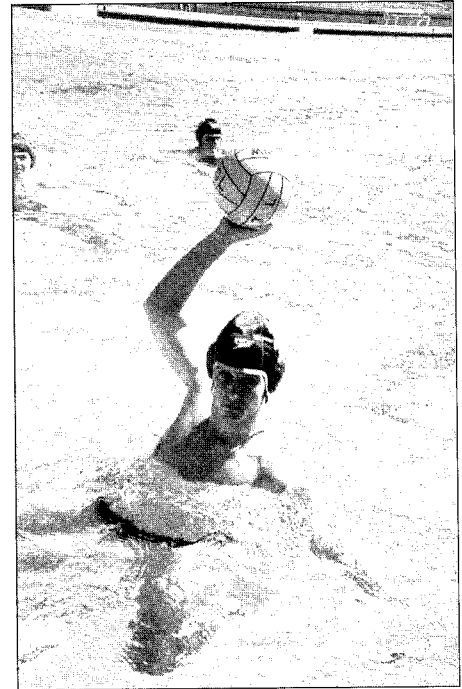
We all look towards a bigger, brighter and even better 1998. Just remember Henry Ford had a son named Edsel!

Mr Roger Doenau
Head Teacher





Minister for Education, Mr Aquilina congratulates our 1998 School Captain Gareth Williams on being installed as the Inner West 'Excellence in Youth Ambassador'.



Water Polo training.

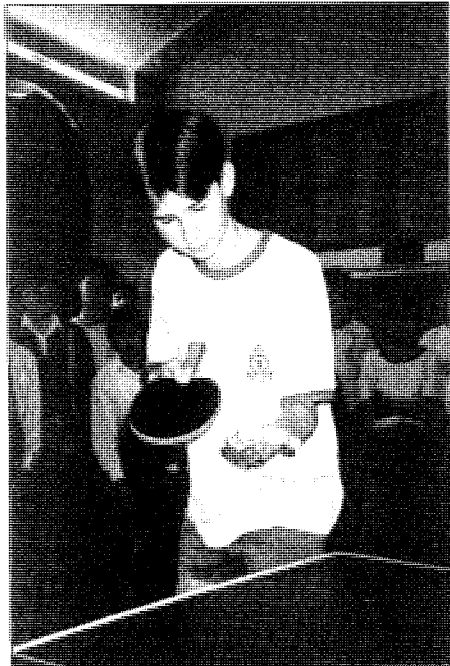


Table tennis champion Bradley Lloyd concentrates on his serve.



Our wonderful Water Polo winners.

Deputy Mr Bill Hilliard (r) with some other famous football players!



Gareth Williams and Governor General Sir William Dean at Government House.

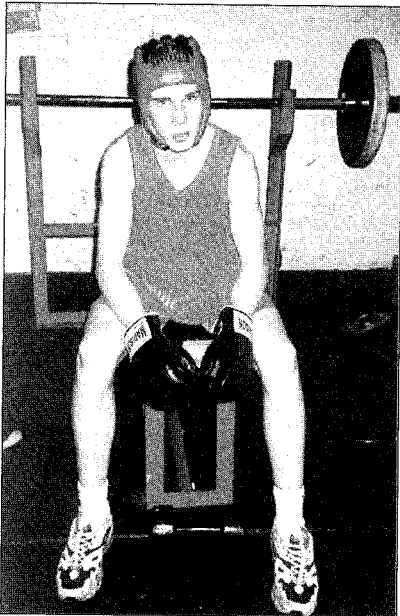




Mesdames Crossan, Gardener, Dwyer and Roberts in the school garden.



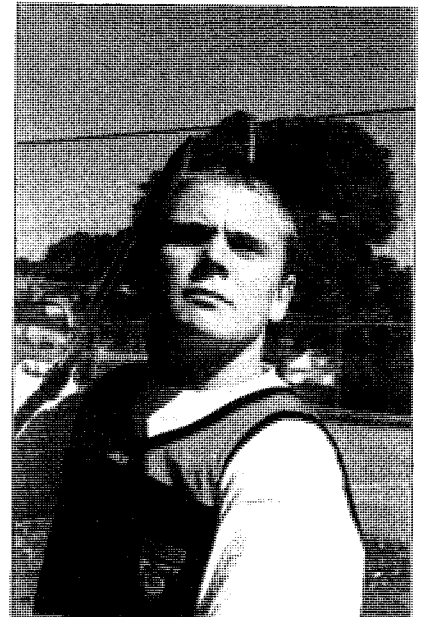
Inner West public speaking winners from HBHS (Joseph Nalliah) and Santa Sabina.



Champion boxer Shane Lodge



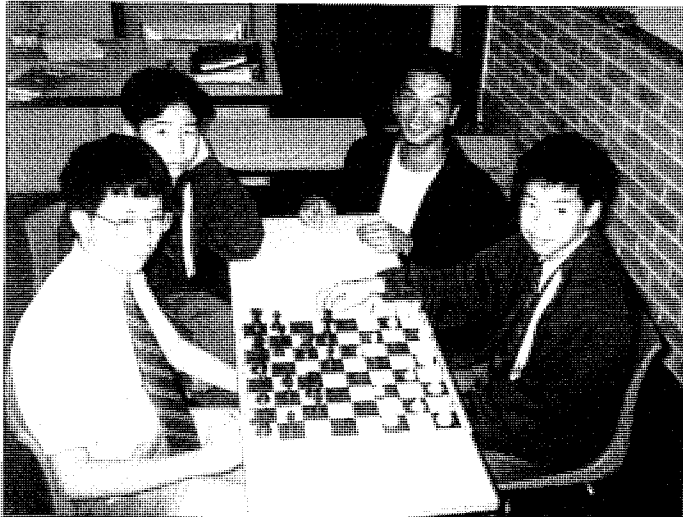
Prashanth Shanmugan gave the 1997 Anzac Day address.



Ben Doublet has had great success with his Javelin at Athletics this year.

Victory is sweet for Taumei.

The Chess Club in training with coach Mr Martin.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS

What is good about Industrial Arts? Much in education involves routine procedures for solving problems and rote learning of facts, figures or rules. When tasks are practical, processes must be understood before success is possible.

Concepts unique to Industrial Arts are those concerned with measurements and the behaviour of materials, when worked. Familiarity with a large range of hand and power tools is also developed. The emphasis on design has been increased and broadened so that students now have more input into size, shape, function and finish of most practical projects, within set parameters. Decision making and evaluation of the finished project are now very important aspects of all practical work.

Our subjects continue to be popular. The introduction of Computer Studies and Food Technology in Year 9, will probably make the choices available second to none amongst similar Comprehensive Boys' High Schools.

Next year in Year 9, students' elective choices have given us more numbers than ever. We will have classes in Electronics (2), Computers (2), Technical Drawing (2), Food Technology (1), Wood Technics (1) and Metal Technics (1). This virtually means that most of Year 8 this year have chosen TAS subjects.

What does worry us, however, is that in the near future Australia will have a shortage of skilled tradesmen, especially in the Wood and Metal trades. Where are they going to come from - overseas? Surely we should train our own. New initiatives are in train for 1998 that may encourage our junior students to choose the more traditional subjects in future.

Last year results at the H.S.C. were encouraging with many outstanding performances. Three students (11 candidates) were in the top percentile band in Engineering Science, and also another three students were in the next 10%. Mr Shearsby's dedication paid dividends.

The diverse projects of the sixteen candidates in Design and Technology must have been hard to assess. This was my class and perhaps one of the most enjoyable of

recent years. Their results were commendable. The Wild Things came good.

Metalwork has made a revival. Mr Sparrow's expert guidance has resulted in the production of some excellent work. Computer controlled lathework has enhanced the usual machining and fitting units. The Cannon and the Steam Engine are very popular projects

Electronics, as popular as ever, is not just a matter of putting Dick Smith's kits together. Students are given some input and can make anything as a major project that is within their scope. Mr Tserpes has made this subject his own and his students are producing excellent results.

Mr Coskerie and Mr Heiss tend to concentrate more on the Woodwork areas. Woodturning and machining are having a resurgence and new equipment has been purchased. Both teachers have experience in this area and we hope to encourage more students to take this subject as an elective for the School Certificate.

Technical Drawing, as usual, has produced some excellent potential designers. It is hoped that we may be able to get more access to computers so that Mr Coskerie's experience in Auto Cad can flow on to the students.

Our two new subjects, Computer Studies and Food Technology have proved a great success and my thanks go to Mr Sparrow and Ms Bol Bol. They have overcome the usual teething problems and shown with their dedicated and diligent approach that their students will have a sound grounding, if they wish to take these subjects for the H.S.C.

Thanks to Mr Lance Robertson for his work replacing me whilst I was on leave.

In general 1997 will be viewed as a success with new and exciting programs in consideration for next year.

Mr Edward H. Burton
Head Teacher (Technical and Applied Studies)

LIBRARY

In term 3 this year I had the pleasure of talking to the P&C about Information Technology.

Education depends on the communication of ideas, concepts, and applications between people. Technology has changed this communication many times over. As we come to terms with the growing significance of electronic information technology, we find that information moves at such high speed and in vast quantities that it is no longer possible for us to absorb, interpret and evaluate it in the ways we are traditionally accustomed to processing information. It is the responsibility of the teacher to offer to students the skills and abilities to process this information.

Teacher Librarians are being faced with the demands of this technology. Libraries provide students with access

to information and the Librarian works with students and teachers to improve information literacy.

At Homebush the library has always been at the forefront of introducing new technologies. At the moment we have a computerised library with 5 terminals where students can access our collection. In addition we have 3 CD ROM computers with printers and a internet computer with printer. The P & C purchased 3 of these computers and 4 of the printers for the library over the last 3 years. In 1998 we hope to add a network of another 5 computers with internet access.

1997 has once again been a successful year and thanks to all of those people who have made it so.

Susan Ballard Teacher/Librarian
Denise Hatter, Kay Whalan, Carol KcKinnon SASS -

MATHEMATICS

For the first time in many years there were no changes to the Mathematics staff. However Ms. Quelch was required to teach the additional Mathematics and Art classes.

A new Year 9 Mathematics Syllabus was introduced this year still with three levels - now called Advanced, Intermediate and Standard. The Mathematics faculty are looking forward to the changes to the 1998 School Certificate when the Reference Test which has been held early in August will be replaced by a test in November where the student is given his own result. During 1997 the Mathematics faculty continued with a number of activities including Mathematics Competitions and Field Study days.

Mathematics Competitions

The impressive results of the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians, The University of NSW Mathematics Competition are outlined in the Competition section of the Magazine.

Field Study Day

The Year 7 Field Study Day was held on Friday, 18th April at Airey Park. Students measured, weighed, timed and estimated the actions involved in running, jumping and throwing, as part of their own "Maths Olympics". The Champion Class was 7D.

On Tuesday, 15th August all of Year 8 were involved in a Mathematics Field Study Day at school which lasted two periods and involved practical work. A hands on Maths Show titled 'A World of Mathematics' consisting of twenty-five activities was brought to the school especially for the day. It was an excellent opportunity for students of all ability levels to participate in problem

solving based on 'hands on' displays and puzzles. It catered for all ability levels and generated a lot of interest and enjoyment, as the displays applied mathematics to real-life situations.

On Friday, 21st November Year 9 visited Australia's Wonderland for a Field Study Day organised by the Mathematics Association of NSW. The students enjoyed all days and found them challenging and different from their normal lessons.

School Certificate and HSC results.

The 1997 School Certificate results were again impressive. In particular, 10MC and their teacher Mrs. Shadwick can be pleased with their excellent achievements in the Intermediate course.

The performance of our 1996 HSC candidates was again extremely impressive. Of the boys who completed the 4 unit course, three boys, Jason Trinh, Anthony Tran and Dhilepan Paskaranathan were placed in the top 10% in the 4 unit course and thirteen boys were in the top 10% of 3 unit.

Although our students have achieved exceptional HSC results Year 11 are strongly advised to heed advice and select a level of Mathematics commensurate with their ability. This is extremely significant now as students cannot change to or from Mathematics in Society or Mathematics in Practice after term 2 in Year 11. Despite persistent advice a number of Year 11 boys have been trapped in a course with which they cannot cope.

We hope that students find 1998 even more challenging than this year.

Mr John Evans
Head Teacher

MUSIC

1997 has been a busy and challenging year for the Music Department. The beginning of the year saw the break up of the school band - with a large number of band members in Yrs 10 and 11 choosing other subjects and commitments. This was a big disappointment since many of the band members had been playing since Yr 7 and the loss of so many experienced players made it impossible to continue. Some new students have been learning band instruments this year and it is hoped that next year we will have sufficient number to form a school stage band.

On a more positive note, the school curricular instrumental program is getting bigger and stronger each year. This year has seen the addition of two new classes - violin and bass guitar, and the formation of a recorder group. A big thank you must go to all the tutors and students involved with these classes including:-

Guitar - Mr Tomek Lacek

Bass Guitar - Mr Tomek Lacek

Keyboard - Mr Andrew Evripidou

Clarinet - Mr Andrew Lacek

Saxophone - Mr Peter Lacek

Drums - Mr C Sparrow

Trumpet/Trombone/Flute - Mr Don Shearman

Violin - Ms Eva Lacek

Recorder Group - Mrs D Ilea

A special thank you must also go to Mr & Mrs Lacek for providing such a musical family!

This year also saw two inspiring performances at the school with concerts for Yrs 7 & 8. The first was Andrew OH, the well known Sydney based jazz saxophonist, who gave a brilliant performance that captivated the young audience for over an hour. During that time he showed his versatility and talent by playing many different flutes, recorders, clarinets and saxophones giving an excellent demonstration of the history and development of instruments in the woodwind family.

The second visit was by a group called "Sign of the Times" - a three piece band who gave a fast moving and well detailed historical development of popular music from the 1959's to the 1970's. They were able to perform many different types of popular music which years 7 & 8 really enjoyed - but even more by many of the teachers there! Particular mention should be given to Jeremy Haikin - who was brave enough to get up on stage and sing an old 'Doors' number with the group.

We also say farewell to Billy Leung a Yr 12 student who has been at Homebush for the past 4 years. Billy recently completed his Yr12 music course and majored in performance on classical guitar. Those of you at the Year 12 farewell night would have heard and enjoyed Billy's playing that night. We wish him all the best for the future.

The 1 unit guitar course developed especially for Year 11 at this school has been a bigger success this year with 25 students choosing this unit. Congratulations to the

many students who have done well in this course - some of whom have braved the elements to get to classes 3 mornings a week before school. Next year, for the first time, there will also be a 1 unit course offered in Year 12 for student who wish to continue their guitar studies.

Also, a thank you to all the student's parents who have supported and encouraged their sons efforts in music this year. We are living in an age where many students rarely see a musician play an instrument, and perhaps don't realise the satisfaction and personal benefits gained in learning to play an instrument. It provides opportunities for relaxation in this stress growing world

and another means of expression and creativity. The pay-off from this is that many students that take music are able to do better in other subjects at school because of their developed creativity.

We are entering a world where it is not just knowledge that is important, but how that knowledge can be creatively used.

May we, in the music department, take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year.

*Ms D Ilea
Mr A Smith*

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Again there were quite a few changes to the teaching staff in Social Sciences this year.

Ms Dwyer joined us to teach Social Science subjects, as well as English and History. She is a very welcome addition to the staff and has quickly established herself at Homebush. We wish her well and hope she has many happy years here. At the end of first term, Mr J Anderson, who was filling in for Ms Allan, was offered a permanent appointment at Bass High School, which he accepted. Mr Anderson made a real impression in the few terms he was here and will be missed by staff and students alike. Ms Chew was a most welcome addition during second term, and continues with us in Social Sciences for one day a week. Ms Allan made a welcome return at the beginning of third term and was welcomed back by students in all her classes.

We seem to go from strength to strength in the HSC exam with last year's results again being most gratifying. There were many outstanding performances. The need to count at least one unit of an HSIE subject towards the TER has given added significance to subjects offered in Social Sciences. Very high marks are obtainable by able student who put in the required work effort in humanities subjects and an excellent selection of these subjects is available at Homebush. Highlights of the 1996 HSC include:

* 5 students (of 16 candidates) in the top percentile band in 2 unit Geography.

* 4 (of 18) candidates in the top 10% in 2 unit Economics, with another 4 in the next 10%.

* 13 (of 58) candidates in the top 10% in 2 unit Business Studies with another 5 in the next 10%.

* 3 (of 15) candidates in the top 10% in 3 unit Business Studies.

These outstanding results were backed up by many students who performed very solidly and often exceeded their hopes and expectations.

The continued strong response by students to subjects offered by Social Sciences is very pleasing. In the senior school, Business Studies is strongly favoured, with 3 classes likely in the Preliminary Course next

year. Economics is enjoying something of a revival and there is a steady demand for Legal Studies and Geography, with one class each. In the junior school, Commerce rebounded in demand and will have four very large classes in Year 9 next year. Prospective changes to the junior curriculum, with the introduction of Australian Civics to complement the current History and Geography courses for School Certificate assessment, will no doubt have some impact on the courses offered and school structures. We do not know the full import of these changes as yet and there are to be a couple of years of trialling the assessment of the new Civics course before all schools need to introduce it.

Again I must pay tribute to some excellent classroom performances by students, not only in major public examination years, but right through the school. This was observed in test and exam results, in written and pictorial assignments, in fieldwork reports and in the general quality of normal book and class work. Work is regularly displayed in classrooms and the tone of each room is invariably enhanced by the high quality of the various pieces of work.

Classroom excellence was enhanced by a number of field studies and other extra-mural activities. These are always very popular with students, who respond very well while on the excursion and in the associated follow up report or worksheets. Geography is the major field work participant, with Year 7 going to both the Bicentennial Park and Ku-ring-gai National Park and Year 11 undertaking a three day study in the Kangaroo Valley - Nowra area; but there were several other studies, including Year 11 Legal Studies and Year 12 Geography. Thanks are due to all staff who had a hand in organising such enrichment. Although it adds greatly to the normal teaching load the benefits for students are manifest. Reports on various of these field work activities appear on other pages of this magazine.

*Mr A. Brawn
Head Teacher*

SCIENCE

"Art is the expression of the profoundest thoughts in the simplest way" (Albert Einstein). Who else could give such an eloquent definition of something as complex as Art, but a scientist. Are there no boundaries to the influence of Science? Well, there shouldn't be! Anywhere there is curiosity and a seeking to understand, there is Science.

So what have we done to encourage this interest in

1997? Reports of many activities are already in this magazine, so a brief mention does not mean a lack of importance.

Our junior (7-10) excursion to the Australian Science Festival in Canberra was the most successful, enjoyable and interesting so far. I encourage all students with an interest in Science to join Mr Balan and myself again next year.

Science Week was again successful although maybe not as spectacular as previous years. The theme was "flight" and many great classroom activities took place, a small group visited Richmond Air Base, and our "Science Brain of the Year" Quiz was most successful with the winners being;

Year 7 Victor LIONG
Year 8 Theoven NAICKER
Year 9 Kanwarvir SINGH

I would like to thank all of the Year 10 boys who demonstrated activities to visiting primary classes from Homebush and Homebush West Primaries.

Contests and competitions are a great way of testing knowledge and understanding. The Science Competition, The Chemistry Comp. (results pending) were both successfully completed. Special mention to; Mark Gilbert, Ryan Chadwick, Mark Amparo of Year 10 who have achieved Distinction in the Science Competition each year from 7 to 10. An achievement of which to be proud.

The following Year 11 students completed the ten weeks of course work and have sat the entrance exams to the Chemistry or Physics Olympiads. These are the absolute pinnacle of achievement in senior Science and I wish *Hong Nguyen, Chris Chan, Jason Layton, Tim Tsang* and *Yi Fan Zhou* the best of luck.

VISUAL ARTS

1997 was a very good year for Visual Arts. A great deal of excellent work was produced by all years covering everything from drawing, painting, printing, computer work, ceramics, photography, mixed media sculpture using sea life, Gothic gargoyles and much, much more.

Last year, under the guidance of Ms Mauer, Dung Lam reached an extremely high standard both in making artworks and studying works of art. His series of etchings depicting, through the use of poignant symbols, his journey from Vietnam to Sydney, was selected for the Art Express exhibition and display around the State. The work is currently on display at the Powerhouse Museum in Casula.

The Visual Arts Faculty continues to be innovative in its programming and the standard of the students works also continues to improve. Many of the boys' works were represented in various public shows in our local area : the two important ones being at Westfield and Burwood Plazas. Andrew Ferguson, Peter Sebastian, Okan Tufanoglu and Mark Vulic painted a large mural on building hoardings at Strathfield Plaza earlier this year. Several schools were asked to paint murals on the hoardings and the Homebush work was judged as the best. The Strathfield Educational Resource Centre still retains works from some of our past HSC students and keeps them on permanent display. The annual exhibition, set up by the Art staff was a great success, as was the exhibition of Major Works in the hall. This year's Year 12 classes, under the guidance of Ms Juska and Mr Rozen, maintained the school's high standard in submitted HSC Major Works. The works of Jimmy Luk and Guolai Huang were selected for consideration for this year's Art Express exhibition. Approximately 15,000 major works were assessed this year and, of those, 1000 were selected for consideration for Art Express; and of those only about 250 will be finally chosen for the exhibition. Congratulations to Jimmy and Guolai.

Summer schools are becoming increasingly available and I encourage all students who wish to be seconded to consider these options. *Hong Nguyen* (Year 11) was selected and attended an exciting conference on *Light* and has subsequently been selected for a two week Geo. Science school in Tasmania. The best of luck to him.

Year 10 are streamed in Science. One reason this is done is to extend the top stream by compulsory entry to the BHP Science Research Awards. I await the results with great anticipation as the quality of our entries was, in my humble opinion, excellent.

Finally, a plug for our compulsory homework period involving the texts *Process Science in Australia* and *Science*. Students who honestly attempt this work will find rewards not only in Year 10 (our School Certificate results continue to improve) but in senior science, future careers and life in general. Can't recommend something more than that.

To make the most of our school, students have to actively look for the extra opportunities which are offered, pursue them, enjoy them. Have a happy 1998!

PS Albert Einstein had terrible dress sense and couldn't paint.

Mr A. Everett
Head Teacher

Photography continues to be a popular course and all of the photographic work hanging on the walls of the school has been donated by students doing either Photography or Art. Several of our Year 10 boys painted a mural at Strathfield Plaza on a hoarding which was put up while refurbishing was being carried out. They designed the mural as a group effort and, using house paint supplied by the Plaza, produced a work that far exceeded their expectations and which was commended by all who saw it.

The full range of artistic activity is carried out in this school mainly because of the talent of the art teachers, and their dedication to their subject and to the artistic development of the student body. Changes amongst the staff included Ms Quelch, who replaced Ms Musarra, and who has expertise in many areas, especially computer work, and next year will be running the Visual Design course specialising in computer graphic and design as related to the Visual Arts.

Jordan Cho and David Nguyen of Year 9 participated in an Art workshop at Campbelltown Art Gallery where they were involved with the theme of *Reflections*. The boys made leather masks and helped organise an exhibition. Stanley Kim (Year 11), Shucky Mendoza, Jonathon Matthew-Stubbs and Nathan Barecca, all of Year 8, were selected to show their work in the *Art Through the Region* exhibition, one of the most prestigious student shows of the year.

We will miss Ms Mauer who applied for and was granted the position of Head Teacher of Creative Arts at Epping Boys High. This year while on leave, she was replaced by Mr. Robertson. His versatility was made evident in the excellent work produced by his Visual Arts classes - a credit to him and to his classes as well.

Mr A. Rozen
Head Teacher

Old Boys

BACK IN
1936



*Alfred Darke.
Student 1936-39.*

I was in First Year at Summer Hill Boys High School in 1936 when both Summer Hill and Petersham High Schools were combined to form Homebush Boys High School. The headmaster was Mr Roberts and the Deputy was Mr McKilligan.

The classroom I was in at Summer Hill was built of timber and adjacent to the Headmaster of the Primary School's classroom. At change of periods teachers had to leave the High School and walk across the Primary playground which took some time. You can imagine the 'goings on' of the students between periods.

The transition to Homebush Boys in 1936 was like moving to a palace though some of the older boys had some misgivings at first.

For some short time there was friction between the Petersham and Summer Hill students with each group occupying different corners of the playground. When the 'houses' were formed and sport commenced the friction decreased. Like all schools though, numerous individual fist fights occurred, always behind the toilet block.

The houses were named after early explorers: Blaxland, Wentworth, Lawson, Sturt, Oxley and Mitchell. We were assigned to each according to the first letter of our surnames.

Mason Park and Airey Park in Homebush and Cintra Park, Concord were the venues for cricket and football. The Sydney Cricket Ground was used for the yearly High Schools Athletic competition. Homebush was always at the forefront and always had the largest number of competitors and supporters - always a great day. The school's war cry seemed to be forever sounding.

I can only remember one excursion and that was a visit to Everleigh Railway Workshop at Redfern : a visit I will never forget. Steam, smoke and noise on a very hot day! How times have changed.

I had only one visit to the Headmaster's office and it wasn't a pleasant one. Our English teacher in Second Year was a Mr Day and during the change of periods I drew a daisy on the blackboard and added, 'Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do,' words from a song of the day. Mr Day did not take to it very kindly. I had to own up or the class was going to be 'kept in' after hours. Hence a visit to the Headmaster's office when he found me standing in the corridor outside the classroom. He gave me 'six of the best'.

On another occasion a couple of the students attached very fine wire to the duster and the blinds on the windows with expert precision. When the maths teacher reached for the duster on a few occasions, blinds were mysteriously rising and falling. He took a very dim view of this and a procession to the headmaster followed.

I'm proud to say that my two sons, Kevin and Jeffrey, were also students, and prefects, at Homebush Boys High in the early Sixties and I accompanied them to celebrate the 'Old Boys Reunion' on the occasion of the school's 60th anniversary: an occasion I enjoyed immensely.

Best wishes to student and teachers and thank you for the opportunity to write a few words about the past. I hope they will be of some interest. I have enclosed a photo of 2H in 1937. I am holding the sign.



2D (Year 8)
1937

Extracts from an address given to the assembly of Homebush Boys High School on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th Jubilee of the opening of the school.



Eric Paton
Student 1936/37.

We made our own fun and this school was a very happy school for most of us particularly as Homebush from the start was a great sports school and participation in sporting activities was greatly encouraged by the masters. As to football, the predominant code was Rugby League until someone saw the light late in 1937 and some of us were introduced to the game they 'play in heaven' although it was not until the school received full high school status that Rugby was played officially.

But I must tell you of the steam train. Those of us that lived on the Bankstown line had to get an electric train - now known as a *red rattler* - to Bankstown where an ancient steam train was waiting for us with engine

puffing away in readiness to take us on our daily journey to school. The reason the steam train ran was that the loop line between Bankstown and Lidcombe was not electrified. The old carriages were equipped with toilets with rolls of toilet paper. I will leave it to your imagination.... a steam train puffing along the tracks with rolls of toilet paper streaming from the windows of each carriage.

The train was also an excuse to avoid morning periods that we did not like by claiming that we had missed the train. The first time I tried it I was caught out. It was then that I met the Headmaster, Boss Roberts, face to face. He made a striking impression on me. 'Six of the best!' - three on each hand. I met him some years later and reminded him of the caning and asked him if he remembered the occasion. He replied that he did not recall the event saying, 'My dear Paton, during my career I must have caned one thousand boys. Why should I remember you?' To which I replied,

'Because I cried.'

OBITUARY

John Shaw 1940 - 1997

Dr John Shaw was one of Australia's finest clinical pharmacologists. He was educated at Strathfield Primary School and **Homebush Boys High School** and graduated in Medicine from Sydney University in 1965.

Dr Shaw's career included research work in the laboratories of Professor Paul Korner in Sydney and Professor W.S. Peart in London. He was a Fellow in Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in America, clinical pharmacologist at Melbourne University, and first Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at Sydney University. He worked at Prince Alfred Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Repatriation General Hospital (Concord), the Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children, and Royal North Shore Hospital. He held the position of Director of the NHF until 1994 when he was appointed medical director of Merck Sharp and Dohme (Australia).

Dr Shaw was a man of immense energy and imagination who managed to combine the roles of physician, academic researcher and teacher, and active participant in the pharmaceutical industry, nationally and internationally, with verve and integrity.

'Sometimes his broad picture approach and internationalist philosophy disquieted less visionary and more cautious colleagues, but his tireless dedication ensured that medical scientists overseas were constantly reminded, not just from articles in journals, of the significance and richness of Australian laboratory and clinical pharmacology.' (SMH Aug. 1997).

THE NEW SCHOOL

I was transferred from Summer Hill Intermediate High School in 1936 for the last term of Third Year. It was at this time that students and staff of Petersham and Summer Hill were brought together to form a new school known as Homebush Boys Junior High School going to the Intermediate level.

The third year classes of the two schools were halved and amalgamated. The school teachers of a particular subject came, from seriously influenced the teaching of each class for the final term. The order of the curriculum had been set out differently in each school which meant that at Homebush for 50% of each class one term of the subject had not been taught. The science labs were not set up in 1936 so practical work was not possible.

The prefects had a most difficult time trying to control the classes between periods as many fights would break out between students from the two schools and the walls were regularly splattered with fruit, mostly pears.

However we did our best to create a new school of whose achievements we could be justly proud.

The unpopularity of the Headmaster, especially among the Third Year students, was made obvious when he left the Third year Farewell Evening and drove over a proud piece of fence timber at the gateway on four flat tyres!

I was proud to send my two sons to HBHS where they acquitted themselves very well scholastically and in the Army Cadet Unit. It was a great pity to see the trophies with their names on destroyed in the hall fire.

Neville Coffill
Student 1936

The E-shaped building on Bridge Road was a completely new building. At the northern end of the complex there was an open garden, a pergola, and a tennis (a rose garden) court which were probably part of the original home on the estate. On the Monday we began lessons at Homebush and the playground at the back was waist high with paspalum grass. It was soon mown down with student activity at recess and at lunchtime.

I was a Prefect in 1937, and also captain of the Athletics Team which represented the school at the annual PSAAA Athletics Carnival that year. In the hurdles event I broke a record in a heat and was 'chaired' off the field by fellow students. Sadly, I was just beaten in the final when the record was broken again! I won the Intermediate Cup for Athletics at Homebush in 1937.

Under the direction of the English master, Mr Hoffman, I also performed in Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. I took the role of Malvolio. I recall also, planting trees in the grounds on Arbor Day, one in front of the main building towards the southern end and another down the southern boundary of the school site.

Don Dick
Student 1936/37.

Recollections from 1936

ET TU BRUTE?

Is this the unkindest cut of them all?

It was during the Latin period. Our Latin teacher was a bloke by the name of Asprey, known to his students as 'Aspro', but not within his hearing of course.

In order to test our comprehension of the language he would read a sentence or so from *Caesar's Gallic Wars* in Latin, point his finger at one of us and say, 'You!' This was the cue for the chosen one to give the English translation.

Things progressed reasonably well with only a few minor corrections from Aspro until 'You!' happened to be a classmate named Bleach. Linguistic ability was not Bleachie's forte. He had a thick Aussie accent something akin to 'Chips' Rafferty and his translations from *French Without Tears* or other French readers was always a source of amusement to our French teacher. In this case the rough translation of the Latin was that Julius Caesar had to severely rebuke one of his cohorts for not attacking a group of Gauls vigorously enough.

Bleachie did fairly well but balked at the word 'castigare'.

Aspro prompted him. 'Castigare Bleach?'

'Yes sir. Caesar had occasion to do something to his troops.'

'Which was?' urged Aspro.

Bleachie raised his eyes to the ceiling as if seeking Divine Intervention, managing to convey the expression that it was on the tip of his tongue, but just wouldn't come to him.

Aspro looked at his watch as the Latin period was coming to an end, but tried another tack. 'Castigare – think of an English word that comes from it.'

Bleachie strained his brain. Nothing.

'Castigate,' said Aspro, 'Does that give you a clue?'

A look of abject horror from Bleach.

'He didn't, surely!'

'He did Bleach!'

'All of them Sir?'

'All of them!'

Absolute horror from Bleach.

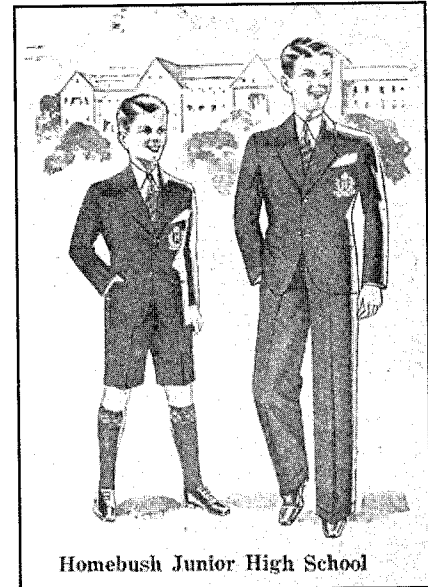
'You mean he cut off all their...'

The class was way ahead of him and the roar of laughter from us

was heard clear across the quadrangle.

I never saw a man laugh as much as Mr Asprey that day. The bell rang indicating the end of the period and Aspro couldn't get to the masters' tea room quickly enough, leaving the rest of us behind to clue Bleachie up on what 'castigate' really meant.

P.K. Anderson Class 2B 1936.



*What struck me most at school was
the Principal!*

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS 1997

Our pupils have an outstanding record in Mathematics competitions. Pupils were again involved in Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians, The University of NSW Mathematics Competition and the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

During the year boys from Years 8 to 10 were involved with the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians under the guidance of Mr Ha. It has two stages commencing with a three week Challenge in March consisting of six problems done at home.

Thirty-two boys received certificates for the first stage. In an outstanding performance *Alexey Taran* and *Lin Chen* of Year 10, *Sumanthiran Retnavel* of Year 9 and *Colman Yu* of Year 8 were awarded High Distinctions placing them in the top 8% of the talented students that enter this prestigious competition. *Alexey Taran* actually was awarded maximum marks and *Lin Chen* lost only one mark. Thirteen boys were awarded Credit Certificates and sixteen boys received Certificates of Participation.

Outstanding results were achieved by seventeen boys who were involved in the demanding second or Enrichment stage which required students to work through notes and attempt twelve problems during Second and Third Terms. *Alexey Taran* of Year 10 achieved a perfect score for the second time and was awarded a High Distinction. *Menaka Sirisena* and *Navneet Kumar* of Year 8 were awarded Distinctions. Credit Certificates were awarded to *Sumanthiran Retnavel* and *Mugunthan Kandasamy* of Year 9 and *Jason Xu*, *Sharangan Kangarathan* and *Colman Yu* of Year 8.

University of NSW Mathematics Competition

On Monday, 16th June two boys - *Alexey Taran* of Year 10 and *Sumanthiran Retnavel* of Year 9 - entered the University of NSW Mathematics Competition. *Alexey Taran* was placed fifteenth in the state and received a monetary prize and Certificate - an excellent effort in this prestigious competition.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Earlier in the year organisers of The 1997 Australian Mathematics Competition released the positions of the top students in the state. Excellent achievements by *Bin Wang* then of Year 11 who was placed 49th and *Alexey Taran* then of Year 9 was placed was 67th.

This year the Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Tuesday, 29th July. Aimed at making maths fun, this competition is designed with the average student in mind. It also identifies those with exceptional ability, some of whom go on to represent Australia at the International Mathematical Olympiad. The results were very impressive. 698 students entered the Competition. One student gained a Prize, six students received a Certificate of High Distinction, 81 obtained a Distinction and 275 achieved a Credit easily breaking the record of 223 Credits in 1993. All entrants received at least a Certificate of Participation and an individual performance report.

Year 7 student *Tommy Chen* was the Prize Winner placing him in the top 0.5% of the state. He received a cheque, pin and certificate for his effort.

Tommy Lo of Year 7, *Menaka Sirisena*, *Mark Wong* and *Kai Zhao* of Year 8, *Edward Fan* of Year 9 and *Henry*

Yang of Year 11 were the High Distinctions recipients placing them in the top 2% in the state. Over 530, 000 secondary students entered the Competition with a Prize or High Distinction Award a rare and prestigious achievement. Boys are advised to include their certificate in their job portfolio as it can only be of benefit when seeking employment.

This year the organisers again released standardised results for the best pupils allowing comparison between years within a school and consequently identifying the school's best entrant. The best standardised results achieved were as follows:

- 1st: *Tommy Chen* (Year 7)
- 2nd: *Menaka Sirisena* (Year 8)
- 3rd: *Edward Fan* (Year 9)
- 4th: *Henry Yang* (Year 11)
- 5th: *Mark Wong* (Year 8)
- 6th: *Hunh-Yi Lo* (Year 7)
- 7th: *Kai Zhao* (Year 8)
- 8th: *Sumanthiran Retnavel* (Year 9)
- 9th: *Alex Tsang* (Year 10)
- 10th: *Alex Chan* (Year 10)
- 11th: *Michael O'Hara* (Year 7)
- 12th: *Yathukulan* (Year 7)
- 13th: *Michael Huang* (Year 9)
- 14th: *Chung-Kyun Kim* (Year 10)
- 15th: *Ku Kuang Chen* (Year 11)
- 16th: *Mehmet Ogut* (Year 11)

A summary of the Australian Mathematics Competition results for 1997 is shown on the following page.

The following students received merit certificates. The names appear in order of merit.

YEAR 7

Prize:

Tommy Chen

High Distinction:

Hung-Yi Lo

Distinction:

M.O'Hara, *Y.Sabanayagam*, *Y.H.Tong*, *P.Yang*, *S.Shi*, *W.K.W.Lai*, *D.Lam*, *K.Ko*, *A.Yeung*, *M.Arumuganathan*, *J.Xian*, *A.Wang*, *M.Barrecca*, *P.Kularajah*, *G.Ratnarajah*, *J.J.C.Hou*.

Credit:

S.Chadwick, *J.Chen*, *A.Thaventhiran*, *D.Mongia*, *R.Mongia*, *J.Pharm*, *P.Bedi*, *H.Lee*, *G.Shanmugan*, *H.Krix*, *K.Hakim*, *W.Lu*, *J.Luo*, *A.Quan*, *P.Sothirajah*, *M.Keriniotou*, *R.Buck*, *L.Rossi*, *A.Devendran*, *R.Lee*, *B.Xue*, *M.Tan*, *F.Cheema*, *S-J.Kim*, *N.Tam*, *L.Shanmugan*, *P.Jegathesan*, *W.Lieu*, *T.Nimalan*, *A.Tee*, *A.Ngo*, *E.Park*, *S.Li*, *J.Z.J.Deng*, *N.Yung*, *M.Hua*, *T.Kopuz*, *N.Jiang*, *M.Kolesnikov*, *A.Lee*, *A.Derbas*.

YEAR 8

High Distinction:

Menaka Sirisena, *Mark Wong* & *Kai Zhao*.

Distinction:

C.Yu, *J.Lee*, *S.Lin*, *J.Ni*, *D.Lee*, *C.Tran*, *L.S.R.Liu*, *R.Molitero*, *D.Zheng*, *K.Duran*, *S.Isaac*, *T.Yu*, *F.Alim*.

Credit:

V-H.Lam, *A.Huang*, *L.Mahtani*, *G.Ng*, *D.Hua*, *G.Paramanathan*, *S.Kangatharan*, *J-W.Hong*, *D.Bac*, *R.Wong*, *Z.X.Huang*, *G.Liu*, *J.Kipritidis*, *J.Wang*, *A.Todorovic*, *D.Cushway*, *J.X.Guo*, *S.Manogharan*, *N.Kumar*, *R.Vivekanantharajah*, *C.T.La*, *N.Barrecca*, *A.Huang*, *D.Lau*, *M.Elango*, *M.W.S.Law*, *Y.M.Chen*, *X.N.Fan*, *T.Nguyen*, *J.Von Konigsmark*, *M.Rahman*, *J.Xu*, *J.Draper*, *J-W.Seo*, *E.Chua*, *H.Dombagolla*,

K.Huynh, K.Rajasundaram, A.El Chahrouk, H.H.Kim, W.Clark, Y.Dai, J.Lin, V.Phung, C.Feng, D.Lai, R.Lai, Y.Qu, J.Weng, D.Zhang, L.Blanchart, M.Park, H.D.D.Wang, A.Raffaelli.

YEAR 9

High Distinction:

Yi Zhou Edward Fan.

Distinction:

S.Retnavel, M.J.X.Huang, D.Xia, R.Huynh, F.Pathan, P.Bijjani, P-H.Lee, S.Akanda, H.Hayashi, S.Kangatharan, K.Yeh, T-Y.Lu.

Credit:

M.Kandasamy, V.Nguyen, J.Kulasingham, M.Gupta, J.Min, D.Balachandran, N.Park, I.El-Edelbi, M.Tong, J.Cho, K.Singh, W.Xu, V.Lee, H.Wickramanayake, J.Zheng, R.Sivasubramaniam, T.Ozonaran, C.Satchithanathan, K.Sambandam, T.Yiang, H.R.R.Ni, S.Jegasothy, M.Lam, H.D.Doan, C.Sukumaran, G.Sundaralingam, X.Y.Shen, F.Lee, S.J.L.Huang, J.Liang, T.Rahman.

YEAR 10

Distinction:

A.H-C.Tsang, A.Chan, C-K.Kim, G.Pasupathy, J.Dai, D.Chu, W.R.Zhong, A.Wong, K-H.Choi, P.Satchithananda, D.So, G.Ganeshwaran, B.Tran.

Credit:

H.Sivasothy, P.Sivarajah, R.Chadwick, J.Hamid, K.Murray, S.Sribalan, A.Chowdhury, J.Lim, P.Baloglow, D.D.Nguyen, M.Amparo, B.Lloyd, A.Han, P.Thevasadan, O.Damodaran, G.Chung, P.Lee, N.Lau, A.King, A.J.Von Konigsmark, L.Yang, H-S.Kim, C.H.Tan, Y.Meslemani, S.Rathinam, D.Youn, L.Yin, R.Matthew-Stubbs, M.Tran, R.Bertocchi, K.Inman, C.Churton, D.T.Ly, M.Nhieu, A.Dam, M.Gilbert, S-U.Khan, T.Tangtulayangkoon, M.Vulic, D.Shaw, D.Young, A.Sarayar, B.Thompson, S.Tharmarajah, C-P.Kim, A.Rodriguez, T.Siyavong.

YEAR 11

High Distinction:

Henry Yang

Distinction:

K.K.Chen, M.Ogut, Y.X.J.Zhuo, C.K.T.Tsang, H.C.Nguyen, U.Q.Tran, C-Y. J.Tien, W.Phung, G.Balendran, J-H.Lim, J.Lam, T.Chan, S.Kim, A.Manickavasagar, K.Manicavasagar.

Credit:

C.Chan, J.Vijayakumar, A.Khanna, M.I-Rajah, K.Ung, W.Dieu, R.Hamieh, H.V.Luong, J.Thiruchelvam, Y.F.Zhou, M.T.Ngo, C.H.Chang, E.Chu, K.T.Ly, V.Lam, P.Wang, D.Cheng, C.Burns, H.Singh, J.Clark, V.Rajah, M.H.Tran, K.Rathinam, N.Kavadias, E.Y.Wang, M.Hossain, K.Ip, Y-B.Kim, J.Gulabdas, L.Huynh, J.Trieu, A.Paheerathan, A.Nghe, A.Evripidou, R.Lam, G.So, N.Sornalingam, H-W.Chan, L.Nguyen, K.Kunaratnam, R.Rajkumar, S-K.Kim, A.Rajendram, R.To, D.Nyau, A.Leung, J.Fan, C-Y.Shen, H.C.Lo, C.W.Wong, R.Oh

YEAR 12

Distinction:

C.C.Tan, S.Arumugaiyer, R.Jegatheeswaran, J.Gao, D.D.J.Oh, B.Wang, S.Sivalingam, B.Leung, E.E.Kim, M.Singh, F.Zhang, S.W.Lee.

Credit:

G.L.Huang, A.Hew, J.Nalliah, S.A.T.Nguyen, T.H.R.Tran, S.Ilic, V.Zhang, J.Hadodo, S.Sivanandarajasinga, T.R.Moopanar, A.Au, S.Kim, H.Zirein, C.K.Ho, K.F.Chen, S.Elalingam, L.Lai, A.Banas, P.Ta, M.Mansour, J.Lam, K.Nam, J.Ta, H.Chow, V.Ameripour, P.Lacek, A.Hua, T.Mudeliar, N.Nand, M.Kanagaratnam, T.Young.

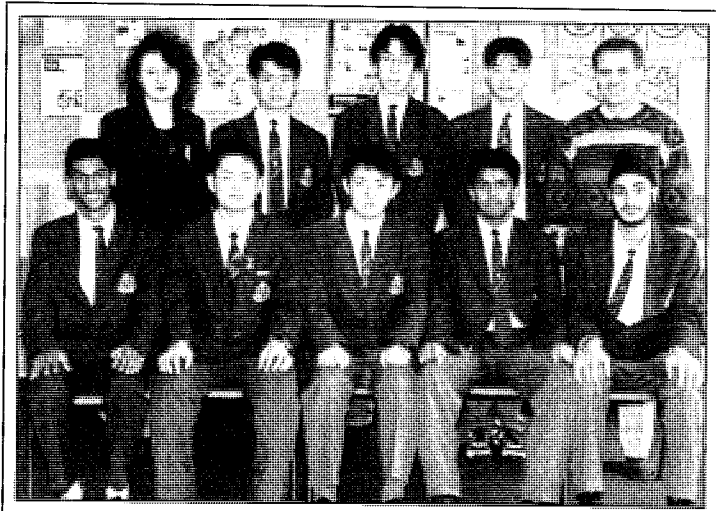
Congratulations to the above students and it is hoped that other candidates will be able to add their names to this list next year. For those who cannot wait, the date of the next Australian Mathematics Competition is Tuesday, 4th August, 1998.

1997 AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

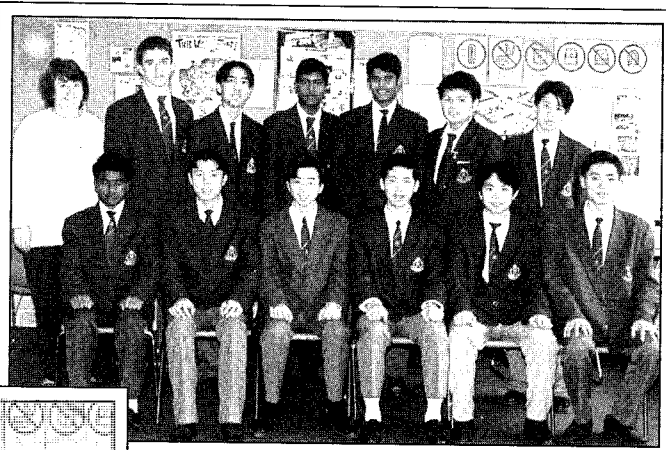
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8	126	0	3	13	54	1980	136			25	54
9	101	1	1	12	31	1981	241			35	84
10	125	0	0	13	47	1982	331	1		30	104
11	137	0	1	15	51	1983	280	1		29	92
12	100	0	0	12	31	1984	302			27	103
	651	2	5	81	275	1985	390	3		48	110
						1986	328	2		50	134
						1987	524	2		38	132
						1988	635	2		55	174
						1989	593			65	172
						1990	644	2		71	188
						1991	718	1		80	195
						1992	695			80	196
						1993	686	1		85	223
						1994	656	4		98	215
						1995	629			94	193
						1996	651	2	5	81	219
						1997	698	1	6	81	275

In 1996 Distinctions (15%) were replaced by High Distinctions (2%) and Distinctions (13%).

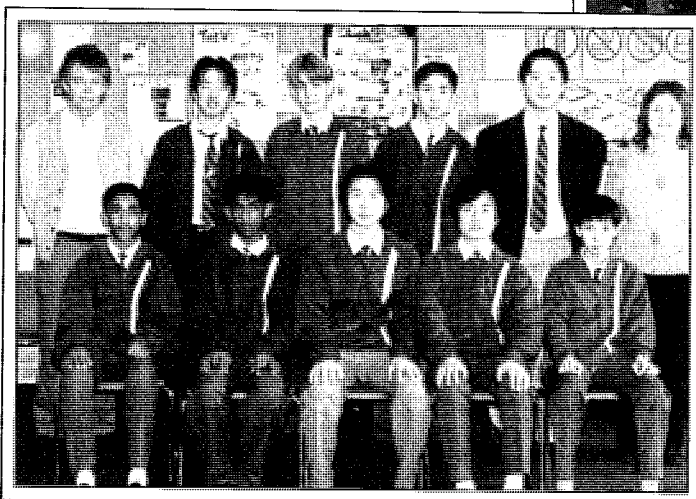
Maths Competition Winners



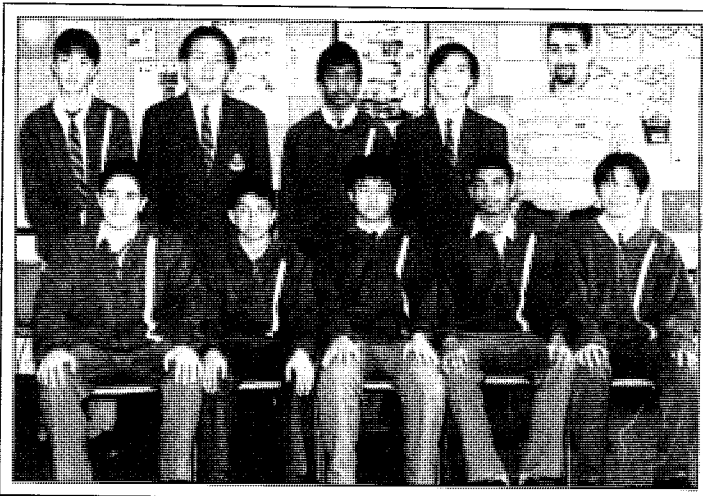
Year 12 - Distinction
 Back: Mrs.M.Shadwick, B.Wang, J.Gao, C.C.Tran,
 Mr.G. Carrozza.
 Front: R.Jegatheeswaran, D.Oh, E.E.Kim, S.Arumugaiyer,
 M.Singh.



Year 11 High Dist & Distinction
 Back: M.Ogut, W.Phung, A.Manickavasagar,
 K.Manicavasagar, S.Kim, U.Tran.
 Front: G.Balendran, J.Lam, T.Tsang, H.Nguyen,
 H.Yang, T.Chan.



Year 10-Distinction
 Back: Mr.J.Hayward, D.Chu, R.Matthew-Stubbs,
 D.So, A.Wong, Ms.J.Rayner.
 Front: G.Pasupathy, G.Ganeshwaran, W.Zhong,
 A.Tsang, A.Chan.



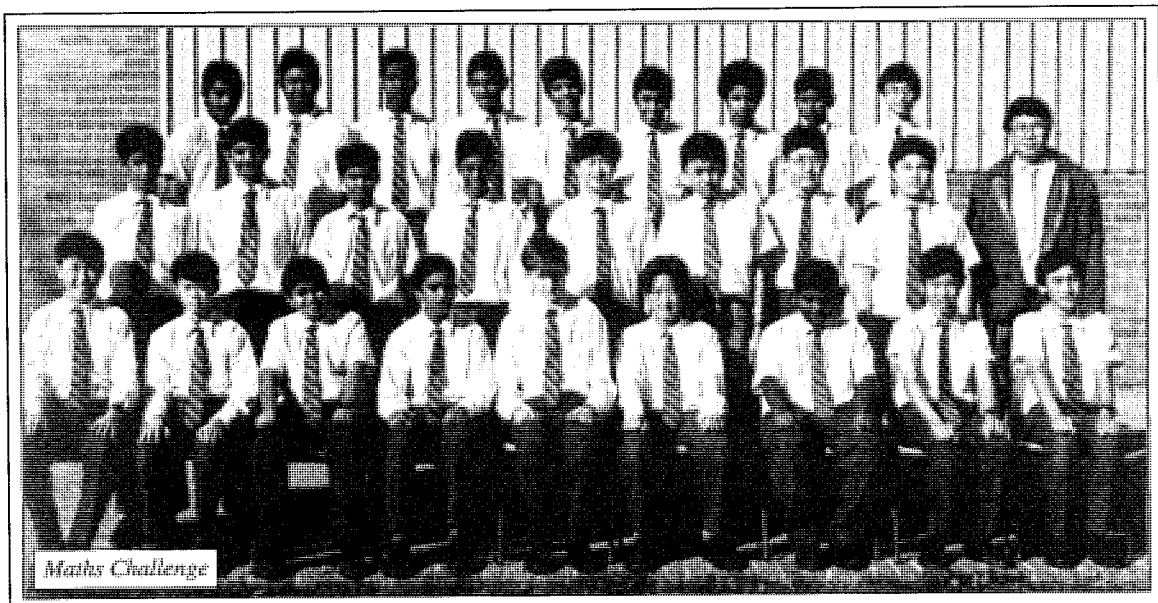
Year 9 High Dist & Distinction
 Back: R.Huynh, K.Yeh, S.Retnavel, E.Fan.
 Front: P.Bijjani, F.Pathan, P-H.Lee, S.Kangatharan,
 J.Xia.



*Maths Competition-Year 8
High Dist & Dist
Back: T.Yu, C.Tran, K.Duran,
M.Sirisena, D.Lee, J.Lee,
Mr.H.Ha.
Front: K.Zhao, M.Wong, F.Alim,
R.Moliterno, C.Yu.*



*Maths Competition Yr 7 Prize, High Dist & Dist
Back: Mr.J.Baggaley, K.Ko, S.Shi, D.Lam, Y.Sabanayagam, P.Tong, P.Yang, A.Wang, M.Barrecca,
P.Kularajah, M.O'Hara, Ms.J.Rayner, J.Pharm.
Front: G.Ratnarajah, M.Arumuganathan, T.Chen, J.Hou, W.Lai, A.Yeung.*



Science Competition

Science - A real life Challenge

Top students at Homebush Boys' High School showed they have the answers and a bright future following their success in the world's largest Science Competition.

Joseph Pham, Michael O'Hara, Steve Nguyen (Year 7); Charles Tran, Kai Zhao, Navneet Kumar (Year 8); Adrian Ng, Kevin Yeh, Sumanthiran Retnavel (Year 9); Alexy Taran, Kieran Murray, Mark Gilbert, Mark Leslie Amparo, Ryan Chadwick (Year 10) each received a Distinction Award in the Australian Schools Science Competition organised by the Educational Testing Centre at the University of New South Wales.

This year a record 443,000 students entered the Competition held annually throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region.

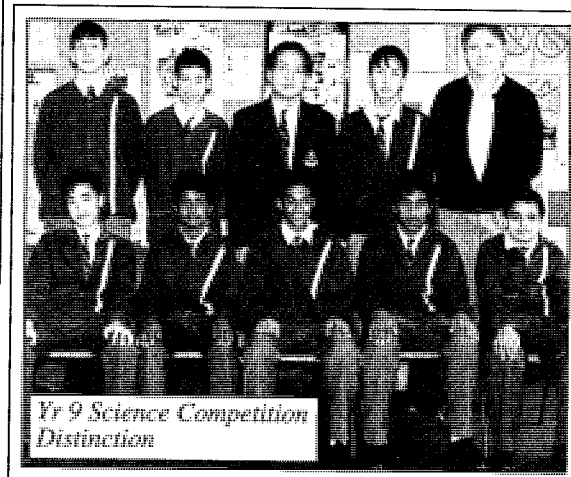
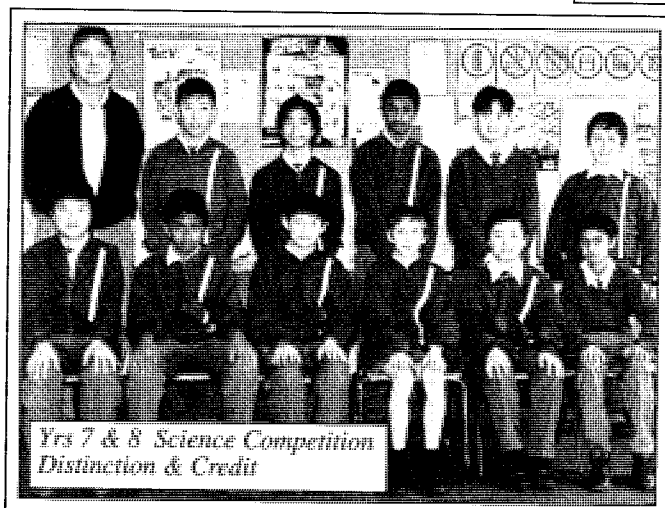
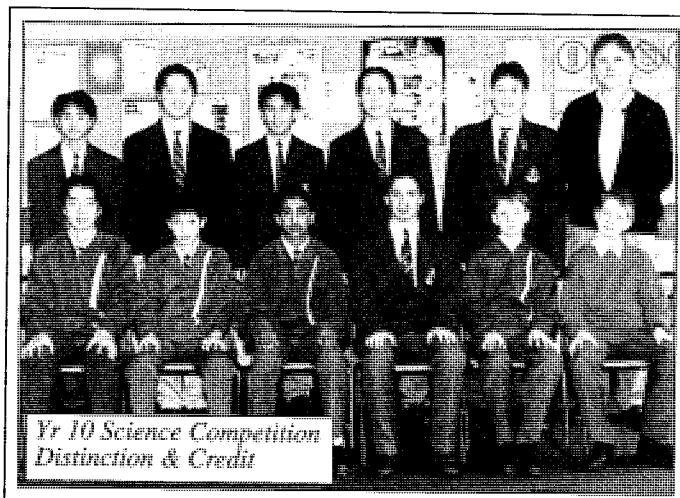
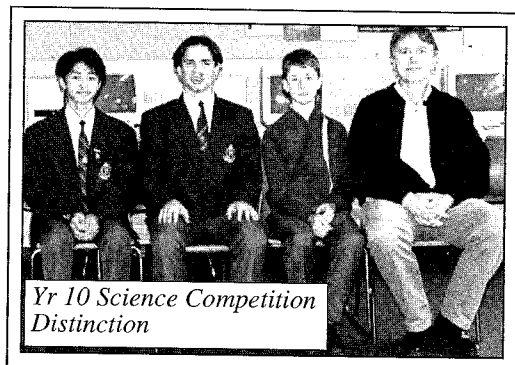
"Science is ultimately about real life. The Competition presents students with the challenge of solving real life problems, thus enhancing their understanding of the science they have learned in the classroom," said Associate Professor Jim Tognolini, Director Educational Testing Centre UNSW.

Year 7
Piyush Bedi

Year 8
Nathan Berreca
Rahuram Sivasubramaniam
Andrew Huang
Tian Yang
John Kipritidis
Ze Tuan Zhong
Min Kyu Lee
Theoven Naicer
Joseph Ni
Gowrishankar Paramanathan

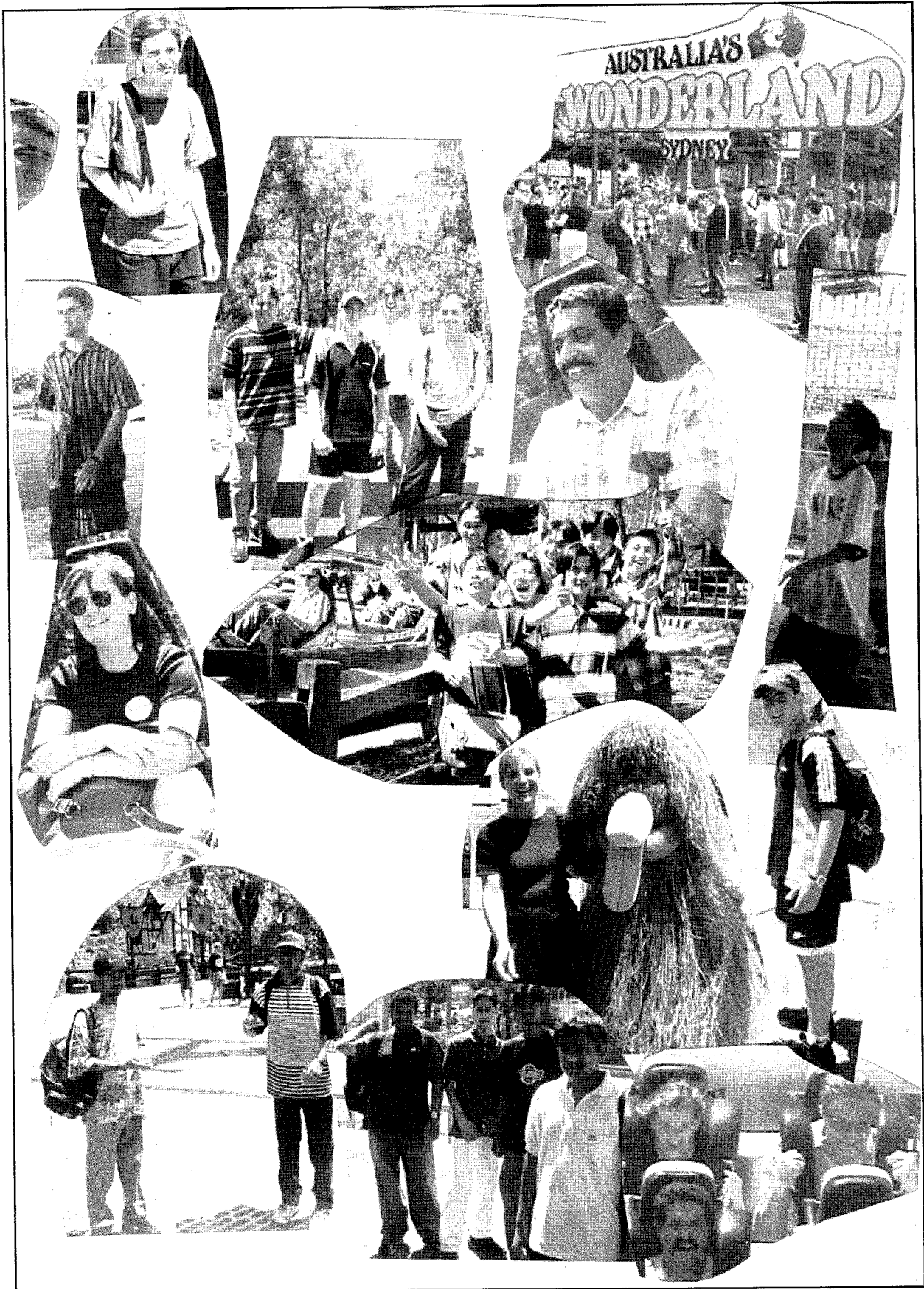
Year 9
Richard Huynh
Kenneth Ko
Senthuran Jegasothy
Pirashanth Kularajah
Tian-Yi Lu
Hung-Yi Lo
Taner Ozonaran
Shubham Sinha

Year 10
Alex Chan
Colin Churton
Cameron Moore
Daniel Chu
Chung-Kyun Kim
Michael Nhieu
Garvin Chung
Chung-Pyo Kim
Gajan Pasupathy
Arnel Rodriguez
Andrew Sarayar
Alex Tsang
Ashley Wong
Leon Yin
Daniel Young



SCIENCE EXCURSION TO WONDERLAND

Collage prepared by Science students.



SCIENCE THIS YEAR

Year 8 at the Dinosaur Exhibition

On March the 10th 1997, the Year 8 Science classes went on an excursion to the Dinosaur Exhibition at Darling Harbour. It was part of our course called *Life in the Past* where we had to go 180 million years back to see and learn how dinosaurs lived during prehistoric times.

When we first arrived, we went to see a fossil of a half-grown Tyrannosaurus Rex named Black Beauty. They call it this because it got petrified with black minerals.

After that we went to a video display with a guide operating and talking about the Tyrannosaurus Rex. We learned that the T Rex's eyes were like human eyes and looked straight forward. We also learned that their brains were as big as human brains, but their heart and lungs were enormous. Their hind legs were raised which helped the T Rex run fast.

The *Find a Fossil* game was my favourite part of the exhibition.

Kaan Duran

The Brontosaurus was a very large animal. It had a very small head and a long neck which was three metres long. It was a plant eater and its main defensive weapon against meat eating animals was its tail.

We also went to the *Lost World* and we had a chance of digging a fossil. We saw a palaeontologist at work.

Anthony Perumal

The Siemens Science School

It was January 14th and the day began at the Siemens Science School like it would for the next two days; arrival at the University of Sydney at 8:45 and a lecture at 9 o'clock. The school went on till 4 o'clock with breaks for morning tea and lunch. There were a number of lectures and practicals and free time was sacrificed by lecturers from numerous departments, who contributed their expertise.

The lectures ranged from topics such as *facial reconstruction* to *genetics* to *forensic psychology*. One of the lectures I really enjoyed was given by Dr Karl Kruselnicki. It covered an array of subjects. DNA was one of the many. It can be studied and its structure changed. Results from such a breakthrough include a fly with fourteen eyes.

The most enjoyable elements of the three days were the Physics activities including making patterns with lasers, suspending a magnet in air, making our own motor, and experiments with air pressure. Other practicals included *testing lung capacity*, *classifying blood*, and *studying cells* among many others. Other interesting aspects of the academic side of the school were an *Animal Ethics* debate and a session on the *Internet*.

But there was more than just information. I had the opportunity to meet many different people and make some good friends. A Bush dance encouraged further interaction between students.

All in all, the Siemens Science School was truly worthwhile and certainly enjoyable.

Gajan Pasupathy
Year 10

Canberra Science Festival

On Thursday the 16th of April at 6 a.m. Students from Years 7,8,9 and 10 caught a coach to Canberra with Mr Balan and Mr Everett. Our destination was the Science Festival in Canberra.

When we arrived our first stop was at McDonalds where we had breakfast. After that we were provided with a guided tour of the Treloar Technology Centre and shown the various planes, rockets, tanks, vehicles, artillery and midget submarines.

Then we went to see the presentation at the Conference centre, had lunch in the park, went to see the Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre where we saw how water is treated and we went to the Australian Institute of Sport to see their physiology and biomechanics departments. At the end of the day we went to the Edmund Barton Motor Inn where we had dinner and then went to play games of mini golf.

The next day our first stop was at the Tidbinbilla Space Station where we were shown around the huge satellites and given information on them and we were lucky enough to be filmed by the ABC for their show BTN. Then we went to see the Royal Australian Mint where we were given a guided tour and we also purchased the new 1997 uncirculated one dollar coin with the face of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith on it.

The next stop was Questacon for various Science experiments and after lunch in the park we went to the Conference Centre where we received showbags and other free items. After that we left Canberra to make our way back home.

On the way, back in the coach we had a flat tyre so we all had to get out and wait until it was fixed. It didn't take long because other coaches from the same company stopped to help us. The whole tyre was shredded to pieces. It was soon fixed and we stopped at McDonalds for dinner, arriving at school at 7:30pm.

I would like to thank Mr Balan and Mr Everett for taking us on a wonderful excursion and I will definitely be going again next year.

Jeshurun Kulasingham

The Science Show

On the 17th and 18th of April we went on a Science excursion to Canberra. We saw many exhibitions and interesting places and my favourite was Questacon, however I have to talk about the "*Fire and Explosions Show*."

The show started with a demonstration of why air is important to fire. This was done by blowing icing sugar into the air through a flame which increased in size and then doing the same to a pile of icing sugar which only singed. This was because in the air there is more oxygen to help the flame. Three main things are needed for fire; air energy and fuel.

The scientist then put a lighted match on a plate, placed a jar on top and then filled the plate with water. Suddenly the flame went out and the jar sucked up the water. This was because the candle had burned all the oxygen and as the air in the jar cooled, it contracted and sucked the water in.

The man's final experiment showed us why silos with metal tops are better than those with concrete tops. The principle was the same as the flame and icing sugar. A milo can represented the silo, a candle was placed inside and some icing sugar. Then when he blew into a tube at the side, the first time with the lid on loosely nothing much happened. When he put the lid on tightly the top blew off with a big bang high into the air. This was because there would always be flour in the air of the silo and any spark or flame could set it off. This was my favourite experiment.

Over all the show was good except it was a little short.

International Science School at ISS

The International Science School (ISS) is a biannual, two week fully residential school held at the University of Sydney. It is run by the Science Foundation for Physics within the University of Sydney.

This year the school was from 6th July to 19th July. After checking in at St John's College on the first Sunday, I was informed that most of the social events were organised by the student helpers from Young Scientists of Australia (YSA). Then it was time to socialise, where everybody basically went around *people hunting*. By 6pm most people had arrived and we were greeted by some of the coordinators.

After the very first meal at the college, I went around meeting the overseas students from New Zealand, US, UK, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Japan. It took a few days to get to know 138 people and to make life easier everyone wore a name tag. Student helpers were always armed with a permanent marker to write on people's foreheads if they didn't wear the tags (And they really did it.)

The *official* first Monday began with a group photo of everyone in school uniform, followed by speeches from chancellors, directors and founders of different committees. Then came the very first lecture on *The Nature of Light*, by Professor Dick Collins, the head of the School of Physics at Sydney Uni, the director of the Science Foundation for Physics and the director of ISS '97! What's more, he's an old boy of Homebush, and he supervised me for Work Experience!

Professor Collins started off with simple electrostatics, then he brought in all these calculus and equations and wonderful, magical, universal constants out of nowhere. In the meantime, everyone's face went blank. After all, he did cram twenty three second year uni lectures into fifty minutes.

All the other lectures throughout the rest of the two weeks were on different aspects and applications of light - from lasers and liquid crystals to photosynthesis and being blind. The lectures were given by renowned lecturers from universities around the globe. One of the best lectures was on everyday science by Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, who is one of the best science popularisers.

Activities were organised for every morning and afternoon on weekdays. These included lab tours and hands on experiments and a lot of us had fun *playing* with all the lasers, chemicals, computers, and other weird high tech stuff. We also visited ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation), where we visited their particle accelerators and electron microscopes.

One of the best activities though, was the YSA Science Show. They fiddled with various chemicals and equipment which demonstrated the concept of *light*. They lit huge soap bubbles, made exploding sounds by burning Hydrogen gas in a way which was quite loud and had a very strong smell. The thing that I found most amazing was that when they mixed two or three chemicals it formed a solution which when swirled clockwise turned brownish, and when swirled the other way, became totally clear. It was quite exciting to watch.

If you think these camps are full of learning and are dead boring, you're totally wrong! The best thing about these camps is the social events. By the way, there were a few more girls than guys at ISS this year. The main social events were on the weekend right in the middle of the two week duration with activities organised outside of Sydney as well as on the harbour.

The other events included a Trivia Contest, Concert Night (where people presented a performance, and some were both funny and ridiculous), indoor rock climbing, pool night, movies, and just wandering around the city with the *outsiders*.

Overall the ISS was really good and a great opportunity for making lots of friends. After the camp, the number of pen pals I had jumped from one to twenty five, and email pals from five to fifty. I received over fifty emails within a week from interstate and international connections.

When I applied for the ISS I hoped I'd get in, but I never thought I really would. So if you ever get a chance, give it a shot. It doesn't have to be a science camp, but a camp related to any interest you acquire. "Nothing is impossible", as long as the basic laws of science still hold.

I would like to thank Mr Everett and Mr Greene for informing me about ISS and writing the references for me. I would also like to thank Mrs Crossan for helping me with the application. Without their kind help I would not have been able to have such a great experience at ISS.

Hong C Nguyen
Year 11

Choice Magazine - Joystick Testing

For most people this particular Friday was just another dull, boring school day. But not for me, I was one of the lucky five who were chosen to go to test some joysticks at *Choice Magazine* which is a non-profit organisation aimed at giving consumers good information about products.

We tested a range of six joysticks ranging in price from \$30 to \$200. We found that the \$30 joystick was a piece of rubbish and that the \$200 wasn't that flash either.

We had fun, and filled out a questionnaire at the end.

Ryan Chadwick
Year 10

Ms Lewis and students during Science Week.



Richmond RAAF Base

Science students in Years 9 and 10 visited the RAAF base at Richmond in May, 1997 with Mr Rodi.

The bus trip there took about one hour and towards the end we saw several huge transport planes flying above us dropping paratroopers in the distance. Our guide for the day was a Lieutenant named Dave and he showed us several very interesting places throughout the base during the day.

First we visited the historical hanger where restoration projects were being done on old WW11 planes, and we climbed into an old WW11 *Dakota* transport plane.

Dave explained to us the basics of flight physics and how a jet and propeller engines worked while showing us a 1950's flight jet.

Unfortunately we were unable to see inside the flight simulator, as it was in use, but we did see several pictures and descriptions of what it was like inside. Towards the end of the day, after a mass of questions from all students we climbed and searched through one of the fourteen *Hercules* transport planes.

I am sure that everyone enjoyed the excursion thoroughly, and that future students will enjoy it as much as we did.

*Andrew von Konigsmark
Year 10*

National Water Week

19th to 25th October 1997

There is no doubt that water is the most precious resource on the earth. It is the scarcest natural product in our world.

In a recent conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, hosted by The United Nations, the success of the human race was debated. One of the professors hypothesized that if a person from another planet came and visited us, he would probably judge us on how successful we have been in feeding our own population. It is a fact that we as humans cannot even provide each of our own population, that's nearly 6 billion people, with a single glass of fresh drinking water.

National Water Week 1997 was held between 19th and 25th of October. Several workshops and activities were held all around Sydney. The National Water Week Conservation concert was held in Bi-centennial Park and was attended by the Wiggles and other celebrities. Sydney Opera House hosted the National Water Week Youth Speaks Forum where youth representatives of each state and territory across Australia talked about what their local community was doing to help conserve water.

In the facilitated panel discussion some of the representatives asked why the government did not initiate programs such as National Water Week. It is attempting to address some of the water-related problems facing Australia. These include:-

- 1) Droughts throughout Australia which have severely depleted the water supply of many towns and cities.
- 2) Introduction of water restrictions which has brought home to us all the scarcity of this valuable resource and hence the need for water conservation.

Solutions already being put in place include:-

- 1) Change in community attitude towards a more

environmentally sustainable use and re-use of resources.

- 2) Those managing water supplies are coming under more pressure to reduce draw off from rivers and to increase environmental flows.

- 3) Development of range of more water efficient fixtures to help minimize usage and conserve water.

- 4) Development of water conservation practices both in design of facilities and in their operation.

- 5) Education of the public to value this resource and not to pollute it.

- 6) Government setting up services to assist major water uses. For example the Department of Public Works and Services seeks to encourage all NSW government projects to be water wise, that is to incorporate efficient use of water in every aspect of a project and to facilitate the incorporation of innovative solutions and technology for more efficient water usage and cost effective recycling of waste water.

Another question asked was, "Why was the youth forum organised when we can't even vote on the future of Australia and what role do we have to play?"

The response to this was, "The involvement of young people in this, and indeed any environmental project has an astounding effect on the youth in the community. For all of us who may have once thought that there was nothing, that they stood mute to the power forces of the world, this project has sparked a self realisation that we could have an effect on our environment. Student involvement has shown the solution, the leadership to so many people who were confused by the issues facing our environment today. We hope that our efforts will inspire others to go on to bigger and greater things."

Water is our most precious resource. We must do everything in our ability to save this resource and use it wisely. Humans are wasting as much as 500L of water a day. Brushing your teeth while the tap is on, taking long baths, hosing paths and driveways are just a few of the things we do to waste water. Community involvement and projects are the only solution to educate us on the importance of this noble compound. We never know the value of water till the well is dry.

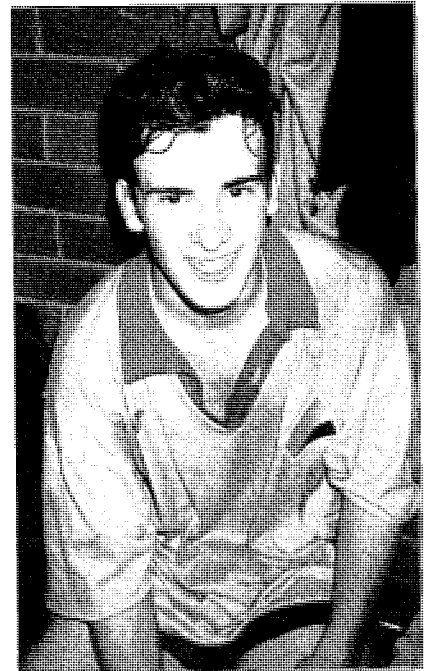
*Prashanth Shanmugan and Atiq Chowdhury
Year 10*

Another scientific experiment during Science Week!





Shucky Mendoza, Jonathan Matthew-Stubbs (above), and Nathan Barecca received Merit certificates for their work at the 'Art through the Region' exhibition.

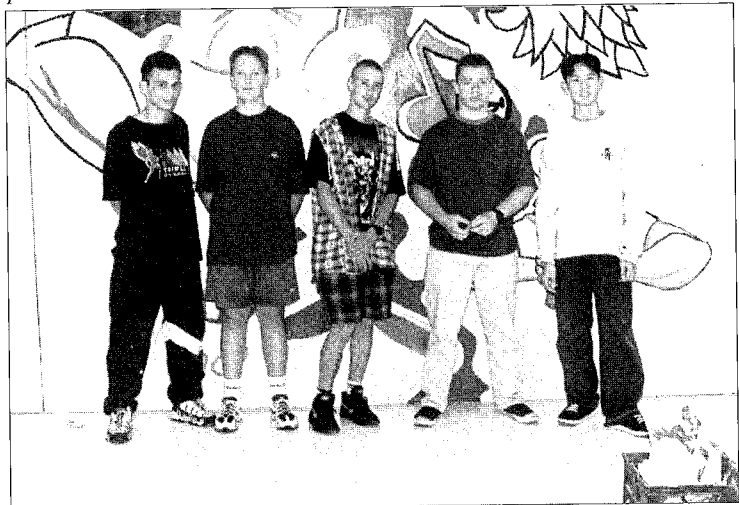


Half-back Harry Papaelou is happy with his own game after an exciting encounter with Leichhardt in the second round Waratah Shield game.



The school newspaper committee

The mural painters



Stanley Kim, winner of a special commendation as young artist at the 'Art through the Region' exhibition, with his art work.



Old Boy Fili Finau (1990) presents the school with his Wallaby Jersey. Fili made his full Test debut in 1997 against the All Blacks. Left to right, W.Hilliard, Fili Finau, B. Greene and T.Pinkey.





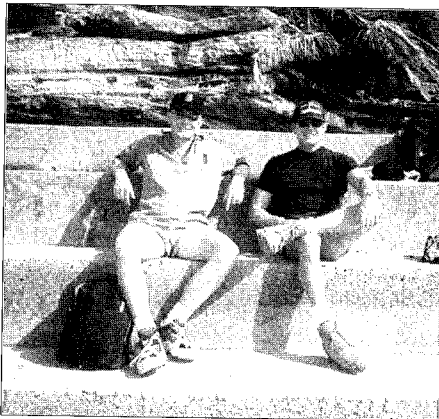
Year 10 Adviser Mr Wills and his happy band of helpers at the Year 12 Farewell Dinner.



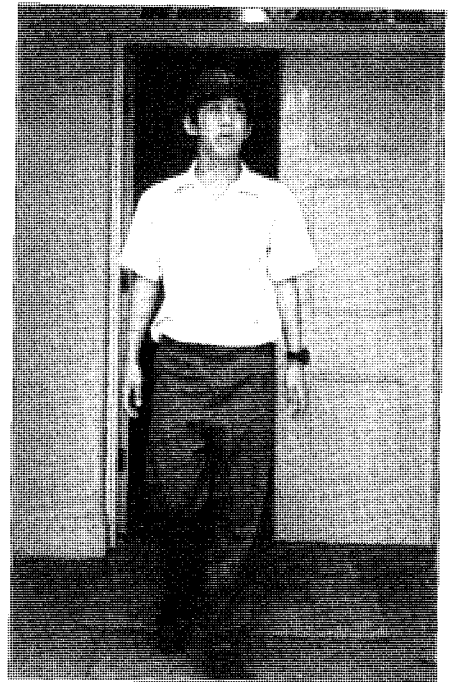
The school Chess Team



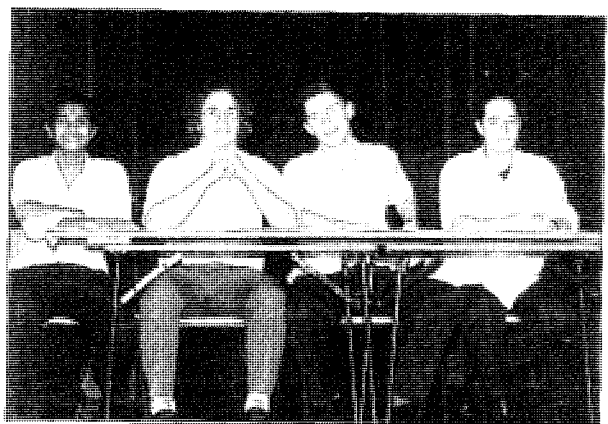
The Hindu Youth group.



Mr Anderson and Mr Wills take advantage of a quiet time to relax while on excursion.



Champion Swimmer Henry Lee



The two sides of a debate.

Citizenship and School Service Awards

Meritorious Service to the school

Tim Gilbert, Richard Williams, Peter Catalovski, Eun Sub Kim, Gavin Churton, Johan Hadodo

Outstanding Contribution to the School

Peter Lacek

Exemplary School performance

Adam Turner *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran*

P & C Award-Most Outstanding Boy in the School

Joseph Nalliah

AMPOL Award Best All Rounder

Matthew Paterson

Soros Family Award for Public Relations

Bernard Jaboh

Strathfield Rotary prize for Scholarship and Citizenship.

Terence Young

Wilson Family Award for Meritorious Service to the school

Anthony Ripamonti

Herbert Evans Prize for Meritorious Service to the School

Lawrence King

Old Boys Prize for all Round Merit

Adam Banas

Co-Curricular Awards

P & C Encouragement prize for Junior Debating

Ho Shin Wei *Sam Mulligan*

Most Outstanding Junior Boy in Drama

David Ratcliffe

Most Outstanding Actor

David Ratcliffe *Damien Santoro*

Student Editor of the School Magazine

Can Si Van

John Mc Manus / Lyndsay Daines Prize for Senior Debating

Stephen Papworth

Wally Chalmers Prize for Public speaking

Joseph Nalliah

School Literature Competition

Anthony Ripamonti *Kevin Pathinather*

Leon Yin *Arnel Rodriguez*

Gold Merit certificates

Lawrence King, Mark Amparo, Ryan Chadwick, Harminder Singh, Hillary Sri Ranjan, Ragulan Vivekanantharajah, Kai Zhao, Victor Phung, Andrew von Konigsmark

100 % Attendance Year 7

Xiang Yuan Chen *Pirashanth Kularajah*

Senthurpriyan Sathiyathan

Jamie-Lee Peters

100 % Attendance Year 8

Andrew Tikkanen

100 % Attendance Year 9

Michael Tong

100 % Attendance Year 10

Alex Chan *Hing Hung Chan*

100 % Attendance Year 11

Vince Frisina *Hong Nguyen*

George So

100 % Attendance Year 12

David Bedford *Phillip Dieu*

Merit Certificates

Excellence in History

Hasanka Wickramanayake *Lawrence King*

Alexander Helou *John von Konigsmark*

Ragulan Vivekanantharajah *Basil Shara*

Andrew von Konigsmark *Gareth Williams*

Excellence in Mathematics

Wenham Li *Xian Yuan Chen*

Gouvreesan Ratmarajah *Tusher Apte*

Shi Huang *Ji Wang*

Mark Wong *Suman Retnavel*

Sani Arkanda *Gajan Pasupathy*

Govind Ganeshwaran

Consistency in Visual Arts

Dunstan Kim *Okan Tufanoglu*

Jordan Cho *Jimmy Wang*

Meritorious Service to Music

Jia - Xi Guo *Andrew Evripidou*

Michael Selvakumar

Tim Tsang

Contribution to Music

Rees Jaram *Christopher Chan*

Excellence in Science

Joseph Pham *Michael O'Hara*

Weisheng Lu *Victor Phung*

Faraz Pathan

Outstanding Performance in PD/Health/PE

Mark Gilbert *Sean Ronan*

Colin Churton *Shane Lodge*

Draughtmanship *Mark Amparo*

Craftmanship in Metalwork

Mark Amparo *Gavin Chung*

Craftmanship in Woodwork *Ron Ni*

Excellence in Electronics *Gajan Pasupathy*

Excellence in Retail *Lee McDowell*

Excellence in Design & Technology *Ken Ip*

Excellence in Engineering Science *Jeng Lam*

Excellence in Industrial Technology *Sean Woh*

Consistent Effort in English *Bradley Lloyd*

Andrew von Konigsmark *Robert Bertocchi*

Excellence and Enthusiasm in English

Philip Pooley *Evan Cremer*

Kieran Murray

Year 12

First in 3 Unit Business Studies *Luke Grbin*

First in 3 Unit Geography *Philip Dieu*

First in 3 Unit Legal Studies *Rajith Rachavan*

First in 2 Unit Visual Arts *Richard Rodriguez*

First in 2 Unit Design & Technology *David Hooker*

First in 2 Unit Mathematics in Society *Miroslav Popovic*

First in 2 Unit Mathematics in Practice

Richard Williams

First in 2 Unit Photography *Thomas Cheung*

First in 2 Unit Computing Studies General

Hong Vinh Huynh

First in 2 Unit Music *Billy Leung*

First in 2 Unit PE/ PD/ Health *Tim Gilbert*

Most Outstanding Art Work Year 12

Jimmy Luk *Guolai Huang*

First in 2 Unit General English *Joseph Nalliah*

First in 2 Unit Computing Studies General

Matthew Mansour

First in 2 Unit Contemporary English

Matthew Mansour

First in 3 Unit Mathematics *Adam Turner*

First in 2 Unit Biology *Adam Turner*

First in 2 Unit Geography *Peter Lacek*

First in 2 Unit Legal Studies *Peter Lacek*

Dr Hien Tran Award First in 2 Unit Chemistry *Gowrishanker Logenthiran*

Dr Hien Tran Award First in 2 Unit Physics

Gowrishanker Logenthiran

First in General Studies

Most Improved Year 12 student *Stan Ilic*

First in 2 Unit English Related *Kevin Pathinather*

First in 2 Unit Ancient History *Kevin Pathinather*

First in 3 Unit Ancient History *Kevin Pathinather*

First in 2 Unit Modern History *Adam Banas*

First in 3 Unit Modern History *Adam Banas*

First in 3 Unit Economics *Adam Banas*

First in 2 Unit Ancient History *Anthony Au*

First in 2 Unit Modern History *Anthony Au*

First in 2 Unit Science for Life *Anthony Au*

First in 2 Unit Mathematics *Anthony Au*

First in 2 Unit Business Studies *Johan Hadodo*

Third in Year 12 *Johan Hadodo*

First in Computing Studies (common)

Eun Sub Kim

Eun Sub Kim

Second in Year 12 *Eun Sub Kim*

First in 4 Unit Mathematics *Daniel Oh*

First in 4 Unit Science *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran*

First in Year 12 *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran*

AWARDS

Year 11

First in 2 Unit Retail	Lee McDowell
First in 2 Unit Italian Z	Adam Rosz
First in 2 Unit Economics	Evan Wang
First in 2 Unit Biology	Mario Gangi
First in 2 Unit Mathematics in Practice	Kurt Thompson
First in Hospitality	John Mapapalangi
First in 2 Unit Guitar	Chinh Nguyen
First in 2 Unit General English	Ashegan Mudelair
First in 2 Unit Geography	Ganesh Balendran
First in 2 Unit Ancient History	Quincy Liu
First in 2 Unit Unit Physics	Chris Chan
First in Computing Applications	Henry Yang
First in 2 Unit Related English	David Lu
First in 2 Unit Mathematics	Jason Layton
First in 2 Unit Italian	Vince Frisina
First in 2 Unit Visual Arts	Vince Frisina
First in 2 Unit Design and Technology	Ken Ip
First in General Studies	Ken Ip
First in 2 Unit Computing Studies	Andrew Evripidou
First in 2 Unit Photography	Andrew Evripidou
First in 2 Unit Modern History	George Deftereos
Reuben F. Scarf Encouragement Award	George Deftereos
First in 2 Unit Chemistry	Jeng Lam
First in 2 Unit Engineering Science	Jeng Lam
First in 2 Unit Mathematics in Society	Jeng Lam
First in 2 Unit Legal Studies	Gareth Williams
Most outstanding student in Year 11	Gareth Williams
First in 2 Unit Contemporary English	Gareth Williams
First in 4 Unit Science	Aroonan Manickanasagar
Third in Year 11	Aroonan Manickanasagar
First in 4 Unit Science	Aroonan Manickanasagar
First in 3 Unit Mathematics	Hong Nguyen
Second in Year 11	Hong Nguyen
First in 2 Unit Business Studies	Hong Nguyen
First in 2 Unit PE/ PD/ Health	Charles Burns
First in Year 11	Charles Burns

Year 10

First in Technics -Wood	Ji Ying Dai
First in French	Dunstan Kim
First in Electronics	Gajan Pasupathy
First in Mathematics - Intermediate	Ji Ying Dai
First in Mathematics - Standard	Joseph Cremona
First in Music	David So
First in Geography	Bradley Lloyd
First in PD / Health / PE	Mark Gilbert
First in History	Prashanth Shanmugan
Long Chong Award Most improved	Year 10
First in Mathematics - Advanced	Jehan Hamid
First in Commerce	Jehan Hamid
Third in Year 10	Laurence King
First in Technical Drawing	Laurence King
First in Technics -Metal	Mark Amparo
First in Science	Mark Amparo
Second in Year 10	Mark Amparo
First in Visual Arts	Arnel Rodriguez
First in English	Arnel Rodriguez
K.J. Myers Award	Arnel Rodriguez
Most Outstanding boy in the Junior School	Arnel Rodriguez
First in Year 10	Arnel Rodriguez

Year 9

First In Visual Arts	Thi Phan
Peter Lemcke Memorial prize for Visual Arts	Tatsu Hyashi
First in PD / Health/ PE	Hasanka Wickramanya
First in French	Rohan Nathan
First in French	Geoffrey Smallwood
First in Geography	Ross Nefodov
First in Mathematics - Intermediate	Raymond Zhu
First in Mathematics - Standard	Harry Lau
Metal Technics	Vien Nguyen
Technical Drawing	Ron Ni
Wood Technics	Taifur Rahman
First in Mathematics - Advanced	Rahuram Sivasubraman
First in Food Technology	Alexander Helou
First in Music	Alexander Helou
First in Science	Adrian Ng
Third in Year 9	Sumanthiran Retnavel
First In Electronics	Kevin Yeh
Second in Year 9	Kevin Yeh
First in Computer Studies	Scott Huang
First in Commerce	Scott Huang
First in History	Scott Huang
First in English	Scott Huang
First in Year 9	Scott Huang

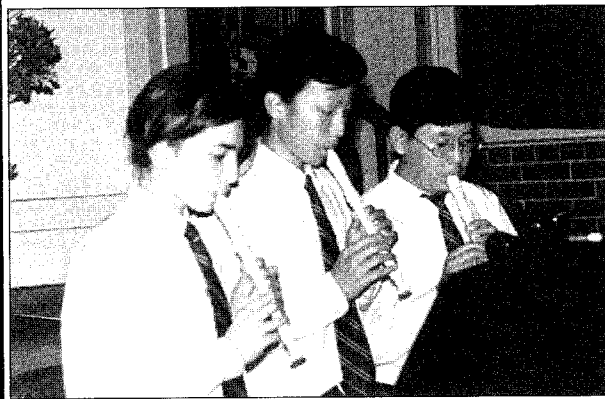
Year 8

First in Visual Arts	Jimmy Huang
First in PD/ Health/PE	Nathan Barreca
First in Geography	John Kipritidis
First in English	Myroonan Elango
First in French	Raymond Lai
First in History	Ragulan Vivekannantharajah
First In History	Jia-Xi Guo
First in Italian	Victor Phung
First in Science	Robert Hoyles
Third in Year 8	Robert Hoyles
First in Music	Edgar Chua
Second in Year 8	Edgar Chua
First in Mathematics	Navneet Kumar
First in Year 8	Navneet Kumar

Year 7

First In History	Khanh Dai Huynh
First in PD / Health / PE	Vjecko Jelic
First in Language	Piyush Bedi
First in English	Arun Devendran
First in Geography	Bao Tach Nguyen
Third in Year 7	Bao Tach Nguyen
First In Mathematics	Raman Mongia
Second in Year 7	Raman Mongia
First in Music	Matthew Barreca
First in Science	Jeremy Bedford
First in Visual Arts	Xiang Yuan Chen
First in Year 7	Xiang Yuan Chen

PRESENTATION NIGHT



A YEAR LESS ORDINARY

Presentation Night at Homebush Boys High School in 1997 marked the end of one of its most successful years. A quiet, harmonious year with successes on many fronts and though the boys who made it so could not all be rewarded on the night they are remembered and their efforts acknowledged nevertheless.

Among those who received awards for citizenship and service to the school were the 1997 School Captain, *Joseph Nalliah*, a gentle young man, inspirational in his leadership and his love of the school, who received the award of Most Outstanding Boy in the School; *Peter Lacek* for 'Outstanding Contribution to the School'; *Terence Young*, the Strathfield Rotary Prize for Scholarship and Citizenship; *Anthony Ripamonti*, the Wilson Family Award for Meritorious Service to the School.

Academic success has always been a feature of Homebush Boys and is often the reason that parents choose to send their boys here. Awards for First in each year were given to *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran* in Year 12, *Charles Burns* in Year 11, *Arnel Rodriguez* in Year 10, *Scott Huang* in Year 9, *Navneet Kumar* in Year 8, *Xiang Yuan Chen* in Year 7. Awards for excellence were made to students across all subjects: *Andrew von Konigsmark* for History, *Gouvreesan Ratnarajah* for Mathematics, *Jordan Cho* for Art, *Tim Tsang* for Music, *Faraz Pathan* for Science, *Shane Lodge* for PD Health/PE, *Mark Amparo* for Draughtsmanship and Metalwork, *Gajan Pasupathy* for Electronics, *Ken Ip* for Design and Technology, *Robert Green* for Social Sciences, *Jeng Lam* for Engineering Science, *Kieran Murray* for English, *David Ratcliffe* for Acting and Drama, *Stephen Papworth* for Debating, *Kevin Pathinather* for the

senior poetry section of the School Literature Competition.

The school's success in sport dates back to its beginnings in 1936 and it has continued to be a strong tradition within the school to the present. Teams which experienced greatest success this year were Table Tennis, Water Polo and Hockey.

Awards made to successful individual sportsmen in the senior school included the Eastwood Rugby Union Trophy Sportsman of the Year and the K.J. Myers Trophy Most Outstanding Sportsman/Summer Sport and Rugby Union to *Tim Gilbert*; the Doug Thornton Best and Fairest Soccer Player, the Briars Cricket Shield Outstanding Cricket Player and the Malcolm Brown Trophy Most Outstanding Sportsman/Summer Sport and Soccer to *Peter Catalovski*; the Samuels Trophy Championship Tennis Player and the James C. Waite Most Outstanding Water Polo Player to *Gavin Churton*.

Mark Gilbert was awarded the 1987 Year 12 Trophy Most Outstanding Junior Sportsman. Another successful junior was *Stephen Burchett* who will be leaving us to attend St Stanislaus, Bathurst in 1998. The junior-to-watch is *Henry Lee*, a Year 7 boy who broke many long standing swimming records at this year's swimming school and went on to swim for the state. Henry was presented with four awards for his sporting prowess.

Success is the result of hard work. Presentation Night is an acknowledgement of that. Congratulations to all the boys who received awards. Too many, unfortunately, to mention here.

Ms Annette Johnson



Guests (not in order) Mrs Rita Zammit, Mr Hilliard, Mr Bruce McCarthy, Ms Elizabeth Gewandt, Mr Michael Kidd, Mrs Greening, Mr Greening, Mr Roger Vince, Mr Bill Hooker, Mr John Chadwick, Mrs Linda Chadwick, Mr Doug Thornton, Mr John Murray, Joseph Nalliah.

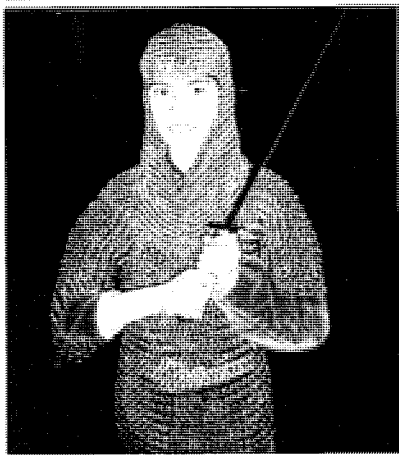
SPORTING AWARDS

Ingersoll Champion Swimmer -12 Years		<i>Henry Lee</i>
Ken Kyles Trophy	Champion Athlete -12 Years	<i>Henry Lee</i>
Bell Trophy	Champion Swimmer - 13 Years	<i>Steven Burchett</i>
Charles Warne Trophy	Champion Athlete -13 Years	<i>Yang Yang Xia</i>
Lewis Berger Trophy	Champion Athlete - 14 Years	<i>Nathan Barreca</i>
ARC Engineering	Champion Swimmer -14 Years	<i>Steven O'Farrell</i>
Hyman Trophy	Champion Swimmer	<i>Mark Gilbert</i>
Old Boys Cricket Trophy	Champion Athlete - Vaughan House	<i>Huw Krix</i>
Vaughan Trophy	Champion Swimmer - 15 Years	<i>Colin Churton</i>
About Trophy Champion Swimmer -Vaughan House		<i>Mark Gilbert</i>
Harry Quail Trophy	Champion Tennis Player - Junior	<i>Bob Lu</i>
Western Suburbs Soccer Club Trophy Best & Fairest - Junior		<i>Okan Tufanoglu</i>
Champion Swimmer	Greening House	<i>Henry Lee</i>
S.D. Coates Trophy	Champion Swimmer - Howe House	<i>Hugh Ward</i>
Homebush R.S.L. Trophy	Champion Athlete - 15 Years	<i>Patrick Bijjani</i>
West Strathfield Bowling Club Champion Athlete - Hayes House		<i>Patrick Bijjani</i>
Samuels Trophy	Champion Tennis Player - Senior	<i>Gavin Churton</i>
1st Grade Tennis	Captain's Banner	<i>Gavin Churton</i>
Peter Litchfield Memorial Trophy - Basketball		<i>Nick Koslovsky</i>
1st Grade Basketball	Captain's Banner	<i>Nick Koslovsky</i>
1st Grade Cricket	Captain's Banner	<i>David James</i>
Briars Cricket Shield	Outstanding Cricket Player	<i>Peter Catalovski</i>
Doug Thornton Trophy	Best & Fairest Soccer Player	<i>Peter Catalovski</i>
1st Grade Soccer	Captain's Banner	<i>Peter Catalovski</i>
Malcolm Brown Trophy	Most Outstanding Sportsman / Summer Sport & Soccer	<i>Peter Catalovski</i>
		<i>Brad Thompson</i>
Fivedock Hotel	Best & Fairest Touch Football Player	<i>Anthony Kessing</i>
1st Grade Touch Football	Captain's Banner	<i>Tim Arnold</i>
Drummoyne Rugby Union Club Trophy -Most Improved		<i>Sean Ronan</i>
Briars Hockey Shield	Most Outstanding Player	<i>Terence Young</i>
		<i>David Ata</i>
Frank Harmer Trophy	Best & Fairest 15 Yrs Rugby Player	<i>Bjorn Hook</i>
1st Grade Hockey	Captain's Banner	<i>Rees Jaram</i>
Briars Rugby Union Shield	Most Outstanding Player	<i>Tim Gilbert</i>
K.J. Myers Trophy	Most Outstanding Sportsman / Summer Sport & Rugby Union	<i>Toon Lim</i>
		<i>Seni Sitauti</i>
Drummoyne Rugby Union Club Trophy-Best & Fairest		<i>Tim Gilbert</i>
1st Grade Rugby Union	Captain's Banner	<i>Gavin Churton</i>
1st Grade Water Polo	Captain's Banner	<i>Tim Gilbert</i>
James C. Waite	Most Outstanding Water Polo Player	<i>Andrew Arvanitopoulos</i>
Eastwood Rugby Union Club Trophy - Sportsman of the Year		<i>Colin Churton</i>
Angus and Robertson Trophy - Champion Swimmer Senior		<i>Kishangaran Rathinam</i>
Hyman Champion Swimmer - Hayes House		<i>Henry Lee</i>
Sutton Trophy Champion Athlete - Senior		<i>Vedat Doganci</i>
Bellbird Trophy	Champion Athlete - Greening House	<i>Tim Gilbert</i>
Captain's Banner	Vaughan House	<i>George So</i>
Captain's Banner	Hayes House	<i>Redell Macabenta</i>
Captain's Banner	Howe House	<i>Kishangaran Rathinam</i>
Captain's Banner	Greening House	<i>Xuyen Tran</i>
A.P.Ward Trophy	Cross Country Champion	<i>Xuyen Tran</i>
Best and Fairest	Table Tennis	<i>Simon Ferrier</i>
1st Grade Table Tennis Captain's Banner		<i>Simon Ferrier</i>
Best and Fairest	Lawn Bowls	<i>Anthony Ripamonti</i>
1st Grade Lawn Bowls	Captain's Banner	<i>Anthony Ripamonti</i>
Coaches Trophy	Volleyball	<i>Adam King</i>
1st Grade Volleyball	Captain's Banner	<i>David Ratcliffe</i>
Best and Fairest	Baseball	<i>Mark Gilbert</i>
1st Grade Baseball	Captain's Banner	
1987 Year 12 Trophy	Most Outstanding Junior Sportsman	

CONTRIBUTIONS



Jimmy Luk Year 12



My Horror Story

Jonathon Matthew-Stubbs Yr 8

Why does it always have to happen to me? I'm not mean to anyone. They just all hate me. I can't even go into a room without being tripped, pushed, punched, slapped on the back or being called Farty Marty or Aggat the Maggot just because I am small, have no friends and can't play sport.

When I say I have no friends I mean it. Not even the teacher likes me. I sit in a corner with an empty chair next to me. But today I was more annoyed than ever. I was locked in my locker and they started kicking and banging on it.

My worst enemy is Suzzy Witchmore. She is in Year 9 and I am in Year 7. Everyone hates Year 7. We need to have 25 points a year. You get 5 points for each activity so I have to do 5 activities. The activities have to be sport or other activities. I do playground cleaning, window washing, waxing the gym but worst of all, writing for the school newspaper. Most people would prefer writing for the newspaper but not me.

Suzzy Witchmore assigned me my work. I couldn't believe it! She assigned me to write a report on the brown patches in the grass and explain why that particular area was brown. I did it anyway and it was really good. It took me all week and then she scrunched it up and threw it in the bin and said, "Who wants to read about a few dumb patches of brown grass anyway?" What a nerve she has!

Recently a new girl walked into the class and Miss said to the class "This is Judy, she is a new girl, please make her feel at home." She told Judy to sit next to me, and directed me to show her around. I was glad, I thought finally I might make a friend. She seemed nice, she had blond hair, red cheeks and bluish-green eyes.

At lunch I showed her the way to the cafeteria where we got our food. I picked up my tray and made my way to the table with Judy close behind me. Suddenly I got tripped by Suzzy Witchmore and my food went flying up and landed just out of my reach. Judy gave Suzzy a dirty look and then helped me up.

Soon it was Halloween and I asked Judy if she wanted to go trick or treating with me, and she actually agreed to go. We met at 6:00 at my house and left from there. We made it to the second street with half a bag of lollies each. As we passed the old derelict house on the corner, she said, "Who owns that house?"

I replied, "I don't know but people say it's haunted."

She said, "Let's go in".

I said, "No way!"

She answered, "Are you scared?"

I made the excuse, "No way, I'm just in a hurry."

"For what?" said Judy

"I want to get some more lollies," I quickly replied.

She started clucking like a chicken so I decided to go in with her. We were opening the gate with the expressionless gargoyles staring down on us. We fought our way through the thick grass as we made our way to the entrance. I suggested we look for a broken window, but she just opened the front door which was heavy and covered in spider webs and dust. As I walked into the old house and we had to fight our way through the spider webs. Judy ran up the old creaky steps, and I tried to keep up with her.

She opened the door at the top of the stairs, and closed it after I was inside. I hadn't realised it until now, but she was wearing the scariest mask I had ever seen, and it looked so real. I asked her to take it off, but she didn't answer. By now I was feeling really spooked so I grabbed for the mask, but it wouldn't come off. She pushed me hard against the wall. I was so winded and I choked out, "What was that for?"

She replied in a scary voice, "See you in Hell."

I looked around for a quick escape, but there wasn't any. My way was blocked. She charged at me, and hit me hard, and with her claw-like nails, tore through my skin. I was in agony, I kicked her off, and grabbed for anything. My hands rested on a broom. I got up and swung it at her, and connected. It didn't seem to hurt her, but knocked her to the ground. I charged for the door, but only made it half way. She grabbed my ankle. I tried to kick her off, but she would not let go.

I broke the broom, and thrust it at her. A green acidic liquid came out. I ran home. Nobody believes me.

Eagle

The eagle's boundaries are not numbered
It flies wherever it sees fit,
Kills and eats when it feels,
The eagle in the sky is free.
He is someplace where I wish
I could be.

Adam Ferrett
Literature Competition Prize Winner

Sharks

Sea's savage predator,
Hunters of hell
And beauties of the deep;
Rippers of prey
And keepers of beneath,
Sharks!

Elvin Karan
Literature Competition Prize Winner

The Robber

Slowly,
Dark faced with yellow eyes
Arms contracted, short
Tip-toeing in the dark
Past the alley
And rows of bins
Down the road from the city.
Slowly,
Scavenging, scavenging
Body thin
Hunting, hunting
Out of the city to the woods.
The cat
A robber searching for food.

Weisheng Lu
Literature Competition Prize Winner

Rainforest Noises

The screech of exotic parrots
As they fly through the forest
The rustle of leaves
As monkeys jump from tree to tree
A rumble of thunder
And a crack of lightning
Then rain falls down
Spattering from leaf to leaf
The rain stops
And birds call to each other
With the sweetest singing.

Michael O'Hara
Literature Competition Prize Winner

The Storm

The storm jumps down on us
Trampling us with his wet feet
Shaking his sodden hair
He soaks us with water
He roars with delight
And his eyes sparkle with lightning
He becomes tired and goes up to the clouds
While the sun comes out
And greets us with warmth.

Michael O'Hara

I wish

I wish I could be the wind and make leaves fall
And hear them crash on the forest floor.

I wish, I could: swirl, whirl and twirl
In the shape of a cloud

I wish I could roar at the trees and make the water splash.
I wish, I really wish, I could be the wind.

The Snow

The snow comes down
A blanket of ice falling to earth
It spreads over the bed of earth
Covering everything in a sheet of white
It tumbles down, down, down
An eiderdown of sleet
And here, in this bed
The night comes to rest.

Michael O'Hara

Sharp Shooter

Anthony Ripamonti
Yr 12

The wind blew and the trees shook. The clouds passed over the moon making an eerie glow. The grass at the edge of the cliff had been worn away. Waves crashed to their death on the rocks below. A silent figure took its hiding place...

Joe was ready. He was an expert. He was going to win again, he knew it. He had done this so many times before, it was second nature to him now. But it always got his blood going. There was that element of danger. Would he have enough time? The shadowy figure peered out from its spot to see an empty cliff face, a few scattered trees and a small dirt path. This was on the very limits of the boundary and he knew he shouldn't be here, but if it was to be done properly there was no other place.

Chris couldn't believe it. Here he was again. Time after time he had failed but he always came back. Tonight, he thought, tonight will be mine. For the first time I will come through. There's no stopping me now... One siren sounded. Shouldn't be long now. But, oh how the anticipation killed him. It felt like eternity just waiting in the dark. The last few minutes were always crucial. All was at risk. It was all or nothing now. Oh, how he longed for it to end. Joe could feel it in his heart. He'd never waited this long before. Could this be the first? How he wished he could see. How he wished he could move, to end the silence.

But , no.

Chris's lips spread into a smile. Must be less than a minute now, he thought. I can't believe it, I'm going to do it. But he knew better, and didn't let his emotions get the better of him. He knew the game was not over. Not by a long shot.

Desperation growing, Joe looked up. The clouds had been covering the moon all night. He wished for just a flash of clearness. Just a speck of light.

There it is, he thought. I see it, I see it. Wait. No. It can't be. Oh Lord, please. Not this time. Please. I need this. You know I do.

The figure took aim, steadying with the left, holding the trigger with the right. You're mine now, son. Just a matter of time. This will be so much fun.

A sharp breeze blew then, taking with it the clouds from the moon. A chill ran down Joe's back as the cliff face was revealed under a freakish grey moon. A branch fell to the right. Leaves rustling to the left.

Joe's heart thumped. It could be anywhere. A small glint up ahead. Now I've got you. Aim locked on, he fired. A loud, sharp blast deafening to the ear.

As soon as he heard the shot, Chris knew it was over. He couldn't believe it. Again, he thought. Bloody again. There was hardly enough time to turn before he cried out in pain....

The second siren sounded now. Too late. It was all over. Didn't matter now. Job done, mission finished. Joe stood up, relief filled his bones. Chris climbed down and met him near the face. Joe laughed. He had won again. He had once again proven he was better at Skirmish than his brother.

The Gull

Wake, blink, blink, Sunny
Contentment, hunger, looking
moving, flying upward.
Flapping, staring, finding,
diving
downward
grabbing
pecking, eating, satisfaction.
Aware, Alert, Afraid!
Flapping, Fluttering Flight!
zooming
resting
grooming.

Happy
Gliding
Floating
SPEED! TROUBLE! FEAR!
Escaping, EAGLE pursuing.
Evading, strength fading.
Tired, rest is desired.
Pursuer Gaining, Almost there.
Home, slowing down,
Hiding, relief,
Sleep.

Kieran Murray Year 10

Broken Hill Cricket Tour

Charles Burns

Our departure date was set for February 19th 1997 at 7.20 am. We were to assemble at Strathfield by 7am though this was a task almost impossible to achieve. Everyone except Kish was there by 7.10am but thankfully he turned up a couple of minutes later. We were told that our luggage was going to have to stay with us for the entire journey, which bothered many who would have to get around with large kit bags on their backs. Panic set in when Marty announced he had left his whites at home. They were soon found to be in an obscure corner of his bag. Photos were taken by parents and players, and soon after our XPT arrived, thankfully on time.

On our trip we saw desert, forest and a huge lake. We also witnessed the prettiest sunset you are ever likely to see with the bluest of skies, a purple haze, the yellow and orange of the sun and the green and black of the land. After about thirteen hours we arrived at our destination, Broken Hill.

We were all transformed from homeboys to model students when we changed into our full school uniforms, ties and all. Just before we left the train we had a short team meeting about how to behave, how we were going to prepare for the game and how we were going to play as a team. For most of us it was our first time being billeted with an unknown family in unknown surroundings. We were given school pens to give to our family as souvenirs and we were left to our own judgment on how to behave.

We left the train in a line with coach and umpire leading followed by both captains and then the rest of us. We looked like a team. We were quickly paired off with our families and ushered off to our new residences.

Finally it was game time. We were greeted by a field which strongly reminded some of us of the Adelaide or Hurstville oval. It was surrounded by a bike track, and there was a lush

covering of grass, so much so, that the big mower was out until ten minutes before the game commenced. There was a small grandstand which didn't really help the batting team in the morning session because it offered no shade. The wicket was grassy and we agreed that there would be some assistance for bowlers early on, so we thought we would bowl if we won the toss. One thing we did not count on was the fly population of Broken Hill which must have converged on our ground for the day.

By the time we stopped for lunch our opposition had a total which wouldn't be a stroll in the park to get. After eating our plate of sandwiches which Mr Balan had paid \$60.00 for, we were ready to bat.

Marty and Manpreet started slowly, but confidently and both played some fine shots, before Marty was first to go playing onto his stumps a ball from the newly introduced off-spinner. Their attack was nowhere near as good as ours, but Manpreet was soon caught behind and Cat and Rahulan set about developing a fine partnership. I was unable to bat no. 3 because of a crook stomach, though I wasn't required in the end anyway. Cat and Rahulan smashed wayward bowling all over the slow outfield, and both were quite happy to go over the top if required. The highlight of the innings came when Rahulan hooked their off-spinner over the top of deep square-leg and pulled up limp after the first run, and he was caught unaware and had to try desperately to regain his ground, but couldn't. It was left to DJ and Rahulan with Marty as runner to seal the victory with 7 wickets and 7 overs to spare.

Celebrations soon broke out with Mr Balan being drenched by water from the drink container. We were then whisked back to our billets for showers and then driven back to the station at 4.30p.m. We arrived back at Strathfield at 11.30a.m. tired but victorious.

In the News.

At right is a clipping taken from the 'Inner Western Suburbs Courier' Monday, March 10, 1997. Below is a copy of the article which appeared with the photo.

"Our own value can only be measured by what we share with others." These words were written by M. Rey, a 16th Century Polish writer. They are appropriate to the assessment of a teacher's performance and are of particular significance to Marianna Lacek, born and educated in Poland, who is a teacher at Homebush boys High School.

While the remainder of her colleagues were underwhelmed by, but were nevertheless enjoying, the occasional summer sunshine, Mrs Lacek spent her time in snow-bound Poland, where she had been invited to attend courses and workshops at the Pedagogical University of Krakow with followers of a new program of language teaching.

Mrs Lacek is a former student of the university and she won the prestigious *Red Rose* prize for the best university student in the late 1960's.

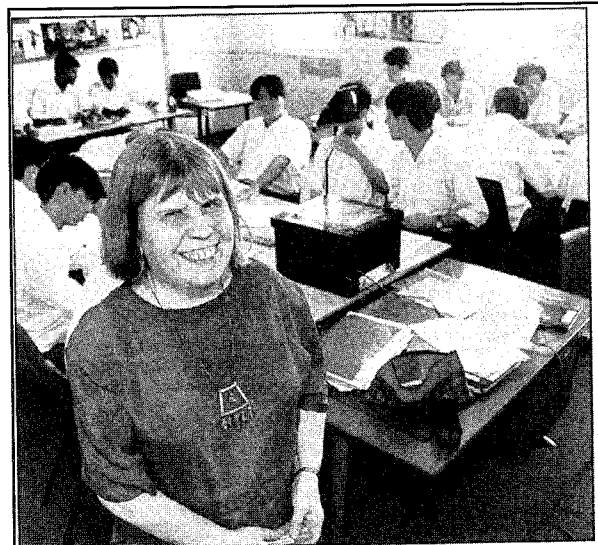
On her arrival in Krakow, Mrs Lacek was asked to conduct some of the lectures and concluding discussions, which surprised and delighted her.

Mrs Lacek was indeed prepared and equipped to give some talks, but she expected those to be about her beloved adoptive country, not educational methods.

With the collapse of communism, Poland is undergoing widescale economic, political and social changes, which are forcing education systems and educators' attitudes to change and embrace the emergence of democratic rule and thought. Interest in education systems which incorporate these ideals is at a peak. This was evident in a three hour talkback session on Radio Lublin, in Silesia.

After a half-hour talk given by Mrs Lacek, she responded to three hours of questions about Australian education. Questions about delinquency and discipline; sex education and respect; drugs and problems of youth. The restraints and constraints of strict etiquette were highlighted in the expressions of disbelief that Australian teachers call their principals by their first names.

Mrs Lacek soothed those educators and parents who expressed



Marianna Lacek: teaching at Homebush Boys High.

Homebush teacher 'educates' Poles

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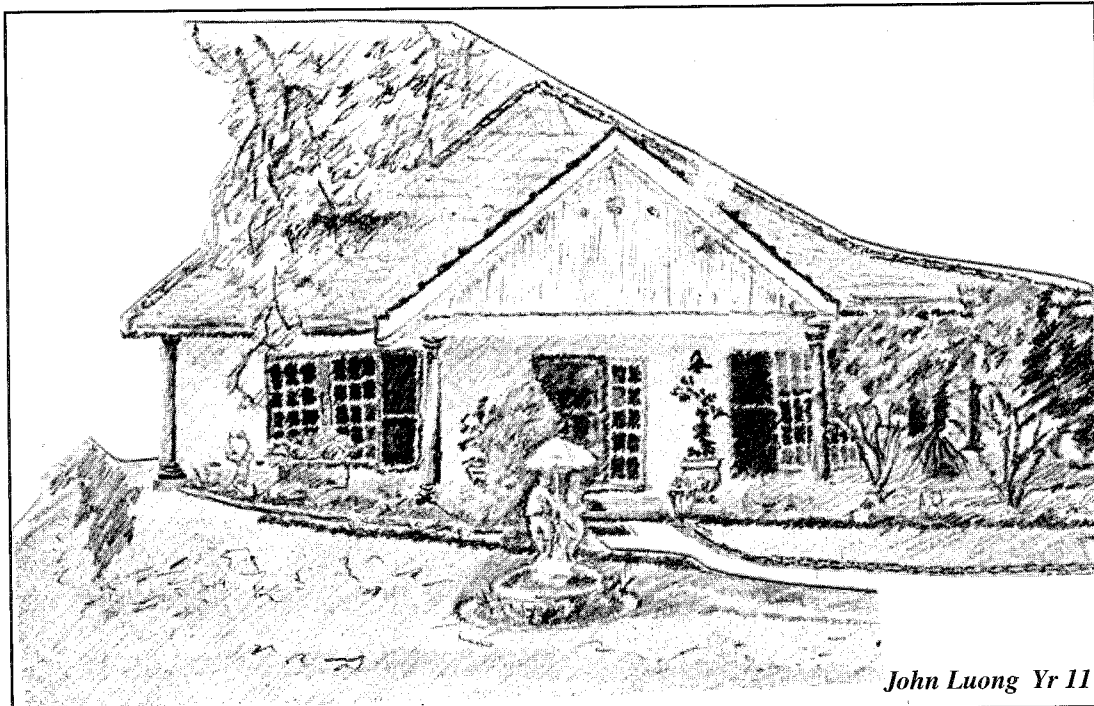
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fears about letting go of the old authoritarian methods, adopting enlightened programs, and losing the respect of the students in a more democratic school environment.

So appreciated was the quality of Mrs Lacek's contributions while in Poland, she has been invited again at the end of the year.

Mrs Lacek teaches English in the ESL program given to students at Homebush Boys High School. She approaches her work with warmth, enthusiasm and energy, and her value as a teacher is unsurpassed.

Homebush Boys High is proud to have on its staff a person of such worth, who is an ambassador for her country and for our education system, in the eyes of the school and, it seems, Polish educators, Mrs Lacek is 'up there' with her countrymen Frederic



John Luong Yr 11

Contrasts

I

You are born,
The beginning of your journey towards death,
Everything is new, brilliantined, wonderous,
The purity of innocence,
The look on Father's face, Mother's face,
Lack of innocence.

II

The son is a doctor,
Mother is proud, Father is proud,
The son wanted to be an actor,
NO! said Mother and Father
"Do what your feel!" says the girlfriend,
The son would prefer her to be his boyfriend.

III

End of the road.
Mother is dead, Father is dead,
Wife is dead,
You are dying.
You die.

IV

Hopes, dreams, ambitions - unfulfilled.
Bottomless pit,
Cries aloud for its master to fill it,
The master listened.....to who?
Poor, piteous you,
Did not have the courage to listen to yourself.

Kevin Pathinather
Year 12

Literature Competition Prize Winner

Port Arthur

Besieged with gore the loved one struck,
The roar of silence - thunder strikes.
The evil in his stare was all
She saw before the sun went dark.
Why is might the cause of strife?
Why was mine the first to touch
The earth that grips the root of life?
Above the hallowed ground I pause,
Behold the life I held so dear
The edifice awash with tears
Can heed my anguish, heed my grief.
About the saffron walls of Christ
Kindred search for answers lost
The ruins of the house of God
Can hold the Ark of grief no more.
The light of day would grant their eyes
The chance to weep a valley of tears
The prayer voiced for a thousand to hear
Bore the passion a thousand could feel.
In band they found alliance, strength
Alone they battle, attrition spent.
Amid the ivory mist I stand
The vault of heaven, still, and cold
The shrines of fate on every side
Their cries inscribed on icy stone
Age will not weary them, nor the years condemn,
To God they surrender all.

Arnel J Rodriguez
Yr 10

Literature Competition Prize Winner

Fingers

A picture
Drawn by soft,
Gentle hands,
Skilful hands.
What secrets are hidden
In the fingers?
What skills are given
To the fingers?
My fingers are my
Best friends.
Although they are blind,
They are hard working.

Andy Yeung
Yr 7

Money is Nothing

As fascinating as gold,
AS useless as rubbish.
Money is a target,
Which people are aiming for.
Money is a murderer,
Which kills consciences.
The more they have,
The more they want.
The more they use,
The more they waste.
Money contains violence and crime,
And nothing else.
I see money as dog droppings,
And consciences as treasures.
Money is really nothing.

Stain Free

Leon Yiu Year 10
Literature Competition Prize Winner

Craig was a stingy, selfish man, always trying to save one or two cents. About fifty percent of his meals and belongings were free, because he always went out of his way to attend free promotions. From barbecues held for the opening of a park, to a dinner at the Sheraton Hotel for a pharmaceutical function, where you received not only a five star meal, but a sample of expensive personal care products.

Craig was a pharmacist, and was therefore a respected figure in the community, and never seen as stingy. Craig was married to Jenny, who thought that he was rather sophisticated, and rich. But after a few weeks of marriage she knew that she had gotten a lot less than she bargained for. Still, she remained married to him.

Even more affected by Craig's stinginess was his father (Craig's mother had passed away long time ago.) Jenny saw Craig every day and night, and he was nice, in his way, to her. But he didn't like his father a lot because his father was old and wasn't giving much to Craig even in his will, though Craig was the only child. For this, Craig was able to put his father to the back of his mind. The only time he thought about him was on his birthday. Every year, he would give his father the same present - some of his old clothes, bleached to the whitest of whites, then ironed to look brand new. Craig thought that his father could not tell that the present was recycled clothes "Good as new ... stain free," Craig would whisper to his wife, as he handed over the 'present'. But his father knew, and was very offended, even though he did not voice his fury.

Craig's father tried to love him, but he was too old and frail. He often tried to call Craig, but Craig always cut the conversation short, not allowing his father to say what he wanted.

Four years down the track, after Craig's marriage, his father died. "What sort of funeral are you planning?" asked Jenny, hoping at last that Craig was sorry for the way he had treated his father.

"I'm not going to have a funeral at all. I have enquired at the undertaker's and they said we could donate his body to the university and avoid the cost of burial. He sounded as though he was talking about some bird that had died at the opposite end of the universe.

"How can you not have a funeral for your father?" asked Jenny, surprised at his attitude.

"Why should I bother spending all that money just to stick Dad into the ground?

"To pay your respects to him. I don't think he would approve of what you are planning to do. I think he would want a proper funeral and burial."

"He's dead. What does he know or care?"

"He may be physically dead, but his soul should be laid to rest"

"I'll make sure he is dressed in new clothes before I send him off. Craig lowered his voice as he leaned closer to her, "Clothes as good as new... stain free."

As a result of his father's death, Craig received some money, and the house. The rest was of little value, so Craig threw it out. The house was small, and old, and looked like that of a senior citizens house - a nice, little garden, but an old fashioned, grey/brown building with metal bars covering the windows, and three locks on the door. Inside brown wall paper, a rotting ceiling, a bathroom filled with mould and a stale, old persons' stench. Craig had no need for such a house, so he sold it, keeping only on thing - the carpet.

Craig had been wanting to install a new carpet in his lounge, but was waiting for a sale to come along. Now, he was a happy man, as he didn't need to spend a single cent. He removed the carpet from his father's house himself, and installed it himself. Jenny absolutely hated this, but didn't try to talk Craig out of this, as she knew that she would waste her breath. "Doesn't this lounge look great!" exclaimed Craig.

"Errr... yeah, really great Craig," said Jenny with a sigh. She didn't really like the carpet, even though it was better looking than the old carpet, because it reminded her too much of Craig's father and the carpet had a stale smell. Yeah, and almost all of it was free. The T.V, sofa, and carpet!

"All free," Craig said excitedly, "and, you know that project I've been working on? Well ... mmm....never mind. Just wait till tomorrow."

"Yes darling," Jenny said, recalling the last time he said that, when she wanted to buy a computer to practise her word processing skills. He had gone to the dump, and brought back an ancient computer, ten times the size of a conventional system, and slower than a turtle. So Jenny went out and bought a computer, telling Craig that she got a thirty five percent discount, when she only received a free printer. Craig then replied by telling her that she was a "clever little doll," and that was the reason he married her.

On the following Sunday morning, Jenny found out what Craig was on about. Craig had been building a coffee table, and it was surprisingly nice (as in not cheap looking as Craig's projects normally are.) It was a nice, neat, small pine coffee table, that was stained a deep, dark, wooden red. Pretty good. "What do you think?" asked Craig as he moved the table closer to the wall,

"Very good Craig, I like it a lot!" said Jenny, meaning it for the first time.

Whilst Jenny and Craig were in bed, a strange whispered sucking noise broke the silence of the night. "Craig, do you hear something?" asked Jenny.

"No...I... don't," said Craig, almost asleep.

"Maybe....," said Jenny, lowering her voice to a whisper, "I think some one's in the house."

W... well, no ones going to nick off with my new table," voiced Craig. As he got out of bed, he reached for a syringe which was filled with red cordial, kept by his bed in case of a home invasion. Craig stood at the room door listening for the intruder. Then, after Craig heard nothing, he searched the house. "I didn't see or hear a thing!" said Craig wearily, as he climbed back to bed.

"Oh, sorry," said Jenny as she turned over, and closed her eyes.

As Jenny awoke, a whisper soft voice was imprinted on her mind. "Good as new ... stain free," Jenny said aloud recalling the voice. "A dream? Must be," thought Jenny as she went to prepare breakfast. Just as Jenny walked past the lounge she noticed a white figure in the lounge so she went to inspect it. It was the table. What was once a deep red wooden table was now a white rotting piece of wood. The red colour had soaked into the carpet. as if the carpet had sucked it out.. "Craig. CRAIG!" shouted Jenny frightened, "CRAIG!" she repeated.

"Yeah what?," Craig said as he walked into the lounge with his mouth full of toothpaste. I...I don't believe it," stuttered Craig, "what the hell is going on?"

"Oh Craig," said Jenny, realizing what was wrong, "Let me guess. You used the cheapest wood you could find, and then stained it with some free out of date wood stain!" By now, Jenny was getting emotional. Jenny thought that for once, for one time in Craig's life he had done something of value and that in the darkest, stingiest corner of Craig's mind, there was someone better. She finally thought that the had changed. "NO, no, it was nothing like that," Craig argued, "I...I... well, I suppose it wasn't the best wood..."

"Wasn't the best wood?" shouted Jenny.

"No...yes... I mean, it wasn't the best because I couldn't get hold of any. I wanted this table to be ready as quick as possible, so I settled for second best which is still high quality, and as for the stain..." Craig's voice trailed off.

"That was obviously some cheap, crappy stuff. Wasn't it?" said Jenny, more annoyed than ever.

"Well, I did get it free...but it was from a friend, and it is meant to be the top stuff," replied Craig, not impressing Jenny.

"Craig, think. For once, don't be cheap. If it was the top stuff, he wouldn't have given it to you!" said Jenny, as she began to pick at the table.

"No, he wouldn't do that...we are mates!" said Craig as he followed after her.

Look, look at this," said Jenny, picking pieces of soft, moist wood from the table. "Just how is this the best wood in town? And look, its white, pure white. The stain hasn't even left a trace of its colour."

"Look, Jenny, I tried really hard this time. I didn't use the cheapest materials. Please believe me," pleaded Craig. But Jenny couldn't. Hatred and anger seeped into her veins. Jenny could feel herself boiling up. She stormed out of the lounge and went into her room, changed out of her pyjamas, and drove off. By now, Jenny's mind had cleared and she tried to picture herself back in the lounge room, fired up with hatred, and anger. I've never acted, or felt like that before. What came over me? Jenny turned the car around, and headed home, to apologize to Carig.

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After Jenny had sped off leaving Craig, he had closed the door and gone to look at the table once again. "What the hell is wrong with this table?" thought Craig as he began to kick and punch at it. The table was soft and moist in a fibrous wooden way but broke up easily and by the time Craig had finished, the table was spread across the lounge. Craig cleaned the mess up, and the stain was surprisingly easy to remove from the carpet. Then, just as he was about to leave the lounge, an overwhelming perturbation overcame Craig. He stood in the middle of the lounge. His eyes dropped to the carpet and he noticed that every thing touching the carpet had lost a bit of colour at its base, even the paint on the walls had faded at the bottom.

Deep slurping and rumbling sounds entered Craig's head. The room started to spin, and low, soft whispers filled the room. Craig's legs started to feel weak and give way as if the floor - the carpet were swallowing him and everything in the room. Then he fainted, and fell to the floor.

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"Craig, you were right, we must talk," said Jenny as she entered the house, but only the silence replied, as if mocking her. "Craig, where are you?" called out Jenny as she worked her way down the hallway to the lounge, taking a quick glance in each room. Jenny stopped, and gazed at Craig lying on the carpet in the lounge. Craig was dead, and he no longer looked like himself. Instead, he was ghostly white - even his hair had lost its colour. All of his pink, fleshy colour was now soaking into the carpet. "Good as new...stain free," whispered Jenny in unison with the soft low whisper of Craig's father.



An enthusiastic troupe of dancers.



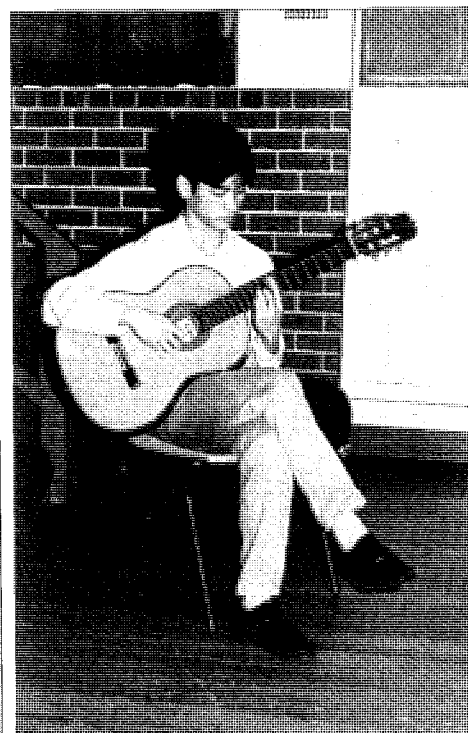
A cheerful group at the Year 12 Farewell dinner.



Year 12 year Adviser Mr R. Davison prepares to go to the Year 12 Farewell dinner which was held in the school assembly hall.



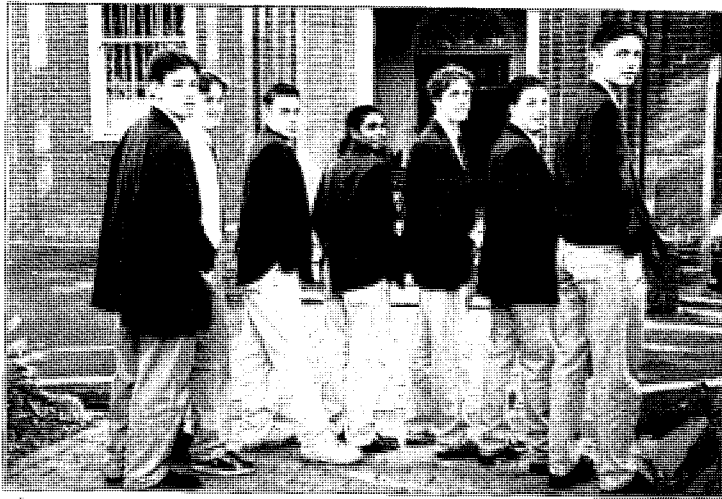
Gareth Williams (centre) 1997 overall male winner at the Excellence in Youth Awards with his brother and his mother.



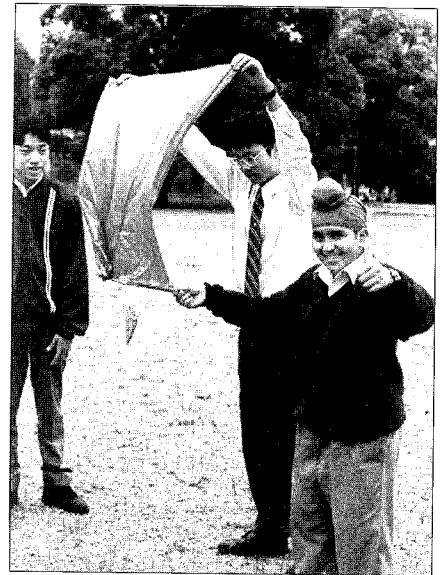
Billy Leung, Year 12 student of the classic guitar.



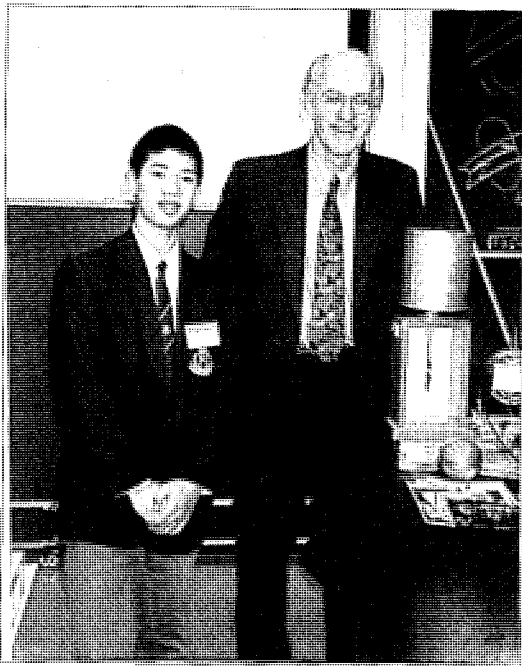
An extremely happy group of teachers who have just received their certificates for being nominated by students as peerless teachers.



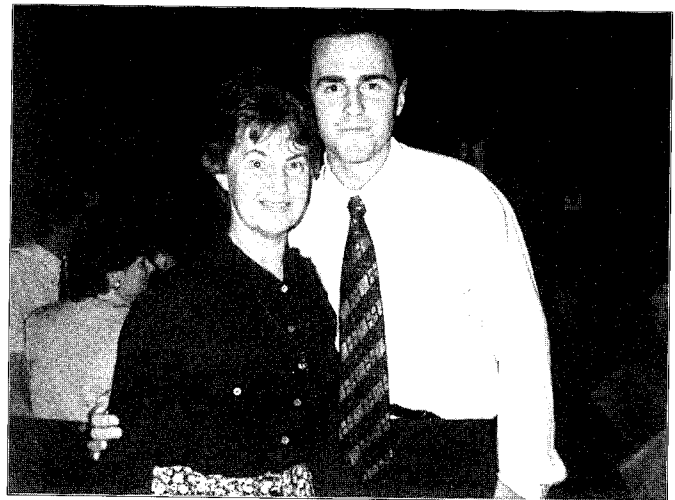
The Children's Medical Research Institute benefited to the tune of \$300.00 when our boys held a 'jeans for genes' day.



Year 8 Science students, Jackson, Jason and Harminster attempt to launch their 'hot air balloon' during Science Week.



Hong Nguyen and Old Boy Professor Dick Collins at the 29th International Science school held at Sydney University.



Mrs Ripamonti with son Anthony.

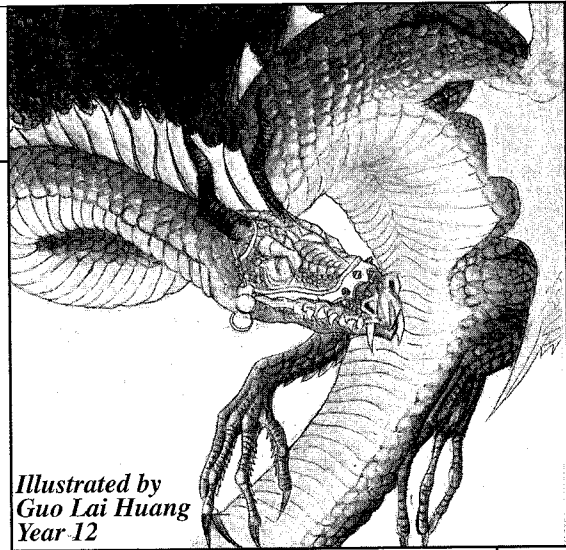
Bernard Jaboh, Peter Mills, Gavin Churton, Ms Shadwick and Adam Turner visited Meriden School for the celebration of their Centenary.



Ms Tsouloukidis, Ms Gardener and the enthusiastic Greek Theatre cast who participated in and hosted the Macquarie University Ancient History Association's Regional Final for the Competition.

Aaron the Valiant

*Matthew Barreca
Year 7*



One sunny Sunday morning, Princess Amy woke with a start. "Boy is it hot today!" she exclaimed. "I think I might take a wander around the kingdom today and then take a dip in the Royal Pond."

Suddenly the door burst open and in came King Steven II. "Quick, quick my dear! The deadly dragon Fire Breath is angry and on a rampage. We have to move quickly," he cried.

"OK, OK, I'll just get my clothes on and then we can go to the town of Haden and fetch the brave (and cute) Prince Aaron," Princess Amy said calmly.

You see she is the one who is calm in a crisis, unlike her father. But as she was getting dressed, Fire Breath flew down and wrecked the whole town and captured Princess Amy because he was very angry and upset. Everybody was killed.

After a while Prince Aaron the Valiant got very suspicious, because King Steven hadn't come to see his father, King Henry VI. So he decided he would go and find out what had happened. He took five of the best knights in Haden.

He reached the town after travelling for a couple of hours and when he saw the village he started to cry, "Oh no, my dear beloved Amy" sobbed Aaron. Just then a peasant was walking by. "What happened here?" Aaron demanded to know, wiping the tears from his eyes and putting on an angry and determined face.

"The dragon, Fire Breath, smashed the castle and the village and took away Princess Amy to his lair."

"Where is this lair? Aaron asked curiously.

"Why it's just over this hill, but don't try to save her because the lair is virtually impenetrable," said the peasant. Then, barely had he uttered the words when a huge flame came over the hill torching all before it except Aaron and his friends. Aaron could see that the men were scared because they were as white as ghosts..

"W-w-what was th-th-that" stammered one of the knights.

"It was obviously the dragon," exclaimed Aaron bravely, although he was very, very scared.

Aaron and his friends rode over the hill on their horses. They came to a bridge where they met a ghostly sight. It was a huge cave with bones scattered all over the ground. There were trees on fire, the grass was all charred and sitting in the mouth of the cave was Fire Breath, smiling sinisterly.

Aaron and the knights rode onto the bridge and Aaron yelled out to the now moving dragon. "Don't come any further, because I am the great Aaron the Valiant!"

"Aaron the Valiant? Never heard of 'im and neither will anyone else when I get finished with you," Fire Breath mocked. Just as he finished talking he blew out a long, hot flame and burnt one of the knights to a crisp. He then stepped onto the bridge and stood up to his full height. "He must be ten feet tall," thought Aaron. Then as quick as lightning he darted through Fire Breath's legs and turned to face his enemy, spear at the ready.

As Fire Breath turned and let out another blast of fire, Aaron threw his spear right at the dragon's chest, piercing his heart. Blood poured out of the dragon's body and he fell to the ground screaming. Right then there was a sound of someone shouting his name, it was Amy! Aaron rushed to her, set her free from her shackles and took her in his arms. He carried her back to the town of Haden where he married her and became King Aaron, and the hero of Haden. Their happiness was blessed with the birth of their beloved son William a few months later.

William eventually took over his father's throne and slew Blaze, Fire Breath's dragon progeny. He was the most fearsome of all dragons and his death ended the reign of terror forever.

Field Studies

Year 11 Geography

Our Geography class combined with Ashfield Boys' High School and went on a Field Study trip that included a visit to a Dairy Farm, Port Kembla, a rainforest, Shoalhaven Heads and Seven Mile Beach. The trip lasted three days and two nights.

Our first destination was the rainforest where we studied a fragile ecosystem that has been influenced by human interactions. We had a lot of practical involvement in measuring light density, aspect and amount of leaf litter in the rainforest.

On our second day we went to Seven Mile beach and examined the sand dune management program developed by the local community. We discovered the importance of vegetation in maintaining sand dune systems where local conservationists have successfully replanted dunes. We visited many different places and enjoyed a variety of learning experiences.

Our cabin style accommodation was good and secure and the food wasn't too bad. The social highlights were the "Fudge House" (best place for a snack); the bingo night at the Bowling Club and the free time.

Oguz Anar, Nick Kozlovsky, Chia Yi Shen

Before the Courts

Year 11 Legal Studies Field Study

A day at the Downing Centre was a totally new experience for some, but a familiar place for others.

We were required to travel to the venue independently and we waited outside the security checking devices on arrival. These devices are used to ensure that no items are taken into court which could harm anyone in or outside the courtroom.

Groups of students who attended different courtrooms had entirely different experiences in relation to their respective cases. The mission of this field study was to give the students a first hand experience of court procedures.

The court case which my group of friends observed was formal and very technical. The one thing that was noticeable about the cases in the courts was that every one of them was unique in its own way. The two cases that I observed were that of larceny and drug trafficking.

At the start of the larceny case the defence barrister spoke for a while and requested the judge read a sheet of paper related to the case. The Judge adjourned the court for a short time while my group moved on to another case. This was the drug trafficking case and this is where we spent the rest of our time. Here is an account of what other students thought of the day.

"It was a great experience, being lectured by experienced sheriffs. I'm looking forward to many more field studies"

Omar Hazim

"It was a pleasure and a great day for all year 11 Legal Studies students to go on a fieldstudy to the Downing Centre."

Maheer

"A great day was had by all. I hope our next fieldstudy will be just as enjoyable. I will visit the Downing Centre regularly myself."

Jitesh Gulabdas

"It was an experience that I'm sure all the students in Mr Francis' Legal Studies will treasure. It has given us a real view of what to expect if we continue this course."

Robert Lam

"I thought I looked pretty cool, I don't know why I lost marks for being out of uniform"

Aditya Khanna

All students were given an assignment to complete on their court cases. At about half past twelve these were handed in to Mr Francis and we were dismissed. The results of the assignment were soon returned to students and most students performed very well.

Overall this fieldstudy was highly informative and we all became more familiar with the court system and proceedings.

The students would like to thank the Social Science Department for organising such a productive and useful day at the Downing Centre.

Venkateshwaran Narayanan

Molonglo Water Control Centre

On the 17th of April a handful of students from Year 7 through to Year 10 went on an overnight Science excursion to Canberra.

One of the stops in Canberra was the Molonglo Water Control Centre. As we entered the centre two tour guides greeted us and we were shown a video of what takes place in this water control centre.

After the video we were given a tour of the centre. As the tour started everyone started to smell something unpleasant in the air. Raw sewerage.

We saw how the centre was able to extract water from sewerage and other wastes, purifying the water so that it could be drunk by the 400,000 people in Canberra.

This water treatment plant was very advanced compared to the treatment plants in Sydney. This plant has several stages in purifying the water so that the cleanest water could be drunk by the people of Canberra, whereas Sydney has only one or two stages.

Mr Balan in particular was interested and got all the pamphlets he could carry to show his 4 Unit Chemistry class.

Senthuran Jegasothy Y9

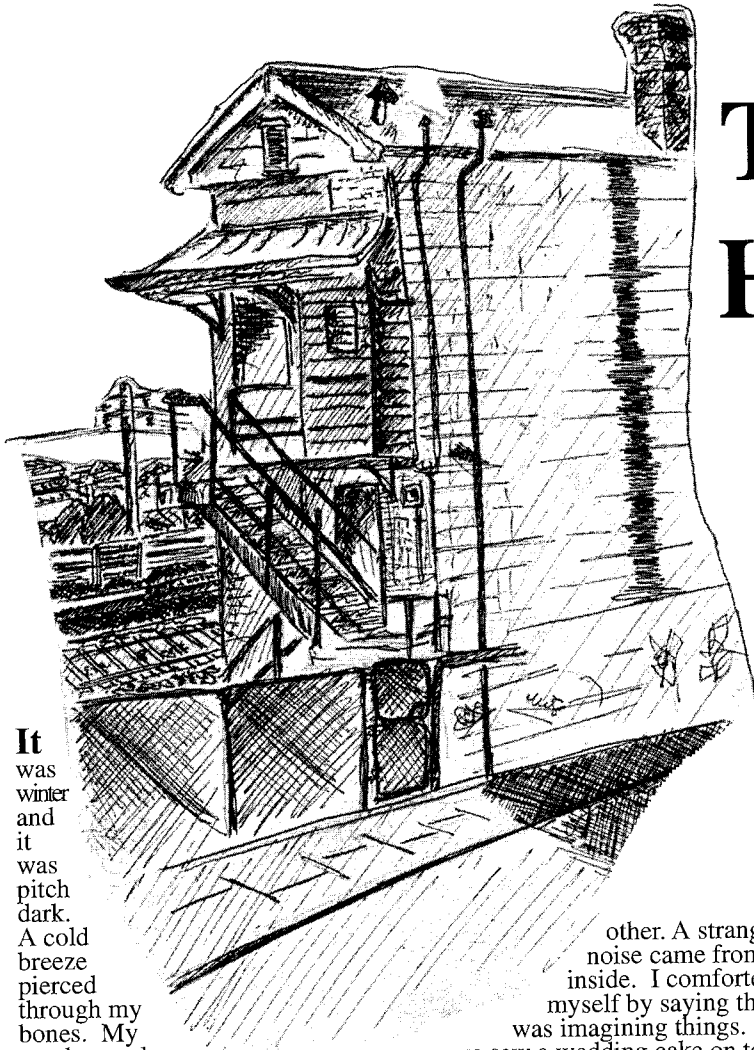
The Molonglo Water Control Centre is the heart of Canberra's water. We were given a detailed talk about the centre by Mr Fernando and Tony, both experienced workers from the centre.

The guided tour, by Tony, was a descriptive and smelly one. We were taken through all the procedures in purifying the water. Firstly we headed to the sewerage processing area. There we came face to face with the Canberra population's waste. Then we headed to where the next step in purifying was done where we witnessed certain bacteria being separated.

The next destination was to see the just about clean water being dispensed back into the river. This water is drinkable but not guaranteed healthy. Water which was dispensed for people to drink was refined using chlorine. This water was called "Potable Water."

With the aid of a computerised light filled diagram Tony was able to explain in detail the path which the water goes through to reach the final result. We were told that the centre won an award for its small size and the way in which it was designed.

Ramesh Harichandran Y9



THE HAUNTING

By Michael Selvakumar Yr 10

Illustration John Luong Yr 11

It was winter and it was pitch dark. A cold breeze pierced through my bones. My two best pals were with me. We were interested in solving mysteries.

There were rumours that the old house across the road, which belonged to an old lady who died three months before, was haunted. My mother said that she was a nice lady who often did community service. "Poor old lady, died of cancer. She was a generous lady." As usual I ignored this.

We had finally decided to visit the house. As we approached the door, it opened by itself. We looked at each other and accepted the unusual scary welcome. As we entered the hall, the door just closed behind us. We took our torches out. There were cobwebs everywhere.

Just in front of us we saw a flight of stairs. We started to climb up. The familiar creaking noises like the ones from ghost movies, were following us as we took each step. This was really creepy. We were so numb with fear. For a moment I thought that our trembling was causing the noise.

Finally we reached the top and entered the dining room. It was so dark that we could not see each

other. A strange noise came from inside. I comforted myself by saying that I was imagining things. Then we saw a wedding cake on top of the dining table. This was impossible! I had seen with my own eyes that a team of men had come to the house after the woman had died and cleared it out. They had then put up a FOR SALE notice.

The rumour about this place was that this old lady was supposed to marry a man fifty years ago. But the man disappeared on the way to the church on the wedding day. Everybody thought that the old lady was still waiting for him, the wedding cake still in her house. I found this totally unbelievable.

The three of us approached the cake and examined it. Andrew touched the edge and found it was a kind of container made in the shape of a cake. Inside, we found a lever. "Do you think we should pull it?" asked Emma.

"Yeah, we'll see what happens" I replied.

Andrew pulled the lever. The wall behind us just opened. It was a secret passage. As we entered the passage, it closed behind us, thankfully revealing a glimmer of light at the other end.

As our eyes adjusted to the gloom, we saw computers everywhere. The room was an office as well as a bedroom. But there was more! We found some art masterpieces, most probably those which had been stolen from the art gallery the previous month. There was also a stack of antiques like old chairs and old armour which looked rare and valuable.

While we were busy searching for clues, we heard footsteps. We quickly ran to hide and had only just concealed ourselves when we heard two male voices. As I peered out from my hiding place, I recognised one of the men. He worked with my father. Dad reckoned he was a computer genius..

We heard them mumbling words like 'Commonwealth Bank', and 'Monday, five o'clock'. As one of them came up to the armour where Andrew was hiding, my heart stopped for a second. He pulled the sword from the armour and the secret passage opened again.

As soon the place was clear, we came out of our hiding places and took a deep breath. We pulled the lever (the sword) and came out of the house. The house wasn't haunted by ghosts after all, but by thieves!

One hundred years old and still standing

Ricky Lee Year 7

What did you do on Thursday 11th September 1997? *Andrew Tee, Vjeko Jelcic, John Kipritidis and Ricky Lee* were fortunate enough to be chosen as part of the audience at a public speaking competition at Meriden Girls' School. We were delivered to our destination in a Peugeot and our chauffeur gave us directions to the office of the 'female dominated' school.

As we arrived late, we missed the first speaker. The Topic, *One hundred years, where from? Where to?* was well chosen as 1997 is Meriden's Centenary Year. Schools that competed in this competition were PLC, Trinity Grammar and Newington. The competition was divided into three divisions: One (Year 7), Two (Years 8 and 9), and Three (Years 10, 11 and 12).

In division One there were ten speakers including a Meriden girl who was a former classmate of Vjeko's and mine. All the speakers appeared very calm and experienced.

During recess we met up with our old primary friend who became our unofficial tour guide, taking us everywhere except the female change rooms!

After this break we wandered off to see how the Division Three speakers were performing. "Super" was the only way to describe their speeches which had to last for at least eight minutes (amazingly long compared to Division One's five minutes). Once the thirteen speakers had finished it was time for a free pizza lunch. While we were gorging on these fresh delicacies, the speakers had to prepare their impromptu speeches with the

preparation time being only five minutes for a three minute speech.

After lunch it was time to listen to the impromptu speeches and again we missed the first speech due to a trip to the mens. The next topic was *It Is Now Or Never*. The amount of preparation time definitely did not demur their public speaking capabilities as their impromptu speech sounded as good, (if not better) than their prepared speeches. Once the speakers had finished the adjudicator announced the winners.

Unfortunately for us the first speaker proved to be the first division winner and we missed the opportunity to hear either of his speeches. In conclusion I can truly say the day was enjoyable, educational and a great experience!

SUNSET BEACH

Late after noon
Before the rising moon
The vanishing sun at the horizon
Turning the sky blood red.
Chattering children, squawking seagulls
Fill the air like clouds covering the shore.

Smell of salt, flying sand, rushing wind,
Splashing waves
A joy to the ear
Now the moon rises.

Michael Selvakumar Year 10

THE MOON

Sometimes,
It is the face of a baby,
Making sweet smiles,
To its father and mother.

The Chinese deem it as a messenger,
Passing wishes precisely,
To lovers,
As the mid autumn is approaching.

Australians see it as an angel of smiles,
Spreading out,
Its warmth and brightness,
At night when filled with leisure and happiness

Jim Dai Year 10

IF I OPEN THE DOOR

If I open the door
What will I see?
Would I see sadness or
Would I see happiness?

I opened the door at my own risk
Oh what a wonderful sight to see!
I travelled beyond my imagination
Going right through the sky

The fireballs floating around
Gave the light to float through
The great calm sea

Oh what a wonderful sight!
If I open the door
Of imagination

I travelled through the rainbow bridge
To find the pot of gold
Guess what! I found my destination
Oh how wonderful
If I open my door

I wish I had a thousand doors
To go through a thousand paths
To go through a thousand powerful
Imaginings

Michael Selvakumar Year 10

FIRE

Hot, Bright
Burning, crackling, stuggling
Light in the darkness
Safe

Allan Chong Year 7

BOYS' OWN Year 7 Adventure Stories

from Mr Groves' 7E

DEVASTATING DEATHS

It was a dark stormy night in the year of 2998. The nation of Russia was celebrating their victory over China in the 20th World War. Russia had destroyed China's hospitals, schools, shops, homes and banks with one single atomic bomb and had killed 500,000,000 men, women and children. The relatives of the murdered people were, petrified, devastated and in tears, scared that they would be next.

This chaotic disaster occurred after the Chinese Prime Minister refused to give China to President Hitler the great, great, great grandson of Adolf Hitler.

President Hitler, the sick minded War Lord, wanted to take over China because it was one of the largest countries in the world and then his dream of controlling the world would come true. Hitler had destroyed France, Italy and China and was now planning to eliminate England, Australia, America, India and South Africa.

After his plans were shown on the Telenet (a communication system) the countries came together and the leaders of the world built an army of clones which could not feel pain and had the strength of 300,000 men.

The leaders sent the clones underground through a tunnel system which went through rock, copper, coal and water. The robotic minded clones reached President Hitler's base a month later and set to blow it up. They placed 900 bombs around and in his base. The clones then jumped back into the tunnel and slid themselves away from the danger area. Booom! President Hitler and his army were dead.

Once the clones reached home camp they told the people what had happened and that their mission was successful. The people of the world then celebrated and rejoiced, for peace was finally established on earth.

Jeremy Bedford

THE UFO

A mysterious shadow moved over the surface of earth as the mighty UFO approached our world. It was in the distant future of about 3450 AD and the Mysterious UFO was heading for the USA.

While all this was happening, the president of the USA, John Franklin was told at the White House that he had to go on an urgent flight to Canada to attend to some peace talks or else war would occur between the two countries. Hearing this, president Franklin hurried to the airport with vice president Mr Doa and took the first flight out to Canada.

Meanwhile the UFO was now only 100 miles above the USA and somehow detected the aeroplane in which the president was travelling. Back in the plane President Franklin noticed a small tremor on the plane and suddenly there was a bright flash of light. That was the end of all of them, the plane just disappeared into thin air and since then none of their bodies had been found.

Fifty years later

At the White House in Washington DC the new president elect, Mr Jackson had just got elected President of America. At a press conference he promised his country that he would protect them and do the best for them.

Suddenly the building started to collapse, the UFOs were back and were seeking someone else to take back with them. The new president had to evacuate the building for safety matters but many people were still injured while their friends and relatives were in tears. President Jackson got so fed up with the invasions that the following day he got the whole energetic army force and put them in serious training for the battle against these unknown selfish creatures.

After a week of training the entire army force were well equipped with their advanced weapons and self protecting armour. Each went into his own fighter jet plane where things like atom bombs and high tech missiles were all supplied.

These men went to sacrifice their lives for the safety of their people. Their mission was to destroy the UFO's and everyone appreciated their courage and dignity. The same day while the President went to the army's navigational headquarters, the aliens were detected once more, only this time right above the White House. Right away the fighter jets were called upon to destroy the detected enemy before it destroyed the country.

One by one the fighter jets went into action releasing their missiles and atom bombs on the strange but advanced spaceship, but these disastrous weapons had barely any effect on the spaceship because it was covered with a forcefield which could not be broken. More bad news was reported as one by one nearly all the fighter jets were blown up to ashes when the enemy used lasers and other potent weapons to assist them in their battle.

As the President heard about all this disaster he took a deep breath and rushed into an F-14 fighter jet. Everyone thought he had gone mad but he was only doing this to prevent the destruction of his planet.

As the president approached the huge alien ship, he noticed that there was one part of the spaceship that was badly damaged. Then he suddenly accelerated to full speed and with great force collided into the spaceship's damaged surface. At first nothing happened, but after a while the whole spaceship disintegrated into millions of pieces.

This was a great relief for the Americans as each of them would remember how the President sacrificed his life for the welfare of his country. Once more the World had been prevented from destruction and everyone was safe and sound.

Daman Mongia

Our Estonian Friends

This year in English class 8C we have been writing to Estonia through E-mail. We have been corresponding with some students named Jonne, Kristjan and Marco.

Estonia is a small country in Europe, to the west of Russia. Its neighbouring countries are Finland, Sweden, Latvia and Russia. Estonia is a very small country. It has an area of 45,215 sq. km, and a population of 1.5 million. The capital city is Tallin, and Estonians are very proud of their country.

E-mail is a very handy and quick thing to use. It only costs as much as a phone call. As we have found, it can help you learn about countries and people overseas in a much more "real" way than just looking up an encyclopedia. Also, the information is current - you can find out what the weather is like right now, what the local news is and other interesting matters.

Through our work we have learnt a lot about how the E-mail works, and a lot about our Estonian friends. The reason our teacher Mr. Koff began this project with our class was to help us improve our writing skills. You really have to be clear with your language when you are communicating with people whose first language is not English!

As well as this we have learnt about a country very different from ours, and have communicated with people in a different part of the world.

Overall, using the Internet and corresponding has been a very enjoyable experience!

*Alex Raffaeli & James Draper
On behalf of 8C English*

Geography Excursion

On Friday 4th May, 1997 the Year 8 classes studying Geography had a fun filled time on an excursion to the Royal National Park.

The excursion classes left school early, missing assembly. Although boring at some stages, the bus trip provided excitement, laughter and fun preparing us for the hard work ahead. Teachers handed us worksheets on the subject we were studying, *Flora and Fauna*, and on arriving we were split into groups.

The teachers; Ms Dwyer, Mr Taggart, Mr Anderson and Ms Chew plus three park rangers accompanied us along the cleared track. We had a peaceful walk in amongst the trees, noting the many interesting things along the way. By the conclusion of the study all groups had covered the same topics.

We all stopped for lunch and afterwards we took a long pleasant walk back to the bus. In the time spent waiting for the bus, many students pushed and shoved for a seat on the wall where the bus would stop. We finally boarded the bus for the trip home.

On behalf of all students who went on this excursion, we would like to thank the teachers and rangers. Without their efforts the day would not have been such an enjoyable and educational experience.

Robert Hoyles & Dhaneel Nahilall

The Power of the Media

The media has a big influence on the public's behaviour and attitudes. The control they have over the public is used to invade privacy, excessively exploit, mislead and sensationalise, thus altering people's thoughts and opinions of the world and incidents that occur. The Public has no control over how they see the world.

The media invades the privacy of many famous people to make money. This is a misuse of power as it takes away the rights of others to have a private life. An example of this is the very recent incident where Princess Diana and Dodi El Fayed were killed in a car accident while being chased by photographers on motor-bikes. Everyone has a right to privacy and therefore one can see how the media is taking advantage of its position.

The media excessively exploits current events and certain products. Many current world events such as Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and air shows are excessively exploited on the television and in newspapers. Also certain products such as *Windows 95* are given extra attention because the company gives the media groups endorsements.

Some major events don't even get mentioned in the media. For example; the 1997 Jewish Games were not even mentioned in the news until people from Australia died in a bridge collapse. The media only shows what they want to show.

The media often gives misleading information. When they are gathering information for a report they usually interview a few people and sometimes make up facts because there is not enough information. An example of this was the Thredbo Disaster. Many theories on the cause of the landslide were given, but most were not right. The media presents misleading information and though everyone can see how wrong this is they cannot do anything about how it and just accept the facts they are given.

The media groups use sensationalism in their reports. When a tragedy happens they take advantage of people's emotions to keep people watching television or listening to the radio. An example of this is when Martin Bryant shot thirty five people in a small town in Tasmania. The television stations keep people watching by taking advantage of their emotions and feelings.

The media, television stations, radio, newspapers, magazines and even the internet have a power which they use excessively to invade the privacy of others, exploiting something or someone, misleading people which alters their view and judgement of other people or groups of people and takes advantage of people's emotions.

The media controls the way the public behaves and spends their money, their thoughts and judgements.

*Taner Ozonaran
Year 9*



Khanh Dai Huynh Year 7

English Competition

Ms R. Pather

In the pursuit of excellence, the English Faculty at Homebush Boys' High School encourages students to participate in competitions and challenges both statewide and nationally.

One Australian schools English Competition run by the Educational Testing Centre of the Uni of NSW has a candidature of 337,624 students from 5038 schools in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region. This competition provides students with a worthwhile and challenging experience and certainly encourages confidence and competence in the use of English, acknowledging the importance of English across the curriculum. The results provide information which is invaluable to students, teachers and parents in the assessment and diagnosis of student ability.

This year of the 143 students who participated, 20 students received Achievement Awards, 7 were awarded Credit Certificates and 2 gained Distinction Certificates.

Congratulations go to *Kevin Pathinather* and *Andrew Evripidou* for their brilliant achievements - Distinction Awards. Both students have performed consistently well with Kevin receiving a Credit in 1996. Andrew has been an exemplary candidate achieving a Distinction Award in 1996 as well. Special mention must be made of *Arnel Rodriguez* who was awarded a Distinction Certificate in 1996 and a Credit in 1997. *Jason Layton*, 1998 Vice-captain did not participate in 1997 due to other commitments but received Distinction Certificates in 1995 and 1996. The seven students who received Credit Certificates this year are: *Elango Myooran* (Yr 8) *Chris Gray* (Yr 9) *Ryan Chadwick* (Yr 10) *Kieran Murray* (Yr 10) *Arnel Rodriguez* (Yr 10) *Joel Vijayakumar* (Yr 11) *Peter Lacey* (Yr 11).

We wish to congratulate all the 20 students who received Achievement Certificates. We encourage more students to take up the challenge and enter the competition.

Teachers' poems

During English Week the English Staff conducted a poetry competition for staff. Below are some of the efforts - both light-hearted and serious.

Outskirts of Paranoiac

I always see ... I don't know why..
If any thing is going to die.

That's why nobody talks to me
A man and a woman came to tea

And when I saw that they would die
I went to them and said, "Goodbye,

I shall not see you any more."
They died that evening. Then next
door

They had a horse : it died
Nearly as quick, and Betsy cried

And skipped to ease the pain.
I promised I'd not say it again.

But folks are still afraid of me
And though I offer grapes, nobody

Will let me next or near to them
For fear I'll say goodbye to them.

Yes, they are all quite scared of me...
Cause I'm a futurist, like Sal Dali.

A. Brawn

(With apologies to Leonard Alfred
George Strong)

Surfer

Wave, power, pounding
Covert surfer sliding through,
Sinuously sleek

Gai Parkin

Imagination

Dreaming, thinking, pondering
Burning bright
Makes my mind delight
Alive

Support Staff

The Swan

Swan
Completely covered
Enfolded encapsulated egg
Why for what, withal?
Rebirth....

Industrial Arts Staff

Books

Sand, Sea and Gulls
Sit silently
Trapped forever in print

Paradise

Silent, still
Calls to me
Of places far away
Dream

Daylight

Gulls gliding
Skiff slapping sand silently
Delightful!

Library Staff

Palaeontology

Tyrannosaurus
In Mercedes o saurus
What Jurassic bliss

Science Staff

Lupus

Silent, silhouetted
Watching, listening, waiting
In awe, in wonder
Wolf

Skateboard

Chromatic collage
Cool, fast, dangerous
A kaleidoscope of colour
Young

Bike

Thirteen, forty c.c's
Need some work
Before I can be squeezed
Power.

History Staff

The Wollongong Wiz

Burning rubber, broken bones
White knuckle speeds
The crowd roars, the crowd moans,
On this knife edge, Gardner feeds,

He picks his line, grip so tight
Sparkling mercury in motion,
Leather clad, mechanical knight,
soul of focus and devotion,

His wild bronco gallops on,
Breakneck force of G,
Praying beast will keep its feet,
Tar grinding on his knee,

Two wheel demon of the track
The Wollongong Wiz full throttle
The waving flag of white and black,
Now spray that champagne bottle,

Your nation Wayne salutes you
For two titles you have brought us,
The almanacs will bear your name,
Its pride that you have taught us.

Matt Riley

Surfer

This...
This is...
This is the WAVE

Glancing back,
Hunched back,
He commits frail flesh
To the rearing whale-rush home

Bull muscling upward
Spearing him skyward,
A glistening green shoulder of sea
Buoys him, fearful, exultant
Up on his thin wafer of foam.

It is a gamble he renews each cycle
Testing his hope that oystered rocks
Will not slice at his flesh,
Nor rip the heart out of his delight
But stay unseen in their hollows of green

Anointed by sun, he teeters on the water precipice
Then, down, down, he sweeps
Sheer thin blade of board
Whisper cuts across wave face as,
Acrobat-squat, toe gripped, palms out
His finger tips kiss the curve

Cradled in a swallowing arch of water,
This prince of surf, astride imminent chaos
tastes his immortal moment
And flies for the light, his life.

Sky falls to exploding foam
And white boiling thunder
But, quick as lithe youth is,
Practised muscles twist him from his doom
Sheering up, cutting back

His board sweeps him, floats him
Suspended in sky, blithe spirit,
then slaps back flat to clear water
Where he lingers on the calms
Alone

Michael Klein

The Queens Trust National Capital Seminar is an annual event held in Canberra. The aim of the seminar is to educate participants on the processes of Government and governing institutions in Australia. Participants were flown to Canberra and we stayed at Canberra Grammar School.

Before I went to Canberra I had read a past participant's account of the Seminar. She had said that all who attended the seminar experienced the full spectrum of human emotions. Not until I had returned from Canberra did I realise how true this was. It is hard to describe in words the way in which the seminar impacted upon me.

The seminar drew participants from all over the country; each state represented proportionally to population. This provided for some friendly state rivalries, particularly between NSW and Victoria. Each participant was a Year 11 student. All one hundred of us totally different persons, but having an incredible, unique bond between us. Lifetime friendships were made between people from totally different backgrounds.

The first day was spent learning about the workings of Australia's constitution. The constitution is the document that outlines what governments can and can't do - so it's a pretty important document. We visited the High Court, which is the body responsible for interpreting the constitution. We watched a session for about 20 minutes and came out not having a clue what had just happened - all sorts of legal jargon was being mumbled by old men wearing funny wigs.

There was an interesting debate about whether or not Australia should become a Republic, between the President of NSW Young Liberals (Republican) and a Liberal Member of Parliament (Monarchist). We then headed for Parliament House and quickly took over one of the Committee rooms. We had many interesting (and some boring) people talk to us there. Former Democrats leader Cheryl Kernot talked to us about ethics in politics and how corrupt and horrible the major parties were, the day before she decided to desert the

Democrats and join the Labor Party. A young Senator, Bill O'Chee, from Queensland came and talked to us for half an hour about how wonderful he was and how hard he worked.

Senator Amanda Vanstone, who was at the time Minister for Education, tried to explain the government's and her decisions in relation to Education. Nearly all seminar participants were outraged with her attitudes towards her job and us. We heard rumours that day that she was about to be fired as Education Minister, and the next week she was.

Senators Kate Lundy and Natasha Stott Despoja (the youngest Members of Parliament) talked to us about youth involvement in politics and political parties. The ACT deputy Chief Minister talked to us about the ACT Heroin Trial. We watched question time and had a tour of restricted areas of Parliament House.

We also had speakers on Aboriginal Reconciliation, The Public Service, the Media (Lateline presenter Maxine McKew) and a speech by Dick Smith (of Dick Smith Electronics). We had trips to embassies and High Commissions, the Art Gallery, the War Memorial, Questacon and many other places. Perhaps the most enjoyable event of the week was a reception at the Governor-Generals home (Government House). The property was incredible and by the time we left everyone had decided that they had to become the next Governor-General.

The week was without a doubt one of the most memorable of my life and provided me with a unique opportunity to see first hand the workings of government in Australia. All expenses were paid for, and for that I am thankful to the Queen's Trust, which is a philanthropic, apolitical (it isn't biased on any issues, political or otherwise) organisation that paid for the whole thing. All students in the junior school with even a remote interest in government should consider applying to attend in future years. You don't have to know a lot about politics/government. Some participants were there because of sporting, musical, science and other abilities.

1997 Essay Competition on the Australian Constitution

Arnel Rodriguez, Lawrence King, Atiq Chowdhury

Year 10

The Foundation for Constitutional Research and Studies annually holds an essay competition. This year there were ten entrants from Homebush.

The competition was divided into two divisions; seniors worth \$1,000 and juniors worth \$750. Entrants were from across Australia and Australia's International schools in SE Asia. Homebush unfortunately did not win prizes, but was commended on the quality of entries.

Parliament House in Sydney was the venue for the prize giving ceremony where North Sydney Boys' High School won the majority of the first division. Melba High School in the ACT accepted most of the 2nd prizes, and Homebush Boys High School most of the commendation certificates.

Honorary guests included the Right Honourable Chief Justice Murray Gleeson A.O. and his wife Mrs Gleeson,

the founder of the Foundation, Justice Jack Lee and his wife Mrs Lee, and Parliamentary host Mr Samios.

This prestigious competition was indeed a rewarding experience for all of us. The seven representatives were grateful to Mr Francis for organising our entry.

Mr Francis and entrants.



Year Ten Work Experience

June 16th to June 20th

Work experience, what almost every Year Ten student waits for with baited breath. Me especially, as my placement was one of the late ones.

I wanted to work as a psychologist but was placed as a welfare worker at an organisation called the Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross.

Finally the big day came! I opened my eyes in the morning at exactly half past six. I got up and had a quick shower. It's not my usual habit to have a shower in the morning, as I prefer mine after school. After the shower I had a small breakfast and then ran to catch the 7:50 'Express to city' train. I reached Kings Cross station at around 8:35a.m.

Following 10 minutes of confusion I finally reached the Wayside Chapel. Immediately I was met by Iris Willoughby, the person 'in charge' of me and she sent me to look around the place. I looked at the plaques which were glued on the wall and read a few pamphlets. From that I learned that this place was a non-profitable organisation which was dedicated to look after less privileged people, like homeless people and drug addicts. Later I was told that I couldn't do welfare work because I was too young and hadn't completed a counselling course. All volunteer workers have to complete a 12 week counselling course.

On the first day I worked in the Op Shop where a lot of people that I served had a brief chat with me about their lives. There was also a lot of handshakes.

Tuesday I was again assigned to the Op Shop where I realised that the profession I wanted to take up would be very difficult. I was told not to get too attached to the people I dealt with as I would end up feeling sorry for them and they would probably take advantage of the situation. The underprivileged people that I met were just like you and I. To understand this I had to be less judgmental and more understanding.

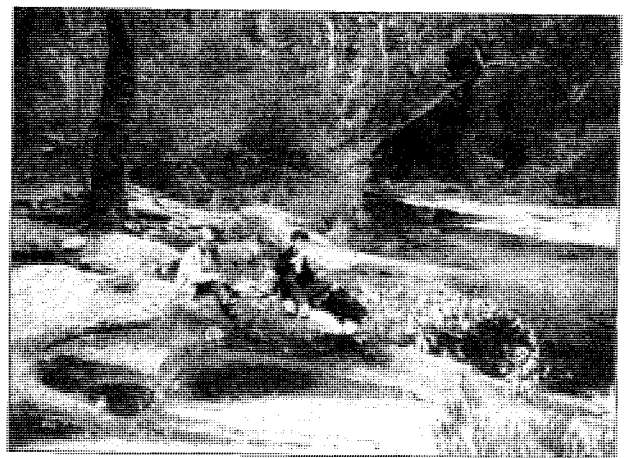
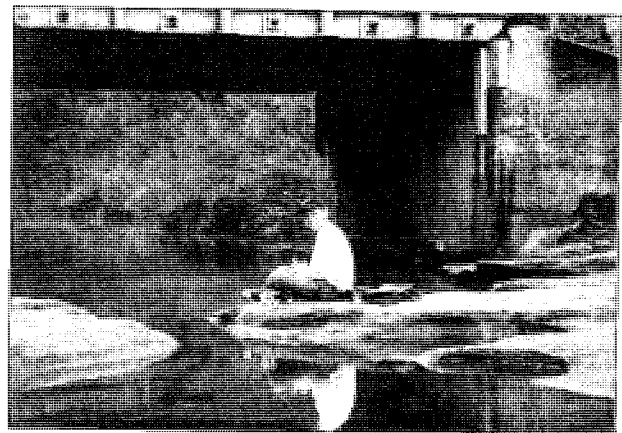
Wednesday I was assigned as receptionist for the massage therapist. There I met a person in his mid 20's who came in for a massage. While waiting he told me about his addiction to drugs and how he stole money to feed his addictions. He lost his job, his relatives and most important of all his dignity. He said "DON'T DO DRUGS AND ALL THAT S...! IT RUINS YOUR WHOLE LIFE." At the end of the day I was rewarded with a massage.

Thursday was a busy day for me as I worked almost everywhere though nothing much happened. The highlight of the day was the staff meeting where we discussed a lot of things. One of the key subjects that we discussed was an old man who lives in front of the chapel. The hard decision was where to move him to. I empathised with the man as he did not want to leave. We offered him free accommodation yet still he did not want to leave. I really felt a part of the staff during that meeting.

Friday I worked at the coffee shop with two attractive ladies. As that day was my final day everyone was really nice to me although no one could quite remember my name - Cummish, Aish, Arish. I didn't get any money or any special gifts, the biggest gift was the personal satisfaction of helping people. I saw work experience as more than work experience itself. I saw it as a life experience.

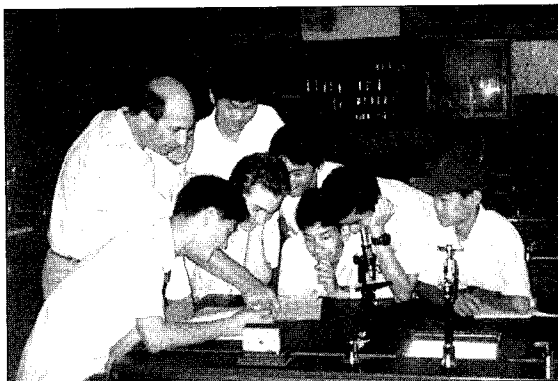
Year Seven Geography

Year 7 Adviser Mr Anderson took these photos on a day trip to Kuringai National Park. The boys had a great day!

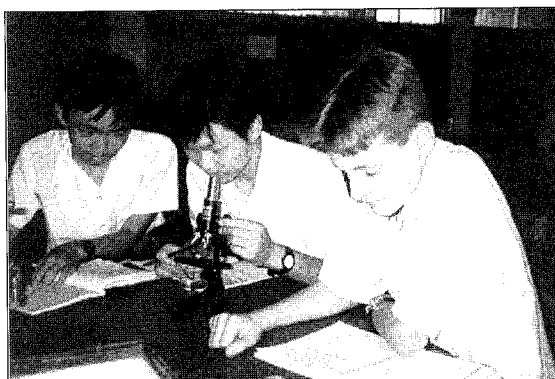


Working as a team.

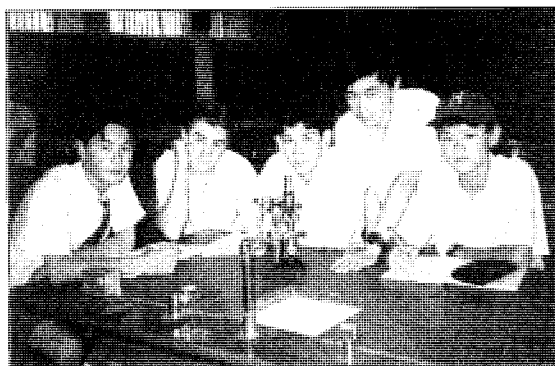
There has been a whole school focus on literacy development at HBHS this year, with the result that many faculties have seen an improvement in students' reading and writing skills. Team teaching has been one way of giving students more individual attention and has proved beneficial. Teachers can also gain a lot through the exchange of ideas. Mr Sturgiss (Science) and Ms Meucci (ESL) worked with Year 8 during the year and found it to be a rewarding experience. Below are some photographs of the class and examples of their work.



Mr Sturgiss shows the class how an experiment is written up.



Jason adjusts the microscope while Raymond and Marcus await their turn.



Sometimes science can be serious for conscientious Year 8 students.

A report of Van Helmot's early experiment on photosynthesis , including a procedural recount in the the Passive Voice.

Aim

To investigate where the substance of a plant comes from.

Procedure

1. A tub of soil and a small willow tree were weighed separately.
2. The willow tree was then planted in the tub.
3. The willow tree was allowed to grow for the next five years.
4. The willow tree was removed from the soil and both the tree and the soil were weighed again.

Results

It was found that the tree had increased its mass by 75 kilograms yet the soil had lost only 60 grams of its mass.

Conclusion

It was concluded that the mass of the plant did not come from the soil but from somewhere else.

Jason Wang

The Greenhouse Effect

The greenhouse effect is the global warming of the earth. Gases such as carbon dioxide , methane and nitrous oxide are major contributors to global warming.

When the sun shines on the earth, the heat goes through the atmosphere and reaches the ground. The ground then reflects the heat towards the atmosphere. But when there are greenhouse gases up there the heat is trapped and therefore the earth warms up. However if there were no greenhouse gases at all, the earth would freeze up.

Some of the effects of global warming could be disastrous while in some countries the effects could be beneficial. For example, one effect of global warming is a rise in sea level due to the Polar ice caps melting and the resulting expansion of water. This would be disastrous for coastal cities, but beneficial for areas like central and other parts of Australia. This would bring rain to these areas and bring life.

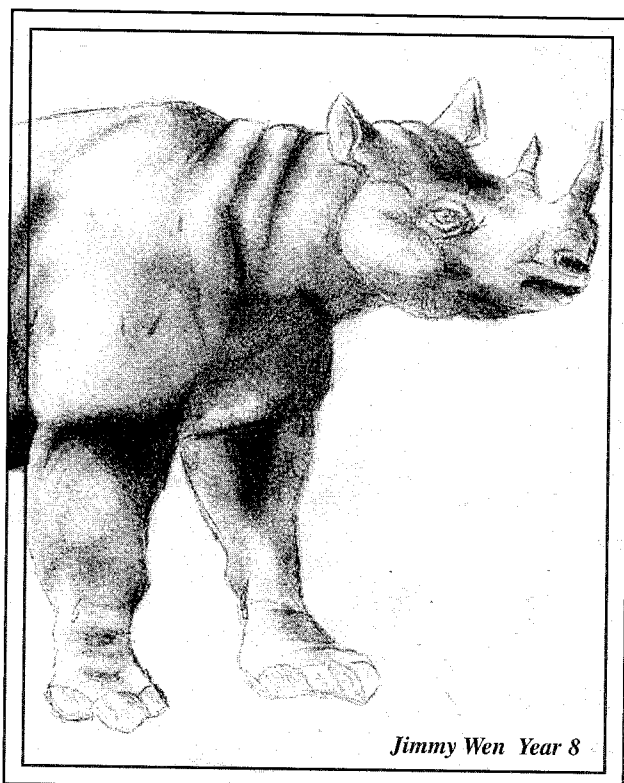
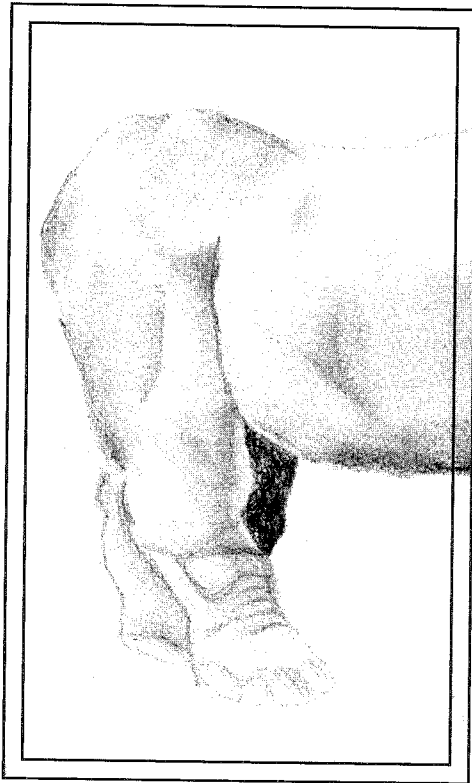
The 'El Nino' effect could also be disastrous for the world. The 'El Nino' effect brings droughts to Australia and floods to parts of America and the west coast of South America. As well, the earth would heat up and plants and animals would have to adapt to the temperature rise.

The Carbon Cycle is a term used to describe where the carbon comes from and where the carbon goes. Trees are like carbon pumps : they absorb carbon that comes from cars, industry and other sources and they store the carbon in their trunks. Each time a tree is cut down, there is one less pump to absorb carbon and when trees are burnt they release the carbon back into the atmosphere. With a stadium full of trees being cut down every second, and then burnt, there is no wonder why there is such a concern for saving trees.

As well there are microscopic plants floating around in the sea that also absorb carbon being released due to underwater volcanic activity. But these microscopic plants are being destroyed due to their sensitivity to ultra-violet rays from the sun and holes in the ozone layer.

To stop carbon accumulating in the atmosphere, more vegetation should be planted and there should be stricter laws on emissions and inefficient industries. The Kyoto Conference in 1987 was aimed at decreasing the amount of greenhouse gases being emitted by making industries more efficient and introducing more stringent laws.

John von Konigsmark



Letters to an author

Andy Yeung Year 7

Dear Mr Gleizman,
Your books are great, Morris. my name is Andy Yeung and I read your book *Bellyflop*. I am now thirteen years old and I have not really put my head down and read. I have read less than a hundred books, which is terrible.

I like writing but I don't like reading. You should be very proud of yourself because *Bellyflop* is the only big and proper book I have read so far this year. Let me remind you what the book is about. Don't worry if you can't remember this book. You have written too many of them. Just pretend this is a new book.

The story is about Mitch Webber. Remember? Keep on reading if you can't. Don't think too much. Mitch is a boy with small muscles. He loses the trust of all the people in a small Australian town. Remember Doug? Doug is an angel. An angel that helps kids. Mitch talks all throughout to Doug. Mitch has enough enemies but not enough companions. He lives in a town with droughts and no crops. Sorry I can't quite remember all the details of the book, Morris. But it's something like this. I will borrow the book again soon. Maybe in two days time.

Morris,
G'day, its me again. I couldn't find your book. It must have been hiding in the library. Librarian Ballard could have given me an afternoon detention for hanging around in the library for more than an hour, but she didn't. That meant that I can still go for a few more days before she gets really nasty.

Morris do you know a lady called Margaret D. Clark? She wrote the book *Famous for Five Minutes*. I'm reading that at the moment. If I can ever find your book I will return this one as soon as possible. All this has to be done before I get in trouble.

Hi, Morris
It's me Andy Yeung. I don't think this is working. I finally got banned from the library. Not by Ms Ballard, but by a History teacher.

I hope I can find your book in the public library, Morris. As I said, I'm going to remind you what the book is about. I'll do that within three days. I've been banned from the library for just a week, so I'd say it's fine.

Morris
This is Andy. Hello again! The public library librarian put your book in the A section instead of the G section, I could not find it. That was a good idea I think, but I searched all throughout the library. I found it at three thirty in the afternoon. I started looking at exactly nine o'clock in the morning.

Alright Morris, I know you can't wait to hear about this story so I'll tell you now. Mitch really needs help. He is chased by the Malleys - Troy and Brent. They are tough. Mitch trips over horse poo but he doesn't care much about it. If they get him, he will be dingo bait. Remember this phrase? He has a birthday party afterwards. But nobody comes. Mitch's parents have jobs in a bank and their work is to check the farms. They decide whether or not to lend farmers money. Nearly all the people in the town are farmers, so nearly all the people in the town hate Mitch's family.

Mitch's grandma believes in Doug the angel, so does Mitch. He talks to Doug every day. Does Doug help him? Who knows? He is in a bad situation but maybe without Doug it would be worse. He asks Doug to make it rain and after that it rains. After the long drought, floods come. That is how hard it is to keep the town going well again. In the end Mitch tries to help people to get down from roofs.

Morris, after all I'm quite satisfied with the ending. It is a story with a mixture of relationships, mystery and humour. You made me feel like writing a story called *Brownouts*. It will be just as fun as yours. I can't do better than you, but I won't be much behind. Watch out! I'll be back to the school library next week. I hope I can find some more of your books. Morris. Thanks for the book, Mr Gleizman.

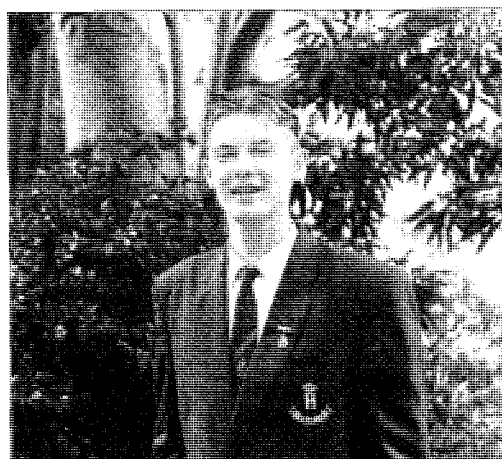


Mr John Chadwick (President P&C), Mr John Symond (Old Boy and guest speaker) and Mr Brian Greene (Principal) at the Year 12 Farewell.



Students reading The Herald at lunchtime in Room 9.

Matthew Paterson was the only student to attend 'The practice of Leadership' breakfast at the Hotel Intercontinental



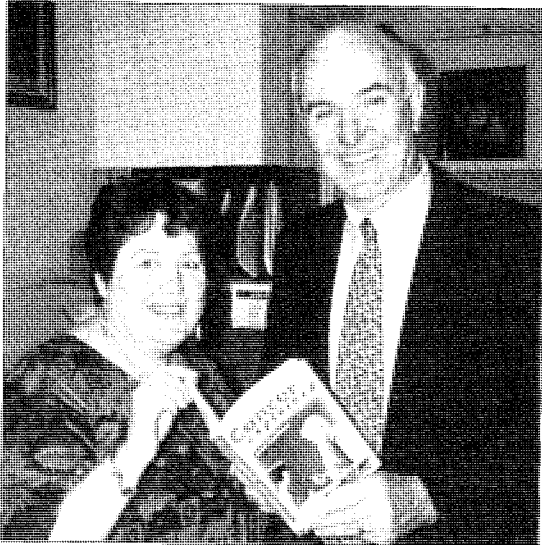
Old Boy, Mr Anderson and School Counsellor, Ms Annette Johnson

Students plant a tree to help beautify Airey Park as part of the Adopt a Park program.

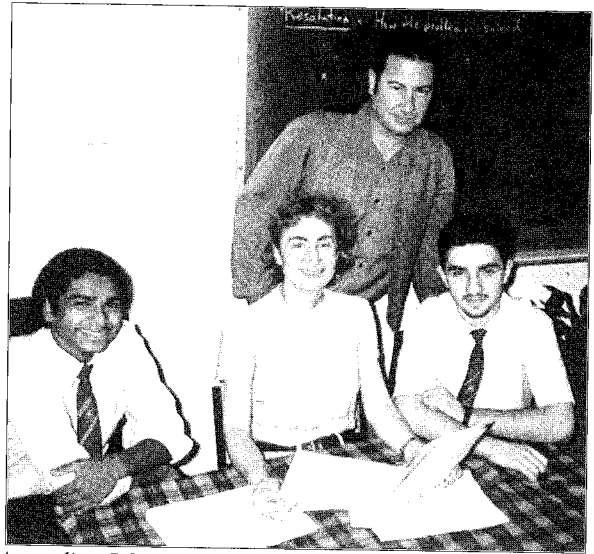


Year 12 Hospitality students show off their expertise. Chefs of the future!





Ms Ballard and Mr Greene take a look at Professor Fred Stephen's new book 'Cancer Explained'. The professor is an old boy of the school.



Australian Schools' English Competition Distinction award winners, Andrew Eyrpidou and Kevin Pathinather with their teachers Ms Tsouloukidis and Mr Koff.

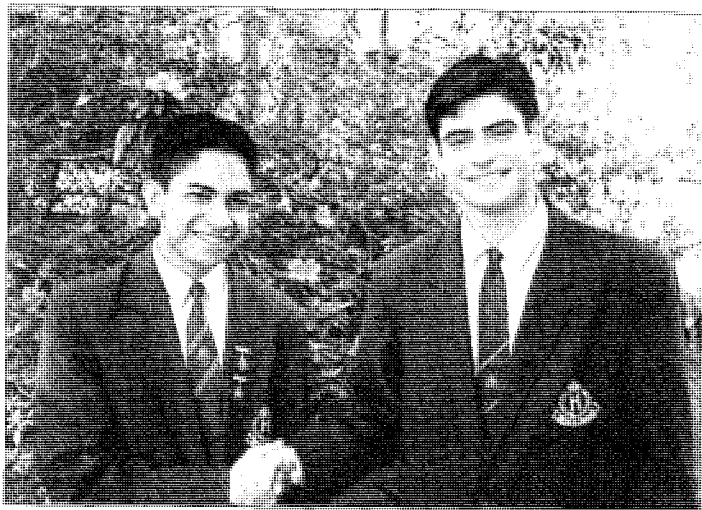


Year 9 students enjoy their day with the Flemington Police at the Crime Prevention Workshop.



Mr Burton celebrates the day.

Joseph Nalliah (School Captain 1997), congratulates Gareth Williams (Captain 1998) on his selection as delegate to attend the Queen's Trust for Young Australians seminar.



John Symond, leading businessman and Old Boy of HBHS presents the school with a gift of Rugby trophies he won in 1965. Joseph Nalliah accepts the gift.



Year 7 Debating

Weisheng Lu Yr 7

The dictionary defines the word *debating* as an *argument on a topic between two sides*. It is an art that stirs up our young imaginations and sharpens our verbal skills against the opponents.

At Homebush Boys' High School, we are fortunate enough to have a Year 7 debating team. Our team includes Phillip Pooley as 2nd speaker, Ben Tarrant Windt as 3rd speaker, Edward Lester as 4th speaker, Mui Krix as our reserve and Weishang Lu as 1st speaker. We first made our debut in the Junior Debating Competition: a very enlightening experience.

Our first opponent was Concord High School. The topic was that *All information should not be public*. We successfully defeated their team. In the second debate we were against Meriden Ladies College. The topic was

the *Australian culture is going nowhere*. It was a tough debate but in the end they got the better of us. We were disappointed but accepted defeat and learnt from our misfortune.

During the competitions our team practised for a long time among ourselves. We travelled between our homes on weekends. During this period of time, we learnt many skills. To be a good debater, one must have a good audible voice, good rebuttal points and facts that are relevant to the topic.

But thanks to the encouragement and guidance from our debating teachers Mr Wills and Mr Anderson, we soon overcame our fears.

Throughout the term we enjoyed debating very much.

The Les Gordon Debating Tournament

Lawrence King Yr 10

Nineteen ninety seven saw an exciting debating season, one which was headed by Mrs Degney and Miss Lindstrom to whom we owe our short lived glory.

There were two teams : one unfortunately more successful than the other. The *B* team first debated against Strathfield Girls' High, a skilled and masterful debate, one which was thoroughly enjoyable to watch. Homebush unfortunately couldn't prove the necessary argument and lost the debate. The *A* team, against PLC, won their debate easily, thoroughly convincing the adjudicator of the right to feel optimistic in the 20's. *Stephen Mai, Arnel Rodriguez, Daniel Young* and *Lawrence King* did well.

The second debate was against McDonald College for team *B* and McDonald College for team *A*. Team *B* consisted of *Gavin Chung, Mark Gilbert, Atiq Chowdhury* and *Colin Churton*. They unfortunately lost a tough debate centred around *The Atomic Bombs of WWII*. Team *A* consisted of *Lawrence King, Arnel Rodriguez, Atiq Chowdhury* and *Prashanth Shanmugan* who stood against a tough opponent, but won by a lengthy margin. Both teams were treated to McDonald's after the debate.

The third and final debate was a tough round. Domremy

College debated the *A* Team and won with a convincing argument by a small margin. This loss was a shame but the team took the loss well. Team *B* made up of *Colin Churton, Stephen Mai, Nick Grbin* and *James Lim* debated *The value of JFK in life and death*. They too lost a tough debate against quality speakers.

The quarter finals were unfortunately not in reach for either teams and an otherwise successful season came to an end.

We would like to thank the speakers; *Bradley Lloyd, Adam King, Lawrence King, Arnel Rodriguez, Stephen Mai, Prashanth Shanmugan, Atiq Chowdhury, Colin Churton, Nick Grbin, Mark Gilbert, Gavin Chung* and *James Lim* for putting all their effort into the debates and for speaking the best they possibly could. The teams and teachers were all very proud of the effort made. We would also like to thank Mrs Degney and Miss Lindstrom for being so helpful and instructive and our Year 10 History class who helped and watched so attentively during our home debates.

Mrs Degney and Miss Lindstrom invite all Year Ten boys to compete next year to learn much needed speaking and socialising skills. It's also a lot of fun.

The Mock Trials

Lawrence King Yr 10

Mock Trial is a competition established by the Law Society of NSW for students in the senior school. A team of six students each have a role from barrister to court clerk. They compete against schools in and out of the area. The trials are prepared and they last for about three hours.

The 1997 season was conducted under the expert advice of solicitor and mentor, Michael Byrnes. He instructed the group on ways to approach the case. Teacher, Craig Anderson, organised the team and answered some of the questions the students had.

Participants included *Nick Kavadias, Christopher Chan, Laurence King, Pratheepan Thevasadan, Prashanth Shanmugan, Hong Nguyen, Dinesh Purswani* and *Aditya Khana*. All hope for some sort of legal career.

Training for Mock Trial involves looking over case material and preparing either a defence or a prosecution.

Both of the barristers prepare questions and opening and closing paragraphs. The witnesses memorise statements and the clerk helps with the running of the court.

The 1997 season was a solid one. The first trial against Burwood Girls' High School was a success and a lot of valuable experience was gained. The second trial, against Auburn Girls' High School, was an unfortunate loss. But round three against Mr Anderson's old school, Plumpton High School, was a win. Round four was make or break, and unfortunately, Newman College High School was the better side. The following rounds were unfortunately closed off.

Mock Trial is certainly a very exciting activity, and one that takes a lot of dedication and preparation. The team would like to thank teacher Mr Craig Anderson and solicitor and guide Michael Byrnes for their expert advice without which the team would have been destitute.

Anzac Day Speech

Prashanth Shanmugan Year 10

Anzac day on the 25th April is when the citizens of Australia and New Zealand stop and bow their heads in remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives in countless wars for our freedom.

Anzac day is the day when citizens living in this great land remember the sacrifices of those brave men and women who fought in countless wars for our freedom. We remember that their service has become our national heritage.

WAR is a word that makes a person tremble with fear. I have experienced war at first hand. Maybe it is a blessing in disguise, so that I know how it feels to live a life where every day you think, "Am I going to survive today?" War is a terrible event that no one should experience for there are no winners in wars. The only winners are the manufacturers of the guns, bullets and nuclear missiles : those big corporations that feed on human misery. We are the losers : the innocent members of a fragile race called humanity.

The war in Sri Lanka is about the right to speak one's own language, the right to follow one's own religion. It is a war of self-determination and self government.

As we are all members of the human race, we should strive to reach the ocean of peace. The young people are the future decision makers of this world and we must become ambassadors of peace and non-violence. Peace is the end purpose of all human endeavours. Right or wrong, whatever a person thinks or does is with the intention of attaining peace and happiness. A peaceful life is a man's birthright.

Non-violence is the zenith of human achievement and perfection. It is universal love that goes beyond our relation with our fellow beings and embraces all living and non-living things. It is the spiritual domination of existence. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest advocate for non-violence, "Non-violence is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by man."

Together we are an un-defeatable power. When we work together, side by side, hand in hand, with love, it is not just one life force but the life energy of countless people, of the group, that flows in harmony, unimpeded. From that constant stream of unity, real progress will take place, and we will see the birth of peace.

A drop of water cannot be a river. A river is formed by numerous water drops that create a flow. The real flow of life lies in unity, in the oneness that arises out of love. When we meditate and pray as a group, the life energy of all of us will harmoniously flow to a single stream spreading a divine fragrance soaked in the sweetness of love.

On this Anzac Day we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Whatever our faith, let us pray.

Reading Volunteers

Ms A. Guterres

The Department of School Education in its State Literacy Policy has suggested that volunteers be enlisted to assist individual students with their reading. Volunteers have played a key role in the Reading Program for twelve years. This year thirteen volunteers

assisted boys with their reading. Pictured below are ten of the volunteers at their inservice day held in September. The school and the students appreciate the assistance of the volunteer tutors. Thank you.



Back row: Mrs Barreca, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Moliterno, Miss Lyons, Mrs Whitefield
Front row: Mrs O'Hara, Mrs Blayney, Mrs Paulini, Mrs Steff, Mrs Liang
Absent: Mrs Helou, Mrs Pemberton, Mrs Perry

Merit Certificates as of 26/9/97

Gold

Name	Year
CHADWICK, Ryan	10
SINGH, Harminder	08
SRIRANJAN, Hillary	08
VIVEDANANTHA, R	08

Silver

Year 9

AGAR, Huseyin
 BIJJANI, Patrick
 BUCKINGHAM, Daniel
 DOAN, Huy
 GANESHALINGAM, P
 KUO, Kevin
 LANDERS, Aaron (2)
 LIANG, John
 MIN, James
 NATHAN, Ronan
 NG, Adrian
 NGUYEN, David
 PHAN, Thi (2)
 THANGATHURAI, Joe
 WILLIAMS, Matthew (2)
 YANG, William

RETNAM, Nathan
 RAJASUNDARAM, Krish (2)
 SAG, Murat
 SINGH, Harminder (3)
 SIVALOGARAJAH, Jeevi
 SRIRANJAN, Hillary (4)
 TODOROVIC, Alex
 VIVEKANANTHARAJAH, R (2)
 VUONG, Terence (2)
 WANG, Jason
 WONG, Roy
 WU, David
 YU, Colman (2)
 YU, Tyrone
 ZHAO, Kai

Year 12

CATALOVSKI, P
 CHURTON, Gavin
 FICHERA, Phillip
 GUARICCI, Tony
 JABOH, Bernard
 LACEK, Peter (2)
 MORRIS, Aaron
 PATERSON, Matthew (2)
 TURNER, Adam
 WILLIAMS, Richard

Year 11

LAM, Robert
 NGUYEN, Hong (3)
 TSANG, Tim

Year 10

AMPARO, Mark
 CHADWICK, Ryan (2)
 CHANG, Cun Sau
 CHURTON, Colin (2)
 FERRIER, Simon (2)
 GANESHWAREN, Govind (2)
 GEBARA, Deya
 KING, Lawrence (4)
 KOUSSAN, Mouhamad
 LEE, Phillip
 MATTHEW STUBBS, R
 MURRAY, Kieran
 SAG, Huseyin
 SELVAKUMAR, Michael
 SO, David
 TAN, Danny
 VON KONIGSMARK, A
 WARD, Hugh
 WONG, Michael

Year 8

ALIM, Felix
 ANANTHASAYANAN, S
 ANEJA, Savinay
 ARUNASALAN, Karun (2)
 CUSHWAY, Dion
 DOMBAGOLLA, Harsha
 DRAPER, James
 FUNG, Jackey
 GUO, Jia Xi
 HOYLES, Robert
 JIANG, Wei
 KANGATHARAN, Sharan
 LAI, Raymond
 LEKANIC, Dragan
 MAHILALL, Dhaneel
 MASSEY, Cheyne
 MORGAN, Abraham (2)
 NAICKER, Theo (2)
 PALANIMALAI, Krishna
 PERUMAL, Anthony

Year 7

BEDI, Piyush
 BURCHETT, Steven
 CHADWICK, Sean
 CHEN, Tommy
 POOLEY, Philip
 CRISCITELLI, Rock
 GANESHWARAN, Govard
 GEREN, Umut
 HUYNH, Khanh
 KARAN, Elvin
 KULARAJAH, Pirash (2)
 LIONG, Victor
 LO, Hung Yi (2)
 LU, Weisheng
 MASSEY, Stephen
 MONGIA, Raman (2)
 NIMALAN, Trishu (2)
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 O'HARA, M
 PHAM, Vu
 RATNARAJAH, G
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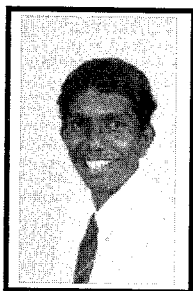
At the Border of the Great Sea of the Dead

At the border of the Great sea of the Dead
 I stand alone
 For I have grown into an old man
 With no friends or family
 Looking at my grave with sadness
 My knees get weak
 I fall
 I close my eyes
 For there is nothing else
 To ever hope for.

Alex Busu Year 7

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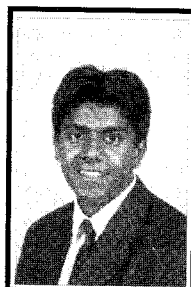
NSW Maths Comp/
Weightlifting/ Volunteer
Collector - Red Shield
Appeal.

ALI, Ejaz



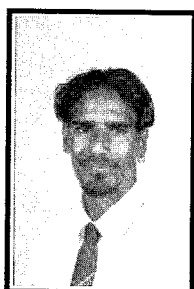
Soccer - Second Grade,
First Grade.
Commonwealth Bank
Cup/ Credit - NSW
Maths Comp.

AMERIPOUR, Vahid



Soccer - Third Grade/
Tennis - u14's, u15's, grade/
Cricket - 15's/ Peer Support
Leader/ Credits and
Distinctions (4yrs) - NSW
Maths Comp/Distinction -
NSW Science Comp/ Credit
- NSW English Comp/
Credit - NSW Australian
National Chemistry Comp.

ARUMUGAIYER, Senthuran



Cricket - First Grade,
96/'97/ Rugby Union -
First Grade,
Commonwealth Bank
Cup/ Baseball - Proud
Shield.

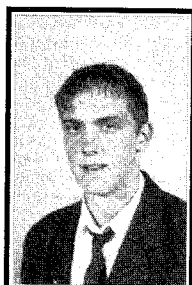
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AU, Anthony



BAKER, Alistair Richard Merrett



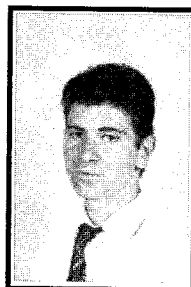
1997 Award - Prize for
All Round Merit/Senior
Prefect/Volleyball - 14's,
15's, Second Grade, First
Grade/Hockey - 15's,
First Grade, Regional/
History Debating, Year
10/ Credits - NSW Maths
Comp, 1992-'96/ Credits
- NSW Science Comp, 92,
'93/High Distinction -
NSW Geography Comp,
'95/ Credits - NSW
English Comp, 95/'96/
First in Year 7.

BANAS, Adam



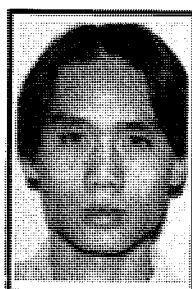
Basketball - First Grade,
'96/'97 - Shell Cup
Team, '96/'97/ Tennis -
First Grade, 97/Athletics
- Zone Carnivals, 96/'97
- Zone Cross Country,
96/'97/ NSW English
Comp. Achievement
Certificate, 96/ NSW
Maths Comp/ Red Shield
Appeal Volunteer, 97/
100% attendance '97.

BEDFORD, David William



Soccer - Second Grade.

CACCIAPAGLIA, Fillippo



Enrolled 1997.

CAO, Binh Thanh



1997 Award for
Meritorious Service/
1997 Award for
Sportsman and Soccer/
Cricket - 15's, First
Grade, 95-97, Vice
Captain, 96/'97/Soccer
14's, 15's (Captain), First
Grade- 97.

CATALOVSKI, Peter



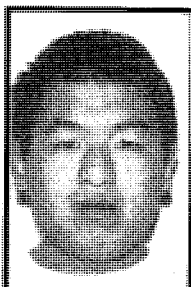
Soccer-Y8-11, Turner Cup
(twice)/ All Schools Judo
Championships and
Weightlifting/ Sportsman
of the Week Award for
weightlifting and judo/
Credit-NSW Maths Comp.

CEMAL, Osman



Rugby - First and Second
Grade.

CHAMI, Tarek



Our future chef

CHAN, Eric (Kim San)

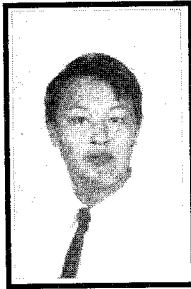


Credits -NSW Maths and
Science Comps.

CHEN, Kevin Bing Fei



CHEUNG, Thomas



CHONG, Khieng



CHOU, Wei



Credit - NSW Maths Comp; School Magazine - '94, '95.

CHOU, Yun Hang



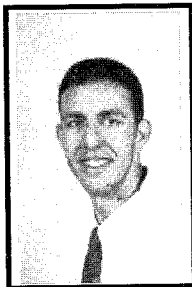
Volleyball; Australian Chemistry Competition; NSW Maths Comp.

CHUNG, Quy Tuong



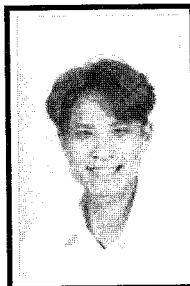
Prefect; 1997 Award for Meritorious Service; '96 Peer Support; Silver Award; 1st Grade Water Polo Zone Champ. '95-'97; 1st Grade Tennis Champ. Runner up 1996; Water Polo Knockout winner '96-'97; Hayes House Senior Champ. '96; Athletics Open Javelin - '96 1st, '97 2nd; Zone Blue Water Polo '97; Regional Water Polo Champ. '96; NSW CHS 1st Water Polo Team '97; Most Improved student Yr 10.

CHURTON, Gavin Russell



Basketball - First Grade.

CONSTANTINIDIS, Eric

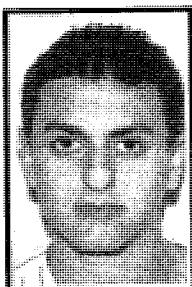


Enrolled 1997; Distinction - NSW Maths Comp.

DANG, Tran Bao



DAVEY, Jason



Enrolled 1996; Rugby - First Grade, Commonwealth Bank Cup, Waratah Shield; Aust. National Chemistry Comp.

DEEB, Mohamed



Baseball - First Grade - '94/'95; Tennis - Second Grade, '97; Soccer - 15's, '95; Zone Cross Country - '96/'97; 'Oklahoma' Musical with Strathfield Girls HS - '95; Red Shield Volunteer - '97; Credits - NSW Maths and Science Competitions.

DELDUCA, Joseph Michael



House Tennis; Collector Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

DIEP, Xuong



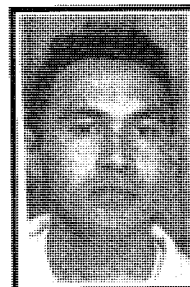
100% attendance '96 & '97; Volleyball - House; Credit - NSW Science Comp. Y10; Credit - NSW Maths Comp. Year 11.

DIEU, Philip



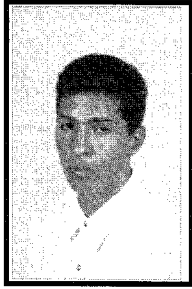
Grade Soccer; Cricket; Baseball; Weightlifting; Tennis; NSW Maths Comps.

DOGANCI, Vedat



Rugby - 13's, 14's, 15's, Second Grade, First Grade, Commonwealth Bank Cup.

DUNN, James



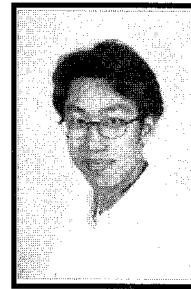
Rugby - Second Grade, First Grade; Weightlifting; TIACES Club; Credit - Australian National Chemistry Comp.

FAKOUA, Robert

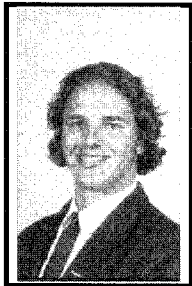


Rugby - Second Grade, First Grade, Commonwealth Bank Cup, Waratah Shield; House Soccer; Collector - Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

FICHERA, Phillip

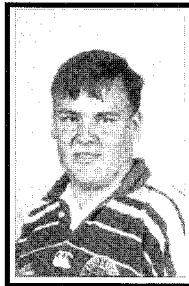


GAO, James



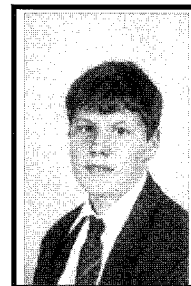
Prefect; House Captain Vaughan; 14A, 15A Grade Soccer; 1st Grade Rugby; Waterpolo 14s, 15s; 1st Grade, CHS, NSW; Regional Swimming 92-97; Regional Athletics 94-97; 1997 Sportsman of the Year; 1997 Award for Meritorious Service; 1997 Award - Most Outstanding Sportsman Summer Sports and Rugby Union; Maths Comp. Dist. 92-95; Science Comp. 92-95; Geography Comp. High Dist. 95; Most Outstanding Student Junior School 94.

GILBERT, Timothy Charles



Baseball - First Grade; Rugby - Second Grade.

GRACE, Peter



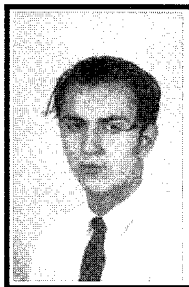
Credit - NSW Maths Comp; Water Polo - u15's; State Water Polo Comp '93, '94.

GRBIN, Luke

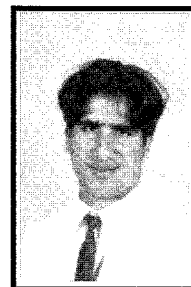


Prefect; Peer Support Leader; Public Speaking - Winner Most Entertaining Speaker Award - Y10, SMH Public Speaking Comp - Y11; Rugby - First Grade.

GUARICCI, Tony

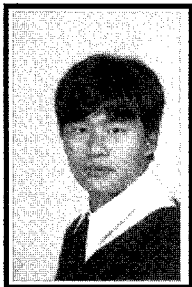


GUNAYDIN, Oguz



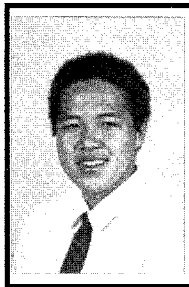
1997 Award for Meritorious Service; Third in Year 12; Second in Y11; Third in Y10; Prefect; Grade Volleyball; Lawn Bowls; Grade Soccer; Distinction - Australian National Chemistry Quiz, '96; BHP Science Award '95; Credits - NSW Maths Competition Award, 92-'96.

HADODO, Johan Daniel



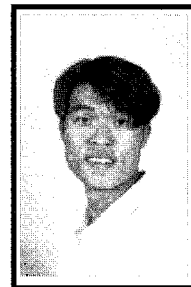
House Basketball and Soccer; Credits and Distinction - NSW Maths Comp.

HE, Wei Bin Simon

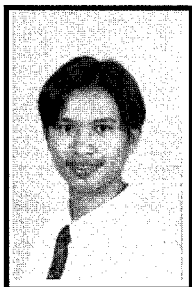


Grade Basketball; House Volleyball and Table Tennis; Distinction - NSW Maths Comp.

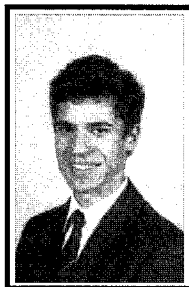
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HO, Eric (Chun Kit)

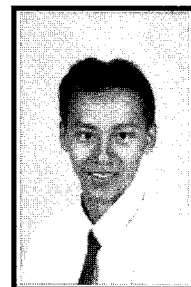


HO, Jimmy William



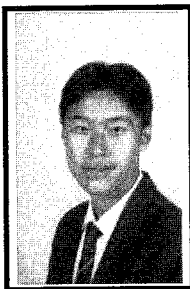
House Soccer and Swimming.

HOOKER, David



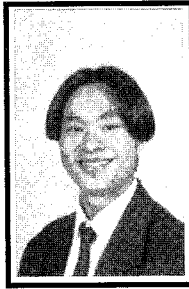
Grade Basket Ball - '95, '96, '97; Credits - NSW Maths Competition; TIACES Award - Y10.

HUA, Anthony

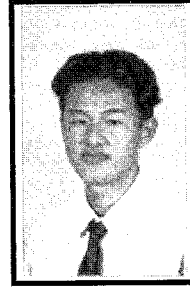


House Tennis; House Basketball; House Table Tennis; TIACES Club; Credit - NSW English Competition; NSW Maths Comp; Debating Team.

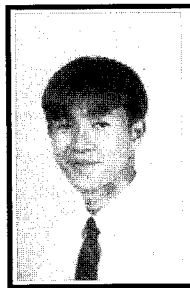
HUA, Zhi Yan Tony



HUANG, Guolai



HUYNH, Hoang Vinh



House Table Tennis, Volleyball and Baseball; Credit - NSW Geography Comp.

HUYNH, Tri Tung



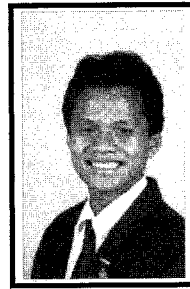
1997 Award for Most Improved Student; Soccer - 14's, 15's, Third Grade, Second Grade; Two credits and three Distinctions in NSW Maths Comps.

ILIC, Stanko



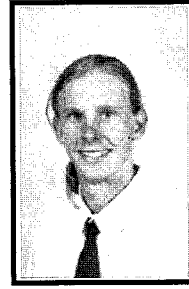
Prefect; Volleyball - Second Grade, 96; Soccer - Third Grade, 95; Mock Trials Years 8-10; History Debating - Year 11; Credits - NSW Maths Competition, Years 7, 8, 9, 11.

IPEK, Koray



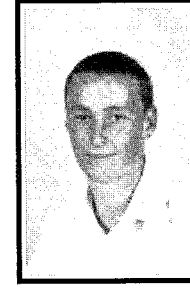
1997 Award for Public Relations; Prefect; President - SRC; Tennis - Captain, Second Grade, '95 - '97; Water Polo - 14's, 15's, grade; House Golf; House Table Tennis; Musical - 'Oklahoma' with Strathfield Girls HS, 1995; Drama - 'City Folks' with Strathfield Girls HS, 1994; BHP Science Awards - 1995; Distinction - Australian National Chemistry Competition, 1995; Credit - NSW Science Comp, 1995; Member of the E-Team.

JABOH, Bernard



Cricket - 15's (champions), First Grade, Davidson Shield - '95-'97; Distinction - NSW Science Comp; TIACES Club.

JAMES, David Roy

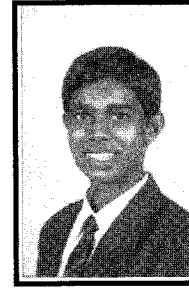


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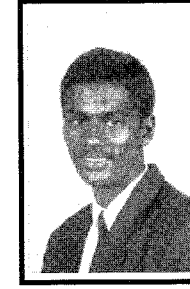


Soccer - 13's, 14's, 15's, First Grade, Turner Cup Soccer and Commonwealth Bank Cup; Cricket - 14's, 15's, First Grade, Davidson Cup.

JAMES, Stephen



JEGANATHAN, Sairuban



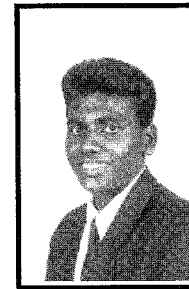
1997 Award - First in Year 12; 1997 Award - Exemplary School Performance; First in Year 11; First in Year 10; Cricket, 14's, 15's, Second Grade, First Grade; Distinctions in NSW Maths Competition; High Distinction - Australian National Chemistry Comp; Titration Comp.

JEGATHEESWARAN, Rahulan



Rugby - 13's, 14's, 15's, Second and First Grade; Y9 English Essay Writing Comp; NSW Maths Comp.

KAILOMANI, William



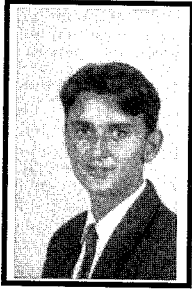
Cricket - 1992-97; Hockey - 1993-97; Lawn Bowls 1992-93; NSW Maths Comp - Distinction, '93, '95; NSW Chemistry Comp - Distinction, '93, '94, '95.

KANAGARATNAM, Muraleetharan



Hockey - First Grade 1995, 96, 97; Peer Support Leader; NSW Maths Competition.

KANAGASABAPATHY, Aravinthan



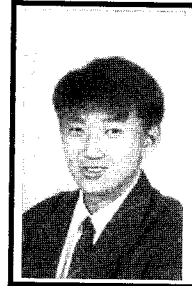
Volleyball - 3rd grade champions, '95/'96 - 2nd grade champions, '96/'97; Rugby Union - 1st/2nd grade, '97; Debating Team - '95, '96.

KEDICIOĞLU, Ozkan



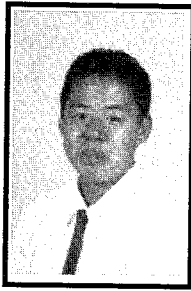
House Basketball; Weightlifting; Credit - NSW Maths Comp.

KHUU, Nhan



1997 Award for Meritorious Service; Third in Year 12; Distinctions - NSW Maths Competition; Credit - NSW Science Competition.

KIM, Eun Sub



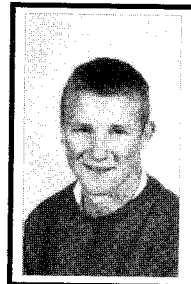
Volleyball - 15's, First Grade, Zone Champions, State Knockout - '97; Credits - NSW Maths and Science Comps; Mock Trials; Regional Rep. - 1996 Research Week at Taronga Park Zoo.

KIM, Samuel



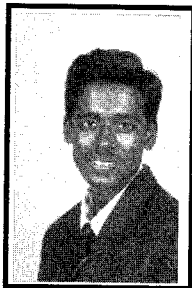
Cricket - Second Grade, First Grade; Rugby - Second Grade.

KISNA, Rodney Rohit



Soccer - 13's, 14's, 15's, First Grade ('94-'97); Cricket - 14's, 15's, First Grade ('94-'96); Distinction - NSW Maths Comp; Distinction - NSW Science Competition.

KRAEFT, Karl



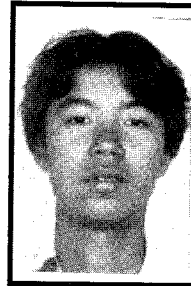
Cricket - Third Grade; Zone Cross Country; Chess Team; Weightlifting; NSW Maths and English Competitions.

KULASOTHY, Kokulan



1997 Award - Outstanding Contribution to the School; Volleyball-14's 2nd Gr.; Lawn Bowls; Hockey -15's, 1st Gr.; Debating Team-92-'97; Mock Trials; Public Speaking-finalist in school and Zone comps, Silver medalist - Regional Multicultural Speaking Comp; School Band-92-'96; State Music Comp-95,96; Drama and Musical productions with Strathfield Girls HS- 'Bye-Bye Birdie', 'Oh What a Lovely War', 'The Wall', 'Oklahoma'; Credits-NSW Maths, Science & English Comps; Credit-Aust Nat.Chem.Comp; Titration Comp.

LACEK, Peter John



LAI, Eric



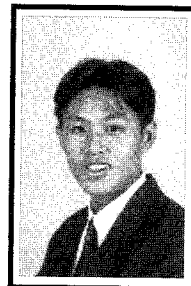
Table Tennis; Swimming; Credit - NSW Maths Competition.

LAI, Thanh Long



Squash, under 15 grade; Credits NSW Maths and Science Comps; School Blood Donor.

LAM, Billy



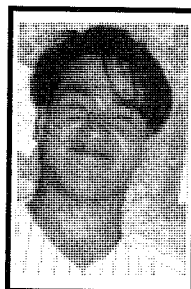
Enrolled 1996; Distinction - Australian National Chemistry Competition.

LAM, Robert Chwan-I John

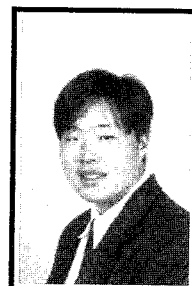


Volleyball - First Grade - '95/'96/'97; Credits NSW Maths and Science Comps.

LAM, Se Tat Jimmy

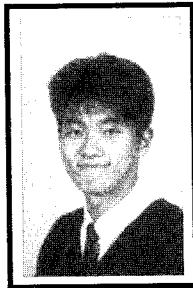


LEE, Joshua (Sang Wook)



Prefect

LEE, Peter Nak Kgon

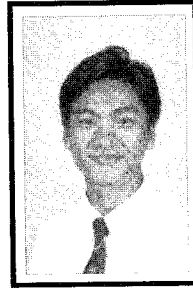


Volleyball

LEE, Seungwon

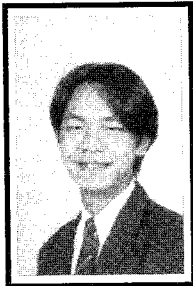


LEONG, Kam Loc



Guitarist

LEUNG, Billy (Ming Hei)

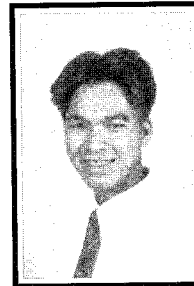


LI, Andrew James



House Squash, Table Tennis, Softball and Soccer.

LING, Shun Xian Norman



LINH, Cuong Tu

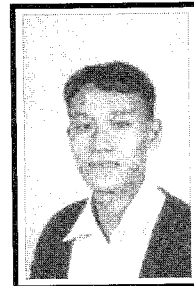


Enrolled 1996 from Sri Lanka; Weightlifting; Distinction - NSW Maths Competition.

LOGENTHIRAN, Gowrishankar



LOUPATTY, Helmi



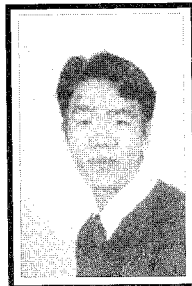
Art - 1994 Peter Lemcke Memorial Prize for Visual Arts; School Calligraphist; House Basketball and Soccer.

LUK, Jimmy (Chun Sing)



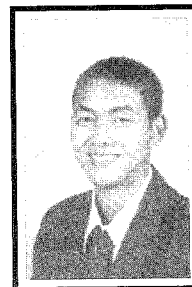
House Volleyball; Swimming; NSW Maths, English, Science Comp.

LUONG, John



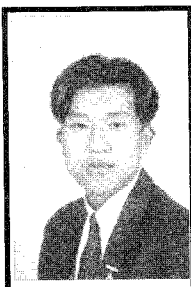
House Swimming, Basketball and Soccer.

LUONG, Minh Chi



Selected work for 'Art Through the Region'; Grade Cricket; Collector - Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

LY, Peter



Cricket - Second Grade; Collector Red Shield Appeal.

LY, Robert



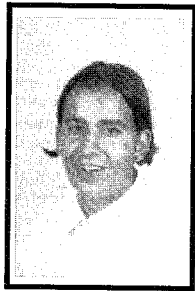
Prefect; House Captain - Greening; Volleyball - 15's; Second Grade, First Grade; Hockey - 15's; First Grade - '95-'97; History Debating - Y10; English Debating - Y10, Y11; P&C Prize for Junior Debating Trophy.

MACABENTA, Redell



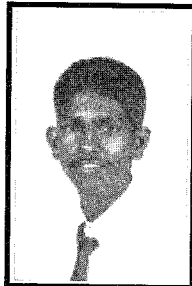
Prefect - '96; Meritorious Service Award - 1996; Baseball - 15's; Tennis - Second Grade, First Grade. Finalist in Newspaper Award - '93, '95; School Newspaper Ass. Treasurer - '93-'95; Peer Support Leader.

MANSOUR, Matthew



Rugby - First Grade.

MAROLHO, Jeffery



Cricket - 15's, Third Grade, Second Grade; Soccer - 13's; Distinction - NSW Maths competition.

MATHIRUPARAJAH, Jeyaraj



Rotary Exchange Student from Brazil.

MENDES, Andre



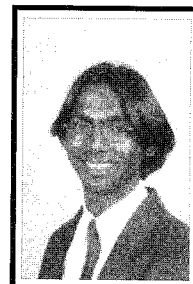
Soccer - 15's Turner Cup, First Grade - Commonwealth Bank Cup; Basketball - 15's; Baseball - First Grade.

MIHAJLOVIC, Nemanja



Prefect; Grade Cricket and Soccer.

MILLS, Peter



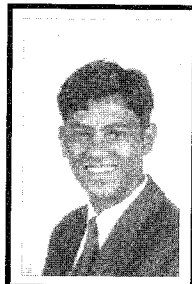
Prefect; Cricket - Second Grade.

MOOPANAR, Terrence Rae



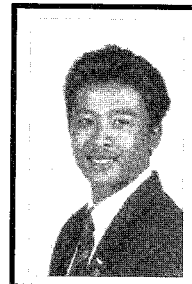
Cricket - Under 14's (captain), Under 15's (captain), First Grade, Davidson Shield; Musical Productions with Strathfield GHS - '92 - '96; Credits in NSW Maths Competition.

MORRIS, Aaron Neil



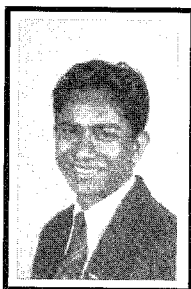
Prefect

MUDELIAR, Thushen



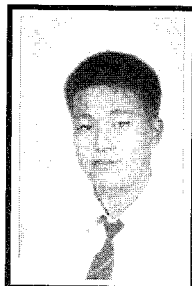
SRC; Volleyball - 15's and Second Grade; Soccer - 15's and Second Grade; Badminton; Karate - School Rep.; School Band.

MUSTAFA, Arie Arfiandi



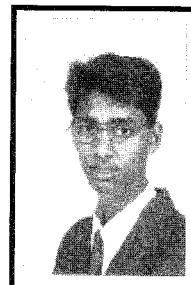
1997 Award - Most Outstanding Boy in the School; Most Outstanding Junior Student; School Captain; SRC; Soccer - Third Grade '96; Cricket - Third Grade - '96/'97; English Debating - '94/'95/'96/'97; History Debating - '94/'95; Peer Group Leader.

NALLIAH, Joseph Chrisan



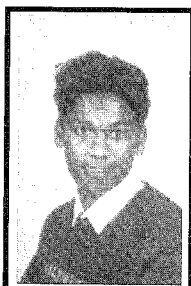
Golf

NAM, Ken Cook



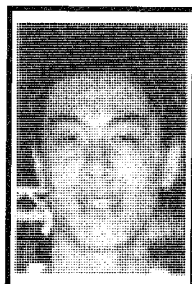
Cricket-Third Grade; Rugby Second Grade; Distinctions - NSW Maths Comp.

NAND, Neel Avikash



Rugby - First Grade.

NARAYAN, Rohitash

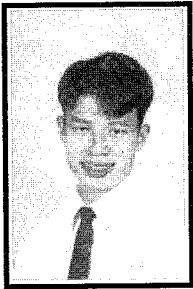


Grade Table Tennis - Y8; Credit - NSW Maths Competition.

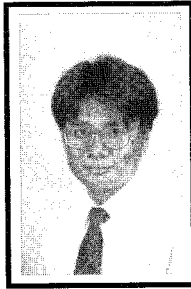
NGHE, Peter Minh



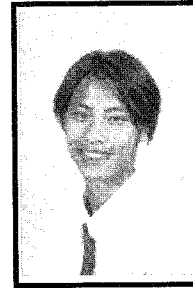
NGO, Duong



NGU, Dieu Quang

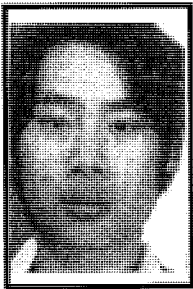


NGUYEN, Steven (Anh Tu)

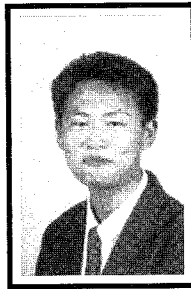


NGUYEN, Quoc Christian

Enrolled 1997. Table Tennis, Tennis.

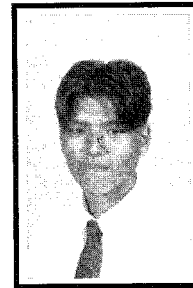


NIM, Tommy



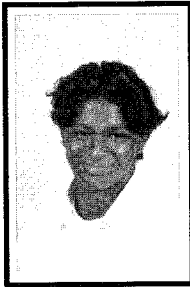
OH, Daniel Dok Jin

1997 Award - Third in Year 12; Prefect; Baseball; School Band, Y10; NSW Maths and Science Comps.



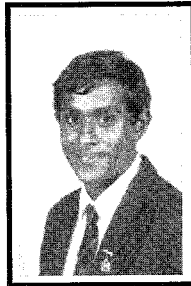
OH, Martin

Grade Volley Ball, Hockey and Rugby; Water Polo - State Knockout and Championships; Peer Support Leader; NSW Maths Comp.



PADAYACHY, Nishan

Cricket - 14's, Third Grade, Second Grade; Soccer - Second Grade, First Grade - Commonwealth Bank Cup '95 - '97, SRC Champions; Baseball - Second Grade, First Grade (Captain); Lawn Bowls (Captain); Sportsman of the Week (twice); Science Brain - Y7; TIACES Club.



PALANIMALAI, Indrakumar



PANG, Lewis (Siu Cheung)

Enrolled 1996



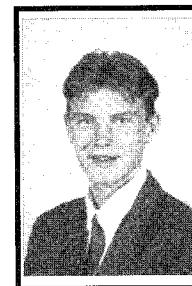
PAPAIELEOU, Harry

Rugby - First Grade, Waratah Shield; Rugby League - Commonwealth Bank Cup; Grade Soccer; Weightlifting.



PAPWORTH, Stephen Charles

Wordsmith



PATERSON, Matthew Adam

1997 Award for Best All Rounder; 1997 Award for Meritorious Service; Prefect; SRC - President '96; Regional SRC - '95, '96; Cricket - 14's, 15's, First Grade - Davidson Shield; Soccer - 14's, 15's, Second Grade, First Grade - Turner Cup and Commonwealth Bank Cup; TIACES Club; English Debating - Y10, Y11; Mock Trial - Y10.



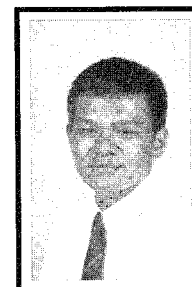
PATHINATHER, Kevin Rohith

1997 Literature Competition Poetry Prize; Prefect; Cricket - 14's, Second Grade; Lawn Bowls - Second Grade; Tennis - u15's, Second Grade, First Grade; Y10 Music Band; School Music Band; 'Oklahoma' and 'Us and Them' with Strathfield GHS and in-house school productions; Distinction - NSW English Competition.



PHAM, Phillip

1997 English Week Prize for Prose; Grade Lawn Bowls - Y9, Y10; School Newspaper Team; NSW Science Comp.



PHAN, Wayne



Basketball - First Grade - '95-'97, undefeated champions, u16 State Rep. - '94, '95, Parramatta Wildcats - Sydney and State comps; Soccer - First Grade; Credits and Distinctions - NSW Maths and Science Comps.

POPOVIC, Miroslav

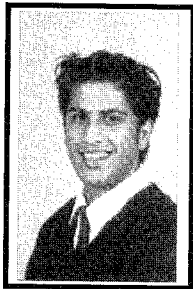


RADHAKRISHNA, Kandasamy

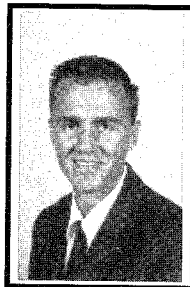


Enrolled in 1996; Cricket - First Grade; Rugby - Second Grade, First Grade, Davidson Shield, Waratah Shield, State Rugby.

RAGHAVAN, Rajith



RAZAVI, Kamyar



1997 Award for Meritorious Service; 1997 Literature Competition Prize for Prose; Prefect; House Captain - Howe; Volleyball - 15's, First Grade, NSW Rep for Australian Junior Volleyball Championships - '95 - '97; Soccer - Second Grade, First Grade; Hockey - 15's, First Grade; Junior Sportsman of the Year; History Debating - Y10; Distinctions NSW Maths and Science Comps; Outward Bound Scholarship.

RIPAMONTI, Anthony John



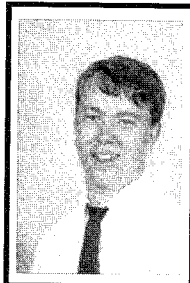
Grade Basketball, Rugby and Soccer; Credits and Distinctions - NSW Maths and Science Comps; Mock Trials; Debating Team; School Newspaper.

ROBINSON, Michael Peter



Prefect; School Rep. - Swimming, zone Cross-Country, and Athletics.

RODRIGUEZ, Richard



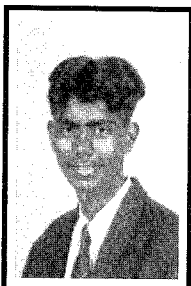
Rugby - Second Grade, First Grade, Waratah Shield; Rugby League - Commonwealth Bank Cup; Credits and Distinctions - NSW Science Comp; Credit - NSW Maths Comp; Blood Donor.

RYAN, Daniel



Cricket - Second Grade; Weightlifting; NSW Maths Comp.

SELVARASA, Kumanan



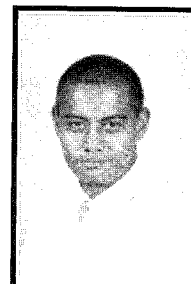
Grade cricket. Credit - NSW Maths Competition.

SELVARATNAM, Arunan



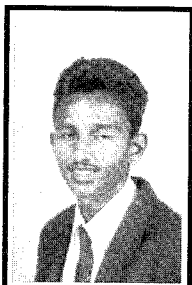
Cricket - First Grade; Distinctions - NSW Maths Comp, Australian National Chemistry Comp; 'Oklahoma' With Strathfield Girls HS.

SINGH, Manpreet



Rugby - First Grade, Zone Rep. 1997.

SITAUTI, Senituli Kolo



Grade Cricket; House Soccer and Volleyball; Credits in NSW Maths Comp; Credits and Distinction in Australian National Chemistry Comps.

SIVALINGAM, Sujindran



SIVANANDARAJASINGAM, Santhiparan



SMITH, Jolyon Edward



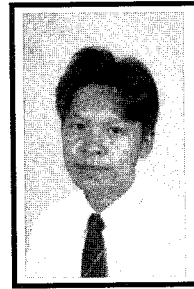
Enrolled 1996; House Basketball; Police Boys Club.

SOTIRIS, Jason Ashley

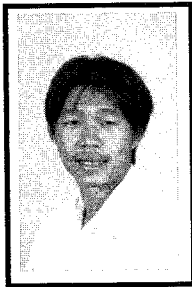


NSW Maths Competition.

TA, Jackie



TA, Phu



House Basketball, Soccer and Tennis; Credits - NSW Maths and Science Comp; Maths Challenge; Titration Comp; Blood Donor.

TAN, Chi-Cuong

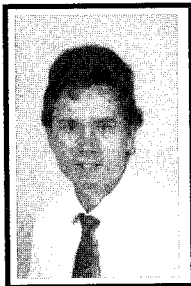


TANG, James



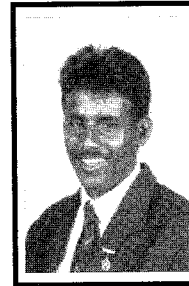
Squash - 14's, 15's - captain - grand finalists, Second Grade - captain - champions, First Grade - captain - grand finalists; Baseball - First Grade; NSW Maths Comp; NSW Science Comp.

TANG, Kenny



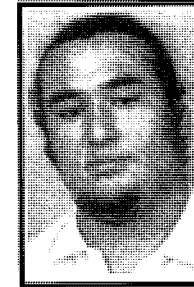
100% attendance; Zone Cross Country; House Tennis; Weightlifting; Credits and Distinctions - NSW Maths Comp; Credit - NSW Science Comp; Red Cross Doorknock Appeal.

TARASENKO, Gregory



Cricket - Second Grade Y8-12; Captain of Third Grade Cricket, 1997; Distinction in NSW Maths Competition; Blood Donor; Red Cross Fundraising.

THARMAPALAN, Vimal



Rugby - First Grade; Baseball - First Grade; Judo - Y11, NSW State Championships - '95 (1st), Fijian National Championship - '95 (1st); South Pacific Games - '95 (3rd in division); Wrestling - Y12, City of Sydney Championship - '97 (1st in div.), NSW Championship - '97 (1st in 2 div's), Aust. National Championships - '97 (1st in div.) Oceania Championships (in NZ) - '97 (2nd in div.).

TIVOLI, Eoghán



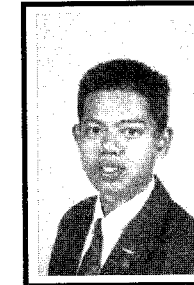
Hockey - First Grade; Weightlifting.

TRAN, David



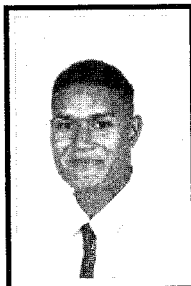
Grade Table Tennis; Distinction - NSW Maths Competition; Credit - Australian National Chemistry Comp; Titration Comp; Blood Donor; Collector - Red Shield Appeal.

TRAN, Tuyen Hung Ricky



Debating - Y10; House Squash; House Tennis.

TRINH, Peter

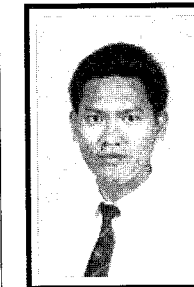


TUKUNGA, Peti (Maile)



1997 Award - Exemplary School Performance; Prefect; Soccer - 15's, Second Grade, First Grade; Cricket - 14's, 15's, First Grade, Davidson Shield.

TURNER, Adam Brian



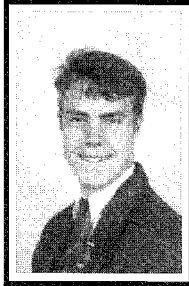
Credits - NSW Maths Comp; Distinction - NSW Science Comp; High Distinction - Aust. National Chemistry Comp; Peer Support Leader; Silver Award '96; School Magazine - '96, Student Editor '97; Titration Comp. - '97; Maths Challenge - Y10.

VAN, Can Si



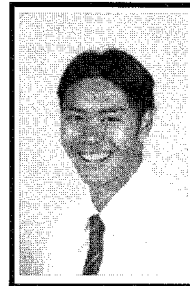
Enrolled 1996; NSW Maths Comp.

WANG, Bin



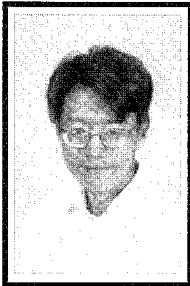
1997 Award for Meritorious Service; Soccer - 14's (Zone Premiers), 15's; Cricket - Third Grade; Rugby - Second Grade, First Grade; Water Polo - '95, '96.

WILLIAMS, Richard James



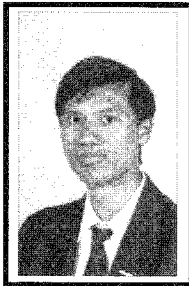
Soccer - 15's, Second Grade; Rugby League Commonwealth Bank Cup; Rugby - Waratah Shield.

WOH, Sean



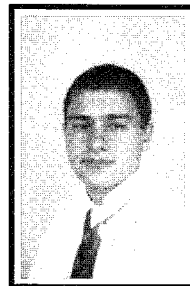
Enrolled 1996. Grade Table Tennis.

WONG, Kam Fung



1997 Award - Prize for Scholarship and Citizenship; School Vice-Captain; SRC; Hockey - First Grade, '96/'97; Debating Team - Y10; Mock Trial - Y9/Y10; Finalist in Australian Constitutional Essay Comp - Y10; Distinction - Australian National Chemistry Comp.

YOUNG, Terence

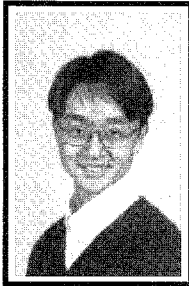


Baseball - Y7-10, Proud Shield; Soccer - 14's, 15's, Second and First Grade, Turner and Commonwealth Bank Cup; Rugby - First and Second Grade, Waratah Shield; Touch Football; Credit - NSW Maths Comp; Australian Constitutional Essay Comp.

ZERVELLIS, George



ZHANG, Victor



ZHANG, Feng

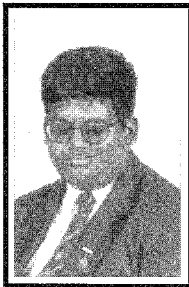


Prefect; Soccer, 14's premiership team; Credits in NSW Maths Competitions and Australian National Chemistry Comp; Commendation for Constitutional Essay Comp.

ZIREIN, Haitham

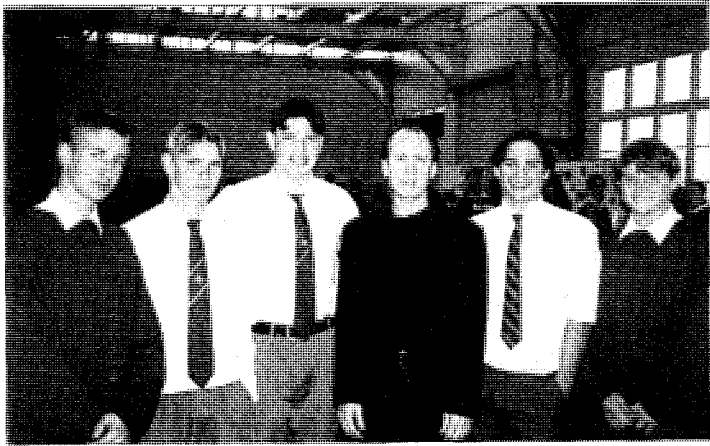


ZRAIKA, Ahmad



SRC Secretary, '92 '97; Grade Cricket '92 '97; Lawn Bowls; Weightlifting; Peer Support Leader. Credits and Distinctions in NSW Maths and English Comps and Australian National Chemistry Comp.

ELALINGAM, Senthuran



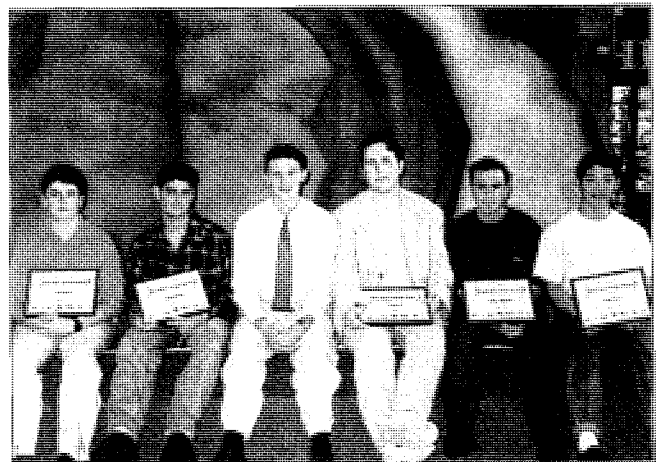
A group of students who participated in the McDonald College's Performing Arts Careers Day with Mr Michael Bader, Technical Director of Sydney Theatre Company and Old Boy of HBHS, .



Mrs Chadwick preparing ingredients for a lesson in the school kitchen.



Watching the soccer.



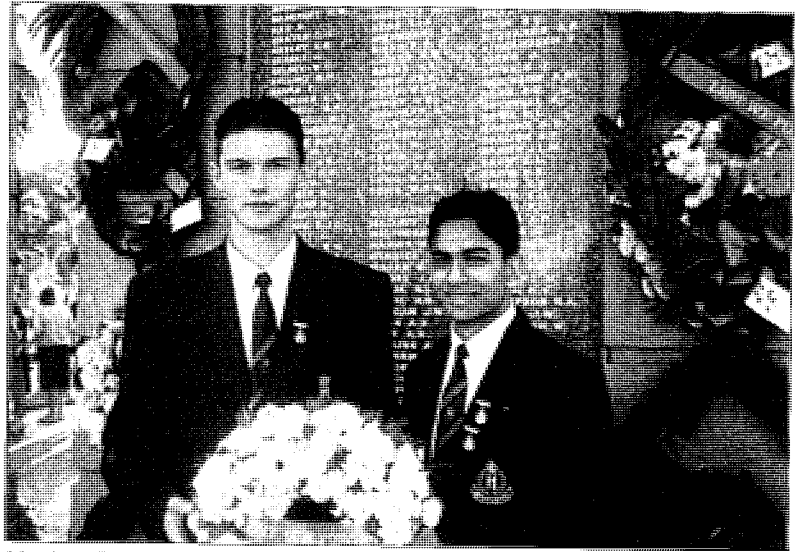
Finalists in the Inner West Excellence in Youth Awards 1997. Simon Ferrier, Gareth Williams, Matthew Paterson, Jason Layton, Anthony Ripamonti, Hong Nguyen.



Year 11 Geography Excursion to Shoalhaven Heads.



Anthony Ripamonti and Ahmad Zraika on the soccer field.



Matthew Paterson and Joseph Nalliah represented the school at he ANZAC ceremony.



Mr Cokerie looks on while his charges relax after a hard game.



On the Shoalhaven field study boys examine the board and chain walkway which has been trampled by walkers.



The Flag is lowered for the school's ANZAC day ceremony by Lawrence King, Gareth Williams, Prashanth Shanmugan and Jason Layton.



Ms Mauer who is going to Epping Boys High in 1998 as Head Teacher of Creative Arts.

SPORT



SUMMER SPORTS

SENIOR BASEBALL

The Senior baseball team had a successful season. They were runners up to a very strong team from Epping.

The Epping team was extremely well disciplined. Unfortunately, this was in contrast to our team who displayed a significant weakness in this aspect.

Mr J. Sturgiss
Coach

JUNIOR BASEBALL

Baseball was great fun during the summer. The teams we played were Asquith, Macquarie, Normanhurst, Epping and Ashfield (North Sydney was not playing). We only won one match all season. We had two draws and the rest we lost.

Our pitcher was *Sekona Mapapalangi* and our catcher was *Vi Hung*. First base was *Michael Park*, Second was Kim and Third was William. Our out fielders were Edgar, Zhen and Troy with Anthony as short stop. We often had to travel and had a long distance to walk.

The best batters in our team were *Vi Hung*, *Michael*, *Edgar*, *Sekona* and *Joo Won*.

Even though we were not very successful at playing baseball, we still enjoyed it very much. With more experience, we are sure to improve.

Ms K. Lindstrom
Coach

1ST GRADE BASKETBALL

Undefeated Zone Premiers

The First Grade Basketball side continued the tradition of impressive results by being Undefeated Zone Premiers for the second consecutive year.

With injuries and the transfer of a key player to another school it was thought that this team would not perform as well as last year. However the team exhibited a great desire to win resulting in 14 wins and no losses in the zone competition.

Our team consisted entirely of boys from Years 11 and 12. *Seni Sitauti* provided the team with the strong

defence and tenacious rebounding skills.

Eric "Big Country" Constantinidis, the 200cm giant, always gave 100% effort which certainly contributed to our success.

The athletic and hardworking *Nick Kozlovsky* and *David Bedford* annoyed the opposing sides with spectacular feats not matched in the professional ranks.

Toon "The Energiser" Lim would provide the team with energy in both good and bad times with spectacular dives in defence and 'circus' shots in offence.

Uy Tran, our feisty little point guard gave that extra effort when needed. Even though *Uy* lacked height he definitely made up for it with pinpoint shooting, unbelievable dribbling and speed.

Russell Panayi, our sleepy character, provided many enjoyable moments during the season.

The team would also like to thank our coach "Rockin' Ron" for the many hours he put in for our benefit over the last two years. The team would also thank our trusty manager, *Kent Staines*.

Our Year 12 players will finish this year and deserve a special tribute. *Eric Constantinidis*, *Seni Sitauti* and *Miroslav Popovic* have played since joining the 14 Years team. With *David Bedford*, who joined us two years ago, they gave countless hours of service to our basketball teams.

Nick Kozlovsky (c) & Miroslav Popovic (vc)

Coaches comment: Congratulations to Nick Kozlovsky for his selection in the North West Metropolitan Zone team.

First Grade Statistics

Player	Total Points	Game Average
R. Panayi	15	03.0
U. Tran	79	06.5
M. Popovic	Injured	
T. Lim	38	04.7
S. Sitauti	52	04.7
L. Martin	127	18.1
D. Bedford	107	08.9
E. Constantinidis	131	11.9
N. Kozlovsky	200	16.6
Total	749	62.5

2ND GRADE BASKETBALL

Zone Premiers

All of the boys really looked forward to the start of the 1996-97 season. The previous year we had been victorious over every team in the competition with the exception of Macquarie who had defeated us all three occasions including the Zone Final.

The season began poorly with Macquarie thrashing us by fourteen points. We regrouped and reeled off four straight victories before meeting Macquarie in the second round - result - they beat us worse - this time by fifteen points.

Mr Tedford, our coach, worked very hard with us and we did not lose any more matches.

We made the Zone Final and knew that we had to be at our best in order to beat our nemesis, Macquarie. The game was a very torrid and tight contest with neither team able to take a commanding lead.

We were playing excellent defence but our shots were not dropping, probably due to nervousness.

Neil Hockey, our centre, had the best match of his career. He blocked shots, rebounded well and scored thirteen points (the highest total of his career).

Because of Neil and timely contributions from all the other members of the team we were able to defeat Macquarie by the narrowest of margins 42-40 to become Zone Champions.

I would like to thank all the members of the team and Mr Tedford for an outstanding season.

Bassam Gebara
Captain

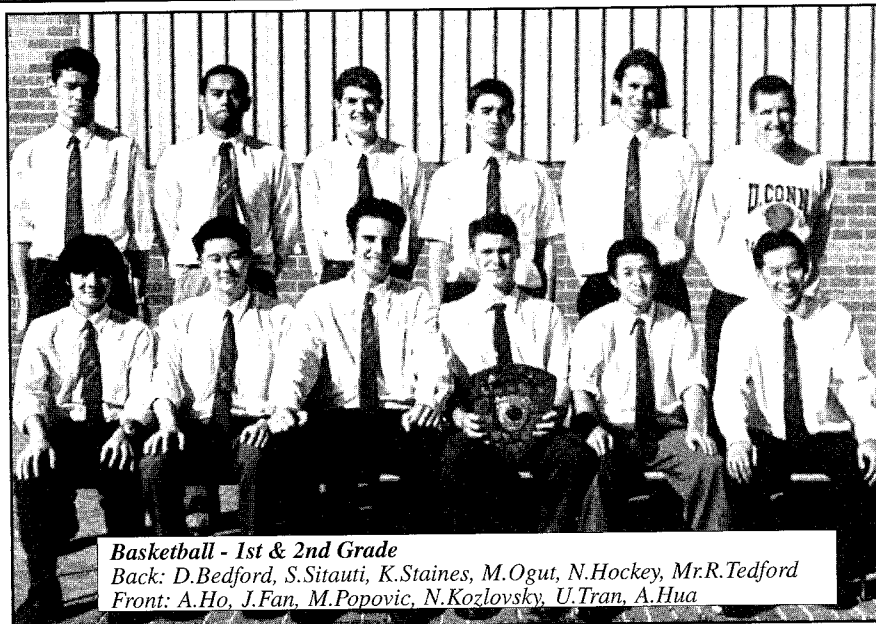
Second Grade Statistics

Player	Total Points	Game Average
A. Hua	36	03.2
M. Ogut	122	10.1
R. Bertocchi	68	06.1
A. Ho	60	05.0
B. Gebara (c)	57	05.7
D. Dig	86	07.1
N. Hockey	84	07.0
A. Allam	09	04.5
R. Panayi	35	07.0
J. Fan	04	04.0
Total	561	46.75



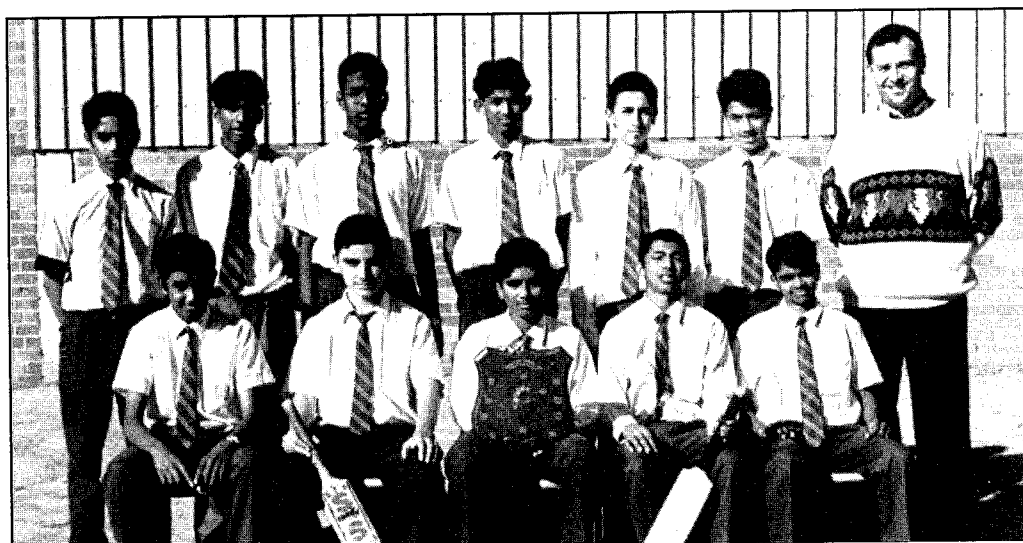
Cricket - 1st Grade

Back: M.Singh, R.Jegatheeswaran, R.Raghavan, P.Mills, M.Paterson, K.Rathinam, S.Rathinam, Dr.Balan Front: A.Morris, A.Turner, D.James (c), P.Catalovski (vc), C.Burns



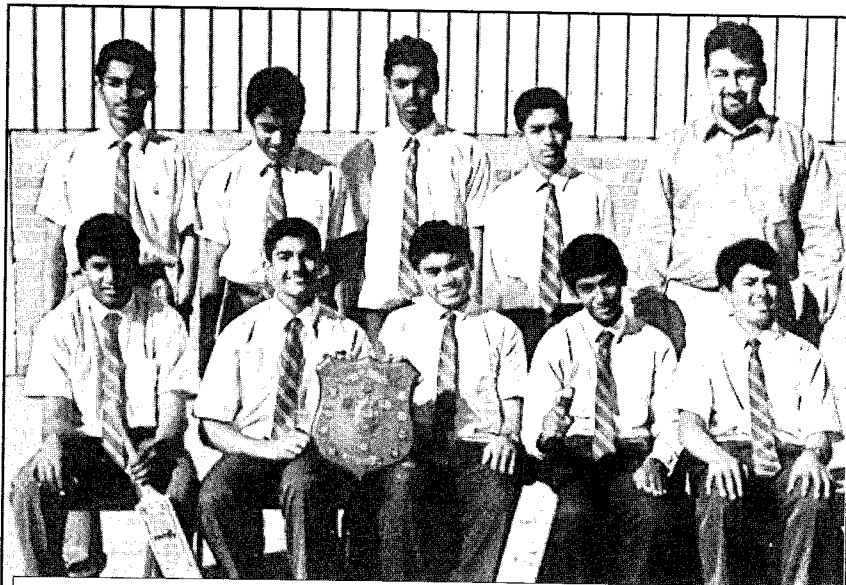
Basketball - 1st & 2nd Grade

Back: D.Bedford, S.Sitauti, K.Staines, M.Ogut, N.Hockey, Mr.R.Tedford Front: A.Ho, J.Fan, M.Popovic, N.Kozlovsky, U.Tran, A.Hua



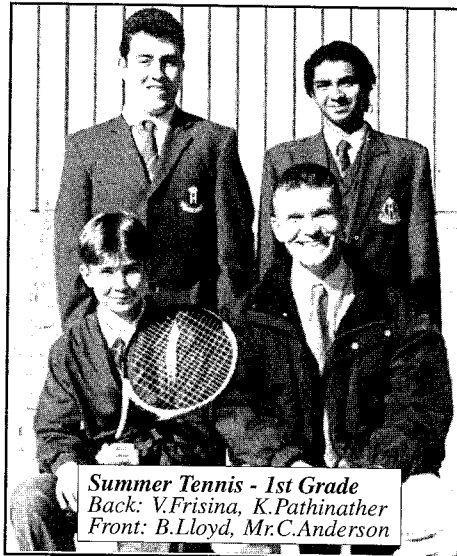
Cricket - 15A

Back: J.Sivalogarah, H.Sivasothy, D.Balachandran, V.Nadarajah, D.Santoro, A.Cheema, Mr.C.Halkidis Front: R.Harichandran, E.Kedicioglu (vc), C.Satchithanathan (c), C.Sukumaran, P.Ganeshalingam.



Cricket - 15B

*Back: P.Vijayasivajie, S.Retnavel, S.Sribalan, G.Pasupathy, Mr.S.Kretzas
Front: A.Maheswaran, P.Sivarajah, S.Thavapalachadran, J.Thangathuran,*



Summer Tennis - 1st Grade

*Back: V.Frisina, K.Pathinather
Front: B.Lloyd, Mr.C.Anderson*



Cricket - 2nd Grade

*Back: Mr.J.Taggart, K.Kunaratnam, M.I-Rajah, A.Manicavasagar, R.Jeyakumar,
A.Kumar Front: K.Manicavasagar, H.Singh, A.Eisler, V.Narayan.*

15 YEARS BASKETBALL

The 15 Years Basketball team had a very good season making the semi-final on a countback. Throughout the season the team had some sensational moments, and in fact beat every team in the competition.

Their secret weapon were the three pointers that on a good day were unstoppable. I remember vividly the many occasions when the "threes" would just drop one after the other with the defensive team only able to look on.

David So was deadly accurate. *Brendan Zattera* also lifted the team at crucial moments with a sensational three. *Dunstan Kim* also sunk his fair share as did *Seo* who was our best play maker.

The team was good under pressure and with a bit of luck could have won the competition. Throughout the season the boys showed admirable team spirit and represented the school with pride. Well done lads.

Mr P.Hagan
Coach

14 YEARS BASKETBALL

A very good effort displayed by all who represented the school in 14 Years Basketball. Although the team did not have an advantage in height or experience their enthusiasm and supportive team play earned valuable respect of others.

The team, being new to grade basketball and with very little individual skill were eager to improve and practised in their own time at lunch as well as before school training.

To their credit the team improved tremendously as the season progressed and became a more organised unit which is a solid foundation for success and will benefit them in the future.

The team consisted of *S.Ameripour*, *W.Arnout*, *W.Chan*, *C.Evripidou*, *G.Papoulis*, *C.Sotiris*, *A.Tanian*, *J.Tima*, *M.Wilkins* and *C.Winitana*.

An enjoyable time was had by all including the coach.

Mr S.Martin
Coach

1ST GRADE CRICKET

Zone Premiers

With only five players from last season's team there was some doubt as to whether we would achieve the same success. As it turned out we surpassed the achievements of last year.

The season commenced with a rematch of the Zone Final against North Sydney at Tunks Park. After rain on the first day we returned for a one day limited over match. North Sydney sent us in to bat and the synthetic wicket on a small ground suited our batting. With a strong innings of 30 from *Charles Burns* we scored 142 runs of 28 overs. North Sydney got off to a flying start but new Pakistani import *Naeem Ashraf* was able to stem the flow helping us to a comfortable 34 run victory.

At our home ground, Hudson park, Asquith was our second opponent. Captain *David James* elected to bat and new opening pair *Manpreet Singh* (83) and *Adam Turner* (44) put on 114. We closed at 7 for 242. Our fierce attack of *Matthew Paterson* and *David James* were responsible for dismissing Asquith for 107.

Epping came to Hudson Park to show that they were a Premiership contender. This they did dismissing our unstable batting line-up for 109 with only *David James* and *Rodney Kisna* offering resistance. We bowled two overs and Epping were 1 for 6 at then of the day's play. Rain prevented play on the second day with the game in the balance.

The second round of the Zone Competition commenced against North Sydney at Airey Park. Significant performances by *Matthew Paterson*, *Naeem Ashraf* and *Peter Catalovski* saw North Sydney dismissed for 106. Over confident, we reversed our batting line-up but this did not work and we were dismissed for 50 despite a gallant effort of 16 runs by *Rajith Raguhaben*.

After the shock loss we needed a good win against Asquith to rebuild our confidence. We elected to bat. *Manpreet Singh* (58) and *Charles Burns* (72) contributed to our score of 6 for 204. *Matthew Paterson* and

Naeem Ashraf both took five wickets dismissing Asquith for 63.

We qualified first for the Zone Final and our opponents for the fourth time this season, including a Davidson Shield match, was North Sydney. A poor effort from our batsmen, excluding *Aaron Morris* (25) and *Rahulana Jegatheeswaran* (21), saw our total reach 119. *Peter Catalovski*, 5 for 12 and *Matthew Paterson*, 3 for 19, saw North Sydney dismissed for 81, proving that we can defend a small total.

This was our third successive Zone Premiership ironically defeating North Sydney in each Zone Final.

DAVIDSON SHIELD

Quarter-finalists

Regional Champions

During the week between our first Asquith match we commenced our Davidson Shield commitments with a 2nd round match. After a 1st Round victory, Fort Street came to Hudson Park in an attempt to reverse our crushing victory of last season. They dismissed us for 133 with *David James* and *Manpreet Singh* offering resistance. *Charles Burns* starred with the ball taking 5 for 8 off 5 overs and Fort Street were dismissed for 41.

After the second round Zone match against Asquith the Davidson Shield campaign hotted up. We received a forfeit for the third round. A fourth round clash with Gosford would be a platform for a strong performance in this knockout competition. We had not beaten them for four years and were very keen for a win. After a ground change from Hudson to Mason Park we elected to bat. A strong performance from our batsmen, particularly *Peter Catalovski* (82), enabled us to score 182 of 40 overs. Gosford, not to ignored, set out in a valiant attempt for victory. A great legside catch by wicket keeper *Adam Turner* turned the game and our bowlers were able to capitalise on a weak tail dismissing Gosford for 165.

We returned to Tunks Park to play North Sydney with one match each for this season and the Regional Championship at stake. This victory was the most satisfying for the team all year, not just because of the thrilling circumstances but because

it would be the first time Homebush would be crowned Regional Champions. Rain caused a late start and then North Sydney won the toss and elected to bat. Our bowlers struggled until the introduction of *Naeem Ashraf* who took 4 for 14. Our confidence lifted and North Sydney were dismissed for a respectable 140 runs. The game looked out of our hands due to a slow start. A solid 45 runs from *Adam Turner*, backed up by a quick 30 from *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran* lifted the run rate to a run per ball. With our last pair at the crease and five runs to be scored of the last over North Sydney could sense victory. It took five balls for *Kish Rathinam* and *Matthew Paterson* to accumulate the runs in a memorable victory for the Homebush side.

A trip to Broken Hill was our reward for the Regional Championship. Foreign territory for everyone except the coach. After a mammoth sixteen hour train trip we would play on the only turf wicket in Broken Hill. We were surprised that their side had three South Australian representatives. Expecting strong opposition *Matthew Paterson* and *Naeem Ashraf* quickly took control of the game bowling Broken Hill out for 104. With the heat against us in a run chase *Peter Catalovski* (35) and *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran* (36) set out to finish the match as quickly as possible. A seven wicket victory saw us qualify for the Quarter Final and a trip to Ballina.

We travelled to Ballina and Ballina was 7 for 91. Luck was not with our side and constant rain prevented further play. A rematch was arranged at Tamworth and the winner would travel to Dubbo to contest the Semi-final and hopefully the Final.

After our successful Zone Final we travelled to Tamworth with confidence. However a few early dropped catches allowed Ballina to reach a mammoth total of 220. *Aaron Morris* (51) was keen to accept the challenge and with support from *Adam Turner* (32) we launched a slight glimmer of victory. However it was a forgone conclusion. Eventually we were dismissed for a gallant 161.

So we did not win the Davidson Shield, but we did prove to a lot of

people, especially ourselves that we can play good consistent cricket. We would like to thank Dr Balan our inspirational coach and Mr Davison, our mentor for the Davidson Shield, for all the support and motivation that they provided. Also thanks to the Third Graders who accompanied us to Broken Hill and Tamworth. Thanks for a great year.

Matthew Paterson
Captain

2ND GRADE CRICKET

Zone Premiers

The team was one of the most pleasant that I have been associated with. They did not dispute umpires' decisions even when they received bad ones. They were friendly to all their opposing teams. They were good natured and helpful to one another.

It was a just reward that they won the premiership. During the season the team lost only two matches and played fine cricket. It was a credit to the young men that they won as their captain and finest player went to Perth at the end of 1996.

However, there was no doubt that they would win the final. They beat North Sydney both mentally and in the score book. Homebush scored 9 for 119 with fine contributions of 29 from *Erin Eisler* and 27 from *Harmit Singh*. It was good to see that all the players put the team first with some great hitting by *Jonathon Byrne* and *Venkat Narayanan* at the end of the innings. The bowling and fielding won the game. *Sanjeevan Rathinam* (5 for 24), *Harmit Singh* (2 for 11) and *Ashnell Kumar* (1 for 14) were the spearhead of the bowling. However, *Neelan Sornalingam* and *Romesh Jeyakumar* bowled with fire maintaining the pressure. The catches by Erin and Venkat were brilliant. As a result North Sydney were out for 71.

Mr J. Taggart
Coach

3RD GRADE CRICKET

'Thirsty Thirds'

The Thirsties finished the season a close third on the Second Grade table and would have undoubtedly made the final if not for two wet

Wednesdays that saved opposition teams from certain defeat. On the second day's play. This deprived the Thirsties of deserved outright victories.

The team was ably led and managed by captain *Vimal Tharmapalan* and vice captain *Jeyaraj Mathiruparajah* they made my job a pleasure. *Indra Palanimalai* was our top bowler, picking up two 'Sportsman of the Week' awards during the season with returns of 9 for 27 against Epping and a hat trick against Normanhurst. *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran's* batting and bowling ferocity ensured many a victory while *Senthuran's* fielding was almost brilliant. Thanks especially to the seven 12th men who were at all times enthusiastic, supportive and understanding. These were Akilan the 'kitman', Pete, Rob, 'Jegman', 'Mathi', Neel and the mystery man Kokulan.

To the whole team thank you for maintaining the Thirsties' spirit of enjoyment above all.

Awards:
Most Improved: *Muralee Kanagaratnam*
Best and Fairest: *Rahulan Jegatheeswaran*

Mr.R.Davison
Coach.

15A CRICKET

Zone Premiers

The team consisted of *J.Sivalograjah*, *H.Sivasothy*, *D.Balachandran*, *V.Nadarajah*, *D.Santoro*, *A.Cheema*, *R.Harichandran*, *E.Kedicioglu (vc)*, *C.Satchithanandan (c)*, *C.Sukumaran*, *P.Ganeshalingam*, *S.Mulligan*, *B.Doublet*.

The 1996-97 season was to be full of surprises and changing fortunes. The team led by captain *Chrishan Satchithanandan* and vice-captain *Engin Kedicioglu* was to play each team once.

We were able to beat old rivals Epping in a low scoring match. They were all out for 79 runs and we were 2 for 80 after the required overs were bowled. It was a slow chase by our batsmen with Ben Doublet batting through the innings

Our next match was against Asquith

which we won outright quite easily. The third game was against North Sydney who were regarded as one of the best teams. This was to prove the case when they batted first and scored 180 runs. This was too big a total to chase in 35 overs and we managed only 104 runs. This proved that there was a lot of work to do to reach the semi-final.

We defeated Macquarie on the first innings but should have won outright. It was now clear that the loss to North Sydney had an obvious effect on the confidence of the boys. Poor catching and fielding in the Macquarie match cost the team outright points.

Normanhurst were defending champions and had not lost a match in almost two seasons. We batted first and were 5 for 50 after eighteen overs. Normanhurst were not troubled by our bowlers and scored the runs in twelve overs, losing only two wickets.

Despite these setbacks the boys believed that they could do better and if they could reach the semi-final then they would prove their worth. Fortunately the semi-final was to be played in February when students returned to school after the six week break.

The break proved vital in the semi-final against North Sydney who batted first. In a magnificent effort they were 5 for 13 after eight overs with *Vetti Nadarajah* being the main destroyer. The boys could not have expected to dismiss North Sydney for 46 runs. All went right in the field - one handed and diving catches were taken. One memorable catch by Romesh stimulated the team to greater effort and enthusiasm. The run chase was slow and cautious taking twenty-five overs to obtain the necessary 47 runs.

Normanhurst were sent in to bat in the Zone Final. The enthusiasm to win was still evident from the semi-final. Once again Vetti led the way taking five wickets. Haren, Sam and Devaker all took wickets and more importantly kept the runs to a minimum. Normanhurst were eventually dismissed for 114 runs. With 115 runs to score off 35 overs at 3.5 runs per over we now had a real chance. Sam and Chrisan

opened and stayed in for a long time and at the half-way drinks break we were 1 for 50. The run rate increased to five runs per over but we still had nine wickets in hand.

After the break we lost two quick wickets. With the run-rate still high a change in batting order saw big hitting Vetti score a quick 27 runs. With good support from Engin and Haren the 115 runs were scored with one over to spare.

It was a magnificent effort defeating a side that had not lost a match all season. Congratulations to all the boys on their effort. Special mention to the quiet unsung heroes - Jeevi, Prasad, Ali and Chinthu, who without their contributions success would not have come our way. And of course the team motivator, *Damian Santoro*, who even from the start of the season, believed that we would make the final.

Thank-you boys for a most enjoyable time and best wishes for next season.

Mr C.Halkidis
Coach

15B CRICKET *Undefeated Zone Premiers*

The 15B Cricket team had a very successful season. The thirteen members of the team had convincing wins over North Sydney, Epping, Normanhurst and Asquith to reach the final against North Sydney on the turf wicket at Hudson Park.

On the big day we sent North Sydney in to bat. A fine spell of bowling from *Piriyandan Sivarajah*, *Suman Retnavel* and *Anil Naidu* contained North Sydney to only 63 runs off 35 overs. The boys went in to bat on the same day and scored the required runs off only 25 overs and were declared Zone Premiers.

Individually Homebush had some outstanding performances with the bat, such as *Anil Naidu*, *Sivan Surendran*, *Pathiban Vijayasivaji* and *Gajan Pasupathy*.

The best bowlers all season were *Piriyandan Sivarajah*, *Anil Naidu*, *Atchuthan Maheswaran* and *Joe Thangathurai*.

Congratulations on a fantastic season.

Mr S.Kretzas
Coach

14A CRICKET

For the boys, this year can only be described as a 'Greek Tragedy' (those that do Ancient History will understand) or for Economists, a 'boom/bust cyclical frenzy! For a talented bunch of lads they now realise that you should have your crook days at the beginning of the year and not in the semi-final against the weakest team.

The team was made up of some unique, colourful Homebush identities. Firstly, the team's beloved leader, *Chris Lindsay*, our best batsman who liked to experiment by catching the ball with his head. *Corwin Hooper*, who unfortunately signed a contract with an English team and missed half the season, *Jeremy Haikin* "Greg Ritchie has a twin", and *Harminder* "I'm the best batsman even through I keep getting out" *Singh*.

The team had several 'mute' fast bowlers including Hasanka and Sriharan (don't appeal through telepathy boys!!). Some outstanding fielders who believed every batsmen should have a chance to prove themselves, again and again and again. Including Hari, Sharangan, Krishnakuma, Ragulan (the best scorer ever), Sharangan and Divyan.

Last but not least, *Myooran Elango*, the great explorer in the tradition of Bourke and Wills, when catching a bus to Epping Boys' High School decided (probably through my negligent Geography teaching) that North Sydney was close to our ground. A great team player whom the coach was lucky to have in the team. Well done boys, you were the best and fairest team.

Mr J.Anderson
Coach

14B CRICKET

We commenced the season with a well earned win which gave us a great boost in confidence. Throughout the season we had some good days and some bad.

Rangan Srikhanta and *Robert*

Moliterno had some good opening partnerships which lifted the confidence of our middle order batsmen. *Savinay Aneja* was our highest scoring batsman in most matches with a highest score of 52 runs.

Our bowlers were always performing at their best which led to many wickets. Sharp bowling by *Ibrahim Zeineddine*, *Rangan Srikhanta*, *Anthony Perumal* and *Rahuram Sivasubraman* gave us a strong advantage. We narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

All boys always gave 100%. Also, we would like to thank our coach *Mr. Sparrow*, who helped and guided us along the way.

Robert Moliterno
Captain

1ST GRADE TENNIS

The Summer Tennis season posed the greatest challenge to our teams in recent history. We unfortunately felt the loss of our more experienced players due to the HSC.

We fielded a very strong First grade team with *Bradley Lloyd*, *Kevin Pathinather*, *Daniel White* and *Vince Frisina*. Daniel was a new discovery bringing his soccer skills to the court. Fortunately we were able to harness his loquacious enthusiasm. Epping continued to be our nemesis.

The team displayed good sportsmanship, reliability and maturity for which we are known.

2ND GRADE TENNIS

The Second Grade team was equally as strong with well tested and seasoned players. *Bernard Jaboh*, *Lin Chen*, *Arnel Rodriguez*, *Laurence King* and *Peter Baloglow* all played extremely well.

North Sydney has entered the competition and unfortunately proved our down fall in the semi-final.

The team continued to display the good sportsmanship, reliability and maturity for which we are known.

Mr C. Anderson
Coach

15 YEARS TENNIS

The 15 Years team consisted of *Sam Choi*, *Victor Lee*, *Bob Lu* and *Michael Utteridge*.

It was a pleasure to work with a group who were reliable, enthusiastic and always cooperative and courteous. Each boy always gave of his best and was an excellent representative of the school.

Ms W.Dare
Coach

14 YEARS TENNIS

The 14 Years team relied on a large group of boys consisting of *Sani Akanda*, *Yasser Elyatin*, *Damian Scott*, *Anthony To*, *Jian Yang*, *Colman Yu* and *Mark Wong*. Each of these boys played many times for the team.

The team was fortunate to have *Damian Scott* as captain. He not only played every week but played very well winning almost all of his singles. Throughout the season *Damian* showed himself to be a mature, reliable and helpful captain who always displayed good sportsmanship.

Ms W.Dare
Coach

SENIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

The team played valiantly throughout the season and achieved a hard fought victory against North Sydney.

Generally, however, although the team comprised many naturally talented individuals, a lack of fitness was our main downfall. Hopefully, next season will see goals of making the final a reality.

The team represented the school honourably in all facets of the game.

Mr F.Rodi
Coach

JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

A small and completely inexperienced team, the boys settled down into a fighting unit. As they trained and played together, skills and ability developed.

The speed of *Yang Yang Xia*, *Peter Li* and *Frank Lee* created many breaks. The leadership of captain *Sutharsan Isaac* kept the defence well organised while the developing skills of *Kassem Bayeh* and *Sanjev Kangatharan* gave the team forward (and sometimes sideways) movement. The team also contained the consistent *Aaron Uren* and part-time players *Andrew Chan* and *Eloni Tuitupou*.

The improvement in the side was fantastic and to finish third in a four team competition was more than honourable.

I look forward to next season. Their experience and continued improvement will make the team genuine contenders.

Mr A.Everett
Coach

1ST GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Undefeated Minor & Major Premiers

It was yet another successful season for volleyball with all grades taking out their premierships.

1st Grade annihilated the schools in the Zone remaining undefeated. The team was subjected to change early in 1997 as a new coach *Mr. Riley* took over from *Mr. Wong*.

The team consisting of *Anthony Ripamonti*, *Adam Banas*, *Samuel Kim*, *Jimmy Lam*, *Hong Nguyen* and *Redell Macabenta* won their final 3 sets to nil.

2ND GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Minor & Major Premiers

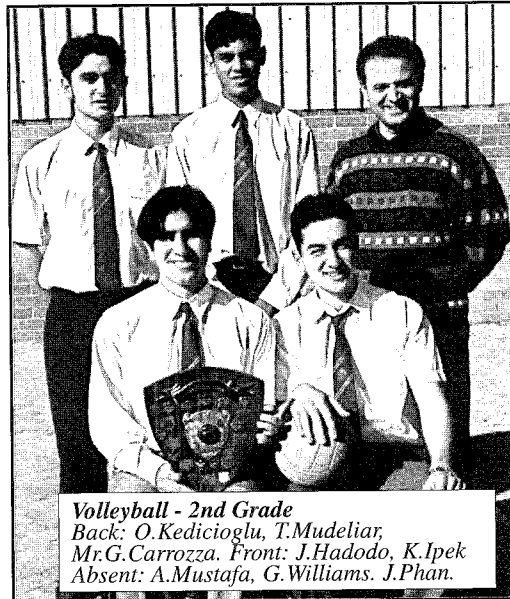
In 1997 the 2nd Grade Volleyball team was once again successful in retaining the title as North Metropolitan Regional Champions.

However, it wasn't all smooth sailing for the 2nd Grade team, losing to *Normanhurst* in the final round of competition.

This caused some concern for coach *Mr Carrozza*. The team eased his concern with the combination of *Johan Hadodo*, *Okan Kedicioglu*, *Thushen Mudeliar*, *Koray Ipek*, *Arie Mustafa*, *Gareth Williams* and *Jay Jay Phan* successful in defeating *Macquarie* in the final to maintain



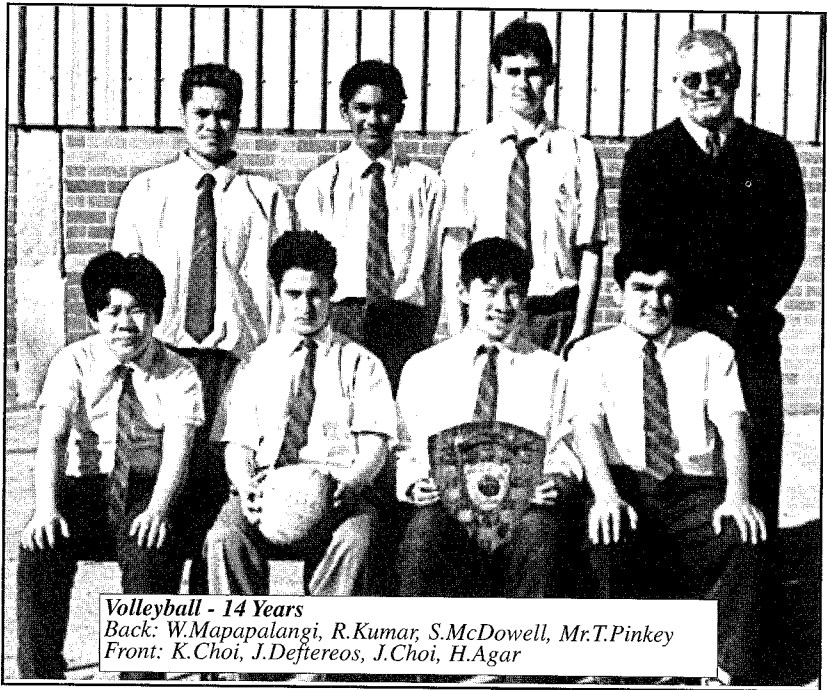
Volleyball - 1st Grade
 Back: Mr.M.Riley, A.Banas, N.Kozlovsky, S.Kim.
 Front: J.Lam, A.Ripamonti, R.Macabenta, H.Nguyen.



Volleyball - 2nd Grade
 Back: O.Kedicioglu, T.Mudeliar,
 Mr.G.Carrozza. Front: J.Hadodo, K.Ipek
 Absent: A.Mustafa, G.Williams. J.Phan.



Volleyball - 15 Years
 Back: H.Sag, J.Zheng, J.Liang, A.Ho, Mr H.Ha.
 Front: W.Xu, O.Tufanoglu, C.Moore, M.Tong
 Absent: N.Nand (c)



Volleyball - 14 Years
Back: W.Mapapalangi, R.Kumar, S.McDowell, Mr.T.Pinkey
Front: K.Choi, J.Dejtereos, J.Choi, H.Agar



Waterpolo - 15 Years
Back: A.Helou, A.Willmott, Mr.J.Hayward
Front: B.Squires, C.Churton (c), H.Ward, T.Sly



Waterpolo - 14 Years
Back: Mr.J.Hayward, A.Rafaelli, J.Matthew-Stubbs, Y.Sen
Front: A.Pantehis, S.Massey, R.Nefedov, K.Massey (c), H.Lee

Homebush's fine tradition of being the best volleyball school in the Zone.

Johan Hadodo
Captain

15 YEARS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Undefeated Minor and Major Premiers

It was another successful year for the 15 Years Volleyball team winning the premiership without losing a single game and maintaining the unbeaten record of the 15 Years Homebush Boys' High Volleyball team. Thanks to all players.

From last years games we expected Epping to be the strongest opponent. However, we defeated them quite easily 15 -5, 15 -1. This was not our best result as we managed to overcome Macquarie 15 - 0, 15 - 1. We hope that we can continue this good record as we move up into the senior divisions next year.

As captain I wish all the best to the players and on behalf of the team would like to thank Mr Ha and Mr Pinkey for their support and coaching.

Nitin Nand
Captain

14 YEARS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Major Premiers

The 14 Years team consisting of *Jon Chao* (Captain), *Sean McDowell*, *William Mapapalangi*, *Matthew Uepi*, *Jim Defterios*, *Rajneel Kumar*, *Kin Choi*, *Huseyin Agar* and *Josh Mapapalangi* were successful in taking out the final of the North West Metropolitan Zone volleyball competition. We finished the season with a 10 win 3 loss record, losing to Epping in both rounds and to Asquith at Homebush in the first game of the season.

In the semi-final we had a convincing 2 sets to nil victory over Ashfield to go into the final against Epping. Having lost on both occasions that we played them, Epping were hot favourites. This was to be the toughest game of the season. The first set went to Epping 15-10 but Homebush rallied to take out the 2nd and 3rd sets 15-11 and

15-12. Epping then fought back in a very hard contested 4th set to win 15-13. In the final set Homebush won 15-8. The game had taken over two hours to play and every member of the team were given court time to contribute to the 3-2 nail biting victory. The hard efforts of the team in training had paid off.

**Jon Chao &
Sean McDowell**
Captain

WATERPOLO - 1ST GRADE

State Champions - Fifth Time

Season 96/97 was yet another highly successful season for Homebush Boys 1st Grade Waterpolo. Although plagued by injury, players being unavailable due to representative commitments, and the loss of coach Mr Wilkins to another school early in the season, we managed to pull it all together towards the end under new coach Mr Mitchell. What had been a slow and disappointing start transformed into a brilliant display of team camaraderie and commitment in our 13-0 white-wash over Epping Boys in the Zone Final.

This was a great confidence boost as we embarked on our journey towards our fifth Open State Knockout championship in a row.

On our way to the final series, we had wins over Fort Street, Epping Boys, Malvina, Balgowlah Boys and Westfields Sports. The match against Balgowlah was very close with the match going to sudden death. *Mark Gilbert* scored the winning goal off a quick counter attack. We faced Alstonville High in the semi final and had a comfortable win, giving the junior players a chance to display their skills.

It was then on to the State Knockout grand final. We were up against Albury High School, several times semi finalist and finalist. Led by C.H.S representative brothers, *Tim Gilbert* and *Mark Gilbert* and fellow C.H.S representative *Gavin Churton* we took control early in the match and went on to secure our fifth title with another comfortable win, 11-4. Other notable performances were that of 3 time veteran *Alistair Baker*, superfish *Andrew Arvanoutopolus* and the young guns *Colin Churton* and *Nicholas Grbin*.

Ben Slade was also very solid in goals.

Mark Gilbert was named Player of the Final and then captain *Tim Gilbert* accepted the N.S.W.C.H.S Open State Knockout shield on behalf of Homebush Boys High School for the fifth successive time. Mr Mitchell became the third coach in five years to take the traditional victory swim, one which was well deserved.

Tim Gilbert

15 YEARS WATERPOLO Minor Premiers

Most of this team trained well during the season and won all but one of its games before the semis. With captain *Colin Churton* directing play in the mid-field, *Bryn Squires* and *Hugh Ward* were strong in attack with *Shane Lodge* and *Chris Gray* safe in defence. *Alex Helou*, *Andrew Willmott*, *Daniel McWilliam* and particularly *Trevor Sly* in goals all trained well through the season and have developed into strong and reliable players.

After trouncing Asquith in the semi-final Homebush came up against Epping in the final. In a fairly close game, Epping, bristling with several State swimmers, proved a handful for our defence in the larger Ashfield pool and went on to win.

Congratulations to *Colin Churton* who was selected in the CHS seconds team.

The Grand Finalists were: *Colin Churton* (c), *Chris Gray*, *Alex Helou*, *Shane Lodge*, *Daniel McWilliam*, *Trevor Sly*, *Bryn Squires*, *Hugh Ward* and *Andrew Willmott*.

Mr J.Hayward
Coach

14 YEARS WATERPOLO Zone Premiers

A small squad of boys trained hard during the first half of the season and despite having few reserves, played well to win against most schools. However Homebush lost against the strong Epping and North Sydney teams who had plenty of reserves to use during their games. In term I this year outstanding Year 7 swimmers *Henry Lee*, *Andrew*

Pantehis and *Steve Massey* joined the team and began to develop good waterpolo skills during training.

North Sydney and Epping however were still too strong in the second round encounters and it appeared that these two schools would fight out the final.

In the semi final match against minor premiers North Sydney, Homebush pulled out all stops and drew level at full-time. In the final

minute of extra time *Tim McMahon* scored an excellent goal to win the match. The following week Homebush, riding on the crest of a wave, went on to defeat the stunned Epping team convincingly in the Final.

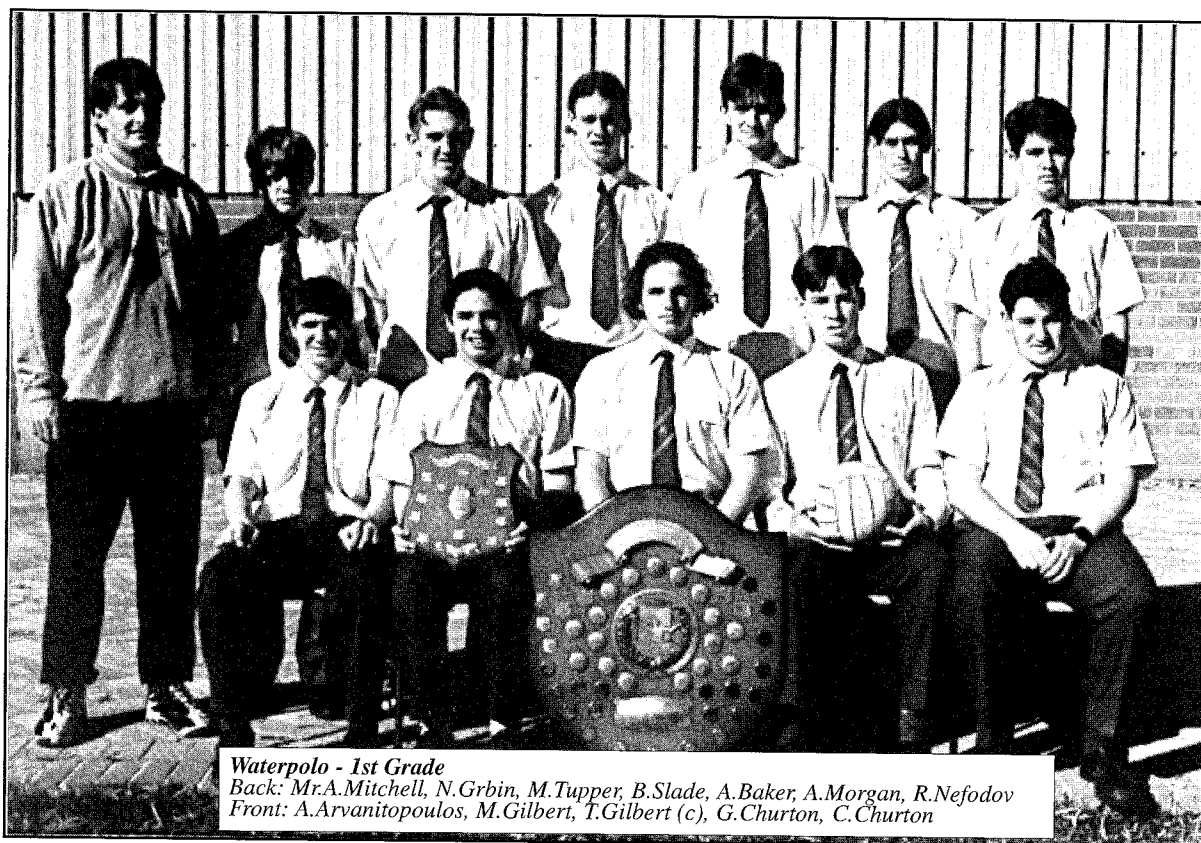
The starting line up for the final was *Kieran Massey* (Captain), *Jonathon Matthew-Stubbs*, *Jay Hook*, *Steven O'Farrell*, *Henry Lee*, *Andrew Pantehis* and *Ross Nefodov* in goals (Ross was selected in the State team! Congratulations). Bench

players *Cheyne Massey*, *Tim McMahon*, *Alex Raffaelli*, *Steve Massey*, *Yavuz Sen* and *Dean Maurer* all played their hearts out in the final.

The team was rewarded with a sailing cruise on Sydney Harbour after a great victory.

Mr J.Hayward
Coach

State Champions (Five Times) First Grade Water Polo



Waterpolo - 1st Grade
Back: Mr.A.Mitchell, N.Grbin, M.Tupper, B.Slade, A.Baker, A.Morgan, R.Nefodov
Front: A.Arvanitopoulos, M.Gilbert, T.Gilbert (c), G.Churton, C.Churton

WINTER SPORTS

GOLF

The following students represented Homebush at the Annual North West Metropolitan Zone's Golf Championships held at Massey Park Golf Club on Friday, 17th October. *Daniel White, Steven O'Farrell and David Ratcliffe* represented at Junior level and *Martyn Bates, Neil Hockey and Charles Burns* at Senior level.

The school finished fourth in the Juniors, sixth in the Seniors and fifth overall. All players contributed and Neil Hockey won the senior's "longest drive".

Mr.T.Pinkey
Coach

FIRST GRADE HOCKEY

Undefeated Zone Premiers

The 1997 season was to be the best ever for the First Grade Hockey side. After winning the Zone Competition last year for the first time in fourteen years, the boys were looking to take things one step further in the State Knockout.

The players, led by captain *Bjorn Hook*, remained undefeated through the season. They easily accounted for Macquarie, Normanhurst, Asquith and Ashfield. The two remaining teams, North Sydney and Epping, pushed us right to the end. However we did manage to defeat North Sydney 2-1 and Epping 3-1 in less than impressive displays.

We finished Minor Premiers and then defeated Normanhurst 5-1 in the semi-final. North Sydney defeated Epping in the other semi-final.

So the stage was set for a replay of the 1996 Zone Final. We knew that North Sydney would be determined to rectify the loss of 1996. The first half was very close and the half-time score was 1-1. In the second half players like *Kishangaran Rathinam, Bjorn Hook, Daniel Whitwell, Jonathan Byrne and Sean Ronan* started to run the ball and create opportunities resulting in two quick goals. This broke the spirit of the opposition and we eventually won the match 6-1. This high score did not reflect the closeness of the match.

State Knockout Regional Finalist

The boys were determined to improve on their efforts in the State Knockout. They went as far as the Regional Final reaching the last

sixteen in the state - a magnificent effort.

Unfortunately, playing schools like Corowa, which is about 100 km west of Albury and near the Victorian border requires us to meet some of the best players in the State. Our lack of experience at this elite level was a telling factor and we were unable to progress any further.

I would like to thank all the players for making this a most enjoyable season. Special thanks to the parents for their support - particularly Mr Hook and Mrs Ronan. Thanks also to my fellow hockey coach, Mr Smith, for his encouragement, support and assistance in the trips to Wyong and Corowa.

Mr.C.Halkidis
Coach

JUNIOR HOCKEY

The season began with nearly half the team never having picked up a hockey stick. After two crushing and depressing losses at the beginning of the season it was decided that extra training and coaching sessions, one day a week after school were necessary. Credit must be given to all members of the team, in particular the older students - *Dunstan Kim, Sami-Ullah Khan, Sean Menaud and Jehan Hamid* - who came to training week after week and helped encourage the younger members of the team.

After the initial setbacks the team managed to recover and win consistently against all other teams in the competition. Players who showed the greatest improvement through the season included *William Lieu*, whose solid defence saved many a goal, and *Sean Menaud* who developed into a fast attacker and became the team's top goal scorer. Credit must also be given to *Karin Hakin*, who, as goalkeeper valiantly saved many shots fired at goal, and *Dunstan Kim* who captained the team and whose endless encouragement and boundless energy helped spur the team on to qualify for the semi-final against North Sydney.

Although the Junior Hockey team did not make the final they showed a marked and continued development throughout the season and the preparation has been done for the making of a strong team next season. It has been a good and enjoyable season - well done to all.

Mr.A.Smith
Coach

SENIOR LAWN BOWLS

Lawn Bowls is made up of four players on each team. Each player rolls two bowls and tries to get them closest to the jack (the small white ball). At the completion of an end, when all players have delivered their bowls, points are scored for the shots closest to the jack.

We won most of our matches in the round robin losing only to Asquith and North Sydney. We qualified for a semi-final and played North Sydney. We unfortunately lost, but there is always next year.

Our team consisted of *Sam Mulligan, Jeremy Haikin, Trevor Sly and Simon Ferrier*.

Simon Ferrier
Captain

JUNIOR LAWN BOWLS

The Junior squad for Lawn Bowls consisted of six players. They were *Adnan Derbas, Kim Huynh, Victor Lee, Ali Van, Jeff Xian and Ragulan Vivekanantharajah*.

When we began, we were all inexperienced and did not even know the purpose of the white ball. However due to the experience of Senior player, Simon Ferrier, we were able to learn the art of lawn bowls.

We were ready to make our first appearance in the Zone Competition against North Sydney. We were hoping to be victorious in our first match but unfortunately North Sydney had not as yet organised their team.

We then played Ashfield away but had a minor problem in that we did not have a captain and no-one volunteered. For some reason Simon chose me even, though I did not have the skills. We all played reasonably well for our first time but ended up losing.

We then played Asquith who would be our opponents in the Zone Semi-Final. Victor and I were given a rest and Ali and Jeff made their debut in lawn bowls. We lost in a tight match.

There were only four schools in our competition and we played a total of twelve matches. We only won four, all at our home ground, Homebush Bowling Club: not bad for beginners.

Our semi-final opponents were Asquith, the toughest team in the

competition. We all thought that they would be too strong and we were correct.

We all thank the bowling clubs, especially Homebush, for supplying the bowls and refreshing drinks. Finally we all thank Ms.Lindstrom for supervising us in playing lawn bowls.

Ragulan Vivekanantharajah
Captain

FIRST XV RUGBY

The nineteen-ninety seven season was one of continuous improvement for the First XV Rugby team. The squad consisted of players with exceptional skill and players in their first year of rugby.

The highlights of the season included a 10-3 Waratah Shield victory over Fort Street High School and a thumping 39-12 second round victory over Asquith. Significantly, every result in the second round of the Zone competition was an improvement on the first round matches.

Four members of the team were selected to represent the North West Metropolitan Zone in the Inter-Region Carnival held at Dapto. These players were tireless breakaways, *Rohitish Narayan and Toon Lim*, Second rower *Seni Sitauti* and classy winger *John Mapapalangi*.

The strength of the team lay in its mobile and constructive pack of forwards. *Rees Jaram* has the potential to represent Combined High Schools in 1998. He provided inspired leadership for the team. *Richard Williams* and *James Coplestone*, *Tony Guaricci*, and *Tommy Hikila* consistently turned in solid games. *James Johnstone* won a great amount of ball with his fantastic jumping in the line-out. *Tim Arnold* quickly learnt the skills of robust forward play and I would expect him to represent the zone in 1998.

The back-line was well served by creative halves in *Harry Papaeleou* and *Erin Eisler*. *Nick Kozlovsky*, *Jeff Marolho* and *Mohammad Ashraf* took advantage of the gaps created by the inside players.

Though missing the semi-final by one position, the team can look forward to continued improvement in 1998 as many boys develop their skills with local rugby clubs.

Mr.W.Hilliard
Coach

2ND GRADE RUGBY

Although the 2nd Grade won only one game during the season they had a great season and upheld the spirit of Rugby Union.

Throughout the competition the team played clean, hard and unrelenting Rugby. *Andrew Ferguson* led the team in the highest tradition of a Bushie's team, being prepared to tackle endlessly and to take the ball to the opposition when we gained possession. Against a certain team, which played an ill-disciplined brand of rugby, the team stuck to their task and just played football. In fact by concentrating on football they were able to score fifteen great points. On many occasions the referee commented on the good nature of the team.

Hopefully the players will continue playing the game in the true spirit. *George Zervellis* was an inspirational counter attacking force from full-back. Ozkan was prepared to be creative at fly half. Gem and *Tom Gilbert* were tough and reliable in the centres. Rubin, although the smallest player on the team was the biggest tackler. *Daniel Ryan* is a super winger - being a hard and fast runner. The Mr Versatile award must go to *Robert Fakoua* who played any position from wing to second row. Hopefully, Junior, Moses and *Tim Strachan* will progress to First Grade next year as they are talented and courageous players.

Many thanks to all the guys who played - you are a great group who are prepared to learn.

Mr J.Taggart
Coach

15 YEARS RUGBY

The 1997 season for the 15 Years Rugby Union team was a mixed bag. The team recorded some outstanding results including a 24-7 win over Narrabeen Sports High School. Although this was a convincing win, we were unable to produce the same result in the semi-final when Narrabeen defeated us 23-0.

Overall the season was seen as one that was not fulfilled due to lack of dedication at training sessions and important games.

The season did see improvement in a number of players including *Louis Cremer*, *Michael Vincent*, *Cameron Moore*, *Emmanuel Citton*, *Ben Doublet* and *David Ata*.

The team thanks both Mr Mitchell and Mr Riley for great support and dedication during the season.

Cameron Moore

14 YEARS RUGBY

Season 1997 should provide a solid foundation for a successful senior team.

A courageous effort in reaching the semi-final against Ashfield was displayed by all with special mention going to *Kieran Massey*, *Troy Atkins*, *Clarke Winitana*, *Joshua Mapapalangi*, *Timothy McMahon*, *Sean McDowell*, *Alex Johnson*, *Vi Lam*, *Hari Sivasoorriya*, *Sekona Mapapalangi*, and *Sammy Chakaik*.

Continued team discipline should see players reaching their potential in future seasons.

Mr S.Martin
Coach

13 YEARS RUGBY

The 1997 season for the 13 Years Rugby Union team was a successful one. Considering the fact that the majority of the players had not picked up a Rugby ball before, they performed exceptionally well and will definitely be a force in the years to come.

The team managed to make it to the semi-final but unfortunately were beaten quite comfortably by a well drilled Ashfield side.

If I were to recall any remarkable achievements during the season it would be our 103-3 victory over Epping. Another stand-out for the season would be the consistent efforts of the Massey brothers, Steven and Cheyne, who never gave up and were the first boys to tackle the biggest of the opposition - despite them being twice their size on most occasions!

Other strong players were *Anthony Lee* (picked as a Zone Representative) and *Sosaia Funaki*, with the former in particular giving a remarkable effort every week. The team was well captained by a player who led by example - *Edward Park*.

In conclusion, the season was definitely a successful and enjoyable one and the boys should be very proud of themselves.

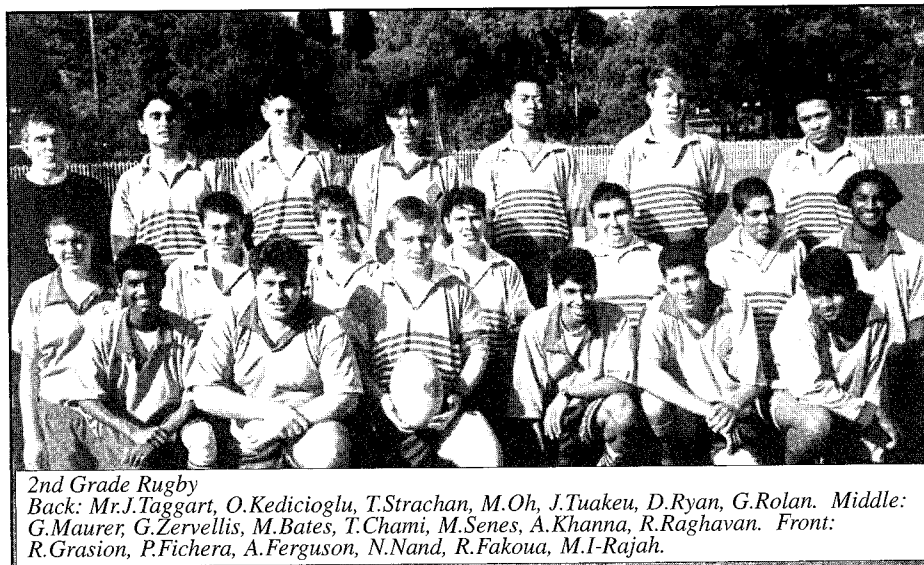
Mr S.Donohoe
Coach



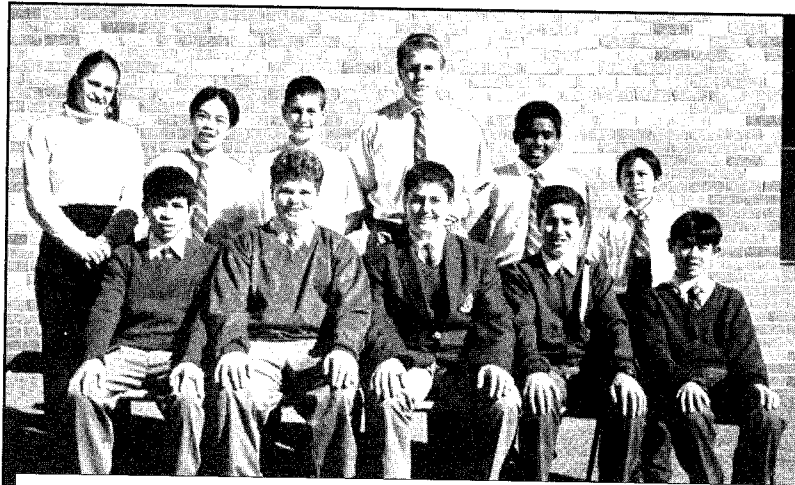
Hockey - Senior
R.Macabenta, M.Gilbert, D.Ratcliffe, I.Afzal, S.Rathinam, J.Byrne,
K.Rathinam, S.Ronan, K.Manicavasagar, B.Hook, T.Young,
V.Chandrasekaran, A.Ripamonti, P.Thevasadan, Mr.C.Halkidis



1st Grade Rugby
Back: R.Jaram, T.Hika, J.Marolho. Middle: H.Papaeleou, T.Arnold, T.Gilbert,
N.Ashraf, T.Strachan.
Front: R.Raghaven, O.Kedicoglu, R.Williams, E.Eisler, R.Narayan.
Absent: S.Sitauti, J.Coplestone, T.Guarrici, J.Johnstone, N.Kozlovsky.



2nd Grade Rugby
Back: Mr.J.Taggart, O.Kedicioglu, T.Strachan, M.Oh, J.Tuakeu, D.Ryan, G.Rolan. Middle:
G.Maurer, G.Zervellis, M.Bates, T.Chami, M.Senes, A.Khanna, R.Raghavan. Front:
R.Grason, P.Fichera, A.Ferguson, N.Nand, R.Fakoua, M.I-Rajah.



*Senior & Junior Lawn Bowls
 Back: Ms. C.Lindstrom, V.Lee, S.Mulligan, T.Sly, R.Vivekanantharajah, A.Van.
 Front: J.Xiang, J.Haikin, S.Ferrier, A.Derbas, K.Huang. Absent: D.Shaw.*



*15B Soccer
 Back: S.Retnavel, U.Ozturk, A.Cheema, E.Kedicoglu, D.Balachandran,
 B.Agostino, P.Bijjani, T.Ozonaran, A.Mansour, A.Tamian, Mr.J.Coskerie.
 Front: C.Evripidou, H.Agar, D.Santoro, S.Pollard, M.Utteridge, M.Eroksuz.*



*3rd Grade Soccer
 Back: Mr.S.Kretzas, J.Kolouris, N.Kozlovsky, B.Slade, P.Lidano, O.Hazim,
 B.Papaeleou, M.Ahmad, A.Hadjicosta.
 Front: S.Kyriacou, B.Pickering, B.Gebara, D.Mitchell, A.ElEdelbi, A.Agostino.*

1ST GRADE SOCCER

Zone Premiers

Coached by Mr Doenau, the First Grade Soccer team had another successful season. With his remarkable record of seven Zone Final appearances in eight years, coach Doenau was ecstatic with the result emphasising the importance of individual discipline in achieving a team result.

The First Grade squad consisted of *Mathew James, Steven James, Peter Catalovski, Karl Kraeft, Neil Hockey, Ashley Morgan, Ahmad Zraika, Nem Mihajlovic, Anthony Ripamonti, Deya Gebara, Brad Thompson, Ozan Tufanoglu, Vahid Ameripour and Nishan Padayachy.*

After the disappointing second round exit from the Commonwealth Bank Cup the First Grade squad regrouped and concentrated on the North West Metropolitan Zone Competition. We accounted for Asquith in the semi-final and so won a spot in the Zone Final.

The Zone Final against Epping was a match we will not forget. We led 1-0 at half-time thanks to a cracking goal by *Karl Kraeft*. With the match growing in tension several departures were to come - *Karl Kraeft*, then *Matthew James* with injury, *Ashley Morgan* and *Neil Hockey* through technicalities. With three Homebush players and one Epping player 'red carded', the remaining had a lot on their shoulders. Close to full-time Epping equalised and at 1-1 a sense of doubt swept the Homebush camp.

Extra time was played and with minutes remaining *Ahmad Zraika* was sent from the field leaving only seven Homebush players. Facing the impossible, the remaining players showed courage and determination - particularly replacement goalkeeper *Nishan Padayachy*, who performed a number of acrobatic saves. After an incredible effort the score remained 1-1 at the end of extra time.

So we were Zone Premiers with Epping!

Ashley Morgan

2ND GRADE SOCCER

Undefeated Zone Premiers

This team remained undefeated throughout the season. They comprehensively outplayed all opposition dispensing with Macquarie First Grade in the semi-final

and sailed by Epping 2-0 in the Zone Final.

The team was ably captained by *Matthew Paterson* (who also received the 'goal of the season award' with his 40 yard pearler to the top corner of the goal against North Sydney). Our keeper was brilliant *Nishan "Schemercher" Padayachy* as was the midfield maestro *Rawad Nicola* who was most effective when bringing his team-mates into the game.

Joe Cremona and *Nick Grbin* never shirked their responsibilities or a tackle as full-backs. *Metin Agar* was always solid and secure in defence and provided visionary distribution to his attacking players. *Caccia, Mejed, Arie* and *Vahid* always gave 100% effort and worked tirelessly to create gaps. Big *Tony Manikis* and *Brad Thompson* were always alert and dangerous in attack. *Ozan's* versatility and ability were indispensable.

The Second Grade team are deserved champions. They overcame injuries to key players and the loss of players to First Grade to achieve the highest goal possible. Well done!

Mr R. Davison
Coach

3RD GRADE SOCCER

1997 was a season that offered much, but alas nothing came of it, due mainly to interruptions and having to start the season all over because a team pulled out. We qualified for the semi-final but were beaten by Epping 4ths.

The Third Grade boys were unlucky not to earn at least a point from most of their matches. The greatest difficulty was getting the ball in to their opponents' net.

The defence consisted of *J.Koulouris, A.Eldebi, B.Pickering* and captain *B.Gebara*. The midfield was dominated by *A.Hadjicosta, O.Hazim, D.Mitchell* and *B.Slade*. *Savvas Kyriacou* was the architect of all the attacks on the opposition and showed tremendous ball skills as well as scoring most goals. One of the team's greatest asset was *Pietro Lidano* who was very consistent and brought off many fine saves.

Finally, I would encourage all students who play both competitively and socially to maintain their enthusiasm, devotion and energy for

the game. Better luck next season!

Mr. S.Kretzas
Coach

15A SOCCER

The 15A team began the year with a goal : to improve their standing in the competition. Last year they finished fourth. This year they finished second.

Many of the boys began the season playing out of position as not everyone could play striker. The team was built from the back line up. This produced some surprising results. *Huseyin Sag*, who previously had not considered himself to be a defender, demonstrated considerable natural talent as a stopper. *John Fan*, normally a back, played as an excellent winger. The overall combination worked in the end. Homebush were able to defeat all teams except Asquith.

The "Best and Fairest" award and the "Most Improved Player" award both go to *Okan Tufanoglu*. His play seemed to reflect and amplify the overall improving confidence of the team through the season. However, the exceptionally good attitude of the players, where playing your best was more important than winning, made the team a pleasure to work with.

The season culminated with a 7-5 semi-final loss against Asquith in a game where Okan scored a hat-trick. In the end injury and illness defeated them. Next year looks even better.

Mr. J.Sturgiss
Coach

15B SOCCER

The 1997 Soccer Season was one in which only three teams could be formed to compete in the 15B competition. So it was decided to play our 15B team in the 15A competition and the other two teams, Epping and Asquith, in the 14B competition. The Homebush 15B team was full of enthusiastic and dedicated young players who were prepared to play up a level but only had one win, that being against Ashfield 15A team.

The winner between the two 15B teams playing in the 14A competition was Epping which ultimately went on to beat Homebush 3-0 in the 15B Zone Final.

The team consisted of *H.Agar, B.Agostino, D.Balachandran,*

P.Bijjani (c), A.Cheema, M.Eroksuz, C.Karemu, E.Kedicioglu, A.Mansour, S.Mendoza, T.Ozonaran, U.Ozturk, S.Retnavel, A.Tanian, A.To, M.Utteridge.

Mr. J.Coskerie
Coach

14A SOCCER

The team consisted of *M.Wilkins, A.Todorovic, R.Moliterno, S.Isaac, I.Zineddine, E.Kulen, C.Evripidou (c), C.Lindsay, S.Ameripour, N.Wiafe and S.Duffield.*

With the inclusion of some new players this team looked to improve on their performance of last year. So their goal for the season was to qualify for the semi-final. After playing all teams once they were on target with 5 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

Typical of the improvement was in the match against Ashfield who had soundly defeated the boys last year but a 2-2 draw kept us in the race for the semi-final.

The second round saw wins against Macquarie, North Sydney and Normanhurst and the team at the top of the table. However at this stage a small number of boys brought discredit to themselves and consequently the team was weakened.

Losses to Asquith and the strong Ashfield and Epping teams followed. Despite this the team never gave up and at the end of the two rounds was placed equal second on the table with Ashfield.

So our goal for the season to qualify for the semi-final was easily achieved. Our opponent in the semi-final was the strong Ashfield team. With ten minutes remaining Ashfield led 4-3 and the match was in the balance. However two goals near full-time gave Ashfield victory 6-3.

Michael Wilkins volunteered to be goalkeeper late in the season - he enthusiastically filled this role showing great improvement and should continue in this role. *Robert Moliterno* was a tower of strength and always reliable in defence and was well supported by *Sutharsan Isaac, Ibrahim Zineddine and Alex Todorovic*. Captain *Christos Evripidou* controlled the midfield and was well supported by *Chris Lindsay* and *Saeed Ameripour*.

However, the team was strengthened this year by the star of the

team, striker *Nana Wiafe* who scored an incredible 17 goals. *Nana* scored 4 goals on three occasions and received two Sportsman of the Week awards. *Shane Duffield* gave *Nana* good support in attack.

The team scored 28 goals for and conceded 35 with *Nana Wiafe* (17), *Shane Duffield* (3), *C.Evripidou* (3), *S.Ameripour* (2) and *Chris Lindsay* (1) being the contributors.

The team can be well pleased in their performance which saw them improve from a low position in 1996 to finish equal second this year.

Determination is a feature of the team and their improvement should continue next year.

Mr. J.Evans
Coach

14B SOCCER

The season did not start very well as we could not field a side after the first two trial sessions. The arrival of some 13 year olds and some ex-rugby players enabled us to begin the season with a full squad and plenty of keen reserves.

Our competition was made up of five 14-year old teams with the other teams being 15-year old. We obviously struggled against the older teams but more than held our own against the other sides.

Frank Lee always impressed in defence while *Bryan Whalan* performed miracles in goals. The younger and smaller players did themselves proud and were never intimidated by the opposition. *Simon Morris'* tough no "non-sense" attitude earned him the praise of his team mates and of some of the other coaches.

The team worked very hard during the season and deserved to play in the semi finals, where we played Asquith. Although leading 2-0 at one stage, we allowed the other team to gain momentum and defeat us by the end of the game.

The boys should be congratulated on their efforts as they always gave their best and played in the best traditions of the game.

Team: *Wayne Clark, Baris Demir, Bryan Whalen, Ali Gedikoglu, Frank Lee, Dragan Lekanic, Divyan Pillay, Murat Sag, Gary Voysey, Jarrod Wilkins, Yavuz Sen, Hakan Kurtoglu, Reza Jamshidi, Simon*

Morris, Brett Hall, Michael Hines, Edward Kulen.

Mr. G. Carrozza
Coach

13A SOCCER

The essence of this curious game seems to be avoiding the uncharitable interference of ten aggressive youths in highly decorated apparel who want to divest you or your mates of a quilted ball and then kicking it with as much biff as you can muster past a sullen guardian of a stringed metal cage as he tosses his limbs about like a demented acrobat to stop your moment of joy.

13A Soccer had moderate success in observing this ritual but our opponents had superior success in doing the reverse.

Initially our uncoordinated team struggled against the well-oiled machines of Asquith and Epping, going down with scores like 3-1, 5-2. However, after some soul-searching and a new goalie, *Matthew Barreca*, giving forceful direction from his goal, the team took on new life. Victories came against Ashfield and Macquarie while former conquerors who saw the team as easy meat after the first round were stunned at being fought to draws.

Individuals were welded into a team each contributing his skills: Adam with his rock solid defence as sweeper, Michael with his monster kicks, Andrew challenging 'Goaliaths', Ralph dogging the ball, Turgay curling the ball over a short goalie, Henry, Adam and Sam ceaselessly cascading forward in breathless assault.

Our run was however, a trifle late. Earlier losses meant the team missed out on the semi-final but with an effective goalie and a smoothly operating team they can look forward to a more successful competition next year.

Mr. M.Klein
Coach

13B SOCCER

I would like to say at the very beginning how much I enjoyed taking these boys for Soccer. They were always mature and sensible.

John played some amazing games as goalkeeper, capturing the support of everyone for his outstanding efforts. In defence we had Gabriel, who cleared everything that came

his way. Elvin, Rock and Lachlan were solid in defence.

In midfield we had Moinay, Moshe, Ritchie, Richard and Sean. These boys made many dashing runs to attack the goal and to defend as well.

Up front we had Mena and Umut who were full of energy. Umut was everywhere. He defended and attacked.

I hope that they enjoyed their season too. A special thanks to *Ahmed Zraika, Ben Slade and Nick Papas* for their refereeing efforts.

Ms. M. Degney
Coach

TABLE TENNIS' DREAM TEAM

The table tennis team were as successful as any team has been in the history of the school. Comprised of *Xuyen Tran, Binh Tran, Bradley Lloyd, Michael Huang and Alex Helou* these boys managed to win the Zone Premiership, two State titles and three National titles, a truly awesome effort worthy of the highest praise. It was my good fortune to have been associated with them throughout the year and I am very proud of each and every one of them.

Undefeated Zone Premiers

The team was undefeated and won this premiership with ease as was to be expected. The boys not only annihilated the North West Metropolitan zone competition winning every game without loss but often won the games with the opposition scoring less than 10 points.

We defeated Epping in the semi-final and Normanhurst in the Zone Final. Many of the opposing coaches and players commented on how they thought the team was in for bigger and better things. How right they were.

The boys also won two state titles - The Paul Pinchewich Shield open to all schools in NSW and the CHS state title open to all Government High Schools.

CHS Champions

Again undefeated but this time with a lot more effort required. Wins included Pennant Hills (7-0), The Forrest (7-0), North Sydney (7-0), Normanhurst in the Regional Final (7-0), Oxley (4-0) in the Quarter-Final and Lambton (7-0) in the Semi-Final. The great Albury High

School locked horns with us in the final. A great moment in CHS table tennis - two of the country's strongest schools in battle.

There were many memorable moments this year. The most outstanding in my own mind was the clincher in the CHS titles. Imagine if you can. The match is tied 2-2 (the first two games we ever lost). The Doubles will decide the winners. Albury High School extremely well coached in doubles and very confident and fired up. In the doubles between the four best players in the competition the score is 1-1 and 19-19, if Albury were to win this game they would most likely go on to win the title. *Binh Tran* in his inimitable style serves a fast long and low serve, the Albury player in response produces an incredible loop that was virtually unreturnable. Through sheer genius and talent *Xuyen Tran* not only returned the loop but did so in a manner that was unplayable. The score was 20-19 the Albury contingent hopes fell, Binh sensed the moment and produced an unplayable serve the match was ours!. Truly an amazing moment.

It was a fine effort - this is when we knew we were heading to the Nationals.

Paul Pinchewich Shield State Champions

Open to all schools in NSW we played St Johns Park High School in the final winning easily 8-2.

National Champions

The team travelled to Ballarat to compete in the *Australian Schools National Table Tennis Titles*. The competition was held over three days with 230 players from 54 teams competing in the Championship which was a major sporting event for the city.

The team was unbeaten over the entire Championship and returned with three National Titles under their belts. The team won *Category 1 Boys Title, The Open Schools Challenge and The Open Boys Singles*.

By virtue of their victory the team were invited to play in an exhibition match against a visiting South Korean team which saw some absolutely incredible table tennis.

1) Category 1 Boys Champions

This division is the most prestigious in the Country, requiring a minimum of one state ranked player or a

state champion team. The boys played brilliantly to defeat the best players in the country. Of special note were the unbeatable *Tran Brothers* and *Bradley Lloyd* who really played at his best when we needed him to. This was a title I was very proud to win as there were some nationally ranked champions in the field.

2) Open Combined Challenge

This division was open to all schools in Australia both mixed and single sex. There was fierce competition with Homebush winning against our arch rivals Albury in a thrilling match with *Michael Huang* clinching the match with an incredible "get" leaving the opposition devastated. Homebush boys were the clear cut winners not losing a match in the round robin.

3) Open Single Boys Champion

The invincible *Xuyen Tran* played his typical game to win this coveted crown. In a pressure filled final he overcame Adam Trezesinski of South Australia 18-21 21-13, 21-13, clearly the better player and a deserved champion.

Overall the school has to be very proud of these boys who dedicated themselves to succeeding at all levels, they have done us and themselves proud and are deserved champions. Boys, congratulations.

I would like to thank all the boys for their excellent behaviour and fine sportsmanship shown throughout the season. I look forward to next year.

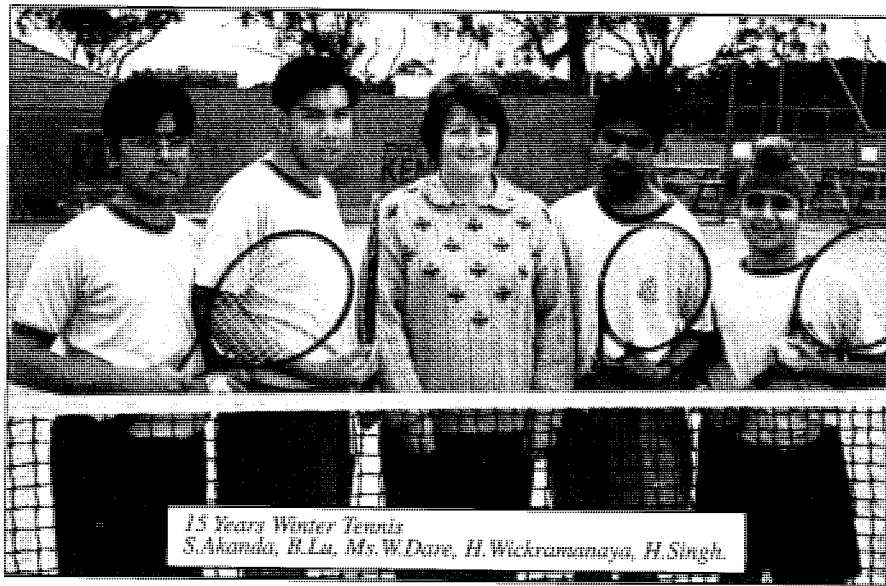
Mr. P. Hagan
Coach

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS 2

Our team consisted of *Richard Chan, Kam Fung Wong, Tim Tsang, Hing Wa Chan* and *Michael Huang* (who was selected from our team for the Australian National Table Tennis Competition). Although we did not make it to the semi-final we gained many valuable experiences against schools in our zone.

One of the most tremendous matches was when our team played against the '96 Zone Premiers, Normanhurst. It was a memorable match where we had to play to the seventh set. Although we lost, we enjoyed the challenge and learned a lot from the experience.

On behalf of myself and team mates, I would like to thank our supervisor, Ms Dwyer, for her



*15 Years Winter Tennis
S.Akanda, B.Lu, Ms. W.Dave, H. Wickramanaya, H.Singh.*



*Table Tennis - Senior J
Back: B.Lloyd, H.Nguyen, Mr.P.Hagan
Front: A.Helou, X.Tran, B.Tran*



*14A Soccer
Back: Y.Sen, B.Demir,D.Cushway, M.Sag,D.Lekanic,D.Pillay,G.Voysey, A.Gedikoglu,
H.Kurtoglu,Mr Carozza
Front: F.Lee, W.Clarke, M.Hines, B.Whalan, S.Morris, R.Jamshidi, B.Hall.*



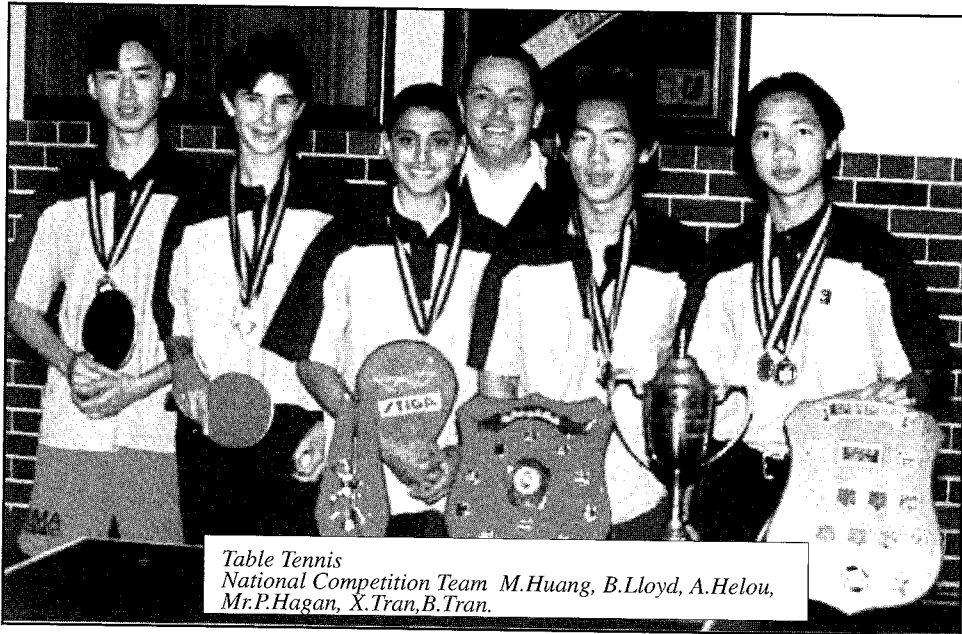
2nd Grade Soccer
Back: P.Cacciapaglia, V.Ameripour, M.Paterson, A.Mustafa, P.Grace, R.Nicola, O.Tufanoglu, B.Thompson, N.Grbin, Mr.R.Davison.
Front: M.Eldan, S.Woh, O.White, M.Agar, J.Cremona, N.Padayachy.



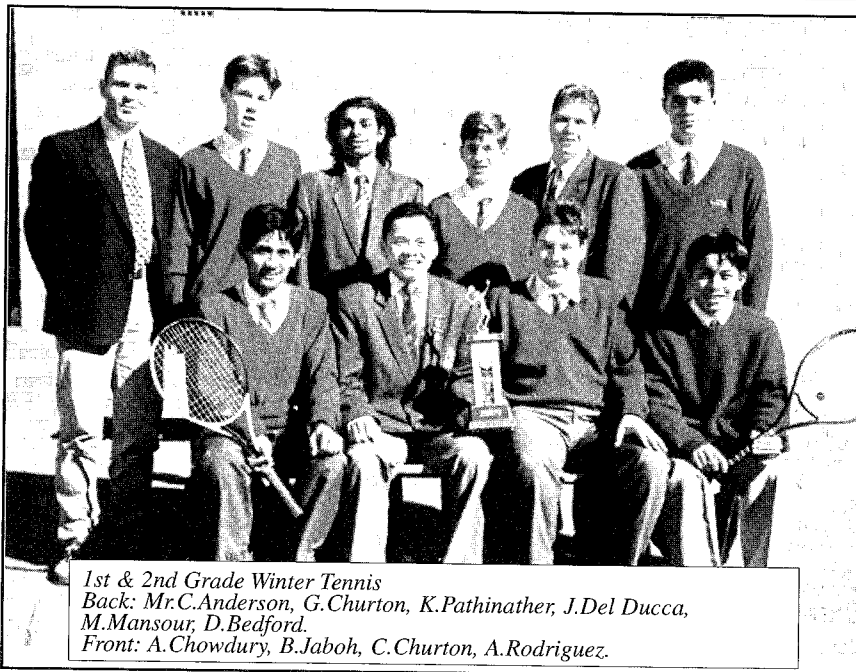
14A Soccer
Back: S.Ameripour, E.Kulen, C.Lindsay, N.Wiafe, S.Duffield, S.Isaac.
Front: C.Evripidou (c), R.Moliterno, M.Wilkins, A.Todorovic, I.Zeineddine.



1st Grade Soccer
Back: Mr.R.Doenu, M.Popovic, V.Ameripour, M.Paterson, N.Hockey, A.Ripamonti, A.Morgan, J.Cremona, Mr.R.Davison.
Middle: A.Zraika, A.Turner, P.Catalovski (c), D.Gebara, B.Thompson.
Front: S.James, N.Padayachy, M.James.



*Table Tennis
National Competition Team M.Huang, B.Lloyd, A.Helou,
Mr.P.Hagan, X.Tran, B.Tran.*



*1st & 2nd Grade Winter Tennis
Back: Mr.C.Anderson, G.Churton, K.Pathinather, J.Del Ducca,
M.Mansour, D.Bedford.
Front: A.Chowdury, B.Jaboh, C.Churton, A.Rodriguez.*



*Table Tennis - Junior 1
Back: J.Fang, J.Liang, Mr.P.Hagan
Front: N.Nand, A.Ho, H.H.Chan*

patience and enthusiasm, even though this was her first year of involvement with table tennis. We also wish to thank Mr Hagan for the sacrifice of his time to train with us on Tuesday afternoons.

Tim Tsang

JUNIOR 1 TABLE TENNIS Zone Premiers

Not to be outdone by their senior counterparts the Junior team was also Zone Premier. Their competition however was much more closely contested.

We qualified for the semi-final and defeated North Sydney. Beaten in the first round by arch rivals Epping 23-21 in the final game of doubles we knew who would be in the final with us and so we trained to beat them. On the day of the final our boys were far better in ability than Epping but nerves got to them and once again the match came down to the last doubles match. *Adam Ho* and *Nitan Nand* played well as a team winning with comparative ease and the Premiership was ours.

Once again the Bushies had proved their superiority in table tennis. I would like to thank all the members of the team for their efforts and exemplary behaviour. Well done to all of you.

**Mr. P.Hagan
Coach**

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS 2

Our team consistently showed inspiring determination, dedication and team loyalty, despite missing out on a semi-final berth. This season brought us a variety of experiences. The boys' efforts were rewarded with some pleasing victories. We fought some nail-biting cliff-hangers and were stoic against the might of the Homebush A team.

Each of our team members has developed a unique style of play. *Taifur Rahman* remained almost invincible throughout the season, due to his intense concentration, unshakeable determination and practically unflappable temperament. *Tian-Yi Lu* regularly featured enthusiastic smashes in his game strategy. *Taifur* and *Tian-Yi's* pairing in the doubles matches was reminiscent of "the odd couple" in their diverse approaches to the game. *Simon Sun* always put in 100% effort (when he wasn't wandering off to find the canteen at the various venues). *Chun Yin*

Tsang, our youngest team member, developed rapidly throughout the season, his calm style punctuated by dazzling shots of skill. Underlying *Rohan Advani's* laconic facade was surprising energy levels and graceful agility.

Our team members were excellent representatives of the school, displaying fairness and respect at all times. Not only have the boys demonstrated the qualities of team cooperation and unity, they have also demonstrated the qualities of true gentlemen.

**Ms. C.Dwyer
Coach**

1st & 2nd Grade WINTER TENNIS 2nd Grade Zone Premiers

The winter season ended on a spectacular note for Second Grade Tennis. We defeated Normanhurst in the semi-final and after many matches finally beat Epping in the match that really counted.

Bernard Jaboh, Arnel Rodriguez, Joseph Del Ducca, Colin Churton and *Atiq Chowdhury* are the members of the Zone Premier team.

The First Grade team were not so successful. They were knocked out at the Zone Semi-final by North Sydney. *Gavin Churton, Vince Frisina, Kevin Pathinather, David Bedford* and *Matthew Mansour* comprised our First Grade team.

All team members displayed great courtesy and sportsmanship in the face of great adversity at times. They are all true team players and are an asset to the school.

It has been a pleasure to act as their coach.

**Mr. C.Anderson
Coach**

15 Years GRADE WINTER TENNIS

The 15 Years tennis team were Winter Competition Finalists after a great season. After defeating North Sydney in the semi-final the boys played Epping in the Zone Final.

It was a pleasure to deal with such a reliable and cohesive team who always displayed excellent sportsmanship. Captain *Hasanka Wickramanaya* and team members *Bob Lu, Sani Akanda* and *Harminder Singh* played consistently.

**Ms W.Dare
Coach**

14 YEARS GRADE WINTER TENNIS

The 14 Years tennis team members were *Yang Yang Xia, Kenneth Ko, Andrew Ngo* and *Farshad Tehami*.

The boys approached their games in a keen and enthusiastic manner and were always reliable and sportsmanlike.

In their first season the boys performed well to reach the semi-final but were beaten by Normanhurst. They will be able to build on their experience in future competitions

**Ms W.Dare
Coach**

The Melbourne Cup

Off they go to start the race
For such a fine day too.
The crowds are cheering for their horse
Like no other cheerers do.

There's Might 'n' Power and Doremus
Racing for the Cup
But mainly for fame and fortune
Once the race is up.

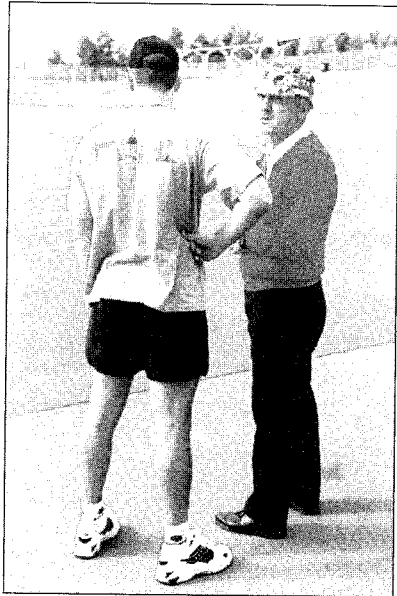
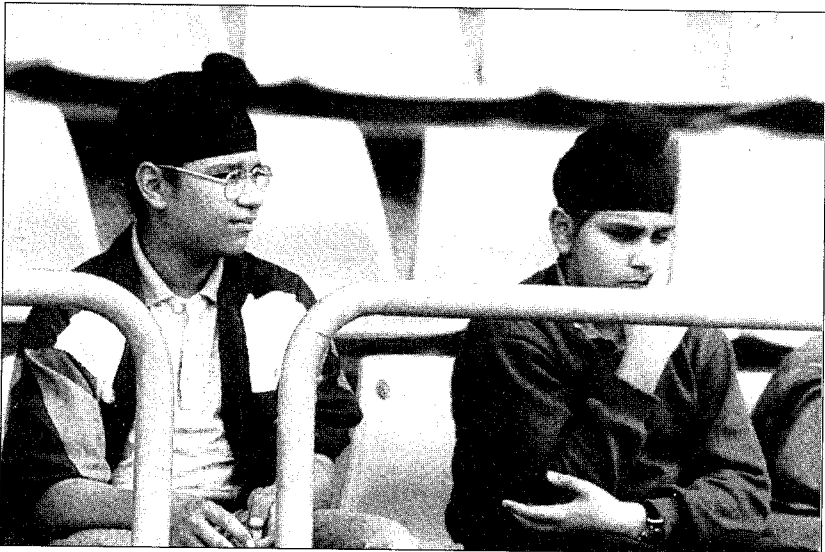
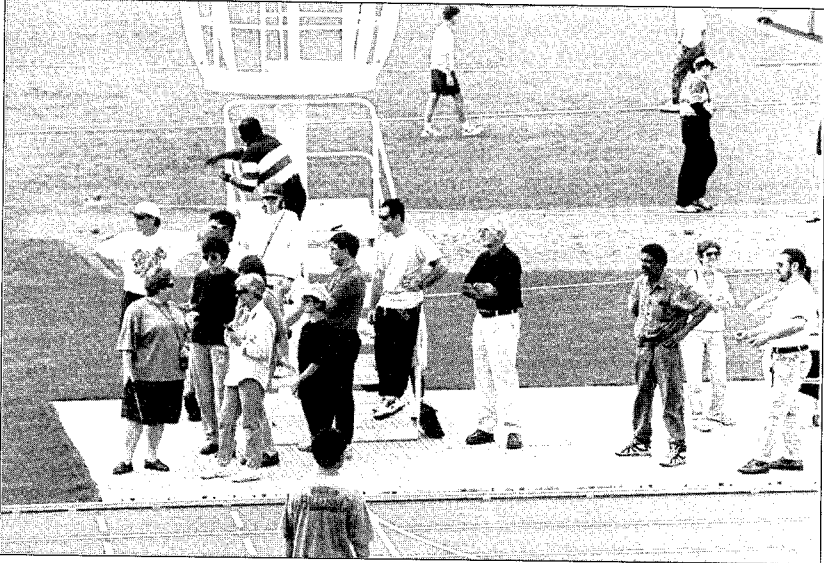
The gamblers bet their every penny
Just to win some bucks,
While spectators watch and cheer and
drink
For the sake of the famous cup.

And as they come around the bend
The crowds get to their feet
For they're on the straight to finally see
Who'll come home to victory

Might 'n' Power scrapes in by a head
And what a race it was!
For the punters and the spectators
Who came to watch this cup.
But all in all it was a fine day
For the trainers and their horses
But we'll never forget the mighty finish
When Might 'n' Power won with force

Alexander Helou

The 55th Annual Athletics Carnival - Thursday, 24th April
Sydney International Athletic Track.

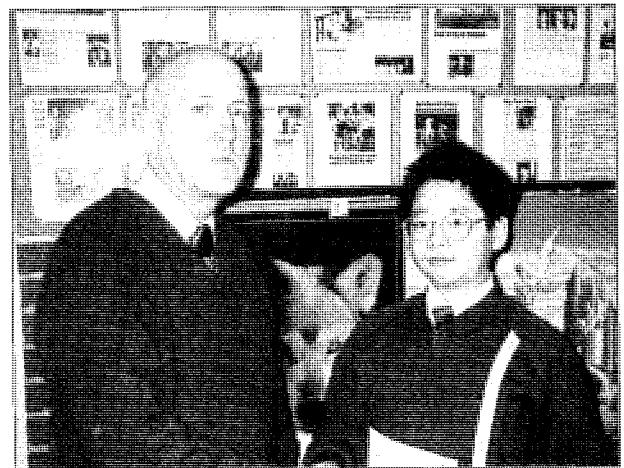




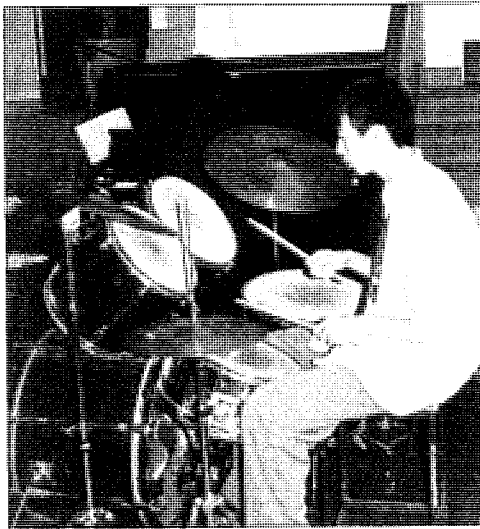
School saxophonist Peter Lucek of Year 12 leaves school in 1997 but will return as music tutor along with the other members of his family who have done so for several years now.



The happy band of parents who helped at the Year 12 Farewell Dinner.



Mr J. Evans, Head Teacher Mathematics with Tommy Chen of Year 7 who received a prize for being the school's best performer in the Australian Mathematics Competition.



The drummer rehearses for Presentation Night.

Representatives from the school visit the Buddhist Monastery in Mackenzie Street, Homebush.

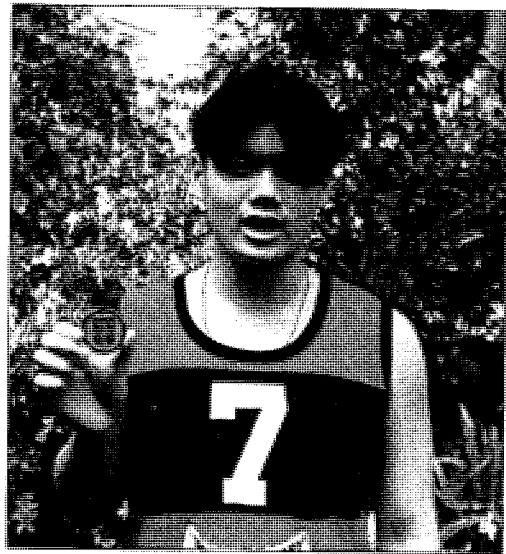


Ryan Chadwick receives a prize at Presentation Evening from Strathfield Mayor Ms Elizabeth Gewandt.

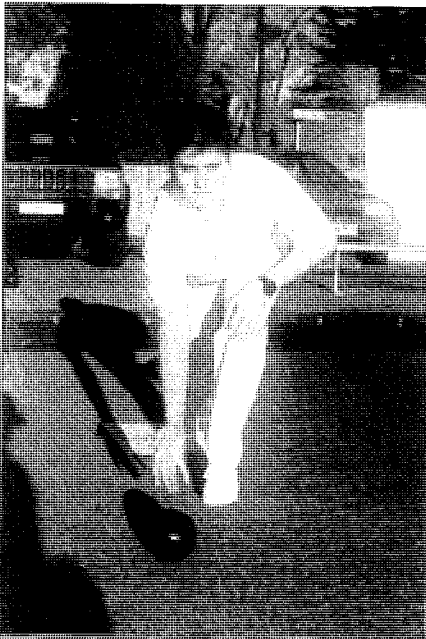




Rebecca McMahon, Gareth Williams and Lauren White try out the Governor General's chair for size. They were on a visit to Government House, Canberra during the Queen's Trust Seminar.



Champion athlete, Andrew Tee proudly shows his Combined High Schools bronze medal.

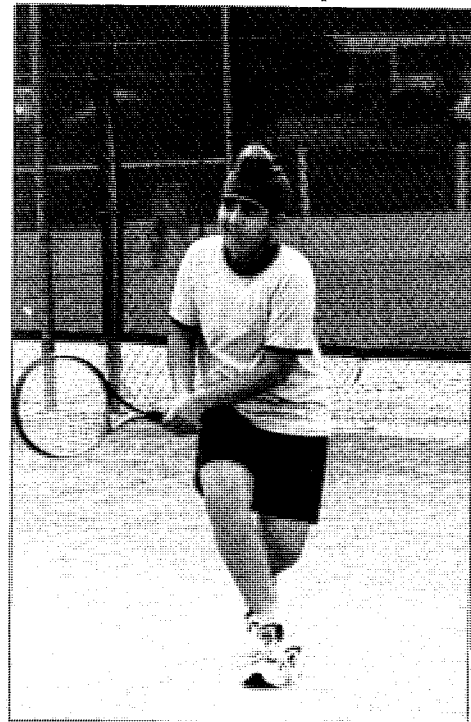


Champion lawn bowler, Simon Ferrier, selected to represent NSW in the Junior team, demonstrates his winning style.



Volunteers helping out at the sausage sizzle. Where would we be without them?

Harminster Singh shows his unique serve.

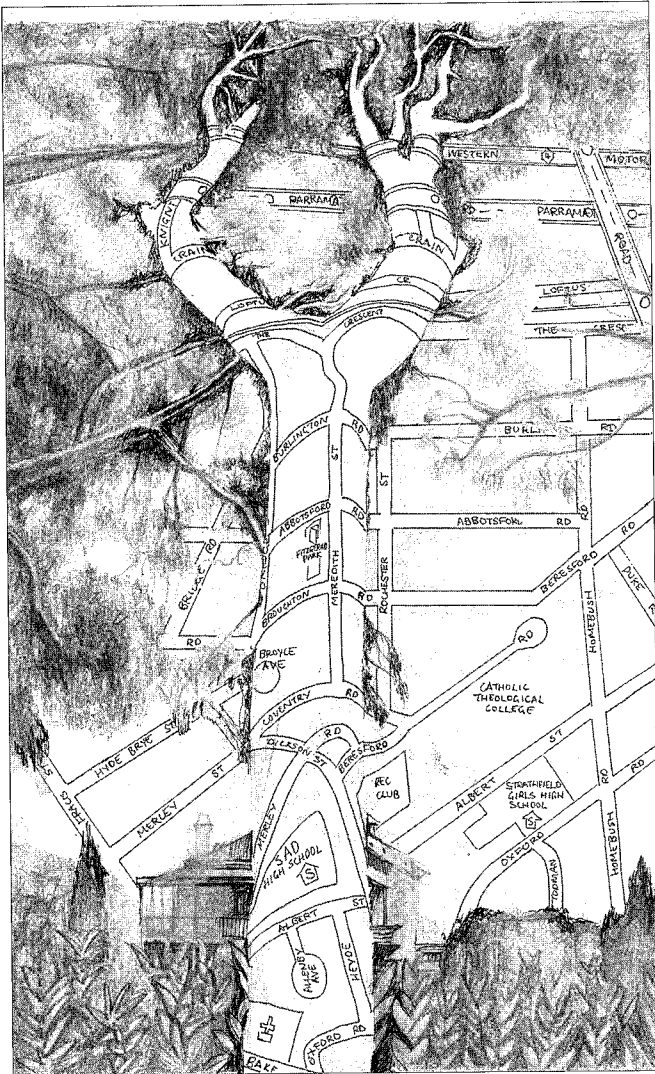


Anthony Ripamonti receives his award from Mr Paul Zammit at the Inner West 1997 Excellence in Youth Awards.



THE LOCAL AREA

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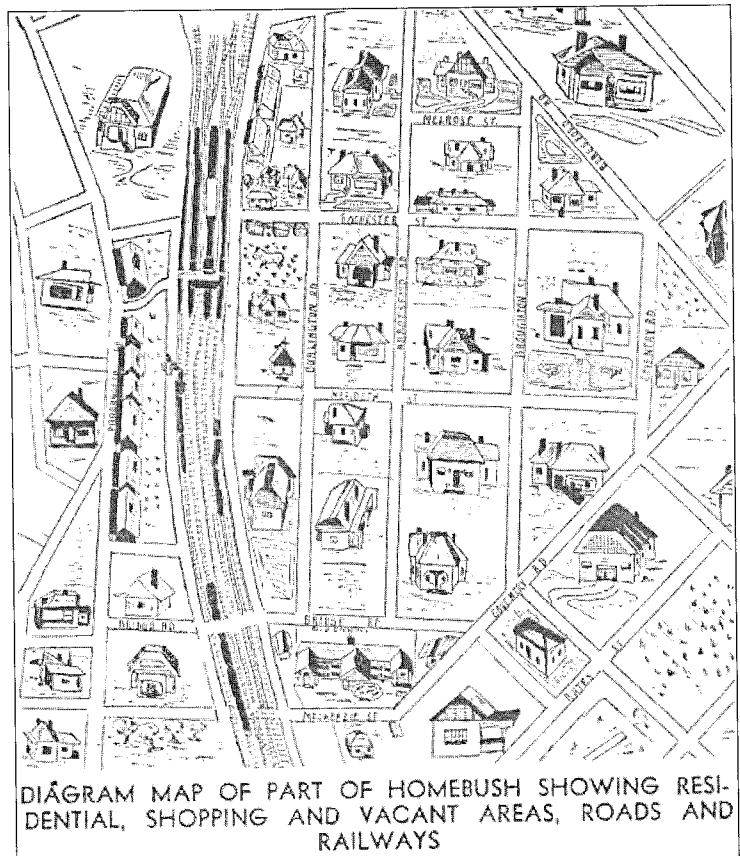


DIAGRAM MAP OF PART OF HOME BUSH SHOWING RESIDENTIAL, SHOPPING AND VACANT AREAS, ROADS AND RAILWAYS

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SPORTS REPORT

1997 has been another outstanding year for sport at Homebush Boys' High School.

We contested a total of 41 semi-finals and 22 grand finals. We won a total of 19 North Western Metropolitan Zone Premierships which is an exceptional sporting achievement. The premiership winning teams were:

1st and 2nd Grade Basketball
1st and 2nd Grade Cricket
15A and 15B Cricket
1st Grade Hockey
1st and 2nd Grade Soccer
Junior and Senior Table Tennis
15's and 2nd Grade Tennis
1st and 2nd Grade Volleyball
14's and 15's Volleyball
1st Grade Water Polo
14's Water Polo

We were the champion school in basketball, cricket, volleyball and water polo.

We had 45 North Western Metropolitan Zone representatives, 11 Metropolitan North Regional representatives, 11 NSW/CHS representatives and 1 Australian representative.

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the players and coaches for their outstanding efforts and successes.

Sporting Highlights

- * 1st Grade Water Polo team won the NSW/CHS Water Polo championships for the 5th consecutive year.
- * Ben Doublet awarded Zone Blue for Athletics.
- * Mark and Tim Gilbert awarded Zone Blue Endorsements for Water Polo.
- * Senior Table Tennis Team won the NSW/CHS Table Tennis Championships.
- * Senior Table Tennis Team won NSW All Schools Table Tennis Championship.

* Senior Table Tennis Team won the Australian Schools National Table Tennis Title.

* Eoghn Tivoli won the Australian Junior Freestyle Wrestling Championship in the over 100kg. Division.

* 1st Grade Cricket Team were Davidson Shield Cricket quater finalists.

* 1st Grade Hockey Team made it into the final 16.

* Ben Doublet was 2nd in 15's Shot Put and 4th in 13's Discus at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships.

* Andrew Tee was 3rd in 13's Shot Put and 4th in 13's discus at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships.

* Henry Lee (swimming) broke 9 school records, 5 zone records, 3 regional records, 3 CHS records and 2 NSW All School records.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank the following people for all of their assistance during the year: the clerical staff for all the typing, collating, phone answering, message taking, money collecting, complaint handling and for putting up with my moods; Mr Brian Greene for his constant support, advice and encouragement; Mr Bill Hilliard for the positive press in the local papers and the handling of the more 'difficult' issues; Ms Sue Ballard for organising all the relief; Mr Tom Pinkey for his 'shoulder', computing skills, advice and assistance with the running and organising of the swimming and athletics carnivals; Mr John Evans for the gathering, collating and compiling of all the statistics plus organising the sports section of the school magazine; Mr Gaz Carozza and Mr Chris Halkidis for their computing skills; my right hand men - Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Matt Riley and Mr Scott Donohue for all their hard work and support; and last, but by no means least, the fabulous staff and student body of the school for all their efforts, support, long hours and participation during the course of the year.

*R Tedford
Sports Organiser*



Staff Cricket Team

SPORTS CARNIVALS

1997 School Swimming Carnival

The 52nd Annual Swimming Carnival was held on Monday, 10th February at Sydney International Aquatic Centre. *Greening* was the victorious house with 881 points followed by *Howe*: 439 points, *Hayes*: 419 points and *Vaughan* on 375 points.

Age Champions - Open : *Andrew Arvanitopoulos*; 16 Years: *Mark Gilbert*; 15 Years: *Colin Churton*; 14 Years: *Steven O'Farrell*; 13 Years: *Steven Burchett*; 12 Years: *Henry Lee*.

House Champions - Hayes: *Colin Churton* (118); *Vaughan*: *Mark Gilbert* (96); *Greening*: *Henry Lee* (144) and *Howe*: *Hugh Ward* (68).

Senior

Age Championship - 1 A.Arvanitopoulos (96 pts); 2 *T.Gilbert* (30 pts); 3 *B.Hook* (27 pts); 4 *G.Churton* (18 pts); 5 *T.Moopenar* (16 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : *A.Arvanitopoulos*; *Howe*: *K.Rathinam*; *Greening*: *T.Moopenar*; *Vaughan*: *T.Gilbert*.

50 m: 1 *A.Arvanitopoulos* [Ha], 27.07s; 2 *T.Gilbert* [V]; 3 *G.Churton* [Ha]; 4 *A.Baker* [Ha]; 5 *A.Morris* [G].
100 m: 1 *A.Arvanitopoulos* [Ha], 1m01.54s; 2 *T.Gilbert* [V]; 3 *G.Churton* [Ha]; 4 *T.Lim* [G]; 5 *J.Dunn* [Ha].
200 m: 1 *A.Arvanitopoulos* [Ha], 2m15.82s; 2 *T.Gilbert* [V]; 3 *G.Churton* [Ha]; 4 *B.Hook* [V].
100m Backstroke: 1 *A.Arvanitopoulos* [Ha], 1m10.25s; 2 *B.Hook* [V]; 3 *E.Eisler* [V]; 4 *K.Rathinam* [Ho].
100m Breastroke: 1 *A.Arvanitopoulos* [Ha], 1m28.33s; 2 *B.Hook* [V]; 3 *T.Moopenar* [G]; 4 *C.Van* [Ho]; 5 *K.Rathinam* [Ho].
100m Butterfly: 1 *A.Arvanitopoulos* [Ha], 1m09.27s.
Relay 4 X 100m: 1 *Hayes*, 2m05.21; 2 *Vaughan*; 3 *Greening*; 4 *Howe*.

16 Years

Age Championship 1 *M.Gilbert* (96 pts); 2 *B.Slade* (46 pts); 3 *N.Grbin* & *M.O'Farrell* (18 pts); 5 *M.Tupper* (14 pts).

House Age Champions *Hayes* : *J.Cremona*; *Howe*: *B.Slade*; *Greening*: *M.O'Farrell*; *Vaughan*: *M.Gilbert*.

50 m: 1 *M.Gilbert* [V], 28.72s; 2 *S.Ronan* [Ho]; 3 *B.Slade* [Ho]; 4 *M.O'Farrell* [G]; 5 *D.White* [Ho].
100 m: 1 *M.Gilbert* [V], 1m03.47s; 2 *B.Slade* [Ho]; 3 *M.Tupper* [Ho]; 4 *M.O'Farrell* [G]; 5 *N.Grbin* [V].
200 m: 1 *M.Gilbert* [V], 2m 25.52s; 2 *B.Slade* [Ho]; 3 *J.Cremona* [Ha].
100m Backstroke: 1 *M.Gilbert* [V], 1m22.92s; 2 *B.Slade* [Ho]; 3 *M.Tupper* [Ho]; 4 *N.Grbin* [V].
100m Breastroke: 1 *M.Gilbert* [V], 1m35.87s; 2 *B.Slade* [Ho]; 3 *N.Grbin* [V]; 4 *D.White* [Ho]; 5 *M.Tupper* [Ho].
100m Butterfly: 1 *M.Gilbert* [V], 1m19.78s; 2 *M.O'Farrell* [G]; 3 *N.Grbin* [V].
Relay 4 X 100m: 1 *Howe*, 2m17.05; 2 *Vaughan*.

15 Years

Age Championship 1 *C.Churton* (118 pts); 2 *H.Ward* (68 pts); 3 *C.Moore* (118 pts); 4 *S.Lodge* (33 pts); 5 *L.Cremer*, *K.Murray* & *J.Tuakeu* (4 pts).

House Age Champions *Hayes* : *C.Churton*; *Howe*: *H.Ward*; *Greening*: *C.Moore*.

50 m: 1 *H.Ward* [Ho], 34.03s; 2 *C.Churton* [Ha]; 3 *C.Moore* [G]; 4 *S.Lodge* [G]; 5 *K.Murray* [G].
100 m: 1 *C.Churton* [Ha], 1m16.82s; 2 *H.Ward* [Ho]; 3 *S.Lodge* [G]; 4 *L.Cremer* [Ha]; 5 *S.Yeul* [G].
200 m: 1 *C.Churton* [Ha], 2m50.87s; 2 *C.Moore* [G]; 3 *S.Lodge* [G].
50m Backstroke: 1 *H.Ward* [Ho], 39.56s; 2 *C.Churton*

[Ha]; 3 *C.Moore* [G]; 4 *J.Tuakeu* [Ho].

100m Backstroke: 1 *H.Ward* [Ho], 1m36.81s; 2 *C.Churton* [Ho]; 3 *C.Moore* [G].

50m Breastroke: 1 *C.Churton* [Ha], 46.04s; 2 *H.Ward* [Ho]; 3 *C.Moore* [G]; 4 *S.Lodge* [G]; 5 *K.Murray* [G].

100m Breastroke: 1 *C.Churton* [Ha], 1m49.23s; 2 *C.Moore* [G]; 3 *S.Lodge* [G].

50m Butterfly: 1 *C.Churton* [Ha], 41.94s; 2 *S.Lodge* [G].

100m Butterfly: 1 *C.Churton* [Ha], 1m48.03s.

Relay 4 X 100m: 1 *Howe*, 3m07.87.

14 Years

Age Championship - 1 S.O'Farrell (63 pts); 2 *J.Hook* (38 pts); 3 *F.Alim* (32 pts); 4 *J.Matthew-Stubbs* (31 pts); 5 *M.Utteridge* (27 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : *F.Alim*; *Howe*: *M.Utteridge*; *Greening*: *S.O'Farrell*; *Vaughan*: *J.Hook*.

50 m: 1 *J.Hook* [V], 36.78s; 2 *D.Maurer* [G]; 3 *S.O'Farrell* [G]; 4 *N.Barreca* [Ha]; 5 *K.Massey* [G].
100 m: 1 *K.Massey* [G], 1m 31.02s; 2 *S.O'Farrell* [G]; 3 *J.Matthew-Stubbs* [G]; 4 *J.Mapapalangi* [G]; 5 *U.Ozturk* [G].
200 m: 1 *J.Hook* [V], 3m 24.37s.
50m Backstroke: 1 *S.O'Farrell* [G], 44.79s; 2 *J.Matthew-Stubbs* [G]; 3 *S.Mapapalangi* [G]; 4 *D.Scott* [Ho].
100m Backstroke: 1 *M.Utteridge* [Ho], 2m25.47s; 2 *Y.Sen* [G].
50m Breastroke: 1 *F.Alim* [Ha], 47.49s; 2 *S.O'Farrell* [G]; 3 *J.Hook* [V]; 4 *D.Maurer* [G]; 5 *J.Matthew-Stubbs* [G].
100m Breastroke: 1 *F.Alim* [Ha], 1m51.95s; 2 *M.Utteridge* [Ho].
50m Butterfly: 1 *S.O'Farrell* [G], 48.11s; 2 *J.Matthew-Stubbs* [G].
Relay 4 X 100m: 1 *Greening*, 2m41.12; 2 *Howe*.

13 Years

Age Championship - 1 S.Burchett (55 pts); 2 *J.Peters* (52 pts); 3 *A.Tee* (29 pts); 4 *P.Jegathesan*, *E.Kulen* & *C.Massey* (16 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : *S.Burchett*; *Howe*: *A.Tee*; *Greening*: *J.Peters*; *Vaughan*: *P.Jegathesan* & *E.Kulen*.

50 m: 1 *A.Tee* [Ho], 37.07s; 2 *J.Peters* [G]; 3 *S.Morris* [G]; 4 *C.Massey* [G]; 5 *A.Ferrett* [V].
100 m: 1 *C.Massey* [G], 1m 29.94s; 2 *A.Tee* [Ho]; 3 *A.Ferrett* [V]; 4 *J.Peters* [G]; 5 *S.Burchett* [Ha].
200 m: 1 *P.Jegathesan* [V], 4m 44.30s; 2 *S.Burchett* [Ha].
50m Backstroke: 1 *E.Kulen* [V], 54.20s; 2 *R.Lee* [G]; 3 *C.Massey* [G]; 4 *S.Burchett* [Ha]; 5 *T.McMahon* [G].
100m Backstroke: 1 *S.Burchett* [Ha], 3m07.07s.
50m Breastroke: 1 *J.Peters* [G], 48.52s; 2 *J.Von Konigsmark* [Ho]; 3 *A.Rafaellia* [Ho]; 4 *S.Morris* [G]; 5 *R.Lee* [G].
100m Breastroke: 1 *J.Peters* [G], 1m51.21s; 2 *S.Burchett* [Ha].
50m Butterfly: 1 *S.Burchett* [Ha], 1m19.69s.
Relay 4 X 100m: 1 *Howe*, 2m58.15.

12 Years

Age Championship - 1 H.Lee (144 pts); 2 *A.Pantehis* (80 pts); 3 *S.Massey* (25 pts); 4 *L.Shanmugan* & *J.Shen* (7 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : *T.Apte*; *Howe*: *L.Shanmugan* & *J.Shen*; *Greening*: *H.Lee*; *Vaughan*: *V.Geren*.

50 m: 1 *H.Lee* [G], 30.67s (school record); 2 *A.Pantehis* [G]; 3 *S.Massey* [G]; 4 *L.Shanmugan* [Ho]; 5 *L.Rossi* [Ho].

100 m: 1 H.Lee [G], 1m 07.68s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G]; 3 T.Rayward [Ho]; 4 S.Massey [G]; 5 K.Hakim [V].
200 m: 1 H.Lee [G], 2m 27.14s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G].
50m Backstroke: 1 H.Lee [G], 33.63s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G]; 3 S.Massey [G]; 4 G.Liu [G]; 5 T.Apte [Ha].
100m Backstroke: 1 H.Lee [G], 1m14.91s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G].
50m Breastroke: 1 H.Lee [G], 35.95s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G]; 3 V.Geren [V]; 4 S.Massey [G]; 5 T.Apte [Ha].
100m Breastroke: 1 H.Lee [G], 1m24.99s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G]; 3 J.Shen [Ho].
50m Butterfly: 1 H.Lee [G], 30.63s (school record); 2 A.Pantehis [G].
100m Butterfly: 1 H.Lee [G], 1m08.40s (school record).

Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Carnival was held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre on Thursday, 13th March and Homebush finished fourth out of the seven schools in the competition.

In the Senior Age Championship *Andrew Arvanitopoulos* was placed first with 62 points from three 1st, two 2nd and one 3rd place and *Mehmet Ogut* was third with 41 points from one 2nd, one 3rd in Division 1 events and one 1st & two 2nd in Division 2. *Henry Lee* was 12 Years Zone Age Champion achieving 70 points from six 1st places - the maximum that can be scored.

Henry Lee

50m Freestyle: 30.39s (school record)
100m Freestyle: 1min7.25s (school record)
200m freestyle: 2min26.73s (school record)
50m Backstroke - 33.187s (school record)
50m Breastroke: 36.69s
50m Butterfly: 30.97s

Other outstanding Division 1 performances were achieved in Open events by *Mark Gilbert* one 4th and *Ashley Morgan* one 5th. In 16 Years *Mark Gilbert* achieved three 4th and two 5th and *Nicholas Grbin* one 5th. In 15 Years *Hugh Ward* achieved two 5th and *Colin Churton* three 5th and one 6th. In 14 Years *Steven O'Farrell* achieved one 4th and one 5th and *Kieran Massey* one 5th. *Andrew Tee* achieved one 2nd place and *Cheyne Massey* gained one 5th in 13 Years events. *Andrew Pantehis* achieved four 1st places and one 2nd in 12 Years division 2.

In relay events the 12 Years team was placed 1st in 2min41.62s, the Open & 16 Years team were both 3rd whilst the 15 Years team was 4th. The 6 X 50m team was placed 3rd.

Regional Swimming Carnival

The Regional Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday, 20th March at Waringah Aquatic Centre. *Andrew Arvanitopoulos*, *Tim Gilbert*, *Alistair Baker*, *Gavin Churton* and *Mehmet Ogut* were selected to represent the Zone in Open events. *Henry Lee*, *Andrew Pantehis*, *Lucky Shanmugan* and *Steven Massey* represented in 12 Years events.

Henry Lee was placed 1st in all six events and broke three regional records. His times in these events broke all six school records.

50m Freestyle: 29.58s (region and school record)
100m Freestyle: 1min6.61s (school record)
200m freestyle: 2min24.96s (school record)
100m Backstroke - 1min13.98s (school record)
100m Breastroke: 1m21.93s (region and school record)
100m Butterfly: 1min5.23s (region and school record)

C.H.S. Swimming Carnival

The Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival was held from Thursday, 10th April to Saturday, 12th April at Sydney International Aquatic Centre.

Henry Lee was placed 1st in all five events and broke three CHS records. He was 12 Years Age Champion, Swimmer of the Meet and received the *NSW CHS Performance Achievement Award 1997*.

50m Freestyle: 29.25s (school record)
100m Freestyle: 1min03.69s (school record)
100m Backstroke - 1min10.52s (CHS and school record)
100m Breastroke: 1m19.30s (CHS and school record)
100m Butterfly: 1min5.63s (CHS record)

N.S.W. All Schools Swimming Championships

The N.S.W. All Schools Swimming Championships were held on Friday, 2nd May at Sydney International Aquatic Centre.

Henry Lee was awarded two gold medals, two silver and two bronze medals. He set two N.S.W. All Schools Swimming Championship records.

50m Freestyle: 3rd place, 29.15s (equalled NSW Schools record and new school record)
100m Freestyle: 3rd place, 1min04.18s
50m Backstroke - 2nd place, 32.70s (broke NSW Schools record and new school record)
50m Breastroke: 1st place, 35.43s (NSW Schools record and school record)
50m Butterfly: 1st place, 30.03s (NSW Schools record and school record)
7 X 50m Freestyle Relay: 2nd place.

1997 School Athletics Carnival

The 55th Annual Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday, 24th April at Sydney International Athletic Track. *Howe* was the victorious house with 1202 points followed by *Greening*: 1005 points, *Hayes*: 945 points and *Vaughan* on 686 points.

Age Champions - Open : *Kishangaran Rathinam*; 16 Years: *Shanjevan Rathinam*; 15 Years: *Patrick Bijjani*; 14 Years: *Nathan Barreca*; 13 Years: *Yang Yang Xia*; 12 Years: *Henry Lee*.

House Champions - *Patrick Bijjani* (64); *Vaughan*: *Huw Krix* (66); *Greening*: *Henry Lee* (66) and *Howe*: *Kishangaran Rathinam* (114).

Senior

Age Championship 1 *K.Rathinam* (114 pts); 2 *A.Morris* (70 pts); 3 *N.Kozlovsky* (58 pts); 4 *D.Bedford* (34 pts); 5 *R.Jaram* (32 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : *D.Bedford*; *Howe*: *K.Rathinam*; *Greening*: *A.Morris*; *Vaughan*: *N.Kozlovsky*.

100 m: 1 *A.Morris* [G], 12.24s; 2 *K.Rathinam* [Ho]; 3 *R.Raghavan* [Ho]; 4 *R.Jegasothy* [V]; 5 *R.Macabenta* [G].
200 m: 1 *K.Rathinam* [Ho], 24.35s; 2 *A.Morris* [G]; 3 *R.Raghavan* [Ho]; 4 *R.Jegatheeswaran* [V]; 5 *D.Bedford* [Ha].
400 m: 1 *K.Rathinam* [Ho], 59.00s; 2 *A.Baker* [Ha]; 3 *R.Jegasothy* [V], 4 *R.Raghavan* [Ho]; 5 *N.Ashraf* [Ha].
800 m: 1 *K.Rathinam* [Ho], 2m 19.50s; 2 *N.Hockey* [V]; 3 *R.Jegatheeswaran* [V]; 4 *R.Macabenta* [G]; 5 *R.Rodriguez* [Ho].
1500 m: 1 *K.Rathinam* [V], 5m 43.15s; 2 *R.Jegasothy* [V]; 3 *G.Pasupathy* [Ha], 4 *G.Balendran* [Ha] & *R.Jeykumar* [V].
110m Hurdles: 1 *K.Rathinam* [Ho], 21.44s; 2 *H.Chow* [Ha]; 3 *X.Tran* [Ho]; 4 *A.Morris* [G]; 5 *B.Jaboh* [V].
High Jump: 1 *N.Kozlovsky* [V], 1.72m; 2 *A.Morris*

[G]; 3 K.Rathinam [Ho].

Long Jump: 1 K.Rathinam [Ho], 5.29m; 2 N.Ashraf [Ha]; 3 N.Kozlovsky [V]; 4 A.Morris [G]; 5 R.Macabenta [G].

Triple Jump: 1 A.Morris [G], 10.52m; 2 D.Bedford [Ha]; 3 J.Nalliah [G]; 4 P.Catalovski [Ha]; 5 G.Churton [Ha].

Shotput: 1 T.Gilbert [V], 11.33m; 2 R.Jaram [V]; 3 D.Bedford [Ha]; 4 A.Morris [G]; 5 G.Churton [Ha].

Discus: 1 R.Jaram [V], 26.29m; 2 N.Kozlovsky [V]; 3 A.Morris [G]; 4 D.Bedford [Ha]; 5 T.Gilbert [V].

Javelin: 1 N.Kozlovsky [V], 38.74m; 2 G.Churton [Ha]; 3 T.Gilbert [V]; 4 R.Jaram [V]; 5 M.Huang [V].

Relay 4 X 100m: 1 Howe, 51.27s; 2 Greening; 3 Hayes; 4 Vaughan.

16 Years

Age Championship - 1 S.Rathinam & P.Shanmugan (64 pts); 3 D.Young (62 pts); 4 M.Bates (58 pts); 5 B.Slade (54 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : M.Bates; Howe: S.Rathinam & P.Shanmugan; Greening: E.Lloyd; Vaughan: R.Grasion.

100 m: 1 P.Shanmugan [Ho], 12.56s; 2 B.Slade [Ho]; 3 J.Tuakeu [Ho]; 4 R.Grasion [V]; 5 N.Sornalingam [Ho].

200 m: 1 N.Sornalingam [Ho], 26.69s; 2 R.Grasion [V]; 3 M.Bates [Ha]; 4 J.Cremona [Ha]; 5 B.Slade [Ho].

400 m: 1 M.Bates [Ha], 1m 03.94s; 2 S.Rathinam [Ho]; 3 C.Burns [Ho]; 4 N.Sornalingam [Ho]; 5 J.Cremona [Ho].

800 m: 1 S.Rathinam [Ho], 2m 27.70s; 2 M.Bates [Ha]; 3 C.Burns [Ha]; 4 J.Cremona [Ha]; 5 E.Lloyd [G].

1500 m: 1 S.Rathinam [V], 5m 15.15s; 2 L.Chen [Ha]; 3 C.Burns [Ha], 4 M.Bates [Ha].

110m Hurdles: 1 P.Shanmugan [Ho], 19.90s; 2 N.Sornalingam [Ho]; 3 J.Tonga Onevai [G]; 4 S.Rathinam [Ho]; 5 D.Tan [Ho].

High Jump: 1 L.Chen [Ha], 1.60m; 2 P.Shanmugan [Ho]; 3 S.Rathinam [Ho].

Long Jump: 1 D.Young [Ho], 5.234m; 2 M.Huang [V]; 3 L.Chen [Ha]; 4 P.Shanmugan [Ho]; 5 D.White [Ho].

Triple Jump: 1 P.Shanmugan [Ho], 10.23m; 2 D.Young [Ho]; 3 B.Slade [Ho]; 4 T.Shanjee [Ho]; 5 J.Cremona [G].

Shotput: 1 D.Young [Ho], 10.32m; 2 D.White [Ho]; 3 J.Cremona [Ha]; 4 M.Bates [Ha]; 5 M.Huang [Ho].

Discus: 1 D.Young [Ho], 26.10m; 2 B.Slade [Ho]; 3 J.Cremona [Ha]; 4 M.Bates [Ha]; 5 E.Lloyd [G].

Javelin: 1 B.Slade [Ho], 36.81m; 2 M.Vulic [Ho]; 3 M.Selvakumar [Ho].

Relay 4 X 100m: 1 Howe.

15 Years

Age Championship - 1 P.Bijjani (64 pts); 2 C.Gray (58 pts); 3 V.Nadarajah (43 pts); 4 D.Balachandran & B.Doublet (42 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : P.Bijjani; Howe: T.Sly; Greening: V.Nadarajah; Vaughan C.Gray.

100 m: 1 P.Bijjani [Ha], 12.73s; 2 D.Ata [Ha]; 3 D.Balachandran [Ha]; 4 S.Mendoza [G]; 5 C.Lau [G].

200 m: 1 P.Bijjani [Ha], 26.00s; 2 D.Balachandran [Ha]; 3 D.So [Ho]; 4 V.Nadarajah [G]; 5 C.Gray [V].

400 m: 1 P.Bijjani [Ha], 1m 08.97s; 2 D.Santoro [Ho]; 3 R.Harichandran [V], 4 M.Utteridge [Ho]; 5 Y.Sen [Ho].

800 m: 1 S.Lodge [G], 2m 24.24s; 2 D.Balachandran [Ha]; 3 C.Gray [V], 4 G.Pasupathy [G]; 5 M.Utteridge [Ho].

1500 m: 1 C.Gray [V], 5m 27.00s; 2 D.Balachandran [Ha]; 3 R.Harichandran [V].

100m Hurdles: 1 P.Bijjani [Ha], 19.10s; 2 S.Mendoza [G]; 3 T.Chen [Ha]; 4 L.Cremer [Ha]; 5 M.Nhieu [G].

High Jump: 1 V.Nadarajah [G], 1.48m; 2 C.Gray [V]; 3 M.Utteridge [Ho].

Long Jump: 1 V.Nadarajah [G], 4.568m; 2 C.Gray [V]; 3 G.Nelson [G]; 4 C.Sivalogarah [Ho]; 5 D.Santoro [Ho].

Triple Jump: 1 T.Sly [Ho], 8.52m; 2 C.Gray [V]; 3 A.To [Ho]; 4 M.Utteridge [Ho]; 5 D.Santoro [G].

Shotput: 1 B.Doublet [Ha], 12.28m; 2 D.Ata [V]; 3 M.Havea [V]; 4 C.Churton [Ha]; 5 T.Sly [Ho].

Discus: 1 B.Doublet [Ha], 44.10m (school record); 2 M.Havea [V]; 3 T.Sly [Ho]; 4 C.Churton [Ha]; 5 D.Santoro [Ho].

Javelin: 1 D.Ata [Ha], 42.95m (equal school record); 2 B.Doublet [Ha]; 3 D.Lam [G]; 4 C.Churton [Ha]; 5 C.Lam [G].

Relay 4 X 100m: 1 Greening, 58.00s; 2 Howe.

14 Years

Age Championship - 1 N.Barreca (59 pts); 2 K.Palanimalai (58 pts); 3 K.Massey (54 pts); 4 S.Manogharan (47 pts); 5 V.Lam (30 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : N.Barreca; Howe: N.Waife; Greening: K.Palanimalai; Vaughan: S.Isaac.

100 m: 1 S.Manogharan [G], 12.90s; 2 N.Barreca [Ha]; 3 A.To [Ho]; 4 K.Palanimalai [G]; 5 W.Arnaout [Ha].

200 m: 1 N.Barreca [Ha], 27.10s; 2 S.Maogharan [G]; 3 J.Guo [V]; 4 V.Lam [G]; 5 K.Palanimalai [G].

400 m: 1 K.Massey [G], 1m 08.69s; 2 V.Lam [G]; 3 S.Isaac [V], 4 S.Massey [G]; 5 Y.Sen [Ho].

800 m: 1 K.Massey [G], 2m 40.08s; 2 V.Lam [G]; 3 N.Barreca [Ha], 4 Y.Sen [Ho]; 5 D.Scott [Ho].

1500 m: 1 K.Massey [G], 5m 47.60s; 2 S.Massey [G]; 3 D.Cushway [Ha], 4 S.Burchett [Ha]; 5 S.Isaac [V].

100m Hurdles: 1 S.Manogharan [G], 18.60s; 2 W.Arnaout [Ha]; 3 N.Barreca [Ha]; 4 N.Waife [Ho]; 5 M.Uepi [Ho].

High Jump: 1 W.Arnaout [Ha], 1.44m; 2 J.Wilkins [Ho] & N.Waife [Ho].

Long Jump: 1 J.Ni [G], 4.924m; 2 N.Barreca [Ha]; 3 N.Waife [Ho]; 4 K.Palanimalai [G]; 5 S.O'Farrell [G].

Shotput: 1 J.Mapapalangi [G], 11.72m; 2 W.Mapapalangi [G]; 3 M.Uepi [Ho]; 4 H.Lam [G]; 5 H.Sri Ranjan [Ho].

Discus: 1 K.Palanimalai [G], 23.35m; 2 S.Manogharan [G]; 3 W.Arnaout [Ha]; 4 K.Massey [G].

Javelin: 1 K.Palanimalai [G], 24.84m; 2 J.Ni [G]; 3 S.Mapapalangi [G]; 4 S.O'Farrell [G]; 5 N.Waife [Ho].

Relay 4 X 100m: 1 Howe, 58.00s; 2 Greening; 3 Vaughan.

13 Years

Age Championship - 1 Y.Y.Xia (65 pts); 2 A.Tee (61 pts); 3 E.Chua (39 pts); 4 S.Burchett (35 pts); 5 T.Atkins (34 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : E.Chua; Howe: Y.Y.Xia; Greening: C.Massey; Vaughan: V.Jelcic.

100 m: 1 S.Sun [Ho], 13.46s; 2 A.Tee [Ho]; 3 Y.Y.Xia [Ho]; 4 J.Ale [Ha]; 5 J.Xian [Ho].

200 m: 1 S.Burchett [Ha], 28.84s; 2 Y.Y.Xia [Ho]; 3 S.Sun [Ho]; 4 J.Xian [Ho]; 5 C.Massey [G].

800 m: 1 C.Massey [G], 2m 51.44s; 2 E.Chua [Ha]; 3 J.Xian [Ho], 4 S.Burchett [Ha]; 5 V.Jelcic [V].

90m Hurdles: 1 Y.Y.Xia [G], 16.50s; 2 E.Chua [Ha]; 3 V.Pham [G]; 4 S.Burchett [Ha]; 5 V.Jelcic [V].

High Jump: 1 A.Tee [Ho], 1.40m; 2 E.Chua [Ha]; 3 Y.Y.Xia [Ho].

Long Jump: 1 Y.Y.Xia [Ho], 4.74m (school record); 2 J.Peters [G]; 3 J.Lee [G]; 4 V.Pham [G]; 5 P.Kim [V].

Shotput: 1 A.Tee [Ho], 14.984m (school record); 2 G.Papoulis [G]; 3 T.Atkins [Ha]; 4 E.Chua [Ha]; 5 S.Sun [Ho].

Discus: 1 A.Tee [Ho], 34.90m; 2 T.Atkins [Ha]; 3 G.Papoulis [G]; 4 S.Morris [G]; 5 E.Kulen [G].

Javelin: 1 T.Atkins [Ha], 24.09m; 2 S.Funaki [V]; 3 S.Aneja [Ha]; 4 D.Lam [G]; 5 F.Alim [Ha].

Relay 4 X 100m: 1 Howe, 59.67s; 2 Hayes; 3 Vaughan.

12 Years

Age Championship - 1 H.Lee (77 pts); 2 H.Krix (66 pts); 3 S.Massey (56 pts); 4 U.Tokdogan (32 pts); 5 M.Kolesnikov (31 pts).

House Age Champions - Hayes : *T.Apte; Howe: L.Shanmugan; Greening: H.Lee; Vaughan: H.Krix.*

100 m: 1 H.Krix [V], 14.59s; 2 H.Lee [G]; 3 G.Ratnarajah [Ho]; 4 J.Shen [Ha]; 5 P.Kularajah [V].
200 m: 1 H.Lee [G], 29.63s; 2 H.Krix [V]; 3 S.Massey [G]; 4 G.Ratnarajah [Ho]; 5 U.Tokdogan [Ho].
800 m: 1 H.Lee [G], 2m 44.52s; 2 S.Massey [G]; 3 H.Krix [V], 4 G.Ratnarajah [Ho]; 5 U.Tokdogan [Ho].
80m Hurdles: 1 S.Massey [G], 18.85s; 2 R.Buck [Ha]; 3 M.Kolesnikov [V]; 4 G.Liu [G]; 5 P.Kularajah [V].
High Jump: 1 S.Massey [G], 1.25m; 2 H.Krix [V]; 3 U.Tokdogan [Ho].
Long Jump: 1 H.Krix [V], 3.928m; 2 U.Tokdogan [Ho]; 3 K.Huynh [V]; 4 M.Hua [V]; 5 W.Liu [G].
Shotput: 1 H.Lee [G], 9.00m; 2 R.Mongia [G]; 3 D.Mongia [G]; 4 H.Krix [V]; 5 M.Hua [V].
Discus: 1 H.Lee [G], 18.64m (school record); 2 J.Chan [Ha]; 3 M.Hua [V]; 4 L.Shanmugan [Ho]; 5 G.Liu [G].
Javelin: 1 M.Kolesnikov [V], 17.14m (school record); 2 W.Lu [G]; 3 T.Apte [Ha]; 4 S.Massey [G]; 5 L.Shanmugan [Ha].
Relay 4 X 100m: 1 Vaughan, 1m06.41s; 2 Greening; 3 Hayes.

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Carnival was held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, 24th June and Homebush finished fifth out of the seven schools in the competition.

In the 13 Years Age Championship *Andrew Tee* was placed third with 41 points from 1st in Shot Put, 13.45m and Discus, 33.88m and 2nd in the High Jump with a leap of 1.45m.

Ben Doublet was placed third in the 15 Years Age Championship with 41 points and was placed 1st in the Javelin, 38.36m, 1st in Discus, 40.12m and one 2nd in Shot Put with a throw of 11.21m.

Other outstanding Division 1 performances included:

Nicholas Kozlovsky was 1st in the Open Javelin with a throw of 40.95m and 2nd in the High Jump with a leap of 1.83m.

Anthony Ripamonti was 2nd in the Open Long Jump with a leap of 5.61m.

Kish Rathinam was 5th in the Open 400m in 57.66s.

Neil Hockey was 5th in Open 800m in 2m14.97s.

Naeem Ashraf was 5th in the Open 110m Hurdles in 21.98s.

Gavin Churton was 5th in Open Javelin with a throw of 37.13m.

Prashanth Shanmugan was 3rd in 16 Years 110m Hurdles in 19.73s.

Joe Cremona was 4th in 16 Years Discus with a throw of 25.10m.

Ben Slade was 5th in 16 Years Discus with a throw of 24.28m.

Shane Lodge was 2nd in the 15 Years 3000m in 11m01.03s.

David Ata was 3rd in 15 Years Shotput with a throw of 10.65m and 3rd in the Javelin with 34.45m.

Chris Gray was 3rd in 15 Years Triple Jump with a leap of 10.93m and 4th in the 1500m in 5m15.72s.

Anthony To was 3rd in the 14 Years 100m in 12.98s.

Nathan Barreca was 3rd in the 14 Years Long Jump with a leap of 4.75m and 5th in 200m in 26.95s.

Warwick Arnout was 4th in the 14 Years Long Jump with a leap of 4.71m.

Kieran Massey was 5th in the 14 Years 1500m in 5m19.17s & 5th in 400m in 1m09.78s.

SriHaran Manogharan was 5th in the 14 Years 100m Hurdles in 19.21s.

Yang Yang Xia was 1st in 13 Years Long Jump with a leap of 4.91m (school record) and 2nd in the 90m Hurdles in 16.19s.

Troy Atkins was 4th in the 13 Years Discus with a throw

of 23.84m

Sosaia Funaki was 2nd in 13 Years Javelin with a throw of 24.80m.

Stephen Masey was 2nd in 12 Years 800m in 2m41.54s.

Huw Krix was 5th in 12 Years 100m in 13.99s.

Michael Kolesnikov was 5th in the 12 Years 80 m Hurdles in 17.01s..

In relay events the 14 Years team was placed 2nd in 53.50s.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Following their efforts in the North West Metropolitan Zone Carnival, *Ben Doublet, Andrew Tee, Shane Lodge, Nick Kozlovsky, Yang Yang Xia* and the 14 Years Relay team were selected to represent the Zone at the Metropolitan North Regional Carnival held at Sydney International Athletic Centre on Monday, 28th July and Friday, 1st August.

An outstanding performance was achieved by *Ben Doublet* who was 1st in the 15 Years Discus (47.47 metres - school record), 1st in the Javelin (44.63 metres - school record) and 1st in the Shot Put (12.33 metres).

Andrew Tee was 2nd in the 13 Years Shotput with a throw of 15.20 metres (school record).

Shane Lodge was 6th in the 15 Years 3000 metres in 10min 34s.

The 14 Years Relay Team of *Anthony To, Nathan Barreca, SriHaran Manogharan and Krishnakum Palanimalai* were placed sixth.

N.S.W.C.H.S. Athletics Carnival

Ben Doublet and *Andrew Tee* were selected to represent Metropolitan North Region at the Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival at Sydney International Athletic Centre held from Thursday, 4th September to Saturday, 6th September.

In an outstanding performance *Ben Doublet* recorded 52.08 metres (school record) to finish 1st in the 15 Years Javelin, 49.72 metres (school record) to finish 4th in the Discus and 12.98 metres (school record) to finish 8th in the Shotput. *Andrew Tee* was 3rd in the 13 Years Shotput with a throw of 14.49 metres.

All Schools Athletics Championships

The Moove games were held from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th October at the Sydney International Athletic Centre.

Ben Doublet was placed 2nd in the 15yrs Javelin with a throw of 50.42 metres and 5th in the Discus with a school record throw of 50.60 metres.

Andrew Tee was 3rd in the 13yrs Shot Put with a school record of 15.87metres. Andrew was also 4th in the Discus and competed in the High Jump.

All Schools Australian Athletics Championships

Ben Doublet qualified to compete at the carnival held at Hobart.

1997 School Cross Country Championships

The Annual Cross Country Carnival was held on Thursday, 22nd May.

Senior(6 km)

1 K.Rathinam [Ho], 24min 10 sec; 2 J.Mathiruparajah [G]; 3 N.Hockey [V]; 4 M.James [V]; 5 S.James [V]; 6 A.Kanagasabapathy [V]; 7 K.S.Park [G].

16 Years(6 km)

1 S.Rathinam [Ho], 25min 0sec; 2 B.Thompson [Ho]; 3 B.Slade [Ho]; 4 M.Bates [Ha]; 5 R.Grasion [V]; 6 B.Papaeleou [G]; 7 A.Hadjicosta [V]; 8 J.Mapapalangi [G]; 9 D.White [Ho]; 10 D.Ratcliffe [Ho].

15 Years(6 km)

1 C.Gray [V], 25min 05sec; 2 D.Balachandran [Ha]; 3 A.Han [V]; 4 M.Koussan [V]; 5 M.Park [V]; 6 Y.Meslemani [G]; 7 S.Lodge [G]; 8 B.Doublet [Ha]; 9 A.Montone [G]; 10 equal C.Alha [Ha], B.Agostino [Ha], K.Murray [G], A.Willmott [Ho].

14 Years(4 km)

1 K.Massey [G], 16min 05sec; 2 V.H.Lam [G]; 3 C.Lindsay [G]; 4 D.Scott [Ho]; 5 J.Mapapalangi [G]; 6 S.H.Manogharan [G]; 7 Z.Khalil [V]; 8 A.Zeitoun [Ho]; 9 S.Isaac [V]; 10 C.Hooper [V].

13 Years(4 km)

1 C.Massey [G], 19min 01sec; 2 K.Balendran [Ha]; 3 F.Cheema [Ha]; 4 M.Keriniotou [V].

12 Years(4 km)

1 S.Massey [G], 16min 22 sec; 2 A.Pantehis [G]; 3 S.Kangatharan [V]; 4 M.Kolesnikov [V]; 5 P.Kularajah [V].

Zone Cross Country Championships

We finished fifth at the Zone Cross Country Championships held at Macquarie University on Tuesday, 27th May. The following boys represented the school and their positions are indicated.

Senior

K.Rathinam [5th]; 2 J.Mathiruparajah [21]; J.Del Ducca [36]; D.Bedford [38]; E.Ali [39].

16 Years

M.Bates [29]; B.Thompson [32]; R.Grasion [36]; D.Whitwell [37]; P.Balaglow [42] D.White [43].

15 Years

S.Lodge [2]; C.Gray [3] D.Balachandran [15]; M.Park [32]; A.Han [37].

14 Years

Z.Khalil [7]; C.Hooper [24]; C.Lindsay [33]; V.H.Lam [38]; D.Scott [39]; A.Srikantharajah [45]; S.Isaac [49]; H.H.Kim [50], H.SriRanjan [55].

13 Years

S.Burchett [28]; C.Massey [29]; V.Jelicic [32]; J.Xian [40]; R.Jamshidi [51]; I.Sahin [53]; K.Balendran [54]; S.Kangatharan [56]; R.Srikhanta [57].

12 Years

S.Massey [2]; A.Zeitoun [7]; A.Pantehis [8]; M.Arumuganathan [42]; M.Kolesnikov [50].

Regional Cross Country Championships

Seven boys were selected to represent the zone at the Regional Cross Country Championships held at Doyalson on Thursday, 12th June. They were 12 Years: *Stephen Massey, Andrew Pantehis, Adam Zeitoun*; 14 Years: *Zac Khalil*; 15 Years: *Chris Gray and Shane Lodge*; Open: *Kishangaran Rathinam*.

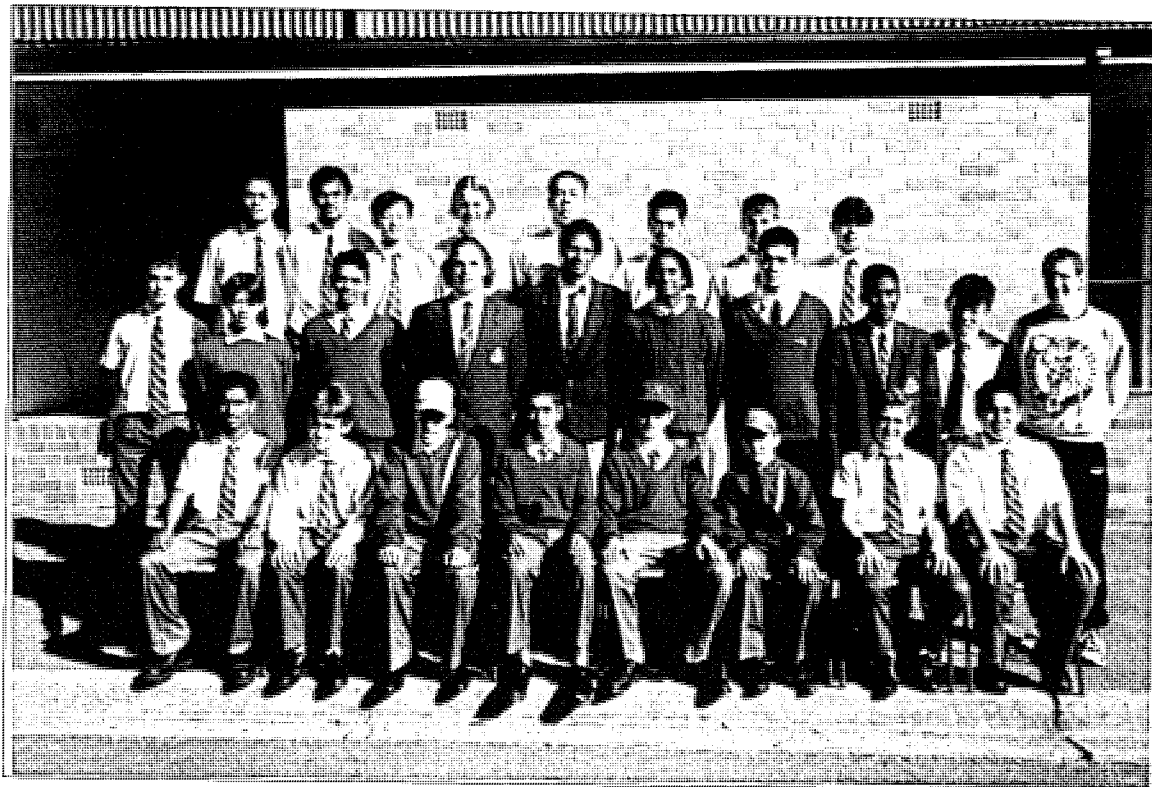
Stephen Massey finished 7th, *Chris Gray* was 11th and *Kishangaran Rathinam* was 15th in the regional carnival.

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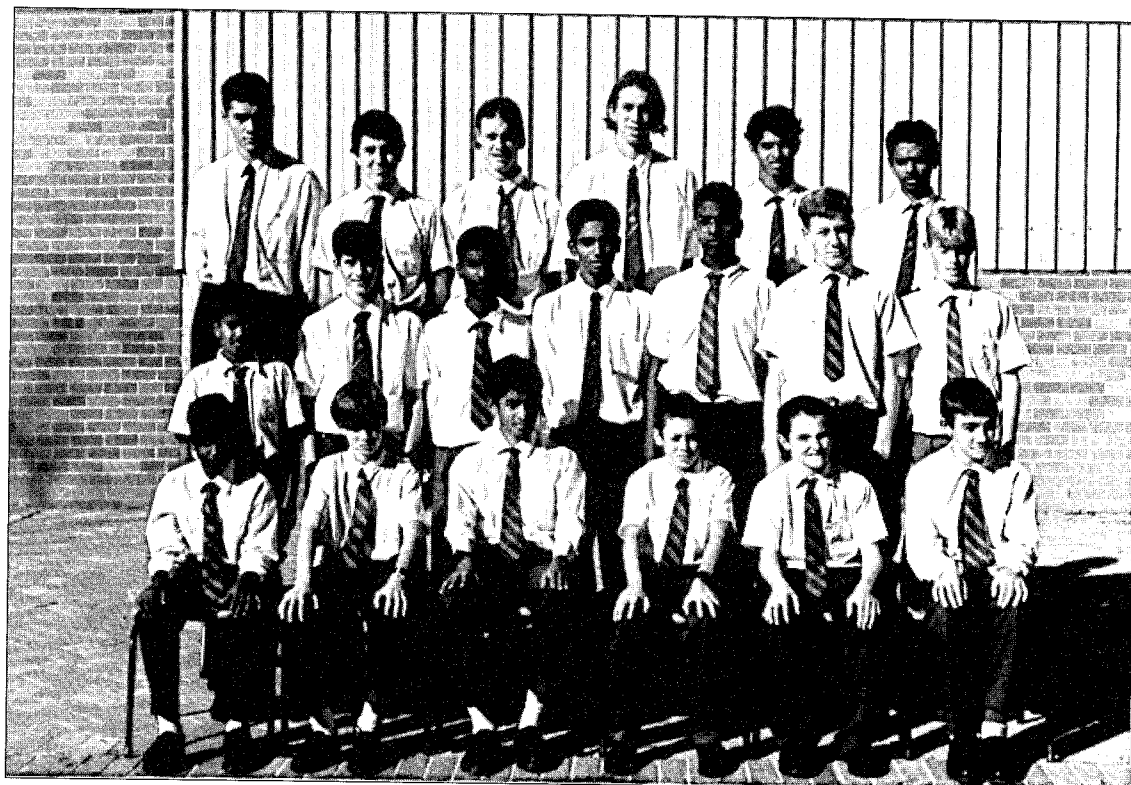
Stephen Massey was selected to represent the Metropolitan North Region at the NSW Schools Cross Country Championships and was placed a commendable 24th in the 12 Years event.

Teachers prepare for duty at the Athletics Carnival

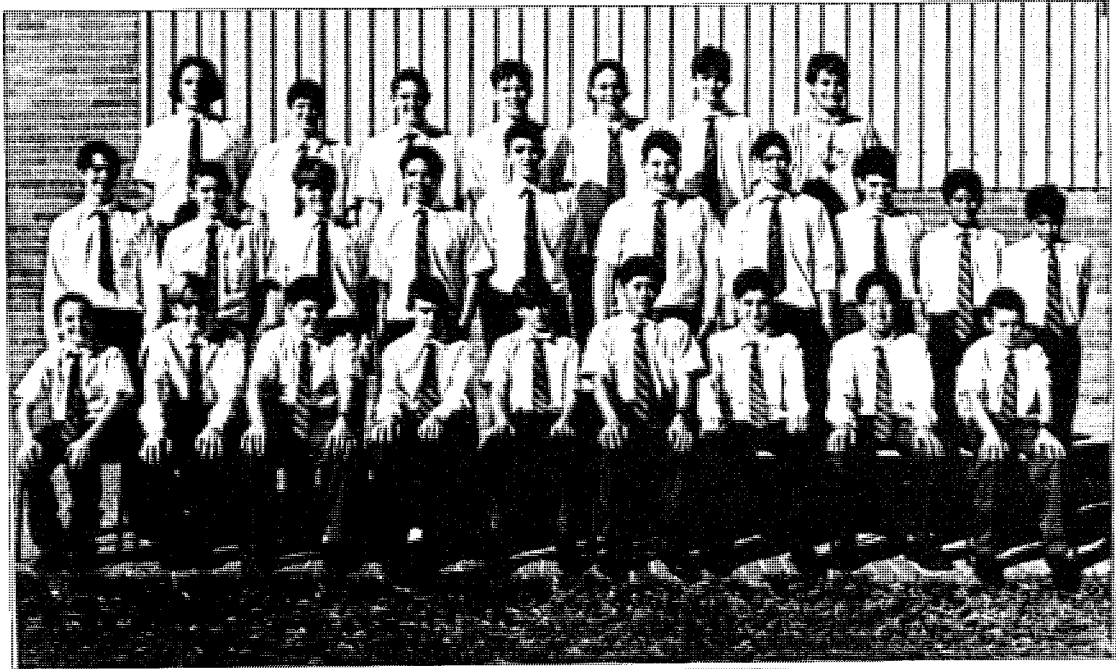




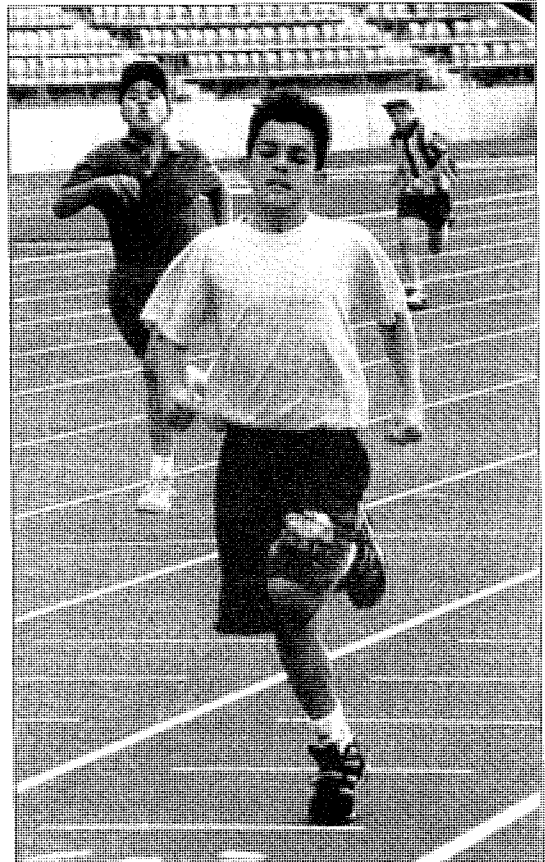
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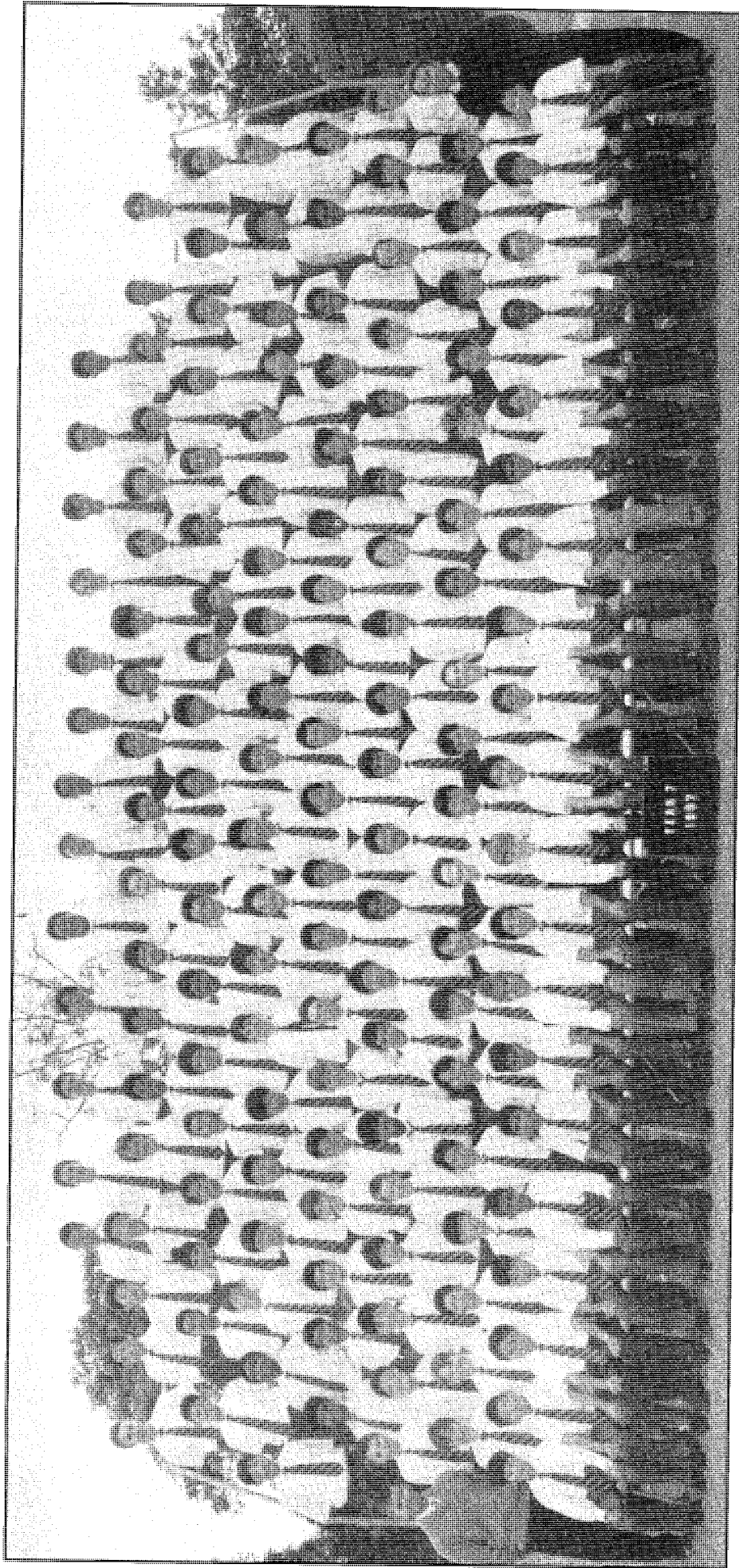


School Cross Country Team



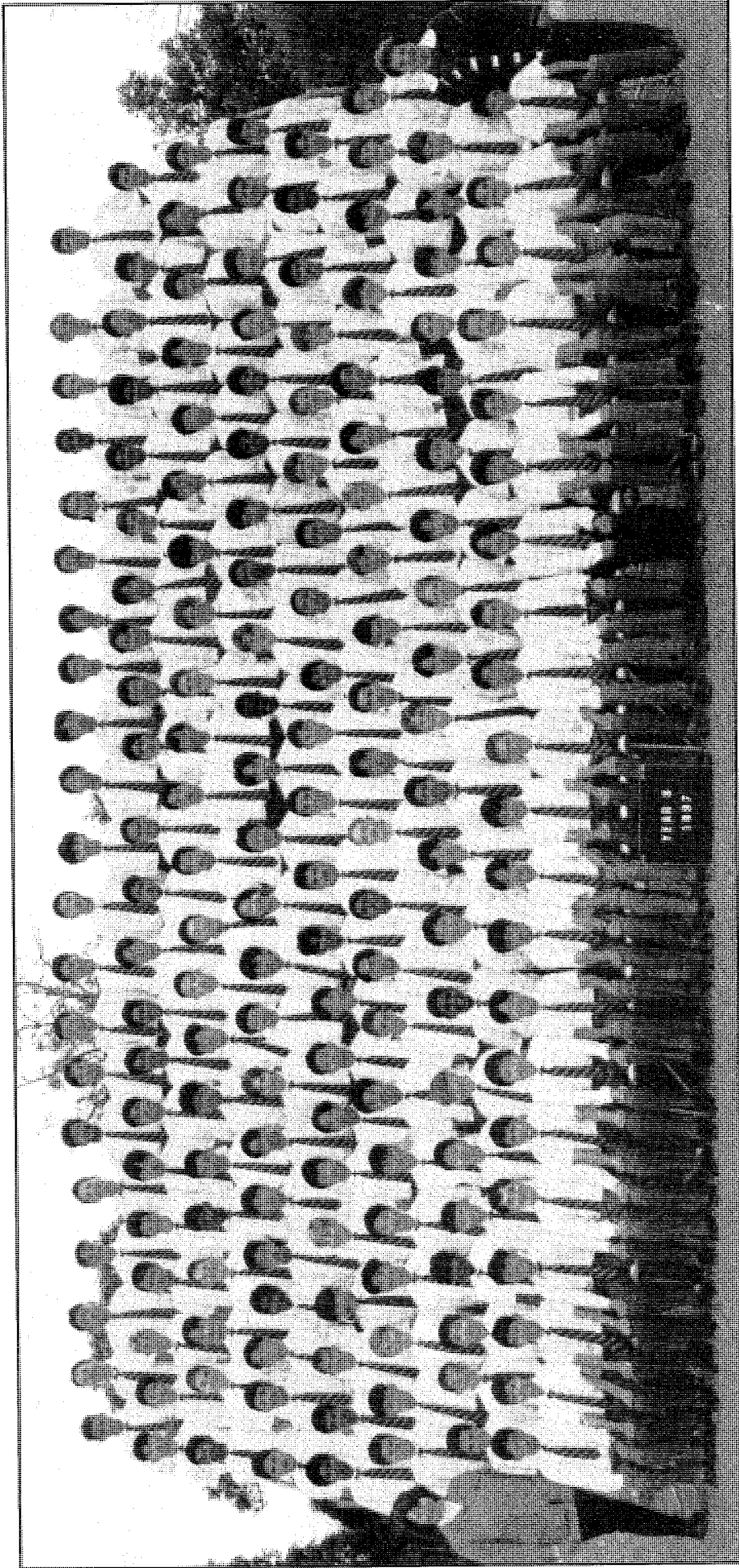
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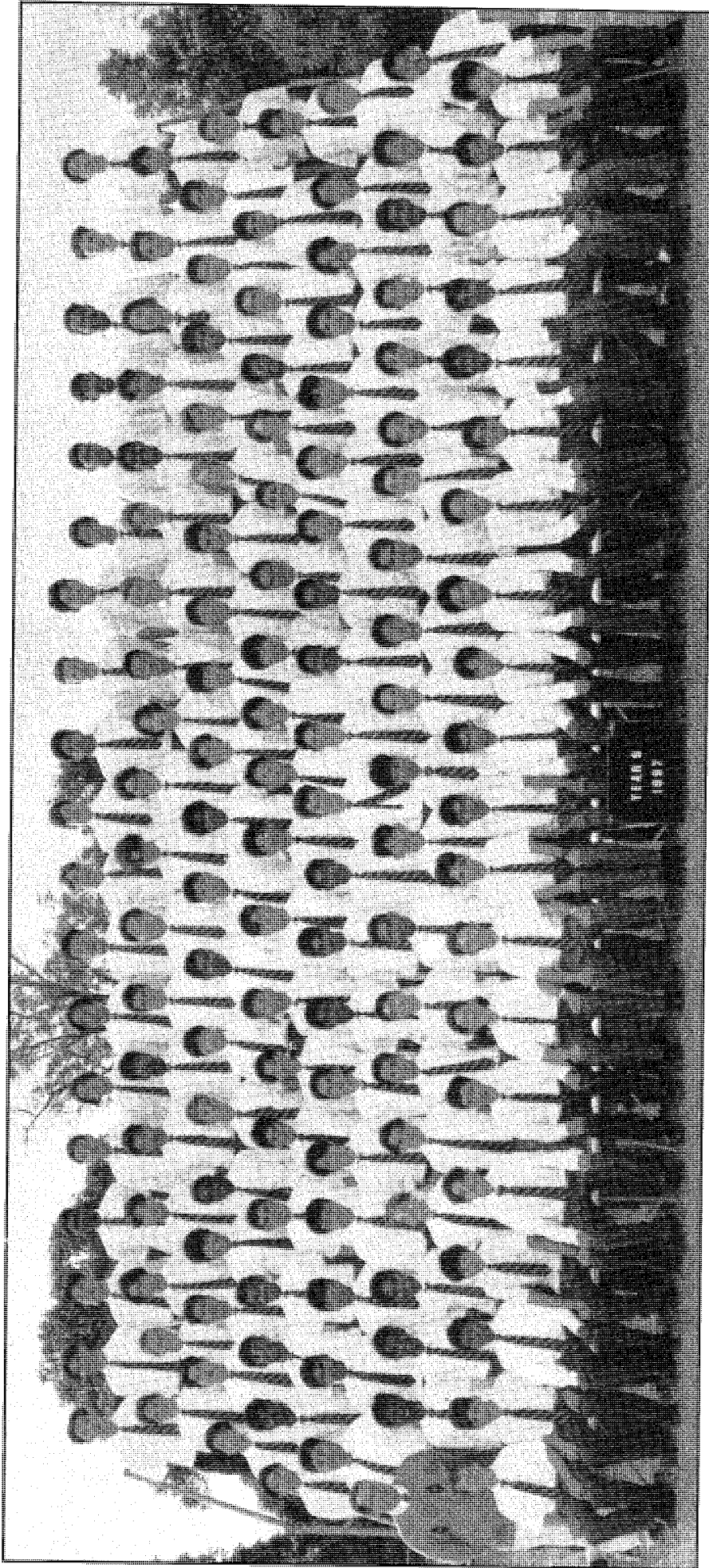


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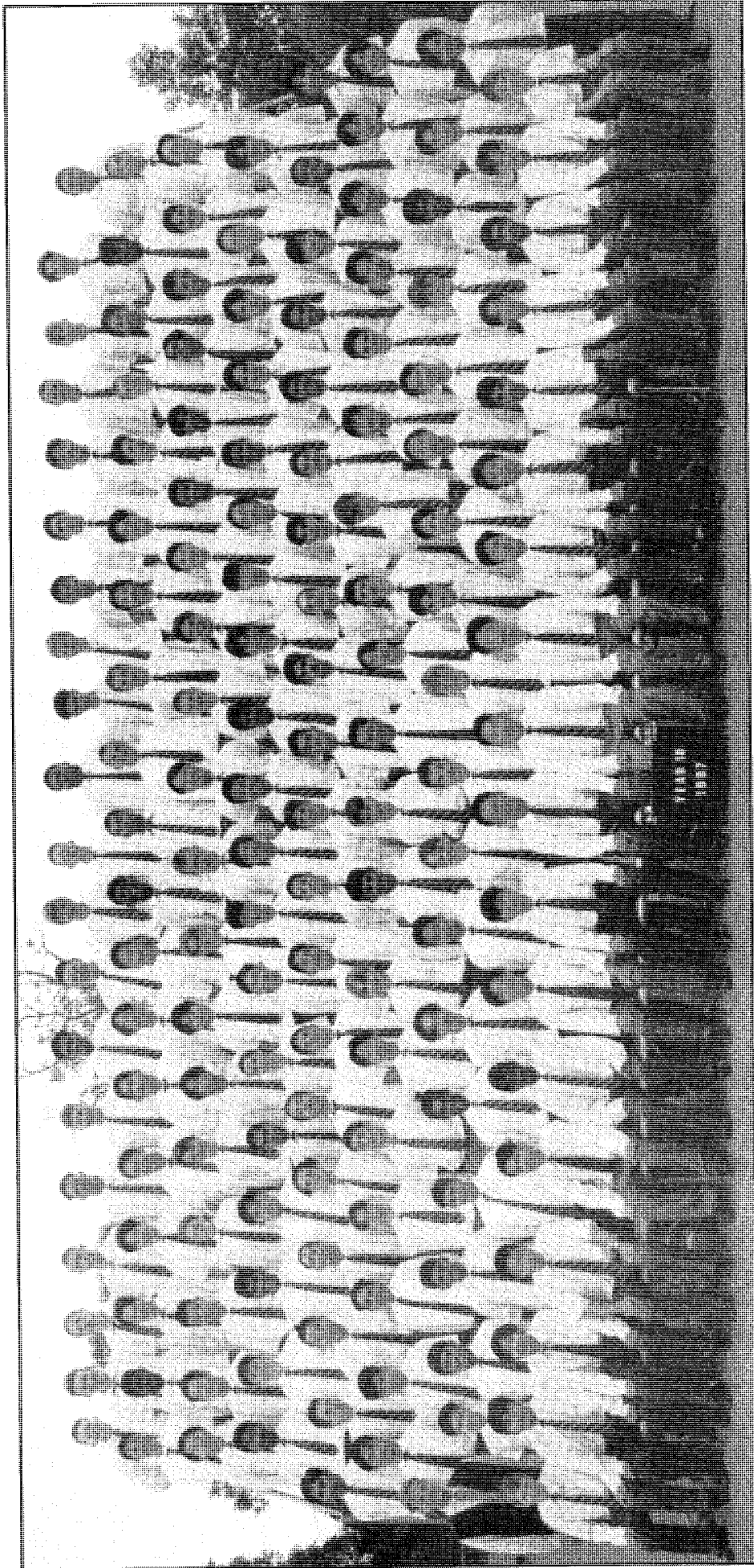


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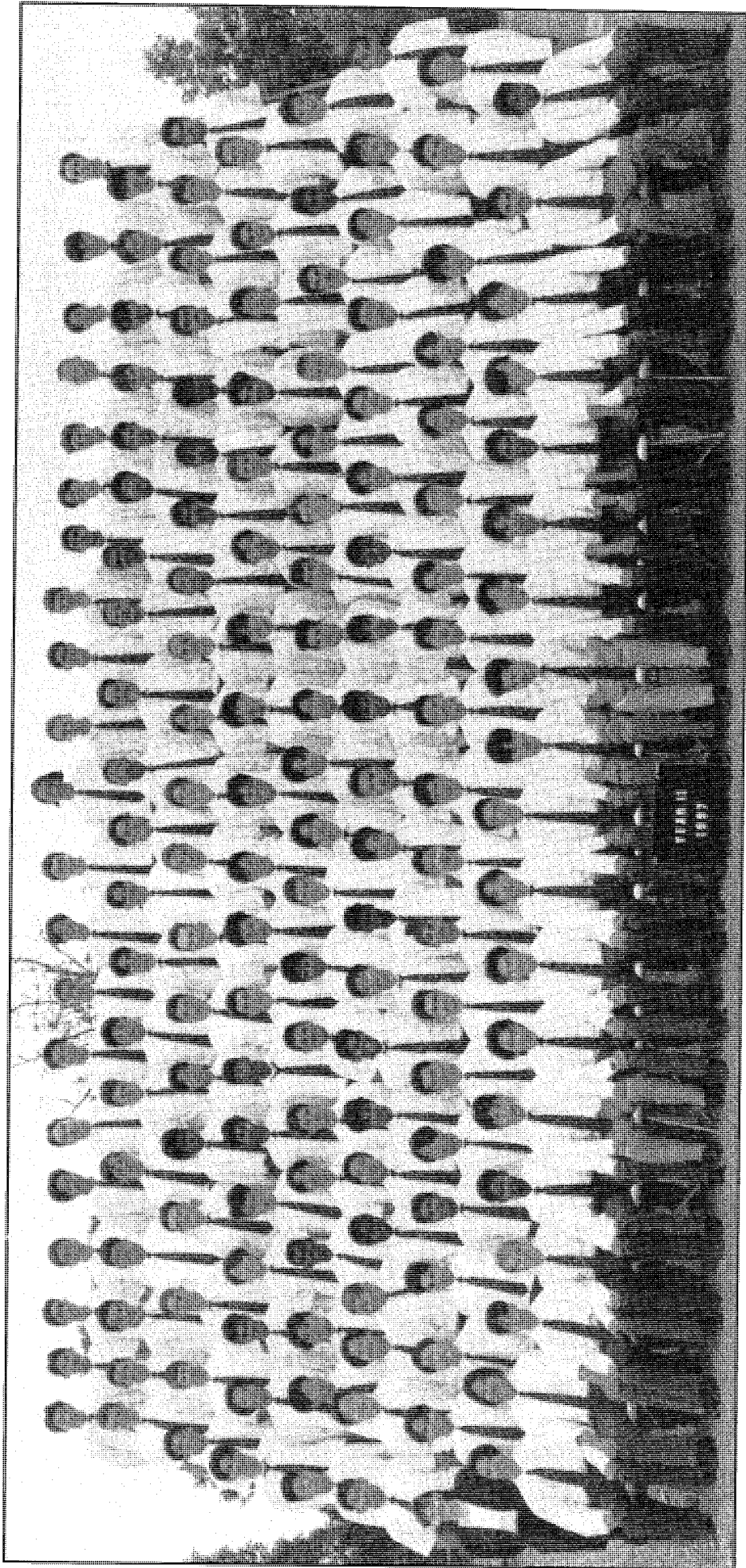


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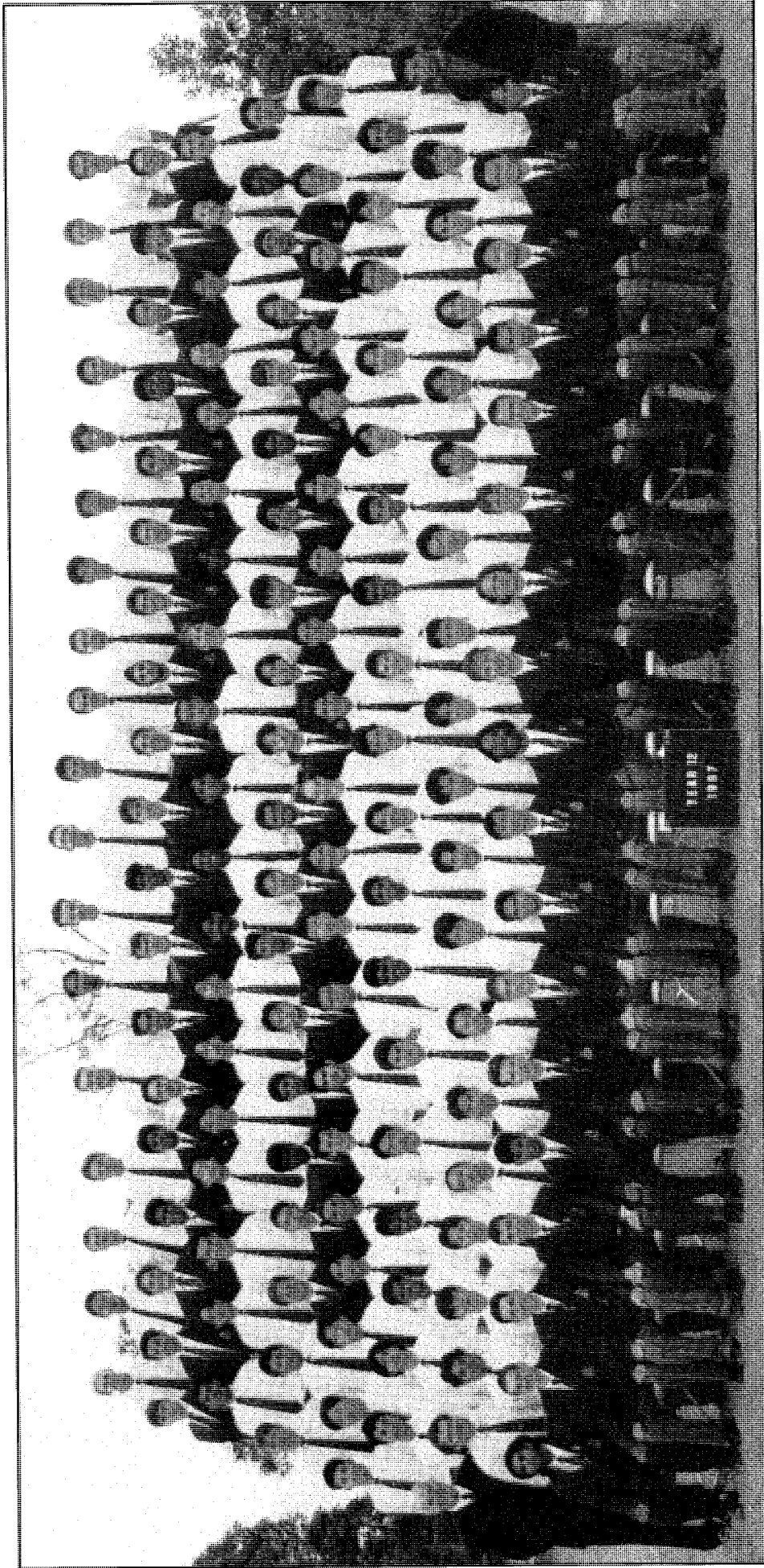


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