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Once again we have produced a magazine that represents the broad range of activities that have taken place during the past four terms at our busy school. As a teacher I am aware of the daily hum of activity around me, however it is not until I publish the magazine that the efforts of individuals are brought to my attention. The staff and students who willingly undertake extra responsibilities for the benefit of the school are celebrated in this edition, be they leaders or quiet achievers.

I would like to thank staff and students for their contributions and especially the ESL staff, Office staff, Mr Hilliard, Hadi Khalili (Yr 11) and Htet Yan (Yr 12) for their support during the many weeks of preparation required to get this publication ready for printing. All that you see on these pages has been produced here at HBHS. KM

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dr Ian Paterson  
School Principal.

**T**his exciting school magazine follows the process established in recent times of summarising student and staff achievements from Term 4 the previous year up until Term 3 of the current year, 2007 in this edition.

At the time of writing this report I have just witnessed the first examination for the 2007 HSC and had an opportunity to wish our nervous young men all the best before the challenges of their first ever HSC. Academic performance is a large part of the school program and this magazine captures many examples of outstanding accomplishments from juniors up to the fine achievements of our current Year 12 boys. In Term 4 last Year the 2006 HSC students maintained the high standards of the school and many students have subsequently gone on to further education at University (approx 65-70%) at a variety of venues, mainly in the Sydney region. Special congratulations to the two Premier All-Rounder award winners: Chris Pooley and Tony Tang and to all those students who achieved their goals and aspirations as a result of dedication and application over the six years at Homebush Boys.

This year is especially important for the former students who graduated from the school 50 years ago and Professor Ian Dance provided inspiration to the current Year 12 students with his address at the recent farewell dinner. Ian is Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at UNSW and spoke in passionate terms about his own career since leaving the school and how he was guided by various mentors in his time and especially made decisions based on interest and motivation, rather than just simple financial gain. He enjoyed his research and teaching work and always sought to improve himself through recognising strengths and stimulating ideas in students and colleagues. Professor Dance will continue his links with the school by being "guest teacher and adviser" when his time permits.

A school strength is the academic performance of students in a range of traditional courses implemented by the NSW Board of Studies. However we all recognise the need to promote vocational skills and awareness within the crowded curriculum as it facilitates more informed decision making in an employment and life long learning context. The magazine captures some scenes from the very successful, Australian Business Week, which allowed the year 10 students to simulate the business skills of companies in the hospitality area. Ms Dwyer and all the school and community staff did a fabulous job in supporting this valuable venture over a full week. Many excursion experiences are captured in the photographs and text of the magazine and these learning environments allow further development of competencies which can be recorded in the

School To Work logbooks provided for all students from Year 9 to Year 12.

Teaching and learning are at the very heart of any educational organisation and Homebush Boys gained a \$30,000 grant under the Success for Boys, Federal government Quality Teaching project. The focus is on researching into the improvement of writing strategies for all year 7 and year 8 students and therefore enhancing outcomes in all courses as a result of these refinements in stage 4. A feature of this work has been the fantastic links established with the staff at key feeder schools: Homebush West and Homebush.

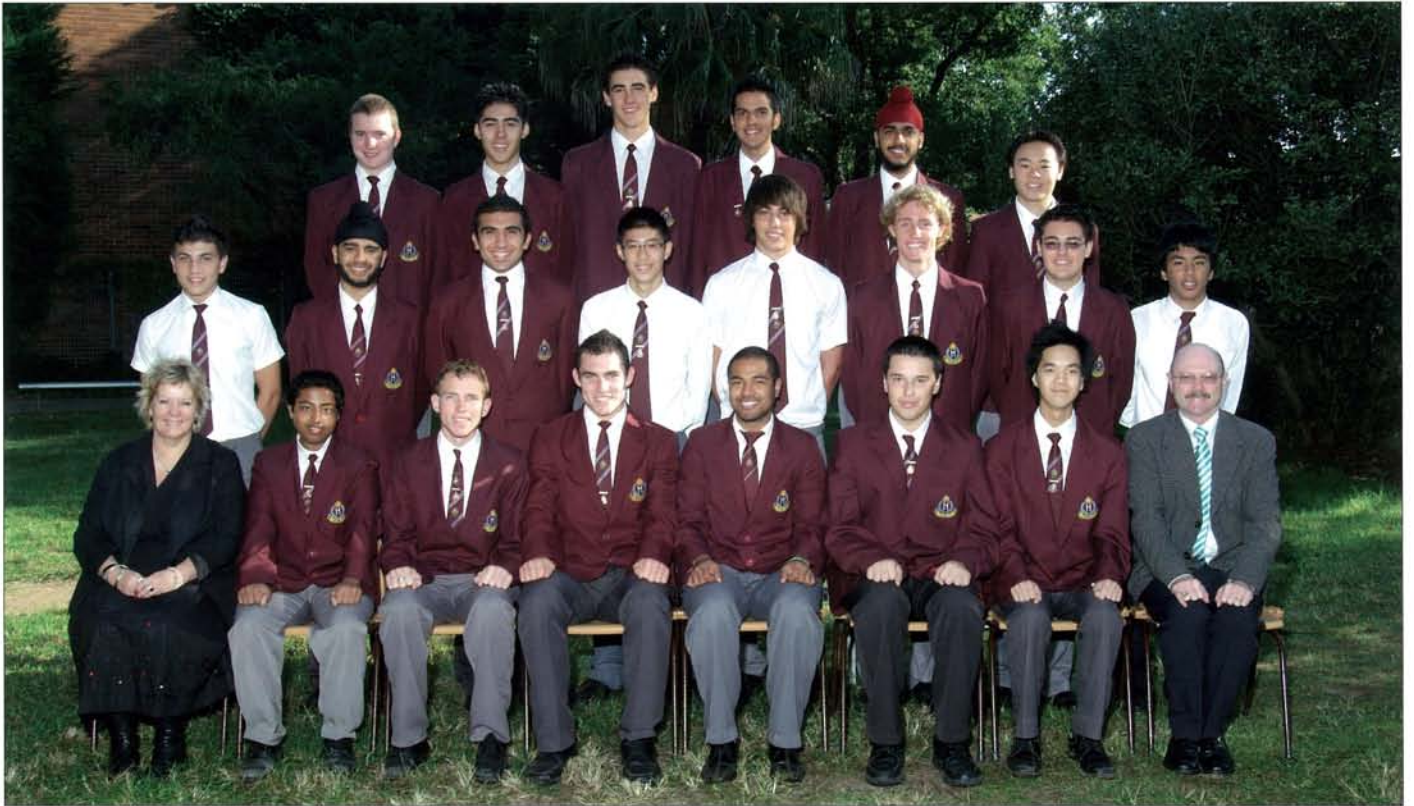
In a similar way the school has been successful in receiving special funding from the Commonwealth government, Investing in Our Schools Programme. These grants have enabled the school to establish state of the art irrigation systems for the southern and western grass and a related in ground water tank supplied by rainwater from the current gymnasium roof. The quality of the soil and turf has been significantly improved and this has allowed our large number of students to use these open spaces for recreation and sporting activities. Recent funds have been allocated towards the purchase of new instruments for the School Band.

Sport and related recreational pursuits feature strongly in student activities. You will read about many successful zone competition wins and also learn about the 15 Years CHS champions in Water Polo and the State Futsal victory. Individual achievements are recognised from a National, State and Regional level at a variety of sports including Cricket, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Athletics, Swimming, Martial Arts and Speed Skating. These students continue the expectation of combining and balancing excellence in academic pursuits with many other opportunities such as sport and cultural opportunities.

For the first time ever the school gained representation at the Regional Schools Spectacular and the talented All Stars Stage Band performed the 1960's classic Born to be Wild, in front of a range of distinguished guests and appreciative parents at the Sydney Opera House. Mr Albertson has developed the confidence and skills of these Year 7-11 boys to an impressive level, following camps, special seminars and many other important performances within the school calendar. Congratulations to Mr Albertson and his music colleagues and to the parents who have been so supportive in this extra-curricular venture.

Congratulations to the entire editorial team for such an exciting production, especially thanks to Ms Meucci, Mr Hilliard, Ms Horiatopoulos and Mr Gavathas. Also students Vincent Liang, Htet Yan and Hadi Khahli have been most helpful in supplying photographs and assisting the editorial team.

# PREFECTS



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# THE SCHOOL BANDS



The School Band

The *School Band*, originally formed by Ms Doina Ilea in 2002, continued to provide musical support for major school functions throughout 2007. This 35-strong Concert Band performed at Variety Night and Presentation Night. Although movie themes have continued to dominate the band's repertoire several new pieces (Australian compositions *I Still Call Australia Home* and *Farm Cove* are recent additions) a new and exciting range of pieces covering many different styles of music will be added next year.

The *All Stars Stage Band*, formed last year, has developed strongly over the past twelve months. The number of performances has increased as its reputation has spread throughout the wider community.

The weekly Band newsletters are now available through the School's website (Communities>Band).

#### *Band Camp '07*

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Band Camp was held at Naamaroo Conference Centre in March. Guest Conductor was Mr Glenn Armitage, Director of the Band Programme at Burwood Girls High School. A Family Concert brought Camp to a conclusion. Band Camp 2008 will again be held at Namaaroo (17-20 March). Next time we should be able to enjoy the new accommodation facilities (rooms of 4 with ensuite).

#### *Open Day*

The *All Stars Stage Band* performed some of its new repertoire for children from feeder Primary schools and their parents.

#### *Strathfield Rotary Anzac Day Breakfast/ Commemoration*

Trumpeter David Brimfield played the *Last Post* and *Reveille* at Strathfield Rotary's traditional Anzac Day breakfast at Cape Cabarita before a crowd over one hundred guests.

#### *Back to School Day - 18 May*

The *All Stars Stage Band* entertained Old Boys from the 1960's during the Back to School Assembly. The music performed came from the 50's and 60's.

#### *Inter-School Band Workshop - 20 June*

Band members joined Ashfield Boys High, Burwood Girls High and Canterbury Girls School (Melbourne) instrumentalists for a combined Band Workshop at Burwood Girls High School.

#### *Recital Night - 21 June*

The School Band performed a selection of film classics before an appreciative audience.

#### *Strathfield Rotary Changeover Dinner - 29 June*

David Brimfield, Peter Brimfield and Daniel Armitage were invited to play background music at Strathfield Rotary's Changeover Dinner on the last night of Term II.

#### *Granville District "Our Spectacular" at the Opera House - 15 August*

In 2005 the School Band was invited to perform in the Northern foyer of the Concert Hall of the Opera House during the interval. This year the *All Stars Stage Band* auditioned for a place on the concert program and were selected. To tie in with this year's "Strictly 60's" theme the *All Stars* performed Steppenwolf's 1968 classic rock hit *Born To Be Wild*.

#### *Variety Night - 30 August*

The School community was able to witness the *All Stars'* performance of *Born To Be Wild* at the Variety Night concert a fortnight after the Opera House debut. Ritchie Valens' *La Bamba* was also performed.

#### *Yr 12 Dinner - 27 September*

The *All Stars Stage Band* were invited to perform at the Yr 12 Dinner/Presentation Assembly. This was the first occasion when awards and presentations were distributed to Yr 12

at this function rather than Presentation Night.

#### *Wests Ashfield Inner West Ensemble Festival - 18 November*

The *All Stars* were invited to participate in this non-competitive event held at Burwood Girls High School.

#### *Year 11 Assembly (Governor present) - 23 November*

It was an honour to perform before the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir.

#### *Director's Choice Performance - 29 November*

The *All Stars Stage Band* was invited to perform at this special event held in the Amphitheatre at Olympic Park. Mr John Benson, Regional Arts Co-ordinator, South West Region, Dept of Education and Training, conducted two workshops at school in preparation for this prestigious function.

#### *Orientation Day - 6 December*

As many of our feeder schools have extensive music programs this morning was an opportunity to showcase performance options to inbound students.

#### *Strathfield Carols By Candlelight - 8 December*

Participation in community events is an important facet of the HBHS Band Programme. The local community enjoyed a bracket of three well-known Christmas carols performed in swing style.

#### *Presentation Night - 17 December*

As in previous years the School Band performed for 15 minutes prior to the start of formalities then led the assembled in *Advance Australia Fair*. The *All Stars Stage Band* had the honour of performing two separate pieces during the evening.

In addition to the above the Stage Band is often invited to perform at Christmas functions for local community organizations. The Strathfield Historical Society and Homebush Strathfield Meals on Wheels extend invitations each year.

2008 promises to be even bigger and better than this year.

Mr Ian Albertson  
Bandmaster



All Stars rehearsing for Variety Night

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT



Our diverse community at Homebush goes from strength to strength under the leadership of Dr Ian Paterson. The school is very successful. Why? By what measures? The school is more

than the sum of its many parts and its success is derived from a multitude of influences.

The students are the backbone and they strive for more and more success as other reports in this magazine verify. But the students are more than the 1250 who are 'current enrolments'. It is a rich mix of many thousands who proudly refer to themselves as Homebush students even though their time at school as formal students has passed. I take this opportunity to mention three of these students.

Dr Ian Dance was a student of the school in the 1950s and he returned to lead a group of students from the 50s on a reunion tour and dinner. He then returned to deliver an inspirational speech to our graduating year 12 class. He feels great pride in his association with the school and whilst reflecting on days past he stills sees the achievements of our school in the current context as worthy of praise.

Former school captain Mohammed Zaoud (2005) was one of the most impressive young men the school has ever had the pleasure of meeting. His time at the school was during a time of great social and cultural upheaval. His leadership served as a unifying and calming influence. He continues to serve the wider community and a Google search of his name produces many outstanding examples of his excellent writing and media contributions. Just prior to writing this report, Mohammed authored an excellent essay for the Sydney Morning Herald on the true meaning and value of Ramadan. Mohammed regularly returns his school and he is welcomed by students and staff alike.

In sport Homebush students take self-discipline and sacrifice to new levels of achievement. Philip Hughes (2006) has shown what talent is available at the school in cricket. Philip has been chosen by Cricket NSW to be part of the second State team. Philip's results in games so far this year have been exceptional and like Rodney Blake in Rugby, we will follow his career closely.

The staff at Homebush supports the 'student backbone' by providing their intellect and enthusiasm to the students in the difficult daily grind that is education. These days technology use is becoming a major feature of all learning and research by the students. We are fortunate at Homebush to have gifted staff like Mr Gregory Sheath who leads technology change in the school. Greg is head of Computing Studies and he is also our Computer Coordinator. Greg's roles include team membership on the ICT team, Curriculum, Professional Support and Finance. His invaluable expertise was rewarded when in late 2006 he was awarded the Excellence in the Integration of Information and Communication Technologies Award which recognises those teachers at the forefront of incorporating ICT in teaching and learning. It promotes and publicises the use of best practice in ICT in classrooms in NSW

public schools and reinforces the commitment to make quality learning and teaching the central focus of every classroom. The Excellence in the Integration of Information and Communication Technologies Award also includes the Australian Information Industry Association, IT Companies and DET ICT Teachers Awards Program and the Microsoft Pty Ltd ICT Scholarship.

Greg Sheath has worked hard to keep our network at the forefront of our technology plans. His team of coordinators, led by Ryan Chadwick include the extraordinary talents of Ramana Kirubakaran. These professionals keep the network running and assist in training the staff. They are key personnel, vital in the plans of the school. The future will see many of our courses online using the web 2.0 technology of the Moodle software.

Literacy is a cornerstone of the school's success and our Literacy and Numeracy Support team has overarching responsibility for the implementation of our literacy plan. This year we have been concentrating on the field of writing in our Stage 4 (year 7/8) programs. This writing program has received a boost with the Success for Boys Federal Government grant for Professional Learning. This grant provided teacher relief time to develop coordinated writing strategies with our primary feeder schools (Homebush West and Homebush). Ms Caitlin Dwyer (HT Teaching and Learning) has coordinated this wonderful program of combined workshops, classroom visits and guest speakers to set the school on a sound direction for 2008. Caitlin has overseen the development of a writing template or scaffold which all KLAs can share. The Success for Boys (S4B) team has developed and marked assessment tasks with our Primary colleagues to better understand the learning needs of our students. We hope to further the S4B in 2008 with a new grant application to the Federal government.

Another member of the Literacy team is Ms Kerry Meucci (HT Learning Support). Kerry's work with our ESL students and our students with other specific learning needs has been exemplary. Kerry is assisted by our Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) Ms Judith Edwards in ensuring that wherever possible support is provided for students by way of Teacher's Aides or special reading roll classes or after hours tuition. Special mention must also go to Ms Michelle Degney who coordinates the TAFE Peer Tutoring roll classes 19 and 20. These classes assist many students in their learning and provided formal literacy tutor training to many student leaders.

I will conclude this report with a thank you to Mr Ron Tedford who is tireless fundraiser for the Exodus Foundation with his collection of non-perishable food items. It was extremely pleasing to see the new charity of the Good Shepherd Orphanage in Africa receive soccer boots because of Ron's determined efforts. Looking forward to 2008.

*Tim Jurd DP*

## SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL

My time as School Captain is fast approaching its close, and as I sat up writing this speech at 3am I reflected upon my six years as a student of Homebush boys. Many memories and experiences that I'm privileged to have been a part of come to mind. I also considered some of the things that I learnt as a student, these are not the "things" that you learn from sitting in a class room or from reading books, but from the times spent with your peers when they could be anywhere else in the world.

One thing I've learnt is that diversity is a gift and it is a gift that we have in abundance at Homebush boys high. It is unbelievable how we all interact peacefully with the variety of cultures and beliefs. This is ultimately traced back to how we have come to tolerate, understand differences and appreciate as well as learn from those who are not like ourselves. As a group we have demonstrated how successfully diversity can interact.

So in surviving the year that has passed, each and every one of us has grown into leaders in our own rights as we stood up in various areas whether it is academic, sporting or extra curricular activities. I walk into the school each day and each day I see a group of well rounded individuals such as life savers, long distance runners, hockey stars, cricket internationals, rugby freaks, tae kwon do champions and millionaire story writers. As captain I was proud and honoured to lead this year. I also found that there were many capable students in this year who, I am confident to say, could have taken on this role and in many ways probably could have done a better job too.

When we leave this school each and every one of us will hold different memories, however as we reflect on our time spent here we will all remember the friendships we've made, the successes we experienced, the failures that still tug beneath our skin and of course we will remember the good times we spent together under the fig tree.

These memories are what we should be thanking the staff for. From Dr Paterson to Mr Hilliard and Mr Jurd to Mr Wilson and the teachers for providing us with the opportunity to develop our skills, our parents for being supportive of our efforts and, thank your friend next to you for providing the friendly competition that we all love. This competition has been evident throughout this year as we complete the HSC in the only way Homebush boy's knows how to – by striving for excellence.

Now here we are, ready to move on to bigger and better things. It doesn't seem so long ago that I was saying "I can't wait till I finish school". Now I stand here before you ready to admit that deep down inside I would love to have one more day in this place. Just one more lunch time so, we can waste our time away sitting under the fig tree. Just one more Wednesday so, we could get Epping in that grand final. Just one more free period so we could legally travel to Homebush or Flemington, whilst safely being under the protection of the senior boys rule book. Just one more lesson so we could turn up late – but we can't do these again. Its time for us to look to the future and find our paths that lead away from this place, with the memories gained here forever embedded in our hearts.

I'd just like to thank you all for making each one of the six years so special. I wish the class of "07" all the best as you all follow your dreams and enjoy the challenges that life holds in the future.

We are prepared here, now the world is waiting for us to make our mark, to leave our very own foot print. As Ghandi said, 'You must be the change you wish to see in the world'. So, do not leave it up to someone else, do not let others change something for you, have the courage to stand up and take control. So, as we take our first step into the next stage of our lives, remember... be the change that you wish to see in the world.

*John Vaitaiki  
School Captain 2007*

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELFARE



It is quantity or quality? Which really counts. I've had more than I'm going to get ..... unless I live to the unlikely age of 112. So if I can't be confident of the quantity I'll endeavour to ensure the quality is there. School is like that. After 12 years of writing Annual Reports I realize I only have four more to write. Knowing the quality of the boys, the teachers and the parental support I am sure they will be quality reports.

I write this report through the eyes of a parent who has had a son spend six significant and formative years of his life at Homebush Boys High School. I write this report through the eyes of a member of the Senior Executive who has the responsibility of ensuring every families son receives the best of educational opportunity which can be provided. From each perspective I think, and I will quote (ARL coach) Jack Gibson "We played strong! We did fine!".

The core business of schools is learning and a measure of that is the Higher School Certificate Results. The School Dux was Tony Tang with a UAI of 99.90. A total of 94 entries were on the Merit Lists for achieving "Band 6's" a score above "ninety". Chris Pooley and Tony Tang received Premiers All Rounder Awards for scoring above 90 in each of their ten units of study. The external examinations of the School Certificate, SNAP (Numeracy), ELLA (Literacy) and ESSA (Science) placed Homebush well above the "State Averages" and more importantly showed growth in the "value added". This is a credit to the teaching and learning.

January 2007, and Stephen Speirs is named the "Strathfield Young Citizen of the Year". I attended the function and saw the pride in the faces of several of our others students who became Australian Citizens on that day. During term one our long term Water Polo coach, Andrew Smith, took the 15's team to Raymond Terrace as the Sydney North Champions. The boys returned as State Champions when they defeated Kirrawee 10 - 9 in extra time.

197 Year 7 boys headed for the Shoalhaven River, after only three days in high school. Sleeping in tents and sleeping bags, cooking their own food, the boys lived with wombats, koalas and cockatoos ..... and made new friends. They learnt the rap, which became the mantra "don't Touch, don't Take, don't Tease, don't Truant and do Tuck your Shirt in".

New Subjects for Years 9 and Year 11, Study Skills programs for all forms, mid-course examinations for Year 12. The pressure is on from the start ..... and we expect nothing less. Summer sport ends with a mixture of premiership victories and memorable losses. The "Bushy Boys" win both the Zone Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. Nelson Zheng and Josh Tarrant-Windt are the National Winners for a marketing concept in the Young Achievement Program. Oliver Pase was the regional champion in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition.

Alan Lam, Andrew Depta, Paul Tao and Sachinpal Sing had their artworks selected to be displayed at the Westmead Children's Hospital as a part of Operation Art. Music, English and PD/H/PE arranged a number of performances in the Hall, which both entertain and inform the students .... The "Silk Road" which featured musical styles from China to Eastern Europe was particularly impressive.

Term two is the competition term .... Mathematics, English, Science, Writing, Spelling, Computer Studies, Geography and Financial Literacy .... These competitions area good indicator as to how the boys are performing against students from all across Australia. They are a part of the preparation for the semester one examinations and reporting period.

The Drum Corps has again fulfilled its duties, at a variety of Anzac Services and performed impressively on National Television during the Sydney march. Sam Musumeci and Vasili Koungoulos received Regional Awards for Vocational Education, while Mr Fairley graduated a group of students as terrific Touch-Typists.

Mr Thompson had great success in motivating boys to challenge themselves through their involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. They undertake outdoor activities, community service and learn several new skills.

News filtered through that Mitchell Starc, Ryan Beattie and David Paterson had received scholarships from Western Suburbs Cricket Club, with Mitchell selected in the Australian U19's Cricket Tour of Pakistan. The 13's and 16's became Indoor Soccer Champions with the 16's claiming the NSW title.

I enjoy seeing leadership being developed in young men. Two standout opportunities were the Islamic Youth Council and the RYPEN Camps (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment). The Council was formed as a response to the Cronulla situation with Homebush well represented by Radwan El Helou, Emre Mehmet and Josh Tarrant-Windt. Almost everyone of our Student Executive have benefited by participation in the RYPEN program over the last 5 years. Each year, eight Year 10 boys are sponsored by Silverwater, Strathfield and Burwood Rotary Clubs to participate.

Several Motivational Speakers were instrumental in delivering courses focusing on 'Goal Setting' and strategies to achieve these same goals. Former AFL players and "Bali Bomb Survivor", Jason McCartney, was inspirational in telling his story called "Live the Dream".

The 'Homebush All Stars Band' performed in the Schools' Spectacular at the Opera House, under the direction of Band Master, Mr Albertson, they performed a set which included the 1968 classic, 'Born to be Wild'. Kai Lin, Joel Samways and Peter Brimfield 'rocked' the Concert Hall with their saxophone solos.

English Week and Science Week are

highlights of the school calendar, with a multitude of incursions, excursions, displays and camps organised to extend and enrich students of these disciplines.

The end of the winter season saw a cluster of premierships in Rugby, Soccer, Hockey, Table Tennis and Tennis. Indeed the Sportsman of the Year could have been won by anyone of 10 boys who had represented either NSW or Australia n the sport of Athletics, Cross Country, Hockey, Cricket, Speed Skating, Rugby, Tae Kwon Do, Baseball, Swimming and Life Saving.

We are fortunate to be led by a Principal who has a thorough understanding of the theories of learning, is hardworking and has the best interest of the boys at the centre of all his actions. The Parents and Citizen Association supported the school in governance and in the raising of additional funds. The introduction of a Voluntary Technology Levy illustrated their commitment to providing the best for their sons. Deputy Principal, Tim Jurd, the Head Teachers, the Teaching Staff, the SAO personnel, the General Assistant and the Cleaning and Canteen staff are terrific people who play their role in making a large complex organisation function.

The 'Net Generation', the 'Y Generation', or whatever group we are working with, will learn differently from the way today's parents and myself learn. It is our responsibility to change our practices to reflect the context of our society. That is the quality teaching, and learning, that we endeavour to deliver in every room and in every lesson. Yes, it is the quality that counts!



Parliament House NSW



The Minister for Education, the Hon. John Della Bosca.



John Vaitaiki-Captain, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir-Governor of NSW, Joshua Hilliard-Vice-Captain.

# PRESENTATION EVENING

## 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006

### ENGLISH

#### Year 7

**First in English** Joel Todd  
**Outstanding Effort in Wide Reading**  
Joel Todd Benjamin Eisikovich

#### Year 8

**First in English** Shivayan Saravapavanathan

#### Year 9

**First in English** Sajeeb Roy

#### Year 10

**First in English** Elison Furneaux-Bate

#### Year 11

**First in Standard English** Danan Thilakanathan  
**First in Fundamentals of English** Tommy Tsui  
**First in English (ESL)** Tommy Tsui  
**First in Extension 1 English** Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
**First in Advanced English** Oliver Pase

#### Year 12

**First in Standard English** Abhi Widge  
**First in English (ESL)** Kevin (Kai) Jiang  
**First in Extension I English** Stephen Speirs

#### The Rhonda Roberts Memorial

**Award for 1st in Advanced English** Chris Pooley

### HISTORY

#### Year 7

**First in History** Josh O'Gara

#### Year 8

**Equal First in History** Luke Dassaklis  
Farhan Khan

#### Year 9

**Equal First in History** Tom Gallagher  
Sajeeb Roy  
Vijay Nagagopan

#### First in History Elective

#### Year 10

**First in History** Elison Furneaux-Bate  
**Equal First in History Elective** Elison Furneaux-Bate  
Andrew Brimfield

#### Year 11

**First in Ancient History** Tandeep Singh  
**First in Modern History** Oliver Pase

#### Year 12

**First in Ancient History** Stephen Speirs  
**First in History Extension** Stephen Speirs  
**First in Modern History** Chris Pooley

#### The Ian W French Memorial Award

**for Excellence in Preliminary  
HSC Ancient & Modern History** Ethan Rizos

### CREATIVE ARTS

#### Year 7

**First in Visual Arts** Ian McKenzie  
**First in Music** David Brimfield

#### Year 8

**First in Music** Jared Wee  
**First in Visual Arts** David Wang

#### Year 9

**First in Music** Andrew Yi  
**First in Photo, Digital Media** Alex Aerfeldt

### Equal First in Visual Arts

Haseeb Rahman  
Sachinpal Singh

#### Year 10

**First in Music** Colin Lu  
**First in Photo Digital Media** Alex Burjan  
**First in Visual Arts** Donald Chung  
**Excellence in CAPA** Ibrahim Kerem

#### Year 11

**First in Music 1** Daniel Nassif  
**First in Visual Arts** Clifford Luu  
**First in 1 Unit Photography,  
Video & Digital** Adrian Clement

#### Year 12

**First in Visual Arts** Jin Yu  
**First in Music 1** Jason Tran

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

#### Year 7

**First in Geography** Joel Todd

#### Year 8

**Equal First in Geography** Patrick Dixon  
Kieren Khatri

#### Year 9

**First in Geography** Sajeeb Roy  
**First in Commerce** James Yoon

#### Year 10

**Equal First in Geography** Christopher Parkee  
Bob Lin  
**First in Commerce** David Paterson

#### Year 11

**First in Business Studies** Ankit Sharma  
**First in Legal Studies** Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
**First in Studies of Religion** Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
**First in Economics** Tandeep Singh

#### Year 12

**First in Business Studies** Thomas Wong  
**First in Legal Studies** Jeremy Pinto  
**First in Studies of Religion** John Kang  
**First in Economics** Mohamed Bardouh

#### The John Taggart Memorial

**Award for 1st in Geography** Tony Tang

### LOTE

#### Year 7

**First in Languages** Erkan Altun

#### Year 8

**First in Italian** Robert Rafael  
**First in French** Jackson Hua  
**First in Chinese** Andy Chun

#### Year 9

**First in French** Tom Gallagher  
**First in Chinese**  
**(Background Speakers)** Kevin Song  
**First in Chinese (Beginners)** Raymond La  
**First in Italian** Sajeeb Roy

**Year 10**

<b>First in French</b>	Shen Guo
<b>First in Chinese (Background Speakers)</b>	Andy Han
<b>First in Chinese (Beginners)</b>	Alan Tran

**Year 12**

<b>First in Chinese (Background Speakers)</b>	Yuan Zhang
<b>First in Chinese (Continuers)</b>	William Hur

**MATHEMATICS****Year 7**

<b>Equal First in Mathematics</b>	Josh O'Gara John Wu
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**Year 8**

<b>First in Mathematics</b>	Owen Huang
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**Year 9**

<b>Equal First in Stage 5.3 Mathematics</b>	Omar Noori
<b>First in Stage 5.2 Mathematics</b>	Jun Kyu Kim
<b>First in Stage 5.1 Mathematics</b>	Inteasar Ali Ali Mustafa

**Year 10**

<b>First in Stage 5.3 Mathematics</b>	Shen Guo
<b>First in Stage 5.2 Mathematics</b>	Chris Shin
<b>First Stage 5.1 Mathematics</b>	George Asiedu Afari

**Year 11**

<b>The UNSW Prize for First in Extension 1 Mathematics</b>	Luke Pun Rishi Verma
<b>First in Mathematics</b>	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
<b>First in General Mathematics</b>	Lucas Djurichkovic

**Year 12**

<b>First in General Mathematics</b>	Samir Boulekraout
<b>First in Mathematics</b>	Chetan Chopra
<b>First in Extension 1 Mathematics</b>	Tim (Peng Fei) Jiang
<b>First in Extension 2 Mathematics</b>	Xiaotian Ma
<b>Scholarship Award</b>	Jack Li
<b>Mathematics Student of the Year Award</b>	Xiaotian Ma

**SCIENCE****Year 7**

<b>First in Science</b>	Youssef Latash
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**Year 8**

<b>First in Science</b>	Kai Lin
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**Year 9**

<b>First in Science</b>	Sajeeb Roy
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**Year 10**

<b>First in Science</b>	Li Yuan Chen
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**Year 11**

<b>First in Biology</b>	Luke Pun
<b>First in Chemistry</b>	Luke Pun
<b>The UNSW Prize for First in Physics</b>	Luke Pun

**Year 12**

<b>First in Chemistry</b>	Hasanul Kabir
<b>First in Biology</b>	Min Hyo Stone
<b>First in Physics</b>	Xiaotian Ma

**COMPUTING STUDIES****Year 9**

<b>First in Computing Studies</b>	Andrew Maxwell
<b>Excellence in Computing Studies</b>	Sajeeb Roy
<b>Excellence in Computer Robotics</b>	Matthew Iwanczuk

**Year 10**

<b>First in Computing Studies</b>	Ronald Pai
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**Year 11**

<b>First in Software Design &amp; Development</b>	Ammar Awan
<b>First in Information Processes &amp; Technology</b>	Mahesh Vuppapapati
<b>Excellence in Information Process &amp; Technology</b>	Faroque Ahmed
<b>First in Information Technology VET</b>	Jas Simran Singh

**Year 12**

<b>First in Software Design &amp; Development</b>	Jamie Scott
<b>Information &amp; Communication Technology Award</b>	Andrew Nguyen
<b>First in Information Processes &amp; Technology</b>	David Yuan

**Year 10**

<b>First in Information Technology VET Gifted and Talented in Computing Award</b>	Michael Jin Peter Ayre
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**PD/H/PE****Year 7**

<b>Equal First in PD/H/PE</b>	Sam Hayward Joshua O'Gara
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**Year 8**

<b>First in PD/H/PE</b>	Nicholas White
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**Year 9**

<b>First in Physical Activity &amp; Sports Studies</b>	Peter Jackson
<b>Equal First in PD/H/PE</b>	Peter Jackson Tyson Parcell

**Year 10**

<b>First in Physical Activity &amp; Sports Studies</b>	Mehran Modasser
<b>First in PD/H/PE</b>	Mehran Modasser

**Year 11**

<b>First in Sport, Lifestyle &amp; Recreation 1Unit</b>	John Kim
<b>First in PD/H/PE</b>	Aayush Sharma

**Year 12**

<b>First in PD/H/PE</b>	Chris Pooley
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**TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES****Year 7**

<b>Excellence in Junior Technology</b>	Rany Hassan
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**Year 8**

<b>Excellence in Junior Technology</b>	Shivayan Saravapavanathan
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**Year 9**

<b>Equal First in Graphics Technology</b>	James Yoon Brandon Chang
<b>First in Industrial Technology (Timber)</b>	Daniel Armitage
<b>First in Food Technology</b>	Daniel Armitage
<b>First in Industrial Technology (Electronics)</b>	Ayush Gupta

**Year 10**

<b>First in Industrial Technology (Timber)</b>	Chad Watkinson
<b>Junior Craftsman Award</b>	Chad Watkinson
<b>First in Industrial Technology (Electronics)</b>	Christopher Parkee
<b>First in Food Technology</b>	Nicholas Siomos
<b>First in Industrial Technology (Metal)</b>	Patrick Chow
<b>First in Graphic Technology</b>	Patrick Chow

**Year 11**

<b>First in Hospitality Operations</b>	Daniel Nassif
<b>First in I/T – Timber &amp; Furniture</b>	Daniel Edgitton
<b>Senior Craftsman Award</b>	William Duong
<b>First in I/T – Multimedia</b>	Ka Ho Ng
<b>First in Engineering Studies</b>	Krishna Rubadass



## CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

## YEAR 9

Junior Debating Award	Richard Amarasingham
Senior Debating Award	Stephen Speirs
Senior Public Speaking Award	Stephen Speirs
Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment	Chris Pooley
Excellence in Supported Learning	Samuel Selladurai

<b>Principal's Medals</b>	
Andrew Sorrenti	Ji-Ho Park
Azlan Safi	Suthangan Thanabalasingam
Thajee Raveendran	Richard Amarasingham
Teja Chintamani	Vijay Nagagopan

## YEAR AWARDS

### YEAR 7

<b>Principal's Medal</b>	
Sydney (Quoc) Hua	Dhuva Nades
<b>Gold Awards</b>	
Sydney (Quoc) Hua (2)	Mehdi Khalili
Andrew Mo	David Zou
Peter Brimfield	Sinan Topcu
Don Rajadurai	Nabil Edelbi
Lachlan Clement	Paul Cho
Doo Ho Park	Jack Jones
Hakim Wazir	Damian Lam
Nathan Sorrenti	Khalid Derbas
David Brimfield	Kokulnath Puvanendra
Joel Todd	Joshua O'Gara
Jimmy Chen	Jason Qiu
Youssef Latash	Dhuva Nades (2)
Jad Merhi	
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Joel Todd
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Sam Hayward
<b>Dux of Year 7</b>	Josh O'Gara

### YEAR 8

<b>Principal's Medal</b>	
Hammad Iqbal	Nicholas White
Kai Lin	Jackson Hua
Ashvin Ashok	Theeran Suntheradas
Umair Awan	Shivayan Saravapavanathan
Mark An	Abiram Thiyagalingam
Joshua Natale	Shravan Nagesh
Jared Wee	Andy Chun
Bassam Alam	
<b>Gold Awards</b>	
Hammad Iqbal (2)	Stephens Thomas
Quazi Manajir-E-Shafi	Kai Lin (2)
Bassam Alam (2)	Phillip Stapleton
Vicgnesai Tharmarajah	Kevin Pathirane
Varunan Balaraju	Aidan Kirvan
Ziyad Hussain	Nicholas White
Jackson Hua (2)	Ashvin Ashok (2)
Joshua Natale	Theeran Suntheradas (2)
Umair Awan	Daniel Rozen
Andy Ho	Jared Wee (2)
Umair Awan (2)	Andy Chun
Kabilan Bascaran	Youssef Dib
Abiram Thiyagalingam	Michael Dubos
Shravan Nagesh	Ziyad Hussain
Blake Watkinson	Shakti Rathore
Farhan Khan	James Stewart-Moore
Stephens Thomas	Mark An (2)
Lachlan Heron	Ryan Sutton
Academic Excellence	Academic Excellence
Shivayan Saravanapavanathan	Patrick Le
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Jackson Hua
<b>Dux of Year 8</b>	Jared Wee

<b>Gold Awards</b>	
Suthangan Thanabalasingam	Azlan Safi
Sivapatham	Alfred Balachandran Piresath
Thomas Pelchen	Andrew Sorrenti
Thajee Raveendran	Ji-Ho Park
Phillip Song	Omer Topcu
Wasim Buksh	Teja Chintamani
Adam Ajaj	Tim Delai-Vulaca
Vijay Nagagopan	Richard Amarasingham

### Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Studies

<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Ronald Wu
	Daniel Armitage
	Omar Noori
<b>Dux of Year 9</b>	Sajeeb Roy

## YEAR 10

<b>Principal's Medals</b>	
Rushil Chhibber	Donald Chung
Pavithran Shanmuganathan	Emre Mehmet
Ibrahim Kerem	Kaan Sozen
Wayne See	
<b>Gold Awards</b>	
Ibrahim Kerem	Daniel Kissick
Bhirayan Yogarajah	Donald Chung
Ian Banerji	Kaan Sozen
Rushil Chhibber	Mehran Modasser
Scott Tonkin	Abdullah Akgul
Pavithran Shanmuganathan (2)	Ruchir Vasaiwalla
Wayne See (2)	
<b>Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Studies</b>	Hadi Khalili
<b>University of Sydney Excellence in the Junior School Award</b>	Shen Guo
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Ibrahim Kerem
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Li Yuan Chen
<b>Academic Excellence</b>	Bob Lin
<b>Dux of Year 10</b>	Elison Furneaux-Bate

## YEAR 11

<b>Principal's Medal</b>	
Ankit Sharma	William Duong
Aayush Sharma	Johnny Chan
Donny Huang	
<b>Gold Awards</b>	
Ankit Sharma	Johnny Chan(2)
Danan Thilakanathan	William Duong(2)
Donny Huang	Jonothan Rajakumar
Tandeep Singh	Clifford Luu
<b>Third in Year 11</b>	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
<b>Second in Year 11</b>	Ethan Rizos
<b>UWS Outstanding Year 11 Award</b>	Oliver Pase
<b>Dux of Year 11</b>	Luke Pun

## YEAR 12

<b>4 Principal's Medal &amp; 4 Gold Certificates</b>	Jeremy Pinto (2)
<b>Principal's Medal &amp; 2 Gold Certificates</b> Vebooshan Elankovan	David Chan
<b>Principal's Medal &amp; 1 Gold Certificates</b> Gow Manoharan	Sam Everett
<b>Gold Award</b>	Danny Huynh
<b>Most Improved Student</b>	Khalil Zahedi
<b>Third in Year 12</b>	Tony Tang
<b>Second in Year 12</b>	Chris Pooley
<b>Dux of Year 12</b>	Stephen Speirs

## CITIZENSHIP & SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS

### Chess Awards

Brent Xie	Year 8
Roshan Vasaiwalla	Year 8
Joe Lu	Year 10
Gordon Tan	Year 10
Richard Lu	Year 11
Wilson Petrushnko	Year 12

### Services to Drum Corps

Mitchell Pike	Oliver Pase
Clifford Luu	Sudhagar Sivabalan

### Bandsman of the Year

Wilson Petrushnko

### Services to the School Band

Kai Lin Year 8	Jacob Pooley Year 8
Jared Wee Year 8	Simon Bull Year 9
Razak Akunyare Year 11	

### Bandsman of the Year

Daniel Armitage Year 9

### Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit

Mohamed Bardouh

### Churton Family Shield Best All Rounder

Abhi Widge

### Exemplary School Performance

Xiaotian Ma

### Soros Family Award for Public Relations

Wilson Petrushnko

### Outstanding Contribution to the School

Eddie Wu

### Strathfield Rotary Citizenship Prize

Jeremy Pinto

### Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Min Hyo Stone

### P & C Award Most Outstanding Boy in the School

Stephen Speirs (School Captain)



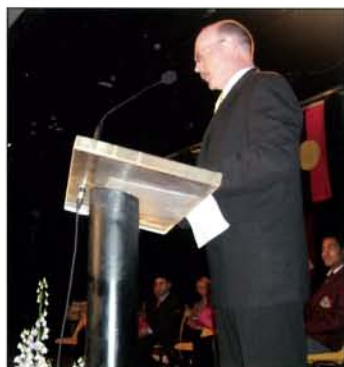
Dr Ian Paterson, Mr Mike Kiddle, Mayor Bill Carney



The official party gives the 'thumbs up'.



'Advance Australia Fair'



The Principal's Report



Robert Polec



Jamie Sherson



Pawalpreet Sran



English Awards



Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Sports Awards



Academic Awards



Principal's Medals



Sports Awards



Principal's Medals



Mitchell Davidson and Sam Higgins



Gold Awards and Principal's Medals



Michael Clark and Adam Morgan



Personal Dev./Health/Phys. Ed awards



Technology and Science Awards



Principal's Medals



Year 7 Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Academic Awards



Sport Awards



Year 12 Academic Awards



Year 11 Academic Awards



Sport Awards



Alex Burjan and Andrew Sorrenti



Sports Report



Sport Awards



Jeremy Pinto



Sport Awards



The band perform on stage.



Waiting patiently.



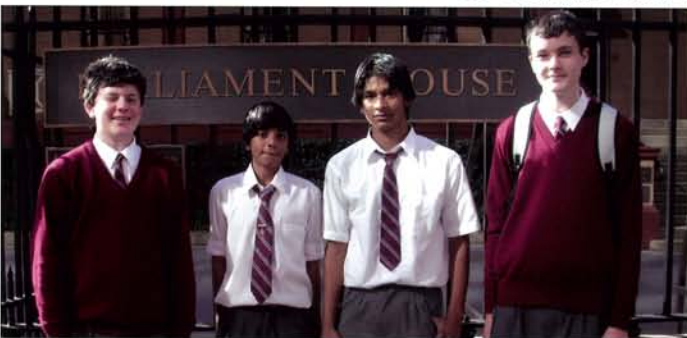
In costume for the next event.



At the Granville Spectacular our Stage Band performed so well they brought the house down.



The 'Dreamtime' comes alive during NAIDOC Week.



At the Aboriginal Reconciliation Convention at NSW Parliament House.



Gifted and Talented students are recipients of Excellence funding.



On Open Day Oliver welcomes visitors



Some school-spirited volunteers.



Parents on Open Day.



The Drum Corps and Ms Rayner prepare themselves for their 'gig' on Open Day. This reliable group has done a great job this year.



On assembly day, students are recognised for their efforts.



Jibraan gives a speech on Harmony Day.



The audience at a Friday assembly.



Certificate winners line up for applause.



Study Skills Day brings Year 12, 2006 back.



Ms Dwyer and Year 12, 2007 listen attentively.



Last year's school captain Stephen Speirs.

### Leaving on a steam train

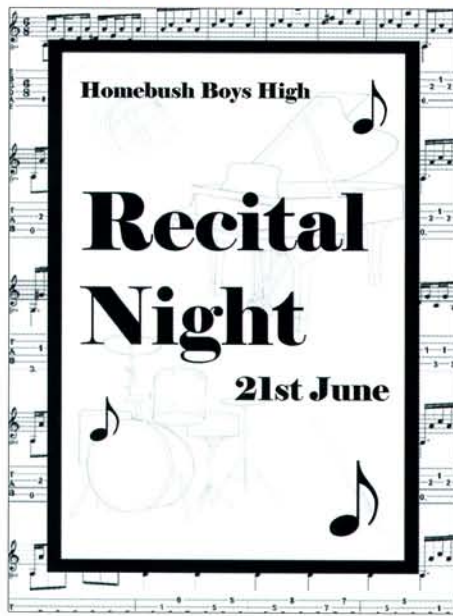
Mr Philip Morehouse has a penchant for trains, especially the old steam variety. He takes every opportunity to go on a train trip and always comes back with lots of photos which he shows around. His enthusiasm is hard to ignore as he explains every detail of his excursion. He takes some great photos too.

Left: Mr Morehouse. Below left: The Southern Highlands. Below: Between Dubbo and Binnaway





Art display



Art display



Family and Friends



Sudhagar



All Stars Brass Section



Joel, Year 11



Frank Jiang

An enthusiastic audience of parents and friends thoroughly enjoyed Recital Evening. Mr Bellemore was organiser of the musical acts and also acted as the master of ceremonies. His confident and professional manner made the students comfortable when it came their turn to perform. He also assisted with several acts in accompanying them on piano to give a polished edge to their performance. Mr Smith and his crew of students worked hard with sound and lighting, Mr Thomson took photos and Ms Juska was artistic director. Another feature of the night was the performance of the 'All Stars Band' led by Mr Albertson. This group of students are rapidly building a big reputation as one of the outstanding bands in the region, which is evident with their initial performance in the prestigious South West Sydney Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House on 15 August. Recital Night also included an exhibition of student artwork from years 7 to 11 that gave parents the opportunity to see a range of quality artwork that the students are producing in class that included drawing , painting, collage, sculpture, printmaking, photography and digital media.



Gursager Singh



Noah Essaghir



Daniel Ferguson



Daniel Parkee



Colin Lu



Peter Yang



David Wang



David Brimfield



Aiden Kirvan



Kai Lin



Misha Burjan



David Brimfield



The flautist



Peter Brimfield



# OLD BOYS THE CLASS OF 1957

## Looking back at the 'Bush

*A retrospective by Brian Jenkins of Perth who attended HBHS from 1955-57. Brian is the Australian Coordinator, International Simultaneous Policy. The photos are from his website, as are the captions.*

"Don't squeal, don't squib, don't skite", urged headmaster Bob Golding to the school assembly. Some boys grunted approval but I had trouble taking it in. A new arrival, a shrunken little four-eyed Pommie in 3A, I was still coming to grips with the new language. Fair dinkum, it took some sussing out, but I soon came to see it was a motto worth hanging on to.

A family of ten-quid migrants-official title 'New Australians', the Jenkinses from London landed at Pyrmont in October 1954. We quickly settled into our new country and started paying off our neat little fibro bungalow at Sefton. Before starting at Homebush, I had to pull my weight by working at McIlrath's grocery for two pounds (four dollars) a week. But that is another story.

The Education Department sent me to Homebush because. I was aged 14 and wanted to keep on with Latin, which few state schools taught. It was a long way from Sefton but I soon met other kids who made long train journeys, one travelling all the way from Camden. Before long, I had a mob of good mates from Poland, the Ukraine, Hungary, even a few Aussies. At day's end I would walk to Flemington station with a cheery Colombo Plan guy from Malaya.

Homebush was a top school for maths and science. I was one of a few with a preference for languages and literature. At the Leaving Certificate, I did well in English, Latin and French but just managed a B in General Maths. Against all expectations, I also cracked an A in Chemistry, stunning teachers as well as myself. My sciences were photography and collecting beetles and spiders.

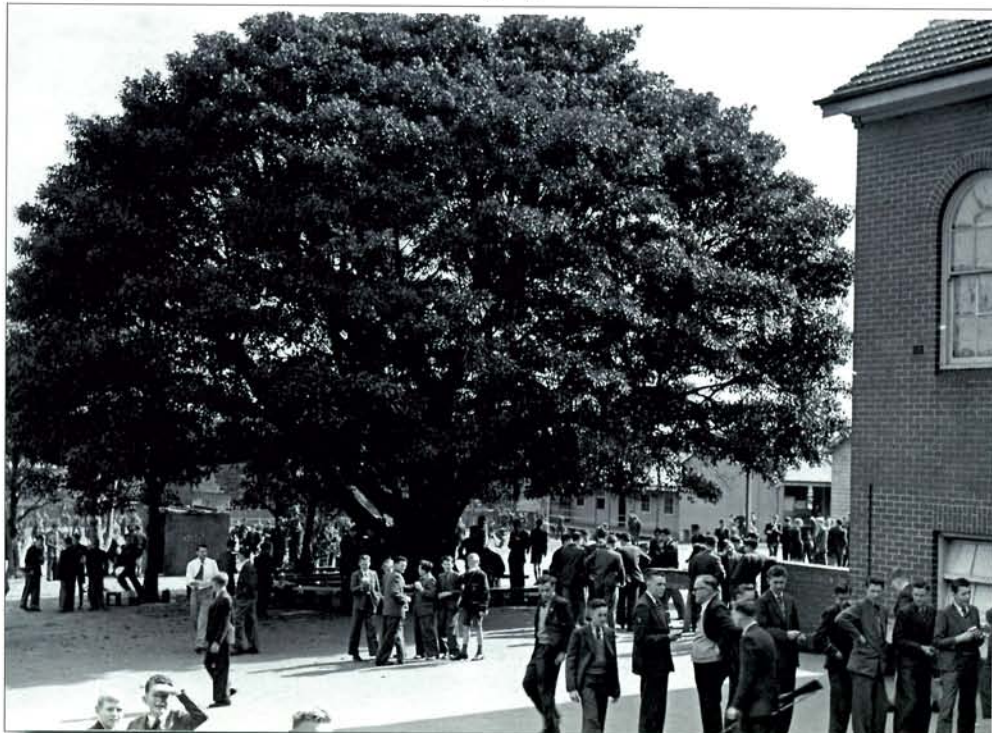
I formed a special rapport with librarian Lindsay 'Speed' Gordon who bravely persuaded my parents not to send me out to work at the end of third year. Later, before I left to attend Sydney Uni, 'Speed' gave me a heartfelt lecture on how to avoid falling into bad company. Had I listened to him, I would have stuck to a career in law, steering well clear of the Libertarian Society and the 'Sydney Push'. Too bad—guys like Germaine Greer, Bob Hughes, Clive James and Les Murray led me astray. I decided to be a writer and social change agent instead.



View from the Western Grass.



The ethos of 'the Bush' -- Mossy proudly displays one of his beautiful experiments. (See story to right)



Overshadowed by the magnificent Moreton Bay fig tree, students enjoy a break in the playground. Note incinerator (mid left), 'portable' classrooms in background and a student (foreground) casually carrying a .303 rifle on cadet business, while music teacher 'Spike' Lipscombe chats with a fifth-year student.

In 2005, Homebush Old Boy, Emeritus Professor Richard Collins appeared on the radio program, Ockham’s Razor to talk about his career and education. Below are some extracts from the transcript as he talks about the importance of teacher and student interaction.

I just loved my students. I loved their fresh approach to life, their uninhibited curiosity and their lack of cynicism. I also loved the fact that while I was teaching them, I too learnt new things, not only about my subject of physics, but also about life in general. Moreover, I was just blown away by the friendships that I made with them and that I value so much. My relationship with many of my former students is still very close; for a few of them it’s quite similar to that between a father and child. Many of my students are now doing extraordinarily well. It gives me enormous pleasure to hear about their achievements and I draw great satisfaction from the small part that I played in their development.

I don’t think that the warmth of my feelings towards my students is all that unusual for many teachers these days. It wasn’t always like this, however. Back in the 1940s and 1950s when I was working my way through the education system, the relationship between teachers and students was not dissimilar to that between master and slave a century or more before. Even in infants’ school, along with many pupils in my class I was on the receiving end of a mass caning for having reduced our scripture teacher to tears. This sort of treatment continued all through primary school. Just to set the record straight, I hold no grudge against my teachers for doing this to me, I certainly don’t think of myself as an abused child, even though I would probably be regarded that way if a similar thing occurred today. Socking kids was the norm then, both at school and at home. It was as socially acceptable as the banks sacking a woman when she got married, or having cigarette smoke blown all over you in the train. It’s very important not to apply today’s standards to yesterday’s events.

Despite the generally adversarial relationship between students and teachers during my schooldays, I have very fond memories of some of my teachers. My first science teacher at Homebush Boys’ High School, Mr Cullen, taught us physics and chemistry in the context of the potential of science to benefit society. I think that my own views about such matters have their roots in his classes. Cullen was also responsible for the most effective piece of learning that I ever experienced. We had been assigned a homework problem that required the use of log tables for its solution. When our answers were handed back we were all docked 2 marks for having presented the results to 4 significant figures, the number automatically generated by the log tables. It wasn’t that our answers were wrong, there were just too many numbers in them. None of this had been preceded by any discussion about errors, or significant figures, it came completely out of the blue. And to add insult to injury, Cullen had also scrawled on each script the words: Insane accuracy. We argued bitterly with him, after all, what was the matter with a couple of extra figures? Cullen was completely unmoved, and simply kept repeating the words, ‘Insane accuracy’. Modern educational philosophy would hold that positive reinforcement is the best way of getting your teaching message across. Cullen’s technique was anything but that. However, his lesson could hardly have been more effective; I don’t think that I have ever since quoted the result of a calculation to other than the correct number of significant figures.

Another of our teachers, Mr Barter, known to us as ‘Baron Barter’ or simply ‘The Baron’, taught us maths. The Baron was a superb teacher and a very strong disciplinarian. Once when one of my classmates failed to answer a question correctly, The Baron picked him up by the seat of his pants and the scruff his neck and held him out of a second floor window until the correct answer was forthcoming. Negative reinforcement again!

My fondest memories of my teachers are reserved for Percy Moss (Mossy), my physics teacher in fourth and fifth year of high school. Percy was at the end of his career but he remained enormously enthusiastic about his subject. Over the years, he had built up an extensive stock of wonderful demonstrations to illustrate his lessons. I can still see him, a little sparrow of a man, standing on the bench at the front of our class, his arms outstretched wide, shouting, ‘What a beautiful experiment, boys!’ His enthusiasm for science, and physics in particular, touched me deeply and helped to shape my future life.

**Publications:**

Lots of Scars: The Life of a Scientist

Author: Richard Collins

Publisher: Lexington Avenue Press

## Jason Watson – First recipient of the Schools Excellence Fund

Jason Watson was named the head coach of Brigham Young University’s women’s volleyball program in 2005 after serving for three years as an assistant with the program. In just his first season he led the Cougars to a 25-4 record and including the best start since 1977 at 20-0. Coach Watson guided BYU to its first Mountain West Conference championship since 1999 and a return to the NCAA Tournament after missing two of the last three years. Watson has 11 years of collegiate coaching experience as an assistant at four universities, including two seasons with the BYU men’s volleyball program and three with BYU’s women’s program.



After an All-American playing career at BYU, Watson coached two seasons under former U.S. Olympic coach and two-time NCAA Coach of the Year Carl McGown with the Cougars’ men’s squad in 1995-96. He came back to BYU in 2002 as the assistant head coach of the women’s team under Karen Lamb.

Prior to his recent return to BYU, Watson served as the associate head coach at Kansas State for two years where he helped guide the Wildcats to two consecutive NCAA Tournament berths and arguably their best season ever in 2000.

Before that, Watson spent two years at Arkansas State during which the Lady Indians won consecutive Sun Belt Conference titles. Overall, Watson has assisted in taking teams to the NCAA Tournament in four of the last six seasons. In nine years coaching NCAA women’s volleyball, Watson’s teams have compiled a 185-97 (.656) record.

### Playing Career

As a player, Watson was a four-year starter and two-time captain from 1990-94 as the BYU men’s program grew from its infancy to a national power. After a 2-25 season in the program’s second year as an NCAA sport, the Cougars achieved a 21-6 record and No. 2 national ranking in Watson’s senior season in 1994. Watson is still BYU’s all-time assist leader with 4,649 and single-game assist record holder with 128 against Hawaii on March 27, 1993. He was named a second-team American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American, Volleyball Magazine Honorable Mention All-American and a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Third Team in 1994. He was a member of the Australian Men’s National Team from 1990-91 and a member of the Junior National Team from 1987-90.

### Personal

A physical education and sports business management graduate of BYU in 1995, Watson is a native of Australia where he attended Homebush Boys High. He and his wife, Larissa, have two sons, Bryce and Brandon, and one daughter, Kara.

### VOLLEYBALL STAR RETURNS TO HOMEBUSH

Recently the school received a welcome visit from ex-student Yuri Chernenko.

Yuri attended Homebush Boys and graduated in 1987 and his name can be found on the hall honour boards in a number of places. Yuri is an outstanding volleyball player. He was an inspirational leader and took Homebush to two State and National titles. Yuri went on to play for Australia as a junior and as a senior.

In 1987 I remember seeing Yuri’s powerful play from the wrong side of the net. I was then the coach of a school that was thrashed by Homebush. Yuri has played professionally overseas in Holland and Sweden and he is now the Head Coach of Macquarie University volleyball club.

Yuri has continued to take on challenges and in 2005 he fulfilled a lifelong dream to teach PDHPE. We look forward to seeing him around the school as casual teacher and trust that he will motivate and instruct many of our budding athletes to set their sights on playing for their country in volleyball or any other chosen sport.

Mr Tim Jurd



Sudhagar



The All Stars Band



Garth Andrews



Jacob on trombone



Daniel Nassif



All Stars



Max Little



Student artwork is admired.



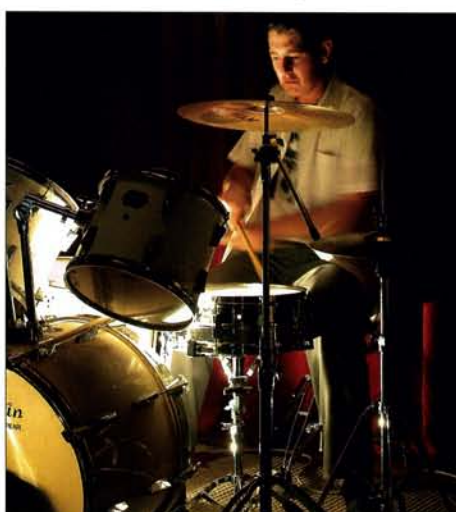
Neal Von Dinklage



Colin Lu



Sudhagar



Drums



Jean-Paul Watson



All Stars Band



Muhammad 'Zul' Hanan



Ken In'T Zandt



The All Stars Brass let loose,



The important behind-the-scenes team



The fabulous All Stars-classy brass



The All Stars Brass let loose some more.



Comedy duo - Emre and Kaan



Duelling guitars



Year 12 Major Works



A guitarist takes the spotlight.



More Year 12 Artworks



Frank Jiang



Evan Moorecroft



Joshua Ho on guitar.



John gives his all.

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH BUSHWALK

## THE AWARD

This year the school has a group of 21 students from Yr 11 and Yr 10, participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. For most of them, it has been an active year, as they worked on their individual projects and challenges in addition to their more conventional school commitments.

The highlight of the program has been the completion of two tough but enjoyable overnight bushwalks. For the first trip in May, eighteen students hiked from Engadine Station to Waterfall, a distance of about 25 km, camping the night in tents at Heathcote Scout Activity Centre. This was a compulsory training hike where they had to organise their own menu, food and gear and carry a fully laden pack for the two days, which was a new experience for most of them. Thanks to Mr Andrew Fairley, for his enthusiastic assistance on this walk.

In the October holidays, sixteen students completed their qualifying expedition. This time we hiked in Berowra Valley Regional Park, undertaking a 27 km walk from Thornleigh to Berowra along part of the Great North Walk. Despite a very hot first day with fire bans, we reached the stark and primitive camping site at Tunks Ridge, above Galston Gorge, with plenty of time to set up camp before dark. This was a welcome change from the earlier hike, when we arrived at the camp in darkness.

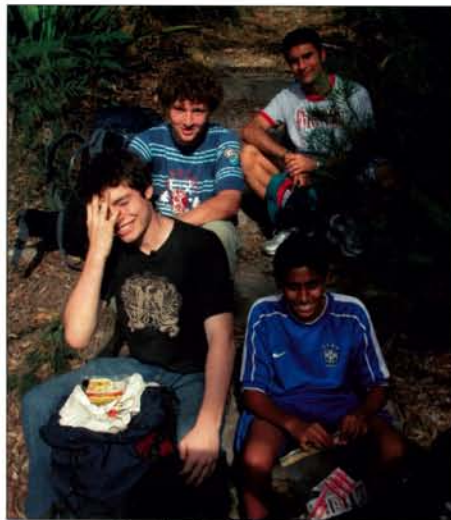
The 42 litres of water that had been dropped at the site beforehand, by Brimfield and Thomson Quality Water Purveyors, were barely enough to replenish that consumed by the day's exertions, but with a further 10 litres available after breakfast, we set off with adequate supplies for the morning's walking. The milder temperatures and the shady and more picturesque scenery beside the widening Berowra Creek, made the progress much more pleasant and comfortable on the second day.

The route took us past Crosslands Reserve, where we had an early lunch, then we negotiated several boardwalk sections and the long pole bridge over Calna Creek, before we stopped for a brief swim in Sams Creek. Then followed the inevitable steep hill climb back up to Berowra Station.

Despite being in close proximity to railway lines and the suburban fringes, the bush tracks were fairly rugged on both these walks, so all hikers soon felt they were trekking in much more remote areas. While the fun, camaraderie and challenges faced will be the most remembered parts of these hikes, the practical lessons in planning, organisation and teamwork should also not be under-rated.

Upon the completion of a log of their second expedition, several of the students will have earned their Bronze Awards, the school's first! It is hoped these will be presented before the end of the year.

*Mr Michael Thomson  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Organiser*



Resting beside the track



Rest on Whale Back Rock formations



Snack break to re-charge batteries.



Uloola Falls.



Steep climb back up to the ridge.



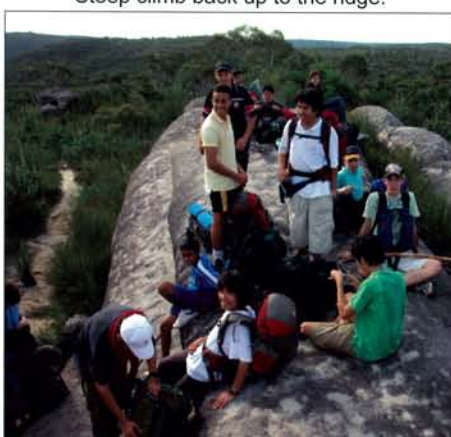
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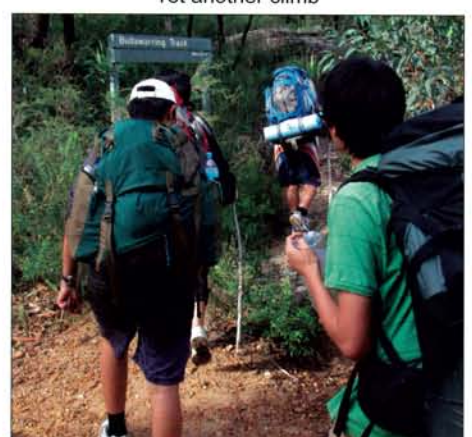
Yet another climb



On the trail to Audley.



The Whale Back Rock formations again.



Close to the finish.

# DUKE OF EDINBURGH HIKE

October 3-4



Calna Creek Bridge



Steep climb down to Galston Gorge



The Bailey Bridge over Berowra Creek



Setting up camp



Setting up camp at Tunks Ridge



Group shot above Fishponds Pools



The start of the descent to Galston Gorge.



Crossing Waitara Creek



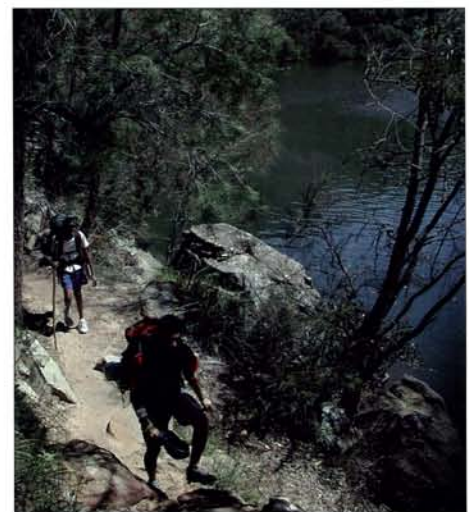
Rest break at Quarter Sessions Rd Track



The crossing at Fishponds Pools



Navigation check at The Jungo rest Area



Beside the estuary

# PREFECTS and SRC 2007



John Vaitaiki - Captain



Josh Hilliard - Vice Captain



Martin Gabor - Senior Prefect



Michael Clark - Prefect



Clifford Luu - Prefect



Peter Bijani - Prefect



Adam Imer - Prefect



William Duong - Prefect



Jamie Sherson - Prefect



Hayder Shkara - Prefect



Lindsay Owen-Taylor - Prefect



Mitchell Starc - Prefect



Ethan Rizos - Prefect



Jonothan Rajakumar - SRC



Tim Nichols - Prefect



Jas Singh - Prefect



Tandeep Singh - Prefect



Asef Islam - Prefect



Ayush Sharma - Prefect



Yousef Latash - SRC



Jimmy Wang - Prefect



Gus Mussa - Prefect



Julian Dongol - Prefect



Harsatnam Singh - SRC

# INDUCTION CEREMONY



Alfred Wong - SRC



Michael Talarico - SRC



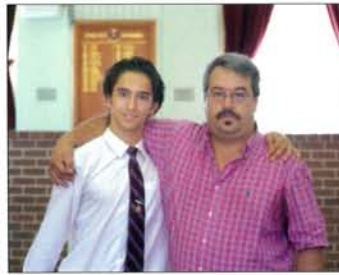
Ankit Sharma - SRC



Sam Hayward - SRC



Jackson Hua - SRC



Kaan Sozen - SRC



Chris Yoon - SRC



Emre Mehmet - SRC



Ryan Harrison - SRC



Ibrahim Kerem - SRC



Tom Gallagher - SRC



Tyson Parcell - SRC



Nick White - SRC



Mehran Modasser - SRC



Gianni Romeo - SRC



Hari Rajaji - SRC



Richard Amarasingham - SRC



Prefect Adviser - Ms Horiatopoulos



The Hospitality students provided morning tea after the induction ceremony.



# ANZAC DAY

Not very long ago, the bodies of five men were uncovered in France. These five men were members of the Australian Army, who had served in the First World War. But also they were sons. Perhaps they were husbands. Perhaps they were fathers. Their bodies had lain in the dirt, their existence unknown, for more than 90 years. These men represent the sacrifice that thousands have made for the sake of their families, for the sake of their country, and for the sake of everything they believed in. These men, along with scores more, coined a phrase that has become part of a proud national identity; The ANZAC spirit.

Since then, this spirit has been carried through generations by noble men and women who have fought and died for those very same values of love, peace, and freedom. The flame that was kindled by those brave warriors burns bright within each and every Australian today. The ANZAC spirit lives on, and it is commemorated and celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April every year by Australians and New Zealanders.

The 25<sup>th</sup> of April alone is a significant date in the establishment of international identities for both Australia and New Zealand. On that fateful day in 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops, the first ANZACS, landed on the beach at Gallipoli. They were commanded by British officers. What followed their landing was a senseless massacre and a pathetic waste of life. Wave after wave of ANZACS were thrown into the searing crossfire of Turkish machine guns. Thrown into a thunderstorm of lead and fire, of explosions and smoke, of screams and tears. Thrown into a surf of pink froth, stained by the blood of hundreds of the finest this country has ever produced. Can any one of us imagine the unspeakable horror? The overwhelming feeling of fear as the military might of the Turks beared down? Can any one of us imagine the helpless, consuming feeling of loneliness? Surrounded by comrades but somehow with no one there at all? Can any one of us imagine breathing our last breath on the other side of the world, without the comfort of familiarity, or the support of loved ones, only the cold grip of terror?

The shameful atrocity that is war is humanity's greatest flaw. The unreasonable need to destroy each other for power or because of difference cannot be rationally explained. However, from amongst the ashes of horror, of terror, of death, something noble, something courageous was born. From our greatest weakness, our greatest strengths were spawned. Tenacity. Comradery. Unrivalled courage. The values that Australians today are still characterised by were first displayed to the world by those doomed men on the beaches of Gallipoli.

It is easy for us to go about our lives and not think of the sacrifices of our ancestors. It is easy to sit in a classroom without thinking about pain and suffering. It is easy to go out to a party and not spare a thought for those who died younger than you are now. It is easy to forget that our freedom was bought, and for a high price.

However, it is also easy for us to stop, on this 25<sup>th</sup> of April, and remember.

To remember the battles fought for your freedom.

To remember the hardships endured for your happiness.

To remember the blood shed and the tears cried for your life.

To remember the ANZACS.

*Joshua Hilliard*



Ben at Burwood



The flag held high



Josh with the wreath



Ready for the march



Ms Horiatopoulos - Prefect Adviser, John - Captain, Josh - Vice-Captain, Dr Paterson - Principal.



Beating the drums



Garth is pleased with the group.



Ethan and Tom take a short break.



Mr Fernandez is one of the boys.

# THE DRUM CORPS

## A Special Kind of Service

It is with sadness but great appreciation that the Corps farewells the class of 2007. Most of our Year 12 members have given long term service over five years.

They have attended all the marches and camps, as well as RSL sub-branch meetings, Burwood council meetings and the like. They have made videos, organised photo albums and often taught Ms Rayner a thing or two as well!

Perhaps their most important contribution is in passing on their skills and our traditions to the junior and new members of the Corps. They are:

Oliver Pase (Drum Major)  
Sudhagar Sivabalan (Bass)  
Ethan Rizos, Clifford Luu and Oner Kasap on snare drum.

As well, other Year 12 prefects lent their support, as did drummers Daniel Nassif and Garth Andrews.

Mention should also be made of our very own Anzac Day groupies, Michael Clarke and Daniel Edgerton. Thank you boys.

Year 11 student Alison Furneaux-Bate now takes on the mantle of Drum Major, while Year 10 student Ben Worthington has made his debut on the bass.

Several new members will obviously be needed to redress this talent drain. So far this year we have welcomed Mr Fernandez, from the English staff, who has been an enthusiastic recruit and who is difficult to distinguish from the boys when he marches in uniform! As well we have welcomed new drummers Edwin Pike, Alexei Bernard, Kevin Vuong, Thi Ya Kyaw and Hari Rajaji.

We are particularly proud of our Year 10 members, Tom Gallagher, Robert Polec and Ben worthington, who have not only helped most generously with tutoring new recruits, but have often, with their families, helped with transport too.

We would also like to thank our generous coach captain, Mr Hilliard who had a public holiday with a difference when he ferried us and all our equipment around on Anzac Day.

*Ms J. Rayner*



Above and Below: The drum corps wait patiently.



The Drum Corps accompany the march on ANZAC day in the city.



This soldier is an 'old boy'.



A new drummer.



Happy drummers.



Serious drummers.



A jeep transports the veterans.



Alison Furneaux-Bate.



Another younger drummer.

### A DRUM CORPS EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 four apprentice Drum Corps boys had a distinctly different day. Hari Rajagopalan, Year 11, Thi Ya Kyaw, Kevin Vuong and Alexei Bernard, Year 9, were selected to help Jack, an elderly war veteran. Alexei Bernard writes of the experience with the collaboration of Kevin Vuong:

We carried the banner for Jack's battalion, while his comrades marched alongside through the city in front of over 200,000 Australians thanking the ANZACS for their great sacrifices. Jack served with the 25<sup>th</sup> battalion in World War 11 for the Australian army. We were honoured to carry the banner for him, and his gratitude matched ours when he thanked us and gave us a small tip.

Many interesting people marched with us; some were the combatants themselves, and others were relatives who represented their fathers. Photographers were everywhere. I had my photo taken with John: the photographer mistook John and me as father and son!

Overall it was a great experience, and we would be very happy to carry the banner for Jack's battalion again.

*Alexei Bernard  
Kevin Vuong*



Ms Conomos and Ms Mirkova give some advice at rehearsals.



Ethan pleads on his knees.



Alexei waits patiently while Ms Mirkova shows how it is done.



This is a serious moment.



Time for a script check.



The rehearsals are in full swing.

## FAST AND FRESH Drama Production

On Tuesday the 22nd May, I had the very great pleasure of performing with a number of other Homebush students in the annual short play competition 'Fast and Fresh'. The play was titled Georgous of Usaveya and was originally written by several students for last year's Tournament of the Minds.

About a month before the play was due to be performed, myself, Aakash Tolani and Ethan Rizos were approached about performing in the play, and we readily accepted. The play deals with many current social issues including racism, terrorism and the basic ideals of freedom and democracy. Over the month we had many rehearsals, in which we not only worked on our acting, but also edited the script, to eventually produce the final product.

On the 22nd we went to Parramatta Riverside Theatre, where we were able to rehearse and later perform on a working professional stage. During this time we saw some truly amazing performances by students from other NSW schools.

The whole process has been an invaluable asset to our understanding of drama and performance, but none of it would have been possible without the tireless efforts of Ms Conomos, Mrs Altundag and Ms Mirkova, who put in an enormous amount of work towards the final product.

Overall, the play was a wonderful experience for all involved, and I would encourage any other students with an interest in drama to participate in the competition in the years to come.

*Garth Andrews*  
Year 12



The blind man who sees all.



Ethan and Garth on the sidelines.



'Ralph' - Jervis Bay State Titles - Robert Polec on the trapeze



Start line at Belmont State Titles - Robert Polec in white



NSW Championships at Lane Cove. Robert is skipper.



Robert Polec attempts to right a capsized



# BAND CAMP February 2007



Mr Armitage takes the band through their pieces.



Lots of practice every day.

*The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Band Camp was held at Naamaroo Conference Centre in March. Guest Conductor was Mr Glenn Armitage, Director of the Band Programme at Burwood Girls High School. A Family Concert brought the Camp to a conclusion.*

# THE BAND PLAYS



All Stars drummer Richard Kim



Joel, Kai and Peter



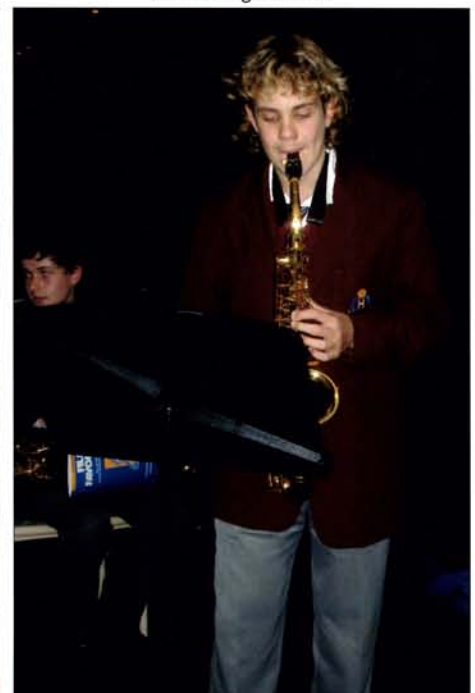
The Beat goes on...



Jacob Pooley All Star trombonist.



Aidan Kirvan tenor saxophonist



Peter Brimfield Strathfield Rotary Changeover Dinner

## Homebush Students Among Best in Business

by Joshua Tarrant-Windt

Homebush Boys students Nelson Zheng and I took part in a business competition which saw us as part of a team that won the National Marketing Award.



MC at the Nationals was Channel Ten personality Bill Woods

Earlier in the year a program was run by a not-for-profit organisation, Young Achievement Australia (YAA), in which a group of about 20 students met for about 2 hours once a week to build and run an official company. The program started in May and went until October when the companies were liquidated.



The team from Deziya

Nelson and I made up part of a team that met at Belmore. The product we came up with was socks to protect phones or ipods from scratching.



Joshua Tarrant-Windt and Nelson Zheng

Companies had to find investors to buy shares and fund their operations and had to convince consumers to buy their products. The companies dealt with real items, real money and followed regulations that any other business would (including tax and the writing up of a business plan and annual report).

Our company, Deziya, achieved a profit of over 25%, managing to be State finalists in five award categories, winning the State and National Marketing Award. We managed to come out on top from over 50 other companies nationwide, numbering thousands of participants.

The experience was great, giving us all a good understanding of business practices and preparing students for any business career. Thanks also to the school for kindly paying for our attendance at the Nationals. The Nationals will be shown on Channel 10 on December 17 at 12:00 p.m.

## Mr Fernandez loses his hair to raise funds for charity.



## Homebush Boys donate their blood to the bloodbank.



Martin's big feet take a rest.



Ethan rests after his donation.



Refreshments after giving blood.



Teachers and boys chat while resting.



The bus has ferried another group to the bloodbank.

## Tyson King shows how it is done.

This year Tyson has competed in many show jumping events at an Open Level. In his last competition he placed 4th out of 52 Junior Riders from Victoria, Queensland, ACT and NSW. Unfortunately Equine Influenza has brought the horse world to a halt as all of his horses have contracted the virus. In his spare time Tyson works at Rosehill Racecourse before school exercising race horses and general stable duties, starting at 4am every morning and riding his own horses every afternoon after school. He is currently waiting acceptance for the Sydney Easter Show for 2008.



## Year 8 on excursion.



## Continued Success at M.U.N.A.

Two teams of three Homebush Boys' High School students were privileged to attend the Model United Nations Assembly at Kingswood UWS from the 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of July. The MUNA General Assembly was organised by the District 9690 Rotary Club and was held to teach youths about the values and global issues associated with the United Nations.

Emre Mehmet, Kaan Sozen and Radwan El-Helou of year 11 represented New Zealand, complete with facial tattoos and accents, while Rakib Rahman, Tom Gallagher and Sajeeb Roy of year 10 represented Russia, sporting an attractive fur hat. A total of 33 nations were represented at the General Assembly, from schools all over the Inner West and Western Sydney region.

The day was spent debating various international and human rights issues such as overfishing and the dangers of nuclear weapons. The year 11's were the first to speak, and were justly rewarded at the end of the weekend with the runner-up debaters award. This is a great achievement and it is the second major achievement in 4 years the school has been involved in the event. We won the Peace Prize back in 2004.

The experience was an invaluable asset to the boys, who were able to improve their public speaking and debating skills while developing their political and cultural understanding of various nations. The year 11 boys will also represent HBHS at the national MUNA in August, held in Canberra.

The boys would especially like to thank Strathfield Rotary and Silverwater Rotary for their sponsorship and support throughout this event, and for allowing the boys to be a part of this wonderful experience.

*Below is a photo of that 'famous' fur hat on top of Tom Gallagher's head with a very serious Sajeeb Roy to Tom's right. You probably can make out Rawan El-Helou's 'bulging' right bicep!*

## Aboriginal Performer entertains Year 7 students.



Toufic Allam



Playing the didgeridoo.



The audience shows appreciation.



Jin is painted the traditional way.



Tom Gallagher at MUNA



Professor Ian Dance and other Old Boys visit the school and share memories with staff and students.



A delicious spread is provided for the Old Boys on their return to the school. As usual the Hospitality teachers and students do the school proud.



John Coutis is the motivational speaker for Year 12 students at the beginning of their HSC year. His humour and matter-of-fact approach is uplifting.



Josh Hilliard had an 'awesome' time on his trip to NZ with the Combined High Schools Rugby tour. What fantastic views!



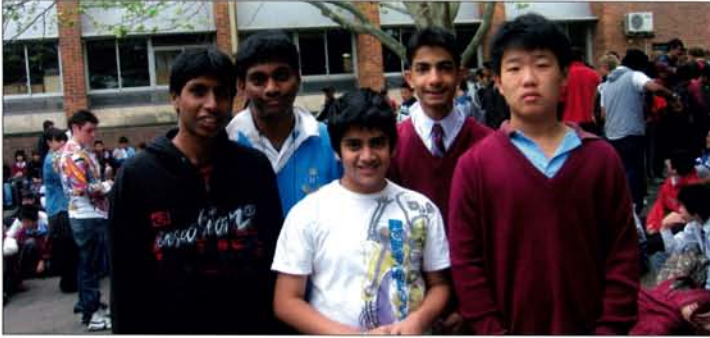
Stephen, Young Citizen of the Year congratulates new citizens Daniel and Khalil.

Michael Clark is fearless at the Prefects Camp

An autograph for a fan



Our prefects are chaperones at a combined Homebush and Ashfield Boys dance at Burwood Girls High School for Years 7 and 8. They had a great time.



Mrs Edwards and her group of volunteers. The boys help out each morning during roll call by providing structured reading assistance to their peers.



Geography students help Strathfield Council with tree planting. As usual our boys carried out this worthwhile duty with energy and enthusiasm.



The boys get their hands dirty.



A certificate of recognition.



Environmental restoration is important.



"Drumbeat": Year 8 experience all sorts of percussion instruments. The rhythm of the drums echo around the school.





Australian Business Week activities in class



ABW award presentation



ABW presenter and boys



ABW Guest speaker



ABW mentoring



ABW cert winner



The AFL Youth Coordinator, Jason McCartney, visits the school to deliver the 'Live The Dream' seminar to the seniors. Jason made his name over thirteen seasons, as a senior player with the Kangaroos. He suffered burns to 50% of his body and significant shrapnel wounds during the Bali bombings. As a result of his public status, his recovery was well publicised and he became an inspiration to the Australian public. Jason returned to senior football eight months after receiving his injuries



Students perform in a different way by creating their own drama in the classroom.



The Hall is the venue for many performances and assemblies.

# COMPUTING STUDIES



G. Sheath  
Head of Department



A. Abbou



N. Betts



R. Chadwick



R. Kirubakaran Venkata

This year computing studies students enjoyed the Robocup competition again finishing in the top schools within the state. Students participated in computing competitions conducted by UNSW and Syd UNI, gaining high honours in both. Our students were rewarded with regional Vet awards and recognition.

Our students demonstrated high level computer skills when they participated in the recent Computer Skills Competition, conducted by the University of NSW. The competition is an excellent independent assessment of computer skills that students need in modern education, in the wider community and in the future.

The competition included tasks which assessed students' skills in general computer hardware & software usage, word processing, databases, spreadsheets, graphics, programming and research skills using the internet.

The competition attracted in excess of 150,000 students from all over Australia, New Zealand, Pacific region and as far a field as Europe and the Middle East. We entered over 100 students, one of our largest participations in recent years.

The Computer Skills Competition changed greatly this year to previous years. Students from Yrs 7 to 10 are able to enter and the skills test mirrors the school certificate computer skills test from the Board of Studies The junior years, 7 to 9 sitting an easier paper than yr 10.

Students who received Distinction Certificates.

Yr7	Daniel Collis	Oliver Buckley
Yr9	Daniel Armitage	Adam Hazim
	Matthew Iwanczuk	Owen Huang
	Jun-Kyu Kim	
	Kenneth Luu	
Yr10	Emre Aral	

Two of our students were awarded certificate of achievement by South Western Sydney Region, NSW Dept of Education for excellence in Vocational Education Hospitality and Information Technology HSC courses.

These awards are highly praised by students and are only given to the very best of students who have demonstrated exceptional skills in theory and practical skills. The award is also high recognition of the students' ability to combine the skills they learn at school and apply those skills to industry work placement. The work place employers have commented highly on both Sam Musumeci and Vasili Koungoulos as suitable employees and would be happy to have them in their employ.

All computing studies students study Robotics for a term in year 9 and those who are interested may enter the Robocup competition. Homebush has a good tradition here having made it to the semis for the past 2 years. This year 3 boys Oliver Buckley Umair Awan and Nicholas Alley went to compete in the state Robocup Championships held at UNSW, where they more than ably competed against teams from private and state schools in a robotic teams competition with robots playing soccer.

We made it through the preliminary day and entered the finals having many victories, however the boys lost their 1<sup>st</sup> match but after that were unstoppable making it to the quarter finals, being narrowly defeated by 1 goal. The boys finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the state, having acquitted themselves with good sportsmanship and eager for next years competition.

This year all students studying Software Design in Yr11 entered the Syd Uni Python programming challenge conducted over 5 weeks. Each week up to 5 problems were posed to students who solved them and then uploaded results and solutions to Syd UNI. Over the course of the challenge 2 of our students Ronald Pai and Peter Ayre were placed on the leader board ( top 15) finishing in top 10 with Ronald 6<sup>th</sup> in Australia.

A very good year for computing studies at Homebush Boys, we are looking at a better year in 2008 and look like having up to 6 teams entering Robocup.

G. Sheath  
Head of Department

## IST (Computing Studies) : An Essential Subject

In my opinion Information Software & Technology IST (computing Studies) is one of the most important subjects to learn. Since we use a computer more and more in everyday life, it really helps me in my work, as I need to do more on the computer.

The first thing we did was how to use Microsoft Word. This was really helpful for me as it showed me how to use Word more efficiently.

Another thing that helped me enormously was the spreadsheet booklet sir gave us. It showed me how to use the different ways excel is used to make formulas and how to organise data.

These skills came in handy when my mum was using Excel for some office work. She had to make the average results for different people match the level they were on and was finding that a problem. I just went up to the keyboard for mum, typed a formula (Lookup function) in and it worked! In the cell after each employee there was a section where it showed what level they were on.

During the year we learned many more fundamental skills and had fun along the way. I really think that IST is an essential subject.

All students can access their computing studies work and activities from home via Moodle, an on-line learning environment that my teacher is using. Mum thinks this is really good.

Zain Krishna Ansari Yr 9



These students are truly focussed.



Ronald Pai - 10th in Australia



Peter Ayre - 15th in Australia

# CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS



K. Attwood  
Head of Department



I. Albertson



M. Bellmore



S. Menzies



A. Smith



M. Thomson

This year has again been a very productive one for both Visual Arts and Music. As far as the year has gone there have been some major achievements and activities that have given the students the opportunity to develop and improve their skills and understanding within the creative arts.

In Music and Visual Arts there have been some excellent visiting musicians and artists that have inspired the students with their demonstrations and performances in the hall. These visits are essential in providing the students with a unique educational experience that the students would not normally have and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support.

One of the outstanding achievements for the year occurred on the 15 August, where 21 members of the Homebush Boys' All Stars Stage Band (including two ring-ins from Ashfield Boys) performed Steppenwolf's 1968 classic hit Born To Be Wild before a large and wildly appreciative audience in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. This was the culmination of months of preparation. The Band faced challenges not previously encountered. Not only was the music performed from memory but it was also unaccompanied. The sax solos (Kai Lin, Joel Samways and Peter Brimfield) and lead guitarist (Joshua Ho) were outstanding. This was a night, which will be long remembered.

The success of this highly talented group of students is due to Mr Albertson's passion, dedication and professionalism that is now recognised throughout the region. The Band Camp also assists in giving students the opportunity to develop their skills and techniques, which demonstrate the high standard of musical talent that continues to show that our school profile is highly respected across the regions.

The annual Recital night concert also included an exhibition of the students artworks to highlight the many talented students within the Creative arts was another event on the calendar that was a showcase of student excellence and was again a great success. Organised this year for the first time by Mr Bellmore the Recital night again proved to be a feature of the schools calendar. His role as MC made for a very entertaining evening where he made the students feel at ease in their performances as individuals and in small groups, in front of their parents, friends and their teachers. There were many outstanding performances on the night, which were all appreciated from an enthusiastic audience. And last but not least the School Variety night performance, which also included a fantastic exhibition of stunning artworks from Ms Juska's year 12 HSC class. This event continually unearths the hidden talents within the school, which gives students the opportunity to freely express their musical, dance, comedy and artistic talents. This major event was again organised by Mr Smith with the assistance of Mr Thomson, Ms Juska, Ms Menzies, Mr Bellmore and Mr Attwood. Not only does this event manage to harness the talent within the school but it also gets together a keen and dedicated working crew of students that control the lights, sound and back stage to help make this night a complete success.

On the HSC front in Music Mr Michael Bellmore has done a sterling job in raising the standard and pushing the year 12 students to attain their full potential to maintain the high standard of previous years in the HSC.

Visual Arts has also had some exceptional achievements this year with a number of students being involved in regional art activities. Four Year 9 students attended Campbelltown Arts Centre at the end of last term for the annual Artsmart workshop, which is four days of intensive artmaking. These students have the experience of working with practicing artists in a studio like environment and the artwork that was produced from this workshop was outstanding and resulted in Zach McCowage and David Hristoforidis having their artwork chosen for the prestigious 'Director's Choice' exhibition that will be held in December at Homebush Olympic centre.

In Visual Arts year 11 student Parth Upadhyay was selected to participate in a three-day studio workshop at the National Art School where he was taught by professional artists. This institution is one of the leading visual arts educational centres in NSW so for to participate demonstrates his talent as an emerging artist. The artwork that was produced was exhibited at the gallery of the National Art School.

Another achievement in Visual Arts saw four students from years 7, 8 and 10 having their artwork selected for the annual Operation Art exhibition for Westmead Children's Hospital at the Penrith Regional Art Gallery. Sachinpal Singh, Andrew Depta, Alan Lam and Jack Tao have had their artworks chosen for the various permanent exhibitions both abroad and within NSW hospitals and show considerable talent in this subject and should be commended for their efforts.

Students in year 12 have recently completed their Body of Work in Visual Arts. This was a stressful time for both Ms Juska and the students, but after many late afternoons and a few Saturdays the end results were very pleasing and we are hopeful of some excellent HSC results from the boys. Many of the student's artworks produced from Y7 - 12 is to be displayed around the school during terms 3 and 4 as a continually changing exhibition so as to highlight the many talented students in Visual Arts. Another new initiative that happened this year is an exhibition of student work in the staff common which has been transformed into a gallery space where selected student artworks can be put on display to show case student excellence to parents, visitors and staff.

And finally this year has also seen a complete revamp of all programs and assessment tasks so that they include many of the aspects of Quality Teaching that aims to further raise the already high standard that exists at Homebush B.H.S. The Creative Arts faculty are keen and enthusiastic to meet the challenges to ensure that all students reach their potential in a positive learning environment.

*Mr K. Attwood*  
Head Teacher



Year 11 students working on their paintings.



The 'All Stars' on the Opera House steps.

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As one adult commented after the concert, "Homebush Boys rock. Real music!"

*Mr Ian Albertson*



Eddie Kadayifci



Yi Long Yr 8



Alan Lam Yr 7



Year 7



Jimmy Zhao working on his painting.



Year 11 students working on their paintings.



Eason Lin Yr 11



Nazmus Sakib Yr 11



Chris Choi Yr 11



Donald Chung Yr 11



Above: Paintings by Donny Huang Year 12



Drawings by Ken In't Zandt Year 12





Above: 'Evolution' by Ronny Huang Year 12



Works by Muhammed Zul Hanan Year 12.



Clifford Luu with the subjects of his photographs.



'Third Leg' by Mitchell Starc Year 12.

# ENGLISH



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Head of Department



G. Ball



A. Fairley



J. Fernandez



C. McGuinness



D. Mirkova



K. Morey



E. Porteous



R. Sen



G. Sahay

After a couple of years of significant turn over of staff, 2007 has been more stable in regards to staffing. Ms Julie Bowe took leave for the year. Mr Juan Fernandez was welcomed into Julie's position. With his enthusiasm, vibrant outlook and whole-school involvement Mr Fernandez was a most welcomed addition to the faculty. The faculty was a leading light in the Success for Boys programme which concentrated on improving writing skills in Year 7. One of our Year 7 assessment tasks was used as the model to link with our primary schools. As well, three members of the faculty were heavily involved in developing a scaffold to improve writing across the KLAs in Years 7, present lessons to primary school classes and to electronically link their students with their primary counterparts. Thanks to Mr Andrew Fairley, Ms Duska Mirkova and Ms Erica Porteous for their hard work in the Success for Boys initiatives.

With a great deal of hard work and perseverance, 2007 has been a successful and rewarding year for the faculty and the students of English at Homebush Boys High School. The Stages 4 and 5 programmes have been reviewed and all the staff is now comfortable with all the courses. We are constantly reviewing and fine-tuning all the programmes. As well, a great deal of hard work and perseverance has resulted in better assessment tasks that reflect the principles of the Quality Teaching document.

The faculty continued to have a large number of debating teams in the various debating competitions in 2007. We had 6 teams represent the school and congratulations to Ms Porteous' Year 10 team for reaching the regional semi-final. This has been the furthest any Homebush team has reached in many years and it reflected the hard-work Ms Porteous had undertaken with her team over the past two years. All students involved benefited enormously from their experiences in the various competitions. It takes a colossal amount of time and energy to organise and coach each time. I am grateful for every coach for their patience and the organisational skills in ensuring the debates were scheduled smoothly and their team was ready. Thanks to Mr Fernandez (Year 8 coach); Ms Tauber (Year 9/10 coach); to Ms Mirkova (coached Year 11); and Mr Wills (the Year 12 team) for their continued hard work and commitment to debating. Yours truly had the honour of coaching the Year 7 team.

The 2006 Higher School Certificate and School Certificate results were excellent, being well above the state averages. In the HSC Advanced English course, the results indicate that in Band 6 students performed 1% below the state average, Band 5, students performed 13% above the state average, Band 4, 5% performed above the state average, and in Band 3, 14% performed above the state average. Significantly no students gained Band 2 or Band 1. This translates into over 90% of the students achieved 70% or more in their HSC. Results in the HSC Standard English course were outstanding. 10 students achieved Band 5 (the top band in the course with a mark of 80% or greater), which was nearly triple the state average for this band. 46 students performed at Band 4 levels, which was more than 12% above the state average. And 38 students achieved Band 3, making the school 12% below the state mean. Thus just over 50% of the group attained a mark of 70% or more; a level that has a profound positive effect on the students' UAI.

The overall School Certificate results were also excellent and nearly on par with the previous year's trend. There were 6 students who performed at Band 6 standard; which was 2.85% of the cohort, compared with the state average of 5.5%. It is also must noted that the state average for Band 6 was reduced by more than ½ a percentage point this year. Over 30% of the students attained a Band 5, above the state average of 25%. This was a big improvement for the school on the previous year's results. As well, 43% of the year cohort attained Band 4, well above the state average of 40%. Thus, over 76% of all the students achieved a Band 4 or better, or a mark of 70 or above. This was a significant improvement on the previous year's

72%, indicating further strong development of literacy skills of the students in year 10.

The fantastic support for the English and Writing Competitions, and the Year 7 Spelling Competition continued in 2007, with the school attaining some outstanding results. Over 55% of students who entered the Year 7 Spelling Competition received a credit or better – an outstanding effort. Congratulations to Riley Curran for attaining a High Distinction. Congratulations to Saif Ali, Calvin Cheung and Shinoy Jacobs for their distinction certificates. Five of the six year groups' results were well above the state average in the Writing Competition. Well over 35% of all students attained a credit certificate or better. Sajeeb Roy (Year 10) was awarded a high distinction – congratulations Sajeeb! The students who achieved distinctions were Hamish Campbell, Riley Curran and Kumaran Radhakrishnan (Year 7); Joel Todd from Year 8; Michael Dubos, Jackson Hua and Vignesh Iyer (Year 9); Li Yuan Chen (Year 11) and Joshua Tarrant-Windt (Year 12). In the writing competition, we had the most impressive results by far. More than 40% of total students achieved a credit or better. A special mention must go to Kumaran Radhakrishnan (Year 7) and Li Yuan Chen (Year 11) for their high distinctions in the competition. A host of Year 7 students received distinctions – Safi Ali, Jonathan Cao, Lucas Chao, Joseph Croguennec, Thomas Nguyen, William Tran and Aleks Wynne. Other distinction certificate recipients include Mark An, Vignesh Iyer and Patrick Le (Year 9), Kenneth Luu from Year 10 and Afnan Fazli from Year 12. Congratulations to the 350 students who entered all these competitions and I hope they will support them again in 2008.

The annual English Week transpired in the middle of term 2 and as per usual, it lasted much longer than a week. All activities during English Week were well received by both staff and students. I believe the activities associated with English Week in 2007 were the best I have seen. Year 7 students saw a highly entertaining play called Heroes; Year 8 watched a wonderful production of The Bamboo Flute at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta; Year 9 were entertained by a slam-poet; Year 10 watched a hilarious mixture of Shakespearean plays; and Year 11 were again entertained by the nationally-renowned satirist Tug Dumbly in the school hall. Thanks to you, the parents, for supporting the school in widening your son's perceptions of the world.

I would like to thank all members of the English staff for their commitment to the students and for continuing to embrace change with enthusiasm. I thank each and every one of them for their continued patience and for their camaraderie. I have been, and continue to be, privileged to work with such skilled professionals and respectable individuals.

*Cheiban Elaro  
English Head of Department*

## Mr Dumbly 'Tugs' Year 11 Along During English Week

When we walked into the hall on Tuesday the 12 June and sat down, we had no idea about what the poet Tug Dumbly would be like. I'm sure many, if not most were expecting a poet who either spoke in a Shakespeare style of poetry or perhaps wrote poems on how beautiful/miserable life was. But as Tug started with one of the loudest screams we soon realised he was no ordinary poet. He began with a poem that at the least got our attention. It was, "This poem I called, I got my ..... caught in the moving wheels of a bicycle" and gave a huge scream. It reached desired effect and everybody was looking at this poet as if he was some sort of looney.

His performance, however, was not all screams and his weird spin on everyday happenings made it a pleasant change from stereotype poetry. For many others, and myself, it was his jokes on "City Rail" that were perhaps his funniest. His poems were about the problems of City Rail and here are just parts of them. "City rail apologises if you have died and become a skeleton while waiting for a train. City Rail advises you that if your skeleton is not collected within 14 days, then it will become a City Rail driver" and with this comment most of the hall cracked up. Another one of his funnier jokes was his rant on how the simple things were now so very complex. "The new turbo-shaver Razor 5000, now with 40, 000 blades. A shave so smooth it cuts to the bone. Oh so smooth".

To say Tug Dumbly will be remembered is an understatement and as we walked out of the hall after his performance, I'm sure everyone was a little happier and also wondering what mental institute he was assigned to.



English Competition winners



Mr Fairley's touch-typing students with their certificates.

## The Bard Goes On Trial During English Week

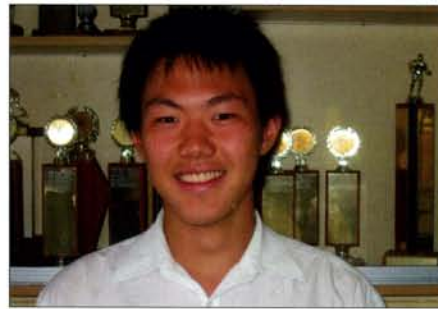
On the second Tuesday of (the incorrectly named) "English Week", Year 10 witnessed a modern rendition of some of William Shakespeare's well-known plays. Entitled "Shakespeare on Trial", the performance presented the play "Macbeth" in the fashion of a court-case, and the play "Romeo and Juliet" as a debate between senior citizens and teenagers.

You have to admit, we weren't expecting much – after all, it was Shakespeare. But after discovering that the three-man performance featured fast-paced action, comedy and crowd interaction, we were quickly enthralled. The performance of "Romeo and Juliet" was a particular crowd-favourite. The multiple fight scenes, an old man that gave the word senility a new meaning and the antics of the very "controversial" presenter kept the crowd roaring with laughter. Macbeth, on the other hand, portrayed the play as a trial, determining whether Macbeth, or his wife Lady Macbeth, was responsible for the murder of King Duncan, and was equally as entertaining.

The performance gave us a much needed break from the cryptic wording of Shakespeare's plays, as each interpretation was easy to understand and highly appealing. Both students and teachers benefited from this wonderful addition to the HBHS "English Week Festivities."

By Sajeeb Roy, Year 10

### It's No Ordinary Shakespeare



James SUN is an Ambassador to the Griffin Theatre and wrote this review on the Bell's Shakespeare Company production at the Opera House

Bell Shakespeare's first ever attempt to stage 'Othello' is a masterpiece. At the mention of Shakespeare, most of you might grimace. You think that Shakespeare is complicated, boring and written in double Dutch. But if you've seen 'Othello' produced by the Bell Shakespeare Company, I'll be damned if you don't fall in love with it.

For those who are not familiar with 'Othello', it is about a commission general in the army, Othello, who loses his battle through racism, intolerance and prejudice, and slowly falls prey to suspicion, jealousy, hatred and then MURDER. The play written in the early 17th century still resonates with many messages relevant to today's context.

Othello is played by an award-winning Indigenous actor/playwright, Wayne Blair, who gave an extraordinary performance as Othello. Blair was highly stunning as he slowly loses his mind and sanity under the poisonous influence of the deceitful Iago, his most trusted second Lieutenant. He is married to Desdemona and they both would have been the most perfect couple if not for Iago's deathly plans. Blair's portrayal of Othello is interesting – even as he is a Moor, he moves and talks as if dancing the Corroborri. This is perhaps intended to show how much of an outsider Othello really is in the play.

Iago, played by Marcus Graham makes his audience hate him for what devastation he has brought to the fates of Othello, Desdemona and Emilia, but the audience embraces him at the same time because of his vivid scheming and his animalistic humour.

And what would a play be without the beautiful Desdemona, Leeanna Walsman, who appeared in Star Wars. Her innocence and persistence in helping others is ironically her fatal flaw. The audience love her and cradle her like the softest bear they've ever owned.

Directed by Marion Potts and supported by an ensemble cast (Emilia – Anni Finsterer, Roderigo - Mitchell Butel, Cassio – Tom Wren and Brabantio – Bob Baines), the play is truly one of this year's greatest and most tragic plays.



# HISTORY

Mr Roger Doenau  
Head of Department



2006/2007 has been a year of consolidation and strengthening as History has continued to grow and prosper through the enthusiasm of its teachers and especially the eager approach of students.

Mrs Pather has finalised her time at the school year and has now resettled in her homeland of South Africa. Mrs Pather's contribution to the study of history and to the school in general was invaluable. Ms Symonds whose enthusiasm and expertise know no bounds has replaced her on a permanent basis.

Ms Bowe went on leave at the end of 2006 and Mr Fernandez more than adequately assumed some of her history-teaching load. Ms Bowe has decided to extend her leave and as such a permanent replacing is in the offing. We wish her well in her endeavours, professionally and personally.

All teachers of History play a vital role in the education and development of their students and I must pay tribute to the dedication and perseverance of all members of the History Faculty as they impart their knowledge and wisdom to the masses. Mr Albertson, Mrs Degney, Mr Fernandez, Mr Koff, Ms Martinez, Ms McGuinness, Ms Porteous, Ms Symonds and Miss Tsouloukidis are all key players in the life of the School and its students.

2007 has been a year of consolidation in the curriculum area following the successful implementation of new syllabuses in all subjects at the 2006 public examinations. The School Certificate is now based strictly on Australia in the post-war period and is essentially the units covered in Year 10. Ancient History includes a core area on Pompeii and Herculaneum for all HSC students while the Modern History course has made all units of study examined worth 25% and narrowed some of the parameters with one class studying Conflict in Europe 1935-1945. History Extension remained unchanged. Results in these subjects were quite impressive.

Students have embraced the Elective History course in Years 9 and 10 in a most emphatic fashion as interest in the study of history at Homebush increases impressively.

Students have enjoyed many and varied activities in 2007 with Year 7 enjoying James Adams Ancient show and Year 8 participating in his Medieval program. Year 10 visited the Rookwood Necropolis as their site study. Senior students have been to the movies and HSC Study Days.

Year 10 History Debating has been resumed and at time of writing our team of has sensationally qualified for the semi finals. They have shown skill, knowledge and enthusiasm to overcome the charms of Burwood, Meriden and Wiley Park. This has been achieved under the guidance and expertise of Mrs Degney whose patience and determination over the past 15 or so years has finally been rewarded.

The 2006 School Certificate results were again excellent as 70% of candidates secured Band 4, 5 or 6 compared to the State results of 51%. Band 6 awards were achieved by 10% of our students (state 7%). The successful students were: Ian Banerji, Bakr Bardouh, Alex Burjan, Vashanth Buvanentharan, Li Yuan Chen, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Jayron Jaro, Ibrahim Kerem, David Lam, Steuart MacAllister, Mehran Modasser, Hao Ni, Ronald Pai, David Paterson, Wilfred Paul, Lawrence Pene, Pavithiran Shanmuganathan, William Shanthikumar, Prajesh Shrestha, Nicholas Siomos and James Sun.

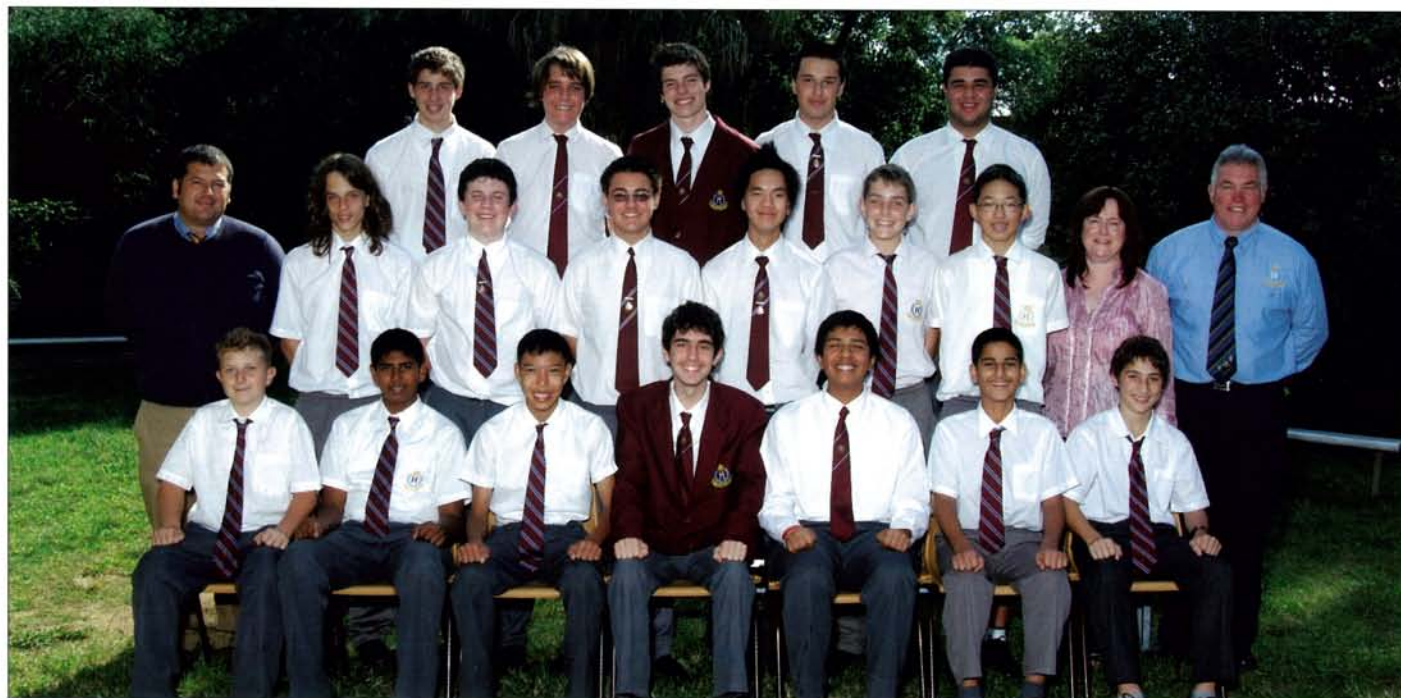
Ancient History results at the HSC were disappointing. However, Stephen Speirs did achieve an outstanding mark of 97. Mohamad Assoum and Stephen Speirs achieved band 6 with Protik Banerjee, Jack Castrique, Adam Mussa, Chris Mustafa and Ru Ping Zhang all in the Band 5 area. Modern History results were much improved with Chris Pooley, Stephen Speirs, Min Hyo Stone and Tony Tang all gaining a Band 6. A further 26 students achieved Band 5s including Hasanul Kabir, Greg Lee and Rafik Yassa with 89. Overall 40% of Modern Historians scored 80 or more at the HSC. Chris Pooley and Stephen Speirs achieved a Band E4 and Samater Ali a Band E3 in History Extension.

The 2007 HSC results look even more promising with the talents Oliver Pase, Aayush Sharma, Ankit Sharma, Stephen Jackson, Hayder Shkara, Ethan Rizos, Jas Singh, Lindsay Owen-Taylor, Heung Ghe Stone and Martin Gabor in Modern History, Tandeep Singh, Oliver Pase, Aayush Sharma, Ethan Rizos, Garth Andrews and Htet Yan in Ancient History and Oliver Pase, Tandeep Singh, Adrian Clement, Lindsay Owen-Taylor and Joshua Tarrant-Windt in History Extension all completing outstanding work.

History is not going to go away in spite of the negative and misleading comments made by world leaders. The reality is that history continues and does teach us lessons. The very real problem is that many ignore the advice of history and bumble on. Such is life.

Mr Roger Doenau  
Head of Department

## THE SCHOOL DRUM CORPS





Year 8



Parth Upadhyay Yr 11



Year 8



Jim Yi Zhao Yr 11



Jimmy Zhao Yr 11



David Wang



Year 8



Roberto Speranza



Harley Merzi



Year 9



Year 7



Surya Venkatesan



Year 11



Year 8



Year 11

# L.O.T.E. (Languages other than English)



E. Gabor

2007 has been another eventful and exciting year for the Languages department. Not only for the language teachers who make it up, but, most importantly, for the students who started or continued their journey of discovering new cultures, customs, ways of expressing ideas and feelings in a foreign language.



L. Gilchrist

## French

French is one of the three languages offered in our school. Year 7 students were given the opportunity to be introduced to this Romance language, alongside with a taster course in Italian and Chinese.



L. Lay

There were four year 8 French classes, in which students were able to develop their skills and knowledge of the language, in a variety of situations while studying topics including greetings and social interaction, school life in the two countries – similarities and differences - and describing oneself or other people.

French was also chosen by a number of students in year 9. In this global village of which we are all citizens, students were keen to learn another language that could be used when travelling or maybe for job opportunities later on.

The year 10 students have now completed more than 3 years of French learning new and fascinating things not only about the French culture but also the Melanesian culture – in the context of a unit of work on New Caledonia. They now know more about French cuisine, architecture and climate than they knew some years ago. Their competence and performance have improved considerably and this is an asset that will be extremely useful in their future.

French was also taught in the Year 11. This group of students judging by their results have treated this subject very seriously and responsibly. It is a 2-unit course, which will be assessed next year for the HSC, and there is no doubt that our students will achieve great results next October.

The highlight of this year was a day to the movies, a screening of “The Chorus”, a French movie brought to our students by the 2007 Giffoni European Union Festival. For many boys it was a first: namely, they had never seen a French movie before. For all of them, nonetheless, it will not be the last time, since they all enjoyed the experience, the novelty and the challenge.

Learning French is worthwhile, since variety is the spice of life. As the saying goes, VIVE LA DIFFERENCE!

## Chinese

Chinese students have also had a great year with Yr 9 going to Burwood to experience the delights of Yum Cha. On the way there they stopped off at a Chinese supermarket and looked at the fruit and vegetables that were very different to those that we usually see e.g. bitter melon. When students arrived at Yum Cha they managed to order in Chinese and even asked for the bill in Chinese. A very successful day!

These excursions are backed up with solid units of work at

school that explored the culture and language of China. These included – Birthdays, The Family, The Home and Greetings.

## Italian

Italian students this year had the fantastic opportunity of going to Italy over the October holidays. This put into practice all they had learnt. A big thankyou must go to Ms Gilchrist for all the very hard work she did in liaising with the Department of Education, travel agents, parents and students to get this trip off the ground.

All in all, another solid year. We look forward to 2008.

*Ms A. Juska  
Head of Department*

## EXCURSION TO RESTAURANT

On 4<sup>th</sup> April, my class and I visited the Golden Globe Seafood Restaurant. This gave me the opportunity to once again experience the delightful food created by my own culture. The flavours of my meal lights up my memory reminding me of the Chinese festivals which I have experienced in previous years.

*Steven Xu*

## STUDY TRIP TO ITALY

We couldn't wait for it to begin. After enduring several weeks of preparation and sacrificed lunchtimes, the boys from the year 9 and 10 Italian class were ready to go. The group of 13, consisted of Oliver Atkins, Asritha Chintamani, Denis Griffin-Colls (and family) Andrew Richmond, Sajeeb Roy, Thomas Stefoulis, the random French student Ben Worthington, Mr and Mrs Gilchrist and Miss Lay, all of whom were ready to enjoy a 2 week “study”(cough, cough) trip to ITALY.

We left Sydney on the 29th of September, and after a gruelling flight of almost 23 hours, arrived at Fiumicino airport in Rome. We then left for a day trip of Rome (sadly, on feet). On our list of sites to see were the Colosseum, which boasted free entry on the day, the Roman Forum, a massive area of Ancient Roman ruins, the Victor Emmanuel Monument, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, all of which were packed with literally thousands of other tourists. The next day we joined a bus tour which would cover famous areas of central Italy. Our first stop was the medieval town of Assisi, where we visited the Basilica di San Francesco and his somewhat dark tomb, and spent the afternoon travelling (on foot again...) through the mountain fortress. We then headed off to the beautiful town of Siena, where we saw the ancient Piazza del Campo. We then travelled to Florence, where we spent the night.

The next day we toured the city of Florence (Firenze). After a short detour to the (expensive) Pierotucci leather factory, we arrived in Florence's historical centre, featuring the Piazza Della Signoria where the original Statue of David once stood, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Galleria Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio and the Duomo, all of which we once again, sadly, walked to. The Duomo, after walking up 463 oddly shaped and dangerous steps, gave us a magnificent view of Florence and of the Duomo's breathtaking roof mural.

The next stop on our list of places to visit was none other than the town of Pisa, where all of us took turns holding up the leaning tower of Pisa. After a quick stop in the town of Padova, we arrived for an overnight stay in Venice. At Venice, we witnessed the skilful creation of Venetian glass (famous for its beauty and its price). After being attacked by hordes and hordes of pigeons, we toured the Venetian shopping district and took a boat through the Grand Canal back to our hotel.

The next day, after a short tour of the castle town (and independent state) of San Marino, we arrived at the final stop of the trip, where we would spend a week at the Rimini academy improving our Italian (and French). We were taught by a friendly

staff of fluent Italian speakers, and we all benefited from learning Italian in an Italian school environment. Our days in Rimini were spent touring the town's historical attractions, such as the Tiberius Bridge and the Arch of Augustus, and also enjoying the empty hotel owned section of the beach with flat surf.

After 2 weeks of enthusiastically sampling the Italian menu of pizza, pasta and our body-weight in gelato and touring the fantastic country of Italy, we were all reluctant to return back home when the time came. Despite our reluctance, we returned to Australia (ironically at the very end of our school holidays...) on Sunday 14th October, our bags much heavier with souvenirs.

*Mrs Gilchrist*



Close-up of the Trevi Fountain in Rome.



Amongst the pigeons in St Mark's Square, Venice.



With certificates.



The group at the Trevi Fountain in Rome.

## AUSTRALIAN UNDER 19'S CRICKET TOUR TO PAKISTAN

*Mitchell Starc went on an under 19's cricket tour just before commencing his HSC. Here are some notes and photos he sent when he returned home.*

We had three weeks on tour.

Started in Brisbane, with three day training camp at the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence.

Left for Kuala Lumpur via Singapore airport. We played two games then left for Lahore via Dubai and Karachi.

Played two games in Lahore then had a four hour bus to Mipur where we played three games.

We had a five hour bus trip back to Lahore airport. Then we were off to Karachi, then Dubai, then Sydney after 14 hours. Finally I arrived home in time for HSC.

Results are as follows:

Two games in Malaysia – two wins

Game 1 : 2 wickets for 26 runs off 8 overs  
Game 2 : 3 wickets for 23 runs off 8 overs

Five games in Pakistan – no wins

Game 1 : rested  
Game 2 : 0 wickets for 19 runs off 1 over  
Game 3 : 0 wickets for 49 runs off 5 overs  
Game 4 : 1 wicket for 15 runs off 3 overs  
Game 5 : 0 wickets for 11 runs off 2 overs



# LEARNING SUPPORT



K. Meucci  
Head of Department

In 2007 the ESL staff have worked to accomplish their shared goal of improving the language skills of all students and helping to smooth the transition of new arrivals into the Australian way of life.

In 2006 our English (ESL) HSC results were the strongest since we started teaching this new course in 2001. Over 65% of our students gained a mark above 80. The number of students in the two top mark ranges (Bands 5 and 6) was much higher than the state average and the number of students in the average mark ranges (Bands 3 and 4) was much lower than the state average. It was very pleasing to see that none of our students received marks in the bottom two mark ranges (Bands 1 and 2). It was a pleasure for the ESL staff to see that the boys' consistent and diligent work over the year was rewarded with such good results.



M. Altundag

Once again I can say that the year has brought both challenges and rewards. Across the school, ESL teachers have continued to encourage all students to read widely and enthusiastically and, in the process, further develop their literacy skills. In our role as specialist support teachers we have support ESL students in English, Art, Multi Media and Science classes in Years 7 to 10.



E. Conomos

Our support in senior classes has been in Year 11 Fundamentals of English, Year 11 English (ESL) and Year 12 English (ESL). In the Year 11 courses we have had the freedom to focus on providing an Australian cultural and historic perspective to language development.



J. Horiatopoulos

This Australian cultural awareness has also been provided in the subject of Aboriginal Studies to Years 9 and 10 elective classes. All of our new arrivals from the Intensive English centres take this elective as do others who choose it to improve their understanding of the Australian context in general as well as the indigenous culture.



S. Kumaralingam

The ESL Department has played a role in the the whole-school focus on literacy development as members of the Literacy and Numeracy team. We promote explicit feedback to students in order to de-mystify literacy and we value the opportunity to team-teach with so many different members of staff across so many different subject areas.



M. Lacek

My personal thanks go to the ESL staff for the tremendous effort they have put in this year, and to our senior executive supervisor Mr Bill Hilliard for his encouragement and wise advice. I also thank Ms Judith Edwards and the other members of the Learning Support team for the conscientious way they all performed their duties this year. The teacher aides as well have put in a huge effort to support our Integration Program.

*Kerry Meucci*



G. Kissick  
Teachers Aide

In August of this year Ms Lacek attended the book launch of Peter Skrzynecki's latest book of poems, 'New-Old'. Ms Lacek has translated publications into Polish for Mr Skrzynecki. He has spoken to our HSC students about his book of poems, 'The Immigrant Chronicle' which is on the HSC syllabus. He is a welcomed visitor to the ESL staffroom and has been here several times during the past year.



J. Sorrenti  
Teachers Aide



V. Michaels  
Teachers Aide



Ms Lacek and Mr Skrzynecki show off their combined effort 'The Sparrow Garden'.

## STLA REPORT

Every year presents new challenges. I do enjoy team teaching with our skilled educators everything from year 8 English to year 9 Maths and Geography, but the times during the week to which I look most forward to are the before and after school Literacy Program sessions.

HBHS's focus on literacy has given student and teacher volunteers a chance to tutor one-to-one eager pupils who wish to improve their reading and comprehension. The boys who are receiving the help gain skills, but those volunteering also find within themselves new leadership, compassion and the deep satisfaction of giving back to their community.

One teacher volunteer, Mr. Sculthorpe, recently said it was a bit of a sacrifice to assist with the after school sessions; however, after witnessing the growth of the students, he always came away 'floating'!

Our reading roll call 35 has recently lost two valuable year 12 students, Mahesh and Aaron. Aaron has been assisting with the Literacy Program not only in roll call, but in the outside hours sessions for several years. He has seen the reading improvement of many students, and once said in amazement, "It only takes fifteen minutes a day to change a life!"

I would like to thank all of our volunteers. Most of all, I would like to congratulate the boys attending the program for help. No one forces them; their progress is gradual; but they are improving through their own efforts and willingness to work.

I would also like to thank our dedicated teacher aides, Mary Talarico, Louise Avery, Gayle Kissick, Vilma Michaels and Julie Sorrenti, who work with the Learning Support Team and the teachers to make the curriculum available to all our students. These women are doing a valuable job assisting class teachers, and their effort is appreciated.

*Judith Edwards*  
Support Teacher Learning Assistance



J. Edwards



G. Hammami  
ISTH



G. Sorensen  
Counsellor



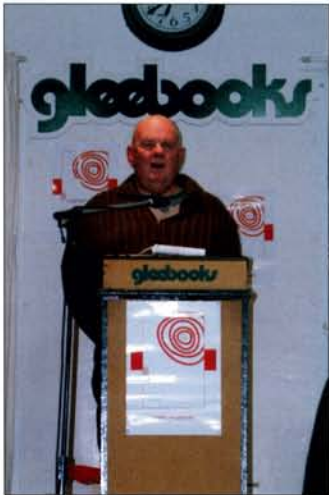
Animal Sculptures - Visual Arts

## THE OLD BOYS FIFTY YEAR REUNION



The class of 1957 had their fifty year reunion in 2007. Professor Ian Dance sent this photograph and several words.

In 1957 the senior class was called fifth year, rather than year 12, and they sat for the Leaving Certificate examination instead of the HSC. On October 20 2007, fifty years later, forty seven men from this class held a reunion. Many had not seen each other since leaving school in 1957. How much we had changed, and yet how much we were the same. So many reminiscences about days at school, and about our teachers, and so many stories to tell about what we had done since school.



Well-known Australian poet, Les Murray is guest speaker.



Above: Mr Skrzynecki signs his book.



Ms Horiatopoulos' Year 11-12 are working hard on 'The Journey'



Ms Horiatopoulos collects students' work.

## MULTILIT AND THE HAPPY HELPERS

You would not expect to find a teacher of Geography, Sports Science, Languages Other than English or Science teaching a student how to decode a word. You also would be surprised to see a group of already busy year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students giving their free time to help a younger student improve their reading speed and comprehension. Thanks to the continued support of the teacher and student volunteers at HBHS, students who come to our school and need to improve their reading are receiving the one-to-one assistance which they need.

Every Monday and Tuesday after school is out, room 29 is filled with the soft sound of up to 15 students reading to their tutors. Many of the dedicated learners also attend the Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions. The teacher members of the Literacy Program (Mr. Fernandez and Ms Sen from English; Ms. Brown and Mr. Standen from Science; Mr. Harrison and Ms. Tawbe from Social Science; Ms Lay from Languages; Mr. Sculthorpe from PDHPE; Ms Altundag from ESL and Mrs. Edwards, STLA) have all been trained in the MULTILIT Word Attack phonics program. They, along with the MULTILIT trained peer tutors in roll 35 (Ashvin Ashok, Simon Bull, Depak Chand, Rajit Gilhotra, Zhi Yuan Ma, Bilal Muzaffar, Aarun Puvanendiranathan, Alan Rawcliffe, Kishor Sirikrishnabala, James Sun, Stephens Thomas and Mahesh Vuppapapati) work one-to-one with students who wish to improve their literacy skills.

Two students in particular, Aarun and Alan, have given time to not only the peer tutoring roll 35, but have also regularly assisted with the before and after school Literacy Program. More students are joining the team; Mrs. Edwards plans to train community minded year 9 and 10 students for next year's intake.

The school is fortunate to have so many teachers and students who are willing to give of their time so others can have the skills to access their challenging high school texts!



Ms Lacek has a little joke with some Year 11-12 students.

# MATHEMATICS



G. Carrozza



A. Arundavaraja



J. Chen



A. Doolan



B. Gobel



H. Ha



C. Halkidis



J. Kaur



S. Martin



M. Shadwick



T. Sivasothy



J. Rayner

During the past year, the Mathematics faculty has seen the consolidation and evaluation of changes introduced the previous year. These involved changes to programs, the assessment policy and also changes to the way we assess a student's performance in our subject area.

The year also saw changes to the staff, with the permanent appointment of Ms Kaur as the replacement for Mr Reso and also the arrival of Mr Arun, replacing Mr Philip who has taken a position in the private sector. We welcome both teachers and are certain that they will be a most valuable addition to our teaching staff. I would also like to thank Mr Albertson for his excellent work teaching outside his subject area.

The use of technology in the classroom is on the increase and it is quite pleasing to see students and teachers presenting their work using Powerpoint, graphing packages and spreadsheets. The faculty has also purchased a class set of graphical calculators and the Preliminary General students have been exposed to their use. These calculators give students an almost unfair advantage over those who don't have them as they remove the "messy" calculations required in the Data Analysis, Financial Mathematics and Algebraic Modelling topics.

Our students continue the fine tradition that mathematicians at this school have nurtured over many years. Our results in state wide exams are still above Regional and State averages, although our bottom group is on the increase. This year's SNAP results showed that most of our Year 7 students have a good understanding of basic mathematics and displayed an above average level of numeracy skills. It was even more pleasing to see that the majority of our Year 8 students showed some improvement over their previous year's efforts.

Results for the HSC and School Certificate 2006 were broadly consistent with expectations. One disappointing aspect of our HSC results is the fact that we still have a number of students who despite extremely poor results and warnings throughout the Preliminary year still persist to study courses which are far too difficult for them. It is good to see, though, that a trend towards the General course is starting to emerge. In the General course of the 56 students 7 gained either a band 5 or 6, in Mathematics 28 of the 189 students gained a band 5 or 6, in the Extension 1 course 79 of the 79 candidates gained the highest bands of E4 and E3, whilst 24 of the 35 Extension 2 students received the highest bands of E4 and E3. These are commendable results and these students should be proud of their success.

The following students (in alphabetical order) scored over 90 marks in their respective courses and were placed in the List of HSC Distinguished Achievers:

General Mathematics: Samir Boulekraout  
 Mathematics: Kaurab Akhter, Chetan Chopra, Vebooshan Elankovan, Shaan Salman, Hasanul Kabir, Rakulan Sothirajah, Jacob Min Hyo Stone, Tony Yi Tang, Abhi Widge, Thomas Wong,  
 Extension 1: Kaurab Akhter, Mohamed Bardouh, Chetan Chopra, Pui Fai Ip, Shaan Salman, Anant Jaiswal, Michael Jin, Hasanul Kabir, Xiaotian Ma, Andrew Pham, Christopher Pooley, Jamie Scott, Rakulan Sothirajah, Tony Yi Tang, Frank Fangxin Zou,  
 Extension 2: Pui Fai Ip, Xiaotian Ma, Christopher Pooley, Jamie Scott, Frank Fangxin Zou

The table below summarises the school's results in the Reference Test using a 6-band scale, rather than the actual 9 grades used by the Department.

Band	Number
6	35
5	64
4	51
3	39
2	19
1	1

The first year in a new school is always difficult but the second year did not seem to be any easier. I would like to thank all the members of the Mathematics faculty for their support, patience and hard work.

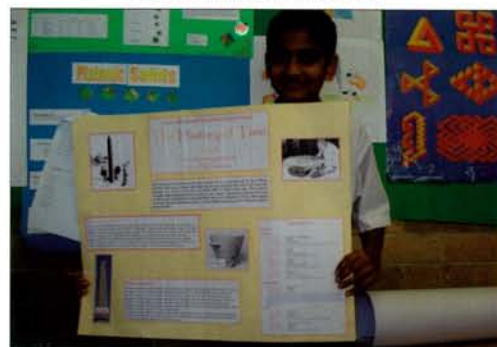
G. Carrozza,  
 Head of Department



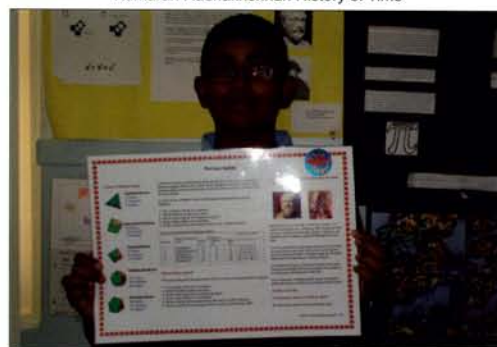
The Mathematics Faculty



Cameron Kopecny Number Plane



Kumaran Radhakrishnan History of Time



Muhaimen Rahman Platonic Solids



Phillip Siomos Platonic Solids

# AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2006-2007

The students at Homebush Boys continue to participate in many mathematical competitions and enjoy great success in these. Here is a summary of our achievements in the past year.

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac awards. This is the largest mathematics competition in the world and its popularity in the school is still quite high even though the number of candidates was slightly lower than last year's. The table below summarises our results.

	Year	Sat	Prize	High Dist.	Distinction	Credit
Junior	7	98		1	12	33
	8	79			9	31
Intermediate	9	123			13	49
	10	107			10	46
Senior	11	82		2	5	33
	12	54	1	2	12	14

The following students (in order of merit) need a special mention as they were recognised as the top students in our school:

Year 7: Jiacong Xu, Kelwin Tang, Phillip Siomos

Year 8: Siddharth Raghuraman, Brandon Lam, Henry You

Year 9: Mingfen Lin, Ken Haohan Ko, Jackson Hua

Year 10: Patrick Chen, Chuan Qiang Fu, Jun-Kyu Kim

Year 11: Jing Shun Ma, Jeff Wong, David Lam

Year 12: Jack Li, Jack Ni, Jeromy Lay

The Prudence Award winner was Henry You of year 8.

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

## Year 7

**High Distinction:** Jiacong Xu

**Distinction:** Kelwin Tang, Phillip Siomos, William Wu, Andrew Zhang, Dylan Wijesekera, Richard Wang, Calvin Cheung, Hamish Campbell, Raymond Xian, Leo Liang, Alan Lam, Cameron Kopecny

**Credit:** Frank Day, Kevi Le, Andrew Truong, Nicholase Zeng, Jason Luo, Pratik Kar, Stephen Park, Joshua Chen, Brian Griffin-Colliss, Kieren Tran, Andy Kim, Farid Ibrahim, Frank Jiang, Neel Sengupta, Samuel Kim, Justin Perkins, Luke Gabrielli, Max Calel Altman, Saif Shuaib Ali, Lachlan Foster, Desmond Ngo, Joseph Croguennec, Kurstan Hu, Aleks Wynne, Jason Ou, Simon Xin, Riley Curran, Andrew Ingrati, Brian Lee, Kenan Kolar, Keshav Sharma, Sean Dowdall

## Year 8

**Distinction:** Siddharth Raghuraman, Brandon Lam, Dinesh Kunasegaran, Anirudh Deshpande, Christopher Chiang, Mohamed Omran, Joel Todd, Vernon Lam

**Credit:** Antonio Kim, Lachlan Clement, Peter Maxwell, Aaron Phan, Dabin Song, Yi-Lung Chen, Kwon-Myung Stone, Jimmy Chen, Albert Ta, David Baek, Eric Lam, Jackson Constantine, Dhuva Nades, Kokulnath Puvanendra, Soohn Lee, Amman Morgan, John Wu, Justin Kim, Andrew Mo, Dong-Uk Kim, Siddhartha Thete, Bohan yu, Shahzain Charania, Youssef Latash, Dean Ren, Doo-Ho Park, Damian Lam, Krishekesan Subramaniam, Peter Brimfield, Nick Taylor, Rohit Buthapathy

## Year 9

**Distinction:** Mingfen Lin, Ken Haohan Ko, Jackson hua, Owen Huang, Chentduren Aumkaran, haeun Song, Phillip Nguyen, Bradley Parker, Vivek Rajagopal, Peter Liang, Philip Cho, Robert Rafael, Vincent Ngo

**Credit:** Dinesh Thiruchelvam, Patrick Le, Sobidan Kumaradas, Farhan Khan, Benjamin Yoon, Kai Lin, Saeid El-Sartawy, Shivanth Sanmuganathan, Syed Khalid, Ziyad Hussain, Jared Wee, Joshua Natale, Kabill Kulane, Robert Speranza, Shangeethan Manivannan, Steven Lam, Zhiyuan Ma, Nicholas White, Sakib Alam, Shivayan Saravanapavananthan, Shro Pranavan Sivalohan, Alan Lee, Brandon Chun, Davis Hristoforidis, Kabilan Bascaran, Phillip Stapleton, Brett Chen, Kevin Pathirane, Zelong Cao, Andy Ho, David Li, Hany Attia, Mahmoud Elmadbouly, Shawneil Kumar, Michael Talarico, Sunthertheeran Suntheradas, Advait

Junnarkar, Jason Chang, Jerry Pu, Kavishan Nirmaleswaran, Parathy, Nakkeeran, Ahmad Faizi, Cooper Lindsay, Fletcher Rowe, Ivan Chen, James Stewart-Moore, Patrick Dixon, Victor Lee, Yoshiya Tanaka

## Year 10

**Distinction:** Patrick Chen, Chuan Qiang Fu, Jun-Kyu Kim, Matthew Iwanczuk, Sheharyar Hamayun, Sajeeb Roy, Jae Seong Lee, Peter Yang, Wenqi Zhang, Xiao Ma

**Credit:** Daniel Zhuang, Raad Qureshi, David Vondinklage, Suthangan Thanabalasingam, Abraham Baek, Omar Noori, Simon Vuong, Aly Hosny, Matthew Nguyen, James Yoon, Raymond La, Vitin Duong, Aaron Russell, Himashan Kulasingam, Roger Dang, Inteasar Ali, Albert Nguyen, Azlan Safi, Kasim Ayikol, Simon La, Timothy Lui, Jayse Kim, Shyam Javakhar, Victor Lin, Aakash Mahajan, Haseeb Rahman, Kevin Wong, Phillip Song, Ananthakrishna Kunchapudi, Ji-Ho Park, Simon Bull, Ryan Haq, Taren Tu, Thajee Raveendran, Daniel Armitage, Francisco Suh, Wilson Chan, Garry Tsang, Jeffrey Quach, Mark Raveendran, Ayush Gupta, Boris Nguyen, Deep Kochar, Mohammed Holali, Ronald Wu

## Year 11

**High Distinction:** Jing Shun Ma, Jeff Wong,

**Distinction:** David Lam, Alan Tran, Joshua Ho, Samuel Che, Mehran Modasser, Duncan Trinh, Gordon Tan, Branavan Arumugaiyer, Rukshan Paheerathan, Peter Ayre, Abdul Shanjari, Tim Zhang, Bhirajan Yogarajah, Tony Lee, SM Nazmus Sakib

**Credit:** Christopher Parkee, Richardson Zhu, Eric Truong, David Xiang, Hao Ni, Jason Yoon, Simon Chung, James Sun, Ken Huang, Paul Kim, Nicholas Siomos, Patrick Chow, Ronald Pai, Wayne See, Eray Kedicoglu, Kaan Sozen, Mathew Lucis, Elison Furneaux-Bates, Suthan Sriharan, David Paterson, Ibrahim Kerem, Jafran Anzar, Afnan Fazli, Emre Mehmet, Heejo Choi, Parth Upadhyay, William Shanthikumar, Bakr Bardouh, Keith Leong, Naman Bhandari, Brandan David, Cameron Ngo, Kabiram Kulasingam

## Year 12

**Prize:** Jack Li

**High Distinction:** Jack Ni, Jeromy Lai

**Distinction:** Simon Dinopoulos, Lung Pun, Krishna Rubadass, Raymond Ou, Henry Gu, Joshua Tarrant-Windt, Asef Islam, Stephen Jackson, Jeremy Hung, Tommy Tsui, Shaher Yar Khan, Tandeep Singh

**Credit:** Daebeom Kim, Mitchell Koh, Peter Lai, River Cheung, Ben Xie Zhuang, Nelson Zheng, William Duong, Eric Ko, Prakash Ganeshalingam, Chih Yu Yang, Jason Tran, Zhuo Yi Guo, David Schmike, Richard lu

## MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

During the year boys from Years 7 to 9 were involved in the Mathematics Challenge. This competition commences with a three week challenge consisting of 5 problems which the students complete at home and finishes with the Enrichment Stage. This second stage involves working through problems over a number of weeks. Below is a summary of our results in this quite difficult competition.

## Year 7

**Credit:** Kelwin Tang, Jason Luo

**Certificate of Participation:** Nicholase Zeng, Keshav Bhugubanda, Omar Kosny, Cameron Kopecny

## Year 8

**Certificate of Distinction:** Anirudh Deshpande, Damian Lam

**Certificate of Participation:** Dinesh Kunasegaran

## Year 9

**Certificate of Credit:** Zhiyuan Ma, Phillip Nguyen

**Certificate of Participation:** Shivayan Saravanapavantha



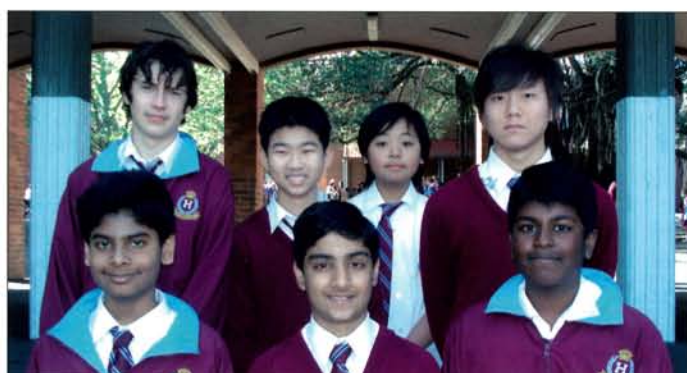
Jack Li Year 12  
Maths Competition,  
Prize Winner



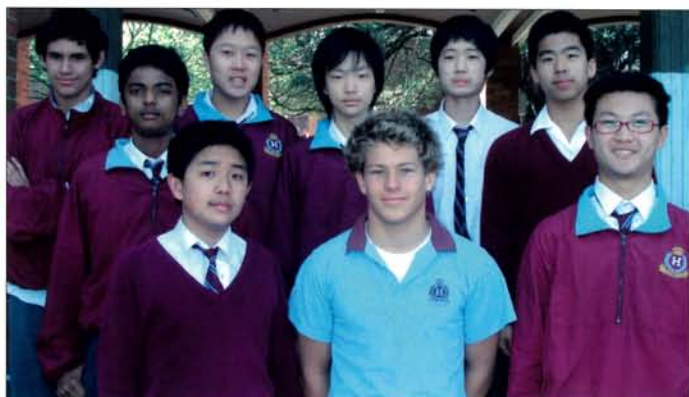
# MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



Year 7 High Distinctions, Distinctions



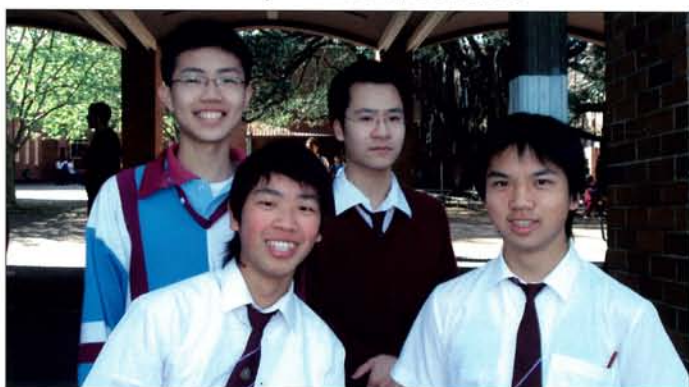
Year 8 High Distinctions, Distinctions



Year 9 High Distinctions, Distinctions



Year 10 High Distinctions, Distinctions



Year 11 High Distinctions, Distinctions



Year 12 High Distinctions, Distinctions

## CHESS REPORT

*Mr Alan Doolan for Mr John Evans (Head Teacher Mathematics and Chess 1975-2005)*

Four teams - Senior A (Years 12 & 11), Intermediate A (for years 9 & 10) and Junior A and B ( for Years 7 & 8 ) were entered in the Secondary Schools Chess Competition in Term 2. Further details of competitions conducted by the NSW Junior Chess League can be found on [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au).

This year's competition was played after school on Friday afternoons for seven weeks from the 4th May to the 15th June. Normally a competition consists of eight teams – however, only the Senior competition had eight teams, the other competitions all had seven teams and one bye. The boys' entry fees were paid out of the school welfare fund – thanks to Mr. Hilliard.

The teams and the results for the competition were as follows-

### Senior A :

The Senior A team consisting of Gordon Tan (captain), Jeff Wong, Li Yuan Chen , Duncan Trinh and Jing Ma finished third on 16.5 points. The Senior team defeated Sydney Grammar B (3.5-0.5) , defeated Strathfield Girls (3-1) , drew with Concord (2-2) ,drew with Fort Street B (2-2), drew with All Saints (2-2) , lost to Trinity A (1.5-2.5) and defeated Sydney Girls (2.5-1.5).

### Intermediate A

The Intermediate A team consisting of Brent Xie, Advait Junnarkar, Robert Rafael, Roshan Vasaiwalla, Shivayan Saravapavananthan and Alexei Bernard finished fourth on 14 points. The Intermediate team had a bye (4-0), defeated

Canterbury Boys (4-0), drew with Sydney Girls B (2-2) , lost to Trinity A (1-3), lost to Newington B (1-3) ,drew with Meriden (2-2), and lost to Fort Street A (0-4)

### Junior A

The Junior A team consisting of Sai Abhishek Bhonsle, Keshav Bhrugubanda, Kalai Jeyamanokar , Dhuva Nades Parathan finished second on 21 points . The Junior A team defeated Sydney Technical (4-0) , had a bye (4-0) , drew with Trinity C (2-2) ,defeated Trinity E (2.5-1.5), defeated All Saints Grammar (4-0), defeated Holy Spirit A (4-0), and was defeated by Kingsgrove (0.5-3.5)

### Junior B

The Junior B team consisting of Jason Luo, Abdullatif Holali, Jiacong Xu ,Khokulan Ramachandran finished sixth on 12.5 points. The Junior B had a bye (4-0) , drew with Holy Spirit B (2-2) ,lost to Trinity A (0-4) ,was defeated by Trinity D (1-3), lost to Sydney Technical C (1.5-2.5) , defeated Concord (4-0) , and then forfeited to Sydney Grammar D (0-4) on a very wet ,miserable and stormy ,dangerous Friday afternoon.

Miss Chan, Mr Hilliard, Mr Sivasothy and Mr Doolan miss Mr Evans and his excellent organization but we enjoyed looking after the chess teams; visiting other schools and hosting chess teams at Homebush. We look forward to an even more successful competition next year.

Members of the Chess Club meet at lunchtime except Wednesdays, in Room 52 for practice. Interested boys are most welcome.

## SRC REPORT

The 2007 Student Representative Council had an extremely productive year under the guidance of Ms Anton. A selection process which included written nominations, interviews and form elections was used to choose the representatives. The executive included Emre Mehmet as President, Kaan Sozen as Vice-President, Mehraan Modasser filled the role of Secretary, while Hari Rajendran was the able Treasurer.

Charity work included raising \$900.00 for cancer research as a part of "The Worlds Greatest Shave" program. The Breast Cancer Awareness Program and the Childrens Hospital Burns Foundation shared \$1,300.00. Stewart House received \$1,100.00 to support disadvantaged young people. The Senior SRC members supported the Red Cross Blood Donations.

Many members of the SRC attended programs which aim to develop leadership capacity in young people. Conferences attended included RYPEN, Altitude Day and The Community Relations Forum. Emre Mehmet was a member of the State SRC team while Sam Hayward and Richard Amarasingham were on the Regional Executive of the SRC.

The group was involved in community activities including "Clean-Up Australia Day" and the planting of trees in Airey Park. The boys were active in presenting student perspectives in speeches made during Harmony Week. As young leaders they were involved in Peer Mediation and a program called "Safety Zone", designed to help Year 7 students settle into high school. The Exodus Foundation received donations of non perishable food items. Among all that good work the SRC found time to provide input into the governance of the School and even organised a lunchtime soccer competition.

Each of the members represented their form with distinction and look forward to bigger and better initiatives.



Student Artwork.

### MATES

On Friday 8th June, Year 7 watched a play to celebrate English Week. This play was titled 'Mates'. Although there were only two men in it, it was a great success.

When all of Year 7 walked into the hall, all that was on the stage was a black barrier and a keyboard. This quickly changed as Mate 1 came on to the stage and started a song called, 'You've Gotta Have Mates', in which we met Mate 2 as he went down the stairs, escalator and elevator. When the spectacular song ended, Mate 1 told us about many of the things you can do with your mates. After that, Mate 1 and Mate 2 told and acted out how they came to meet each other, what they did at fishing, the footy and riding bikes. All these activities

were accompanied by song and dance.

In the middle of the production, Brendon Leong was brought onto the stage and was given a pair of some strange, long arms. He joined in the song and dance and had lots of fun. Then Yusef Serakbi and Keshav Sharma were brought on and became Mate 1 and Mate 2, while the real actors dressed up in police hats and weird leg things that made them taller or shorter. The 'policemen' talked about being responsible around your mates, and not putting them in danger. After a hilarious sequence, the two kids took their place in the audience and once again, the play continued. Mate 1 and Mate 2 acted out the end of the road trip and the play ended with the same song 'You've Gotta Have Mates'.

The actors packed up and left and Year 7 filed out of the hall with laughter in their hearts. 'Mates' is a great play, with lots of laughs. I would recommend it to everyone.

Riley Curran  
7A

### THE SRC ROCKS ON RADIO

On Monday 30 July Homebush Boys was designated the school of the month at Sydney's largest community station 2RDJ FM (88.1). Six students from the SRC represented all of us and were DJs between 5 and 7 PM. It was also an excellent opportunity to promote the school, provide students with an opportunity to be leaders and help the students experience the operation of a radio station first hand.

The students were represented Years 7 to 11. They comprised of Emre, Ibrahim, Chris, Robert, Sam and Hassan. They all were given opportunities to go live to air with the readings of traffic reports, weather, sports reports, and various activities the school provides students. The students even chose the songs that were played during their program.

All the students had a wonderful time and one even enquired about hosting a show on a regular basis.

We would like to thank Jason, the DJ, for providing us with the opportunity to be involved. Homebush Boys will definitely be involved in the process again in the future.

The SRC

### THE GERRIC PROGRAM

On the 12th and 13th of July I had the privilege to be chosen to participate in the 2007 GERRIC program for gifted and talented students at the University of New South Wales Randwick Campus.

The course I attended was called Visualising Architecture, one that I find very interesting. Our presenter, Professor Stephen Peter, instructed the group to design a living space on paper and create it on the computer using a program called 3D Studio Max. Before we began designing the living space, we were taught how to use the program. At first it seemed like a complicated program but I quickly understood the concept of it. The course was very informative and I learnt interesting design strategies that I will hopefully benefit from in my future career.

I felt very fortunate to be given this opportuni-

ty through the school to learn new things and be challenged by advanced education. This experience proved to be one that exceeded my expectations and allowed me to express myself through the visualisation of architecture.

I hope other students have this opportunity in future years to experience such a dynamic course.

Michael Talarico



Members of the Chess Team awaiting their competition.



The team cannot wait for the opposition.



Speech on assembly.



Smiling teachers on Staff Development Day.

# PD/H/PE (Personal Development/Health/Physical Education)



B. Gavathas  
Head of Department



A. Chapman



S. Madycki



J. Sculthorpe



R. Tedford



B. Wilson

This has been my ninth year as head teacher of the faculty here at Homebush Boys'. Limitations of publication space may not entirely do this report justice.

Our HSC PDHPE students attended enrichment seminars at MLC Burwood, with head teacher Mr Gavathas also demonstrating his expertise by presenting syllabus content to a number of participants.

First Aid Awards from the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia continue to accumulate as part of the faculty's push to ensure that students have developed the technical skills for CPR. Once again, HBHS was placed first in the comprehensive boys' schools category and thus securing the association's Tattersalls Class Cup.

Mr Wilson and Mr Tedford respectively completed their sixth and final year as student year advisor and assistant advisor. We congratulate both for their exceptional work over the years. With this door closing we see another opening with Mr Sculthorpe about to complete his first year as Year 7 advisor. Miss Chapman continues on as assistant to the Year 9 advisor and I am sure that one day she too will steer a cohort through the school system in her own right as year advisor.

A number of opportunities have been pursued with numerous visits to Sydney Olympic Park for analysis in biomechanics of skateboarding, badminton, hockey, tennis and golf just to mention a few. Recently, guest presenters from the NSW Para/Quad Association engaged our PE elective "PASS" classes in a games session of wheelchair basketball.

Mentoring of teaching staff both within the school and also outside of the confines of HBHS through programs run by our professional associations. Currently the faculty is also navigating two student teachers through their own practicum experiences.

Programming Days 7-12 have also been accessed to include better programs so that our extensive NESB and ESL cohort can become the "little advocate" and help us to promote healthy lifestyles throughout the community. I also acknowledge the fine work my staff has made in programming and especially Mr Madycki who has been instrumental in programming both year 10 and also the PASS elective content inside his third year of full-time 'casual' teaching. Legend.

Stimulus programs such as Motivational Media which brought resilience to the fore have addressed both student welfare issues and doubled up for crossroads. Further, our annual 7-11 Brainstorm Productions have targeted sensitive issues such as mental, verbal and physical abuse with suggested strategies of deflecting these and keeping themselves safe. There is also content follow up within the classroom environment.

Amongst it strongest area of focus, the faculty continues to push the boundaries of technologies including use of the educational software site, "Moodle" with our faculty leading the way with multiple presentations available to students outside of school hours accessed from the school website. Our expertise has enabled both Mr Gavathas

and Mr Sculthorpe to present information on both Moodle and the innovative Personal Response System to our teaching peers at the recent NSW PDHPE Teacher Association conference in Wollongong.

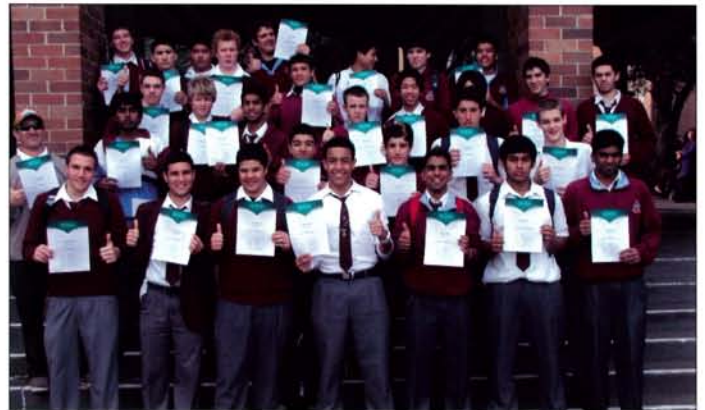
2007 sees the conclusion of this faculty's association with the Uni of Newcastle targeting Quality Teaching and Learning and SIPA projects. This has been a four year study. Our new focus for 2008 is in conjunction with the Uni of Wollongong and DET Curriculum Support focusing on NSW Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition survey. We also continue our close association with the Centre for Learning Innovation, Strathfield.

On behalf of my faculty, I congratulate all our students for the results they so richly deserve. We have high expectations for our HSC students and hopefully they can match or surpass the fine results of 2006.

Finally, I would like to thank my faculty for their commitment to; the teaching programs, the school and the various syllabus areas.

*Bill Gavathas*  
Head of Department

"Remember...Every day is a PDHPE day!"



Senior First Aid certificate recipients.



Above: Yr 11 students in the outdoor classroom with Biometrics testing.



*PE/H/PE students in Year 11 work hard all day to earn their Senior First Aid certificates. This gives them all the important OH&S qualification for employment.*

## MAYA ADVENTURE

Put a group of 16 teenagers together in a claustrophobic room over 4 days & what do you get?

Homebush Boy's High School offers many opportunities for those students who are enterprising enough, & one of those opportunities that were presented was a 4 day Maya animation course at Enmore TAFE Design Centre. Five students were game enough to take it.

Maya is animation software that has been used in practically every single movie with a bit of special effects in it. Notable examples include the Shrek movies, 300, Happy Feet, & much more.

Fifteen students from schools across the Inner West seized the chance & experienced some high end animation first hand. Five are from Homebush Boy's & they are: Donald Chung (yr11), Li

Yuan Chen (yr11), Afnan Fazli (yr11), Jaz (yr 12), & Wen Cheng (yr 11).

The course was certainly very demanding, although the excellent instructor, Eric, made it more fun. For over four days, the students struggled with outlandish concepts such as NURBS, Polygons, Primitives & camera gates. Through blood, sweat & tears, (well, not really but you get the idea) & a lot of colour, everyone was able to finish the animation. Friendship was forged, knowledge was gained & a lot of fun was had. Despite its many challenges, the experience was very worthwhile & valuable.

The animation that the students made was showcased at this year's Variety Night.

*Li Yuan Chen and Donald Chung*

# SCIENCE



A. Everett  
Head of Department

*“The most beautiful thing we experience in life is the mysterious: it is the source of all true art and science.*

*He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.”*



J. Baggeley

*Albert Einstein (“We can but try!” Alan Everett 28/9/07)*



S. Brown



M. Catalano



Lachlan, Hugh and Jaxson pat the echidna.



Year 7 students.



B. Gold



Roberto records fish details.



N. Mawassi



Pleased and proud to be here.



Jonathan Cao and friend.



L. Puran



Donald Chung and Hee-Jo Choi.



P. Thanabalasingam



Year 9 at the Powerhouse Museum.



M. Standen



Year 11 students include Wayne See, Kerim and Charlie Gray.



K. Pathan

# SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

**2007 Chemistry Competition**  
 Plaque Winner (top percentile in the state) Luke Pun

## High Distinctions

Year 12: William Duong, Adam Imer, Luke Pun  
 Year 11: Li Yuan Chen, Jing Shun Ma, Rukshan Paheerathan, James Sun, Parth Upadhyay  
 Year 7: Hamish Campbell

## Distinctions

Year 12: Ammar Awan, Ryan Beattie, Raymond Ou, Darshan Singh, Tandeep Singh, Suryanarayanan Sriram, Hari Subrimanian, Tommy Tsui, Rishi Verma, Nelson Zheng  
 Year 11: Ronald Pai  
 Year 8: Omar Imrahim  
 Year 7: Frank Day

## 2007 Science Competition Distinction Awards

Year 12: Luke Pun  
 Nelson Zheng  
 Year 11: Li Yuan Chen  
 Andy Han  
 Year 10: Omar Noori; Emre Aral; Daniel Armitage; Patrick Chen; Taren Tu; Ben Worthington.  
 Year 9: Kai Lin  
 Year 8: John Wu  
 Year 7: Saif Ali; Hamish Campbell; Kumaran Radhakrishnan; Kelwin Tang.



Eureka! Yr 12 Biology have discovered something fantastic - no joke!



Wayne is reaching for the sky. What can he see?



Year 9 at the Powerhouse Museum.



Wayne See and Andrew Briffeld et al.



Year 11 Biology at Bicentennial Park.



Year 9 at The Aquarium.



What is under the boardwalk?



Mmm...very interesting!



Happy in the service.



Sidney, Justin and Simon at the Zoo.



Yianni Spathis, Johnny Chen and Adam Meiklejohn stare down the owl.

# SOCIAL SCIENCES



J. Pearson  
Head of Department



G. Anton



A. Harrison



A. Legge



L. Swanson



M. Tawbe



J. Uhlen

2007 has brought another year of changes to the Social Sciences staff. Ms Christine Wyness decided to leave the teaching profession to work on a PHD in Business. Mr John Connell has taken on a teaching position at Blacktown Boys High School, (Mr Connell is also doing an Economics Degree at Sydney University). There are 2 new faculty members, Ms Tawbe came from Wylie Park Girls High School and Ms Swanson transferred from Westfields Sports High School. Both these two teachers will bring a lot of teaching skills and expertise to our faculty.

For the rest of the Social Sciences staff it consists of:- Ms Legge who is back teaching full time in 2007, Ms Caitlin Dwyer (Head Teacher Teaching & Learning), Ms Julie Uhlen, Mr Harrison and Ms Anton. Ms Anton is pregnant and will take all 2008 off on Maternity Leave, Mr John Connell will come back to Homebush Boys High School for 2008. The Social Sciences Faculty and Homebush Boys High School is very fortunate to have such dedicated and hard working group of people working for public education and the boys at this school.

There have been a whole range of excursions organised for students by the Social Sciences Faculty. These excursions are a form of educational enrichment for students studying their course and involve a lot of extra work to make them happen by the teachers organising the excursions. Year 7 Geography visited Scenic World and the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area at Katoomba. Year 8 Geography visited Warragamba dam and Penrith Lakes. Year 9 had a 3 day excursion to Goulburn, Cooma, Thredbo and Canberra (see separate report) as well as a field study at Homebush Bay in Term 3. Year 9 Commerce will visit Luna Park to study Business Organisation and marketing, not 'just for fun', although I'm sure everyone will have fun. Year 10 Geography they did their field work at the Northern Beaches and Commerce visited the Police and Justice Museum and State Parliament. Year 11 Legal Studies visited the Local Courts at Burwood and Year 11 Geography have visited Homebush Bay as well. Year 12 Legal Studies visited the Drug Courts at Parramatta. Year 12 Economics debated with the Reserve Bank about Monetary Policy and had Economics lecturers visit them to lecture them on the Chinese and Indian economies. While Year 12 Studies Of Religion visited the Murugan Hindu Temple at Westmead and the Galipoli Mosque at Auburn.

Ms Dwyer coordinated the highly successful ABW program for Year 10, the boys were formed into groups and each group had teacher mentor as well as a business mentors from local businesses. The boys went through a one week role play managing a large resort hotel, with the aim of raising the value of the business, reflected in its share price. Through daily decision making meetings, students not only develop their understanding of the business world, but also extend their communication, leadership and interpersonal skills.

2007 has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year for the Social Sciences Faculty. Thankyou all staff for there hard work, support and comradeship. It would not be possible without your efforts. Thankyou to all the students and families for your part in making work and education at Homebush Boys High School so enjoyable.

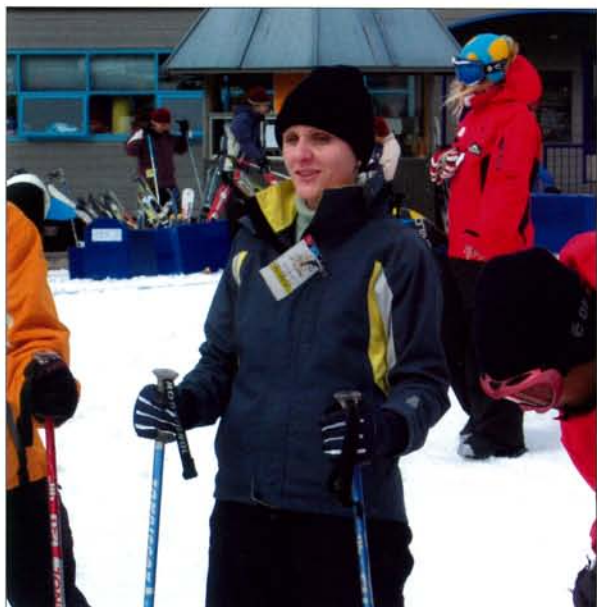
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Head Teacher Social Sciences Faculty*



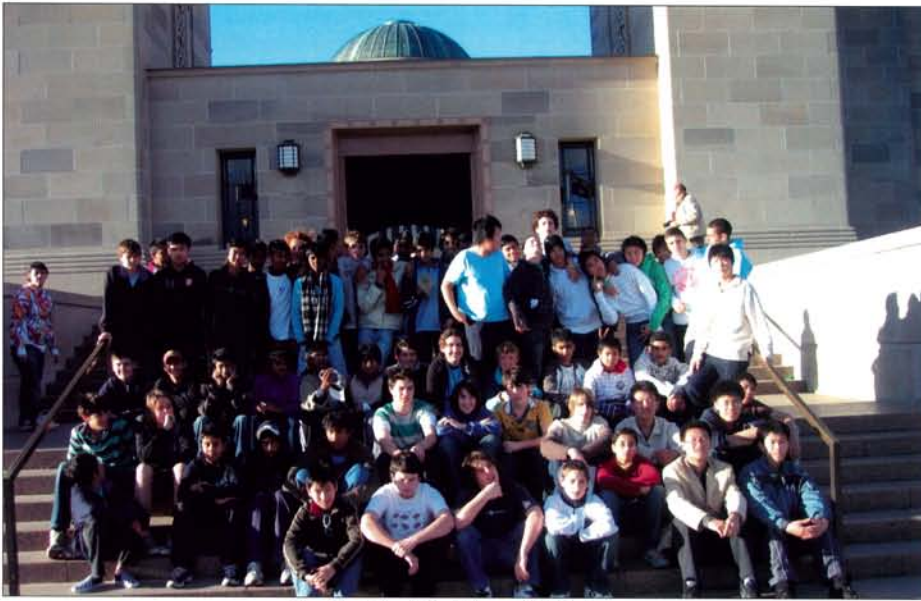
Year 7 student at Blue Mountains excursion



Alexei lifting the wool



Ms Tawbe learning to ski



Year 9 at the War Memorial Canberra



Parliament House role play



Excursion Penrith Lakes



Geog students at Penrith lakes



Role Play at Parliament House



Mr Harrison gets attacked in snowball fight



Snow Board lessons



Stephen & Tariq patting a sheep at Goulburn



Gourmet Food at Cooma Motel



Geog Field Study Penrith Lakes



Sheep penning



YR 12 SOR at Hindu Temple



Claude Tasker at Penrith Lakes



Yr 7 Geog students walking down into the valley



## YEAR 9 SNOWY MOUNTAINS CAMP

Probably the highlight of this year for most Year 9's was the Year 9 Snowy Mountains Camp. From Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August to Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 60 year nine students, accompanied by the esteemed head teacher of Social Science, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Harrison and Ms. Tawbe left for the enthralling journey. Over the course of three exciting days we experienced many things.

Half asleep and absolutely tired all of us were forced to board the bus at 5.45 AM. Amidst a dark morning we said farewell to our family and set off for Goulburn. Goulburn, an old country town with a whole lot of culture was our first stop, on the road down the southern coast. After an hour and a half of listening to music and giving the teachers a headache we took a pit stop at Macas, where we enjoyed breakfast. After the quick stop at Macas, we were on the road again and arrived at Goulburn. In Goulburn we visited Pelican Sheep Station. At the Pelican Sheep Station we saw all aspects of farm life, especially sheep farming. To our dismay we had to fill out a boring worksheet, yet to some degree was educational. We learnt about the different species of sheep and how sheep shearing happened. Afterwards we left for the Goulburn Sheep and Cattle sale yards, where we saw a large number of sheep being sold. Of course the experience of the sale yards was tarnished by the brutal smell of sheep faeces. The thing that added comedy to this situation was that a certain somebody who shall remain anonymous "accidentally" bought a sheep by simply raising his hand to the auctioneers offer. No need to worry though, that person did not end up paying and taking the lamb home. After a brief talk from our guide about all that goes on in Goulburn at the saleyards we departed for the national capital... Canberra.

In Canberra we visited the treasured site of the Australian War Memorial, the sacred resting place of all our fallen war heroes. In the War Memorial we saw many historical artefacts of Australian War history. We learnt so much about the endeavours of Australian soldiers around the world and we also began to understand the meaning of the word sacrifice. It was truly an experience of a lifetime. We took many pictures of the many artefacts and also pictures of the view from the Australian war Memorial. From the war memorial we departed to our home away from home in the frozen city of Cooma, High Country Motel.

As we unloaded our bags at the High Country Motel we began to shiver as the cold breeze hit our face. Some fools over packed and consequently had to attempt to drag out all their belongings while others easily carried their bags to the common rooms. After a briefing from Mr. Pearson and the hostess we left for our rooms, well

ran for our rooms. After arguing over who sleeps where and who got to shower first we left for dinner. As we eagerly waited for dinner we played pool and ping-pong and had a chat with our mates. That night we had a nice dinner. After dinner we were served dessert, chocolate cake if I remember correctly, and then we left for our rooms where we had our own, "small" party. As "civilised" young men. We pigged out on chips and lollies. Then the teachers came and cut our party short, forcing us to give in our phones (The teachers obviously expected us to do something mischievous with our phones, I can't believe they didn't trust us.) and forcing us to go to sleep. But of course we had another agenda. Most of decided to stay up, while other planned to make others stay up. Unknowingly, or knowingly the noise created from surrounding cabin managed to keep many groups up, literally all night.

The following day we were forced to wake up early again. As we got up from bed and then fought to get into the toilet, we got ready to leave to the Snowy Mountains. After hearty breakfast, we embarked on our journey to the Snowy Mountains. After 2 hours on the bus playing, Big Two and listening to intense music we arrived at the star attraction of our camp. Nothing could have prepared us for the weather up at Thredbo. With the cold draught hitting our face and small snowflakes freezing our cheeks we separated into groups, skiers and snowboarders. With our eyesight obscured by the different colour in our goggles, we took a look at our beautiful surroundings. The Mountains were crested with white peaks, and the sunlight seemed to glimmer amongst the snow. Anyway, we then went inside the Thredbo centre, where we got our gear and attempted to put it on. What seemed like a pleasant day became a day of war. For the small amount of time we were unsupervised, we all went berserk having a whole lot of fun. Throwing snowballs and putting snow down each others necks as we waited for our lessons to begin. In our ski and snowboard lessons, we learnt so much. From controlling our bodyweight to steering a snowboard down a slope were some of the many things we learnt. It was honestly valuable. Unfortunately for some of us, we managed to stack it a couple of times. But it was all good fun. Then afterwards we had some free time, where most of us mucked around. Afterwards we returned the hired equipment and then went to see the ice sculpture and had a massive snowball fight. We rejoiced as we managed to get Mr. Pearson as well as Mr. Harrison in the head a few times, but Mr. Harrison soon got his revenge on us. It felt good to snowball a teacher, to finally give them a couple of large spoonfuls of deserved medicine. We then walked up to the site of the tragic landslide which occurred in Thredbo and also saw the breathtaking views of Thredbo. From there we left to Cooma.

After having a shower and getting ready we left for dinner. Our teachers having "special privileges" and therefore had a special Vietnamese dinner, while we had chicken schnitzel. After a lip-smacking dessert we returned to our cabins to yet again manage to have some fun for an hour or so we watched a movie, talked and pigged out and soon fell asleep.

The next morning it was the final day of our great trip. After breakfast we cleaned up, gathered our luggage and loaded it onto the bus. From there we left for the Snowy Mountains Hydro Information Centre where we learnt so much about the uses and prominent of hydro-electricity in Australia. It was both a historical and educational experience. We then went to Mt. Ainslie, where we saw the whole of Canberra, and made the experience all the more magical. Afterwards we had lunch at the garden near Old Parliament House. During lunch, we played various games such as tackle bulrush and tips. We also saw some attempted crip-walking and hip-hop dancing. Trust me, if you were there to bear witness to all the hysterical things that happened within those 40 or so minutes, you would have laughed your head off. After lunch we headed off to the Electoral Commission and there we learnt how to vote and how to practice our rights as an Australian Citizen. Our day concluded with our visit to the parliament house, where we learnt about the bicameral system and a bit about the prime ministers of Australia. Sadly we did not get to see our "beloved" Johnny Howard. We then boarded the bus for our three hour journey home, on the way we watched the comical Ben Stiller's "Night at the Museum."

We arrived at Homebush Boys High at around 9.30PM. The past three days had been an awesome camp for the students as well as the teachers. We learnt so much and had so much fun along the way, I guess learning can be fun when you do it right.

By  
*Vimalan Kanagalingam*  
*Shivayan Saravanapavanathan*



Ms Dwyer and the 14's Table Tennis-Champions.

# TEACHING & LEARNING



C. Dwyer  
Head of Department

## 2007—the Year of Writing!

Throughout the year, teachers at HBHS have been focussing on improving writing outcomes for Year 7 students, working with primary school colleagues

from Homebush West and Homebush public schools through an extensive professional learning program funded by the **Success For Boys** federal government grant. Various Year 7 classes have completed surveys and focus interviews on how they learn best, and have participated in writing units based on research into boys' education strategies. And what a quality team are leading the way – involved in the Action Group are: Mr Gaz Carozza, Mr Alan Doolan (yes, the MATHS faculty focussing on writing!), Ms Louise Swanson, Mr Mark Standen, Ms Sathya Kumaralingam, Ms Judith Edwards, Ms Duska Mirkova, Mr Andrew Fairley, Ms Erica Porteous, Mr Chabes Elaro, Mr Jonathon Sculthorpe and Audrey Juska. The project will continue in 2008.

## Australian Business Week Success

Our inaugural Australian Business Week was held in December 2006, building on the online program run as an extension Gifted and Talented program for Year 11s earlier in the year. 72 Year 10 students undertook the in-school program. It is a

week-long, discovery learning program, where students form groups of 10 to run a simulated hotel business. It is a week of activity, presentations, learning and fun. An integral part of the program is the participation of business mentors for each group.

Congratulations to all participants, who made the week so memorable. With competition intense, and some outstanding work undertaken (who can forget 'Emrat', the Kazakhstani promoter of the 'Serenity' Hotel?), the winning team was crowned, the Empire Hotel. Mehran Modasser was named Businessperson of the Week, for his excellent leadership. After the success of last year's program, we will be running the program again in Term 4, after the School Certificate exams. Thank you to the many staff involved – especially our amazing Careers Adviser, Mr Tom Pinkey - looking forward to the annual extravaganza.

## Curriculum Matters

The Study Skills program continues to evolve for all grade levels and this year became further integrated with the School to Work program for Year 9, 10 and 11. This means that at the beginning of the year each of these students not only has the opportunity to plan assessment completion but also spends time developing their Yearly Action Plan – as a wise person once said, 'Failure requires no preparation.'

Many thanks in particular to our former Year 12s who came back to share their experiences with the Year 12s of 2007. It is an excellent opportunity for students to hear it from the horses' mouths!

The Independent Learning Centre has had another busy year, staffed by a team including Mr Ben Croweller, Mr Juan Fernando, Mr John Pearson, Mr Jim Coskerie, Mr Steve Tserpes and Ms Lina Lay. They have helped students and staff use the facilities, focusing on small groups, senior study support and independent learning activities. The individual reading comprehension program has helped build confidence and skills for a number of our Year 7 students.

## Peer mediation

Our Peer Mediators continue to help students to resolve interpersonal problems, without the need for teacher intervention. Our Year 11 mediators are trained in conflict resolution, in a confidential environment. Mediation is a highly effective approach to problems between students. Thanks to our fine mediators this year including: Hari Raji, Emre Mehmet, Kaan Sozen, Mehran Modasser, Jazz Wahlia, Richard Amarasingalam.

*Ms Caitlin Dwyer  
Head of Department*



Jason, Jack, Raed and Chris describe toucans.



Mr Standen works with 7B.



Zac, Luke and Jack create a report.

## THE LIBRARY



It has been another busy and productive year in the library. The restructure of the senior years has meant that more Year 11 and Year 12 students, involved in VET courses or Pathways, have been spending their study periods in the library using the many curriculum based resources, as well as the computers. Our purchasing policy ensures that the most up to date and appropriate resources are purchased as soon as they are published. It is heartening to see so many students making such excellent use of this vital resource and maximising their chances for success in all their school endeavours.

The DET portal came on line for all students at the end of last year, which has opened up an entirely new world for some students. This has enabled them to have an email address, and be able to communicate with their teachers on-line, and access lessons and assignments. The computers in the library have been running hot all year. Our policy regarding computers has been strictly implemented, in that students are to use computers for educational purposes only.

As well, the library has played a vital part in providing a pleasant and hospitable venue for the many English and History inter-school debates and for a variety of workshops such as the Tournament of the Minds.

It is also wonderful to see how many of our Year 7 have become enthusiastic and regular borrowers of books despite the popularity of computers. Hence, I ensure that the fiction collection is regularly replenished with the newest and most interesting books across the whole reading range. The Premier's Reading Challenge always has many participants.

*Ms Elizabeth Perry  
Teacher Librarian*

# T.A.S. (Technology and Applied Studies)



S. Prasad  
Head of Department



J. Coskerie



M. Kaul



N. Madakasira



S. Tserpes



N. Faust



S. McFarlane

The teaching and learning in a practical setting could be challenging and daunting at times due to rapid changes being implemented in the industry. These changes are directly based on research in materials, processes and safe work procedures to bear a positive outcome on the health and safety of the workers and that of potential clients. In the school setting we endeavor to teach best possible outcomes that could be directly transferable in the industry and such rapid changes often pose burdens in terms of resources.

Whilst our main focus has been on quality teaching and learning, we can not alienate ourselves from providing simulating environment that would prepare them for the career opportunities in focus industries. This has prompted us in upgrading our resources and facilities to comparable levels and has enhanced the learning of all the students at Homebush Boys' High.

Over the year we purchased and installed a combi oven and four new stoves in the Kitchens for food technology classes and complemented the Industrial Arts workshop with four Industrial vacuum dust extraction units. Mr. Ben Crossweller is currently in the process of the installation of these machines. The electronics laboratory has been commissioned and thanks to Mr. Jim Coskerie for his initiative. Engineering testing laboratory is in the planning stage and hopefully will be built towards the end of the year.

There has been no change in our staffing arrangement this year and students enjoyed the stability of dedicated and enthusiastic staff. Mrs. M. Hamide had a baby boy in March and is on leave till next year. Congratulations to the family and glad to hear that both are doing well.

The year had been a huge success with great HSC results from 2006 cohort and one high distinction practical project selected by the examiners for state display. This year we have been notified that two of our candidates for Industrial Technology Timber and Furniture Industries have been recommended by the examiners for high diction in terms of quality and nominated for INTECH display for 2008. Hospitality students have been tremendous and handled school functions such as World Teacher's Day celebrations and school prefect's induction ceremony with professional catering.

Gifted and talented students program was rewarded though student exchange workshops facilitated through the area head teacher's network. Our boys from year 7 enjoyed sewing lessons at Strathfield Girls High School whilst girls from Strathfield Girls and Strathfield South got their hands dirty in our Metal workshops. The program has been

a huge success and this year will run in mid term 4. Eight students have entered in the Ministers Young Designer Award competition and we are waiting for the results.

I see enormous potential in the students and intend to increase the curriculum scope that we offer to include Design and Technology in senior years. This will deepen the understanding of emerging needs and opportunities within the community and have a positive impact on the student outcomes. I believe this approach is critical to our future success and would like to thank the students to take time and initiative in preparing for new ways of doing this practical course.

2007 has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for their dedicated service, students and parents for their hard work and support and community and corporate organizations for giving our students the opportunity of doing workplacement at their organizations.

Good luck to our students who are appearing for their external examinations and wish everyone the seasons greetings and happy New Year.

## YEAR 12 MAJOR WORKS - INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY



Song Mahn Babb



Daniel Lameri



Matthew Marks



Daniel Edgton



David Galea

# Hospitality: A popular subject!

Choosing Hospitality as one of the subjects for the Year-11 and 12 was definitely one of the better choices I made. It has given me the opportunity to enhance my cooking skills and enable me to work in many parts of the hospitality sectors. Not only it has given me the privilege and opportunity, but I also enjoyed undertaking the subject, for the facilities we used were, up to high standards and the permanent staff was very understanding and helpful. As a result of these favorable conditions, I tried to get FIRST over all in the hospitality subject.

*Lucus Djurichovic* Year 12

Hospitality for me was interesting and fun, as I have been taught how to work as a team and on how to prepare and cook different number of dishes. My **family friends** and **teachers** have been very supportive as they helped me with any difficulties with the studies. In my first year of hospitality I thought that this class was a bludge as I never did any work and never showed any manners towards my teachers. As I started to mature as a person I realized that Hospitality was never a bludge as it has helped me in numbers of ways to not only improve my marks but it also improved me as a person. Hospitality is a great way of reviving stress and a good way to introduce you to different kind of cultural dishes. Work place for me in Hospitality was a great inspiration and taught me how to work with other colleagues and teaching me to be punctual at all times as my Boss was very supportive in correcting all my mistakes.

*Kosipeli Mapapalangi* Year-12

Hospitality is an interesting subject. You can learn a lot about the kitchen and the disease causing bacteria. I chose this subject because my brother did it in 2000 and he cooked some food at home. And it was really nice.

The main reason I choose this subject was to cook and I have to get to school at 8.00 am every Thursday morning, but after we cooked and ate it was all the worth it. I learned a lot of skills, how to cut different fruits and vegetables, how to present food on a plate as to make the customer happy when he saw it. The best part of the Hospitality is Work Experience. In year-11 I went to Sheraton on the Park and I worked in all subsections of the kitchen, it was a lot of fun I got to meet lot of new people and they were really helpful.

In Year -12 I went to The Hilton Sydney, and I worked in all the departments of the Hospitality industry. I worked in the front office, concierge, loading dock, house keeping, kitchen, executive lounge and magic the telephone sector. The Hilton is a better place because they gave a chance to work in each sub-section. I had to get up really early to get there on time, but all of the experience I had was worth it. We also got to cook for the prefect and their parents at the School, the old boys and the national teacher's day. So if you want to choose a VET subject I would highly recommend Hospitality.

*Sam Musumeci* Year -12



Hasan Meslemani enjoys the watermelon.



Nicholas, Michael and Edward.



Kayne, Adrian and Rabeeh.



Sershan Saravanamuthu



Ewan and Chris



A decorative table and a satisfied team.



Delicious dishes from Turkey



Indian food is always popular



Nicholas Siomos



Nicholas Ivassi

# S.A.S.S.



Here is a Chinese delicacy!



Stirring the pot.



Such well-behaved chefs!



Elliott Rudy takes utmost care.



Young men at work.



K. Rae



K. Glasby



L. Black



D. Fisicaro



L. Donohue



M. Cremona



Y. Ferrier



P. Morehouse

This school would not run as well as it does without the support of the staff who work diligently behind the scenes in their various roles.

The initial point of contact with the school is the Front Office. Personal and telephone enquiries are then redirected to the most appropriate respondent. The disposition and efficiency of the personnel in the Office sets the tone and ambience for the school.

The multi-skilled non-teaching staff perform an endless array of administration and support for the students and teachers within the school. Marie Reardon heads up the team which includes Yvonne Ferrier, Kerrie Ray, Rita Kennedy, Laura Donohue, Morena Cremona, Lyn Black, Denise Fisicaro, Linda Chadwick, Anne Dippert, Henry Gower, Cathy Street, Kay Whalan, Carol McKinnon, Kirsty Glasby, Cathy Harper and Anna Bruscino.

The duties performed are varied. All forms of Financial Management, including Accounts Payable, Budgeting, Cash Flow Monitoring, Fee Collection and Ordering become daily routine. The creation of class rolls, the detailed attendance records, the distribution of reports, the solution to student and parent enquiries, the application for and distribution of travel passes and concession cards make life better for students.

Word Processing, duplicating, printing and resource creation help the teaching staff in the delivery of their varied lessons. The complex nature of this work requires well developed personal skills. First Aid and assistance to the students at times becomes necessary as the boys occasionally succumb to the pressures of the day.

Often referred to as the heart of the School the Front Office continues to be a source of comfort, inspiration and solutions to the demands made by the thousands of students, teachers and parents it serves. As well, the support given by the library staff, the school gardener, the school assistant and the ladies in the canteen is appreciated by students and teachers alike.



M. Reardon



A. Bruscino



C. Street



H. Gower



L. Chadwick



K. Whalan



C. McKinnon



C. Scanlan



A. Di Val

## PHOTOS FROM MR MOREHOUSE



A touch of Australia in the school grounds.



The steam train driver.

# CAREERS ADVISER



Mr T. Pinkey, Careers Adviser.

## *'Failing to plan is planning to fail'*

This statement is the foundation stone for students to research and plan their future career paths.

It was very pleasing this year to see the number of students, parents and members of the community pass the 750 mark of persons subscribed to 'careeralerts'. This school based career website was introduced to the school in 2001 and over the years has been worked on, to now provide the school community with a very extensive databank of information that will assist students in planning and researching for future careers. The 'alerts' section is the main way in which the school can communicate all the information that comes to the school that impacts on career decision making. These 'alerts' are in the form of messages on new courses, Open Days, job vacancies, scholarships, opportunities to participate in extra curricula activities and much much more. The 'Links' section allows students to visit websites from all universities in Australia, TAFE, Private Providers, Aid and Government Agencies, large companies and organizations. It is essential that every student in the senior years avail themselves of this resource. 'careeralerts' can be accessed through the school website, the school intranet or directly via [www.homebushboys.careeralert.com](http://www.homebushboys.careeralert.com).

During Term 1 Year 9 were introduced to the School To Work Program, Year 10 participated in a 'Confidence and Image Forum' and Year 11 completed an online STWP survey that provided them with a 'Student Feedback Report'. Five students from Years 11 and 12 attended the Inaugural Islamic Youth Summit demonstrating their leadership and responsiveness to community concerns. Also in the school break two groups were exposed to opportunities at TAFE and the University of Sydney. Ankit Sharma, Oliver Pase, Luke Pun, Tandeep Singh and Joshua Tarrant-Windt participated in a "Degree in a Day" at Sydney University while Wen Cheng, Afnan Fazi, Jas Singh, Donald Chung and Li Yuan Chen undertook an animation course using Maya at Enmore TAFE Design Centre.

Term 2 saw Darshan Singh, William Duong, Tandeep Singh, Krishna Rubadass and Maan Muhana responding to an invitation in 'careeralerts' to attend an Engineering Day at UNSW. Year 10 undertook their Career Education workshop concentrating on job getting skill such as letter writing, application forms, interviews and resume writing. Aaron Russell, Peter Jackson, Richard

Amarasingham and Tyson Parcell from Year 10 were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Silverwater and Strathfield to attend RYPEN – a weekend camp to build teamwork and leadership skills. In term 3 the Rotary Club of Burwood joined Silverwater and Strathfield to sponsor another six students Nicholas Lott, Taren Tu, Sajeeb Roy, Jeffery Quach, Ganam Bupalashinkan and Sutha Thanabalasingam to attend the camp in the Blue Mountains.

Year 9 began exploring their future careers by undertaking a Career Education workshop concentrating on Job Research Skills. At the conclusion of the workshop students participated in Career Builder – a computer software program which allows students to respond to questions according to their abilities, skills and interests. This generated an eight page report for students suggesting possible career paths and an Action Plan to help them in their research.

Over 50 students from Year 11 were given the opportunity to spend a day as a university student at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus. Prior to the day students were able to register online and plan their day of activities. The day was organised by Student Recruitment, who even laid on a special bus free of charge to the students. On the day students participated in lectures, tutorials and laboratory projects. At lunch time students were able to listen to music and get 'freebies' from the UWS Connect Van.

Through the year guest speakers were invited to school during lunch hours to talk to our senior students. Not only were students exposed to information on the specific institutions represented but also vital information on other programs such as "Access Schemes", scholarships, 'Bonus Points', 'Flexible Entry' and application procedures. James Sun, Adrian Clement and Thomas Ng took the opportunity to act as Ambassadors to the Griffin Theatre Company so as get a behind the scenes look at possible careers.

## BLOOD THIRSTY

In September of this year the senior students of Homebush Boys High School made a gift to the community of their blood. As the Year 11 and 12 boys reach the end of High School it is hoped the practice of giving blood to the Red Cross becomes a life-long habit. The students were joined by teachers including Principal, Dr Ian Paterson.

A total of seventy nine donations were made which, at time of writing, placed Homebush Boys High School at the head of the tally for the 'Vampire Shield'. The Shield is awarded to the school which has the greatest donation tally in the Youth Donor Program. The 'Bushy Boys' are 24 points ahead of their nearest competitor Cerdon College - that's a whole 'slab' of blood.

The program was co-ordinated by Careers Advisor, Tom Pinkey, with the support of the Student Representative Council, and is a way the boys can give something back to a community which has supported them through their school days.



STWP – Ms. Degney with Thomas Stefulis.



Confidence & Image Forum for Year 10.



Representatives of the Islamic Youth Summit.



Proud recipients of certificates of appreciation.



2006 and 2007 Michael Clarke Award winners Mitchell Starc and Philip Hughes.

# PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH AT YEAR 12 FAREWELL

Let me firstly recognise we hold this important function tonight on Darug Land.

It is very pleasing that the current President of the P & C is able to join us, Mr Simon Ford. The school is very grateful for the fund raising efforts of the parent body during 2007, notably the Trivia Night held just last week (raised \$2021.30). A special welcome to Ms Julie May immediate past president of the P & C who retired from the leadership of both School Council and P & C this year after her wonderful service to both organisations over the last 6 years. A warm greeting also to Ms Areyt Dassaklis, current School Council President, completes our official parent guest list tonight.

We are especially fortunate tonight to have as guest speaker, Emeritus Professor Ian Dance. Professor Dance visited the school in May this year as part of the Back to School celebrations. This year is especially memorable for him as it is 50 years since he completed the Leaving Certificate in 1957 which was subsequently replaced 10 years later by the HSC. (Honour Board and Leaving Certificate Lists).

Professor Dance is a chemistry specialist and has offered his expertise in the future by sharing his time and extensive practical knowledge with senior students.

Let's now turn to our graduates of Year 12, 2007.

In late January 2002 you entered the school as Year 7 students commencing your secondary education in a global environment transformed as a result of the events of September 11 the previous year. My diary records show on 7 February I had an enjoyable day because that morning I participated in the Year 7 Study Skills lessons and I had a rare opportunity of teaching many of you at that early stage. Even at that tentative time, it was clear many friendships were commencing from a diverse range of boys. In the afternoon I attended the Premier All-Rounder awards in Sydney for the successful students from the 2001 HSC classes. On reflection it is now obvious to me many of you have reached a similar potential to those successful 2001 HSC candidates.

Since that day the resilience of the year has been sorely tested by a number of catastrophic world events during the past six years: the Bali bombings, the tsunami, the Iranian earthquake that killed 30,000, hurricanes Rita and Katrina and the terrorist attacks on London, just to name a sample of events.

In the face of terrorist attacks and natural disasters, what is the impact on our students?

Obviously there is no clear answer, but I can say that in these very sad, testing and questioning times students are strengthened by the love of family, the stability and friendships found within their school and the values that are imparted both within the home and the school. Parents remain the bedrock of character formation in children and young people and increasingly we want our schools to be an extension of the values taught at home. Values including tolerance, thoughtfulness, compassion, participation and striving for excellence. So many of tonight's graduates embrace these values and more.

On a lighter note, I could tell you of two mates who chose to trek in Africa. As they came through a grove of trees they were confronted by

a lion. One hiker calmly sat on the ground and with his eyes firmly fixed on the lion, removed his hiking boots and began to lace up his Adidas running shoes. "What good are those shoes going to do you" asked his mate. "You can't outrun a lion". "I don't have to outrun the lion" was the reply. "I just need to outrun you".

I don't believe that would be the reaction of any member of the class of 2007 because there has been an excellent camaraderie, caring and supporting each other throughout the years.

Recently all of you completed a questionnaire to summarise your thoughts on school life and learning at Homebush BHS and essentially the responses were positive and appreciative of the opportunities provided at the school.

Tonight let's just recap briefly on those thoughts. What makes up the successful fabric of HBHS?

Firstly there are the environmental factors of location, access and the favourable residential setting including recreational and sporting facilities (including the Olympic site) surrounding the school. Improved in recent times within the school with the announcement of the pending construction of the new gymnasium.

Then there are the intangibles such as the established traditions within the school, the caring practises and family culture and the subsequent compassionate and tolerant image projected within the community.

Thirdly the qualities of the professional teaching and support staff who genuinely care for each and every student whether they are new to Year 7 or facing the challenges of Year 11 and 12. The knowledge and skill shown in so many ways towards every day challenges is surely the foundation of such a proven teaching and learning environment.

Finally, a chief ingredient into this successful school is the student body themselves - as learners and as individuals who come from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, religions and values. You as Year 12 have been genuine role models and leaders within the current student body and as quality learners you have always striven for excellence and facilitated an enjoyable teacher-student exchange. I read frequently in the recently published Year 12 reports the phrase "a pleasure to teach".

At the end of the evening you will leave the hall as the latest potential adult citizen and community member: life long learners and a symbol of what HBHS stands for.

I am confident your future tertiary education lecturers, employers and community contacts will judge each of you positively and thus preserve the great name of the school and of the public education system in general.

As life long learners, remember to be smart in terms of effort, celebrate your personal bests and above all realise intelligence is not a fixed concept and can therefore always be improved. Stay in control of effort, mount successful strategies and resolve to maintain a positive attitude towards every endeavour you undertake. Or as Samuel Smiles said:

*We learn wisdom from failure  
Much more than from success  
We often discover what will do*

*By finding out what will not do  
And probably he who never made a  
Mistake never made a discovery.*

The great Winston Churchill took 3 years to get through Year 8 because he had trouble with the English language. It seems ironic that years later, Oxford University asked him to address its commencement week. The aged Churchill arrived with his usual props - the cigar, cane and top hat that accompanied him wherever he went. As Churchill approached the podium, the crowd rose with appreciative applause. With unmatched dignity, he settled the crowd and stood confident before his admirers. Churchill gazed at his waiting audience. Authority rang in Churchill's voice as he shouted: "Never give up". Several seconds passed before he rose to his toes and repeated: "Never give up". His words thundered in their ears. There was deafening silence as Churchill reached for his hat and cigar, steadied himself with his cane and left the podium to resume his seat. His commencement address was finished. Never give up. Probably one of the shortest and most eloquent addresses ever given.

In recent years we've seen such determination in our Year 12 students including: Joshua Tarrent Windt, Oliver Pase, Tandeep Singh, Tommy Tsui and many others in the academic arena; outstanding sporting abilities of Mitchell Starc, Adam Imer, Jamie Sherson, Brandon Costa, Hayder Shirikara, Michael Clark and Josh Hilliard just to name a few. Peter Bijjani, Martin Gabor and Ethan Rizos in debating challenges.

Then there has been the compassion and civic responsibility shown by the Prefect body so ably lead by School Captain John Vaitaiki in assisting local and national charities, including blood donations.

Also the SRC in assisting the less fortunate: Cancer Council, Stewart House and Jeans for Genes.

And of course there has been the HBHS Drum Corps and the significant contributions made by Yr 12 students. Incidentally, Wilson Petrushenko, from the 2006 Year 12 came back from uni especially to assist with the Drum Corps training. That's a fabulous example of a student who was and still is freely giving of his time to assist others. Stephen Speirs has made similar contributions. Both young men possess tremendous school pride and spirit amongst a busy lifestyle of university and community commitments.

I anticipate many of you will be able to assist in the future in such a thoughtful and unselfish manner and certainly your teachers would be delighted to see each of you again and learn of your undoubted progress in what ever venture you have taken up.

We have seen the camaraderie that exists within Year 12; we've seen so many friendships formed that will last a lifetime; as a school we've been able to share in your highs and lows, your successes and failures; we've seen you increase in knowledge and understanding and we've seen you increase in confidence and maturity.

As young men who complete the HSC shortly, let the words of Churchill "Never give up" echo in your ears whenever the challenges, tribulations and opportunities of life come your way.

Good luck and best wishes for the future.

# YEAR 7 REPORT

Year 7 have settled into High School life well. They are now used to the variety of subjects, teachers and fellow students at Homebush Boys. It is with pleasure that I note that the majority of boys are performing well in all aspects of school life.

The year began with a great camp to Coolandell on the South Coast. Camping in tents, team-working and communication development, along with the development of new friendship groups were well received by all the year 7 students that went. The activities included canoeing, swimming, high ropes and flying foxes. The week was valuable in the formation of relationships between students and with teachers.

Our swimming carnival showed a massive participation rate from the year 7 group, larger than any other year. It also uncovered some great swimmers. Year 7 participation was also the highest of any year in the athletics and cross-country carnivals. Here are some great results:

Jack Codd-Miller: 12yrs Athletics Champion  
 Joel Perik: 12 years Swimming Champion  
 Alex Bui: Hayes House Champion Athlete

The ELLA and SNAP results displayed a fantastic level of achievement by most of the year



Artwork by Jason Ou Yr 7

7 students. The tests provide an insight to the level of achievement by the students and where improvements can be made. This has been the case in literacy, which has been and will continue to be a focus for this group of students.

Having a vast array of subjects in High School

has allowed the students to be exposed to many subject related performances throughout the year. Performances such as 'Sticks and Stones' in PDHPE- dealing with Bullying, Medieval Day in History and many excursions including going to Canberra for Science and to the Blue Mountains for Geography.

We have had some fantastic all-round achievers this year. These students have worked hard in all subjects, achieving high standards in and out of the classroom. Students such as Johnny Chen, Alan Lam, Mohammed Abdul-Rahman and Hamish Campbell to name a few have excelled throughout 2007 in their academic pursuits.

Wednesday sport has been a chance for many of our boys to shine, with most of them tackling this new environment with enthusiasm and participating in a wide variety of sports. Friday mornings always give us a chance to see many year 7 boys receiving Sportsman of the Week awards for their outstanding achievements in their chosen Wednesday sport. Congratulations to all the boys that gained these awards.

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| Matthew Kuruvilla   | Muhaimen Rahman      |
| Lachlan Foster      | Stephen Park         |
| Lachlan Jones       | Scott Bunch          |
| Nathan Waipouri     | Andrew Truong        |
| Hassan Koussan      | Dimitri Tourta-Alego |
| Nadim El-Khadim     | Tong Huang           |
| Andrew Zhang        | Jason Ou             |
| Hugh Blaxland       | Saif Ali             |
| Yousef Morgan       | Kubilay Ozkan        |
| Ali El Kheir        | Max Altman           |
| Enver Kerem         | Clinton Cheung       |
| Hillman Pan         | Omid Faizi           |
| Toufic Allam        | Danton Servatius     |
| Cameron Kopecny     | Indranil Chakravarty |
| Brian Griffin-Colls | Abdul Hilali         |
| Samuel Ree          | Victor Le            |
| Raymond Xian        |                      |

Congratulations to all of year 7. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children's education and please continue to contact the school with any issues you need clarifying or information that needs to be conveyed.

*Mr Jon Sculthorpe*  
 (Year 7 Adviser)



Below and at right: Year 7 happy campers





# YEAR 7 CAMP



The 'tribe'



Youseff Morgan



Raghav Sareen



Splashing in the Shoalhaven River.



Nadim Elkadim



'We went down to the river.'



Problem solving



Joel Perik



Nadim, Reece and Hassan.



'The bowstring hurt my arm.'



Bullseye!



'Get into the swing of things.'

## REPORTS FROM STUDENTS

Camp was a huge new totally different experience to me and my fellow year 7 friends. We were in a complete wildlife. There was no electricity. That meant no TV, no Computers and no game consoles. We were saying "Oh no how are we going to survive." We stayed in a two man tent and still they were really small. Eventually we got used to all these things. We even got used to the loud birds that screeched in the middle of the night.

Here are things that happened during camp. It was cold at night so we made a campfire to warm us up. When we were all sitting down around the campfire we were in a meeting of our own. We talked about camp. We would all sit there eating the marvelously delicious marshmallows that were melted in the fire they were very sticky in your mouth.

Cooking was another exciting thing we cooked pasta that was green and yellow. It tasted really nice. We had to do everything by ourselves even washing the dishes! Camp made my relationship with friends even better. I know how important it is to have team work. It was a thrilling adventure for me and there were a lot of animals. I learned how to take care of the wildlife and environment. We even learned that we were the visitors to the animals. It was their land. It was total wildlife, but I survived. I would like to go there again.

*Stephen Park 7A*

For the Year 7 camp, we went to the Shoalhaven River. It was a four hour drive to the campsite. We saw lots of wildlife when we got there, it was pretty exciting.

We got into our groups and a man came up and talked to us for a while about respecting the area and the animal's territory and to take care of it. Then we went to our campsite. We started to build our tents and put all our things in them. We then went for a bushwalk and a swim. We

went back and did a few teamwork activities with our tribe. It really built our friendship up with new people from different schools and we made friends with everyone in the whole tribe. At night we went to the shelter and "Slab-face" came from his cave and talked and sang to us. His songs were really funny.

The next day we went to the high wire. It was really challenging and fun. We did rope climbing and it was a really good teamwork activity. The crate challenge was very challenging and sock wrestling in the air was really fun. Then we went canoeing. That was my favourite part of the camp. We got capsized and we were swimming a lot and we had a few fun activities. I caught a cold but I thought it was worth it. We went back and changed our clothes. We then made our own dinner with all the outdoor cooking equipment that they let us use. We cooked our own pasta with tomato sauce. It was yummy. We then went back and played with our "Diablo"s (two rods of wood with string hanging down and a spinning object that we had to spin and do tricks with). In the end most of us got the hang of it. We then gathered bark and wood and made a campfire. We let it burn for a bit then we roasted our marshmallows on the fire. My marshmallow kept on catching on fire. We told some stories and Nick (our instructor, supervisor and friend), played the didgeridoo and we all went to bed pretty late.

The next day we went to the Flying Fox. It was a fear challenge really, but once you did it, the fear went away and it started to be fun. Then once everyone had done it two or three times we went back to our camp and packed our tents away. Unfortunately there wasn't enough time to do our final activity (Archery). We were disappointed but we had some time to relax and have fun with the diablors or just run around and see the wonderful wildlife. At the end, we had our frozen moment where every tribe re-enacted their most enjoyable moment of the camp and the spokesperson of each group talked about it. Then we thanked everyone and said our goodbyes and off we went on the bus back home. It was mainly the most memorable and enjoyable time of my life.

*Joseph Croguennec 7A*



Being kept in suspense!



The peacock eyes off breakfast.



Youseff Sarakbi



Riley Curren is amused.



'All alone am I.'

# YEAR 8 REPORT

The foundation has been laid and the concrete has set. We are slowly becoming accustomed to the frantic pace and work ethic of High School. Most of us have coped well, while some throw up their hands in total disbelief, or simply bury their heads in the sand hoping it will all go away. Little do we know that this action just makes life at school a little more difficult.

As you can see by the numerous activities displayed and discussed in the magazine, life at Homebush is hectic. I constantly, seem to play catch up to the ongoing lives of our Year 8 boys, whom seem to take it all in their stride. My time seems to be dominated by those who require my attention for reasons best not discussed, while those who go about their business quietly and effortlessly are unnoticed.

Yes, these boys have started their migration to becoming young men. Our aim is to turn them into responsible, hardworking individuals who continually strive to achieve their best. This is not possible without the help of parents and caregivers whom constantly reinforce these values. I would like to thank you, for your support this year. I look forward to working with you and the boys next year to continue the struggle for success, providing a friendly environment and means which enable our boys to achieve.

Hence, I would like to give this opportunity to a few of these boys who are out in the battlefield and constantly work hard to be good ambassadors for our school.

*Mr. S Martin*  
Year Adviser

## GIANNI ROMEO (SRC Representative)



### YEAR 7

We went in not knowing, what to expect, what we would encounter, or if we were even ready for High School. By the time we walked through those "hallowed portals", and became part of the Homebush brotherhood, attended our first lessons and sat our first major exams, we definitely knew we were in High School whether we were ready or not ready.

It was like being welcomed into a brand new family; students were like brothers, elders and staff became mentors and once we set foot on the school grounds, it became part of us; our new home. Our experiences were unforgettable and drove us to build up determination, to diligently apply ourselves at school, so that maybe, by the time we reached year 11, our names would be written in Gold upon one or more of the many majestic Honor Boards in our great Hall.

As we came out, feelings of relief, happiness and enlightenment left our minds after a hard year's work at High School. Just as we thought the grind had ended, Mr Hilliard said to us:

"You men think *that* was a *real* experience? Wait till you get to *YEAR 8*"

Very soon, sooner than we realised, those words became realities. The High School Experience was *really* getting under our skin now. As the holidays ended, Year 8 began.

### SO THIS IS YEAR 8.....

Mr Hilliard was right; Year 8 is the best! Not just because we were armed with a better understanding of the school, but because of things like more opportunity, fewer assignments than that of last year, and the authority to 'push', Year 7 kids around – gently though, made us feel as though we had progressed up the ladder.

I think Year 8 has been great so far, mainly because we are no longer taken to be snooty little naïve Year 7s anymore. This year has also been extremely busy; our work load has increased slightly this year and for students who play Grade Sport, play a musical instrument in the school band and have SRC, co-curricular and out of school commitments, life can be pretty hectic. This is however, the reason we all attend High School I suppose; without it, we would never get the hang of time management. Years 7 and 8 have also been fun for us because we get to know our way around Sydney by traveling to and from school, and by traveling to grade sport on Wednesdays. From this, we gain more experience and feel more comfortable doing things independently.

At the moment, Year 8 is very excited due to the opportunity to have input on their study regimes for next year; our range of electives are very diverse and I think most students are happy with their allocated subjects.

I have also heard from my peers that the Science camp was thoroughly enjoyed by the Year 8 Science students, it was a shame some missed out! Our excursions and travels are always exciting and I am sure the school will maintain this status for the future students.

Conclusively, I would love to thank all staff and students that have made 2007 a special year for us. I hope that we will continue to enjoy school life as long as we are here at Homebush, no matter how many exams, assignments or challenges are heading our way.

To my fellow Year 8 comrades, 'we better start staking our claims in the playground; Year 9 is well on the way'.

## JACK JONES



After the introduction to high school, where new friends are found and you're just trying to get over the mountains of homework, we move into year 8.

And now because we're all taller, our mountains of homework seem smaller and all the teachers do too.

By the time we know who to hang around with and who to just say "hey" to. We finally feel like we are moving back up the ladder to the top of the school as we are no longer at the bottom of the chain.

We're all becoming just that little bit more mature yet still up for a good time. That's where P.E. and science experiments come in, where such games as soccer, rugby and dodge ball become the highlight of the day. When your science teacher says, "today class, we dissect a rat". This is the point in time when you really step back and realize how much fun high school can be.

There's also the added bonus of school service, a get-out-of-class-free card for a day. But there is always the instant attention one achieves just from the mention of the word 'girls', which just emphasizes the fact that this is definitely not primary school anymore.

## SAM HAYWARD (SRC Representative)



All of Year 8 noticed a change from year 7 to year 8 this year. A change for the better that is.

The key word for year 8 this year is more; more excursions, more friends, more fun, more subject selections, more teachers, more tests and more assignments.

Of course with an extra year comes more time to meet new friends and I can honestly say that everybody in year 8 has a group of friends. We are also no longer the smallest fish in the big pond. The new Year 7 has taken to that role pretty well.

Overall we all agree that year 8 has been a most enjoyable experience.



Year 9 Artwork

## YOUSEFF LATASH (SRC Representative)



We arrive at school with mixed feelings – disappointed that the holidays are over yet excited, not knowing what the new school year would bring. The rollercoaster ride is almost coming to an end, but it sure has been a fun experience.

One of the best things about Homebush Boys is that there is so much stuff to do to distract us from the pile of homework and countless assignments. This year alone, we have had so many excursions and performances that school sometimes seems more like a holiday. We started the year off with professional musicians like Terry Murray performing, as well as medieval history exhibits, and recently science demonstrations by the CSIRO. It's always good just to get out of class but it was even better learning about everything that these performances had offer.

This year, I have been given the opportunity to do so many things. I performed in the play that our school made for the drama competition 'Fast and Fresh'. I also represented the school with fellow SRC members at a Youth Leaders Day conference where we discussed different issues that have in our society. I really thank Homebush Boys for the amazing opportunity. In Homebush Boys', opportunity is always starring someone in the face.

The teachers at Homebush Boys' are one of the best aspects. They're always trying to help you reach your maximum potential, trying to make you enjoy the class your are in and above all teaching you the actual material in the best way possible.

The year is coming to an end and year 9 is just round the corner. I hope that next year, I will enjoy it as much as I enjoyed this one.

## MOHAMED OMRANI



Thoughts on Year 7...(2006)

Hello, my name is Mohamed Omrani a year 7 student who enjoys writing... \*coughs deliberately\*. I love this school. Why? Well ...

Let me start way back on the 18<sup>th</sup>... no, wait, term 1. Our first few classes were fun - a layout of the rest of the year, a mixture of stimulating events, intellectual activities combined with very nice teachers too!

School for us (the year 7's) was quite challenging, as we learnt to juggle our daily timetable, homework load, roll call and classes which seemed to be on opposite ends of the school which forced us to learn

our way around. The only talk that we had was trying to find out which class we had next, or talking to older boys about our teachers, or briefly asking for help to find our way. We never knew what the context of the work would be for every subject. As we settled in, we became more aware of the variety of the subjects we had, not just English and maths, but history, art and practical science experiments.

Within the next couple of weeks yr 7 had their camp. The purpose of this camp was to help us establish peer groups, which I think came at an important time. We came to the camp not knowing anyone and left having formed new friendships with various cultural and academic backgrounds in neighbouring suburbs. While at the camp, I learnt about my first rap song; called the 5Ts (The Hilliard Rap). Mr Hilliard claimed that this will keep you out of trouble and every misdemeanour. 'Don't Touch, Don't Take, Don't Tease, Don't Truant, Do Tuck your shirt in'. Throughout the year, I have witnessed the 5T in action and that discipline is taken seriously within the school.

Soon after the camp year 7 began to experience eventful incursions, relevant to school work, such as the Aboriginal guest singer who highlighted his musical talents. Some main events of the school were the English, Math and Science competitions. These competitions' helped to provide further insights into my and many other students' capabilities and compared us to other state-wide entrants. I was appreciative of my teacher Mr Wills going out of his way to inform my father who was at work, of my exceptional English competition results. Other events included an excursion to Taronga Zoo and the Blue Mountains.

Further into the year, students became involved in activities which benefited not only themselves, but all of the students' well being. Activities and events such as, the Cross-country fun run, sausage sizzles and chocolate drives. These activities were important for year 7 students and me in particular, as taking part helps develop self-confidence, pride and commitment towards helping the school achieve its 'building fund' target, and various fund raisers which will benefit students and the community in the short and long term.

Sport choices at HBHS seem to be unlimited. With such a variety, I found it pleasing to be able to play many of my favourite sports. However, I found the travel arrangements a dilemma which prevented me from fully enjoying potential sporting involvement. Distances to sporting venues from the school became a key factor in my choices. This was much different to what I was used to during primary school, but I guess, as time passes I hope to be travelling to any sport to compete at the highest level.

As for my day to day experiences, I disliked two things. First, the class grading arrangements, were unfair and I believe

that students should be grouped together based on their overall knowledge, not just in English. Secondly, I feel that teachers that don't always teach in the same room need to be more organised in terms of bringing all their teaching resources to class to eliminate time wastage once classes have started. This was just one of differences, I found between high school and primary school.

Despite this, I still have high hopes while at HBHS. Plans to join the SRC and the debating team, along with topping the grade are now on my agenda. I look forward to continuing my schooling journey with you all next year.

*Mohamed Omran (Year 7, 2006)*

## Thoughts on Year 8

Hey again it's me, Mohamed again, writing this report one year later. Yes, as you can see, no lame jokes or smart remarks. My behaviour has improved and I have grown up emotionally now, so that smart remark attitude has disappeared. So now let me tell you about year 8 in my shoes.

Coming back to school after the holidays I didn't feel rather nervous, unlike year seven. I was brimming all with confidence at the start of a brand new year. We hear some of the teachers so if we were in a spot of trouble we could look to them for help. As well as this, we all had made quite a few friends to hang out with this year, so I was really keen to catch up with my mates, compare timetables and discuss the latest sports or video games.

Everyone asked to fit into their groups and hand out with others. In year 7, most of our grade were the vulnerable sort of wimps (?) who would fit in somewhere in the playground, but everyone has a place to hang out, whether it be on the soccer or rugby field, the handball and basketball courts or even the benches. We all had a place to fit in by now.

Our camp was a small camp. the Science camp in August. There were only 60 places for the camp; unfortunately my teacher didn't inform us until the last minute so I missed out. We still got our fair share of incursions, where people would travel to perform at our school.

Concerning sport, I was quite afraid of travelling alone to events last year. However, this year I gathered the courage to venture out and use public transport. I used it only for a few times because I didn't make the sport, but it was worth the experience.

To finish this report off, I must say I absolutely enjoyed my second year in high school. I'm still trying to get into the SRC after having a little break and marks are gradually getting better and better. It's been an excellent year and I look forward to the next 4 years in high school, at Homebush Boys High School.

# YEAR 9 REPORT

Here we are, at the end of Year 9, midway to the end of the school life of about 220 boys. Did I write boys? I meant young men, considering that all of them have grown taller and straighter, and walk more proudly and confidently than one or two years ago.

Not only have they grown physically speaking, but they have also become more mature and responsible in their daily life at school. They have more knowledge and skills than before and they have discovered new things, either in class or on the numerous educational excursions they went on.

All Geography students went on a Field Study excursion to Homebush Wetlands in June, and some went on a 3-day trip to the Snowy Mountains in August. They visited a sheep station and the sale yards in Goulburn, and saw, some for the first time in their lives, The Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and the Electoral Commission. They were lucky enough to also ski and snowboard at Thredbo, with a 2-hour lesson included. Snow might have even taken some of them by surprise.

The scientists of tomorrow went to the Powerhouse Museum and Sydney Aquarium to better understand what they study in the classroom. Combining theory with practice is one of the surest ways of learning something for life.

The students who chose to study Italian and French were given the opportunity to see a foreign movie as part of the Giffoni European Union Film Festival. Thus, students learnt more not only about the 50-year history of the European Union, but also about the education systems in other countries, in other times. Both the French movie – “The Chorus” – and the Italian one – “Salvatore”, were about relationships between students and teachers.

I believe that is worthwhile mentioning all students’ **active** participation in these extracurricular experiences. All of “my” boys appreciate the various opportunities offered to them in order to become all rounded young men. How do they say thank you? In a very original way, if I were to mention Oliver Buckley’s contribution in assisting Mr. Sheath to teach staff how to use ‘Wikis’ and ‘Blogs’ in the new e-Learning software the school is using, namely MOODLE.

I am absolutely impressed by the large number of Year 9 students that have excelled not only at their desks in the classroom, but on a stage or a sports field. I want to congratulate the members of the ‘All Stars Band’ who all shone during their performance in the prestigious South West Sydney Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House on 15<sup>th</sup> of August. After all, bigger stars must have waited much longer to be on the stage of one of the most famous cultural centres in the world.

Finally, many words of praise for the sportsmen who achieved exceptionally well this year. First, for the members of the U/16s indoor soccer team which, thanks to their commitment, became the 2007 State Champions. Next, for the talented swimmers,

such as Robert Rafael and David Wang who represented our school and themselves with pride and honour, breaking records at the North West Metropolitan Zone Swimming Carnival or winning the 14’s relay team in the same competition.

To conclude, 2007 has been a very rich year in the life of the vast majority of the year 9 cohort. I am looking forward to next year, when big decisions will be taken, when students will make up their minds about which pathways they want to take or continue. I wish them all a very well-deserved and relaxing summer holidays. I can hardly wait to meet them again in February 2008, as year 10 students.

*Ms K. Gabor*  
Year Adviser

## YEAR 10 2007



One Year 10 student is travelling incognito.



Year 10 boys form a pyramid on the beach.



This is the life!



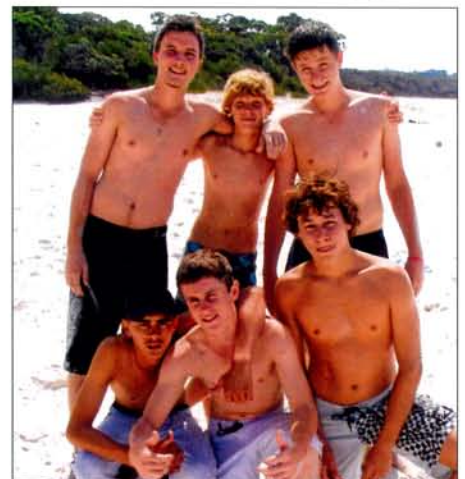
Year 10 boys looking out to sea.



Away on the ocean waves.



Year 10 boys wave to the photographer.



This group has had plenty of sun.



Boys love to play in the sand.

# YEAR 10 REPORT

It is with amazement that today I look at a sea of young men when it was only a blink of an eye ago that they were still young boys. We are now 2/3 of the way through High School and on the cusp of becoming seniors. Exit concerns such as bags being too heavy and enter the concerns of study loads being too heavy!

Year 10 has been such a busy year for the boys, and not just academically. From an excursion to a cemetery to performing at the Opera House, it seems the boys have had a very varied year. Here are some of the highlights:

In May the year 10 Visual Arts classes were involved in creating a mural for Auburn Council. This was officially opened on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May at Auburn Library. Richard Amarasingham and Sachinpal Singh represented our boys at the opening. Sachinpal also received the honour of having his artwork chosen for the annual 'Operation art' exhibition for Westmead Children's Hospital.

Also in May, 4 of our year 10's attended 'Rypen 2007'. This is organised through the Rotary clubs of Silverwater and Strathfield and our careers adviser, Tom Pinkey. Peter Jackson, Tyson Parcell, Richard Amarasingham and Aaron Russell were the boys who attended the 3 day seminar/camp and all agree that it was very worthwhile. The boys heard motivational speakers, participated in many group activities and initiative games, all of which required communication and teamwork.

A public speaking competition was attended by Rakib Rahman, Tom Gallagher and Sajeeb Roy who did very well amongst some very strong competition. The MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) conference had 33 nations represented at the General Assembly by a number of schools. Our boys represented Russia and Tom Gallagher was resplendent in his fur hat. The boys not only improved their public speaking and debating skills but also gained a greater understanding of political and cultural differences of various nations.

Some of the more memorable excursions, according to the boys, were the following:

Geography visited Long Reef Beach to study coastal management issues. Commerce visited State Parliament House and the Police and Justice Museum whilst studying Law and Government. History went off to a cemetery while Photography went to the Homebush Aquatic Centre where they used underwater cameras to record images which were later digitally manipulated. During English Week year 10 watched a modern rendition of some of William Shakespeare's well known plays entitled, 'Shakespeare on Trial'. Meanwhile we had year 10's performing with the stage band at the Opera House

whilst some of our finest artists attended an art camp.

The Science Competition proved we have some magnificent scientists with Omar Noori, Emre Aral, Daniel Armitage, Patrick Chen, Taren Tu and Ben Worthington all receiving Distinction awards. Sajeeb Roy attained a High Distinction in this year's English and Writing Competition as well as a Distinction in the Westpac Mathematics Competition. Other Distinctions in the Mathematics Competition went to Patrick Chen, Chuan Qiang Fu, Jun-Kyu Kim, Matthew Iwanczuk, Sheharyar Hamayun, Jae Seong Lee, Peter Yang, Wenqi Zhang and Xiao Ma.

Last but by no means least, our sporting heroes. :

Cross Country – 15's title  
Simon Ede

## 2007 North West Metropolitan Zone Representatives.

Aaron Costa	Baseball
Lachlan Jenson	Touch Football
Connor Martin	Waterpolo
Andrew Sorrenti	Waterpolo
Taylor Di Val	Swimming
Aakash Mahajan	Swimming
Connor Martin	Swimming
Andrew Sorrenti	Swimming
Robert Polec	Sailing
Taylor Di Val	Hockey
Jake Imer	Hockey
Michael Tran	Hockey

## 2007 NSWCHS Representatives

Connor Martin	CHS Waterpolo
Andrew Sorrenti	NSW Under 16's waterpolo development squad.

## Sydney North Regional Representatives 2007

Taylor Di Val	Swimming
Robert Polec	Sailing
Andrew Sorrenti	Waterpolo
Connor Martin	Waterpolo
Aaron Costa	Baseball

Well done to all – you are a fantastic year group and I sincerely hope you enjoyed year 10. Good luck and work hard next year.

*Miss B Gobel*  
Year Adviser



Enjoying the sun and sand.



Ms Faust takes a break from supervision duties.



Year 11 play cricket on the beach.

# YEAR 11 REPORT

By the time you read this, Year 11 will well and truly have begun their Year 12 course-work, and assumed their position as leaders of the school.

It has been a most successful year for the boys who have involved themselves in so many aspects of school life, from Sport to Public Speaking.

It was difficult for me, taking over as the boys Year Adviser from Ms Bowe late last year. The boys, however, have made the job much easier and it has been a pleasure to communicate with so many interested parents throughout the year. It is a fine indicator of the support the boys are getting at home – something which highlights the partnership between parents and teachers involved in each students education.

It has been a pleasure also to see the boy's mature and settle into their roles as senior students. The majority of the boys reports earlier in the year remarked upon their new found diligence and the way in which they applied themselves to the Preliminary Course.

Year 12, arguably the most demanding of the students' life is never easy. If the level of application the boys have shown thus far can be maintained, however, we can look forward to another successful Higher School Certificate candidature in 2008.

We look forward to helping the boys achieve their potential.

*Mr Paul Koff*  
Year Adviser

# YEAR 11 CAMP

(Year 10, 2006)



The idyllic campsite



Bushie boys on the beach.



Life is tough on camp.



Roughing it? - Hardly!



Lounging after lunch.



Kayakers wait their turn.



What a view!



Ready for their waves.



These students get their sea legs.



Keen to Kayak.



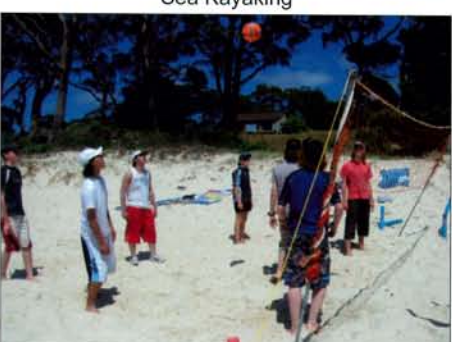
Sea Kayaking



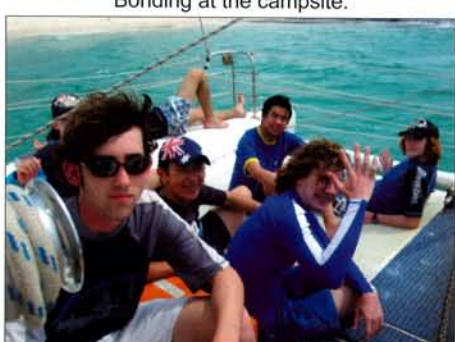
Bonding at the campsite.



'Bushies' on the 'big blue'.



So much to do, so little time.



All that relaxation is hard to take.

# YEAR 12 2007 YEARBOOK

## YEAR ADVISER'S SPEECH AT YEAR 12 FAREWELL

It is my privilege to respond on behalf of the staff of Homebush Boys – the executive, teaching staff, teachers' aides, admin and canteen staff and general assistants- who have all played a role in your development.

One of the more pleasing aspects of my job as year advisor is to hear the comments from staff on what a successful year group you have been. Academically, sporting-wise and in extra-curricular activities there has been no shortage of star performers. As a year group you should be congratulated for your culture of acceptance, your all-round effort and a desire to succeed.

From a personal perspective, our journey began in January 2002 and I was probably more nervous than you as we all gathered here in the hall. It has been a rewarding, sometimes stressful, but always entertaining time. Kicked off by the antics of Sean Craig and big Kos, who gave me a verbal blast of two words ending in off and then walked out on an early Year 7 PE lesson. I can now look back on those and many more events with a smile and be proud of how the school contributed to not just Kos' but to all the boys' development over the six years. We've all come a long way.

To John and Josh- I thank you for representing the year and the school with distinction and for all your behind the scenes involvement. Year 12 is challenging enough without extra responsibilities. A big effort.

As a school we wish you the best wherever your future takes you and trust the ideas, values and attitudes that we have helped to develop serve you well in life.

The Year Advisor actually does a little more than just write a few lines on your report and sometimes I have needed the assistance of others. I am grateful for the support and advice I have received from Dr Paterson, Mr Hillirad, Mr Jurd, my assistant Mr Tedford, all members of the teaching staff, particularly the PDHPE staff and Head Teacher Mr Gavathas

and all the parents I have come into contact with.

1150 days and 8230 periods. Clarke and Hilliard's duels in the pool. Kosipeli's inspired rugby move – 'crackball', Mitchell Reid's one armed try scoring salute, Jamie Sherson's 5 year streak in the cross country and John Vaitaiki marching proud on ANZAC day leading the drum corps. It's all over guys...no more 5Ts, no more Wednesday sport announcements and no more touch football in your double frees...you guys had the best timetables.

On closing, I urge you to always find a time to reflect on the good times, your friends, the mateship, the camps and the successes or whatever it is that puts a smile on your face. Be proud of your school and the part you played in it. I was glad to be a part of the ride.

*Brett Wilson  
Year Adviser*



Mr Wilson in the playground on the Year 12 last day.



# YEAR 12 2007 INFORMATION

AHMAD Farbab	HSC 2007.
AHMED Faruque	CYCA Youth Sailing Program, Excellence in Information Processing Technology and Robotics. High Distinction History Competition. Senior Hockey and Baseball. Fund raising.
ALAMEDDINE Omar	Credit Maths, Business and Geography Competitions. 1st Grade Basketball, 2nd Grade Rugby. Fundraising.
ALI Abdqari	Maths competition. Basketball, Soccer premiers, Basketball, Cross-Country, Athletics. Fundraising.
AMARASINGHAM Derek	Drum Corps, School Band. Credit Geography. Level 0 Coaching Certificate AFL, Athletics, Cricket. Fundraising.
ANANDARAJAN Senthuran	Peer mentor. Credit Maths Competition, 3rd Grade Cricket Premiers. Fundraising.
ANDREWS Garth Eric	School Band, Public Speaking, School Drum Corps, Debating, Variety Night. Honour Roll, Distinction English. Senior Hockey Captain, Best & Fairest Senior Baseball. Fundraising.
AWAD Mahmoud	HSC 2007
AWAN Ammar	Captain Robocup NSW Junior Comp. Distinction Cert II in IT, Distinction Science, Chemistry, Computer Skill, Maths Competitions. 1st Grade Volleyball, 3rd Grade Soccer, Athletics, Zone Swimming. Fundraising.
BABB Song Mahn	Credit Maths Competition. Volleyball, Soccer, Regional Athletics. Fundraising.
BARDOUH Adam	High Distinction Business Studies, Distinction Economics, Credit Maths. Fundraising.
BARDOUH Daniel	Creative Excellence IPT, Award Geography and Computing. Oztag, Zone Swimming. Fundraising.
BARDOUH Sam	High Distinction Geography, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit English Competition. Soccer, Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
BATES Edward	Peer Tutor, Credit Maths Competition, Distinction Geography Competition. 1st Grade Rugby, Senior Oztag Champions, District Cross Country and Athletics, Captain AFL Knockout. Fundraising.
BEATTIE Ryan	NSW Cricket, 1st XV Rugby, Churton Family Shield Best All-Rounder.
BHUIYAN Mohymyn	Principal Award IPT, Credit Computer Competition. Fundraising.
BIJJANI Peter	Prefect, Peer Tutoring, Youth Leaders Forum, ANZAC Drum Band, Premier's Reading Challenge, Debating, Public Speaking, Runner Up Rostrom Voice of Youth. Merit Award, Distinction Geography, History and Maths Competitions, Principals Medais. Regional Swimming, District Cross Country and Athletics, Waterpolo. Fundraising. Credit Business Competition. 1st Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
BIVIANO Michael	Distinction English and Maths Competition. Chess, 2nd in Weight Lifting, Darts. Fundraising.
BUI Jonathan	Principal's medal. Fundraising.
CHAN Johnny	Recital and Variety Nights, High Distinction History & Geography Competitions, Distinction Business, Science, English and Writing Competitions. Cricket. Fundraising.
CHANDRAKUMAR Jacob	SRC, Prefect, Public Speaking. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit English Competition. 2nd Grade Tennis and Table Tennis, CHS Tennis. Fundraising.
CHAU Daniel	3rd Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
CHEN, Alvin	HSC 2007
CHEN Xing Hua	SRC, Prefect, Public Speaking. Distinction Maths and English Competitions. 2nd Grade Basketball and Soccer, CHS Basketball. Fundraising.
CHENG Sunny	1st Standard English.
CHEUNG River	Drum Corp, School Band. Credit Maths Competition.
CHIN Matthew	Prefect, School Band. Breastroke School Record Opens 100m, Swimming Age Champion, 1st Grade Waterpolo. Fundraising.
CLARK Michael	Griffin Ambassador, Stage and School Band, Debating, Tournament of the Minds. Equal 1st Extension 2 English, 1st Visual Arts. Credit Maths & History Competition, First in Photography, Music & Chinese. Lawn Bowls. Fundraising.
CLEMENT Adrian	Variety Night, School Band. First Aid Certificate, Credit Maths Competition. 1st Grade Baseball and Chess. Fundraising.
COPELAND Rajeev	School Musical. Distinction Maths and English. Athletics, 1st Grade Baseball, Soccer and Volleyball. Fundraising.
COSTA Brandon	ABW Competition, Variety and Recital Nights. Distinction Maths Competition, Gold Award. 1st Grade Basketball, Soccer. Fundraising.
CRIGHTON Nathan	Credit Maths Competition, IT-VET Technology Cert I. Volleyball. Fundraising.
DANG Andy	UNSW Gifted & Talented Scientia Program, Tournament of the Minds, Debating, Band. 1st General Mathematics. Principal Medallion, High Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Business Studies Competition. Chess, 1st Grade Rugby, Relay Team, CHS Swimming. Fundraising.
DANYLAK Orest	Certificate I IT VET. Rugby, Cricket, Hockey. Fundraising.
DI VAL Marc	Debating, Cooking for School Functions. Distinction Modern History, Credit Maths. 1st Grade Rugby, Senior Oz Tag, Golf, Northern Suburbs Region CHS Squad. Fund raising.
DINOPOULOS Simon	
DJURICHKOVIC Lucas	Cooking for School Functions, RSA and RCG. Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Maths and History Competitions. Athletics, Rugby, NSW Weightlifting, 1st Grade Hockey, Reps for Balmain under 21's. Fundraising.
DONGOL Julian	Prefect, SRC, HSC 2007
DUONG William	Prefect, SRC. High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Distinction Science Competition, Credit Maths Competition. Fundraising.
EDGTTON Daniel	Most Improved Student. 1st in Industrial Technology (Timber Products & Furniture Industries). Credit Maths Competition, School carnival assistant. 1st Grade Baseball Captain, Netball, 1st Grade Rugby and Waterpolo. Fundraising.
EL-AHMAD Khoder	Equal 1st in Mathematics, HSC 2007.
ELASSI Michael	Volunteer YMCA and Careers, Credit History. Netball, 1st Grade Table Tennis. Fundraising.
ELDICK Sam	Rugby. Fundraising.
FAIZI Hamid	Cooking for School Functions. Athletic and Swimming Carnivals. Fundraising.
GABOR Martin	Senior Prefect, Debating, Public Speaking, Variety Night, World Vision Leadership Convention, Peer Tutor Program, Drum Corps, MC Farewell & Presentation Evenings. 1st in Italian, English, Languages, Credit Maths & English Competition. Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
GALEA David	Variety Night. Distinction History Competition, Credit Maths Competition, First Aid Course. Soccer and Cross Country. Fundraising.
GANESHALINGAM Prakash	HSC 2007
GNANAKUMARAN Loshan	Tamil Debating. Distinction Maths Competition. Grade Tennis. Fundraising.
GNANARATHINAM Senthuran	Distinction Maths Competition. Level 0 Coaching AFL, Grade Soccer, Zone and Regional Swimming and Athletics Official. Fundraising.
GU Henry	Distinction Maths Competition. Volleyball.
GUO Zhuo Yi	HSC 2007
HAN David	HSC 2007
HARRISON Jamie	HSC 2007
HASAN Nafeez	Credit Maths Competition. 2nd Grade Rugby, 3rd Grade Cricket Premiers. Fundraising.
HE Jin	HSC 2007
HILLIARD Joshua	School Vice-Captain, House Captain. Australian Defence Force Scholarship, Distinction Science & English Competitions. Churton Family Shield Best All Rounder. 1st Grade Water Polo Captain, 1st 15 Rugby Captain and Netball Captain, CHS Swimming, NSW CHS 1st XV. Fundraising.
HOANG Raymond	Information & Communication Technology Award. Cert I & II IT VET Course, High Distinction Geography and History Competition, Peer Mentoring. Fundraising.
HUANG Donny	National Art School for Dobell Drawing, Artsmart Visual Art Workshop, Reading Challenge. Credit Maths Competition, Principal's Medal. Fundraising.
HUANG Ronny	School Band. Credit Maths Competition. Fundraising.
HUNDAL Harsatnam Singh	SRC. High Distinction History Competition, Distinction Maths, Commerce, Geography & Business Studies Competition. 2nd Grade Tennis, 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
HUNG Jeremy	Cooking for School Functions. Distinction History, Science, Geography Competitions, Maths Competition. Fundraising.
IMER Adam	Prefect, Debating. 1st Biology. High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Distinction Maths Competition. Australian Schoolboys Merit Team, NSWCHS Hockey & Athletics, 1st Grade Rugby, Waterpolo & Hockey. Fundraising.
IMTIAZ Ahmed	HSC 2007
INT ZANDT Ken	Variety & Recital Nights. Gold Award, Distinction Maths Competition. Grade Basketball. Fundraising.
ISLAM Asef	Prefect. Distinction Maths Competition. Cricket. Fundraising.
JACKSON Stephen	Anzac Day Ceremony. Strathfield Rotary Citizenship Prize. Maths Competition. 1st Grade Soccer and Waterpolo, CHS Netball, Regional Oztag, N/W Zone Champion Swimmer. Fundraising.
JANAKIRAMAN Baskaran	School Musical. Credit Maths and Business Competitions. 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
JANANAYAKAM Kapilan	High Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition and Maths Challenge. 3rd Grade Rugby, Cricket. Fundraising.
JEONG Danny	Credit Maths. Soccer. Fundraising.
JEONG James	Cooking for School Functions. Principal Award, Credit Maths. Fundraising.
JIANG Jun Hao	HSC 2007
JIAO Joe	Credit Maths Competition. Fundraising.
KABALAN Moustafa	Credit Maths Competition. Player of the Year Rugby. Fundraising.
KABIR Rezwana	Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition. 1st Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
KASAP Oner	Drum Corps, Cooking for School Functions, Peer Mentoring, Variety Night Performance. First Aid Certificate. Geography and Maths Competitions. Rugby. Fundraising.
KAVOA Josiah	1st Grade Rugby. Fundraising.
KELLY Brodie	HSC 2007
KHAN Aaquib	HSC 2007
KHAN Arslaan	3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
KHAN Shaher Yer	Chess Team, Official at Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. Principal's Award, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition. 1st Grade Basketball. Fundraising.
KIM Adrian	HSC 2007
KIM John	Variety Night. 1st in SLR. 2nd Grade Cricket, Zone Cross Country, 4th Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
KIM Dae Beom	High Distinction Geography Competition, Distinction Maths competition, Credit History and Economics Competitions, Academic Excellence SLR, Certificate of Merit SIS. 1st Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
KIM Brian	Distinction Maths Competition. Fundraising.
KO Eric	Recital Night. Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Maths, Economics and History Competitions.
KOH Mitchell	Credit Maths and History Competitions. 1st Grade Tennis, Best and Fairest Tennis, CHS Tennis. Fundraising.
KUNG Billy	HSC 2007
KWAK Sinjae	IT VET Certificate I, High Distinction Geography Competition. Distinction Maths Competition, Academic Excellence in Maths. 1st Grade Volleyball Vice Captain, Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
LAI Peter	Alpha and Omega Scholarship Award, Most Improved Student. Excellence in Computing, Maths and Geography. Fundraising.
LAM Alan	Chess Team. High Distinction History and Geography Competitions, Distinction Economics and Maths Competitions, Credit Science Competition. Fundraising.
LAM Jeffrey	Fundraising.
LAMERI Daniel	HSC 2007
LAY Jeromy	Credit Maths Competition. Fundraising.
LEE Chris	HSC 2007
LEE Eugene	HSC 2007
LEE James	Distinction Maths Competition.
LEE Yu-Josh	Credit Maths Competition. Fundraising.
LEGASPI Allen	1st Grade Basketball Best Defensive Player.
LI Jack	HSC 2007
LI Yi Yuan	Fundraising.
LIU Andy	Credit Maths Competition. 1st Grade Basketball Captain. Fundraising.

LO Lawrence	Variety Night. Credit Maths Competition. 2nd Grade Basketball, Table Tennis. Fundraising.
LU Richard	Chess Team, Chess Player of the Year. High Distinction Maths Competition, Distinction Geography and Maths Competition, Economics Competition. Fundraising.
LUU Clifford	Prefect, Drum Corps, Peer Tutoring, Canteen Play. High Distinction Geography Competition, Credit, Maths and Chemistry Competitions, 1st in Photography and Visual Arts. Volleyball. Fundraising.
MAARABANI Bilal	Senior Oztag, 1st Grad Soccer, Netball. Fundraising.
MAPAPALANGI Kospipeli	House Vice Captain, Distinction Geography. 1st Grade Rugby. Fundraising.
MARKS Matthew	Variety Night, ABW Participant. Distinction Geography and History Competition, Credit Maths and Business Studies Competition, First Aid Certificate. 1st Grade Soccer, Puma Cup and Bill Turner Cup. Fundraising.
McINTYRE John	Cooking for School Functions. Grade Soccer and Cricket, Official for Regional Swimming and Athletics Carnival. Fundraising.
MENG Steven	Mentoring Program. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit History and Geography Competitions. Fundraising.
MORGAN Adam	1st XV Rugby, HSC 2007
MOUSSA Gus	Prefect, SRC, Muslim Youth Summit, Youth Leaders Forum. High Distinction Geography, Distinction Economics. Regional Oztag Champion, Netball, Bill Turner Cup, Soccer. Fundraising.
MUSUMECI Sam	Cooking for School Functions. Maths and Geography Competitions. First Aid Certificate. District Cross Country, 1st Grade Tennis Captain, Official at Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Baseball. Fundraising.
NADAN Navneil	Distinction Business Studies and Geography Competitions, Distinction Australian Financial Literacy Assessment, Credit History Competition. Fundraising.
NASSIF Daniel Edmond	Public Speaking, Variety Night, Recital Night. TAFE Deer Tutoring Program, 1st in Hospitality. High Distinction Geography and History Competitions, Cert II in Hospitality Operations. N/W Hockey Premiers. Fundraising.
NAVARETNARAJAH Naventhana	Science Tutoring, Robocup. Distinction Maths Competition. 2nd Grade Cricket Captain. Fundraising.
NG Desmond	Distinction Maths and Geography Competitions, Credit Chemistry Competition, Academic Excellence English (ESL) and Maths 2 Unit. 2nd Grade Basketball. Fundraising.
NG Ka Ho (Jonathan)	1st Industrial Technology (Multimedia), Maths Competition. 1st Grade Basketball. Fundraising.
NG Mathew	Chess Captain, Tournament of the Minds. Distinction Maths. Tennis, Chess Team. Fundraising.
NI Jack	HSC 2007
NICHOLLS Timothy	SRC, ABW participant. Credit Maths and Business Competitions. 1st Grade Soccer and Puma Cup Team, Netball. Fundraising.
NIMALKUMAR Niruthan	Distinction Maths Competition, Credit History Competition, Level O Accreditation AFL, Level 1 First Aid Certificate. 3rd Grade Cricket, 2nd Grade Rugby.
OSMAN Abdi	Distinction Maths Competition. Basketball and Soccer. Fundraising.
OU Raymond	Variety Night, Tournament of the Minds. Distinction Maths Competition. Fundraising.
OWEN-TAYLOR Lindsay	Prefect. TAFE Peer Tutoring. High Distinction History, Distinction Geography, IT Vet Cert I. 1st Grade Hockey, Rugby, State Weightlifting. Fundraising.
PASE Oliver	Public Speaking, 3rd NSW Rostrum "Voice of Youth", Burwood Lion's Youth of the Year, Eisteddford Winner, SMH Plain English Finalist Sydney, Debating, School Band, Drum Corps, TAFE Peer Tutoring, Festival of Ideas, World Vision Youth Leadership Forum, Portraits of Sydney Finalist, Recital and Variety Nights, Fast and Fresh, Young Achievements Australian. Senior Public Speaking Award. Outstanding Contribution to the School. Equal 1st in Year 12. Equal 1st Extension 2 English, 1st History Extension & Modern History. UWS Most Outstanding in Year 11. High Distinction Geography Competition, Distinction Writing, English, History Competitions. Table Tennis, Lawn Bowls. Fundraising.
PEARSON, Samuel	Credit Maths Competition, Science and Business Competition. School Cross Country Representative, 3rd Grade Cricket and Rugby. Fundraising.
PUN Luke	1st Chemistry & Physics. High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Award of Excellence Chemistry Quiz. Fundraising.
PUVANENDIRANATHAN Aarun	Peer Support Tutor. Distinction History Competition, Credit Business Studies and Geography Competition, Award for Documentary Production. Fundraising.
QI Yu Chen	HSC 2007
RAJAKUMAR Jonathan	SRC, School Drum Corp. IT Vet Cert I, High Distinction Maths, National Australian Leaders Day Award, Principal Award. 3rd Grade Rugby, Tennis. Fundraising.
RAVINTHIRAN Thanushan	Official at Zone & Regional Swimming & Athletics Carnivals. Distinction Maths & Computer Competition, Credit Business & History Competition. Cricket, AFL Coaching Accreditation. Fundraising.
REID Mitchell	ABW Competition. Distinction Modern History Competition, Credit Business & Maths Competition. Senior Oztag & 1st Grade Rugby. Fundraising.
RIZOS Ethan	Prefect, Public Speaking, Debating, Drum Corps, Peer Tutoring and Mentoring. The Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment. Distinction Maths & Italian Competition, Ian French Memorial Award for Excellence in History. Soccer. Fundraising.
RODRIGUEZ Elisha-James	Musical Performer. HSC 2007
RUBADASS Krishna	Music Award. 1st Engineering Studies. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit History Competition, Academic Excellence Certificate. First in Engineering Studies. Fundraising.
SARWAR Shahrooz	Public Speaking, First Aid Certificate, School Maintenance. High Distinction Geography Competition. Lawn Bowls Vice Captain & Grandfinalist. 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
SCHIMKE David	Peer Tutoring, School Band, Variety Night. IT Vet Cert I & II – Credit, Double Distinction Japanese Reading & Writing Competition, Credit Economic & Maths Competition. 1st Place Weightlifting Competition, Opens Hockey. Fundraising.
SEKHON Jashan	Credit Maths Competition, Participant Business & Science Competition. 1st Grade Hockey, Zone Athletics & Cross-Country, 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
SHARMA Aayush	Prefect, World Vision Global Leadership Convention, "Future Leaders" Forum, 3rd Public Speaking Competition, Universal Peace Federation Forum, Peer Tutoring. Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit. 1st PD/H/PE. Credit Business Studies Competition, High Distinction Australian Financial Literacy Assessment. Gold Medal Prize from UNSW, Distinction Geography & History Competition, Winners of ABW. Best & Fairest 1st Grade Tennis, 1st Grade Cricket Premiers NW Zone, Finalist Davidson Shield Cricket Competition. Fundraising.
SHARMA Ankit	SRC, CEO Of ABW, Peer Tutoring. 1st Business Studies & Equal 1st Economics. High Distinction Business Studies, Economics, History & Geography Competition. Fundraising.
SHERSON Jamie Brett	Prefect, Greening House Captain. Senior Sportsman of the Year. Participant Maths Competition, Pierre De Coubertin Award. Cross Country Champion, National Cross Country & Athletics, 1st Grade Cricket, Captain Lawn Bowls, Davidson Shield. Fundraising.
SHKARA Hayder	Prefect, Public Speaking. Modern History & PDHPE Academic Excellence, Distinction Maths Competition. Australian Rep Junior Tae Kwon Do Team at Australian Youth Olympic Festival & Asian Junior Champs. Fundraising.
SIMSEK Burak	HSC 2007
SINGH Darshan	Literacy & Numeracy Week Quiz Winner, Credit Maths Competition, Typing Certificate. Senior Hockey. Fundraising.
SINGH Jas Simran	Prefect, Public Speaking, Young Leaders Day & Future Leaders Forum, Peer Tutoring, Debating, RYPEN Camp, Tournament of the Minds, SRC, Variety Night, Junior Debater of the Year. Equal 1st Studies in Religion. High Distinction Geography, History & Financial Literacy Competition, ABW Champion, Distinction Business Studies & Economic Competition. Captain 1st Grade Table Tennis. Vice Captain 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
SINGH Tandeep	Prefect, Debating, Peer Tutoring & Mentoring, Public Speaking, ABW Winner, Tertiary Careers Expo Assistant Organiser. Soros Family Award for Public Relations. Equal 1st in Year 12. 1st Ancient History. Equal 1st Economics & Mathematics. Distinction Economics Competition. Senior Hockey Premiers, 2nd Grade Cricket Finalist. Fundraising.
SIVABALAN Sudhagar	Debating, Public Speaking. 1st Extension 1 Mathematics & Music. Principal's Medal. Fundraising.
SIVARAJAH Anojan	Credit Maths & English Competition. 1st Grade Cricket, Davidson Shield, 2nd Grade Rugby. Fundraising.
SRIRAM Surya	Public Speaking, Debating. Academic Prize for Maths & Chemistry, Credit Maths, Geography & Chemistry Competition. Chess & Cricket. Fundraising.
STARC Mitchell	Prefect, Rotary Youth Award Nominee, RYPEN Participant. Academic Excellence General Maths & Sport Science, Distinction Science Competition, Credit Geography Competition. Australian Under 19's Cricket Tour of Pakistan. 1st Grade Cricket, 2nd Grade Soccer, Netball, Regional Athletics. Fundraising.
STONE Heung Ghe	HSC 2007
SUBRAMANIAM Hari	Credit Maths Competition, Participant Chemistry, Financial Literacy & Geography Competition. 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
SUD Dhruv	Credit Maths & English Competition. Chess Team, 1st Grade Basketball Captain. Fundraising.
SUNARDI Emerson	Cooking for School Functions. Credit Maths Competition, Double Distinction Japanese. Fundraising.
SUTHARSANARAJAH Shayanthan	Distinction Maths & English. 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
TANJIM Farial	Distinction Chemistry Competition, Merit Award for Biology. 3rd Grade Soccer Premiers, 3rd Grade Cricket, Best & Fairest Senior Baseball. Fundraising.
TARRANT-WINDT Joshua	Public Speaking, Debating, Model United Nations Assembly. Senior Debating Award, Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit. Equal 1st Extension 1 & 2 English & Religion, 1st Legal Studies, High Distinction History & Geography, Distinction Maths, English, Chemistry & Maths Challenge. Top 10 in National Essay Competition on Corporate Social Responsibility. 3rd Grade Soccer & 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
THANARAJ Pratheep	Credit Maths Competition. 3rd Grade Cricket & Rugby.
THANGAVEL Mayuran	Distinction Geography & Maths Competition, Maths Challenge. 2nd Grade Rugby & 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
THILAKANATHAN Danan	Chess Team. 1st Software Design & Development. Credit Maths Competition & Ozspell District Winner. Tennis & Cricket. Fundraising.
TOLANI Aakash	Public Speaking & Fast & Fresh – Inter School Drama. Weightlifting. Fundraising.
TRAN Jason	HSC Scribe. Caltex Best All Rounder Award. 1st Information Processes & Technology. Distinction Business Studies & Economics. Zone Cross Country & Athletics. Fundraising.
TRAN Stanley	Distinction English & Credit Maths. Grade Tennis. Fundraising.
TRUONG Danny	Peer Support Program. Credit Maths & Business Studies Competition. 1st Grade Tennis Captain. Fundraising.
TSUI Tommy	Technical Team for Variety Night & Fundraising Play. Equal 1st in Year 12. 1st ESL English & Extension 2 Mathematics. Westpac Maths Prize. Credit Science, Maths, Geography, History & Japanese Competition. Fundraising.
VAITAIKI John	School Captain, SRC, Public Speaking. P & C Award for Most Outstanding Boy in the School. 1st Grade Rugby & Volleyball. NW Zone Rugby & Netball Team. Fundraising.
VELAMPATI Vamsi	HSC 2007
VERMA Rishi	Representative for CSIRO Research Day. High Distinction Maths & Geography Competition, Distinction Science Competition, UNSW Prize for Ext 1 Maths. Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
VIRAKORN Darren	SRC. High Distinction History & Credit Maths. 3rd Grade Rugby & 2nd Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
VON DINKLAGE Neal	High Distinction Chemistry Competition & Distinction Maths Competition. 1st Grade Soccer & Lawn Bowls. Fundraising.
VOUNG Patrick Toan	Distinction Science Competition, Credit Maths Competition & Academic Excellence Geography. Captain & Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Table Tennis. Fundraising.
VUPPALAPATI Mahesh	Public Speaking. Credit Maths Competition. Grade Cricket. Fundraising.
WANG Jimmy	Prefect. Distinction Geography & History Competition & Credit Business Studies. 2nd Grade Basketball MVP. Fundraising.
WATSON Jean-Paul	Variety Night, School Band & Public Speaking. High Distinction History Competition & Distinction Geography Competition. 1st Grade Tennis & District Athletics. Fundraising.
WONG Alfred	SRC. Distinction Economics, Geography & History Competition. Credit Business, Maths & Commerce Competition. 2nd Grade Tennis, Basketball. Fundraising.
WU Andy	HSC 2007
XIAO William	HSC 2007
YAN Htet Wai	Variety Night. High Distinction History Competition, Distinction Geography Competition & Credit Maths & Science Competition. Zone Cross Country & Athletics, Soccer & Tennis. Fundraising.
YANG John	Recital & Variety Nights. 1st Grade Basketball & 2nd Grade Tennis. Fundraising.
YI Ki Bok James	HSC 2007
ZAHEDI Ruhullah	Credit Maths Competition. Grade Soccer. Fundraising.
ZHANG Ivan	HSC 2007
ZHENG Nelson	Debating, School Band, Young Achievement Australia – National Marketing Award, Gifted & Talented Science Program at Sydney Uni. High Distinction Science Competition & Maths Challenge. Distinction Chemistry, Computer & Maths Competition & Credit Economics Competition. Vice Captain Grade Soccer. Zone Athletics. Fundraising.
ZHONG Ethan	HSC 2007
ZHU Claude	Credit Maths Competition.
ZHUANG Ben	HSC 2007
ZUL HANAN Muhammed	Variety & Recital Nights. House Soccer & Tennis. Fundraising.



Ahmad Arbab



Ahmed Faruque



Alameddine Omar



Adrian ALIM Ali Abdiqani



Amarasingham Derek



Anandarajan Senthuran



Andrews Garth



Awad Mahmoud



Awan Ammar



Babb Song Mahn



Bardouh Adam



Bardouh Daniel



Bardouh Sam



Bates Edward



Beattie Ryan



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Bijjani Peter



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Bui Jonathan



Chan Johnny



Chandrakumar Jacob



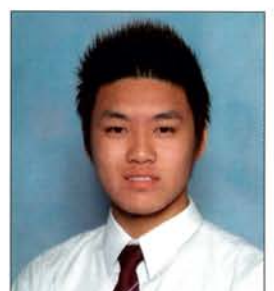
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Chin Matthew



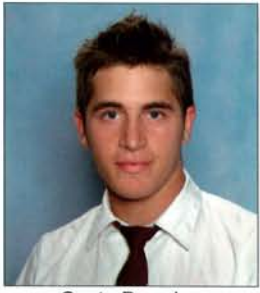
Clark Michael



Clement Adrian



Copeland Rajeev



Costa Brandon



Crighton Nathan



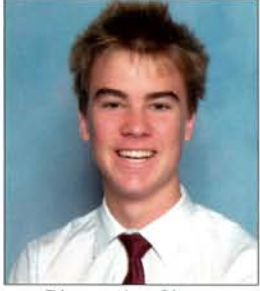
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Dinopoulos Simon



Djurichkovic Lucas



Dongol Julian



Duong William



Edgtton Daniel



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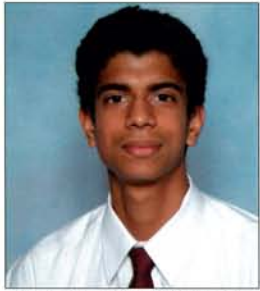
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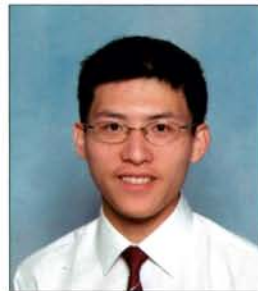
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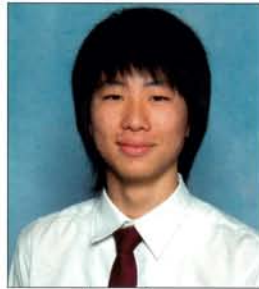
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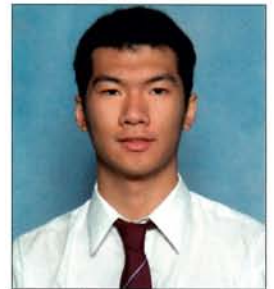
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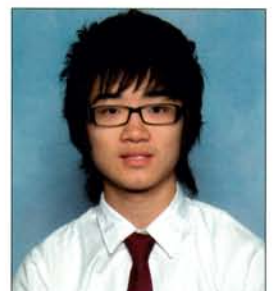
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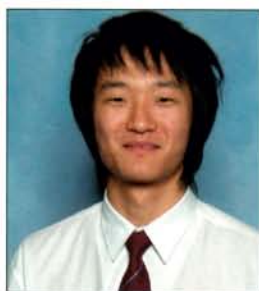
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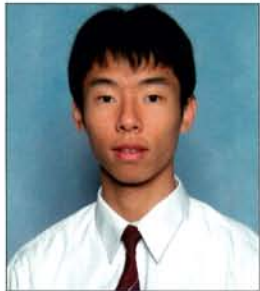
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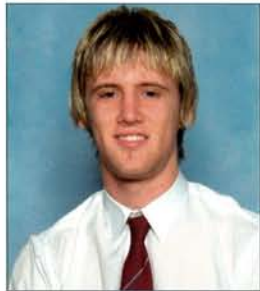
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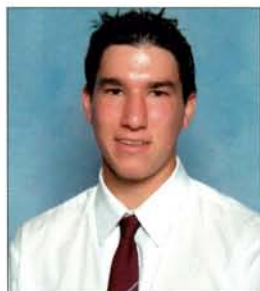
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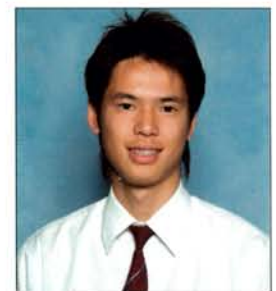
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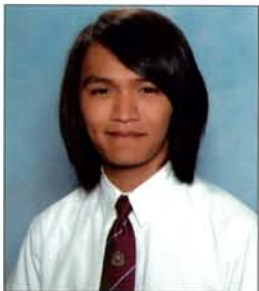
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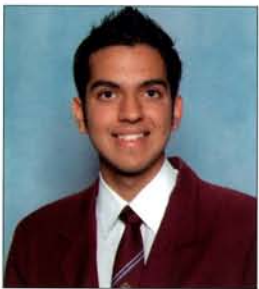
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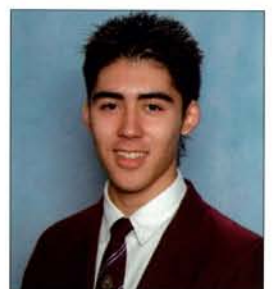
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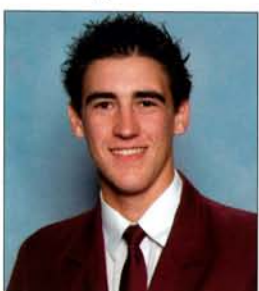
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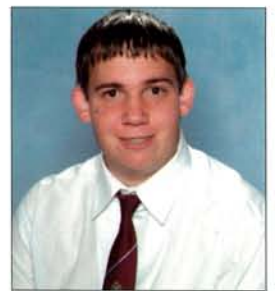
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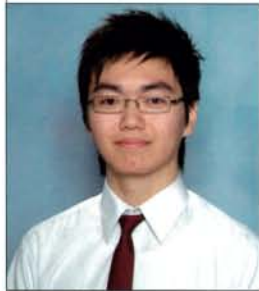
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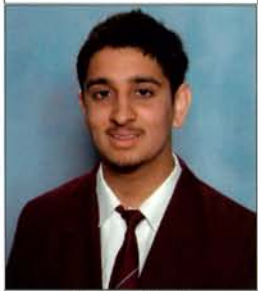
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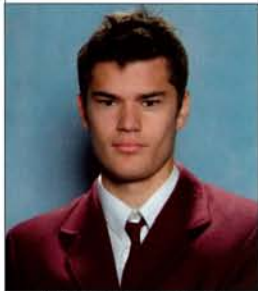
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Wong Alfred



Wu Andy



Xiao William



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Zhang Ivan





Zheng Nelson



Zhong Ethan



ZHU Claude Zheng



Zhuang Ben



Zul Hanan Muhammad

## VICE CAPTAIN'S SPEECH ON FAREWELL NIGHT

Family, friends, teachers, loved ones, and as of 3:10 this afternoon, ex-students of Homebush Boys High School.

I've read some of the speeches of previous captains and vice captains for ideas and inspiration, but it felt more right that, for my last chance to address you as a group, it should just be my voice that you hear, not the voices of those previous captains or teachers.

For most of us, Homebush Boys High school has been our chosen institution of education for the last six years. Six years. That's a substantial portion of a 17 or 18 year old person's life. It's been a long journey, (I use the word "journey" grudgingly because I know we are all united in our dislike of the English syllabus' Area of Study) but I think it's been more than that.

They have been six of the most important years of our lives, and I don't mean in terms of academics or sports or leadership or any of the other aspects of high schooling, I'm speaking on a far more basic level; I mean in terms of becoming people. In terms of moulding and crafting our personal values. Our teen years are the years in which our minds and souls are most malleable, and there are people to whom we owe the most sincere of thanks for sculpting us into the stunning creatures we are.

The very first of these people are of course, our mothers and fathers. Up until we are 12 or 13, they have filled us with lessons from their own life experiences, taught us right from wrong, instilled us with a basic set of morals to guide us through our junior years. They have been there for us when we laughed, they have been there for us when we cried, which wasn't very often, and they were always there when we really needed that 20 bucks for lunch. As we grew, they gave us space letting us try our strengths and test our boundaries, but always being there in case we went too far. They always have cared for us, and they always will. You parents don't always realise it, and your sons will never admit it, but sometimes all a boy wants to do is grow up to be like dad, and to marry a girl like mum. They say imitation is the embodiment of admiration, and I don't think we can show our appreciation for what you have done for us in any greater way than that. We are, in the end, products of our environment and those within it.

The nourishing environment our school has provided has given us all the tools, all the equipment, all the weapons we've needed to succeed on any, and every level. Our teachers, despite their occasionally tiresome advice or assistance (hindrance some might call it) have always offered whatever they could to enable us

to work towards our goals. I don't think they ever receive the gratitude they deserve (they certainly don't receive it in their pay slips), but I hope they realise the irreplaceable role they have played in our transition from boyhood to manhood. In 50 years time, we won't remember what x equals, or how to deconstruct Shakespeare (actually I don't even remember how to do that right now), but will remember your jokes, your pick up lines, and just simply the reassurance of your presence, knowing that even if we didn't perform in the next exam, you would be there to pick us up, dust us off, tell us to pull our socks up and play on.

It is inspiring to think, that as I look around this hall tonight, as I look into the faces of young men whose pleasurable company I have taken for granted over the last 6 years, I'm no longer looking into the faces of high school students. I'm looking into the faces of future businessmen. I'm looking into the faces of future doctors. Of carpenters. Of teachers. Of plumbers. Of professional sportsmen. Perhaps I am looking into faces I shall never see again, but I am also looking into faces I shall never forget. I'm looking into the faces of proud fathers, I'm looking into the faces of loving mothers. I'm looking at faces that come from all over the globe, but I am looking at faces that all come from Homebush Boys.

I'm looking at unique, individual faces, but in every face I see tonight, I see the same thing; uncontaminated, undiluted, unpolluted happiness. Very rarely does anyone receive the opportunity to gaze upon several hundred people and see every single one of them brought together by pure happiness, all soaking up the atmosphere, all savouring the same moment. It may seem like a simple thing, but it is a heart-warming sight to behold, and I thank each and every one of you for being a part of it.

To conclude, I'd like to propose a toast. Now, I understand that we don't all have drinks in our hands, but I think if we all pull out an imaginary flask and pop an imaginary cork, I think we'll get by. It is a toast to high school. A toast to 6 years of hard work, or not so hard work depending on who you ask. A toast to the end of one era, and the beginning of another. A toast to those who have helped us, nudged us, pushed us, and propelled us along the way. A toast to the best friends who have loyally stood with us to the end. A toast to that last second of that last exam, so tantalisingly close now. But more than any of that, more than anything I have said to you tonight, I propose a toast to us. So fellas:

Here's to the time of our lives!

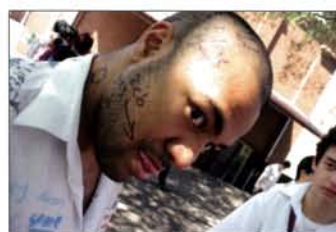
*Josh Hilliard*  
*Vice Captain*

BELOW: Joshua receives his awards from his proud father.



# The Last Day

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*For six years we have been like brothers. We shared our experiences as we grew from boys to young men. We have been comfortable as we crossed the bridge. The memories and friendships will remain as we continue our journey...and if my memory falters, I will always have your signature and thoughts in permanent marker on my white school shirt...Perhaps my fashion sense could still do with some development.*

# YEAR 12 Farewell



The official party



The Principal's address



The graduates



The Stage Band



The School Captain's speech

The graduating class of 2007 celebrated their last day at school, sharing dinner with their parents and staff. In addition all Academic, Sporting and Co-Curricular Awards, normally presented on Speech Night were made to the students.

Outgoing captain, John Vaitaiki, and Vice Captain, Joshua Hilliard spoke of the collective experiences of the group over the six years they had been students at Homebush Boys. The incoming Captain Emre Memhet spoke of the example year 12 had set as students, sportsmen and community contributors.

Old Boy, Professor Ian Dance delivered the Occasional Address and spoke of the importance of getting the fundamentals correct in order to

maximise life options.

The major awards were distributed between a large number of boys. The Academic First Prize was shared between Oliver Pase, Tandeep Singh and Tommy Tsui. Joshua Tarrant-Windt collected six awards for excellence in English and the Social-Sciences. Daniel Edgton was the Most Improved Student in Year 12. All-Rounder Awards were made to Jason Tran, Ryan Beattie, Joshua Hilliard, Raymond Huang, Joshua Tarrant-Windt and Aayush Sharuva.

The Sports Co-ordinator, Ron Tedford presented the Sporting Awards. In a remarkable year, the prestigious Sportsman of the Year Award, could have been won by any one of several

candidates. Australian representatives include Mitchell Starc (U/19 Australian Cricket Team), Michael Clark (Australian Life Saving), Hayder Shakara (Australian Tae Kwon Do), while Ryan Beattie (NSW Cricket), Adam Imer (NSW Hockey), Josh Hilliard (CHS Rugby), Connor Martin (CHS Waterpolo) and Brandon Costa (CHS Baseball) all reached state level in their sports. Jamie Shearson as captain of the NSW Cross-Country and Steeplechase team was the recipient.

The Year Advisor, Brett Wilson, wished the boys every success in the approaching examinations, but more importantly in the paths their lives take.



Parents and friends



An important occasion



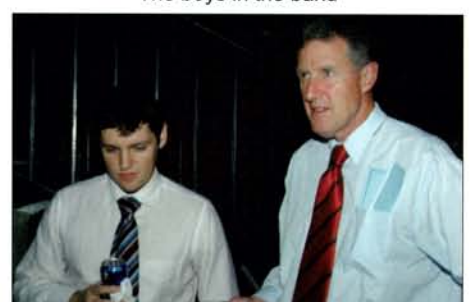
The boys in the band



Mr Albertson - bandmaster



Jean-Paul Watson belts out a song



Mr Harrison and Mr Tedford



The audience listens attentively



Year Adviser Mr Wilson is presented with a gift



Brass is class



Happy teachers join in the fun



Neal demonstrates his expertise



Thumbs up from Mr Jurd



Hungry students and teachers queue patiently



Teachers are here to farewell Year 12



Mr Fong and Orest line up patiently



Delicious food is the order of the evening



The last day holds mixed emotions



The sun has set and the boys are waiting



Time for a break



Niru Nimalkumar



Guitarist - Joshua Ho



The band captures attention



The caterers have more than enough food



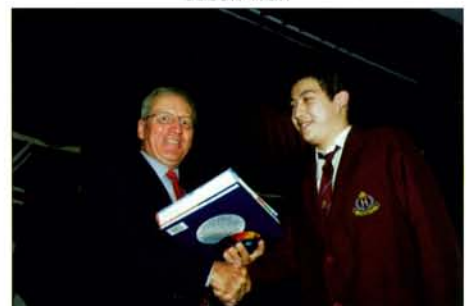
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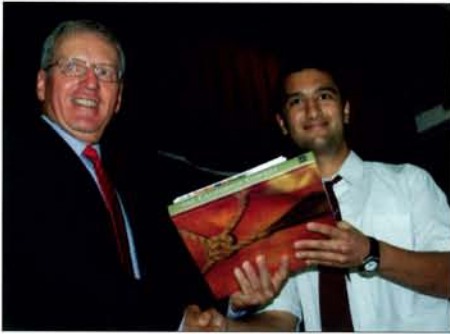
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Tandeep Singh



Luke Pun



Ankit Sharma



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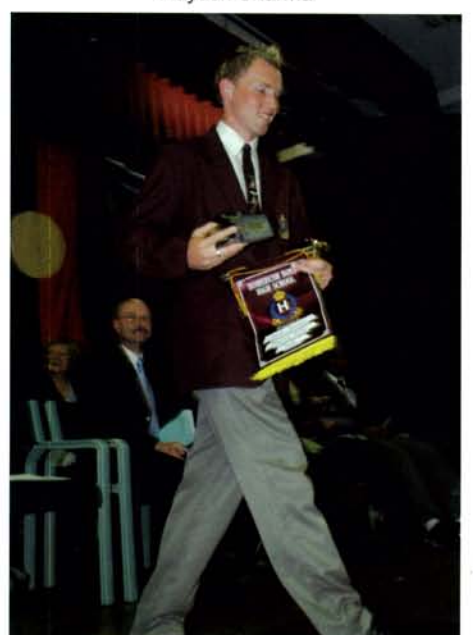
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Smiles all round



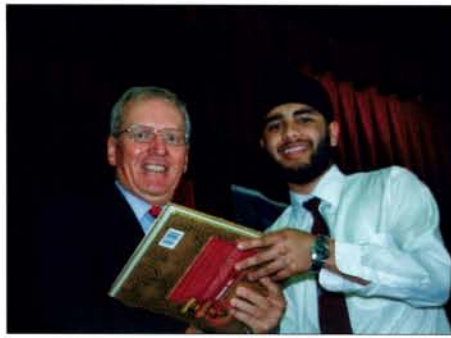
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John Vaitaiki



Jamie Sherson



Jas Singh



President of P&C, Simon Ford



Arun Puvanendiranathan



Equal First in Year 12, 2007: Oliver Pase, Tommy Tsui and Tandeep Singh with School Principal, Dr Ian Paterson and President of the School Council, Ms Arey Dassaklis

# PREFECTS 2007



A canoeing team activity.

In November last year the prefects attended a camp at Jamberoo Valley Lodge to prepare us for our role in 2007.

Over the three days of the camp we participated in a number of activities that challenged us physically, intellectually and emotionally.

The activities were aimed at building leadership, problem solving and team-work skills. Many of the activities such as The Leap of Faith and The Eagle's Nest were designed to take each of us beyond our comfort zone.

Each of us took a personal risk and gave our best. The look of satisfaction on each person's face after the successful completion of these challenges was truly inspiring.

The greatest benefit from the camp was the realisation of the tremendous untapped potential and ability within each of us. We also discovered that encouragement from those you trust can take you further than you believed possible.

We enjoyed the camp activities, accommodation and hospitality of the Lodge immensely and we left as a cohesive unit ready to take on the challenge of being the school leaders for 2007.

The Prefects



Peter teaches William and Jimmy.



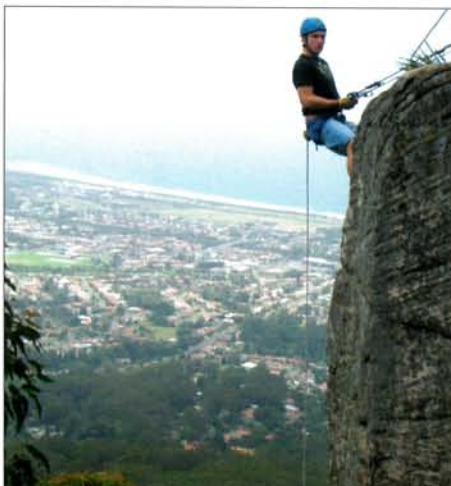
Thumbs up for the food!



A successful team!



Jimmy, Clifford, Jamie and Jas enjoy the food.



Josh abseiling - vertigo inducing stuff!



William Duong



Josh and Mr Hilliard line up together.



Mitchell Starc paddles



Jamie Sherson



Asef Islam



Bullseye!



Tandeep Singh



The boys get ready for archery



Ethan Rizos



Adam Imer abseils in style



Team building activity



Lindsay Owen-Taylor



The gang - prefects 2007



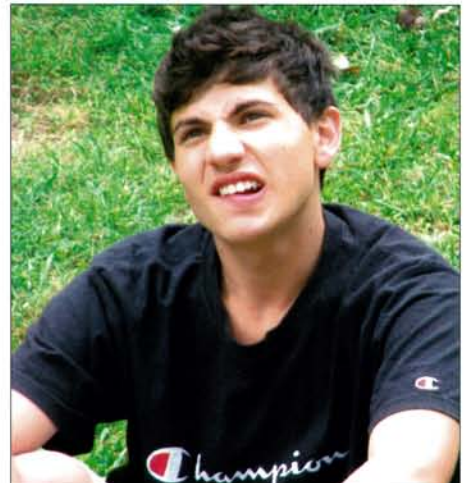
The race is on!



Julian Dongol



John Vaitaiki



Gus Moussa contemplates the 'eagle's nest'.





What a great view!



Tandeep Singh



Michael Clark



Aayush Sharma



Gus Moussa



John Vaitaiki



Martin Gabor



Preparing to canoe



William Duong



The boys- can also be 'gentlemen'



Learning to follow instructions



Jamie Sherson



Clifford Luu



Safe at the bottom of the cliff



Asef Islam



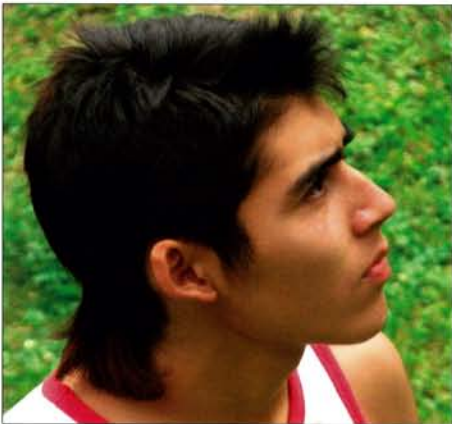
Jimmy Wang



Ready for the leap



Jas Singh



Hayder Shkara



Jas Singh



Martin is pensive



Nimble feet



On the bus home



Peter practises the rowing movements



The beautiful outdoors



Jamie braves it alone



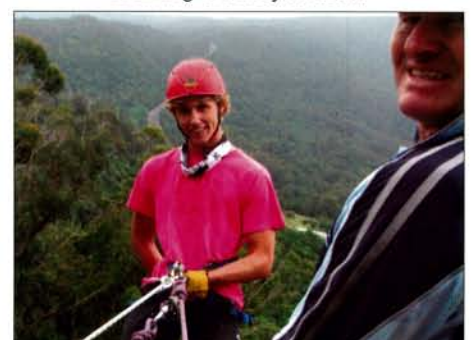
Learning to trust your team



The group out and about



How to teach



Michael prepares to take off



Two members of our office staff take a moment to smile for the camera.



Teachers too, have time for a smile.



A view from the western grass.



Students hurry off to their next class.



The Senior Lawn on an HSC exam day.



The grounds are deserted five minutes after the bell.



Year 11 English (ESL).



View of the fig tree.

*The photos on this double page spread were taken on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October 2007. Both days were overcast.*



Another group of satisfied science students.



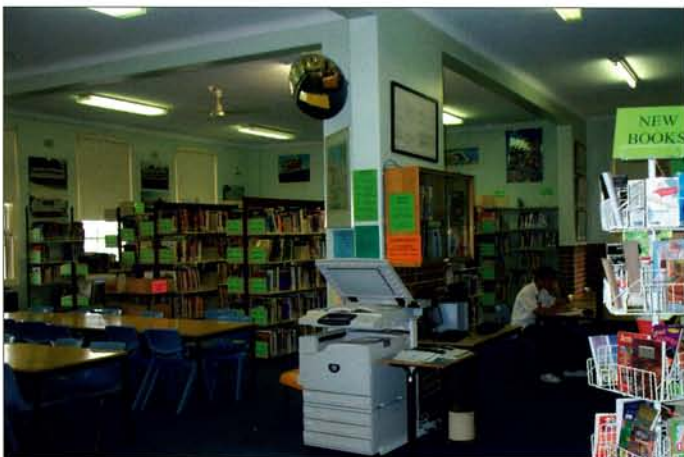
Science is a popular subject.



Office staff are always helpful.



Consulting a colleague.



The Library is not always this quiet.



The Office Manager at work.



The Library on an HSC exam day.



Two boys prepare for their next HSC exam.

*with Monday's temperature rising to about 30 degrees and Tuesday's slightly cooler at 25 degrees. The HSC was in progress.*

# NOW IS THE HOUR

If not now, then when, if not today, then why make the promises... I have lived a relatively short life in comparison to my elders. However, I have never for a second doubted the importance of the here and now. The longer I spend with my family and my loved ones the more I believe in the essence of a person's actions. How much time do we really have on this earth?

I watch my family closely and as I get older I become better at stepping back and seeing the intricate web of relationships, history, relative time and the future all in a millisecond.

My parents complain about what their children should have done, could have done, would have done if....., I am lucky that I am so young compared to my brothers and sister, their mistakes in my parent's eyes are a wonderful lesson for me.

Each person in my family is like each person in every family, they each have a life to be lived and a limited amount of resources and time. So why can't we work toward achieving more in this hour rather than later?

Of course, some things can't wait, like love, visiting the sick, education and relatives. The things that can wait are bills, homework, the HSC and our favourite TV Show. However, Time does not wait, for anyone, regardless of gender, race or socio economic status.

If time is no true friend of ours, then we must treat it as such, the only way to get even with time and to truly master its power is to use it wisely and to maximise its ultimate potential. We must prioritise our lives, we must put off other less important things until we do the things we will truly benefit from.

My father put off what he thought was unimportant until it was too late. He believed that he had a lot of time left to reconcile the differences he had with his own father. But little did he know that time and fortune was not on his side. He and his father had not spoken in more than ten years, for their own reasons, arguing over this and that. Their failure to see eye to eye on numerous and most probably immaterial issues resulted in a lifetime of separation, literally.

They believed their differences were too much and too great to even consider the importance of maintaining a healthy father and son relationship, not just for themselves but for the immediate and extended family. The sudden onset of terminal illness took my grandfather's life so suddenly, it crept up on him like a thief in the night. Any opportunity for my father and grandfather to patch up their relationship and make up for lost time was stolen from them.

As a consequence, my father never really got to say goodbye to his father, there was no real resolution or forgiveness. In turn I feel that I have suffered the absence of a relationship with my grandfather due to time and the misjudgement of its length.

As an 'outsider' watching into the shattered relationship between my father and his dad, I discovered that I had much to learn about how important it was to make every effort to maintain a healthy relationship with my father and more importantly, I watched my father grow fonder of his family as he too realised the importance of forgiving, of family and of life.

'Now is the hour' is not just a saying, it is an action that must be tackled on a daily basis. It is in this hectic and consumer-driven life that we lead where we must force ourselves to learn to Do what is right within ourselves, our society, our family and our relationships. If we believe that family is important, isn't it important to put those beliefs into action each and every day? This does not mean we must throw away our jobs and our hobbies, but it does mean valuing those things that are important to us.

It does require taking the children to the movies when they really really want to go, it does mean cooking dinner for our family when they are hungry and tired, it does mean telling our family that they are important because you believe that they are important.

What is time if it does not demand our attention and our respect? It is an element that will always reward us if it is treated with care, wisdom and love.

I would like to think that regardless of the time I spent on earth, I am valuable because of the time I made for others. In the end there is only our sense of worth and it is measured in the currency of time.

Peter Bijjani  
Year 12



Mitchell Starc, Ryan Beattie and David Paterson were recipients of awards for their cricket prowess.

## RYPEN 2007

On the 18th May 2007, four boys, Peter Jackson, Tyson Parcell, Richard Amarasingham and Aaron Russell were invited to attend a weekend seminar camp over a three day period. They were chosen by the school to represent two different Rotary groups, Silverwater and Strathfield Rotary.

For those three days we were to participate in group activities, listen to seminars, heard the words of motivational speakers, improve our public speaking skills, meet new people and make friends.

On arrival, our first thoughts were that this would be just like any other camp we had been on, but we were soon proven otherwise. We were split up in to colour groups, and soon formed new relationships with people from all over the state.

Shortly after we arrived, we were ushered into the seminar room where we were to meet the first of many interesting and inspiring motivational speakers. This particular speaker was able to get everyone to realise that even though life throws its curve balls at you, you must not give up.

Another of the motivational speakers, Darren, told an amazing story that touched everyone's hearts. He was blind, but that had not stopped him from living life to the fullest, and participating in many dangerous and exciting activities that many of us would only dream of doing, such as bungee jumping, scuba diving with sharks and sky diving, all after he lost his sight.

We also participated in many group activities and initiative games, all of which required communication and teamwork to successfully complete. One of the games was called "icebreaker", where teams had to work together to defrost a frozen t-shirt and put it on one of the team members. Although the task was strenuous and challenging, it was very fun.

Over this amazing and life-changing weekend, we made new friends, developed our teamwork, leadership and communication skills and heard the heart warming stories of motivational speakers that would inspire even the most discouraged person.

This weekend was an experience that we will never forget and will remember where ever we go. The only thing we found lacking in this camp was that it ended in three days. We encourage anyone presented with this incredible opportunity to take it head on.

Peter Jackson, Richard Amarasingham, Tyson Parcell and  
Aaron Russell  
RYPEN BOYS 07

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The sixty-second Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre. The highlight was a record-breaking 100 m Breast stroke swim by senior student Michael Clark. He shattered Steven Goldsmith's 1970 record by 1.17 seconds, setting a new mark of 1 min 17.13 seconds. Hayes was the Champion House, followed by Greening, Vaughan and Howe.



Michael Clark was the Senior Champion from Joshua Hilliard. Michael won all events, except for the 50 m freestyles where Joshua touched him out. Alex Patrulescu was the sixteen's champion from Nick Ivassi while Akash Mahajan dominated the fifteens with Andrew Sorrenti the runner up.



Australian Champion, Robert Rafael continued his battle with David Wang to be the fourteen's champion. Nick Taylor defeated last years age champion Sam Hayward to collect the thirteen's championship. Year seven student Joel Perik outlasted Hamish Campbell to annex the twelve years title.



Sport co-ordinator Ron Tedford commented "Almost every school record has been set by a former Australian champion, so they are not broken very often."

On a sad note: Robert Rafael has now retired from competitive swimming. He will now lead a 'normal life' free from the hours of training that have accompanied him for several years. The school has enjoyed watching his successes as a swimmer and hope that he will still bring his skills to the competition at the school carnival next year. Thanks Robert!





Senior Ribbon winners



Peter, Josh and Michael



Year 10 supporters.



Kos, the guitar man.



Sam Hayward with the Russian Diving Team.



Cheering from the stands.



Supporters have fun.



14's winners.



Year 7 winners.



Bilal and Bassem



Year 11



The water (polo) babies.



13's ribbon winners.



16's swimmers.



Ready, set...



Staff and student officials.



Robert, Ben, Taylor and Tyson.



Michael and Josh.



13's ribbon winners.



Robert, Nathan and David.



Year 10 in the stands.



Ribbon writers.



Mr McFarlane



Aakash Mahajan



Michael Clark



Alex Patrulescu



Robert Raphael



17's swimmers



Mr Fairley in red - with raspberry lollies.



## TWENTY20 CRICKET



1st Grade cricket team

The Homebush Boys First XI Cricket Team competed in the Second Annual Cricket NSW Michael Clark Twenty20 Cup in October of this year. Homebush had been the winner of the inaugural event. In addition Shore, St Josephs Hunters Hill, Westfields Sports HS, The Hills Sports High, Oakhill College, St Andrews Cathedral and Patrician Brothers FairField made up the quality field.

The 2007 champions were Shore who went through the competition undefeated. The Homebush team provided many good individual performances but failed to display the bowling strength of the previous season. Homebush chased the Hills score of 110, eclipsing it in the seventeenth over for a first up victory. The standout performers were David Paterson (43) and Subangan Thanabalasingham (28 not out) who led the batting charge, and Anokshan Paheerathan who took the wickets for eleven runs.



Twenty20 cricket team

The subsequent games saw competitive losses to Westfields, Patrician Brothers and St Andrews. Against Westfields David Paterson (20) was again prominent while Satchin Singh (47) top scored. The wickets were shared by Zaheer Ahmad, Satchun Singh, Nick Ivassi, Lachlan Irvine-Brown, and Kevin Kulone. Nick Avassi (18) shone with the bat against Patrician Brothers while Daniel Ingrati's 51 was the best outing by a Homebush batsman for the tournament.

Team Coach, Dr. Balan said the tournament would be a good learning experience for his young team.



Several members of the HBHS Cricket firsts have also been prominent on the Representative scene.

Seventeen year old Phillip Hughes was selected in the NSW U/19's as a top-order batsman. Ryan Beattie and Shariful Islam represented the City against the Country team in the lead-up to the NSW selections and David Paterson and Suthangan Thanabalasingam had outstanding seasons in the Emerging Blues teams in their relative age groups.

There is a strong group of players here at HBHS, supported by Western Suburbs Cricket Club, who are well on their way to senior representative honours.



Is Mitchell Starc destined to follow in the footsteps of our ex-student Greg Dyer who represented NSW and Australia at senior level?

Well he's certainly taking a step in the right direction with his selection to the Australian Under 19's Cricket Team to tour Malaysia and Pakistan from the 22nd September to the 14th October. Mitchell also attended the Australian Cricket Centre of Excellence for three days before going to Malaysia for one week where he played two one-day games. He then went onto Pakistan where he was involved in five games over two weeks.

Unlike Greg Dyer who kept wicket, Mitchell is a bowler who sends them down at lightning pace but like Greg he is a solid batsman. The school wishes Mitchell every success for his future.

## 15A CRICKET

This was very nearly a successful season for a balanced team of enthusiastic young cricketers with a disappointing conclusion.

At various times and in various games, each player contributed either an athletic catch, a breakthrough wicket, a desperate run or a fine fielding effort. The results for the season were as below.

The team was Farhan Khan , Himashan Kulasingam , Patrick Le, Aakash Mahajan , Bilal Muzzaffar, Divyesh Nambiar, Kevin Pathirane , Thajee Raveendran , Azlan Safi , Guy Smith , Arham Soomro (wicketkeeper), Patrick Tat and Nicholas White (captain).

Highlights of the season were Nicholas White 5 for 8 ( all bowled ) against Normanhurst, Azlan Safi 3 for 9, 4 for 22, 4 for 11, 3 for 1 (very fast and accurate bowler) , other excellent bowling performances were made by Patrick Le 2 for 15 , Kevin Pathirane 2 for 12 , Thajee Raveendran 2 for 11 , and Farhan Khan 2 for 6. Off the bat Nicholas scored 43 against Epping, Thajee was 66 not out against Epping , Kevin made a 41 and a 34 not out and Divyesh a 32 against Normanhurst.

North Sydney definitely had extra help in both games that were played against them. In a limited overs match an impending storm assisted their run chase and in the final

the match was concluded on a reserve day.

In the final North Sydney batted first and scored 6 for 161. Homebush were chasing brilliantly and reached 2 for 134 after 25 overs ,batting in ever increasing rain and an increasing blacker sky for more than 6 overs, when the sky opened after thunder and lightning with a tremendous downpour. Water was over 2 cm deep on the pitch.

The following week play resumed with 5 overs remaining and 28 runs to score to win. The batting momentum from the previous week was unable to be regained and some very disappointed players just finished short of the required score. Divyesh and Kevin both scoring an excellent 59 runs each.

Nicholas White was exceptional as captain; his bowling selections were astute and successful. Azlan was threatening as the fastest bowler in the competition, Arham Soomro was the tidy wicketkeeper, Bilal and Thajee were deceptive spin bowlers , both Patrick's bowled well; Divyesh , Guy, Kevin , Nicholas, Thajee and Farhan made the runs.

Overall it was a successful and very enjoyable season and I thank the boys for their commitment, their excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship.

*Mr A Doolan  
Coach*

## THIRSTY THIRDS

### Undefeated zone premiers 2006

Vasanth Buvanenthara  
Vamsi Velampati  
Sid Dixit  
Senthuran Anandarajan (Vice Captain)  
Samuel Pearson (Wicket Keeper)  
Partha Sarker  
Nishanth Kulendranath  
Niruthan Nimalkumar  
Nafeez Hasan  
Mahendiraraj Sinnarasa  
Kavi Nakkeeran  
Kapil Jananayakam (Manager cum player))  
Jafran Anzar  
Fariyal Tanjim  
Faheem Khan  
Avinash Singh  
Anojan Sivarajah (Captain)  
Alex Aefeldt

The "Thirsty Thirds" once again proved that they are the undefeated premiers in the inter-school competition for 2006-2007.

I was very privileged to captain a very talent and enthusiastic team. With the dedication and hard work each member of the team contributed significantly to the team's victory using their individual talents. We were together built a great team spirit, this was the secret of our success. We were a very strong batting side, combined with the bowling attack, won all the matches played this season.

Our bowlers Nishanth, Kapilan, Vasanth and Nafeez were well guided by informed wicket keeper Samuel. Undoubting Vamsi was the best fielder in the squad. Using his excellent cricket brain to catch and field the ball.

Our batting line up was Anojan, Niruthan, Senthuran and Avinash was well supported by others. Every one contributed with the bat and ball, whenever the team needed it.

Finally, good luck to everyone in the team and a special thanks to our untiring successful and happy coach Mr Sivasothy who was behind our success.

*Anojan Sivarajah ( captain)*

## Match Results

NORMANHURST	No result	Normanhurst 9 for 71	Homebush did not bat-ground covered with dirt
EPPING	First Innings Win	Homebush All out 104	Epping All out 101
NORMANHURST	First Innings Win	Normanhurst All out 43 and 5 for 14	Homebush 2 for 96
NORTH SYDNEY	First Innings Loss	Homebush 7 for 93	North Sydney 7 for 95
EPPING	First Innings Win	Homebush 6 - 130	Epping All out 103
Semi Final v NORMANHURST	Win	Homebush 4 - 184	Normanhurst All out 26
FINAL V NORTH SYDNEY	Loss	North Sydney 6 for 161	Homebush 3 for 156

## 15B CRICKET

The 15B Cricket team enjoyed a very successful season. There were only 4 teams in our competition and we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on 11 points, 3 points behind Randwick, who 1<sup>st</sup> on 14 points.

We played Asquith in the finals and were unfortunately narrowly defeated. At the start of the season we had 11 players, but we lost some to injuries and transfers to other schools. Fortunately, we had players like Ross D'Aspromonte, Ibad and Mark who stepped in and helped us get through the rest of the season.

The Captain of the team was Sunny Sharma and the Vice-Captain was Alex Tong, and our very helpful coach was Mr. Standen.

*Sunny Sharma (Captain)*

## NSW CHS CHAMPIONSHIPS



*David Paterson was selected to represent the North Sydney Region in the NSW Combined High School Championships at Albury/Cobram in February.*

To make the side David was picked to represent the Zone following trials at Waitara Oval. This North West Metropolitan Zone team competed against a team of students from the Central Coast. Representatives from both these teams then made up the side for the North Sydney Region. David will be playing four games over the week to determine the NSW Champions.

As well as acting as the NSW Combined High School Championships the matches are also selection trials for the NSW Combined High Schools. A number of students who were selected at these trials have gone onto represent Australian at senior level including Steve Waugh and our own Homebush Boys' High student Greg Dyer.



Congratulations Mitchell!



2nd Grade Cricket



15A Cricket



15B Cricket



14A Cricket



Senior Oztag



Junior Oztag



1st Grade Basketball



2nd Grade Basketball



15's Basketball



14's Basketball



1st and 2nd Grade Volleyball



15's Volleyball



3rd Grade Cricket



14's Volleyball



Junior Indoor soccer



1st Grade Tennis



14's Tennis



1st Grade Tennis



1st Grade Zone Champions Water Polo



2nd Grade Water Polo



14's Water Polo



Zone 15s Water Polo



Under 15s State Champions Water Polo



Senior Baseball

## SENIOR BASEBALL

### 2005-06 summer season

The season started with a couple of good victories against Asquith and Normanhurst, with all boys playing well. John on 1<sup>st</sup> base missed nothing and putting many players out. Brandon pitched and confused batters with his variety of curve and slow balls. Michael made the outfield his domain with some superb fly ball catches and then backed up with big hitting. Chris McCarney caught well and invariably made 1<sup>st</sup> base as our 1<sup>st</sup> batter.

The season after this was mixed with losses and victories to Epping and Ashfield, later in the season we suffered another loss to Epping and also Normanhurst.

At this stage we were still in the hunt for the Semi's, lying in third place. Aaron was unable to pitch for the season due to his rep commitments and Nicholas was on reduced pitching. However Brandon was a very capable pitcher with Nicholas also pitching exceptionally well.

Vasili started to make contact with the ball and made a few very well constructed runs. Chris Yoon batted well and made some close saves on 2<sup>nd</sup> combining with Aaron or Nicholas as short stop to make some double plays.

After the break William and Matthew joined the team, Matt was an able replacement for 1<sup>st</sup> base or catcher, he also proved himself in the batting dept by making some very valuable runs. William made some good hitting and stood in as catcher making runners work to steal home.

We made the semis and were narrowly defeated by Epping, probably our best game against them all season, with many notable performances. Brandon Nicholas and Aaron pitching, Michael hitting well, Matthew fielding and catching, Vasilli hitting the ball and making base.

A good season by the boys again making the semis, with the whole team fielding and batting to their potential, captained by Brandon with Nicholas assisting.



Matthew Sheath

## SQUASH

On the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July the NSW Junior Age Championships were held at Thornleigh Squash centre. Matt came up against two higher ranked players and went down, before winning two matches both 3-0

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of June Matt competed in the 2007 CHS State Squash carnival. Playing as the number three player in a team of five, the Sydney North team went on to finish fourth out of the ten competing regions. In the teams event Matt won two out of his three games that were played against: Sydney South West, North Coast, Sydney West.

Every participant in the tournament also competed in a single knockout event. Matt won his first individual match against a tough opponent from the South Coast team. Matt's second round match was against a higher state ranked player, and Matt won the first game, but lost the match 2-1.

## UNDER 14'S VOLLEYBALL

The Under 14 Years Volleyball Team was victorious in winning the Summer Comp Championships. This victory was a tribute to the skills and sportsmanship of all the team members.

Our team was clearly the best team in the competition, losing only two matches in the whole Summer Sport competition. In the Semi Finals we defeated Normanhurst 25/20, 25/10. While in the Final we defeated Ashfield 25/15, 25/12.

The team consisted of: Hany Attia, Grant Bunch, Bill El Chahrouk, Elliot Kals, Stefan Novic, Dylan Parcell, Ryan Pasfield, William Poulos, Tariq Atchan (Vice Captain), Alexi Bernard (Captain) and coach Mr Pearson.

The team played well together and scored many points with three touches on the ball (dig, set, spike), proving that we were influenced by Mr Pearson's coaching. The Under 14 Years Volleyball team were excellent ambassadors for sportsmanship and for Homebush Boys High School.

There is no doubt everyone enjoyed themselves and we learnt heaps from being part of a successful team. Many of us will be back to play volleyball again in the not too distant future. This team will form the basis for a strong Under 15 years team in 2007/08.

*Alexei Bernard (Captain)*

## 2ND GRADE CRICKET

Undefeated until the finals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade cricket were a dominant team in the competition.

Consisting of very talented players who although may not have always been consistent, put in some outstanding performances. We formed a team that could compete with the bat as well as the ball.

With the continuing support of our coach, we always managed to pull ourselves out of a dreadful situation. We opened the bat with Wilfred and Rezwan who both displayed terrific form throughout the season, but did not always carry on with impressive runs.

Our middle order was solid in attack and defence of totals. Abi was one of the few consistent batters throughout the season and was a basis for many good partnerships. Alongside with Pravesh, Jas, Nava, Suthan, John, Tandeep, Hareeshan and Taran, the middle order always dominated over opponents.

We had the luxury of two fast left armed bowlers, Hareeshan and Branavan. Branavan always seemed to please me with his accuracy and pace, he was consistent and economic. Jashan with his pace and accurate bouncers, always used to frighten each batsman who faced him. Kabi, Jas and Nava continued the medium pace/quick attack throughout the innings. This was accompanied by the experience and talent of two spinners, Rezwan and Wilfred.

Jas and Nava were the highest wicket takers with 9 wickets each. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade,

although were not the most consistent of teams, had some of the most talented players I have played with and I wish them all the best for future years.

*Nava Navaretnarajah (Captain)*

## SENIOR OZTAG

The Homebush senior Oztag team continued its outstanding tradition by becoming undefeated premiers for the third season running. The team again beat Macquarie Boys HS in the grand final, winning a tight match 8-4.

The team was made up of students from years 9 to 12, a wonderful mixture of youth, experience, flair and scintillating speed. Ultimately, it was this experience and the nearly faultless defence that ensured the team was the much deserved champs yet again in the zone.

We are very fortunate to have so many experienced oztag players who have been playing the game at senior open level and representative level for several years. At the same time, it is so gratifying, from a coach's point of view, to see new players develop their skills and enjoyment of the game during the course of the season.

All 15 players contributed in their own way and in their respective positions. The co-captains, Edward Bates and Adam Morgan, leadership skills and experience were vital in the team's success. It was their composure that got us over the line in the tight games. They were ably supported by the contributions of Mitchell Reid, Josiah Kova, Gus Moussa, Bilal Maarabani and Simon Dinopoulos, as they assumed senior roles when needed.

The team had speed to burn out wide with Scott Mackay, James Shute, Alan Rawcliffe, Camryn Cooper and Ben Green finishing off many spectacular moves with much deserved tries. Radwan El-Helou joined the team later and made valuable contributions.

Special mentions to Elijah Chan and Nathan Massey. Elijah was the most improved player this season. Nathan's contributions in the semi-final and final demonstrated his maturity and class on the football field.

A big thank you to the team manager Daniel Lameri for his tireless efforts every week. Congratulations boys and I hope you continue to embrace this wonderful game well into the future.

*C Elaro (Coach)*

## JUNIOR BASEBALL

The 2006-2007 baseball season was one in which a number of enthusiastic young players demonstrated a desire and commitment to do their best on the field.

The team had many wins throughout the season. Although Homebush were unable to defeat Epping Boys High who won the Grand Final 8-7, many players in the Homebush junior team developed useful skills for the future, as they take their baseball careers forward in coming seasons.

The team was provided with encouragement at every game by Mr. and Mrs. Harris whom not only helped out by keeping the score, but also helped with the management of such things as uniform, making this team one of the best dressed in terms of uniform for many seasons.

The team consisted of:- J. Harris, P. Harris, S. Khalid, K. Koks, J. Lee, P. Lockington, A. Mardaga (C), A. Mo, Z. McCowage, C. Poliopoulos, J. Simpson, M. Simpson, Mr. J. Coskerie (coach).

## JUNIOR OZTAG

The 14 game season saw us record 10 wins, draw 1 match and lose 3. We finished second on the ladder behind Asquith who were undefeated through the 14 rounds.

The Semi-Final against 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Macquarie combined extreme weather and a massive fight back from the team. We trailed 5-3 at half time, the field resembled a lake, players were soaking wet and the ball was skidding every where. Threatened by a half time cancellation and seeing the season slip away Lachlan Jenson inspired the victory. The game turned in our favour as the boys used the conditions to their advantage, smart ball handling and astute kicking kept the ball from Macquarie for 4 sets of tackles. We drew level at 5-5 and powered home 9-5 for a memorable victory.

In the Final versus Asquith we led 3-2 at half time, but following an unlucky ruling we had 2 players sin-binned. After another fight back we trailed 7-6 with 5 minutes to go, eventually going down 8-6 in probably our 2<sup>nd</sup> best performance all year.

During the season our attacking style of play was highlighted by the ball playing skills and creativity of Lachlan, Aydin and Dilan. The speed and evasion of Henare, Tim, Jake, Shyam, Matt Piper Konrad, Bassam, Dylan and Claude. Smart dummy half and in close play from Youssef, Matt O'Neill, Richard, Kevin and George.

Aydin Agar – Creative ball player, linebreaker  
Bassam Alam – Gap runner, tryscorer  
Richard Amarasingham – Evasive and creative  
Tim Delai-Vulaca – Hit the holes, neat stepper, tryscorer

Youssef Dib – Improved to a starting 8 spot, tidy pass and step  
Henare Hereora – Attacking flair, linebreaker and a great tagger

Konrad Ilolahia – Speed machine, match winner

Jake Imer – Speed out wide, tryscorer

Shyam Javakhar – Very agile and speedy

Lachlan Jenson – Possesses all the skills plus determination

Dilan Khalil – Good ball player, linebreaker

George Lassithiotakas – Deceptive ball player

Matt O'Neill – Very agile and evasive

Dylan Owen-Taylor – Good back up out wide

Matt Piper – Intercept that turned a game, great tagger

Claude Tasker – Hard runner with good ball skills

Kevin Vuong – Good speed and evasion

Player of the Final – Lachlan Jenson

Most Improved – Youssef Dib

Player of the Future – Dilan Khalil

## SENIOR FUTSAL GRAND FINALISTS

*George Afari, Dean Atchan, Jack Avery, Grant Colombo, Ibrahim Kerem, Giorgio Speranza, Scott Tonkin and David Von Dinklage.*

Under the wonderful guidance of our brilliant coach, Mr Halkidis, a great bunch of kids were selected to represent HBHS in Senior Futsal. The boys were both very talented and skilful Futsal players, but more importantly played fairly and with flair. Our team completed the season in second place on 22 points only just behind the champions, Normanhurst. Our team was able to score 50 goals and only conceded 38, winning 7 of our 10 matches.

Although injuries and overseas trips did interrupt our season, amazingly every player in our team played a crucial role in our successful season. This was demonstrated by every player, including our goal keeper, 102

managing to score at least 2 goals. Our leading goal scorers were I. Kerem on 21 goals, S. Tonkin on 16, G. Speranza and G. Colombo both on 9 and D. Von Dinklage on 7 goals.

After all of our hard work and effort our team was rewarded in a semi final place, which we took full advantage of. Our match against Ashfield was by far our most intense game of the year. After 2 halves of both exciting and aggressive Futsal, we secured a spot in the Grand Final, defeating Ashfield 7-5.

The lead up to our Grand Final was taken very seriously as the boys knew we had a game on our hands. In our previous 2 matches, we had both won and lost a game each, both times with an end result of 9-4. A lot of flair and 'razzle-dazzle' was shown by our Boys who were obviously extremely determined to win. Although some wonderful goals were scored and amazing saves were made, our team was unfortunately beaten by a worthy opponent on the day.

The boys and I owe a very big thankyou to Mr Halkidis, who came to every game with a smile, guided and most importantly, supported us throughout the season.

Congratulations boys on a fun and rewarding season and heads up, there's always next year!

*Ibrahim Kerem (Captain)*

## UNDER 16's

### FUTSAL TOURNAMENT

Homebush Boys entered a team in the Annual U/16 Regional Futsal championships at Marrickville Indoor Centre. Most of the squad had the experience of playing this tournament last year, and were quietly confident of doing well in 2007.

They consisted of Ibrahim Kerem (c), Giorgio Speranza, Dean Atchan, Jack Avery, Ruben Rajkumar, David Von Dinklage, Roberto Speranza, Mitchell Davidson, and Thomas Burton, and was once again coached by Mr Fairley.

Mr Fairley had prepared the boys for this tournament many weeks before, by training us every Thursday morning at 8.00am. This gave the team time to bond together and get an understanding of each other's strengths.

The first phase of the tournament was a round robin format, and placed Homebush Boys in a group with three other schools. The team came up against an aggressive South Strathfield team, without captain Ibrahim Kerem, as well as coach Mr Fairley. The boys were a little nervous, but avoided becoming involved in any physical altercations, and played some swift futsal under the guidance of Mr Halkidis to deservedly win the game 5-3.

In the second match Homebush approached it a bit lightly, knowing Concord B's were the weakest side of our group. Evewon though they lead 1-0 and 2-1 during the first half, we regrouped, and turned it on, eventually thrashing them 8-2.

Even though we had already qualified into the quarter finals, we did the business in the final group game, coming from behind at half time to beat Newtown 6-2, and win the group.

This meant Homebush Boys progressed to the finals stage with a maximum 3 wins and 9 points, scoring 19 goals, and conceding just 7.

Homebush Boys were now starting to gain some momentum, relected in a solid and comprehensive 8-1 slaughter of Kingsgrove North.

In the semi-final Homebush took a little while to get into their stride,

but eventually got on top of a stubborn Marrickville team, winning by 4-1. This result meant that we had qualified for the final, and bettered our performance of 2006 in making the semi finals.

The team we had defeated in the very first game of the tournament, South Strathfield, had narrowly won the other semi-final on sudden death penalties, meaning the two strongest teams had come from the same group!

By the time the final kicked off at 3-30pm, we were all very fatigued from the long day and five previous games, but were determined to put in one last massive effort and try to win the tournament.

And boy did we save our best to last! Again not resorting to any physical stuff, Homebush concentrated on pushing the ball around swiftly, and a fantastic team effort resulted in a 5-0 victory over South Strathfield.

Many spectators and officials commented how the Homebush Boys team had played, a swift, two touch, counter attacking style of futsal unseen in school tournaments, and thoroughly deserved their victory, remaining undefeated on the day.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Fairley for organizing, preparing, and coaching the team, and playing a major role in our success.

The statistics over the tournament for Homebush Boys were as follows;

P	W	D	L	GF	GA	D	PNTS
6	6	0	0	36	10	+26	18

### Match Results

Homebush Boys vs.

Round Robin Group  
vs South Strathfield 5-3  
vs Concord B 8-2  
vs Newtown 6-2

Quarter Final  
vs Kingsgrove North 8-1

Semi Final  
vs Marrickville 4-1

Grand Final  
vs South Strathfield 5-0

### GOALSCORERS

8	GIORGIO SPERANZA
7	ROBERTO SPERANZA
	THOMAS BURTON
6	MITCHELL DAVIDSON
4	JACK AVERY
3	IBRAHIM KEREM
1	DAVID VON DINKLAGE

Team photo below:



**Back Row:** Mr Fairley, Thomas Burton, Ibrahim Kerem, Giorgio Speranza, Jack Avery.

**Front Row:** Ruben Rajkumar, Dean Atchan, Roberto Speranza, Mitchell Davidson, David Von Dinklage.

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## JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER MINOR PREMIERS

*Players: Roberto Speranza (captain), Mitchell Davidson, Thomas Burton, Kook Bo Stone, Daniel Gabrielli, Yannick Milligan-Seville, & Kerolos Beshara .*

The junior indoor soccer team had a great record over the 2006/2007 season. The team drew 1 game, lost 1 game, and won every other finishing the competition as minor premiers.

We got off to a great start in the first couple of games, thrashing both Normanhurst, by 14-0, and Asquith, 11- 1. Following this we lost our first game of the season 4-3 to Ashfield; a major disappointment, but a wake up call that reminded us we had to work harder to achieve success. So the boys lifted their heads and got on with it, and following this game remained undefeated throughout the rest of the tournament. By the way, we more than got our revenge on Ashfield, defeating them 6-2 in our return fixture.

We won the minor premiership by a large margin, and this meant we were up against a solid, yet inconsistent, Asquith squad in the knockout semi final. At half time we narrowly lead 3-2, but the game was very tight and very much up for grabs. But as usual, we lived up to our reputation of being known as the "second-half" Homebush Boys, by storming home to win comfortably 9 goals to 4.

In the other semi Ashfield defeated Normanhurst, meaning that the two rival sides were to meet once again to decide the championship. Ashfield were a strong team, and very much in-form. Leading into this match we had defeated them once, and they had defeated us once. Therefore we had a point to prove; that we were the better side and the real champions. Once again at half time, we were in the lead 3-2. The game was once again up for grabs, as a determined Homebush Boys squad came back from two goals behind. After a tit-for-tat second half, with barely seconds remaining, Mitchell set Thomas up for a fantastic header giving us a 6-5 victory, and deservedly being crowned the champions.

Overall it was a fantastically successful season for the boys, with the following statistics:

Matches Played – 12, Won – 10, Drew - 1, Lost - 1  
Goals For – 128 Goals Against – 28  
Goal scorers : Mitchell Davidson (39), Roberto Speranza (29), Thomas Burton (20), Daniel Gabrielli (16), Kook Bo Stone (16), Kerolos Beshara (8).

On behalf of the lads, we would like to thank Mr Fairley for his fantastic coaching; being the mastermind behind a successful team. He coached us to victory on many occasions by making smart decisions on the sideline (when not refereeing), and training us every Thursday morning at 8.00am, and teaching us to play some fantastic football.

*Roberto Speranza*

**Mr Fairley with the winning team.**



## 14'S WATER POLO TEAM

The 14's water polo team began the season inexperienced but willing to learn. Most of us were first time players and this showed in our first 2 games with us losing 16-0 against Normanhurst 14's and losing 8-0 the following week. Despite this we kept a positive attitude and improved at an amazing rate in the coming weeks. By our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> games we had our first wins. We beat a much older 15's Ashfield team 6-3 followed by a commanding win over Epping the following week. Our tactics seemed to develop a lot towards the middle of the season and we pulled off 3 wins and a couple of very close losses.

After the long holidays we came back a little rusty and we took an 8-2 defeat from North Sydney 15's. In the following weeks we made it through to the final with 2 wins over Epping, 8-0 and 12-0.

The final was the decider between our old rivals Normanhurst and ourselves. Our improvements showed through in this nail biting finale. It was 3-3 at half time and with no goals from either side in the second half it went to a Golden Goal situation. After an unlucky miss from us, Normanhurst received the ball and scored. They had won the final.

This did nothing to dampen our spirits though; we had had a wonderful and rewarding experience playing as a team through the summer.

Captain:Nathan Sorrenti;Vice Captain:Peter Brimfield; Coach:Miss B Gobel  
*Joel Todd (Year8)*

## STATE CHAMPIONS WATER POLO 15 YEARS

Homebush Boys High School became the metropolitan champions this year after defeating Sydney Boys High 20 goals to 3 in the region final held at Ryde Pool in November. From there they progressed to play and defeat the Central Coast region champions, Kincumber High, with a winning score of 11 – 1.

This gave Homebush Boys the honour to represent Sydney North at the State Championship held at Raymond Terrace on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2006. The State Championship is organised as a 2 day tournament with the opportunity to play against the top 8 high schools in the State.

The first match Homebush played a confident game against Riverina, Murray High, and won convincingly with a score of 12 – 4 with Chad Watkinson (captain) being top scorer with a tally of 4 goals. The following match, later that day, was more emphatic with a score of 11-0 against Sydney South West. The first day's results meant that Homebush were top of their group and progressed to the semi finals the following day.

The semi final was a match against Hunter, represented by Alstonville High, a team with a very strong track record on winning this championship in previous years. The match went well with Homebush ahead at the beginning of the last quarter 5-2. However, Alstonville fought back very hard and at final time the score was level at 5-5. This resulted in 2 extra 3 minute halves. Once again Homebush took the lead and were 2 goals up at the end of the first half and once again Alstonville courageously fought back and leveled the score at full time. This then made for a penalty shoot out with Homebush holding their nerve and winning 3-1.

The final was against Sydney East represented by Kirrawee High – a school with an excellent record in water polo and winners of this championship for the last 4 years. Once again Homebush played excellently and by the

beginning of the last quarter was up by 6-3.

Credit must be given to several members of the team who played with determination against an experienced and well drilled attack. Andrew Sorrenti was outstanding in his marking and defence against Kirrawee's number one player and credit must be given to Chad Watkinson for his captaining, backed up with able support from Connor Martin and Bradley Parker. However, once again, a storm trooper attack by the opposition resulted in a score of 9-9 at the final whistle. This meant Homebush had to resurrect its strength and courage to play another 6 minutes of water polo. Again, Homebush scored in the first half with a goal by Travis Lavdaras and this time they were able to sustain the constant counter attacks and keep their slender lead till the final whistle.

It was an outstanding match, worthy of a State Final, and Homebush played as a champion team and are worthy of that title.

*Mr Andrew Smith (Coach)*

## 1st GRADE WATER POLO

The 2006/2007 season culminated in a Premiership on the 07/03/2007, but it was the perseverance and improvement displayed throughout the year which made the competition title a reality. At the beginning of the season, the team was made up of some seasoned players from external clubs, some raw swimming talents, and some powerful shoulders. The level of ability within the team varied largely.

Some early wins in the season boosted morale and saw Homebush placed favourably on the competition ladder. However, it was soon clear that North Sydney were a force to be reckoned with, and that Ashfield had fielded a formidable team capable of winning important matches. Randwick and Epping were the dark horses of the competition, always hovering within striking distance of the top position. Homebush showed great depth of playing talent on several occasions when key players were unavailable due to representative commitments and Prefect Camp. The Second Grade players called in to the team more than rose to the occasion, never dropping a game to their opponents.

As the season progressed, it became clear that there would be three probable teams vying for the number one position in the semi finals. Homebush, North Sydney, and Ashfield were all in contention for the minor premiership, recording close games between them. Homebush, having undergone considerable improvement through the experience gained from each match, prevailed. The team clinched the minor premiership from within their opponents grasp.

Now at the business end of the season, the focus became claiming the grand final and the title of "Champion School - Water Polo". Homebush disposed of a valiant but inferior Epping side in the semi final, securing a berth in the grand final the following week. North Sydney defeated Ashfield in an excitingly close match for the chance to battle out the grand final.

Both teams now well and truly focused on their goal, the grand final was played out at the world class venue of Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Homebush scored the first points to edge out in front, and never forfeited that lead for the remainder of the game. Solid defence and punishing attacking performances of the entire team were enough to nullify the fast-paced game of the North Sydney team. Congratulations to all players and to our enduring Coach, Ms Chapman.



# SPORTING AWARDS 2006-7

## SUMMER

## WINTER

Ingersoll Trophy:champion swimmer 12 years	Joel Perik	Ken Kyles Trophy:champion athlete 12 years	Jack Codd-Miller
Greening Trophy:champion swimmer Greening House	Aakash Mahajan	Charles Warne Trophy:champion athlete 13 years	Sam Hayward
Bell Trophy:champion swimmer 13 years	Nick Taylor	Grace Bros Trophy:champion athlete Howe House	Nabil Ramlee
ARC Engineering Trophy:champion swimmer 14 years	Robert Rafael	Lewis Berger Trophy:champion athlete 14 years	Patrick Dixon
Vaughan Trophy:champion swimmer 15 years	Aakash Mahajan	Homebush RSL Trophy:champion athlete 15 years	Dennis Griffin-Colls
About Trophy:champion swimmer Vaughan House	David Wang	West Strathfield BC Trophy:champion athlete Hayes House	Alex Bui
Hyman Trophy:champion swimmer 16 years	Alex Patrulescu	Old Boys Cricket Trophy:champion athlete Vaughan House	Sam Hayward
Angus & Robertson Trophy:champion swimmer 17+ years	Michael Clark	John Hargrove Trophy:champion athlete 16 years	Kaan Sozen
Hyman Trophy:champion swimmer Hayes House	Robert Rafael	Sutton Trophy:champion athlete 17+ years	Jamie Sherson
Captain's Banner:Hayes House	Nick Ivassi	Bellbird Trophy:champion athlete Greening House	Jamie Sherson
Captain's Banner:Vaughan House	Joshua Hilliard	Brian Green Trophy:Champion House	Vaughan House
Captain's Banner:Howe House	George Asiedu Afari	AP Ward Trophy:Cross Country Champion	Jamie Sherson
Captain's Banner:Greening House	Jamie Sherson	Best & Fairest:Table Tennis 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Jas Singh
Coaches Trophy:Best & Fairest 1st Grade Volleyball	Mehran Modasser	Captain's Banner:1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Table Tennis	Jas Singh
Captain's Banner:1st Grade Volleyball	Mehran Modasser	Best & Fairest:2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Table Tennis	Duncan Trinh
Best & Fairest:2nd Grade Volleyball	Arbab Ahmad	Best & Fairest:Senior Lawn Bowls	Jamie Sherson
Best & Fairest:Senior Baseball	Nick Siomos	Captain's Banner:Senior Lawn Bowls	Jamie Sherson
Captain's Banner:Senior Baseball	Brandon Costa	Captain's Banner :1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Tennis (Winter)	Danny Truong
James C Waite Trophy:Best & Fairest		Best & Fairest:2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Tennis (Winter)	Matthew lwanczuk
1st Grade Water Polo	Josh Hilliard	Best & Fairest:5's Tennis (Winter)	Taren Tu
Captain's Banner:1st Grade Water Polo	Josh Hilliard	Best & Fairest :14's Tennis (Winter)	Andrew Daniels
Best & Fairest:2nd Grade Water Polo	Travis Lavdaris	Best & Fairest AFL:	Thomas Burton
Samuels Trophy:Best & Fairest		Best & Fairest:Netball.	Stephen Jackson & Mitchell Starc
1st Grade Tennis (Summer)	Ryan Harrison	Doug Thornton Trophy:Best & Fairest 1st Gr Soccer:	Ibrahim Kerem & Giorgio Speranza Nick Ivassi
Captain's Banner:1st Grade Tennis (Summer)	Danny Truong	Captain's Banner:1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Soccer:	
Best & Fairest:2nd Grade Tennis (Summer)	Matthew lwanczuk	Western Suburbs Soccer Club Trophy:	
Harry Quail Trophy:Best & Fairest 15's Tennis	Vimal Sivakumar	Most Improved 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Soccer	Matthew Sheath
Best & Fairest:14's Tennis (Summer)	Andrew Depta	Best & Fairest:2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Soccer:	Abdigani Ali & Bilal Maarabani Chris Yoon Daniel Speed
Peter Litchfield Memorial Trophy:		Best & Fairest:3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Soccer:	
Best & Fairest 1st Grade Basketball	Omar Alameddine	Best & Fairest:4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer:	
Captain's Banner:1st Grade Basketball	Dinesh Karunanithy	Western Suburbs Soccer Club Trophy:	
Best & Fairest:2nd Grade Basketball	Dhruv Sud & Jimmy Wang	Best & Fairest Junior Soccer (15A)	Mitchell Davidson
SD Coates Trophy:champion swimmer Howe House	Nick Taylor	Best & Fairest :15B Soccer:	Dennis Griffin-Colls
Captain's Banner:1st Grade Cricket	Ryan Beattie	Best & Fairest:14A Soccer:	Patrick Dixon
Briars Cricket Shield:Best & Fairest 1st Grade Cricket	Mitchell Starc	Best & Fairest:14B Soccer:	Kabilan Bascaran
Best & Fairest – 2nd Grade Cricket	A. Shanmugalingham	Best & Fairest:13A Soccer:	Matthew O'Neill
Best & Fairest – 3rd Grade Cricket	Niruthan Nimalkumar	Best & Fairest:13B Soccer:	Ben Eisikovich & Eddie Kadayifci Stephen Park
Five Dock Hotel Trophy:Best & Fairest Oz Tag	Edward Bates & Adam Morgan	Best & Fairest:13C Soccer	
Captain's Banner:Senior Oz Tag	Edward Bates & Adam Morgan	Malcolm Brown Trophy:Most Outstanding	
Captain's Banner :Senior Indoor Soccer	Ibrahim Kerem	Sportsman for Summer Sport & Soccer	Brandon Costa
Best & Fairest :Senior Indoor Soccer	Scott Tonkin	Five Dock Hotel Trophy:Best & Fairest Oz Tag	E.Bates & A.Morgan
Best & Fairest :Junior Oz Tag	Lachlan Jenson	Drummoyne Rugby Union Club Trophy:	
Best & Fairest :15A Cricket	Nicholas White	Best & Fairest 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Rugby (goes on Honour board)	Joshua Hilliard
Best & Fairest:15B Cricket	Faisal Khan	Drummoyne Rugby Union Club Trophy:Most Improved 1 <sup>st</sup> G.Rugby	Mitchell Reid
Best & Fairest:14A Cricket	Kabilan Bascaran	Captain's Banner:1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Rugby	Joshua Hilliard
Best & Fairest:14B Cricket	Jordan Fuller	Best & Fairest:2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Rugby	Emilio McFarland
Best & Fairest :15's Basketball	Sam Higgins	Best & Fairest:3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Rugby	Kailin Moodley
Best & Fairest:14's Basketball	Patrick Dixon	Best & Fairest:15's Rugby	Joshua Carter
Best & Fairest:Junior Baseball	Joel Harris	Best & Fairest :4's Rugby	Bassam Alam
Best & Fairest:15's Water Polo	Bradley Parker & Andrew Sorrenti	Best & Fairest:13A Rugby	S. Hayward &
Best & Fairest:14's Water Polo	Nathan Sorrenti	K.Potoru	
Best & Fairest:Junior Indoor Soccer	Mitchell Davidson	Best & Fairest:13B Rugby	Youseff Morgan
Best & Fairest:15's Volleyball	Daniel Sit	Briars Club Hockey Shield:Best & Fairest Senior Hockey	Michael Tran
Best & Fairest:14's Volleyball	Alexei Bernard	Best & Fairest Senior B Hockey	Tyson King
		Captain's Banner:Senior Hockey	Garth Andrews
		Captain's Banner:Senior B Hockey	Patrick Turbit
		Captain's Banner:Senior Indoor Soccer	Ibrahim Keremv
		Best & Fairest:Junior Hockey A	Harish Vellimalai
		Best & Fairest:Junior Hockey B	S.Saravanapavananthan
		Best & Fairest:Junior Lawn Bowls	Fredrick Xiao
		Best & Fairest:Junior Indoor Soccer	Mitchell Davidson
		Best & Fairest:15's Table Tennis	Richard Pang
		Best & Fairest:14's Table Tennis	Leo Liang
		K J Myers Trophy:	
		Most Outstanding Sportsman for Summer Sport & Rugby	Adam Morgan
		Briars Club Rugby Union Trophy:	
		Most Outstanding Player 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Rugby	John Vaitaiki
		1987 Year 12 Trophy:Junior Sportsman of the Year	Connor Martin
		Eastwood Rugby Union Club Trophy:	
		Senior Sportsman of the Year	Jamie Sherson

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Clear autumn skies greeted the students of Homebush Boys who competed in the 65th Annual Athletics Carnival at the State Athletics centre, Homebush.

The world class facilities enhanced the performances in all the track and field events. The highlight was the Open 400m event which saw first and second place breaking the old record, with Jamie Sherson setting the new time of at 51.40 seconds. In the Open High Jump Mitchell Starc equaled the existing mark with a jump of 1.84 metres.

There were many find individual performances. New student, Jack Codd-Miller was the long striding champion in the twelve years division from Alex Bui. Sam Hayward continued his athletic dominance to claim the thirteen years title ahead of Kane Potoru and Elliot Kals. Patrick Dixon dominated the fourteen's division while Dennis Griffin-Colls annexed the fifteen's category. The sixteen's age division saw Kaan Sozen and Harley Merzi share the championship after being equal on points. The prestigious senior division saw some close competition between Adam Imer, Jason Tran, Emre Mehmet and Joshua Hilliard, but the allround track and field ability gave Jamie Sherson the title of Champion Senior Athlete.

Sports Co-ordinator, Ron Tedford declared Vaughn the champion house in front of Howe, Greening and Hayes. The boys followed their success here by winning the Metropolitan North-West Zone Carnival.



Ms Rayner is ready to work.



Mr Standen is well connected.



Michael is a proud house supporter.



Messrs Rodi, Coskerie and Tserpes.



Two teachers ready for the day's work.



Two guesses what house John is in.



The smiling clean-up crew.



Emre and Mr Madycki.



The shot-put team.



Ms Tsouloukidis lines up for a snack.



Dennis and Konrad



Mr Wilson and Mr Wills.



Ms Chapman and Ms Kaur deliberate.



Mr Everett adjusting the hurdles.



This is definitely broken!



Nathan Massey



Lucas Djorkovic



Jamie Sherson



The Olympic Site



A great start



Another great start.



In the stands.



Jake Imer



Simon Ede



Ali El Kahir



Thomas Burton



Peter Bijjani



A long shot.



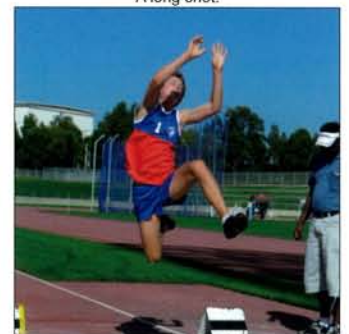
Scott Bunch



Having a 'fun' day.



Damien Chapman



Up, up and away.



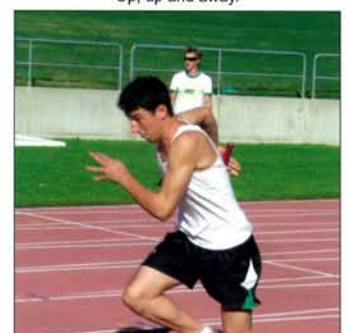
A flying leap.



Claude Tasker



Judges



Nick Ivassi



Mr Harrison and Mr Jurd



Gianni Romero in the lead.



Ms Morey and Ms Ball.



Great job, Mr Carrozza and Maths staff!



Ms Tawbe takes a break.



Mr Halkidis smiles for the camera.



Winners in the 15's.



Taylor DiVal



Nick Ivassi



A line start with the seniors.



Kaan Sozen without hat.



Kaan Sozen with hat.



On your mark ...



Striding forward.



Good form.



Jamie Sherson



Crossing the finish-line.



A staggered start.



James Shehadie



Emre and Song Man



Nick Ivassi



Kane Potoru



Jamie Sherson



Nick Ivassi



The 13 A's defence was tiger-like.



Kenan Koks 13A's Rugby



Josh Hilliard -Photo: www.seiserphotography.com



1st Grade Rugby



1st Grade Rugby



1st Grade Rugby



The big man is well covered



Pre-match preparation



Sam McCartney 1st Rugby



James Bradley is in step.



A great tackle by Kane Poturu.



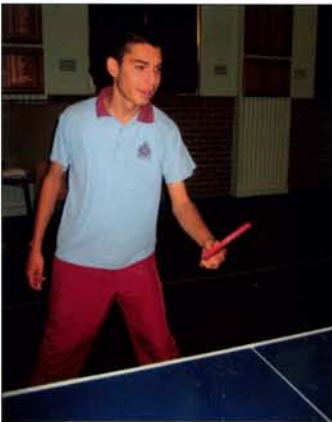
Tyson looks skyward.



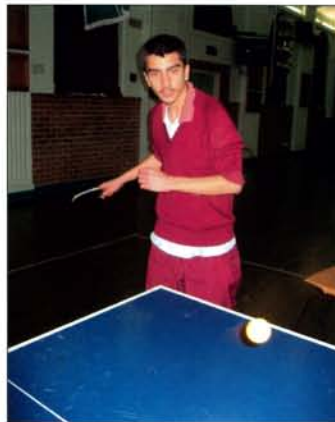
Kane Potoru, white no.6, shows his long striding form in the North Harbour v South Harbour representative match



Adam Imer plays CHS hockey.



Alex Aerfeldt



Youseff Latash



Jas Singh



Matthew Robson



Jaxson Murphy



Omar Hosney



Yr 11's Elijah Chan,  
David Paterson, Ben Green.



Principal, Dr Ian Paterson

Champion middle-distance runner Jamie Sherson was the Homebush Boys Open Cross-Country champion for the fifth successive year. Jamie has a history of success in the National Cross-Country and Steeplechase events. The junior divisions saw Max Altman win the twelve's, Matthew O'Neill claiming the thirteen's and Patrick Dixon dominate the fourteen's. The senior course, run over six kilometres, had Ben Green winning the seventeen's, Giorgio Speranza collected the sixteen's title with Simon Ede picking up the fifteen's age group. Special guest runner, school Principal Dr Ian Paterson, finished a creditable 5th in the over 18's section after getting off to a slow start.



Senior Hockey A



Junior Hockey A



Senior Hockey B



Junior Hockey B



Senior and junior lawn bowls



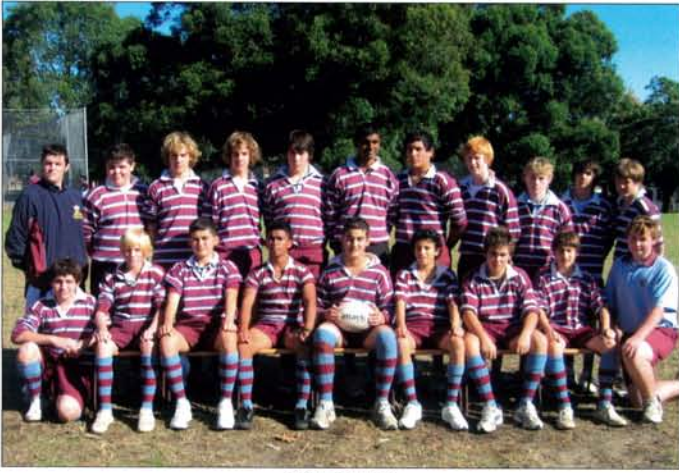
13C's Football



2nd Grade Rugby



15's Rugby



14's Rugby



13A's Rugby



13B's Rugby



3rd Grade Football



15A's Football



14B's Football



14A's Football



15B's Football





15's Table Tennis



1st Grade Table Tennis



2nd Grade Table Tennis



1st Grade Football



1st Grade Rugby



2nd Grade Football



1st Grade Rugby played a commemorative game for the 50th anniversary of Epping Boys HS. Homebush spoiled the Epping party with a resounding 32-20 victory. Stuart Dickenson, here in the centre of the photo, is a current Super 14 referee, and former Epping Boys HS student who refereed the game. The photos below are of the same match.



**NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN ZONE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2007**

Homebush Boys' High contested the M.W.M. Zone Golf Championships at Massey Park on Monday 19th February. All eight schools in the Zone participated with students being placed in Tee-Off groups from different schools. Simon Dinopoulos of Year 12 played a great game, coming in with a "Par" round of 66. However, even this great score was not enough to win the Senior Division. Two other students came in with rounds of 64 and 65. Matthew Plus came in a creditable 11th which combined with Simon's score gave Homebush third place in the Senior School Championship.



**2007 Sydney North Region Athletics Carnival Results**

**12 Years**

Brendon Leong 5th 100 metres

**13 Years**

(Brian Griffin-Colls, Sam Hayward, Matthew O'Neill & ) 11th 4x100 metre Relay

Dominic Furneaux-Bate 6th 800 metres

Brian Griffin-Colls 7th High Jump

Sam Hayward 5th 90 metre Hurdles, 6th High Jump

Matthew O'Neill 11th Long Jump

**14 Years**

Damon Clarkson 9th Javelin

Nabil Ramlee 4th 100 metre Hurdles

**15 Years**

Tim Delai-Vulaca 5th Discus

Dennis Griffin-Colls 6th 200 metres, 7th High Jump, 9th 100 metres & 11th Long Jump

Konrad Ilolahia 3rd 100 metre Hurdles

**16 Years**

Harley Merzi 4th 400 metres

James Shehadie 11th

Shot Put

**17+ Years**

Ammar Awan 10th

Discus

Grant Colombo 10th

Long Jump

Adam Imer 6th 200 metres

Jamie Sherson 3rd 800 metres, 4th 1500 metres & 3rd 3000 metres

2nd 4x100 metres Relay

(Adam Imer, Emre Mehmet, Jamie Sherson & James Shute)

# WINTER SPORTS REPORTS

## 13A FOOTBALL

Coach: Mr McFarlane

Captain: Matthew O'Neil

The 13'As had a successful season making it through to the finals without a loss. Epping was the one team in the comp that seriously challenged Homebush and sure enough they were the opponents in the final. Homebush had some opportunities but in the end Epping's defence was too strong and the game was lost 2- nil. It was a disappointing finish to the season given that Homebush were minor premiers.

The team always showed a great sense of sportsmanship and spirit. Matthew deserves special mention for his inspirational captaincy.

## 13B FOOTBALL

Season 2007 was a year that saw the 13b's soccer team manage to go through the whole season undefeated, and play through to the grand final. This is probably the best team I have coached, and it was evident on the field as the first half goal keeper didn't touch the ball all season. The opposition in the final was Epping and we fought hard to win 1-0. Congratulations to all players and good luck next year.

Mr Tserpes

## SECOND GRADE FOOTBALL

Team: Abdi Ali, Jack Avery, Song Mahn Babb, Stephen Jackson, Dae Beom Kim, Jin Woo Kim, Bilal Maaranabi, Matthew Marks, Gus Moussa, Tim Nicholls, Rueben Rajkumar, Wayne See, Suthangam Thanabalsingam, Omer Topcu, Ruhullah Zahedi.

This season was extremely successful for the Second grade football squad. We went through the competition unbeaten, with the only draws against Epping. The final match, again against Epping, saw us not playing our best football but we still managed to maintain a clean sheet even after extra time. The end of the competition saw us as joint champions with Epping.

The boys need to be congratulated in the manner in which they played each game, hard but always within the rules. Players deserving special mention for their consistency and perseverance are Abdi, who was the foundation of the defence, and Bilal who worked tirelessly in midfield and who was also the top goal scorer for the season. Ruhullah also provided an extra sting to our attack.

The team was a pleasure to coach, always polite, cooperative and displaying great sportsmanship on and off the field.

G. Carrozza

## 1st GRADE FOOTBALL

The 2007 season was a continuation of the success of 2006. This season there was no A grade disaster but the ultimate result remained the same with the subtle difference being that the final was actually played and lost.

The campaign started in an unusual manner with a big win in the Cup. The new look team brimmed with confidence, dominated possession and territory, had more shots on goal and actually the match 4-0 with a hat trick from Scott Tonkin. Oh, the triumph.

This meant that we actually had to play another match and this one had a familiar ring to it as we dominated Concord in every respect other than on the scoreline. There were no excuses; we simply couldn't put simple chances away.

Nevertheless, the team was now in fine fettle for the league. The early problem was that no one wanted to play us as Asquith went overseas and forfeited and Ashfield couldn't field a team. This meant that after two rounds we were top of the table with a perfect record.

Round 3 was against North Sydney at Cammeray and the standard we can't beat them approach returned as we missed a penalty, gave away a penalty and three soft goals and went down 4-5. The highlight was Mehran Modasser taking the ball from the kick off and dribbling through the entire North Sydney side to score.

Round 4 was against the once strong Randwick and a cracking 8-0 was a true reflection of the teamwork and ability of the squad. Jack Avery scored a fine hat trick.

We ventured to Epping for the first time in four years and did everything other than win, hitting the cross bar twice and gifting them a pair of goals in a 2-3 loss. There was no sign of surrender as everybody gave his all for the full 70 minutes.

Round 6 was the make or break match against our nemesis Normanhurst at Normanhurst. Hopefully the 4-1 romp will have removed the self-inflicted curse.

North Sydney visited and went away the victim of a huge form reversal as Homebush raced to a 6-0 half time lead and did not ease off until the last ten minutes to record a stunning 7-2 win.

The last two rounds against Ashfield and Randwick were washed out and again we finished third and vulnerable.

The semi final was against Normanhurst and following a well-taken goal by Jack Avery we were able to hold on for a 1-0 win and a place in the final against a lucky Epping who had qualified with a 3-3 draw against North Sydney.

The final was a match of what might have been as Homebush dominated the second half only to go down to a scrambling goal in extra time. All players can look back with pride on their achievements in an enjoyable year of quality football.

The future is bright with fifteen players returning in 2007 and some very promising prospects from the 15As. All 2007 contracts have renewed for the 2008 season.

### Awards.

Players of the year: Ibrahim Kerem and Giorgio Speranza

The Malcolm Brown Trophy for Summer Grade and Football: Brandon Costa

Most Improved: Matthew Sheath

### Goal scorers.

10 Mehran Modasser; 5 Jack Avery and Grant Colombo; 4 Giorgio Speranza; 3 Scott Tonkin; 1 Nick Ivassi, Ibrahim Kerem, Scott Mackay and Mitchell Davidson.

### Results

Opponent	Venue	Result (half time)	Scorers
Marsden	Marsden HS	4-0 (1-0)	Tonkin 3, Modasser
Concord	Greenlees	1-2 (0-0)	Speranza (pen)
Asquith*	Powells Creek	WOF	
Ashfield	Pratten Park	WOF	
North Sydney	Cammeray	4-5 (0-1)	Modasser 3, Colombo
Randwick	Powells Creek	8-0 (4-0)	Avery 3, Modasser 2, Kerem, Mackay, Speranza
Epping*	Epping BHS	2-3 (0-1)	Speranza 2 (1 pen)
Normanhurst*	Oakleigh	4-1 (1-0)	Modasser 2, Avery, Colombo
North Sydney	Powells Creek	7-2 (6-0)	Colombo 3, Modasser 2, Davidson, Ivassi
Randwick	Queens Park	Wash out	
Ashfield	Powells Creek	Wash out	
Normanhurst (semi)	Powells Creek	1-0 (1-0)	Avery
Epping (final)	Powells Creek	0-1 (0-0) aet	

\*double points

Matches (9)	Name
9	Mehran Modasser, Neal von Dinklage
8	Jack Avery, Nick Ivassi, Ibrahim Kerem, Giorgio Speranza
7	Grant Colombo, Ben Green, Scott Mackay, Matthew Sheath
6	Brandon Costa, Travis Lavdaras, Emre Mehmet
5	Song Mahn Babb
4	George Asiedu-Afari
3	Matthew Marks, Tim Nicholls, Scott Tonkin
2	Abdigani Ali, Stephen Jackson, Hasan Meslemani
1	Jin Woo Kim, Mitchell Davidson, Roberto Speranza, David von Dinklage

Nick Ivassi as told to Mr Roger Doenau

## 2nd GRADE RUGBY

This season promised to be a good one when many students trialed for the three grades of rugby at the senior level. The selection trials were well attended and we had excellent fitness and training sessions.

Second Grade began the season with an excellent 26 to nil win against Randwick at Hudson Park. The win was made easier due to Homebush having many reserves and Randwick having none. This was the theme for the season: teams with adequate reserves had the upper hand in every game of the season.

The next game, our reserves had disappeared and Epping won 22 to nil on their home ground. This was followed up with a powerful display against Normanhurst at Normanhurst when the sidelines were crowded with eager reserves.

The next game was a hard fought loss against a determined and fast Macquarie Boys. The opposition game was based on pouncing on the loose ball and forcing errors which was made easy for Macquarie as they had many more fresh reserves than Homebush.

Our next game was a tough encounter against a huge pack of forwards playing for Randwick on their school ground. Again the many Randwick reserves aided their win and our lack of reserves was crucial against such a large pack of forwards.

Two washouts followed and then dark clouds and poor judgment resulted in many of the team leaving their gear at home and a fatal forfeit of the last game against Macquarie.

The season thus ended on a sour note as the Homebush players had denied themselves the opportunity of playing in the semi finals.

Kaan Sozen was the hard running, flanker and captain, Emilio McFarland never stopped at halfback, Camryn Cooper was tricky at fly half, Niruthan Nimulkumar, Mayuran Thangavel and Suthan Sriharan were reliable as the centres. Musa Ozkan, Michael Edgington, Taran Singh and Jamie Harrison made up a determined front row.

Peter Jackson, Dean Atchan and Sheshan Saravanamuthan were solid as rocks in the second row. Lyndsay Owen-Taylor, Ted Jack and Gokhan Can were the committed flankers.

Lawrence Pene was the ever reliable lock. Kerim Attia and Michael Clark ran hard on the wings. Nafeez Hasan was reliable at fullback.

Second grade learnt a lesson – it is not the weather that beat them – it was whether they made the right decision about bringing their football gear to school on Wednesday whatever the weather might be.

*Alan Doolan (coach)*

Results for the season were as follows:-

Bye	4 <sup>th</sup> April		
Home	2nd May	Randwick	26-0 Win
Away	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Epping	0-22 Loss
Away	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Normanhurst	40-7 Win
Home	23rd May	Macquarie	14-34 Loss
Bye	30th May		
Away	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Randwick	10-28 Loss
Home	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Epping	Washout
Bye	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Normanhurst	Washout
Away	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Macquarie	Forfeit

## 15's RUGBY

The trials for this year's team allowed a strong group of boys to be selected. We are finally getting some size in our forwards to combine with our ever present speed in the backs.

Our first few games gave an indication that a lot of work was needed in order to get working as a team. True to the boys commitment at the beginning of the season, training was a non-event with a large majority of the boys failing to attend the scheduled times. This came back to bite them throughout the season, with some ordinary scrums and line-outs on display and often no structure in attack or defence.

However, despite the lack of training, the team did play some exceptional Rugby, relying on natural talent and toughness in many situations. One game stands out from the few we played where Randwick couldn't field a full team at the start of the game, giving us the points, but we decided to play 11 a side. Several tries were scored involving the whole team, with most of their motivation coming from enjoyment and confidence. This brought them together to win, even when Randwick had more players arriving, giving them 16 players on the field against our eleven!

We had found our formula. They were to enjoy themselves and not give up on their mates. Despite rain, forfeits and injuries, along with some inconsistent Rugby, the team made the semi-final against Epping, but lost by a considerable margin.

The 15's team were also involved in the Buchan Shield Rugby Knock out with teams from around the state. Our first game versus Galston saw a large win to Homebush again by enjoying themselves and sticking up for their mates. This allowed us to progress through to the next round.

Our next round game was against Hills Sports High School in Seven Hills. Leading up to the match, we knew that it was going to be a hard game. Sports Schools can select students specifically for playing in their Rugby teams. Arriving at the ground in front of their school, accompanied by their cheer leaders and poor weather, we knew we were up against it.

I do not think I have been as proud for a team as I was after this game. The opposition were extremely big, fast and well drilled. Their defence was great, but their attack was even better.

Homebush gave their full capacity from the kick off. At no stage did any of our boys back down, nor did they shy away from doing the hard work needed. Homebush were continually barraged by their massive attack, but responded with gritty defence and a lot of determination. Despite suffering injuries and extreme fatigue, we only interchanged twice, a sign of the commitment of the team in this game. They were determined not to let their mates down, and they didn't. The eventual score seems like a white wash and doesn't reflect the spirit that our boys played with. Hills Sports won 66-7, but were shocked by the teams attitude to not give up.

A massive thanks to Matty Piper for his commitment to the team, water carrying skills and ever growing knowledge and expertise.

Also, to our cheerleaders in the form of Mr and Mrs Harris, ever-present on the sideline, along with the Ilolahia's giving our boys a much needed kick in the pants when they slacked off. Well done boys, not one person can be singled out in a team that has a large amount of exceptional players who are all great characters. Good luck next year, particularly those leaving us for other pursuits.

### 15's team:

Troy Arnold, Jack Barrett, Mitchell Beattie, Ganan Bupalashinkan, Josh Carter, Tim Delai-Vulaca, Steven Grasion, Joel Harris, Henare Hereora, Omar Hourani, Konrad Ilolahia (vc), Lachlan Jenson (c), Syed Khalid, Adam Konstantinidis, George Lassithiotakis, Connor Martin, Will McCartney, Tim Mercer, Brad Parker, Tosh Payne, Mathew Piper, Einstein Rajaratnam, John Treweek, Nicholas White, Jesse Teo, Max Little.

*Mr Sculthorpe.*

## 1st GRADE TABLE TENNIS

This year's team was a strong team which, despite some line up changes, showed cohesion and determination. And what a team - Jas Singh (team captain extraordinaire), Omar Noori (second in command), Matt Robson (a very welcome return to the fold) and Alex Aerfeldt (unassuming and effective). They never failed to play assiduously, the 40 mm ball being sliced, spun, looped and smashed through the air with competitive good humour and definite skill. In addition, thank you for being outstanding 'travel buddies' who made sure our Year 7s got safely to and from each destination. While North Sydney Boys were just too good in the semi-finals, the season was one of great games and excellent sportsmanship. (Note that North Sydney Boys won not just the Zone championship, but also came second in the state CHS competition.)

A special thank you and good luck to Jas who has been representing Homebush Boys in table tennis for 6 years and took on duties above the requirement of captain on numerous occasions. Such commitment and leadership are greatly appreciated.

## 2nd GRADE TABLE TENNIS

Another successful season for this team of mostly new players, reaching the semi-finals after losing only two matches. Second Grade certainly enjoyed themselves while playing, verging on the acrobatic at times. Captained by Duncan Trinh (so very organised and always making decisions for the good of the team), the team included Eric Truong (a valuable late addition), Ruchir Vaiswalla (unfortunately had to leave mid-season), Chun/ Chuan (so similar in name and nature, who were usually the most animated at the table), and Oliver Pase (who showed that he is not merely academic but also sporty in nature). A tough semi-final match against Normanhurst, who we had previously beaten during the season, ended our season. There's always next year to grab that elusive title.

## 15's GRADE TABLE TENNIS

15s fielded a highly competitive team this year, winning many matches to zero. In a very close semi-final against North Sydney (one win each in the two previous matches), we succumbed 3-4 after a strenuous fight. The team, mostly old hands with some new blood, consisted of the highly talented and ever reliable captain, Richard Pang, James Yoon (enthusiastic deputy), Farhan Khan (fighting spirit), Ken Ko (bringing his tennis technique to a smaller arena) and Daniel Kang (with always a humorous comment). Such a talented and committed group – with the highest percentage of training turnout – congratulations on a great season!

## 14's GRADE TABLE TENNIS

From the beginning of the season it was clear that this would be no ordinary team. Trials were painful – having to turn down good players because the calibre was so high. After much agonising, the team was chosen – led by captain Leo Liang (an absolute dynamo, who never backed away from a challenge), Tony Li (a seasoned player – his second year in the team!), Donald and Rio Kang (whose wide, bright smiles cheered up every Wednesday afternoon), and Jai Kau (determined and talented). Not only did this team outclass all its competition, these boys always displayed the Homebush spirit and were gentlemanly victors. They certainly had enough practice, finishing the season as Champions, having lost only one match. I look forward to many years of sporting success with these charming, talented young men.

*Ms C Dwyer (Table Tennis Coach)*

## 14 A FOOTBALL – 07 Season

After a very promising start including a string of 4 victories 13-3, 8-0, 7-2 and 3-0 our season somewhat stalled as the wet weather, a significant injury and a decline in confidence got the better of us. The boys remained determined even through a rough patch of results, not out classed but just not being able to produce our best resulted in a draw and two 2-0 defeats. We still had our chance after qualifying for the semis but our run had ended and a deflected goal would seal our fate.

### Season Summary

Played 8 Won 4 Draw 1 Washed Out 3 Lose 3

Goals For 33 Against 14

Tariq Atchan – Great central defender, neat foot skills.

Andrew Depta – Excelled while combining keeping and field play.

Patrick Dixon – A match winner with exceptional talent who inspired our team whilst fit.

Matt Hatzl – Determination and good soccer brain.

Omar Ibrahim – Dependable sweeper with speed.

Hammad Iqbal – A speedy goal scorer who always gave 100%

Kieren Khatri – Creative midfielder, neat passer

Dylan Parcell – Versatile and solid all over the park

Shakti Rathore – Dangerous upfront combining speed and skill

Gianni Romeo – Found space and showed skill out wide

Fletcher Rowe – Produced some good displays of keeping

Andrew Seo – Good mover and took his chances around goal

Pranavan Sivalohan – Showed some flair in midfield

Nathan Sorrenti – Good skills in attack and defence

Yusuf Suryantoko – Passionate performer with a good bag of tricks

Safwat Hossain – Good speed and plenty of heart

Stathis Ioakim – A keen and willing worker on the field

Gautam Pathmanathan – Provided good back up via enthusiasm

## 4th GRADE FOOTBALL

Being the premiers of 4th grade 2006, our team was expected to perform well. People's expectations were not let down as all the players came together and we played well as a team. Game after game, we played with passion and fun, and this led us to a great number of victories. The team was full of great people and we all supported each other, and led by a smiling Mr. Fairley, we performed to his standards every game.

Unfortunately, in the finals we were met by a team full of hope and skill, and we were defeated, but played it out to the end, demonstrating the Homebush Boys 'never die' attitude. Despite a defeat, we acted as though we won, and each player took something away from the season.

The season was full of great times

and memories, and I would like to thank all the boys and Mr. Fairley for a great season, and hope to see the same guys again next year.

*Joshua Lott*

## 1st GRADE RUGBY

A truly, remarkable season by a team that demonstrate commitment effort and a 'never say die attitude' to the game.

The start of the season saw a narrow victory over Asquith which inspired the boys to regroup and produce a more organized approach to the game. This was quickly cemented by the outstanding victory over Randwick (54-0), which laid a sound foundation and inspiration for the season ahead. The team was instrumental in practicing and developing moves to out-think and out-manoeuvre the opposition. With Josh Hilliard (Capt.), leading the forwards and John, Simon and Teddy motivating the backs, HBHS felt the need to top the premiership after having missed out on the finals in '06. The Bush Boys were recognised as 'The Team' to beat, after they, 'rained on the parade' of the 50th Anniversary of Epping with a 32-20 victory at EBHS.

The first round saw outstanding victories over every school in the competition to lead HBHS into the semi's, as undefeated: (40-0) over Normanhurst, (19-12) over Ashfield, (46-7) over Asquith, ((27-0) over Randwick.

Unfortunately, poor weather and ground closures did not allow us to develop to our highest level as most of the 2nd round was washed out.

The semi-final against Normanhurst, resulted in a somewhat scrappy victory, (29-10), as we had to reshuffle the team due to a red-card incident. This unfortunately, was crucial to the team's organization and would continue to the final.

The final saw HBHS meet their old rival and only true competitor for the season, Epping BHS. The pre-game nerves were high as the lead up resulted in changes to the side which later resulted as significant to the outcome of the game. The game was close and filled with excitement as the 2-point lead of HBHS, turned into a 1 point lead by EBHS till the last 2 minutes. Final score, (17-25) to EBHS. A game thoroughly enjoyed by all the spectators, including couches of both teams.

Comments included;

"The best final we've seen in years", "Your boys have come a long way", "They had us on the ropes", "It could have gone either way", "This still doesn't make up for the Anniversary game", etc.

A great learning experience for all involved and an enjoyable time had by the coach, and hopefully, you guys too.

Forwards:

K Mapapalangi: 'some day I'll make it to the break-down', E Chan: 'when I grow up, I'm gonna knock someone out in a tackle', M Plus: 'I'll do it for the team', A Imer: 'Hee-Hee, a couple of lollies and I'll carve them up', K Lees: 'no-one told me you had to use arms in a tackle', M Edington: 'what you call big, I call muscle', B Green: 'tough for a skinny blonde', J Kavoa: 'I'll be their all the way to the end', S McCartney: 'hard as nails?', J Hilliard: 'don't worry, I've got it covered, sir...', T Parcell: 'don't worry, I'm

fit sir',

Backs:

A Morgan: 'I was just trying to free my legs sir', S Dinopoulos: 'don't worry sir, we'll carve them up', J Vaitaiki: 'He hit you? Who hit you? You let him hit you?... Lets go bro...', E Bates: 'I was just brushing the dirt off his face sir', O Danylak: 'the quiet achiever', J Shute: 'corner post, corner post, corner post...', R El-Helou: 'no one told me, I gotta run up the line', N Massey: 'am I starting sir', M Reid: 'let me go back on, sir'

Thanks, Mr. Martin

## NSWCHS RUGBY

I was fortunate enough to be selected in the New South Wales Combined High Schools (NSWCHS) Developmental team to tour New Zealand. This team is made up of players who the NSWCHS selectors have identified as having the potential to develop into outstanding Rugby Union players. Annually, before the NSWCHS carnival, a developmental team is taken on tour, with the purpose of assisting players in reaching their potential and lifting their game to a higher level, so that firsts, seconds, and thirds to be selected, these players are in form and playing high quality rugby. The first training session I attended, I wasn't entirely comfortable and I wasn't really sure if I deserved to be in the team. Most of the boys were from Sports High Schools, so most of them already knew each other. Coming into the team, I knew no one. It didn't take long to feel included however, and as I grew more confident, I came to realise that my playing ability was not far, if at all, below that of my team mates.

Whilst we were in New Zealand we played a total of five matches over the space of 9 days, a physically demanding task. We played three New Zealand teams, and two South African teams. The team performed very well, only being defeated once by a well drilled, hard hitting South African Team, Monument High School. The experience of playing foreign teams was invaluable because of the varying styles of rugby played by each country.

Being a 15 day tour, there was ample time for a bit of sightseeing, including a hike up the Fox Glacier, a ride on the Picton-to-Wellington ferry, and in accordance with New Zealand culture, seats at a Super14 match.

The trip was an un-repeatable experience for me, both in terms of Rugby Union, and life in general. I am very thankful to all those who supported me, including the Excellence Fund and everyone who bought or sold a raffle ticket.

*Joshua Hilliard*



Josh Hilliard with former All Black captain, Tana Umanga.

## RUGBY 13Bs 2007 CHAMPIONS

The Mighty 13Bs began their season with a try within their first minute of playing time and yet went on to lose their first game. After that match, we sat down on the field and discussed how to improve our game. The team decided to work on communicating better on the field and take on a "never say die" attitude. The team went on to win every other game in the season and to earn its place in the final!

The final was a hard fought affair and the team was behind Epping for much of the game. However, all the players remembered to fight to the end and managed to turn the game around and win quite convincingly! Congratulations to the boys from the 13Bs Rugby Team for their wonderful achievement.

The following boys are the 13B Rugby Champions for 2007:

Ali Elkheir, Fadi Alamaddine, Shahzain Charania, Tyler Nielsen, Manish Chandra, Jacob Hill, Youssef Morgan (Best and Fairest), Shilendran Sriranjjan, Sam Eisler, Lachlan Jones, Anthony Sarkis, Jarrod Wright, Nathan Waipouri, Thushanth Yohendrarajah, Ayrton Huseinspahic, Rohit Buthapaty, Jimmy Shim, Hassan Koussan, Daniel Fielding, Adam Alley, Yousef Eldejanya, and Pratik Kar.

*Mr Juan Fernández*

## 13A's GRAND FINALISTS

At the end of the season each boy could say they were a better player than they had been at the start and we were definitely a better team. It appeared Asquith were the best team in the competition. We met them in the semi-final after having lost twice during the season proper.

P K Harris, Scott Bunch and Yaseen Antar were goliaths in the forward exchanges. Hugh Blaxland, Matthew Daaboul and Zac Kennedy were tackling dynamos. Kennan Koks and Dylan Khalil moved athletically as they jumped in the line-outs and found gaps in the opposition defence. Block busting No. 8, Kane Potoru, scored a sack full of tries as he ran from the back of the scrum.

James Bradley and team captain, Sam Hayward, provided the guile and structure in the halves. They consistently set up new waves of offence for Paul Rere, Reece Ilolahia, Jack Tao and Jackson Murphy to attack the try line. Niaz Ali and Elliot Kals were fearless defenders while Jack Codd-Miller was always a threat running from full back.

A massive 35 - 14 victory over the previously undefeated Asquith, catapulted the 13A's into a grand final showdown against Randwick.

Our record against Randwick was one win and one loss. The grand final was a tough game spiced with strong attacking play from both sides.

When the final whistle blew, the score line favoured Randwick by 36 - 19 and ended our very successful "season of content".



Above left: Noah Essaghir skating in the National Speed Skating Championships 2007. He came 10th in the Open Mens 19+. He also competed in the Youth Olympics held in January 2007 and came 10th overall as well. ( under 19's)

## SPORTS REPORT

2007 has been one of the most successful years ever for sport at Homebush Boys' High School.

In the two seasons we contested a total of 55 semi-finals and 34 grand finals. We won a total of 17 North West Metropolitan Zone Premierships. The premierships winning teams were:

15's Basketball	15A Soccer
3rd Grade Cricket	13B Soccer
14A Cricket	14's Table Tennis
Junior Futsal (Indoor Soccer)	2nd Grade Tennis
Junior & Senior Hockey	1st Grade Volleyball
Senior Oz Tag	14's Volleyball
13B Rugby	1st Grade Water Polo
2nd Grade Soccer	15's Water Polo

We had over 100 North West Metropolitan Zone representatives, 35 Sydney North Regional representatives, 10 NSW/CHS representatives and 2 Australian representatives. In addition the school awarded over 500 Sportsperson of the Week certificates throughout the year.

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the players and coaches for their outstanding efforts and successes.

HBHS Swimming Team won the NW Met Zone Swimming Championship.

HBHS Athletics Team won the NW Met Zone Athletics Championship.

HBHS named NW Met Zone Summer Sports Champion for the 5th consecutive year

HBHS named Champion Baseball School  
 HBHS named Champion Cricket School  
 HBHS named Champion Futsal School  
 HBHS named Champion Hockey School  
 HBHS named Champion OZ Tag School  
 HBHS named Champion Rugby School  
 HBHS named Champion Soccer School  
 HBHS named Champion Table Tennis School  
 HBHS named Champion Volleyball School  
 HBHS named Champion Water Polo School

*Mr Ron Tedford*  
 Sports Organiser

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Ayre Peter



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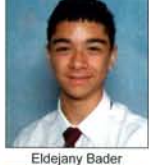
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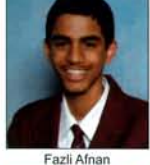
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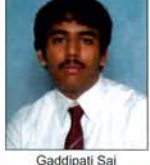
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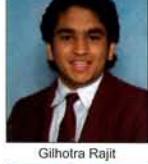
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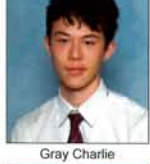
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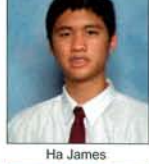
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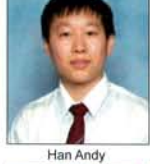
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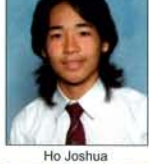
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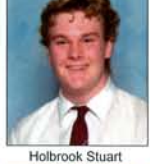
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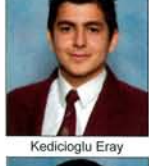
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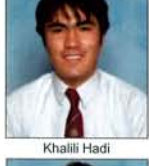
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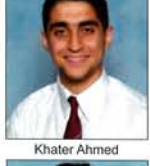
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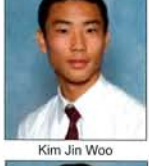
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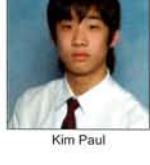
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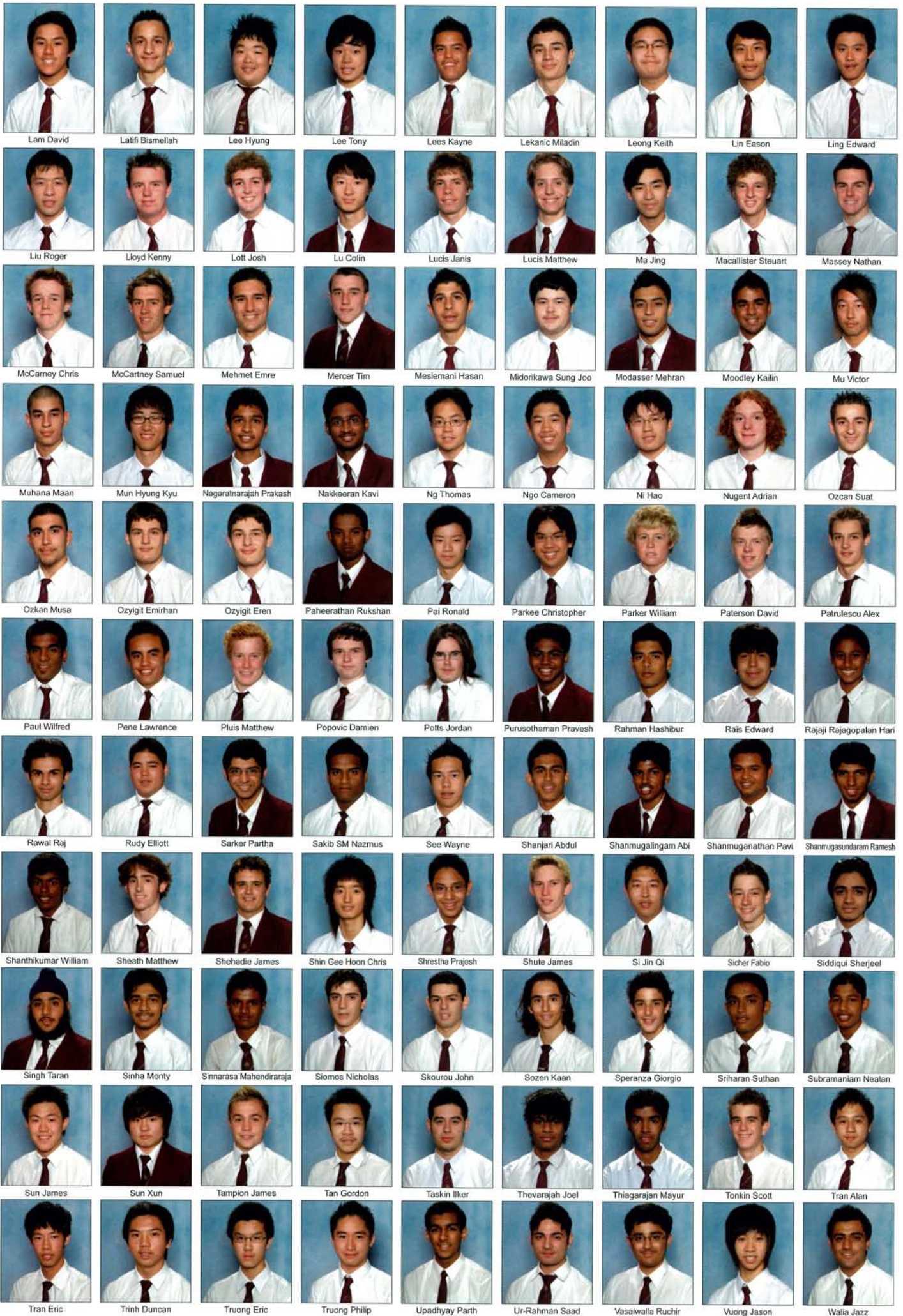
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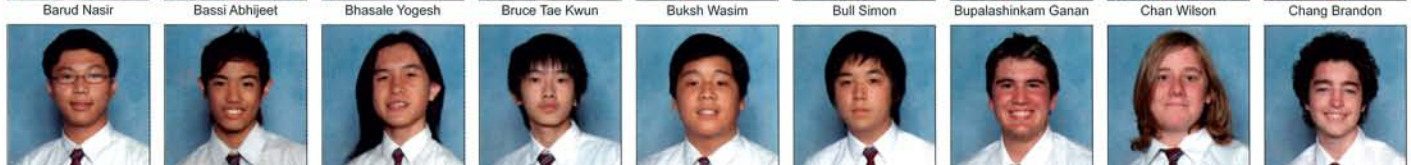
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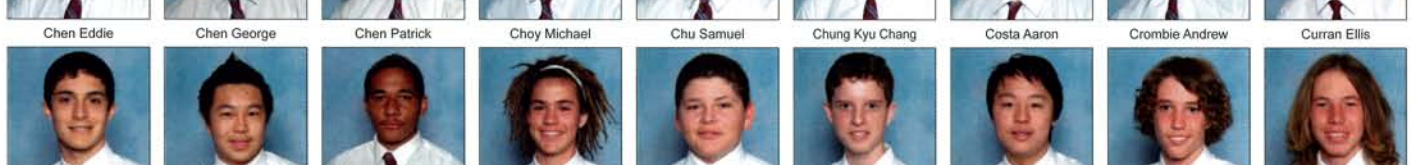
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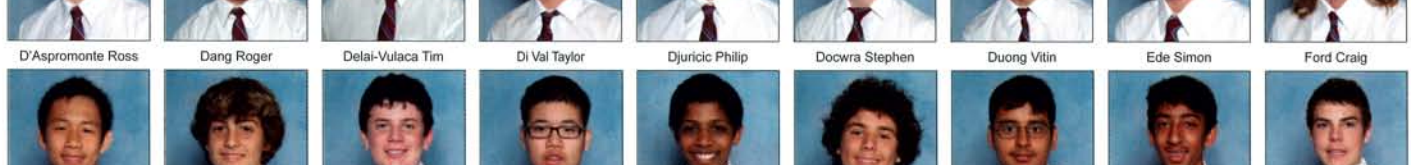
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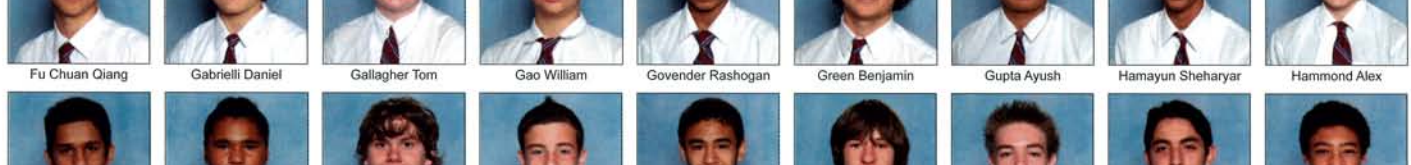
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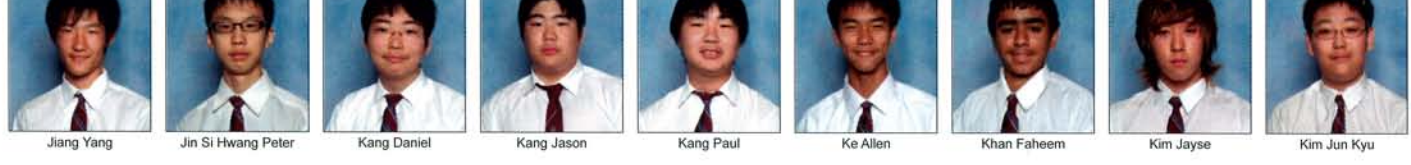
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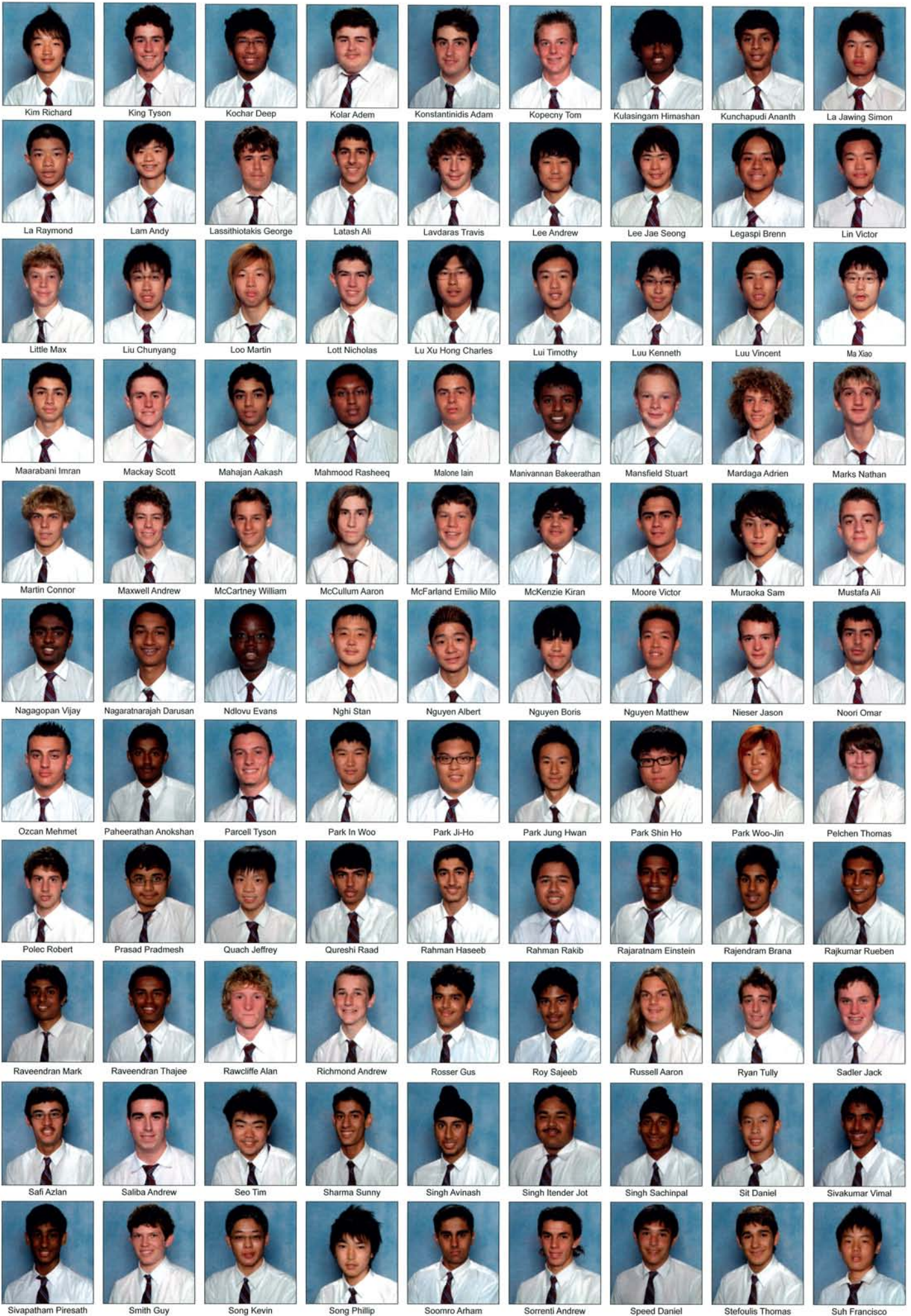


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Jiang Yang    Jin Si Hwang Peter    Kang Daniel    Kang Jason    Kang Paul    Ke Allen    Khan Faheem    Kim Jayse    Kim Jun Kyu





Kim Richard King Tyson Kochar Deep Kolar Adem Konstantinidis Adam Kopecky Tom Kulasingam Himashan Kunchapudi Ananth La Jawing Simon  
 La Raymond Lam Andy Lassithiotakis George Latash Ali Lavdaras Travis Lee Andrew Lee Jae Seong Legaspi Brenn Lin Victor  
 Little Max Liu Chunyang Loo Martin Lott Nicholas Lu Xu Hong Charles Lui Timothy Luu Kenneth Luu Vincent Ma Xiao  
 Maarabani Imran Mackay Scott Mahajan Aakash Mahmood Rasheeq Malone Iain Manivannan Bakeerathan Mansfield Stuart Mardaga Adrien Marks Nathan  
 Martin Connor Maxwell Andrew McCartney William McCullum Aaron McFarland Emilio Milo McKenzie Kiran Moore Victor Muraoka Sam Mustafa Ali  
 Nagagopan Vijay Nagaratharajah Darusan Ndlovu Evans Nghi Stan Nguyen Albert Nguyen Boris Nguyen Matthew Nieser Jason Noori Omar  
 Ozcan Mehmet Paheerathan Anokshan Parcell Tyson Park In Woo Park Ji-Ho Park Jung Hwan Park Shin Ho Park Woo-Jin Pelchen Thomas  
 Polec Robert Prasad Pradmeh Quach Jeffrey Qureshi Raad Rahman Haseeb Rahman Rakib Rajaratnam Einstein Rajendram Brana Rajkumar Rueben  
 Raveendran Mark Raveendran Thajee Rawcliffe Alan Richmond Andrew Rosser Gus Roy Sajeeb Russell Aaron Ryan Tully Sadler Jack  
 Safi Azlan Saliba Andrew Seo Tim Sharma Sunny Singh Avinash Singh Itender Jot Singh Sachinpal Sit Daniel Sivakumar Vimal  
 Sivapatham Piresath Smith Guy Song Kevin Song Phillip Soomro Arham Sorrenti Andrew Speed Daniel Stefoulis Thomas Suh Francisco



Sun Sam Szelid Jamie Thanabalasingam Subhangan Tong Alex Topcu Omer Tran Michael Tran Philip Tran Wilson Tweek John



Tsang Garry Tu Taren Turbit Patrick Ur-Rahman Ibad Vasanthan Dharshaan Von Dinklage David Vuong Simon Wang Bingxin Wasef Mohammed



Wazir Burhan Wong Kevin Wong Simon Worthington Ben Wu Jonathan Wu Ronald Xiao Fredrick Xie Gary Yang Peter



Yick Timmy Yoon Christopher Yoon James Yu James Zhang Wenqi Zhuang Daniel Zong Jason

# YEAR NINE



Aftab Abir Al-Sartawy Saeld Alam Bassam Alam Sakib Alameddine Khaled Alley Nicholas An Mark



Ansari Zain Ashok Ashvin Vikram Atchan Tariq Attia Hany Aumkaran Chentduren Awan Umair Balaraju Varunan Barrett Jack Bascaran Kabilan



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Chahrouk Hanny Chan Alex Chang Jason Chapman Damien Chau Frank Chen Brett Chen Ivan Cheng Eric Cho Philip



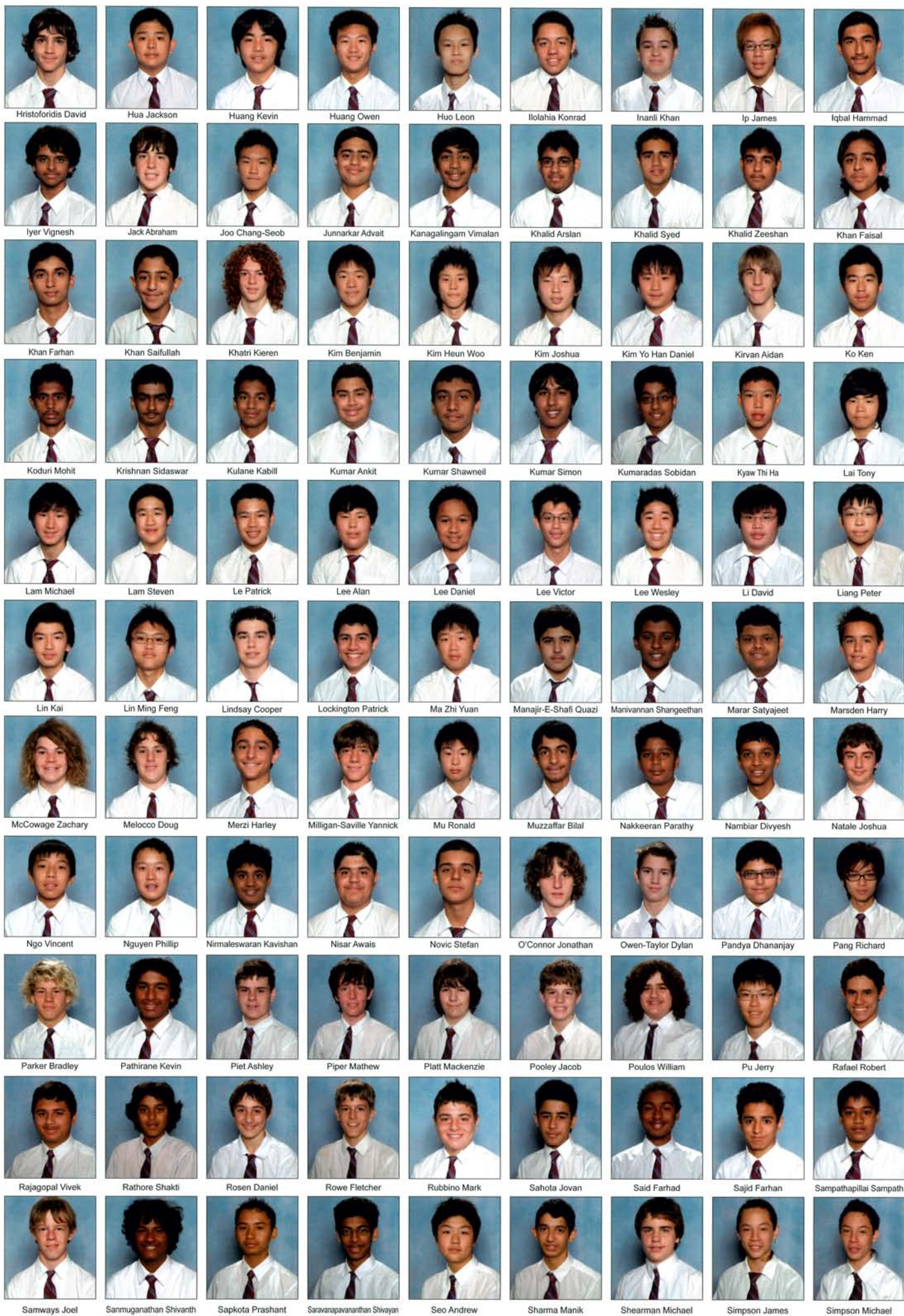
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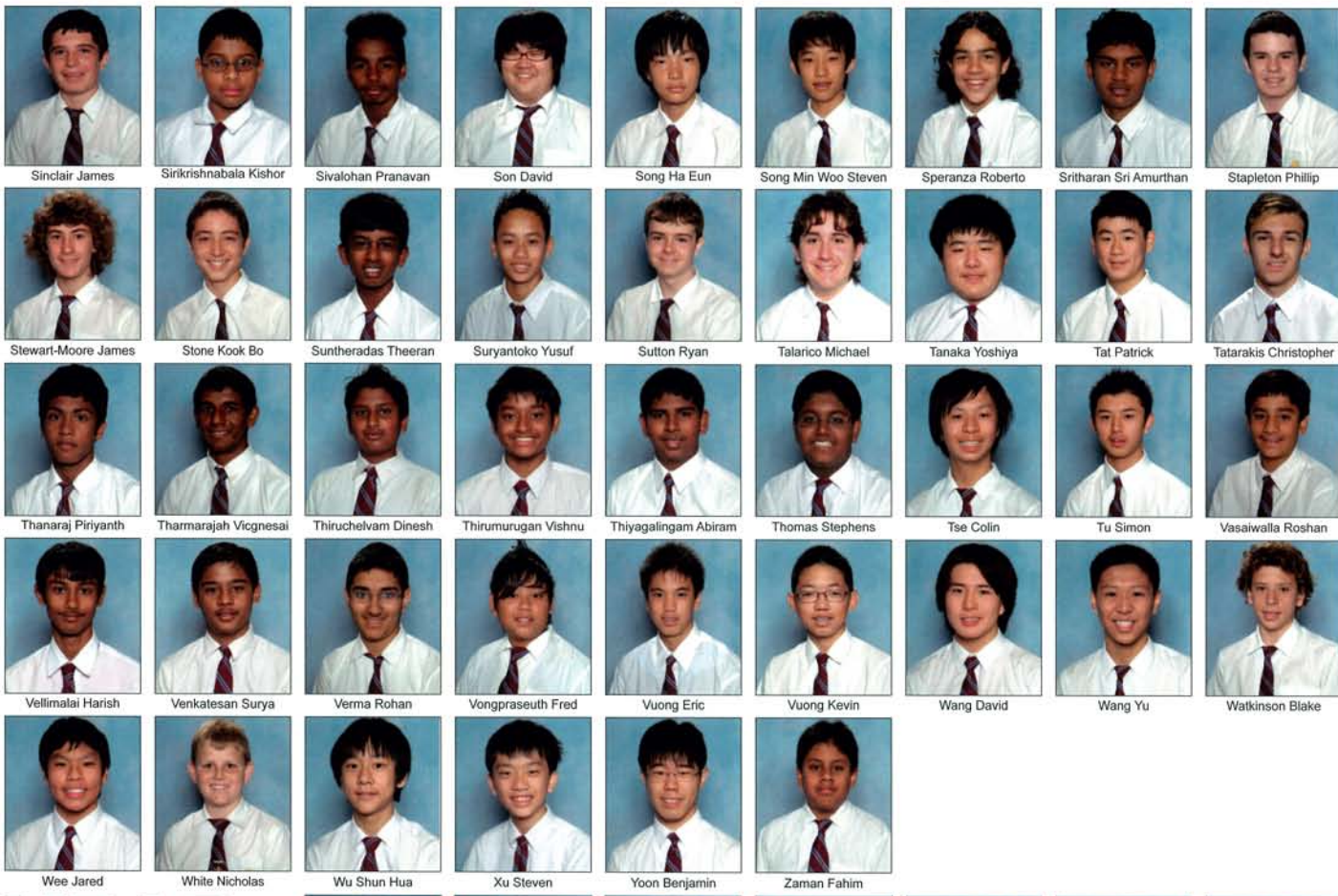
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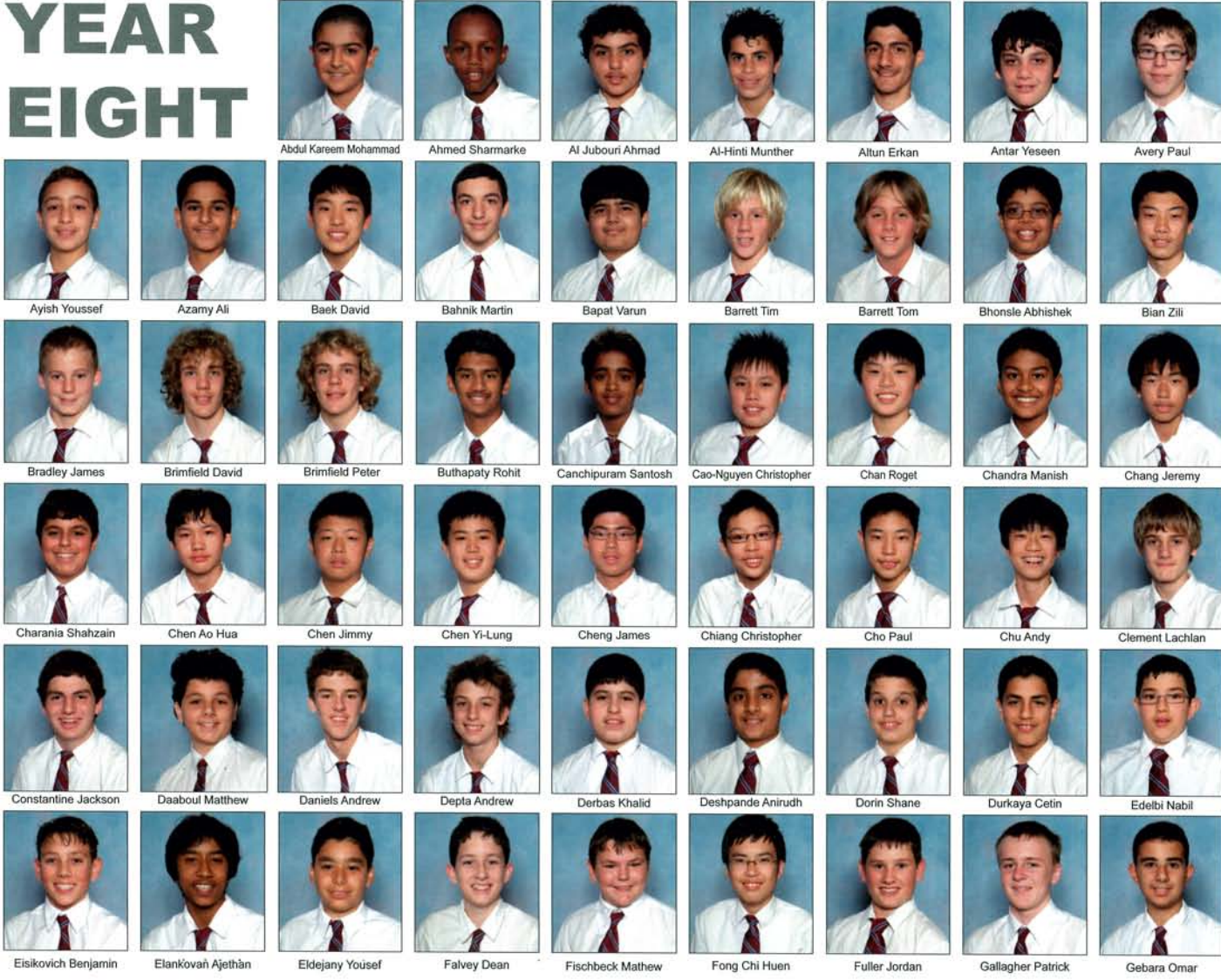
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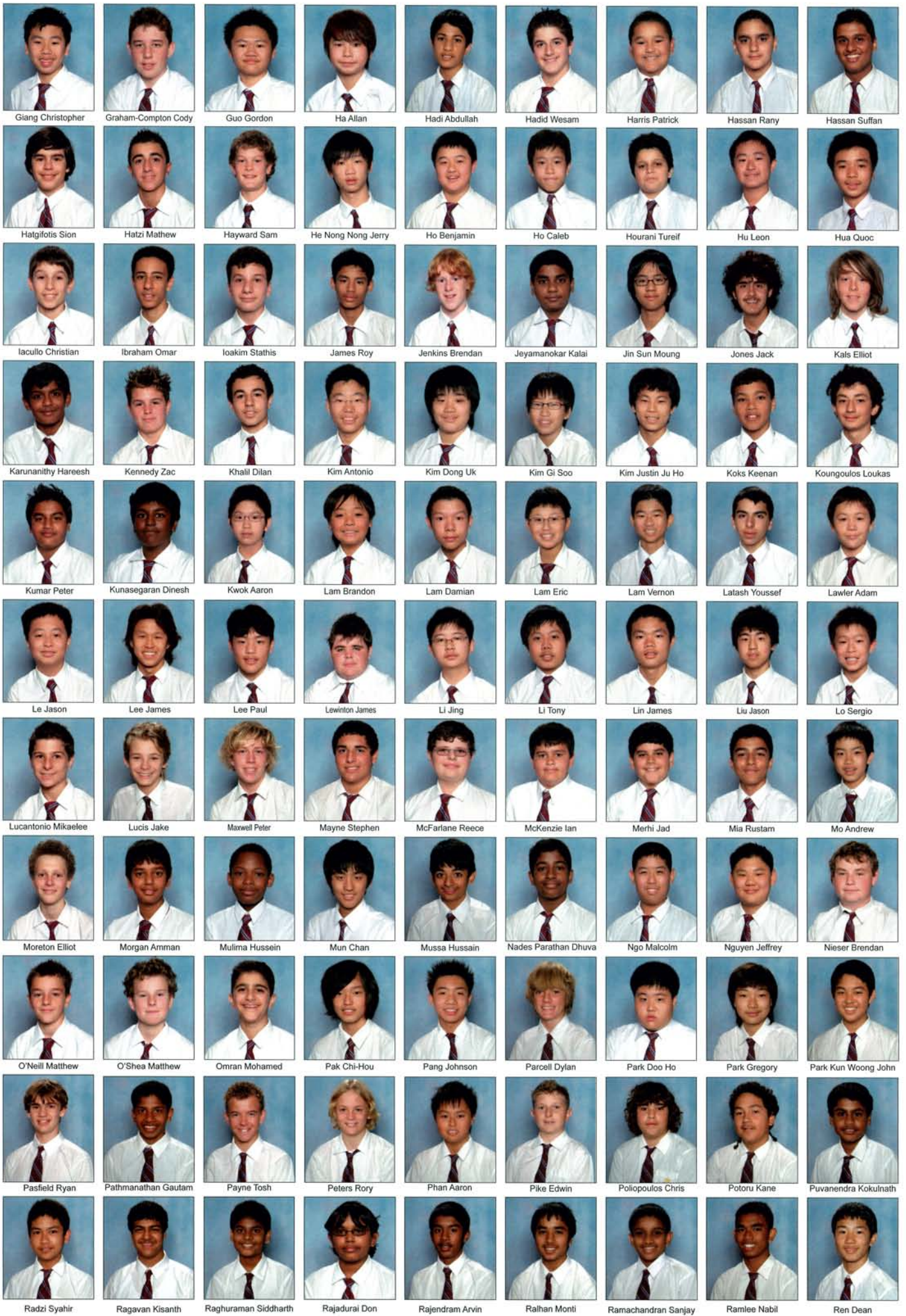
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Khan Farhan	Khan Saifullah	Khatri Kieren	Kim Benjamin	Kim Heun Woo	Kim Joshua	Kim Yo Han Daniel	Kirvan Aidan	Ko Ken
Koduri Mohit	Krishnan Sidaswar	Kulane Kabill	Kumar Ankit	Kumar Shawneil	Kumar Simon	Kumaradas Sobidan	Kyaw Thi Ha	Lai Tony
Lam Michael	Lam Steven	Le Patrick	Lee Alan	Lee Daniel	Lee Victor	Lee Wesley	Li David	Liang Peter
Lin Kai	Lin Ming Feng	Lindsay Cooper	Lockington Patrick	Ma Zhi Yuan	Manajir-E-Shafi Quazi	Manivannan Shangeethan	Marar Satyajeet	Marsden Harry
McCowage Zachary	Melocco Doug	Merzi Harley	Milligan-Saville Yannick	Mu Ronald	Muzzaffar Bilal	Nakkeeran Parathy	Nambiar Divyesh	Natale Joshua
Ngo Vincent	Nguyen Phillip	Nirmaleswaran Kavishan	Nisar Awais	Novic Stefan	O'Connor Jonathan	Owen-Taylor Dylan	Pandya Dhananjay	Pang Richard
Parker Bradley	Pathirane Kevin	Piet Ashley	Piper Mathew	Platt Mackenzie	Pooley Jacob	Poulos William	Pu Jerry	Rafael Robert
Rajagopal Vivek	Rathore Shakti	Rosen Daniel	Rowe Fletcher	Rubbino Mark	Sahota Jovan	Said Farhad	Sajid Farhan	Sampathapillai Sampath
Samways Joel	Sanmuganathan Shivanth	Sapkota Prashant	Saravansapananthan Shivayan	Seo Andrew	Sharma Manik	Shearman Michael	Simpson James	Simpson Michael



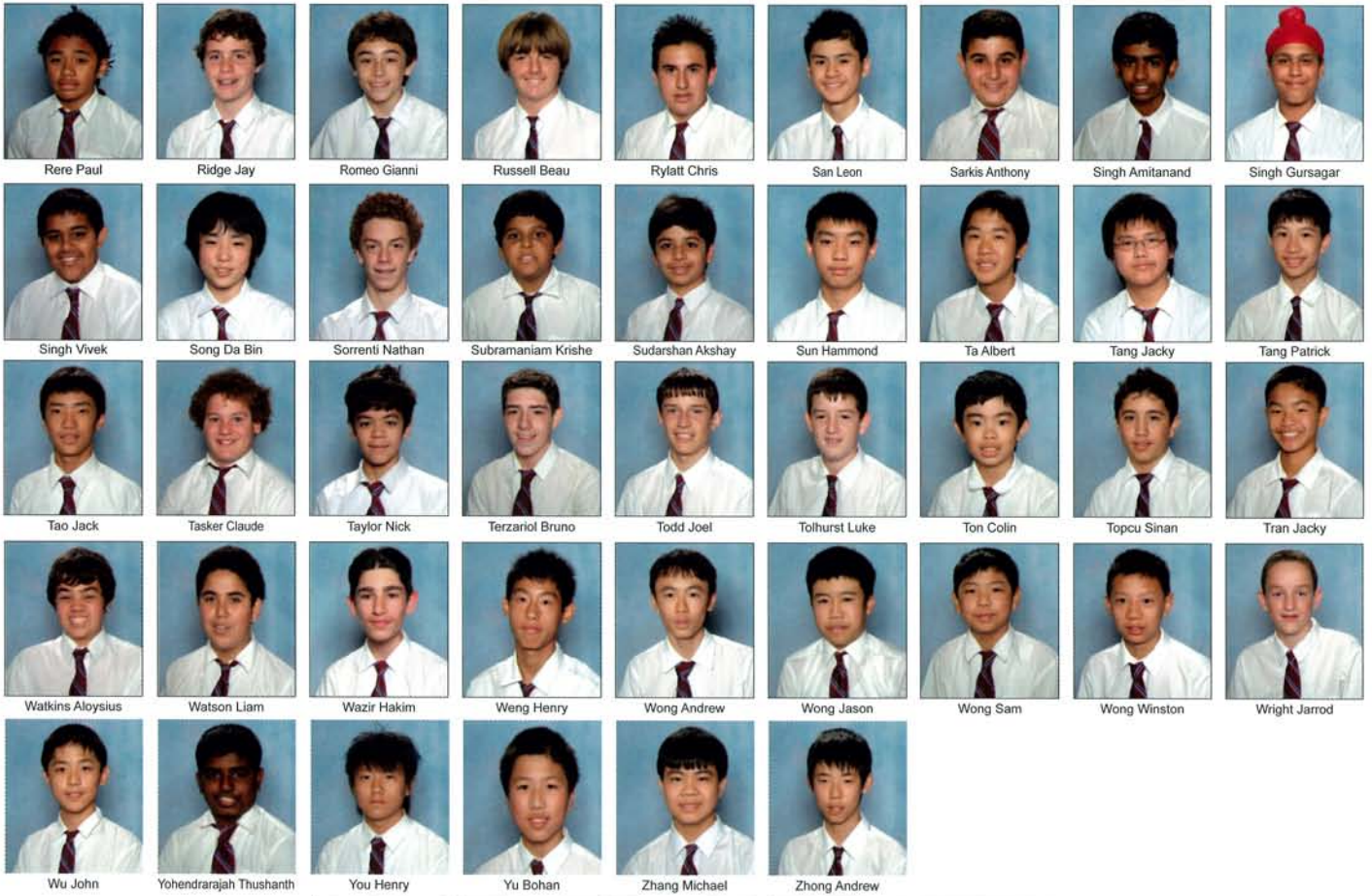
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 Stewart-Moore James    Stone Kook Bo    Suntheradas Theeran    Suryantoko Yusuf    Sutton Ryan    Talarico Michael    Tanaka Yoshiya    Tat Patrick    Tatarakis Christopher  
 Thanaraj Piriyanth    Thamarajah Vicnesai    Thiruchelvam Dinesh    Thirumurugan Vishnu    Thiyagalagam Abiram    Thomas Stephens    Tse Colin    Tu Simon    Vasaiwalla Roshan  
 Vellimalai Harish    Venkatesan Surya    Verma Rohan    Vongpraseuth Fred    Vuong Eric    Vuong Kevin    Wang David    Wang Yu    Watkinson Blake  
 Wee Jared    White Nicholas    Wu Shun Hua    Xu Steven    Yoon Benjamin    Zaman Fahim  
 Abdul Kareem Mohammad    Ahmed Sharmarke    Al Jubouri Ahmad    Al-Hinti Munther    Altun Erkan    Antar Yeseen    Avery Paul  
 Ayish Youssef    Azarmy Ali    Baek David    Bahnik Martin    Bapat Varun    Barrett Tim    Barrett Tom    Bhonsle Abhishek    Bian Zili  
 Bradley James    Brimfield David    Brimfield Peter    Buthapaty Rohit    Canchipuram Santosh    Cao-Nguyen Christopher    Chan Roget    Chandra Manish    Chang Jeremy  
 Charania Shahzain    Chen Ao Hua    Chen Jimmy    Chen Yi-Lung    Cheng James    Chiang Christopher    Cho Paul    Chu Andy    Clement Lachlan  
 Constantine Jackson    Daaboul Matthew    Daniels Andrew    Depta Andrew    Derbas Khalid    Deshpande Anirudh    Dorin Shane    Durkaya Cetin    Edelbi Nabil  
 Eisikovich Benjamin    Elankovan Ajethan    Eldejany Yousef    Falvey Dean    Fischbeck Mathew    Fong Chi Huen    Fuller Jordan    Gallagher Patrick    Gebara Omar

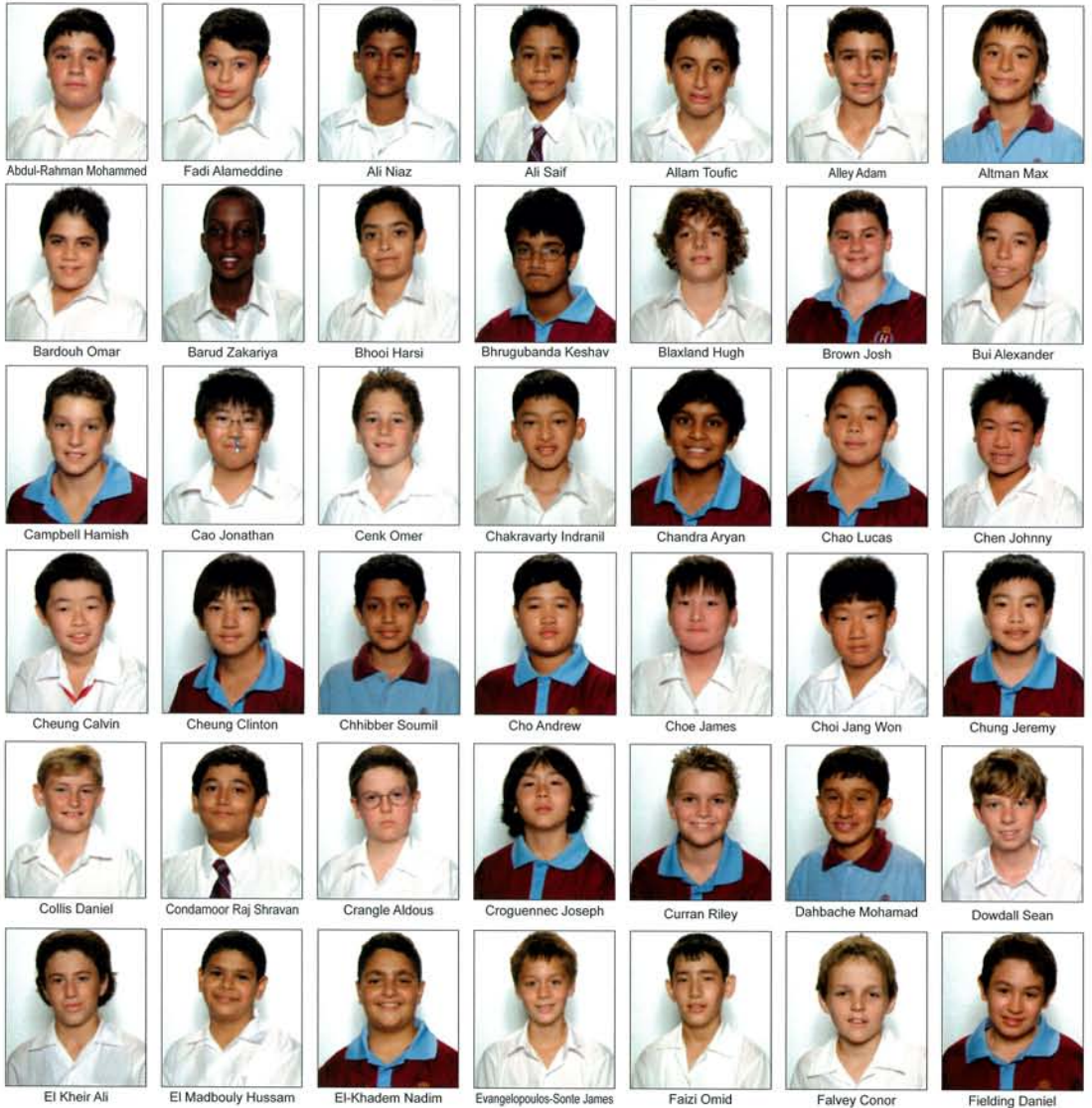


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Hatgilotis Sion	Hatzi Mathew	Hayward Sam	He Nong Nong Jerry	Ho Benjamin	Ho Caleb	Hourani Tureif	Hu Leon	Hua Quoc
Iacullo Christian	Ibrahim Omar	Ioakim Stathis	James Roy	Jenkins Brendan	Jeyamanokar Kalai	Jin Sun Moug	Jones Jack	Kais Elliot
Karunanithy Hareesh	Kennedy Zac	Khalil Dilan	Kim Antonio	Kim Dong Uk	Kim Gi Soo	Kim Justin Ju Ho	Koks Keenan	Koungoulos Loukas
Kumar Peter	Kunasegaran Dinesh	Kwok Aaron	Lam Brandon	Lam Damian	Lam Eric	Lam Vernon	Latash Youssef	Lawler Adam
Le Jason	Lee James	Lee Paul	Lewinton James	Li Jing	Li Tony	Lin James	Liu Jason	Lo Sergio
Lucantonio Mikaelee	Lucis Jake	Maxwell Peter	Mayne Stephen	McFarlane Reece	McKenzie Ian	Merhi Jad	Mia Rustam	Mo Andrew
Moreton Elliot	Morgan Amman	Mulima Hussein	Mun Chan	Mussa Hussain	Nades Parathan Dhruva	Ngo Malcolm	Nguyen Jeffrey	Nieser Brendan
O'Neill Matthew	O'Shea Matthew	Omran Mohamed	Pak Chi-Hou	Pang Johnson	Parcell Dylan	Park Doo Ho	Park Gregory	Park Kun Woong John
Pasfield Ryan	Pathmanathan Gautam	Payne Tosh	Peters Rory	Phan Aaron	Pike Edwin	Polopoulos Chris	Potoru Kane	Puvanendra Kokulnath
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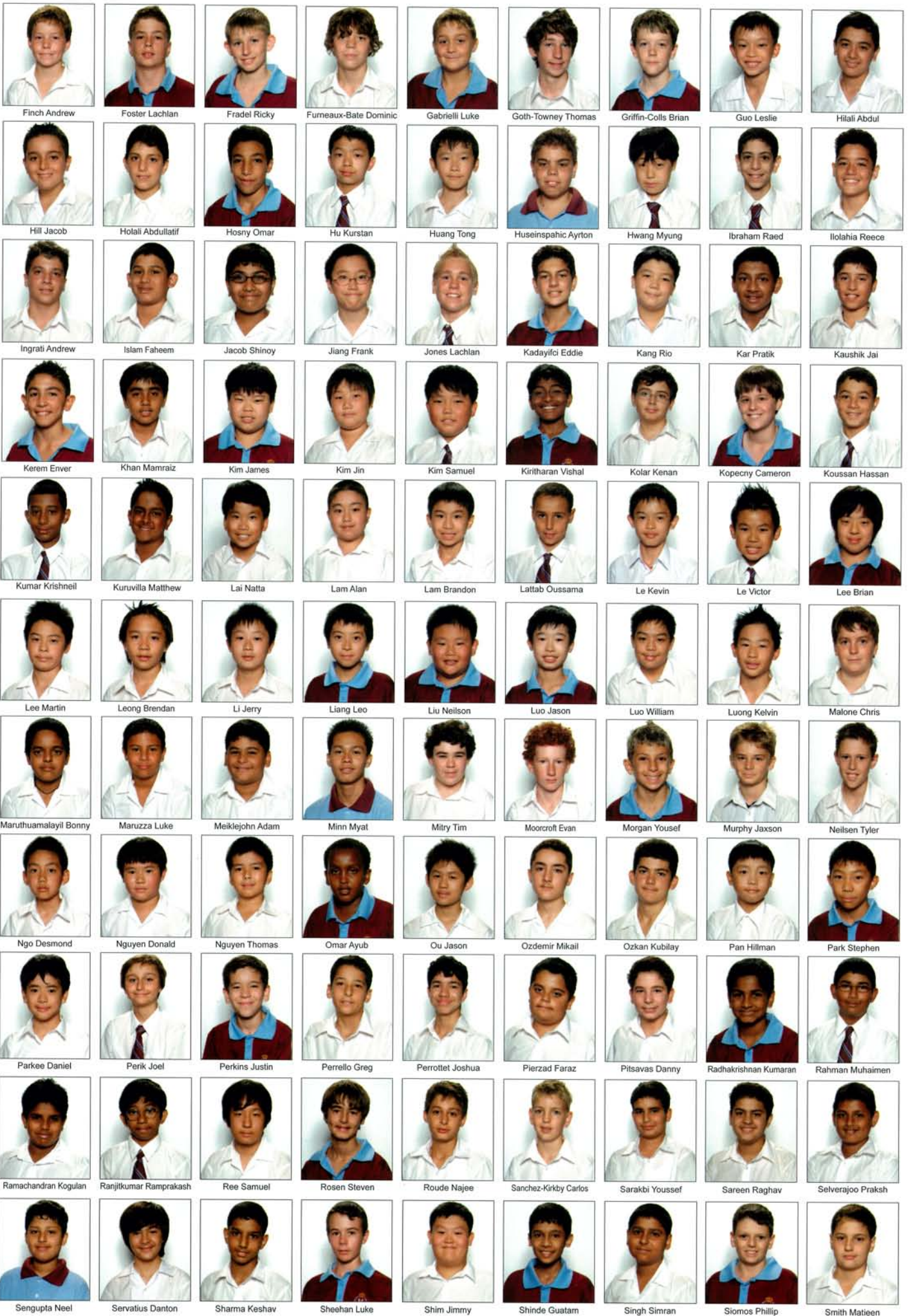


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 Singh Vivek Song Da Bin Sorrenti Nathan Subramaniam Krishe Sudarshan Akshay Sun Hammond Ta Albert Tang Jacky Tang Patrick  
 Tao Jack Tasker Claude Taylor Nick Terzariol Bruno Todd Joel Tolhurst Luke Ton Colin Topcu Sinan Tran Jacky  
 Watkins Aloysius Watson Liam Wazir Hakim Weng Henry Wong Andrew Wong Jason Wong Sam Wong Winston Wright Jarrod  
 Wu John Yohendrarajah Thusharath You Henry Yu Bohan Zhang Michael Zhong Andrew

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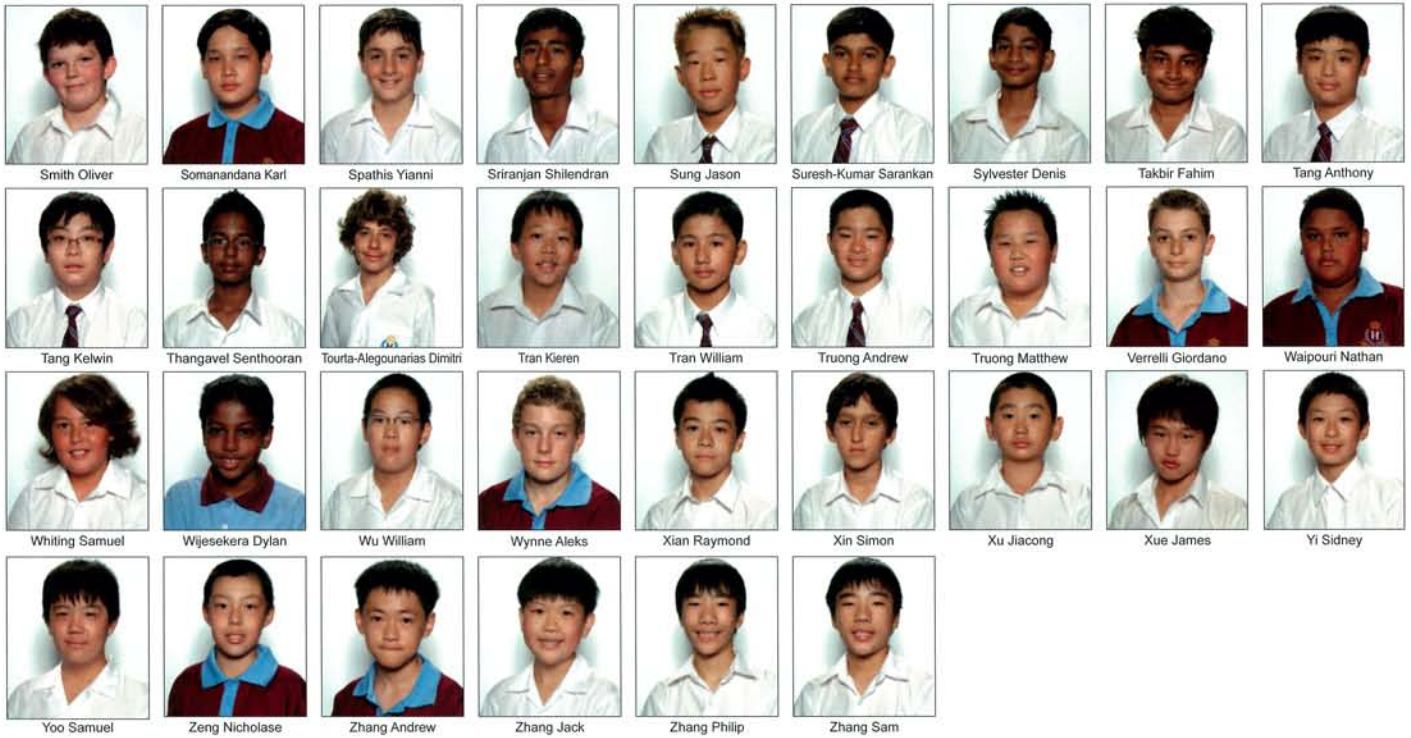


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 Bacic Edie Bardouh Ibrahim Bardouh Omar Barud Zakariya Bhooi Harsi Bhrugubanda Keshav Blaxland Hugh Brown Josh Bui Alexander  
 Bunch Scott Burnic Mino Campbell Hamish Cao Jonathan Cenk Omer Chakravarty Indranil Chandra Aryan Chao Lucas Chen Johnny  
 Chen Joshua Cheng Gavin Cheung Calvin Cheung Clinton Chhibber Soumil Cho Andrew Choe James Choi Jang Won Chung Jeremy  
 Clinch Timothy Codd-Miller Jack Collis Daniel Condamoor Raj Shravan Crangle Aldous Croguennec Joseph Curran Riley Dahbache Mohamad Dowdall Sean  
 Edgington Matthew Eisler Sam El Kheir Ali El Madbouly Hussam El-Khadem Nadim Evangelopoulos-Sontle James Faizi Omid Falvey Conor Fielding Daniel



Finch Andrew	Foster Lachlan	Fradel Ricky	Furneaux-Bate Dominic	Gabrielli Luke	Goth-Towney Thomas	Griffin-Colls Brian	Guo Leslie	Hilali Abdul
Hill Jacob	Holali Abdullatif	Hosny Omar	Hu Kurstan	Huang Tong	Huseinspahic Ayrton	Hwang Myung	Ibrahim Raed	Ilolahia Reece
Ingrati Andrew	Islam Faheem	Jacob Shinoy	Jiang Frank	Jones Lachlan	Kadayifci Eddie	Kang Rio	Kar Pratik	Kaushik Jai
Kerem Erver	Khan Mamraiz	Kim James	Kim Jin	Kim Samuel	Kiritharan Vishal	Kolar Kenan	Kopecny Cameron	Koussan Hassan
Kumar Krishneil	Kuruville Matthew	Lai Natta	Lam Alan	Lam Brandon	Latab Oussama	Le Kevin	Le Victor	Lee Brian
Lee Martin	Leong Brendan	LJ Jerry	Liang Leo	Liu Neilson	Luo Jason	Luo William	Luong Kelvin	Malone Chris
Maruthumalayil Bonny	Maruzza Luke	Meiklejohn Adam	Minn Myat	Mitry Tim	Moorcroft Evan	Morgan Yousef	Murphy Jaxson	Neilsen Tyler
Ngo Desmond	Nguyen Donald	Nguyen Thomas	Omar Ayub	Ou Jason	Ozdemir Mikail	Ozkan Kubilay	Pan Hillman	Park Stephen
Parkee Daniel	Perik Joel	Perkins Justin	Perrello Greg	Perrotet Joshua	Pierzad Faraz	Pitsavas Danny	Radhakrishnan Kumaran	Rahman Muhaimen
Ramachandran Kogulan	Ranjitkumar Ramprakash	Ree Samuel	Rosen Steven	Roude Najee	Sanchez-Kirkby Carlos	Sarakbi Youssef	Sareen Raghav	Selverajoo Prakash
Sengupta Neel	Servatius Danton	Sharma Keshav	Sheehan Luke	Shim Jimmy	Shinde Guatarn	Singh Simran	Siomos Phillip	Smith Matleen





## YEAR 12 FAREWELL EVENING AWARDS

**Equal First in Extension 2 English**  
**First in Visual Arts**  
**Equal First in Extension 2 English**  
**The Rhonda Roberts Memorial Award**  
**First in Advanced English and**  
**Equal First in Extension 1 English**  
**First in Legal Studies**  
**Equal First in Studies of Religion**  
**The John Taggart Memorial Award**  
**For Excellence in Social Sciences and**  
**Equal First in Extension 1 English**  
**First in History Extension**  
**First in Modern History**  
**First in Standard English**  
**First in English ESL**  
**First in Extension 2 Mathematics**  
**Mathematics Student of the Year**  
**First in Extension 1 Mathematics**  
**First in Music 1**  
**First in Ancient History**  
**Equal First in Economics**  
**Equal First in Mathematics**  
**First in Business Studies**  
**Equal First in Economics**  
**Equal First in Studies of Religion**  
**First in General Mathematics**  
**Equal First in Mathematics**  
**First in Chemistry**  
**First in Physics**  
**First in Biology**  
**First in Software Design & Development**

**Service to Drum Corps**  
 Oliver Pase  
 Sudhagar Sivabalan  
 Clifford Luu  
 Ethan Rizosv  
 Oner Kasap  
 Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit  
 Raymond Hoang  
 Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
 Aayush Sharma  
**Churton Family Shield Best All Rounder**  
 Ryan Beattie  
 Joshua Hilliard  
**Exemplary School Performance**  
 Luke Pun  
 Tommy Tsui  
**Soros Family Award for Public Relations**  
 Tandeep Singh  
**Outstanding Contribution to the School**  
 Oliver Pase  
**Strathfield Rotary Citizenship Prize**  
 Stephen Jackson  
**Caltex Best All Rounder Award**  
 Jason Tran

Adrian Clement  
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 Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
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 Oliver Pase  
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 River Cheung  
 Tommy Tsui  
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 Sudhagar Sivabalan  
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 Tandeep Singh  
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 Ankit Sharma  
 Ankit Sharma  
 Jas Singh  
 Orest Danylak  
 Khoder El-Ahmad  
 Luke Pun  
 Luke Pun  
 Adam Imer  
 Danan Thilakanathan

**P & C Award for Most Outstanding Boy in the School**  
 John Vaitaiki  
**Meritorious Service to the School**  
 Adam Imer  
 Mitchell Starc  
 Hayder Shkara  
 Ankit Sharma  
 Jamie Sherson  
 Sudhagar Sivabalan  
 Martin Gabor  
 Clifford Luu  
 Asef Islam

**First in Information Processes & Technology**  
**First in PD/H/PE**  
**First in Hospitality Operations**  
**First in Industrial Technology (Multimedia)**  
**First in Engineering Studies**  
**First in Industrial Technology**  
**(Timber Products & Furniture Industries)**  
**Most Outstanding Design Project**  
**Information & Communication Technology Award**

Jason Tran  
 Aayush Sharma  
 Daniel Nassif  
 Jonathan Ng  
 Krishna Rubadass  
 Daniel Edgton  
  
 Daniel Edgton  
 Raymond Hoang

**Principal's Medal & 2 Gold Awards**  
 Asef Islam  
 Orest Danylak  
 Arslaan Khan  
 Stephen Jackson  
 Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
 Navneil Nadan  
 Jason Tran  
**Principal's Medal & 1 Gold Award**  
 Sudhagar Sivabalan      Aaron Puvanendiranathan  
**Principal's Medal**  
 Tandeep Singh  
 Clifford Luu  
 Aayush Sharma  
**Gold Award**  
 Oliver Pase  
 Ankit Sharma  
**Most Improved Student**  
 Daniel Edgton  
 Peter Lai  
**Equal First in Year 12**      Oliver Pase  
**Equal First in Year 12**      Tommy Tsui  
**Equal First in Year 12**      Tandeep Singh

**CO-CURRICULAR, CITIZENSHIP & SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS 2007**  
 Introduced By Ms Horiatopoulos  
 Presented By: Mr Simon Ford  
**Senior Debating Award**  
 Joshua Tarrant-Windt  
**Senior Public Speaking Award**  
 Oliver Pase  
**The Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment**  
 Ethan Rizos  
 Michael Clark

