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125th Anniversary

Editor's Comments

This being the 125th Anniversary Year we have moved in a slightly different direction – full colour. I believe this is the second occasion for which this has happened and I imagine that it will continue to occur. This being the case there is no collage in Record 2008.

Many thanks to those who have contributed. Special recognition to Mark Gainford: his help, experience and commitment has made the task much easier for me. Jenny May has been a

tremendous help with the photographs and art work.

Our Deputies, John Beringer and Robert Dowdell have, again, made significant contributions, as have the Administration Staff, in particular Lorraine Molloy, who has done a wonderful job with the Salvete and Valete.

To the staff, students and wider School family, your contributions are what the Record is all about; I thank you for your help and efforts.

P R Bigelow, Editor.



Music Assembly

Academic Achievement, Semester 1, 2008

Year 7

Points were awarded as follows – High Distinction: 6, Distinction: 5, Credit: 3, Pass with Merit: 2, Pass: 1. Qualifying total, 45.

Vasu BHAKRI	Ian LI
Darryl CHAN	Daniel LIN
James CHEN	Edward LUU
Kavan CHEN	William MA
Victor CHEW	Dominic MAH
Jisoo CHUNG	Chris MAO
Daniel CORDAS	Agnish NAYAK
Denny DIEN	Alexander NGUYEN
Kenneth HO	Jaan PALLANDI
Jason HU	Kin PAN
Anup KALUVE	Anirudh RAMESH
Daniel KIM	Amarbir SINGH
Oliver KIRK	Marco STOJANOVIC
Edward KOO	Safat SUFIAN
Jason LAM	Daniel TAM
Maurice LAM	Shuming WANG
Nevin LAZARUS	Andrew WEI
Brian LEUNG	Jack ZHONG
Edwin LI	Jacky ZHU

Year 8

Points were awarded as follows – High Distinction: 6, Distinction: 5, Credit: 3, Pass with Merit: 2, Pass: 1. Qualifying total, 41.

William BAXTER	Ennes MEHMEDBASIC
Anton BROKMAN	Timothy MONTANARO
Christopher CHIAM	Eric NG
Ming CHIN	Joel NG
Timothy CHIN	Ming PAN
Simon DO	Jun-Hyuk PARK
Julian EDGTON	Suman PRUSTY
Lucas FANG	Andreas PURCAL
Derrick FOO	Shubash QUAZI
Toby FUNSTON	Siddharth SETHI
Harry HEO	Gavin SUTTON
William HO	Stephen TRANG
Emtiazul HOQUE	Jamison TSAI
Alexander HUGHES	Krishna VISVAA
Max JONES	Albert VU
Abeer KHAN	Ben WILCOX
Jim KOUKOURAS	Peter WU
Kevin KRAHE	Yujin WU
Patrick KRAKOVSKY	Jerry ZHOU
Kenny LAU	Michael ZHU
Frank LI	Jack ZOU

Year 9

Points were awarded as follows - High Distinction: 6, Distinction: 5, Credit: 3, Pass with Merit: 2, Pass: 1. Qualifying total, 38.

Nikhil AUTAR	Austin LY
Rahib AZWAD	Lee MING
Samuel BESTON	Kenneth NGUYEN
Andrew CHAN	Eric OVADIA
Botong CHENG	George PANAS
Kit Man CHENG	Michael PHUNG
Aaron CHIN	Maaz RAHMAN
Roy CHOWDHURY	Ashwin RUDDER
Shimon DANZIGER	Oliver SABAU
Thomas DIEP	Abdullah SARKER
Isaac EVELEIGH	Tahmid SHAHRIYAR
Andrew GAFFNEY	William SHAO
Gabriel GARAYALDE	Dawen SHI
Timothy GOLLAN	Raghib SIDDIQUEE
Andrew GONG	William STEFANIDIS
Declan GOREY	Jeffrey TANG
Andrew HAU	Luke VLATKO
Dennis KIM	Vincent WANG
Vivian LE	Derek WEI
Allen LIAO	Max WEI
Wen Jia LIU	Yale WONG
Henry LU	

Year 10

Puneet BAWEJA	Daniel LUO
Joseph BRAVERMAN	Robert MA
Gareth CHAN	Vithushan MOHAN
Justin CHAN	Mario MORENO
Dale CHEN	Antony PAUL
Brendan CHEUNG	Maxwell PHILLIS
Michael DO	Jeremy RAJENDRAM
Oliver FIO	Kevin SHENG
Adarsh GEORGE	Paul SIMOS
Anirban GHOSE	Nikita SLINKO
James HAN	Joshua SUTTON
Patrick HSIAO	Ankush
Hugh HUANG	THYAGARAJU
Rafat KAMAL	Aaron TRAN
Shejil KUMAR	Michael WANG
Jeffrey LAM	Nelson WANG
Ivan LI	Christopher WONG
Andy LIU	Stephen YOON
Robert LU	Adrian ZHANG

Academic Achievement

Year 11

Adrian ANG	Daniel LAMBERT
Timothy BURSTON	Brian LAU
Julian BYRNES	Matthew LAU
Yiming CAO	Victor Seng Yi LIM
Jarrold CHAN	Daniel LO
Clement CHEN	Simon LU
Jack CHEN	Brendon MARTINEZ
Jeffrey CHEN	Eric MARTINI
Simon CHENG	Maxeem MIKHA
George COSMAN	Matthew NGUYEN
Patrick DESMOND	Thomas NGUYEN
Matthew DINH	Daniel SHAN
Stephen DONG	Avish SHARMA
David FAN	Timothy SIU
Stephen GAROFANO	Matthew TONG
Desmond HI	Anthony TRAN
Simon HOANG	Luke TRAN
Anton JURISEVIC	Thomas WILSON
Christian KATSIKAROS	Jeffrey WONG
Vincent KHOU	Henry YU
Phillip KURTS	Steven ZHENG
Victor LAM	

Year 12

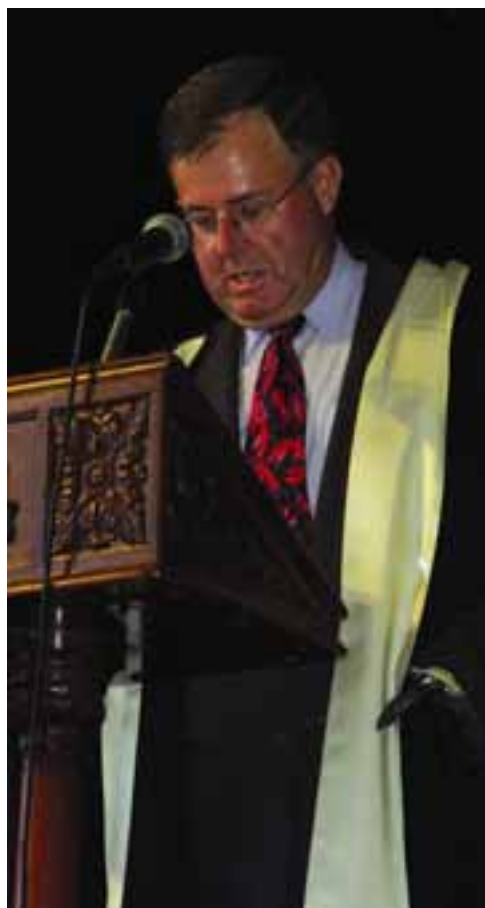
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Ajay	MEHMEDBASIC
BALACHANDRAN	Varan PERANANTHAN
Ishan BAPAT	Daniel PHAM
Michael BOCK	Paul PHUAH
Dominic BOWES	Karan RAO
William CHAN	Ricky RATNAYAKE
Daniel CHIM	Anosh
Jun DAI	SIVASHANMUGARA
Yiming DENG	JAH
Ping DU	Marco SUN
David FAN	Swei TANG
Darren HO	Simon TING
Richard HUA	Daochen TONG
Kartik IYER	Andrew TSE
Albert KIM	Nazim UDDIN
Nathan KWOK	Arthur WANG
Garry LAU	Jason WONG
Alvin LEUNG	Simin YANG
Ruiwen LIU	Robert YOON
Simon LIU	Zhesu ZHANG
Jiawen MA	Zhi ZU
	Justin ZUO



Year Twelve Farewell Assembly

Good afternoon and welcome to parents, staff, students and the special cohort of Year 12 young men we are honouring today as the class of 2008. The Year 12 Farewell Assembly is one of those anticipated 'rites of passage' signifying an end of formal schooling and a beginning of a more self-directed phase of intellectual, academic and social growth in the tertiary sector. I trust that in the future Old Boys and staff will remember the class of 2008 for their academic achievements, for their extensive participation in school life and for how they brought credit to the school through community service. I believe in the years to come I will remember the class of 2008 as being the foundation year in the building of a stronger High culture in sports, leadership and assemblies, just as I remember the class of 2001 for radically altering the culture of the final week of school at High and beginning a community service culture which has grown stronger ever since. I believe David Vien has been an outstanding School Captain and he, along with Josh Hui and Matthew Coutts, will leave a lasting legacy in our student initiated event and community service management arrangements. The bar has been raised for future years.

High has a tradition of producing scholar-sportsmen. I want to congratulate the ninety-six boys who competed in two seasons of GPS sports at whatever level. You exemplify the High spirit of the all rounder who shows he values a life balance between academic goals, varied co-curricular experiences, sport and team skills. I urge you to keep participating in your sports through university and into your adult life. In your special edition 125th anniversary program, I have acknowledged the outstanding performances of those who have made the extra time sacrifices, summoned the self-discipline and focussed on their personal standards of performance, to train, travel and play at the GPS level in first and second grade competition. I will not read out all the names here but I must pay tribute to our triple first representatives – Ronan Casey, Michael Denny-Smith, Daniel O'Keefe, Warren Trac and Dinghua Xiao. Mitch Kelly represented in tennis, rowing and cross country running in 2007-08 as a successful pathways student. These boys



performed great deeds in the name of the school. They were backed up by eleven 'Double Firsts' and four in the 'One-Two' Club. I believe this year the first grade basketball team and the cross country team joined the first grade volleyball side as real forces in CHS at state level. The debaters were co-premiers in GPS competition. The senior chess side is at state semi final stage and in contention. Our seniors are contributing strongly to our performance music program. They raised a lot of money for community causes during 2007-08. Thank you for your collective efforts.

My message this afternoon to the graduating class of 2008 is about hope, persistence and character. One towering figure of twentieth century world history, Nelson Mandela, achieved a great deal late in his life. He had endured nearly

three decades of harsh and heartless imprisonment on the notorious Robben Island before he was released. During his confinement he never gave up hope. His infectious optimism helped sustain the men in Section B with him. In his memoir *Long Walk to Freedom*, he wrote: "I always knew that someday I would once again feel the grass under my feet and walk in the sunshine a free man." How did he sustain his dream? How did he bear his punishment? How did he retain his dignity? In a letter to his wife, Winnie, he wrote: "In judging our progress as individuals, we tend to concentrate on external factors such as one's social position, influence and popularity, wealth and standard of education...but internal factors may be more crucial in assessing one's development as a human being: honesty, sincerity, simplicity, humility, purity, generosity, absence of vanity, readiness to serve your fellow men – qualities within the reach of every soul..." The agglomeration of these internal factors continues to define Mandela. His strength of character nurtured his vision, gave him his fortitude and preserved his calm demeanour in the face of his gaolers. During his term as the first President of a free South Africa and now as a revered elder statesman, he is an inspirational model for aspiring leaders.

As you embark on your intense couple of months of study and examinations, remember that in the end what matters is what kind of person you become, what style of man you will be and what manner of citizen you will make. Perhaps in our little school bureaucracy and in the wider world we emphasise the 'external factors' Mandela describes too much. Our defence is that we are a microcosm of society and behave and measure each other according to socially determined benchmarks of success. However, in various ways we do try to acknowledge and value those intrinsic qualities that define a good person. Education is fundamentally about learning how to think and demonstrating how to feel. I hope that your experience at High has helped you grow as people and that whatever your academic, financial, social or political positions in the future you will always appreciate those qualities "within the reach of every soul". I wish you all success, but more enduringly, contentment, because, as one who saw too little of either, the tragic former prisoner Oscar Wilde, acutely observed, "nothing ages like happiness". It has been an honour and a pleasure to have served you as your Principal.

Dr KA Jaggar.



Farewell Message

As I look back to 2003 when the class of 2008 started at High, I can see how time and your experiences have affected you. You have grown physically, academically and emotionally. You have changed in your appearance, your understandings and your skills. You have developed important relationships with teachers, students, Old Boys and parents as you progressed through the seasons and years. The learning environment has changed around you too. The classroom and sporting facilities are better now than they were then. Training opportunities and expertise have improved. Student welfare and leadership initiatives have been implemented to engage and enrich your school life. As an institution the High community hopes that your experiences at our school have been challenging, rewarding and fulfilling and have met your expectations of secondary school.

I want to acknowledge your leadership team, headed up so ably by David Vien. With Josh Hui and Matthew Coutts in support, the core of Prefects who engaged heavily in school life did a great job. It is encouraging that you are leaving behind electronic records so that succeeding Year 12 classes will not have to 'reinvent the wheel' when it comes to organising events or attempting new ones.

I particularly want to thank those students who have shown the spirit, supported the school and done the preparation to qualify as 'Triple Firsts': Daniel O'Keefe, Warren Trac and Dinghua Xiao – great effort boys! Our 'Double Firsts' were: Christopher Andrews, Ronan Casey, Robert Chen, Matthew Coutts, Michael Denny-Smith, Ping Du, George Lo, Mitch Kelly, Edwin Montoya Zorrilla, Shahar Merom, Kogulan Sriranjana, Lachlan Street and Alistair Taylor. You are the elite of our sportsmen who cared enough about pursuing excellence and representing your school to strive hard to balance your commitments to high level sport with your responsibilities as students. I want to thank the 'One –Two Club' for their efforts:

Alvin Leung, Toby Rosengarten, Shiva Sheth and Daniel Simpson. Thank you to Jason Cohn for his 'Double- Two' contribution. To all the Year 12s who participated in two seasons of sport at any level in their final year – thank you. Your commitment to the ethos of the school models what we want our Year 7s to emulate. Many boys were involved in sport and co-curricular activities such as performance music, debating and community service. Your participation was highly valued.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the iconic US President, gave plenty of advice in his public life. 'Happiness', he said, 'is not in the mere possession of money, it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort'. As you leave High and move into tertiary study and post graduate employment, I urge you to seek areas of endeavour that will produce joy in what you are able to make happen, design, produce, influence or instruct. Too often high school students are attracted to professions that yield the most financial rewards early, without researching what the professional in the field does, nor what courses of study prepare him for that work. Occasionally, they find themselves quite unsuited to the type of vocation they are training for. Luckily, avenues exist at tertiary level for students to change undergraduate or post graduate programs to reflect their maturing decisions about what it is that they really want to do with their lives. Seek vocational happiness through the satisfaction the work promises to give you, not through the money you may be paid to do the work. If you can have both, go for it!

Thank you for what you have done for each other, for yourselves and for the continuing reputation of High as a leading school in all round education. I wish you all the best of health, happiness and success.

Dr KA Jaggard
September, 2008



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Front Row: A.C.Thomas, J.Ip, M.P.Coutts (Vice Captain), Mr C.Kesting (Prefects Master), D.Vien (Captain), Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), J.Hui (Senior Prefect), A.Sivashammugarajdh, D.A.Bowes

Speech Night Address

Special guest Antony Whitlam QC (SHS1956-1960), Relieving School Education Director, Doreen Wilson, distinguished Old Boys and guests, colleagues, prize winners and their families – good evening and welcome to our 124th Speech Night.

Two thousand and seven was a very eventful year. There were many great achievements and a few disappointments – one, regrettably, was the inconsistency of our HSC results at the top end. Nevertheless, the quality, variety and depth of our non-intellective outcomes throughout the year were outstanding. Our delivery of the total curriculum was pleasing. Our choice-based approach to languages for Year 7 and our second round of elective choices at the end of Year 9 altered the focus of the Junior School non-core delivery. Our roll out of digital projectors, sound systems and security cupboards proceeded strongly with an additional twelve rooms being equipped. Our electronic attendance swipe card system was gradually phased in during the year so that for 2008 all boys will swipe on their attendance each day. Our Student Monitoring and Support Plan was implemented with many more interactions between staff and students. The new Mathematics Enrichment Club established as a joint initiative with SGHS and UNSW, proved a rewarding extension exercise for gifted mathematicians.

I was proud of our school publishing efforts in 2007 with a very comprehensive edition of *The Record*, supported by two editions of *High Flyer*, on top of the weekly editions of *High Notes*. I want to thank Paul Bigelow, Mark Gainford, Jenny May and the SASS staff for all their hard work in producing these high quality publications. Thanks to the P&C two new upright pianos were purchased for the Music rooms and a suite of computers and keyboards installed to run Sibelius composition software. The leadlight windows at the top of each staircase in the Main Building were purchased and installed as the Year 12 2006 gift to the school. They nicely complement the landing display window which was constructed as a Year 12 DT project.

I want to thank the members of the Sydney High Development Committee and the Parent Year Groups for their fundraising efforts and

organisation of social activities. Our parents are our strength in co-curricular affairs. They provide money or time or both. There were many parents of the Class of 2007 who served tirelessly. I thank them sincerely. In particular, I feel Liz and Graeme Hurrell and Gabrielle Klocker were outstanding in their commitment to school life. Thank you.

The most significant change to our operations in 2007 was the implementation of the 'School Within A School' strategy. The Junior School, Years 7-9, has a separate structure for sport, assemblies and pedagogy. They are identified by a different uniform. The educational focus is on the discourse of personal development. The implementation phase suffered from the usual difficulties of uncertainty and variability, but progress was made. Reconceptualising Year 9 students as the seniors of the Junior School will take some time to convert into behaviour changes and measurable outcomes but the future directions are set.

My long held desire to have an 'ethos enhancement class' selected using our tested template scoring system and interview process was finally made possible in June, and the additional twenty boys started this year in Year 9. This evening I want to thank Dr Phil Lambert (Director – Sydney Region) for his courage and vision in approving the establishment of this class. It will mean a lot to High in the years ahead, particularly in meeting our commitments to mass participation in GPS sports. In summer 2008 alone, 932 students are involved in competitive sport, with over 900 engaged on Saturdays. In order to accommodate the additional classes in core subjects a new demountable was purchased and two new teaching spaces created in McDonald Wing.

The Senior School concept was aimed at developing the discourse of academic achievement in the boys in Years 10-12. HSC preparation was the focus. Students re-selected electives at the end of Year 9, were given extra elective time in fewer subjects, dressed in white shirts and 47 of them engaged in Preliminary Courses through the acceleration program while in Year 10. Some headway was made in their development as autonomous, independent learners

but a negative side effect appeared in their dismissal of the importance of the School Certificate Tests. Teachers and students will adapt better to these structural changes in the years ahead as the intake of Year 11 students is phased out by 2010, allowing a three year development program aimed at academic achievement, instead of two.

The biggest occasion of the year was the memorable dedication by the Governor-General of the Sir Roden Cutler Memorial Gates on 24 May. This project took five years of persistence to complete and everyone's efforts were most suitably honoured on the occasion. The Governor-General and Lady Jeffery extended their visit and spoke individually with many of the guests present.

The Higher School Certificate

For the first time since the new HSC began we had negative band 6 growth at 512 or 8 fewer than 2006. Despite this top end weakness the average UAI for 208 students was 92.27, above our long term average but below the 92.46 of last year. Still, 150 students scored a UAI over 90, just one fewer than 2006. On the all rounders list we had a reduced representation of 24, despite 29 students earning UAIs of 99 or higher. Outstanding individual HSC performances included: Anthony Morris – first in Mathematics Extension 1, with Trong Nguyen Third; in Mathematics Extension 2, Trong was second and Anthony fourth; Blaise Prentice-Davidson came first in Distinction–Philosophy with Louis Yang third; John Luu was third in Chemistry, Jeffrey Xie third in Chinese Continuers and fourth in Chinese extension, James Mackay fifth in Music 2 Extension and Aditya Keswani eighth in engineering studies.

Academic Competitions

Anthony Morris earned a bronze medallion in the Mathematics Olympiad in Vietnam, made a perfect score for state and national level first place in the Australian Geography Competition and scored a prize in the Australian Mathematics Competition for the sixth year! John Wormell was first in Australia in the Australian Geography Competition – junior division, helping High to the rank of first school in Australia in the competition. Yujin Wu achieved the highest score in NSW for his year level in the ICAS Science competition. Albert Ng was selected as a scholar in the Australian Science Olympiad – Chemistry. Justin

Zuo attended the Australian Science Olympiad training program in January.

Chess

The senior chess team retained the GPS chess trophy. The Junior Chess Team retained the Junior Chess League State Championship shield.

Debating

Dominic Bowes, Lucian Tan, Zid Mancenido and Edwin Montoya Zorrilla won the NSW Karl Cramp debating competition for Year 11. Blaise Prentice-Davidson, Michael Coutts, Kelvin Yu and Anthony Morris were runners-up to Smiths-Hill in the NSW Hume Barbour competition for Year 12.

Creative Arts

James Hurrell and Alex Shapilsky had their major artworks displayed in ARTEXPRESS. James Mackay and Mohammed Mehmedbasic were chosen to perform at ENCORE. Jason Kok was selected in the NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Volleyball

High open volleyball won the CHS Knockout and GPS Competitions for the third consecutive year. At the Australian Championship High reached its highest ranking so far - seventh. Victor Nguyen and Oliver Konakoff were selected in the Trans Tasman NSW team. Oliver was selected in the Australian team.

Basketball

The open first grade team finished third in the CHS Knockout Competition. The 15A team were runners up to Westfields Sports High in the CHS Knockout. These are our best ever basketball results.

Athletics

At the All Schools NSW carnival, Michael Denny-Smith won the 17 years 400m hurdles and Dinghua Xiao was third in the shot put. At the CHS carnival Dinghua broke the 16 years school record to earn a silver medal in the discus, and earned silver in the shot put, too. Michael Denny-Smith took out the 400m hurdles. Harrison Lane ran strongly for silver in the 15 years 3000m. Dakishika Gunaratne scored a bronze medal for the 17+ 110m hurdles.

Cricket

Matthew Fetherston and Dakishika Gunaratne were selected in the combined GPS cricket team.

Sailing

Phillip Kurts won the state 4.7 Laser championship.

Football

Joshua Weight and Lachlan Street were selected in the combined GPS first grade team. Daniel Campion, Aaron Shuttleworth and Gehan Karunaratne made the Combined GPS seconds.

Tennis

Matthew King was selected in the combined GPS seconds team. The Stan Jones Cup team qualified through the Metropolitan round and represented at the NSW Titles in Albury.

Rowing

At the CHS rowing championship High won five finals, including the championship men's VIII. Ty Linegar won the Reg Galvin Award for best male competitor.

As is my custom on this occasion each year, I will conclude by sharing with you some ideas that the class of 2007 might take with them and other prize winners consider. Epictetus wrote *The Discourses* at the end of the first century AD. He proposed a stoic view of life. "Do not seek to have everything that happens, happen as you wish, but wish for everything to happen, as it actually does happen, and your life will be serene. Disease is an impediment to the body, but not to the moral purpose, unless that consents...In the case of everything that befalls you, remember to turn to

yourself and see what faculty you have to deal with it." Epictetus gave good advice on how to access those qualities within ourselves that can be marshalled to combat the vicissitudes of the life ahead of us. When faced with events beyond our control that impact on us, such as our experiences of failures, conflicts, accidents, tragedies, or loss, we can call upon endurance, patience, courage, integrity, abstinence, forbearance, compassion or other moral strengths to confront issues that face us. What happens is outside yourself, but how you react to and cope with what happens, lies within your power. Keep your moral purpose firm and you will find the strength. For Epictetus, this is the position and character of the philosopher – one who looks for all help or harm from within. At university, in the work place, in relationships, Epictetus would have you avoid seeking solutions external to yourself but would ask you to place yourself at the centre of the response and to look for the solution in your hearts and minds.

At High we hope that in our total curriculum over six years you have learnt how to reason and reflect, to analyse and judge, to interact with people and teams, to push yourself, to rationalise your mistakes, to accept your successes and to have the self-confidence to face the future as autonomous individuals.

Congratulations to all prize winners and good luck to those now leaving High for the last time.

Dr KA Jaggard.



SPEECH NIGHT

and

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

Tuesday 19 February 2008 7.30 pm

Occasional address by The Hon Antony Whitlam, QC
Class of 1960

ACADEMIC AWARDS

HSC

Headmaster's Prize and Warnecke Trophy for DUX Henry F Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry The Alan C Corner Prize for Physics	John Luu
P & C Prize for Second	Ji-Kwang Park
Prize for Third	Louis Yang
Advanced English A B Piddington Prize for English Paul Griffiths Prize for Economics	Kelvin Yu
Mathematics (2 unit)	Yiming Deng
Mathematics (Extension 1)	Anthony Morris
G C Saxby Prize for Mathematics (Extension 2)	Trong Nguyen
Frank S Bradhurst Prize for Biology	Clement Lee
Dr Charles Winston Prize for Geography (sponsored by the OBU)	Nicholas Lochner
Business Studies	Sriram Jeyaraman
Legal Studies	Rommo Pandit
H C Fisk Prize for Ancient History	Alexander Vulkanovski
Clarrie Martin Memorial Prize for Modern History	Simon Liu
Norman Save Memorial Prize for History Performance	Max Keldoulis
History Extension	Oswin Perera
Music 2	Muhamed Mehmedbasic
Music Extension	James Mackay

Dr F W Doak Prize for Latin Latin (Extension)	Lachlan Deacon
German	Anthony Wan
Chinese (Continuers) Chinese (Extension)	Jeffrey Xie
The Chancellor's Prize for Classical Greek	Eugene Stadnik
Software Design M G Speedy Prize for Engineering Studies	Aditya Keswani
The Class of 1937 Prize for Visual Arts	Thomas Hurrell
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Arthavan Surendran
English Extension 1 English Extension 2 The Lionel Foucaud Prize for French Extension Sir Earle Page Prize for French	Raymond Roca

PRELIMINARY

Keith C Cameron Memorial Prize for DUX (sponsored by the OBU) University of NSW Prize for Economics	Justin Zuo
P & C Prize for Second C W Wicks Prize for Physics	Ricky Ratnayake
Prize for Third	Darren Ho
F A Elgar Prize for English Extension F A Elgar Prize for French	Albert Kim
K Saxby Prize for Mathematics SHOB Rugby Club Prize for Chemistry (sponsored by the OBU)	Daniel Chim
English Advanced Legal Studies German	Simon Liu
Latin Visual Arts	Jun Dai
Ancient History Studies of Religion I	Lucian Tan
Modern History Business Studies	Timothy Burston Matthew Lau

J Manchester Prize for Biology	Daochen Tong
Geography	Dominic Bowes
Chinese (Continuers)	Phillip Wang
Engineering Science	Roy Wong
Software Design	Benjamin Tseng
Music 1	Plini Roessler-Holgate
Music 2	Thomas Wilson
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	David Vien

YEAR 10

Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize for DUX (sponsored by the OBU)	Thomas Wilson
A H Pelham Prize for Classical Greek	
Edgar Bembrick Memorial Prize for Latin	
Science	
University of Sydney Year 10 Academic Excellence Award (2nd in Year 10)	Matthew Tong
Geography	
P & C Prize for Third	Matthew Dinh
H A Coss Prize for English	Simon Lu
Mathematics	Yiming Cao
Commerce	Brian Lau
French	Mark Lucchitti
The George Hillary Smith QC Prize for French	
German	Samuel Wan
The Meakin Prize for Design & Technology	
History	Christopher Evans
History Elective	Anthony Hopkins
Chinese (Foreign Community)	Shorson Zhang
Accelerated Design & Technology	Arthur Kourtesis
Architectural and Engineering Drawing	Daniel Lo
Visual Arts	Bryant Apolonio

Drama	Timothy Burston
Music	Andre Brokman
Visual Design	Joshua Tassell
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	

YEAR 9

J H Killip Prize for DUX	Kevin Sheng
The Macquarie University Prize for Academic Achievement	
Mathematics	
French	
Latin	
P & C Prize for Second	Justin Chan
Phillip Seymour Prize for Third	Stephen Yoon
R K Levis Prize for English	Joshua Sutton
History	
Classical Greek	Ivan Li
Commerce	Andrew Wu
Geography	Maxwell Phillis
German	Adarsh George
History Elective	
Science	Tadeusz Davenport
Visual Arts	Anirban Ghose
Design & Technology	
Visual Design	Alexander Saunders
Chinese (Foreign)	Daniel Huang
Chinese (Community)	Hugh Huang
Architectural & Engineering Drawing	
Drama	Liam Aylmer
Music	Samuel Beston
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Dale Chen

YEAR 8

F A Elgar Prize for DUX Mathematics Visual Arts	Max Wei
P & C Prize for Second	Rahib Azwad
Doris M Gray Prize for Third Latin French	Samuel Beston
English	Marcell Rozsa
Science	Terence Chiem
History	Nikhil Autar
Geography	Varun Sethi
Chinese (Intermediate) German	Austin Ly
Chinese (Beginners)	Joshua Chen
Chinese (Advanced)	Yale Wong
Classical Greek	David Wang
Music	Shimon Danziger
Design and Technology	Oliver Sabau
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Andrew Ye

YEAR 7

Gordon Barr Memorial Prize for DUX (sponsored by the OBU) History Geography	Kenny Lau
P & C Prize for Second English Chinese	Ming Chin
Doris M Gray Prize for Third German	Patrick Krakovsky
Mathematics Science	Peter Wu
French	Ankur Paul

Latin	William Ho
Visual Arts	Lucas Fang
Music	Ennes Mehmedbasic
Design and Technology	Jamian Vuong
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Scott Renzenbrink

SPECIAL PRIZES

The John Waterhouse Prize (sponsored by the OBU) <i>to the Prefect who has done most in the interests of the School, particularly in the way of keeping the “esprit de corps” and maintaining a high moral tone.</i>	Matthew Fetherston
The Robert Outterside Prize <i>to a Year 12 student who has distinguished himself in Mathematics and Rugby</i>	Louis Yang
The Caltex Best All Rounder Award <i>To a student judged by the School staff as the best all-rounder. The student is selected on the basis of character, sport, scholarship and other activities.</i>	Louis Yang
The Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize <i>to the best all-rounder in Year 12. He is selected on the basis of character, scholarship (should be in the first ten in the year), sport and participation in School activities.</i>	Dakshika Gunaratne
James Brunton Gibb Prize for Public Speaking (sponsored by the OBU) <i>to a Year 12 student who excels in the art of public speaking,</i>	Kelvin Yu
The Peter H. Cappe Memorial Prize <i>to honour a Year 12 student who has distinguished himself throughout his School career by outstanding achievement and contribution to the School,</i>	Alexander Vertoudakis
The Lennie Bassar Award for Scientific Initiative <i>to a senior student who demonstrated outstanding scientific initiative and leadership in a school based (or sponsored) practical or skill based activity,</i>	Daniel Jin
The K. J. Andrews Award <i>to a student who contributes willingly and generously across many facets which go to make up the school. Key attributes include leadership, involvement, attitude and sense of pride in the School.</i>	Samson Lou
The Old Boys’ Prize (sponsored by the OBU) <i>to the student who was “not necessarily first in sport, not necessarily first in scholarship, but certainly first in the hearts of his fellows”.</i>	Moussa Farhat
The 1958 Merit Award <i>to a Year 12 student in just recognition of his sound character and overall performance in studies, sport and other activities</i>	Thomas Hurrell
The 1977 Year 12 Prize for Excellence <i>to a student who has excelled in an area/s outside school activities</i>	Alexander Le

The J W Gibbes Year 12 Prize (sponsored by the OBU) Lachlan Deacon
*to a Year 12 student for proficiency in Latin, qualities of leadership and devotion to duty
in relation to GPS sport*

The J W Gibbes Year 10 Prize (sponsored by the OBU) Jun Dai
*to a Year 10 student for proficiency in the Humanities – Classics, English and History –
soundness of character and interest in GPS sport*

Phil Ainsworth Memorial Prize James Mackay
*to a Year 12 student who, during his six years, has shown particular commitment
to the ideals of the School Motto, With Truth and Courage, as evidenced
by his proficiency in academic, cultural and sporting activities.*

Headmaster's Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts Thomas Hurrell
for a significant contribution to the Arts, not necessarily Alex Shapilsky
within the School and whose art work or James Mackay
performance has been selected for Art Express or Encore Muhamed Mehmedbasic

Headmaster's Award for Achievement in the Arts Ashwin Thomas
to students whose art work has been set aside Zhi Zu, Aaron Tse
for possible selection in Art Express or Encore Wayne Wang, Nathan Kwok

The Michael Goodwin Memorial Prize George Zhai
given in acknowledgment of courage shown in the face of adversity

Reuben F. Scarf Foundation Prize Nikola Levanic
For consistent effort and desire to improve.
Prize donated each year by the R. F. Scarf Memorial Foundation

The Class of 1991 Prize Victor Nguyen
*to a Year 12 student who, over six consecutive years, has contributed
consistently in a number of fields to the character and spirit of the school*

Senior Prize for Creativity Thomas Castleton
*awarded to a Year 12 student in recognition of the outstanding creativity
and risk taking evident in their art work*

Special Staff Prize Eugene Stadnik, Raymond Roca, Frank Jin
to a student for the consistent generous sacrifice of time and invaluable contribution to the School

Carol Hardy Memorial Prize Wilson Wong
to a senior student for his contribution to music and other aspects of school life

The Captain John Fittler Memorial Prize Michael Coutts
*awarded to the student who displays unwavering devotion to any cause
that serves the ideals and ethos of the school, above and beyond the call of duty*

The Deputy Principals' Prizes Anthony Morris, Richard Yang
to students who give valuable service to the school

John Francis Bush Memorial Prize Alvin Leung
to a Year 11 student for popularity, general character and general proficiency in School and sport

Speech Night

J M & W G Forsythe Memorial Prize

Kerrod McPherson

to a Year 10 student who is deemed to be outstanding throughout his course and particularly in the year of the Award, in respect of scholarship, sport and School example

The Ross Miller Memorial Award

Jason Nguyen

*To a Year 10 student judged to be the best all-rounder.
This Award is given in memory of an Old Boy and teacher in the School.*

The Brian Allsop Memorial Prize

Jeremy Ireland

to an outstanding Junior School sportsman who displays the attributes of sportsmanship, courage and modesty

The Class of 2001 Prize for Outdoor Education

Leon Wang

*In recognition of a student who has demonstrated enthusiasm for and commitment to outdoor education.
The aim of the prize is to aid the student in achieving success in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.*

Junior Prize for Public Speaking

Cameron Morrison

The S. & P. Tzannes Prize

Maximilian Birch

*To a Year 7 student of sound character, proficient in academic studies, sport and cultural activities.
The recipient should also display a willingness to subordinate his own interests to those of the School and his fellow students.*

Le Prix Roger Peyrefitte

Mark Lucchitti

to a student in any year who has demonstrated talent in, and enthusiasm for both Litterae (Latin/Greek) and French

The Mitchell A. Seow Memorial Prize

Reuben George

to honour a Year 12 student who is a caring friend to all, never lets his friends or team mates down and has the admiration of his peers and teachers alike, putting 100% effort into a diverse range of endeavours

DEBATING AWARDS

Year 12

Kelvin Yu

Year 11

Dominic Bowes

Year 10

Christopher Evans

Year 9

Antony Paul

Year 8

David Tran

Year 7

Christopher Chiam

THE PETER WALKER AWARDS FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE

Year 12	Iain Wang
Year 11	Dominic Bowes
Year 10	Christopher Evans
Year 9	Stephen Yoon
Year 8	Samuel Beston
Year 7	Suman Prusty

THE P & C LITERARY WRITING COMPETITION

Senior Prose	James Mackay
Senior Poetry	Schuman Zhang
Senior Non-Fiction	Lucian Tan
Junior Prose	Samuel Beston
Junior Non-Fiction	
Junior Poetry	Andre Brokman

P & C AWARDS

Outstanding Contribution to the Senior Concert Band	James Mackay
Outstanding Contribution to Drama	Leo Gordon

THE ARCH FERGUSON PRIZES

Awarded to sons, grandsons, brothers of Old Boys in Years 8-12 for academic achievements and services to the School.

Year 12	D'arcy Blaxell
Year 11	Harrison Reid
Year 10	Nishan Abeysuriya
Year 9	George Denny-Smith
Year 8	Christopher Morrow

SYDNEY HIGH CADET UNIT

Most Efficient Cadet	Cdt Jim Nguyen
Most Efficient Junior NCO	Cpl Johan Santoso
Most Efficient Senior NCO	Sgt Denis Stojanovic
Colonel Duffy Sword of Honour for Most Efficient CUO	CUO Weiping Lu
Australian Defence Leadership and Teamwork Award	
Year 12	Moussa Farhat
Year 11	Varan Perananthan
Year 10	Johan Santoso

STUDENT AWARDS SCHEME

Regional Director's Award for Student Participation

Michael Coutts	Dakshika Gunaratne
Richard Yang	

School Trophy

Alexander Belokopytov	Terry Ly
William Chan	James Mackay
Anthony Morris	Matthew Coutts
Ishan Nadkarni	Lachlan Deacon
Varan Peranathan	Patrick Desmond
Raymond Roca	Moussa Farhat
Alex Shapilsky	Eugene Stadnik
David Hu	Bill Sun
Max Keldoulis	David Vien
Alexander Lee	Leslie Wong
Nicholas Lochner	Louis Yang
Samson Lou	Kelvin Yu
John Luu	

School Plaque

Michael Chen	David Kim
Matthew Fetherston	Albert Ng
Yun-Zhe Guo	Victor Nguyen
Frank Jin	Anthony Wan
Gehan Karunaratne	

SPORTING AWARDS

'Doc' Bentivoglio Memorial Prize

Alexander Belokopytov

To a member of the Junior School for outstanding performance and sportsmanship in Rugby and Rowing

W W Ivo Wyatt Memorial Trophy for Senior Swimming

Darren Ho

The Warrick Segal Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship and Fellowship

Gehan Karunaratne

John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup for Outstanding Sportsmanship (sponsored by the OBU) Thomas Castleton

McArthur Memorial Cup for 1500m Athletics Champion

Ty Linegar

William Soothill Memorial Trophy for Basketball

Matthew Jones

Sir Roden Cutler Prize for Sportsmanship, Leadership and Commitment to Rifle Shooting Patrick Chen

SGHS Cup for Games and Sportsmanship

Dakshika Gunaratne

Senior Tennis Champion

Matt King

The UNSW Cricket Club Batting Award

Matthew Fetherston

The Tom Rushall Prize for Participation and Service to Sport

Victor Nguyen

Claude Tressider Trophy for 100m Breaststroke

Darren Ho

A C McKibbin Trophy for Cricket	Dakshika Gunaratne
David Brunton Gibb Prize for Soccer	Joshua Weight
The Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rowing	Harry Song
Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Champion	Dakshika Gunaratne
Alan Kippax Trophy for Rugby	Alex Vertoudakis
A M Eedy Cup for 100m Athletics Champion	Kogulan Sriranjana
Peter Cady Trophy for Rowing	Thomas Hurrell
Rifle Club Championship Cup	Ishan Nadkarni
Most Improved Rower	Harrison Reid
GPS of NSW OBU Council Prize	Lachlan Street
<i>Awarded to the student who best exemplifies the qualities of fellowship, commitment and service to GPS sport, in terms of either coaching, managing and/or refereeing</i>	
The Pierre De Coubertin Award	Matthew Fetherston

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

Open	Roshan Karunaratne		
17 years	Daniel Campion	14 years	Samuel Lane
16 years	Edwin Montoya Zorrilla	13 years	Pasan Pannila
15 years	Jeremy Ireland	12 years	Anton Brokman

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

16 years	Michael Denny-Smith	13 years	Michael Phung
15 years	Joshua Tassell	12 years	Patrick Krakovsky
14 years	Christopher Morrow		

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

16 years	Alexander Belokopytov	13 years	Max Chien
15 years	Jeffery Jiang/Jack Musgrove	12 years	Patrick Zhou
14 years	Andrew Ye		

SPORTING AWARDS

The G. C. Saxby Shield for House Competition	Rubie
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SPORTS BLUES

BASKETBALL – Victor Nguyen, Matthew Jones
CRICKET – Matthew Fetherston, Dakshika Gunaratne
FOOTBALL – Joshua Weight, Lachlan Street
TENNIS – Matt King
VOLLEYBALL – Alex Le, Jamie Tao, Weiping Lu, Warren Trac, Ping Du

ANZAC Day

Distinguished guests, Old Boys, members of staff, students, welcome to our Anzac Day ceremony for 2008. I want to acknowledge and thank our special guests today. Col. Ian Cumming (Victoria Barracks) representing Major-General Mark Kelly; Capt. Donoghue (UNSW Regiment) representing Lt Col. Fomiatti; RSL Sub-Branch Presidents Bill Harrigan (Bondi-Waverley), Barry Collins (Coogee-Randwick), Merv Woods (Kensington War Memorial) and RSL representatives Chris Salakis (Malabar) and Old Boy Vic Thatcher (Clovelly). A special welcome to serving and retired Old Boys - Air Vice Marshall Russ Law, Brigadier Bob Slater, Lt. Col. Anthony Tripley, Commander Viv Littlewood and Major Ross Cable. Our commemoration takes place rather early this year but the educational opportunity to raise the concept of Anzac Day in our school community consciousness is an annual commitment of the Department of Education and more importantly for us, a traditional ritual of this school. Anzac Day recognises service and sacrifice, mateship and memorials. I want to acknowledge the efforts of our school cadets this year. For several years seven cadets from our Unit have served as a banner party for the 2/1st Field

Regiment Association at the Anzac Day March. This year 20 cadets are to form a Flag Party to carry national flags at the opening ceremony before the Anzac Day Test. Also, our High Marching Band has become a feature of the March. I am hoping for a big turnout again this year. Thank you to all boys who care enough to be involved.

This morning I want to offer a snapshot of Australians at war after Gallipoli when our forces were deployed to France. By the end of 1915, the war in Europe was at a stalemate. After the 1914 war of movement when Germany's Schlieffen Plan encircling thrusts on Paris were stopped at the Marne and the 'race to the sea' ended in a draw, German defensive lines were established from the French Alps to the English Channel, keeping the Allies at bay. Counter attacks by French and British forces in 1915 were disastrous. The 'cavalry and bayonet' Generals squandered the 'offensive spirit' of a generation of young men, sustaining 2.4 million Allied casualties. Machine guns, trenches, concrete bunkers and barbed wire were effective against anything less than highly concentrated and sustained artillery fire, adequate offensive weaponry and a No-Man's Land to traverse of no more than 200 metres. Haig and the





generals ran battles they could not see, using plans and tactics they could not control, wasting troops they did not know, on open, muddy battlefields they had not reconnoitred.

Fromelles in Flanders was the scene for the Australian troops first battle in Europe. On July 17, 1916, the three brigades of the Australian 5th Division (17,800 men) were sent in to the attack, with orders to capture the German front line trenches and break into and hold their support lines. The operation was planned as a feint to stop the Germans sending reinforcements to Haig's real objective – at the Somme. The Australian Commanders thought the attack would fail and said so. It went ahead anyway. The Germans were not deceived. The Somme was reinforced. Fromelles was a hastily planned assault, on too wide a front with too little artillery support, in open country, across twice the feasible distance of No Man's Land, commencing immediately after rain. Despite these overwhelming disadvantages, two of the three attacks succeeded but the enemy support trenches were not where they were supposed to be and the Australian troops were forced to defend against counter attacks using the German frontline trenches they had recently occupied. They were cut off in defensive islands and surrounded when the Germans counterattacked. After a confused 14 hour battle, the Australians staged a desperate fighting retreat, pointlessly suffering 5,533 casualties, many disappearing into the mud. Les Carlyon, the vivid military historian writes in *The Great War*: "VC Corner Cemetery outside Fromelles is the only

solely Australian war cemetery in France...There are no headstones. Underfoot are the remains of 410 Australians. The bodies were picked up after the war. None could be identified"(98). Fromelles was a tragic and futile catastrophe. There were to be many more before the 1917 Generals learned how to wage modern war effectively. The final cost of their on the job training by 1918 was 46000 Australian lives in France. As a consequence of the impact of our casualties, Australian society was changed forever. The scale of the slaughter and mass anonymity of the dead are hard for 21st century minds to comprehend. We owe it to them to remember and retell their stories.

Deficiencies in reading maps, planning campaigns, communicating and interpreting intelligence, still plague people conceiving and directing wars. Ordinary people, increasingly civilian, pay the price for these errors. Facilities designed for the production of weapons of mass destruction can be clearly seen on aerial photographs if you want to find them. In its power struggle with the CIA the Pentagon could find evidence of a rogue state harbouring terrorists, even where nothing credible existed. The Taliban and Bin Laden were always the reason for the 'coalition of the willing' agreeing to invade Afghanistan after 9/11. How naïve we were to be hoodwinked and hijacked into an additional invasion to remove a tyrant. Perhaps for us the end game in Iraq is coming and Australia can extricate itself from the conflict with some dignity – leaving a humanitarian legacy. Maybe we will learn something this time from our decision to support

neo conservative adventurism.

The geopolitics of warfare does not concern us at this ceremony. Here in Australia on Anzac Day we choose to fix our focus firmly on the human condition in war – the suffering, the heroism, the mateship, the grief at home. We have to try to put ourselves in the position of the soldier and empathise with his feelings as he stoically manages living in trenches, leaves letters home in his kit or with mates, chokes in his gas mask, faces death, takes another's life, lies wounded or exhilarates in his lucky survival. Each man had to play his part, to do his duty, to suppress self for the group, to serve the bigger picture.

I trust that on April 25, whether as participants or witnesses, High boys will play their part in honouring the citizens in our history who heard their country's call, volunteered to be put in harm's way, and who died, were wounded or suffered, in their nation's name.

Dr KA Jaggard

We must never forget everything that the ANZAC soldiers endured. And we must remember the ties that unite them. But we should also never shy away from the reality of the cost of the invasion of Gallipoli in 1915.

That the bonds of friendship could be forged in such a hellish environment as that faced by the ANZACS is a truly wonderful thing, and something that should always be remembered and celebrated. However, the elevation of this celebration of the mateship of the soldiers on this day above all else may be to many a comforting action, but it is a dishonest one. Many have capitalised on the image so strong in the national consciousness, of Australian diggers, always united by eternal friendship and loyalty, to generate nationalist, pro-war sentiment, often for unnecessary wars. To do so is to fail to look at the full picture of what took place for the ANZACs. Doing this means we risk failing to learn its lessons.

The ANZAC day landings failed in their original aims, and were arguably an unnecessary military action, yet they had an enormous human cost. May this be remembered. Let us never forget the thousands of soldiers who stood no chance, slaughtered one-by-one by machine gun and mortar fire as they made their way up the beaches, or as they charged off the gangways of landing ships, ready to fight for their country.

Let us never forget the suffering of soldiers losing the friends to whom they had become so close, on distant foreign soil, thousands of kilometres from their homes and families.

Let us never forget the terrible aftermath of the events; the pain of those left behind at home having to come to terms with the loss of loved ones, nor the mental scars that so many of our soldiers had to silently endure after returning home.

It is our duty to remember this, and to ensure that future generations do also. If we forget the tragic cost of these events, we are doomed to repeat the mistakes that led to these events. Never again should so much life be lost so unnecessarily as it was at Gallipoli in 1915. In this way, remembering these men, their spirit and their sacrifice, is our collective duty to the past. This is the meaning of ANZAC day: lest we forget.

Christopher Evans

In 1914 the modern world went to war for the first time, the Great War, the War to End All Wars. It was a long, bloody, costly conflict for all involved. But what we need to do is not to look at the ruined empires, but at the lives of those actually serving.

Just how bad were the conditions? Just how strong was the will of these brave soldiers? These are questions often thought about, but not often answered. I shall explore these questions.

Life in the trenches was on the whole an ordeal. However, we must go beyond this simplistic notion. Think of an area, small and cramped, with rats and disease everywhere. Major Walter Vignoles was noted as saying about the rats

"There are millions!! Some are huge fellows, nearly as big as cats. Several of our men were awakened to find a rat snuggling down under the blanket next to them"

And trench foot was a dreadfully debilitating condition, more horrific due to it being so wide spread, and almost unnervingly commonplace.

"Your feet swell to two or three times their normal size and go completely dead. You could stick a bayonet into them and not feel a thing. If you are fortunate enough to lose your feet and the swelling begins to go down, it is then that the intolerable, indescribable agony begins. I have heard men cry or even scream with the pain..."
– Sergeant Harry Roberts

What sort of person could live through such hellish conditions? Only those with steely resolve, and indomitable will. These soldiers were living a nightmare where night and day were reversed, where there was constant deafening noise. This noise was something that the soldiers could not escape,

“Enormous noise. Continuous explosion. A deserted landscape. Complete immobility of everything” – R.H. Mottram

These are the soldiers depicted in war poetry, these are the soldiers romanticised by our nation, in its propaganda, art and culture. These are the young men who lived through the very worst hell on earth. These are the ANZACs, whose baptism of fire, in the trenches of the Somme and Gallipoli, not only burnt bright into our collective consciousness, but forged our national identity in a way nothing else has since. These are the brave and bold brothers-in-arms who bled willingly for our country.

Stephen Garofano.

Good morning students/teachers/respected guests/ parents.

There are many people of the past who, after living their lives, their names and their actions are forgotten. After their lives have perished there is no record of them in the pages of history. No one remembers them. However, in every generation there are a small number of people who due to their actions history remembers them and, due to their admirable traits, uses them as role models. Every year, on the 25th April, we remember the Anzac forces that landed and battled a gruesome campaign in Gallipoli. We remember them for their esteemed traits that history holds in high regard.

What happened in Turkey on 25th April 1915? The Anzacs landed at dawn under heavy fire and climbed the rocky coast to take the first line of Turkish trenches. They stayed for eight months even when it was obvious to the British High Command that they could not win. The Anzacs earned the respect of their commanders and even their enemy for their actions under fire and willingness to look out for each other. Throughout that eight month campaign certain characteristics defined the Anzacs and contributed to their high status in history.

Numerous events occurred where the bravery and courage of the Anzacs were shown. In a foreign land far from their families they battled

day after day. The lives of their companions were more important than their own. Their determination in skirmishes was known to allies and enemies. Great bonds were created within the Anzacs and friendship and loyalty were of great importance. These commendable characteristics are a few of the various traits they demonstrated.

In the present world climate, we are all reminded that while the nature of conflict may have changed since our grandparents and great grandparent's time, the need for peace and stability remains the same. The Anzacs demonstrated outstanding dedication and personal sacrifice, serving their country to ensure that basic rights and freedoms are respected. Today is certainly not about glorifying war, or creating romantic, rose-tinted notions of the devastating conflicts into which so many Australian lives were lost. That we must never do. It is about honouring those who served.

Today we reflect upon what the Anzacs achieved. Their bravery, courage, determination, loyalty, friendship and commitment have defined their great status. For their actions and their sacrifice we will never forget them. They have earned a place in history and their traits and actions will always be praised and used as an example. The Anzacs are a part of that small number which history remembers.

M. Kayes.



Remembrance Day

'Heroes have the whole world for their tomb and in lands far from their own'.

Such a saying rings true as we today not only commemorate our men and women who have given their lives for Australia, but those who still currently serve the nation to ensure that our envied way of life continues to be upheld and cherished by each and every one of us. Australians, young Australians, the flower of the nation's generation, bound by duty and desire to serve the country, to protect our future so that we may never have to bear such suffering of war again; and in doing so, forging the legacy that began at the cliffs of Gallipoli, strengthened in the winter frost of the Western Front and later in the heat and humidity of Vietnam, which till today, is still alive and present wherever duty and justice calls our nation.

Today marks the day, Armistice Day, which 89 years ago saw the First World War brought to a close. A war that still remains as Australia's most devastating in terms of those who would never again return. And a war which was our first test as a nation,

where the true spirit of what it truly meant to be an Australian shone through. A spirit of triumphing against the odds seen so evident in Beersheba and Tobruk, of courage and bravery highlighted in Long Tan, and of the unbreakable bond of mateship and loyalty pervasive in all generations of Australians who served and continue to serve.

But with that unique spirit came a lesson, a lesson we must never take for granted, nor be forgotten in the annals of our still young, but rightfully proud nation. That the legacy of those 100 000 Australians who fell in the two world wars, the Korean and Vietnam War and as of now the war on terror, who have sacrificed their whole lives ahead of them, was not just to be recorded in the history books, but as a gift to all of us. A hope that their visions of a land with *'boundless plains to share'*, with *'golden soil and wealth for toil'*, would continue to burn bright and strong in future generations of Australians. Soldiers like Sergeant Matthew Locke whose recent death reflects the constant state of danger our Diggers are exposed to in defending our freedoms and values,



something we should be all the more thankful for.

Let us not forget the importance which today's Remembrance Day holds not only for those who have fallen, but also for those who continue to serve Australia in all four corners of the earth, be it on land, air or sea. Those who proudly wear the Australian flag stitched onto their fatigues, those who have had the great honour to wear the khaki slouch hat, those whom each and every one of them deserve our utmost of respect. For what they have done, leaving behind our safe and protected shores and risking their lives for just that, to ensure the continuation of our safety and way of life, surely transcends any other act of love for one's country. And what more can we do, we who are lucky to be living in the 'lucky' country, than to show our gratitude for their heroic deeds as well as our sadness for the loss of their lives, the loss of their own futures, invariably wedded to fighting for one's beliefs and values.

But who are we to say that the soldiers of other nations, fought and died for other beliefs and values different from those of our own? A call of duty that needed to be answered, a love of one's land, a desire for a promising future for their children to grow up in. War leaves no unwounded soldiers. And what is even crueler is that it is

history who determines the rights and wrongs of war, more often than not forgetting those ordinary soldiers on the field, who although may have been enemies, fought and died for the same reasons – a duty to their country, a belief that what they were fighting for was the best for their country. In war, ideologies and national interests may be conflicting, but the sorrow and pain suffered at the loss of a father, husband, son, friend, extend to all. Let the lives of not just our Diggers, but indeed, of all the soldiers who have fought in all the wars, be a permanent reminder of what we must continue to honour, to ensure that their sacrifice was not in vain. That we should realise that in the face of ever present threats to the Australian way of life in the contemporary context of terrorism, we must not let our actions and intentions diminish and devalue the ideals and noble causes for which the blood of many an Australian was spilt.

And so, let today's Remembrance Day in its eighty-ninth year, serve as a legacy unto ourselves to remember them, to keep their legacy which we have proudly inherited and in remaining bright and burning as we pass the torch of remembrance to future generations. Not to forget their foundational contribution to all that we hold dear as a country.

Simon Liu.



Salvete

The following boys have joined the school since the end of 2007.

Year 7

Class 7E

CAO James, CHAN Darryl, CHAU Albert, CHEN Kavan, CHEW Victor, DIEN Denny, FENG Allan, FENG Xu, GAO Justin, HO Ka-Wei Kenneth, HU Jason, JIN Yemeng Bob, JULCA CUI Kim, KIM Daniel, KOSLOWSKI Wilber Jackson, KUMARESWARAN Sumen, LAM Maurice Wai-Kin, LEUNG Brian Chiu Kai, LI Edwin Chun Lok, LI Ian, LUU Edward, Mah DOMINIC Jon Lee, NGUYEN Alexander Trong, NORMAN Jay, TAM Daniel, WANG James, WEI Andrew, YU Eamon, ZHONG Jack.

Class 7F

BUI Andrew Duc Minh, CAO Edward, CHANG Michael, CHEN Patrick, GIANG Kevin, HE Brian, HU Yang, JAMES Marcus Hiroshi, JIAN Jacky, KIRK Oliver Osmond Adams, LE River, LI Michael (Yi-Chen), LIANG Mendel Zhao-Wen, MO Benjamin Haozhang, PALLANDI Jaan Thomas, STOJANOVIC Ronald Marco, VISWANADHAM Qambhir Datta Subash, VO Danny Minh, WEI Daniel, WONG Dennis, WU Andrew Yuan Hao, WU Tin Lok, YING Kongwei, YU Jiamin, YU Kenneth, ZHANG David, ZHANG Lawrence Siwei, ZHOU Terence, ZHU hardy Yunhao, ZHU Jacky.

Class 7M

CHAN Ashley, CHEN George, CHEW Timothy Chian Zhe, CHOI William Jonguk, DENG Martin Yang Zhong, DHAMMOON Kritman Jeet Singh, HE Edgar, HO Erwin Sen Yun, JOSHI Tushar, KUANG Kenny, LAM Jackson Chak Sun, LI Ken Chun Kiu, LIN Nicholas, LY Elbert Nha, MA James Vinh, MAO Christopher Hugh, NGO Steven, PAN Kin, PUNEKAR Arjun, RAMESH Anirudh, ROBINSON Connor, SAGGAR Dhruv, TAM William, TRAN Ronald Roy, WENG Jason, XIE Wilton, XU Alex Shu, YORK Calum Finn, ZHANG Edward Ao, ZHAO Huanyi (Andrew)

Class 7R

GUO Stephen, HAVIER Thomas, HUANG Ian, HUSSAINI Sikandar Ali, KO Dong Hyun, LAZARUS Nevin Joshua, LI Marshall, LIN Daniel, LIU Kenny Tao-Ching, LIU Michael Yang, LU Jeffrey, LUONG Simon Kawai, MA William Hao Wei, NENE Sameer, NGUYEN Anthony Minh Duc, NGUYEN Nam, OW Terence-Kent, PHAM Kevin Nguyen, PHAM Vincent Vinh, PILIEN Timothy, SINGH Amarbir, TANG Vincent Ximing, WANG Shuming, WU Wilbert, WU Ying Zi, XI Ryan, YANG Meng Jie Jeffrey, YEUNG Jasper Wing Kwan, ZHANG Frank, ZHENG Jason.

Class 7S

CHA Andrew Li Yu, CHEN Wei-Ming James, CHUNG Jisoo, COSTA Nicholas Andrew, DU Sherman, DUONG Dennis James, GONG Michael, HO Victor, HUANG Ken Yong Kai, KIM Jonathan, KOO Edward Hao, LAM Hayden Tak Chi, LI Chun Long Terence, LI Tony (Si Tong), LIU Cosmo, LUO Yongbin, NI Jeffrey, PENG Jeff, PRAPAKARAN Vishakulan, SUBASINGHE ARACHCHIG Thilan Pasanjith, TRAN Dominic Xuan Vien, TU William, VU Andrew Duc Huy, XU Carl Yu Fan, YIP Jerry Cheuk Yin, ZHANG Hans, ZHOU Scott

Class 7T

AUTAR Nirav-Ishan, BHAKRI Saurabh, BUI Don Sy, CHAO Max, CHEN Ricky, CHEN Derek, CHO Junhee, CHOTIYANONTA James Vichapaht, CHUNG Lap Hang Timothy, CLEMENTS-LENDRUM

Jonathan Atticus, COLLIER Timothy Allen, CORDAS Daniel Michael, DAO James, DENG Bill Liyan, DEWAN Ryan Akash, DUFFY Owen Brennan, DUMONET Tigger Philipe Henn, DZERO George Alexander, KELLY Eamon Bedivere, KEOGH Daniel, KERR Albert Newton, LEE Gordon, LEE Jonathan, NAYAK Agnish, PUVANENDRAN Vitthuran, SHI Yuan Kevin, STONEHAM Alan William Frederick, SUFIAN Safat, VLATKO Nicholas Ivan.

Year 8

KATUPITIYA Lahiru, PINTO Christopher, SETHI Siddarth.

Year 9

BHAT Anirudh, CHEN Jesse Xi, HANCOCK Brendan Samuel, HO Quang David, JURLINA Christian Elliot, LIAO Chin-Te Allen, MARTIN Sean Thomas, MING Lee, MIURA Ken, NAAR Emmett Callum, PATEL Veeral, PIERCE Oliver Frank St John, PRABAHARAN Prashan, PRICE Caspar Philip, SUBRAMANIAM Sangeeth, TIU Cheuk Hay Jacky, TRAN Peter Minh, WEERATUNGE Subhodh Mahendra, WEIGHT Samuel John Harrison, WONG-ROMEO Giancarlo, THEIVENDRAN Thibagar.

Year 11

CHAU David, CHEN Simon Wai Ho, DONG Zheng, GAO Michael Xiang, HANCOCK Stuart Geoffrey, HIGGINS Sam Robert, KITE Maximillian Alexandro, KWOK Alexander Chun Ting, LAN John Xiang, LLEWELLYN Spencer David, MANAMPERI Panduka Bandara, MARTINEZ Brendon, MEANEY Jackson James, NGUYEN Alain Ha, PANDEY Rajat, PETERS Thomas Oscar, ROOKE Drew Gary, SHANMUGAM Shantiban, THAI William Robert, VALLIAPPAN Sivarama Krishnan, VYAS Neeraj, YOUNG Mitchell.

Year 12

NGUYEN Joseph Trung-Tin, WONG Benjamin Chun Keat.



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The following boys have left the School since the end of 2007. We wish them well for the future.

Year 7 2008

NIRANJAN Navin.

Year 8 2008

LEE Michael, NIU Ken.

Year 9 2008

GABO Ariel, MOLLOY Timothy, O'ROURKE Brendan, SREETHARAN Dylan, UMBERS Campbell.

Year 10 2008

LU Edward.

Year 11 2008

FARROW Jason, LANCASTER Benjamin, LAWRENCE Joshua, WOGAS Andrew.

Year 12 2008

Unless otherwise indicated, boys enrolled in 2002, and sat for the High School Certificate in 2008.

Abbreviations

ACO: Australian Chemistry Olympiad

AFLA: Australian Financial Literacy Assessment

AIMO: Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad

AMC: Australian Mathematics Competition

AMPEC: AMP Economics Competition

APO: Australian Physics Olympiad

ASCSC: Australian Schools Computer Studies Competition

ASEC: Australian Schools English Competition

ASMC: Australian Schools Maths Competition

ASSC: Australian Schools Science Competition

ASWC: Australian Schools Writing Competition

BSC: Business Studies Competition

D: Distinction

GC: Geography Competition

HD: High Distinction

ICB: Intermediate Concert Band

ISB: Intermediate Stage Band

ISCF: Inter-School Christian Fellowship

ISSBH: Islamic Society of Sydney Boys High School

JCB: Junior Concert Band

JSB: Junior Stage Band

MCYA: Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

MCS: Maths Challenge Stage

NCQ: National Chemistry Quiz

PWCEC: Price Waterhouse Cooper Australian Economics Competition

SMHYWY: Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of The Year

SCB: Senior Concert Band

SRC: Student Representative Council (School Union)

SRCC: Sir Roden Cutler Charities

SSB: Senior Stage Band

SWE: Symphonic Wind Ensemble

TCB: Training Concert Band

UNSWMC: UNSW Maths Competition

YA: Young Achievers

YOTS: Youth Off The Streets

If a boy has indicated his intended career, this appears as the last entry in his record following:

AHMED Khalid: Rowing (03-05), 2nd Year 10 VIII (06), 3rd IV (07), 1st IV (07), 1st IV CHS Champions (07); Rugby (03-07), 2nd XV Captain (08), 1st XV (08); YOTS; SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day.

AMIN Amer: (2007-2008): AMC (HD 08, D 07); AMPEC (D 07-08); ASSC (D 08); 2nd Grade Football (07); Athletics (07); Cricket (07-08); Cross Country (07); YOTS; Oil Tycoon.

ANDREWS Christopher:

ANG Eric: AMC (D 03, 06); ASCSC (D 04-05); ASEC (D 04-05); ASSC (HD 04, D 03); NCQ (HD 05, D 04, 06); Fundraising for SRCC; Electrical/Telecommunications Engineer or Commerce-based.

BAI Kevin: (2007-2008): AMPEC (D 08); AMC (D 07-08); Basketball (07-08); Jeans for Genes day; Legacy Day.

BALACHANDRAN Ajay: SRC (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Secretary of CSC (08); Co-President of Economics Society (08); CSC (07-08); Economics Society (08); Chamber Choir (03-04, 08); JCB (03-04); Vocalese (03); Debating (03-04); Football (07-08); Sailing (06); Tennis (03-04); SRCC (07); Trivia Night Organiser (08); Charity BBQ Organiser (08); Economist.

NEERAJ Bangalore:

BAPAT Ishan: Library Monitor (04-06); Basketball Statistician (06); Recycling Committee (04-05); Parking Duty (03-07); JCB (03); ICB (04-05); Peter Walker Award for English Literature (04); F.A.Elgar Prize for DUX (04); Bronze Medal (03); Silver Medal (04); Gold Medal (05); Special Award (06); Plaque (08); AMC (HD 04-05, 08; D 03, 06-07); ASEC (D 03-04); NCQ (Trophy 07; D 03-05); GC (D 03, 05-06); ASSC (Gold Medal 04, D 03, 05, 07); MCYA (D 04); ASCSC (D 05-06); APO (D 07); Uni of Syd Faculty of Engineering Competition-1st prize (06); Cricket (03-05); Cross Country (03-08), Vice Captain (08), 1st Grade (08); YOTS (08); SRCC (07); Exoday (05-06); Actuary.

BHRUGUBANDA Hari: Vocal Ensemble (03); Training Strings Orchestra (03); First Engineering Studies (07); AMC (D 05); GC (HD 06); UNSWWC (D 06); Rowing (03-05); Football (04-08), Captain 6th Grade (07-08); Tennis (08); Cricket (06-07); Fundraising for Daffodil Day; SRCC; YOTS; Aeronautical Engineer.

BOCK Michael: Peer Support Leader (06); Legal Club (08); Guitar Ensemble (03-05); Senior Guitar Ensemble (06-07); 'All Stops Out' (05); Dux of Drama (05); Bronze Medallion (03); Silver Medallion (04); Gold Medallion (05); Special Award (06); Plaque (07); AMC (HD 03, D 04-06); NCQ (HD 03-04, D 05-06); ASCSC (D 05); ASEC (HD 03, D 06-07); GC (D 04); ASSC (D 07-08); ASMC (D 07); Australian French Reading Competition (D 06); Basketball Most Improved Player (07), A-Grade (03-06), Captain A-Grade (04-06), 3rd Grade (07-08), Captain 3rd Grade (07-08); Football (03-08); SRCC; YOTS; Psychiatrist/Doctor, Lawyer.

BOIKOV Lawrence:

BOWES Dominic: Prefect (08); SRC (03-04); ICB (03-04); JSB (03-04); Italy Tour Band (05); 'All Stops Out' (05); Debating (03-08), 1st Grade (07-08), Premiers (08), CHS 1st Grade (07-08); Geography (07); The Peter Walker Award for English Literature (07); Debater of the Year (06-08); Cricket (03-08); Rugby (03-07); Football (08); Jeans for Genes Day; SRCC; YOTS; Mathematician.

BURGER Lewis:

BURNEY Jack:

CAI Tony: CSC; Choir (03); AMC (D 03, 04-06); ASEC (D 03, 05-06); ASSC (D 03-06); ASWC (D 05-06); NCQ (D 04, 07); Tennis (03, 06-08); Football (06-08); SRCC; YOTS; Aeronautical Engineer.

CAMPION Daniel: Prefect (08); 'All Stops Out' (05); Debating (04-06); Music Pocket; Basketball (03, 05-06); Rowing (04); Cricket (07-08); Football (03-08), Football GPS Reps 2nd Grade (07), 1st Grade (08); SRCC; YOTS; Information Technology, Software Designer.

CASEY Ronan:

CERECINA Ivan:

CHAN Nathan:

CHAN William: Charities Committee (07); SCB (04-06); ICB (03); The Schools' Spectacular (04); ANZAC Day Marching Band (04-07); Public Speaking (07); Rostrum Voice of the Youth (07); First in Science (06); PWCBS (Prize 06); GC (HD 04-07); ASFLC (HD 06, D 05); NCQ (HD 04); AMC (D 03-05, 07-08); ASEC (D 03); ASWC (D 05-07); ASSC (D 03, 05-08); PwCEC (D 07); ASCSC (D 05); MCS (D

05-06); School Trophy (08); Special Award (07); Gold Medallion (06); Silver Medallion (05); Bronze Medallion (04); Outstanding Commitment SCB (04); Outstanding Contribution ICB (03); Most Successful Doubles Player 14's Tennis (04), Tennis (03-07); Cross Country (03-07); Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Exoday; YOTS; SRCC; Matthew Talbot Hostel for Homeless Men; Commerce Lawyer.

CHEE Andrew:

CHEN Harry: Choir (03); Debating (03); Bronze Medallion (04); ASSC (D 03, 05); ASCSC (D 03, 05); AMC (D 03-08); NCQ (D 03); UNSWWC (D 06); AFLA (D 06); Sustainable Living Challenge (Merit 06); PwCEC (D 07); National Chinese Eisteddfod (First 05, Merit 04); Rifle Shooting (03-04); Football (04-08); SRCC; YOTS; Legacy Day; Commerce.

CHEN Robert: Peer Support Leader (06); SCB (03-05); Sydney Regional Dance Festival (07); State Symphonic Wind Orchestra (03); Schools Spectacular (04); Port Macquarie Music Tour (04); NSW Public Schools Choral Concerts Orchestra (03); Millenium Marching Band (04); Bronze Medallion (05); Gold Medallion (06); School Plaque (07); Rowing (03-08), 1st Yr10 VIII (06), Captain Yr10 VIIIs (06), 2nd VIII (07-08), CHS Rowing (03-08), CHS Rowing Overall Champions (06-07), National Rowing Championships (07-08); Rugby (03-08), 1st XV (06-08), Captain 1st XV (08); Athletics (05-06, 08); Gold Coast Rugby Tour (05); Swimming (07); Sydney East Rugby (08); Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day, YOTS; SRCC (07).

CHEUNG Cary: Peer Support Leader (06); Gardening Committee (04, 05); Charities Committee (08); Choir (03, 04); Debating (03); AMC (HD 06, D 03-05, 07); AMPC (D 07); ASSC (D 03-05); BSC (D 07); UNSWFLC (D 05-06); ANCO (D 03-05); Tennis Best and Fairest (04, 06), Tennis (03-06), 2nd Grade (07); Football (03-07); Cricket (08); District Cross Country (06); Genes for Jeans Day; SRCC; Legacy Badge Day; YOTS; Clean Up Australia Day; Accountant.

CHIM Daniel: Peer Support Leader (06); K Saxby Prize for Mathematics (07); SHOB Club Prize for Chemistry (07); Plaque (07); First Mathematics Accelerated (07); First Mathematics Extension 1 (08); First Chemistry (07-08); Second Mathematics Extension 2 (08); Third Physics (08); ABO (D 07); ACO (D 07); AFLA (HD 05-06); AIMO (D 06); AMC (P 06, HD 03, 07, D 04-05); ASCSC (D 03, 06); ASEC (03, 05); ASSC (HD 04, 06, D 03, 05, 08); GC (D 05-06); MCYA (HD 04); NCQ (HD 07, D 04-06); Tennis (03-07); Volleyball (04-07), 2nd Grade Volleyball (06-07), Captain 2nd Grade Volleyball (07); Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Legacy Day; SRCC; YOTS; Doctor.

CHIU Daniel: Peer Support Leader (06); Debating (03-05); School Plaque; AMC (D 03-04, 06); ASWC (D 05); Tennis (03); Rowing (04); Basketball (05-08); Football (03-08), 2nd XI (06-08), Captain 2nd grade Football (08); Legacy Day; SRCC; YOTS; Marketing Analyst.

CHOI Jun:

CHOI Jun: Titration Club NSW Schools Titration Competition Certificate of Excellence Fencing (03-04); Cricket (05); Cross Country (06-07); Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes Day; SRCC; Legacy Day; Psychologist, Actuary .

CHOI Kwon:

COHN Jason:

COPPA Jed: (2004-2008): GC (HD 05-08); NCQ (HD 04); AMC (HD 04; D 05-06); First Grade Sailing (04-08); Teams Racing Championship (04); CHS regatta (05-07); Rugby (04-06); SBHS Ski Team (05); Fundraising for school sailing; Lifeline Book Fair volunteer (05); SRCC (07); YOTS (08).

COUTTS Matthew: Vice Captain (08); Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Training Concert Band (03), Stage Band (04-05), Concert Band (04-05); Choir (03); Debating (03-04); Bronze Medalion (03); Silver Medalion (04); Gold Medalion (05); School Plaque (06); School Trophy (07); AMC (D 03-07); NCQ (D 03-04); ASSC (HD 05, D 03-04); Football (03-05); Rugby (06-08), 1st XV (08); Cricket (03-08), 2nd XI (05-07), 1st XI (07-08), 1st XI Vice Captain (07-08), Trans Harbour Champions (04-05); Cec. Rubie Trophy (07); Five Highs Cricket Carnival (06-07), 13B Bowling Award (03), 14A Bowling Award (04), 15A Bowling Award (05); YOTS; Electrician

CULIBAO Jonathan:

DAI Jun:

DENG Yiming: Maths Enrichment Club (03-04, 07); SCB (04-05); ICB (03); JCB (03); JSB (04-05); Symphony Orchestra (04-05); First HSC Mathematics (07); First French (06); ASSC (D 03-05); NCQ

(HD 04, D 07); ASCSC (HD 03, D 04); GC (HD 05); Acer French (D 05-06); MCS (HD 05, D 04); AMC (HD 04, 07); National Mathematics Summer School 08; Cricket (03); SRCC; Actuary, Mathematician.

DENNY-SMITH Michael: (2007-2008) ASEC (D 07); Athletics Age Champion (07-08); Zone Cross Country Champion (07); Zone Athletics Champion (07); 16A's Rugby (07), 1st XV (08); Rowing (07); Athletics (07-08), Vice Captain Athletics (08); CHS Cross Country (07-08); CHS Athletics (07-08); Member of NSW Athletics Team for Australian Schools Championships (07-08); SRCC; YOTS; Sports Scientist.

DESAI Mihir: (2004-2008): SRC Liason Officer (07); Head of Year 11 Charities (07); Charities Committee; SRC; MUNA (07); ASCSC (D 06); ASEC (D 05); GC (D 05 HD 06); AMC (D 04, 05-06); AFLA (D 05-06); Football (04-07); Cricket (05-08); Tennis (04); Barberis Cup Team (05); Athletics (06); YOTS; Jenes for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; SRCC; YOTS; Legacy Day.

DIOLASO Jonathan: AMC (D 03-04); ASCSC (D 03, 05); ASEC (D 03-04, 06), NCQ (D 04); Football (06-08); SRCC; YOTS; Mechanical Engineer.

DONG Roger:

DOVAN Alexander:

DU Alexander:

DU Ping:

FAN David: JCB (03); ICB (04-05); Symphony Orchestra (04-05); P&C Prize for Second (05); Mathematics (05-06); Science (05); French (04-05); German (04-06); UNSWMC (Prize 06-07); NCQ (Prize 04, HD 03, 05-07); AMC (Prize 03, HD 04-08); ASSC (HD 03, 05-6, D 04, 08); ASCSC (D 03, 06); ASEC (D 03); MCYA (HD 04, D 05); GC (HD 05-06); Basketball (03-04); Fencing (03-04); 2nd Grade GPS Cross Country (07-08); SRCC; Doctor.

FANG Bernard: CSC Secretary (08); ExoDay Organisation Committee Secretary (06-07); Library Monitor (03-05, 07-08); Amnesty International Committee (03-04, 07-08); Chess Club (03); Charities Committee (03-07); Gardening Committee (03-05); ISCF (08); Recycling Committee (06-07); SRC Website Committee (08); Training Strings Orchestra (03-04), Symphony Orchestra (03-04); Debating (03-04); Public Speaking (03-04, 07); Rostrum Voice of Youth (07); National Chinese Eisteddfod (05); Classics Assoc of NSW Latin Reading Competition (05-06); AMC (HD 03-04, D 05, 08); ASCSC (HD 03-08); ASEC (HD 03-05, D 06-08); ASSC (Certificate of Excellence/Prize 05, HD 03-04, 06-08); GC (HD 03-06); HTAHC (HD 06); NCQ (Prize 05, HD 03-04, 06-08); AFLA (D 05); NSW Schools/Royal Aust Chemical Institute (RACI); National Titration Competition (Cert of Excellence 08); Platinum Award (07); School Plaque (08); House Colours (07); Science Quiz Winner (04); St. George Performing Arts Eisteddfod (Piano), Trophy 1st Place (03), Trophy 3rd Place (04); St. George Performing Arts Eisteddfod (Strings - Violin), Trophy 3rd Place (03-04); Cricket (03-04); Cross Country (03-05, 07 (Opens 2nd Grade); Table Tennis (05-07); Tennis (03); Athletics Carnival (03-04, 06-08); Cross Country Carnival (03-08); Australian Red Cross; Clean Up Australia Day; Daffodil Day; Genes for Jeans Day; Legacy Day; MS Readathon; Oxfam Australia; Red Shield Appeal; Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children; Save Darfur; SRCC; The Cancer Council NSW; YOTS; Walk Against Want; Walk4Bibles; White Ribbon Day; 40-Hour Famine; Doctor (Clinician/Physician, Cardiologist, Neurologist, Oncologist, Pathologist, Paediatrician, Psychiatrist, Surgeon).

FSADNI Matthew:

FU Danny: Prefect (08); Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); SRC (07-08); Secretary (07); Charities Committee (08); School Trophy (08); School Plaque (07); Special Award (06); Dux PDHPE (05); Dux Chinese Beginners (05); AMC (HD 07, D 03); AEC (D 07); ASSC (HD 04, D 03-08); AGC (HD 06); AFLA (D 05); ASCSC (D 03-04) Schools Knockout State Final Bronze Medal for Athletics (08); CHS Athletics Bronze Medal (06); GPS Athletics (03-08); AAGPS 3rd (06); Zone (03-08); Regional (03-07); State (05-06); Tennis (05-08); 2nd Grade (06-08); Captain of 3rds-5ths (07); Rugby (05-07); Football (08); Zone Cross Country (03); YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; Daffodil Day; SRCC; High for Homeless; Physiotherapist, Financial Manager.

GAUNT John: (2007-2008): Library Monitor (07); Science Monitor (07); English Book Helper(07); Bronze Award(08); House Badge (08); 1st Grade Tennis (08); 1 Player Combined GPS First Grade Side, CHS Senior Sydney East Tennis Teams Event Winners (07), Finalist (08), Stan Jones Cup (07), CHS NSW

Tennis Representative (07-08); YOTS; Business.

GU Howard: Dux of Chinese (05-07); AMC (HD 03-05); AMC (Prize 06); AMC (D 07-08); ASEC (D 03-08); Basketball (03-08), Basketball MVP (04, 06-08), Basketball MIP (05); Rugby (06); Legacy Day (06-07); YOTS (08); Jeans for Genes Day (08); SRCC (06-07); Actuary.

HAMMER Mitchell: (2007-2008): Stock Exchange committee (08); UNYA NSW Security Council Runners up (08); 1st grade fencing (07-08); 1st grade waterpolo (08); 2nd grade rugby; YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; Daffodil Day; SRCC; Marketing Director.

HARRISON-TIKISCI Ziggy: Prefect (08); Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); Senior Concert Band (06), Intermediate Concert Band (04-05), Junior Concert Band (03); School Trophy (08); School Plaque (07); Platinum (06); Silver (05); Bronze (04); GC (HD 04, 06); ASMC (HD 06); First Grade Water Polo (08); Captain 3rd XI Cricket (07), Captain 16B's Cricket (06); Captain Of 3rd Grade Football (07-08), Captain 15C's Football (05); Captain 15B's Cricket (05), Captain 13C's Football (03). YOTS; SRCC; Professional Water Polo Player.

HASSOUN NOUR'LDEAN:

HAYES Nicholas: Yearbook Committee (08); Chamber Choir (03-08); GPS Music choral ensemble (04-06); AMC (D 04); UNSWSC (D 06); UNSWEC (D 07); AFLA (D 06); UNSWWC (D 06); AGC (HD 06); PwCEC (D 07); ASSC (D 03); HTAHC (D 06) Music Pocket (07); Tennis (05-08), Captain 3rd Grade Tennis (07); Market Researcher.

HO Anthony: Prefect (08); Senior Under Officer of Cadet Unit (08); Company Sergeant Major of Cadet Unit (06-07); Ceremonial Guard Sergeant (06-07); GG Parade CSM (07); 125th Parade Commander (08); Captain of Marching Bands and GPS Music (08); Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); SRC (05-07); Awards Assembly MC (05); Computer Room Monitor (03-05); Library Monitor (03-04); Cadet Unit (03-08, LCPL 03, CPL04-05, SGT 05-06, WO2 06-07, CUO 08); Recycling Committee (03-04); Gardening Committee (03-05); Wall Committee (05-06); Cadet Unit Dining President (08); TCB (03); TSB (04); ICB (04); ISB (04); Year 9 Concert Band (05), Jazz Band (05); SCB (06-07); SSB (06-07); Anzac Day Marching Band Musician (04), Award (07); Ensign (05-06), Drum Major (07-08); Combined Australian Army Cadets Marching Band (05); GPS Music Festival (05-07); Commitment Award TCB (03); Most Efficient Cadet (03); Most Efficient JNCO (04); Class of 2001 Prize for Outdoor Education (05); First Architecture (06); Senior Concert Band Award (06); Senior Stage Band Award (06); Officer Commanding's Award for Leadership (07); GPS Music Festival Award (07); Senior Concert Band Award (07); Duke of Edinburgh Bronze (07); School Bronze (03), Silver (04), Gold (05), Special (06), Plaque (07), Trophy (08); Da Vinci Decathlon (04); ASSC (D 04); ASGC (HD 05); AWSC (D 06); Unit Representative KCU AFXA COY (05); UNSW Sustainable Living Challenge Finalist (06); City of Syd Rd Safety Design Poster Finalist (08); Bisley Argonaut Cup (06); CYCA Sailing Scholarship (06); Prorak Trophy Gold (07), Silver (08); Music Pocket (07); Wingham (08), Prize Shoot C Grade, Silver 300m, gold 500m, silver 600m, Silver Grand Aggregate; Ski Team (B Grade 03, A Grade 04); Fencing (03-04); Pacer Sailing (03-06); Laser Sailing (06-07); CHS Sailing (07); GPS Athletics (07); 2nd Grade Rifle Shooting (05-06), 1st Grade (07-08), Vice Captain (07), Captain (08); School Team Captain Aust Defence Force Cadets Rifle Team to Bisley (06); Captain SHS Rifle Team to Wingham (08); Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; SRCC; Architect/3RAR Paratrooper.

HO Darren: (2007-2008): Community Service Committee (08); Third in year (07); ACO (HD 07); AMC (HD 08, D 07); AMPEC (D 07-08); NCQ (HD 07); UNSWMC Certificate (07); W. W Ivo Wyatt Memorial Trophy For Senior Swimming (07-08); Claude Tressider Trophy For 100M Breaststroke (07-08); 1st in Eastern Suburbs Swimming for 100m Breaststroke (07-08); 1st in Sydney East Swimming for 100m Breaststroke (07), 2nd (08); 3rd in CHS State Swimming for 100m Breaststroke (08), 3rd in CIS Swimming for 50m Breaststroke (07); Swimming (07-08), CHS Regional Swimming (07-08), CHS State Swimming (07-08), NSW All Schools Swimming (08), Combined GPS Swimming team (07-08), CIS Swimming (07-08); Water Polo 1st Grade (08); Football (07-08); Legacy Day, SRCC; YOTS; Actuary.

HUA Richard: Peer Mediator (07); Library Monitor (06-07); Recycling Committee (05-06); Gardening (07); Debating (04-05); Chinese Eisteddfod (04-05); Latin Reading Competition (05-06); Dux Maths (04); 3rd Overall (04); School Trophy (08); AMC (Prize 05-06; HD 04, 07-08); MCS (HD 04-06); MES (D 05); AIMO (D 06); ASEC (HD 04, 06; D 03, 05 07); NCQ (HD 03-04, 06; D 05); HTAHC (D 06);

ASSC (HD 05; D 03-04, 06-07); ASFLC (HD 06); BSC (D 06); ASCSC (D 03-04, 06); MIP Basketball (06-07); 3rd in Latin Reading Competition (05); Team 2nd in Da Vinci Decathlon (05); Group 1st in Chinese Eisteddfod (05); Team Most Innovative in USYD MCC (06); Football (04-08), Captain 16Cs Football (06); Basketball (03, 06-08); Chess (07-08); Da Vinci Decathlon (04-05); Table Tennis (05); Jeans for Genes Day; Shave for a Cure; SRCC; Clean Up Australia Day; Exoday; Open Day; Electrical Engineer.

HUANG Dean: French (06-07); ASSC (D 03-04); AMCWA (D 03-06); ASEC (D 03-04); ANCQ (D 03); AFLA (D 05-06); AFLC (D 05-07); UNSWSC (D 06); UNSWWC (D 06-07); HTAHC (D 06); UNSWEC (D 07); NGCAGC (HD 06); Basketball MVP (07), Basketball (03-08); SRCC (07); Financial Manager.

HUANG Garland: Chess Club (04); ASSC (D 03, HD 04, D 06); ASEC (D 03, D 04); NCQ (HD 04, D 03, D 06-07); ASMC (D 03-04, 07, HD 05, Prize 06); ASCSC (D 05); Football (05-07); Doctor.

HUANG Jack: UNSWMC (HD 03, D 04-06); NCQ (D 06); GC (D 04-05); BSC (D 08); ASSC (HD 06); ASMC (D 06); ASEC (D 06); AMPEC (D 07); Football (03-08), 3th Grade (07), 4th Grade (08); Basketball (04-06); SRCC; Finance Related.

HUI Joshua: Senior Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Chamber Choir (03); Special Award (06); AMC (HD 05, D 03-04); ASEC (D 05-06); ASSC (D 04, 06); NCQ (D 05); BSC (D 06); ASWC (D 05, 07); ACER French Certificate (D 05); 1st XV Coaches Award (08); Basketball (03); Rowing (04-06), 1st Yr 10 VIII (06); Rugby (03-08), 1st XV (07-08); Athletics (03-08), Junior Vice-Captain (06), CHS State Athletics (04-07); Lifeline Book Fair; Legacy Day; SRCC Wheelchair Roll; Nutritionist.

HUYNH Anthony: Peer Support Leader (06); SRC (08); Community Service Committee; Training String Orchestra (03); Symphony Orchestra (03-05); First Chinese (Foreigners) (06); AMC (HD 03; D 04-07); NCQ (HD 04); ASEC (D 03); ASSC (D 05); ASCSC (D 05-06); YA (07); Tennis (05-08); Volleyball (07); SRCC; Legacy Day; YOTS; Doctor, Entrepreneur.

IP James: Prefect (08); 1st XV (06-08).

IYER Kartik: Peer Mediator (07-08); Prefect (08); Guitar Ensemble (03); AMC (HD 04-08; D 03); ASEC (D 03-06); ASSC (HD 03, 05; D 04, 06-07); GC (HD 05; D 06); ASCSC (D 04-05); NCQ (HD 04, 07; D 03, 05-06); Basketball (03-06), 2nd Grade(07-08), 1st Grade (08); Football (03-05, 08); SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; YOTS; Doctor.

IYER Shreyas: Peer Mediator (07); Community Service Committee Year Rep (06-07); Community Service Committee President (08); Community Service Committee (05-08); ICB (03-04); SCB (05-06); JSB (03-04); ISB (05-06); ANZAC Day Marching Band (04); School Trophy (08); ASEC (D 04); ASSC (D 04, 05); AMC (D 04); GC (HD 05); NCQ (HD 06, D 05, 07); AFLA (HD 05, D 06); HC (D 06); PwCEC (D 07-08); JCB Commitment Award (04); 14Bs Cricket Team Award (03-04), 15As Cricket Team Award (04-05); Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (07), Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award (08); Cricket (03-08), 2nd XI (07-08); Football (04-05); Athletics (06); Rugby (06-07); Legacy Day (06-07); Daffodil Day (07); High for the Homeless (07); SRCC (07); Jeans for Genes Day (07-08); YOTS (08); Lawyer.

Ji Remy: Peer Support Leader (06); Library Monitor (06); Recycling Committee (07-08); JCB (03); Choir (03-04); ICB (04); JSB (04-05); SCB (05-07); Anzac Day Marching Band (07); GPS Concert Band (05-07); Bronze Medallion (03); Silver Medallion (04); Gold Medallion (05); Special Award (06); School Plaque (07); AIMO (HD 06); AMC (HD 03, 06, 08; D 04-07); ASCSC (D 04-05); ASEC (D 04-05); ASSC (HD 03-04; D 05-08); GC (HD 06, 08; D 05); MCS (HD 06); NCQ (HD 03, 07; D 08); AFLA (HD 05-07); ASWC (D 05); PwCEC (HD 07); House Badge (06); Music Pocket (07); Basketball (03-08); Football (03-07); SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Commerce/Lawyer.

JIN Daniel: Charities Committee (08); Lennie Basser Award for Scientific Achievement (07); ASSC (D 03-04, 06, 08); ASEC (D 06); ASMC (D 03, 05); ASCSC (D 03); NCQ (HD 07, D 03); GC (D 06); Titration Team (07-08); SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Legacy Day; Doctor.

JOO Timothy:

JUNG Daniel: Peer Support Leader (06); ASCSC (D 03, 05); AMC (D 03-04, 08); ASEC (D 03); Legacy Day; YOTS; Business

KANDASAMY Arunan: Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Chess Club (03-06); Bronze (04); Silver (05); Gold (06); AMC (HD 06-07); ASSC (D 05-06); ASEC (D 05); BSC (D 06); Cricket (03-07), 2nd

XI (05-07); Trans Harbour Cricket (03-06), Trans Harbour Premiers (04-05); Barberis Cup (04-05); Rugby (03-07), 1st XV (07); Athletics (05-07); Jeans for Genes Day (07).

KARUNAKARAN Arun: SRC (06-07); Peer Support Leader (06); Library Monitor (03); Charities Committee (03-08), Treasurer (03-07); Cadets (Lance Corporal 03-05); Debating (03); Cricket (03-08), Captain of 13c's (03-04, 07-08); Basketball (05-06); Football (03-05), Captain of 13e's, 14b's, 15b's (03-05); Rugby (06-07); Athletics (04-07); Fundraising for Legacy Day (05-07); Jeans for Genes Day (06-08); Daffodil Day (06-08); Doctor.

KARUNARATNE Sascha: (2007-2008): Library Monitor (07-08); Recycling Committee (07); School Bronze Award (07); NCQ (HD 07); ASMC (HD 07); 3rd Grade Cricket (07); 3rd Grade Football (07); 1st Grade Water Polo (08); YOTS; Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Dentist, Physiotherapist.

KELLY Mitchell: (2005-2008) Prefect (07-08); Gold Medallion; First Studies of Religion (06); First Extension History (07); AMC (D 05); UNSW Sustainable Living Challenge (Merit 05); UNSWWC (D 06); Tennis Blue; 15 years Cross Country Champion; 1st Grade Tennis (05-06); GPS Tennis Representative (05-06); CHS Tennis Representative (06); Stan Jones Cup Finalist (Bronze 05, 07); Australian Tennis School Boys Finalist (05); 1st Grade Cross Country (06, 08); Football (05); Swimming (07); Rugby (07); 1st VIII Rowing (07, Stroke 08), CHS Rowing Representative Overall Champions (07-08), National Rowing Championships (07, 08); YOTS; SRCC; Jeans For Genes Day; Commercial Lawyer.

KIM Albert: Library Monitor (04); Chess Club (03-05); Vocal Ensemble (03); ICB (04-05); SCB (06-08); Anzac Day Marching Band (07); GPS Concert Band (05-07); Debating (03-05); First History (06); P&C Prize for 3rd (06); First French (07); First English Extension 1 (07); Bronze Medallion (03); Silver Medallion (04); Gold Medallion (05); Special Award (06); School Plaque (07); School Trophy (08); AMC (HD 03, 05, 08; D 04, 06-07); ASCSC (HD 04; D 03, 06); ASEC (D 05-07); ASSC (D 03-05); BSC (D 06); GC (D 06); MCYA (HD 05-06); NCQ (D 03, 05-06); ASWC (D 03, 06-07); AFLA (D 05-07); Australian Language Certificate in French (D 06); Da Vinci Decathlon (04-05); Music Pocket (08); Football (03-04); Tennis (03-08), Most Successful Player (04-05), Most Successful Doubles (08); SRCC (07); Blackmores Sydney Running Festival (08); YOTS (08); Doctor, Medical Researcher.

KOMAROV Anton: Swimming Captain (08); Amnesty International; Recycling (03-04); Gardening (04-06); Water Conservation (03-04); Silver medallion; GC (D); Swimming Age Champion (03-07); GPS Pocket; Rowing (04-05, 07), Yr 7 First Quad 2 man, Yr 8 First quad 2 man, First VIII 3 man HOTR; First Grade Waterpolo Leading point scorer (08); Rugby (06-07); First grade Swimming (04-08); GPS swimming 100m freestyle rep (08); Legacy Day (06); SRCC (07); YOTS (08); Investment Analyst, Chartered Accountant.

KWOK Nathan: Amnesty International (07-08); JCB (03); ICB (04-05); SCB (06-08); Chamber Choir (04-08); Marching Band (04-05, 07); GPS Choral Ensemble (04-07); Debating (03-04); P&C Prize for Second (03); English (03); Music (03); Art (04); History (05); Peter Walker Award for English Literature (06); Headmaster's Award for Achievement in the Arts (07); ASEC (D 03-04); AMC (HD 06); Music Pocket (08); Bronze Medallion (04); BoS Encore Nomination (07); SBHS Piano Competition Prize for Second (06-07); Doctor (Psychiatrist).

LA Kenny:

LAI Alexandro: AMC (HD 03-06, D 07-08); ASCSC (D 05-06); ASSC (D 04-06); GC (D 06); NCQ (HD 03, D 05-06); Dolan Cup winning team (07); Fencing (04-06); Football (07-08); SRCC; Actuary.

LAM Christopher: Chess Club (03-04); Cadets (CDT 05-06; CPL 06-08; 1PLT SECO 06-07; 1PLT 2IC 08); Multicultural Food Festival (05); Choir (03); National Chinese Eisteddford Team (1st 05); Debating (03); First Engineering (07); NCQ (HD 03-04, 07 D 05-06, 08); ASSC (HD 06; D 03-05); ASEC (D 03-06); ASWC (HD 03; D 05); ASCSC (HD 04-06; D 03); AMC (HD 06; D 03-05, 07-08); GC (HD 05; D 06); Rifle Shooting Blue Wingham Rifle Shooting Competition (C Grade 2nd 05, B Grade 5th 08); Canberra Queens (04); NSW Queens (04-05); Prorak Trophy (1st 07); Junior Club Champion (05-06); Special Award for Military Skills (05); House Badge (06); Sailing (06); Rifle Shooting (2nd Grade 03; 1st Grade 04-08) GPS Rifle Team (06); Member of Australian Cadet Rifle Team to England (Victoria Tankard, Wellington, NRA Marksman 06); Parking for Rifle Shooting (03-08); YOTS; Dentist, Electrical/Software Engineer.

- LAM Kevin:** Peer Support Leader (06); SRC (08); Community Service Committee Treasurer (08); Charities Committee (04-07); Community Service Committee (08); Platinum Medal (07); ASSC (D 04-06); ASCSC (D 04, HD 05); GC (D 05, HD 06); AFLA (D 05, HD 06); BSC (HD 06-07); AMC (D 06); ASWC (D 06); ASEC (D 06); Cricket (03-08), 2nd XI (06-07); Rugby (05-07); Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes Day; SRCC; Legacy Day; YOTS; Civil Engineer / Architect.
- LAU Garry:** (2007-2008): Senior Concert Band (07-08); AMC (HD 07, D 03-05, 08); ASSC (D 05); NCQ (HD 07); SBHS Piano Competition, Highly Commended (07); YA Blue Chip Company Award (07); Basketball (08); Tennis (07); Senior Chess Team (07-08), Combined GPS Chess Team; Legacy Badge Day; Daffodil Day; SRCC; YOTS; Commerce.
- LE Kevin:** SRC (07); Charities Committee (08); Silver Medallion (04); Platinum Award (06); ASSC (HD 03); AMC (HD 07, D 03-05); ASEC (D 04); NCQ (HD 06-08); Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze (07); Swimming (03-07); CHS State Swimming (03-05); Football (04); Tennis (03); Basketball (03); Volleyball (07); Daffodil Day; Legacy Day; SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Dentist.
- LE Minh:**
- LEE Benjamin R:** Peer Support Leader (06); Legal Committee (08); Choir (03); Platinum Award (07); AMC (HD 03-04, D 05, 07); ASSC (D 03-06); ASEC (D 04-05); ASCSC (D 03, 05); NCQ (HD 03); AFLA (HD 05, D 06); ASWC (D 06); AGC (HD 06); HTAHC (HD 06); Runner-up Stan Jones Cup 08; Tennis (03-08), 1st Grade (06-08); Football (03-08); Daffodil Day; Legacy Day; SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Accountant.
- LEE Benjamin S:**
- LEE Joshua:**
- LEE Matthew:** Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); Gold Medallion; ASSC (D 03, 05, 08); ASEC (D 03, 06); NCQ (D 03); AMC (D 05-07); BSC (HD 08, D 06); GC (D 06); ASWC (D 04, 06); HTAHC (D 06); AFLA (D 05-06); ACER French Competition (D 05); Dolan Cup (07); Golden Glove (07); Basketball (05-06), Most Improved Player (05), Vice-Captain 15D (06); Cricket (03-04), Bowling Aggregate (03), Vice-Captain 13C (03); Football (03-08), Captain 14E-15E (04-05), Captain 16B (06), Captain Opens 5 (07), Team Manager Opens 4 (08); SRCC; YOTS.
- LEE Sean:** Amnesty International (07-08); Debating (03-05); First Geography (03); The Peter Walker Prize for English Literature (03); ACO (HD 04, D 03-05); AMC (D 03-04, 06-07); ASCSC (D 04-05); ASEC (HD 03, 06, D 04-05, 07); ASSC (HD 03, 06-07); BSC (D 06); GC (HD 06); Basketball (04-06); Football (03-08); Jeans for Genes Day; SRCC; The Leukaemia Foundation
- LEE Winston:** Peer Support Leader (06); Chess Club; JCB (03); ICB (04); AFLA (HD 05; D 06); AMC (HD 05; D 03, 06); GC (HD 06); ASSC (D 03-04); CHS Rowing 1st Championship Mens Coxed Four (07), Rowing (03-07), 1st IV (07); Rugby (05-06); Cross Country (03); Rifle Shooting (03); SRCC; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Fund Manager.
- LEUNG Alvin:** SRC (07-08); Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); Student Representative on School Council (08); National Theatresports Schools Competition Semi Finalist (08); Captain; Latin Speaking Competition (Finalist 06); John Francis Bush Memorial Prize (07); Uni Of Sydney Prize for Second (06); First History (Wars) (05); AMC (HD 03-05, 07-08 D 06); APO (D 07); BSC (Prize 06-07 HD 08); MCYA (HD 06); ASSC (HD 03-06 D 07-08); GC (HD 05-08); NCQ (HD 05-07); ASEC (D 06-08); ASCSC (D 05- 06); AFLA (HD 05-06); AMPEC (D 07); ASWC (D 07); Basketball (03-08), 2nds (08); Football (03-08), 1st XI (06-08); SRCC; YOTS; ExoDay; International Communications Manager.
- LEUNG Andrew:** String Ensemble (03-04); Symphony Orchestra (05); Latin Speaking Competition (06); AMC (D 03-06); AMPEC (D 07); ASEC (D 03-08); ASSC (D 03-07); BSC (D 07); GC (HD 06, D 04-05); NCQ (HD 07, D 03-06) DOE Bronze (07); Basketball (03-05); 2nd grade Sailing (07-08); Football (03-05, 07-08); CHS Regatta runner-up team (07); Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; Sydney International Regatta (08); Financial Analyst/Advisor, Risk Assessment Officer.
- LI Edward:** GC (D 03-05); MCYA (D 05-06); ASSC (D 03-05); NCQ (D 06; HD 05, 07-08) AMC (D 03-06, 08); Rugby (03); Tennis (03-05); Football (04); Table Tennis (06-08); SRCC; Legacy Day (07-08); Engineer/Pharmacist.
- LI Philip:** Library Monitor (03); AMC (HD 03, 06, D 04-05); ASCSC (D 03); ASSC (D 03-04, 06); NCQ (D 03); Basketball (03-05); Cross Country (07); SRCC; YOTS; Engineer.

- LI Timothy:** SRC; Peer Support Leader (06); Charities Committee (05-08); CSC (08); Vocal Ensemble (03-04); GC (HD 05); AMC (D 07); ASEC (D 06); Cricket (03-08); Rugby (04-08), 2nd XV (08); Fundraising for Daffodil Day; Jeans For Genes Day; SRCC; YOTS; Legacy Day; Tax Accountant.
- LIEU Nathan:** Peer Support Leader (06); Library Monitor (05); Gardening Team (04-08); Recycling Committee (07); Training Strings Ensemble (03-04); Symphony Orchestra (03-08); Combined GPS Symphony Orchestra (05-07); Art Exhibition Performance (04-05); School Trophy (08); AFLA (HD 05); AMC (D 03, 07); ASEC (D 07); ASCSC (D 06); ASSC (D 03, 05-08); ASWC (D 07); GC (D 06); MCS (HD 06); Music Pocket (07); Symphony Orchestra Commitment Award (07); Basketball (03-06); Tennis (08); Football (04-07); SRCC (07); YOTS (08); Doctor, Optometrist, Lawyer, Physiotherapist.
- LIM Andrew:** Peer Support Leader (06); ICB (03-04); SCB (05); SSB (05); ANZAC Day Marching Band (04-05); School Plaque (07); AMC (D 03-08); ASCSC (D 04-05); ASEC (D 03); ASSC (D 04); ASWC (HD 07, D 03); GC (05-06); NCQ (HD 04, D 03); Tennis (03-05); Cricket (06-07); Rugby (03-07); Jeans For Genes; Legacy Day; High For Homeless; SRCC; Marketing.
- LINDEBACK Thomas:**
- LIU Chang:** Chess Club (03-04); JCB (03-04); Debating (04); AMC (HD 03-04, 06, 08, D 05); ASEC (HD 04, D 05, 07); ASSC (D 05); NCQ (D 07); Football (03-08), Player of the year (08), Dolan Cup Team (05, 07); Basketball (03-08); SRCC; Mechanical Engineer, Actuary.
- LIU Ruiwen:** Library Monitor (03); Chess Club (03); Junior Concert Band (03-04); Debating (03); First Geography (04); AIMO (D 06); AMC (D 03-08); AMP (D 07-08); ASEC (05-07); ASSC (D 03-06); JCB (D 03-06); MCYA (D 03-06); MCS (D 03-06); NCQ (D 03-06). Basketball (03-04); Table Tennis (08); SRCC; Legacy Day; YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Doctor.
- LIU Simon:** Chess Club (05); Recycling Committee (06); Chamber Choir (03); Debating (03-06); Eastside Debating Competition (05); National Chinese Eisteddfod (04); Gordon Barr Memorial Prize for Dux (03); First History (03); First Classical Greek (03); J.H. Killip Prize for Dux (05); Peter Walker Award for English Literature (05); The Macquarie University Prize for Academic Achievement (05); First Commerce (05); Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize for Dux (06); H.A. Coss Prize for First English (06); First Commerce (06); First Geography (06); Clarrie Martin Memorial Prize for First Modern History (07); First English Advanced (07); First German (07); First Legal Studies (07); Bronze Medallion (03), Silver Medallion (04), Gold Medallion (05), Special Award (06), School Plaque (07), School trophy (08); AMC (D 03-07); ASCSC (D 05); ASEC (HD 03, D 03-04, 06); ASSC (D 03-04, 06); BSC (D 06); GC (D 06); NCQ (D 05); AFLA (D 05-06), ACER Language Certificate German (D 06); ASWC (D 06); Da Vinci Decathlon (05); House Colours (06); Cross Country (06-07), 1st Grade Cross Country (07); Football (03-04, 08); Tennis (03); Rowing (03-04); Basketball (05-08); SRCC (07); High For Homeless (07); Clean-Up Australia Day (08); Shave For A Cure (08); Jeans For Genes Day (08); YOTS (08); Corporate Lawyer.
- LIVINGSTON Joel:**
- LO George:** Cricket (03); Basketball (04); Football (03-08), 2nd XI (06-07), 1st XI (08), Combined GPS 3rd XI; Athletics (06-08).
- LOCHNER Nicholas Robert:** Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); SRC (03); Model United Nations (06-08); Debating (03-04), School Trophy (07); School Plaque (06); Special Award (05); Gold Medallion (04); Bronze Medallion (03); 'The Dr Charles Winston Prize' (07); 1st Geography (06-07); 1st English (04); 1st Studies of Religion II (08); Academic Merit List (04, 06-07); HSC Merit List (07); GC (HD 06-07); PwCEC (D 07); ASWC (HD 06, D 05, 07); HTAHC (D 06); ASFLA (HD 05-06); ASCSC (HD 05, D 04, 06); ASEC (D 04-06); ASSC (D 04, 05-06); AMC (D 05); Goethe-InstituteC (04); DaVinci Decathlon 2nd (05); RGHS MUN (2nd 06); Perez de Cuellar ShieldC Regionals 1st (07-08); State Finals 3rd, 2nd (07-08); Evatt Trophy MUN Nationals (08); SUSMUN 1st (08); St CatherinesMUN 1st (08); Co-Captain of the Aust and Syd High Delegation to the Int Youth Economics and Culture Conf Taiwan (07); Cricket (03-05, 06-08), 2nd XI (06-08), 2nd XI Vice-Captain (07-08); Rugby (03-08), 1st XV (07); Rowing (05); Transharbour Cricket (04-05), Transharbour Premiers (05); Barberis Cup (05); Davidson Shield 1st XV (07-08); Gold Coast Rugby Tour (05); Bronte Netball Association Umpire RNA District 'A' Grade (08); Randwick Netball Assoc Rep Umpire (07-08); Bronte Netball Umpire's Award (08); YOTS; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Stewart House; SRCC; Exoday; Diplomat.

- LOCKE Patrick:** Prefect (08); Ruby house captain (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Debating (05-08); First Visual Arts (05); AMC (prize 03, D 04-06); GC (HD 05-08); ASSC (D 03-06); ASEC (D 05-06); Football (03-08), second grade (06), first grade (07-08); Basketball (03-06); 4th XI cricket (07-08); SRCC; Red Cross; Lifeline Book Fair;.
- LUNG Bernard:** Choir (03); First Design & Technology (04); ASCSC (HD 03; D 04-06); AMC (D 03-04); ASSC (HD 06; D 03-05); NCQ (HD 05-06; D 03-04); ASEC (D 03-06); AFLA (D 05-06); GC (D 05-06); ASWC (D 03-04), House Badge (07); Rifle Shooting (03); Football (04-08); Basketball, Captain 16E (06-07); SRCC; Clean Up Australia Day; YOTS; Legacy (03-08); Finance related.
- LUNG Brian:** Library Monitor (03-04); Chess (03-04); Cadet Corporal (05-06); School Plaque 08; ASEC (D 03-06); ASWC (D 05-06); ASCSC (D 04-05); Westpac (D 03-06); ANSQ (D 06-07); AGC (D 06); HC(D 06); 1st in the CHS Sailing Pacer Class (06); Sailing (02-08); Football (02-08); SRCC; Structural Engineer.???
- LUO Steven:** Peer Support Leader (06); Charities Committee Symphony Orchestra (03-07); GPS Music Ensemble (07); Gold Award (08); AMC (HD 03-06; D 07); ASSC (HD 03; D 04-06); GC (HD 03, 06-07; D 04); AMPEC (D 06); NCQ (D 04); ASCSC (HD 05-06) Music Pocket; Dolan Cup Winners (08); Tennis (03-06); Cricket (08); Football (03-08); YOTS; SRCC; Pharmacist, Nutritionist, Psychologist.
- LUONG Ian:** Legal Studies Club; Cricket (03-07); Football (03-05); Volleyball (06); Rugby (07-08); YOTS; SRCC; Legacy Day; Lawyer, Psychologist; Musician.
- MA Jiawen:** Peer Support Leader (06); Bronze medal (04); AMC (HD 03-06; D 07-08); UNSWMC (Certificate of Merit 07); ASSC (HD 03-04, D 06-07); NCQ (D 06); ASCSC (D 03-04); ASEC (D 03-04, 07); Football XI Grade MVP (08); Basketball (03-06, 08); Football (04-08); Volleyball (03); SRCC; Doctor.
- MA Kevin:**
- MA Winson:**
- MACK Henry:** (2007-2008): Debating(07-08); 3rd Grade 08; AMC (08); Fencing (07-08); Captain Fencing C Team (07); Research Psychologist.
- MAI Tam:** JCB (03); ICB (04-05); SCB (06-07); ANZAC Day Marching Band (06-07); GPS Music Festival (07); ASEC (HD 06, D 04-05, 07); ASSC (D 04-07); AMC (D 03, 06); ASWC (D 05-06); NCQ (D 05-06); HTAHC (D 06); Music Pocket; Football (03-08); Tennis (05-08); SRCC; Daffodil Day; Psychologist.
- MANCENIDO Zid Niel:** Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); YA (07); Chamber Choir (03); Debating (03-08), 2nd Grade (07), 1st Grade (08), GPS Co-Premiers (08), FED Premiers (08), CHS Representative (08), Karl Cramp Trophy Winners (07), SMHPESA Regional Final (08), Rostrum Regional Final (08); Eastern Suburbs Public Speaking (05-08); MUNA (06-07); Perez De Cuellar Runners Up (07); Evatt Trophy (08); NZMUN (08); UNYC (08); THIMUN (08); School Trophy; Debating (05); GC (HD 06-08); ASEC (D 03-05, 07); ASWC (D 06-07); PwCEC (D 07); AMC (Prize 06, D 03-05); AFLA (HD 05-06); ASCSC (HD 03-04, D 05-06); ASSC (HD 05-06, D 04); Basketball (03-08); Volleyball (03-07); Football (08); YOTS; SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Diplomat.
- MAO John:** Library Monitor (03-05); Debating (03); ASCSC (D 03); ASSC (HD 03-05); ASEC (D 03); AMC (D 03-05, 07-08); NCQ (D 04-05); SRCC; Legacy Day; Daffodil Day; YOTS; Engineer.
- MARTIN Calum:** Peer Mediator (06); ICB (03-05); JSB (03-04); ISB (05-06); SWE (06-07); SCB (08); Debating (06); First German (03); GC (HD 05, 07); ASEC (D 04, 06-07); AMC (D 03-05); ASSC (D 03-05); ASCSC (D 03); ASWC (D 07); Music Pocket (08); Rugby (03-08), 2nd XV (07), 1st XV (08); Sailing (03, 05-07); Rowing (03-05); Cricket (07-08); Legacy Day; SRCC; YOTS.
- McDONNELL NATHAN:**
- MEHMEDBASIC Muhamed:** Prefect (08); Sailing Captain (06-08); Sydney High Sailing Club (03-08); Symphony Orchestra (03-08); JSB (03-04); ISB (05); ICB (05); SSB (06-08); Jazz Ensemble (06-08); Debating (03-05); Music (04-06), Music 2 (07); The Headmaster's Award for Outstanding Achievement (07); AMC (D 03, 05-08); ASEC (D 03-08); ASSC (D 05); GC (HD 06); ASWC (HD 06; D 05); Music Pocket (07); Musician of the Year (07); Swimming (03-08); Sailing (03-08); Football (03, 06-08); CHS Swimming (03, 07); CHS Sailing (04, 07); Tri-Series Regatta (04-08); Volleyball (04); SRCC (07); Musician.

MENZIES James: Peer Mediator (07); UNSWWC (HD 07); AFLA (D 05); GC (HD 05); ASCSC (D 05); NCQ (D 04); ASSC (D 03); 1st Grade Water Polo (03-05, 07-08), Captain of 1st Grade Waterpolo (07-08); Rugby (05-07); Career in Advertising.

MICKOVSKI Kiril: Peer Mediator (07); Vocal Ensemble (03-04); Symphony Orchestra (03-08); GPS Orchestra (05-07); Debating (03-07); School Plaque (07); Special Award (06); Gold Medallion (05); Silver Medallion (04); Bronze Medallion (03); GC (HD 06-07); ASSC (HD 06, D 03-05); AFLA (HD 06, D 03-05); NCQ (HD 06); AMPEC (HD 05-06); ASWC (HD 05-06); Music Pocket; Dolan Cup (07); Swimming (04-08); 1st Grade Water Polo (07-08); Football (06-08); SRCC; YOTS; CEO, CFO.

MONTOYA ZORILLA Edwin: Prefect (08); Amnesty International; Gardening; High Harriers (03-06); Debating (03-06), Debating CHS Champions (07), 3rd grade (07), 2nd grade (08); Public Speaking (07-08); Sydney East MUNA- Runners Up (06); Rotary MUNA (07); UNYA NSW Security Council Competition- Runners Up (07), UNYA NSW Delegate to UNYC (08), UNYA Australia delegate to NZMUN (08); Bronze (03), Silver (04), Gold (05), Special (06), Plaque (07), Trophy (08); AMC (HD 03-04, Prize 05-06, HD 07-08), UNSWMC (Prize 07); AIMO (HD, Train-On Squad Selection 06); GC (HD 04-08); ASEC (D 03-05, HD 06, D 07); ASSC (D 03-05, 07, HD 06); Cross Country Champion (06-08); Tennis (03-08); Cross Country (04-06), 1st Grade Cross Country Vice Captain (07), 1st Grade Cross Country Captain (08), Cross Country Zone Representative (04-06), Cross Country Regional Representative (07-08); Athletics (04-08), Athletics Regional Representative (05); SRCC; YOTS; White Ribbon Charities; International Environmental Lawyer, Diplomat.

MYRONENKO Michael:

NA Koeun: Most Improved Rower (06), CHS Champion 1st IV (08), 1st U16 Double Scull, 3rd U16 Quad Scull (06), 2nd U15 Double Scull, 2nd U15 Quad Scull (06); Rugby (03-08), 2nd XV (08); Tennis (03); Rowing (03-06, 08), 1st Junior VIII (06), 1st IV (08), Melbourne Rowing Exchange 1st Junior VIII (06), CHS Rowing (05-06, 08); Legacy Day; YOTS; Health/Sport/Exercise.

NADKARNI Ishan: Captain of Rifles (08); Peer Mediator; SRC Treasurer (07); Peer Support Leader (06); Yearbook Committee Chief Editor, Charities Committee (08); SBHS Cadet Unit (05-08); Archives Committee (06-08); Gardening Committee (04-06); Recycling Committee (03-04); SCB, SSB (06-08); ANZAC Day Marching Band (07-08); GPS Combined Concert Band (05, 07); Fast and Fresh (06); ICB, ISB, "All Stops Out" (05); JSB, JCB (04); TCB (03); Perez de Cuellar Shield Runners-Up (08), Finalists (07); Model United Nations Assembly Representative (06-08); Debating (03-05); Public Speaking (03-04); School Trophy (07); School Plaque (06); Gold Medal (05); Silver Medal (04); Bronze Medal (03); Rifle Club Championship; Music Pocket; NSW Queens "C" Grade Champion (08); House Badge (05); Trans Harbor Cricket Trophy (04); 1st Grade Rifle Shooting (05-08); GPS Combined Rifle Shooting (08); Member of Australian Defence Force Cadets Rifle Team to Bisley (06); Rowing (03-07); Athletics (03-06), Zone Athletics (04); Rugby (03); Cricket (03); YOTS (08); SRCC (07); School Parking (03-08); Jeans for Genes Day (07-08); 40 Hour Famine (06); Stewart House (03); Accountant, Financial Advisor, Teacher (Social Sciences).

NG Adrian: Peer Support Leader (06); Charities Committee (05-08); CSC (08); Vocal Ensemble (03-04); ASCSC (D 06); ASEC (D 03-04, 06); AMC (HD 06 D 05, 07-08); ASWC (D 06-07); ASSC (D 05-06); AFLA (HD 05, D 06-07); AMPEC (HD 07); GC (HD 05-06); Football (03-05, 07); Tennis (04); Basketball (05-08); Fundraising for SRCC; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; YOTS; Actuary.

NG Danny: SRC 05; Peer Support Leader 06; AMC (HD 04; D 05-06); ASEC (D 04); ASSC (D 04-05); NCQ (D 05); Birt Shield 06; NSW Schools Cup Runners Up (04); SVNSW (05) Metro Schools Winner; NSW Schools Cup Winner; MVP 16A's Basketball; Basketball (06); 2ND Grade Basketball (03-06); Rugby (03-06); 1st XV (07-08); Rowing (04-05); 1st Grade Volleyball (05-06); National Schools Volleyball (05-06); Sydney East Volleyball (06); Athletics (03-05); YOTS; SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Hedge Fund Manager.

NGUYEN Joseph:

NGUYEN Peter: CDTCP (05-06); CDTSGT (07-08); Cadet Unit (04-08); Recycling Committee (07); Charities Committee (07-08); Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme (06-08); School Trophy (08); AMC (HD 03-05, D 06-07); ASSC (D 03-05, 08); Sustainable Living Challenge (High Commendation); AFLA

(D 06); NCQ (D 06); AMF French (D 05); GC (HD 06); ASCSC (D 04-05); Dolan Cup (05, 07); Basketball (04, 06); Football (03-08); Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Badge Week; YOTS. Computer Engineer, DJ.

NGUYEN William: JCB (03); ICB (04-05); SCB (06-08); ANZACMB (07-08); Bronze (04); Silver (05); Gold (06); Plaque (07); ASEC (D 03, 06-07); AMC (PC 03-04, HD 07-08, D 05-06); MCYA (03); ASSC (HD 03, D 04-06); ASCSC (D 03-06); AGC (D 06); AFLA (D 05-06); NCQ (HD 04-05, D 03, 07); Music Pocket; Basketball (05, 08); Football (04-08); YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Engineer.

O'KEEFE Daniel:

PALAU Benjamin:

PERANANTHAN Varan: Prefect (08); SRC President (07); SRC Secretary (06); SRC (03-08); Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); President of Economics Society (08), Economics Society (08); SRC Executive Committee (06-08); The Arch Ferguson Memorial Prize (06); Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership Award (07); School Trophy (07); AMC (HD 07); AMC (D 04-06); GC (HD 06-07); NCQ (HD 06); AFLC (HD 05-06); AMPEC (D 06-08); 2nd XI Players' Player (07-08); Junior Cricketer of the Year (06), Cricket (03-08); Rugby (03-07); Athletics (06); 2nd XI (06-08), Captain of 2nd XI (07-08), Five Highs (07), Transharbour Trophy Winning Team (03-04), Captain of 16A's Cricket (05-06); Captain of 15B's Rugby (06); YOTS (08); SRCC (07); Talent Quest Organiser (08); Trivia Night Organiser (07); East Timor Education Relief Campaign Organiser (08); High for Homeless (07); Charity BBQ Organiser (03-08); Doctor or Economist.

PFULL Brynley: Prefect (08); House Captain (08); Peer Support Leader (06); ICB (03); SCB (04-07); Debating (05-06); School Plaque (07); Special Award (05); Dux Visual Arts (03); GC (HD 04-06); NCQ (HD 05); ACWC (HD 03-07); ASEC (HD 03, 05; D 04, 06-07); ASSC (D 03-04); CHS Rowing (08), 1st Championship Mens VIII (08), 1st Championship Mens Quad Scull (08), 2nd Championship Mens Pair (08), CHS Rowing 2007 1st Mens Inter-Regional VIII (07), 2nd Championship Mens VIII (07), Rowing (03-08), 2nd VIII (07), 1st VIII (08), Rowing Nationals (08); Football (03); Rugby (04-07), 2nd XV (07); Football (08); SRCC; Journalist, Songwriter.

PHAM Daniel: Peer Support Leader (06); Chess Club; Charities Committee; AFLA (HD 05-06); AMC (D 03-06); GC (HD 06); ASSC (D 03-05); NCQ (HD 06-07); Cross Country (03); Rifle Shooting (03); Swimming (04); SRCC; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Doctor.

PHAN Albert: Peer Support (06); Chess Club (03-04); School Silver Medal (07); AMC (D 03-07); NCQ (D 07-08); UNSWMC (HD 03, D 04-05); ASSC (D 03-05); ASWC (HD 04, D 05, HD 06); GC (HD 06); ASEC (HD 03, D 04-07); Football (03-04); Cricket (03-04); Volleyball (05); Rugby (06-08); Legacy Badge Day; YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Optometrist.

PHUAH Paul: SRC (08); Trivia Night Committee (08); Uniform Committee (08); SRC Website Committee (08); Dance-Off Committee (08); English society (08); Eco Club (08); Charities Committee Year 12 Representative (08); Chamber Choir (08); Vocalease (03); Guitar Ensemble (03); Model United Nations Assembly (08); Visual Arts (06); AMC (HD 03, D 04-07); NCQ (HD 07); ASCSC (D 03); Dolan Cup (07); Most Improved Player Basketball (05-06); Swimming (03); Fencing (03-04); Tennis (04-05); Basketball (05-06); Football Striker Vice Captain (04-08); SRCC (07); High For Homeless (07); Lawyer.

PHAM Daniel:

PHUNG Jordan: Peer Support Leader (06); Symphony Orchestra (03); Training String Orchestra (03); ASCSC (D 03-06); ASEC (HD 03, D 04-07); AMC (D 03, HD 04, D 06, HD 07, D 08); ASWC (HD 04, D 05, HD 06); ASSC (HD 04-05); GC (HD 06); NCQ (D 03-04); HTAHC (D 06) Tennis (03, 06-07); Swimming (03); Rowing (04); Volleyball (05); Rugby (06); Athletics (07); Fundraising for SRCC; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; YOTS; Financial Adviser.

QIN George: Library Monitor (03-04); School Choir (03); Debating (03-05); Bronze Medal (03); AMC (HD 04-08); ASCSC (HD 05-07); ASSC (HD 05, D 03-04, 06-07); GC (HD 05-06, D 04); ASEC (D 03-05, 07); UNSW Sustainable Architecture Competition (Highly Commended 06); Tennis (03-04); Fencing (04); Football (05-08), 4th grade (07-08); SRCC (07); Architect.

RAHMAN Sifat:

RAO Karan: (2006-2008) Peer Mediator (07); Legal Studies Committee (08); AMC (HD 04, D 05-07); NCQ (D 06-07); GC (D 05-06); ASEC (D 04); ASSC (HD 03-04 D 05-06); ASWC (D 07); AFLA (D

06); 1st XI Best Batsman (08), Five Highs Best Bowler (07), Cricket (06-08), 2nd XI (06-07), 1st XI (07-08), Member of All-Australian Five Highs Cricket Carnival Team (07); Rugby (06); Football (07); SRCC; Daffodil Day; Doctor.

RATNAYAKE Ricky: Economics Society (08); English Society (08); Debating (03-04); P&C Prize for Second (07); C W Wick Prize for Physics (07); Phillip Seymour Prize for Third (05); Special Award; AMC (D 04-05); ASEC (HD 05-06, D 03-04,07); ASSC (HD 06, 04, D 05, 07-08); NCQ (HD 05); AMPEC (Prize 07); Football 6th Grade Player of the Year (07); Football (03-08); Cricket (03-08); Cadet Unit (03-05); YOTS (07); SRCC (07); World's Greatest Shave (08); Aerospace Engineer.

REID Harrison: Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Guitar Ensemble (03-04); Debating (06); JM & WG Forsythe Memorial Prize (06); Arch Ferguson Prize (07); School Plaque (07); First Architecture (05); NCQ (HD 04-05, D 06); ASSC (HD 03-04, D 05-06); ASEC (HD 06, D 03-04); GC (HD 06); Sustainable Living Challenge (Commendation 06); Rowing (03-08), 2nd VIII (06-07), 1st VIII (07-08); Football (03-05, 08); Rugby (06-07); Ski Team (03-06, 08) Ski Captain (08); SRCC; Biomedical Engineer.

ROSENGARTEN Toby: Prefect (08); Peer Mediator (07); Peer Support Leader (06); ICB (03-04); SCB (05-08); Anzac Day Marching Band (07-08); GPS Concert Band (05-07); GC (HD 06-07); ASSC (D 03, 06); ASEC (D 03); ASWC (D 06); Music Pocket (07); Cricket (03-08); Trans Harbour Trophy Winning Team (04); Football (03-04); Rugby (05-08); Captain 16B's; 1st XV (08); SRCC; Journalist.

RUSLI Matthew: Peer Support Leader (06); Charities Committee (04-07); Bronze Medallion (04); Silver Medallion (05); Gold Medallion (06); House Badge (06); School Plaque (07); School Trophy (08); AMC (HD 07, D 03, 05-06); NQC (D 03); ASWC (D 06); Tennis (03-06); Best Doubles Tennis Player (04-06); 5th Grade Tennis Captain (06); Volleyball (04); Football (05); Rugby (06-08); 2nd XV (08); Athletics (05-08); Easturn Suburbs Zone Athletics (06-08); CHS Regional Athletics (08); Bronze Medal NSW All Schools State Athletics (08); Stewart House Charity; Lak Saviya Foundation; Boggabilla; SRCC; YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; Daffodil Day; Physiotherapist.

SALEH Youssef:

SERBAN Michael:

SHAPILSKY Alexander: Prefect (08); Music Captain (08); Peer Mediator (07), Peer Support Leader (06); SRC (03-08); SRC Vice President (07); District SRC Member (06); SRC Executive Committee (05-08); Library Monitor (03-05); Charities Committee (03-08); Charities Committee Treasurer (08); Chess Club (04-05); SCB (06-08); ICB (03-05); Debating (03-06); Mini United Nations Assembly winner (06); Regional Director's Award (08); School Trophy (07); Headmaster's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Arts (07); School Plaque (06); Special Award (05); Gold Medallion (04); Hebrew (04); Bronze Medallion (03); AMC (Prize 03, HD 06-07, D 04-05, 08); NCQ (HD 03, 07, D 06); ASSC (D 03-06); ASEC (D 06); MCS (HD 04); ASWC (D 04); AFLA (D 05); AGC (D 06); Music Pocket (08); House Badge (05); Tennis (03-08); Rifle Shooting (03-08); YOTS; SRCC; Jeans For Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Stuart House; Boggabilla; East Temor Education Relief Campaign; Legacy Day; Lak Saviya; Tsunami Relief Aid To China; Mechatronic Engineer.

SHARMA Vaibhav: (2007-2008) Library Monitor (07); Student Archiving Committee; Recycling Committee; Chamber Choir (07); GPS Choir (07); AMC (D 03-06); AMPEC (D 07); ASCSC (D 06); ASEC (D 06-07); ASSC (D 06); NCQ (D 06-07) Cricket (07-08), 2nd XI (07-08), Five highs cricket; Cross Country (07); SRCC; YOTS; Legacy day; Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes day; Actuary.

SHETH Shiva: (2007-2008) UNSWMC (D 02 04 06 07); Cricket (07); 2nd XI Cricket (07-08); Rugby (07); Athletics (07-08); High For Homeless; Dafoldil Day; SRCC; Exo-Day; Accounting/Finance.

SHI David: Chess Club (03); TCB (03); ICB (04-05); SCB (06-07); Debating (03); ASSC (D 03-04); AMC (D 03-04); HTAHC (D 06); GC (HD 06); ASWC (D 07); Music Pocket; Junior Rifle Shooting Team (03, 04); Senior Sailing Squad (07, 08); Opens Football (07, 08); SRCC (07); Media Broadcasting.

SHIH I-Cheng: Shootinghoops Editor (05-08); Library Monitor(03); Chess Club(03-04, 07); Greek (04-05); Basketball (03-08), 16Bs Basketball Vice-captain (05-06), 4th Grade Basketball Captain (07-08); Volleyball (04-08); SRCC; YOTS; Software programmer; Games developer.

SHUM Christopher: Peer Support Leader (06); Chess Club (03-04); ICB (03-05); AMC (HD 03-05, D 06-07); ASCSC (D 06); GC (HD 06); Football (03-04); Tennis (03-05); Basketball (06-08); Jeans for Genes Day (06-07); SRCC (07); Legacy Day (06-07); YOTS (08); Psychologist.

SIMPSON Daniel:

SINGH Sukirat:

SIVASHANMUGARAJAH Anosh: (2007-2008): Prefect (08); SRC Publicity Officer (07); Library Monitor (07); Charities Committee (07); 1ST Grade Eastside Debating Competition (08); Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition (07-08); S.M.H. Plain English Speaking Award (08); Uni of NSW Debating Tournament (08); Bronze Medallion (07); AMC (HD 07; D 03-06); ASCSC (HD 03); MCYA (05); ASSC (D 04); NCQ (D 05); ASWC (HD 04); Rio Tinto Big Science Competition (D 05); AFLA (D 05); Table Tennis (07-08); SRCC (07); YOTS (08); Doctor.

SONG Joon:

SPENCER Mark:

SRIRANJAN Kogulan: Prefect (08); House Captain Saxby (08); Charities Committee Treasurer (07); Charities Committee (06-08); Vocal Ensemble (03); Debating (03); Bronze Medallion (03); Silver Medallion (04); Special Award (06); School Plaque (07); The Ross Miller Memorial Award (06); AMC (HD 06-07); ASSC (D 05-06); ASEC (D 05); BSC (D 06); NCQ (HD 07); 1st XI Bowling Award (07-08); CEC Rubie Trophy (05, 07); A.M Eedy Cup for 100m Athletics Champion (07, 08); Silver Medal CHS Athletics (08); Bronze Medal All Schools Knockout (08); Cricket (03-08); 1st XI (05-08); 1st XI Captain (07-08); Australian Five Highs Cricket Carnival (05-07); Australian Five Highs Carnival Captain (08); Trans Harbour Trophy (03-06); Trans Harbour Trophy Premiers (04, 05); Baberis Cup (04); Rugby (06-08) 1st XV Rugby (07); GPS Athletics (03-08); CHS Zone Athletics (04-08); CHS Regional Athletics (05-08); CHS State Athletics (08); NSW All Schools Athletics (08); Football (03-05); YOTS (08); Legacy Day (05-08).

STREET Lachlan: Prefect (08); Peer Mediator (07); SRC Representative (06); Peer Support Leader (06); Guitar Ensemble (03-06); School Trophy (08); NCQ (HD 06); AMC (D 03-04, 06); ASWC (D 03, 05-06); ASEC (D 04, 06); ASCSC (D 06); ASSC (D 03-05); Football Blue; 1st Grade Football Player's Player Award (06); GPS of NSW OBU Council Prize; Basketball (03-06); 2nd Grade (05-06); Cricket (07-08); Five Highs Cricket Carnival (07); Athletics (03-08), Captain of Athletics (08); Age Champion (03-06); CHS State Athletics (03-08); Football (03-08), 2nd Grade (05), 1st Grade (06-08), Captain of Football (08); Combined GPS 1st XI (07-08); CIS Football (08); SRCC (07); YOTS (08); Athlete.

SUGITO Stuart: (2005-2008): Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); Academic Decathlon (05); School Plaque (07); ASCSC (D 06); ASEC (D 03-04, 06); AMC (HD 06 D 05, 07-08); ASWC (D 06-07); ASSC (D 05-06); AFLA (HD 05, D 06-07); AMPEC (HD 07); GC (HD 05-06) Basketball (05-08), 2nd Grade (06), 1st Grade (07-08), Captain 1st Grade Basketball (08); Football (05-06, 08); Rugby (07); SRCC; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes; Daffodil Day; Doctor

SUN Marco: Gardening Assistant (04-06); Recycling Committee (07); Chamber Choir (03); JCB (03); ICB (04-05); ISB (06); SCB (07); GPS Concert Band (05-07); Anzac Day Marching Band (07); Debating (03-04); First History (04); School Trophy (08); AMC (HD 03, 05, 07-08; D 06); PwCEC (D 07-08); ASCSC (D 03, 05-06); ASEC (HD 03; D 05-07); ASSC (HD 05; D 07); AFLA (D 05-06); ASWC (HD 03, 05-07); MCS (HD 06; D 05); GC (HD 06; D 05); NCQ (HD 03, 07); Music Pocket (07); Basketball (03-06); Football (04-07); 1st Grade Cross Country (08); SRCC (07); Lawyer.

SUN Yu: Peer Support Leader (06); Library Monitor (03-07); Symphony Orchestra (03-08); Debating (03); School Trophy (08); AMC (Prize 06, HD 04-05, 08; D 03, 07); AIMO (D 07); ASSC (D 03, 05-06, 08); ASCSC (D 06); BSC (D 06); SWE (03-07) UNSWMC (HD 06,08; D 05) NCQ (HD 06-07; D 05) MCS (HD 06, D 04-05) Music Pocket Sailing (04-08) SRCC; Actuary.

SUTTON Ryan: Peer Support Leader (06); Legal Studies Club; AMC (HD 03-06, D 07-08); ASSC (D 06); AMPEC (D 06); UNSWFLC (HD 05, D 06); BSC (Prize 08); Bowling Award 14 B's (03-04), 3rd XI (06-07); Transharbour Trophy Award Winning Team (03-04); Cricket (03-08), 3rd XI captain (06-08); Football (03-04, 07); SRCC (07); YOTS (08); Accountant.

TAN Lucian: Prefect (08); Debating (03-08); 2nd Grade 07; 1st Grade 08; Karl Kramp Trophy Winners 07; GPS Premiers 08; S & P Tzannes Prize (03); Bronze Medallion (03); Silver Medallion (04); Gold Medallion (05); Special Award (06); School Plaque (07); School Trophy (08); First French (03); First History (04); First English (05); First History Elective (05-06); First Ancient History (07); First Studies Of Religion (07); AMC (D 03-04, 06-08); ASEC (D 03-06; HD 07); ASSC (D 03, 05; HD 04, 06);

ASCSC (D 05-06; HD 03-04); NCQ (D 06; HD 04-05); GC (D 06; HD 05); GPS Swimming (03-08); Fencing (03-05); Basketball (04-06); GPS Cross Country (06-08); 1st Grade Cross Country (07-08); Solicitor.

TANG Andrew:

TANG Christopher: Guitar Ensemble (03-04); First PDHPE (03); School Plaque (07); AMC (D 03, 05-08); ASSC (D 05); ASCSC (D 03); Basketball (04, 06-08); Rowing (05); Rugby (03-08); Stockbroker.

TANG Swei: (2007-2008) SRC (07); Senior Archivist (08); Archives Committee (07-08); Charities Committee (07); Duke of Edinburgh Award's Scheme (07-08); Cadets (04-06); Gardening Committee (07-08); Recycling Committee (07); Bronze Medallion (07); First Business (07); ACER Language Certificates, French (D 05); AMC (D 03-04, 07-08); ASSC (D 07-08); Asia-Wise Competition (D 06); BSC (D 08); GC (D 05); IGCSE (D 06); NCQ (D 05); Rio Tinto Big Science Competition (D 06); Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award (08); Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion (06); S.M.H. Young Playwrights' Award (05); St John Senior First Aid (05); Cricket (03); Basketball (04-06); Cross Country (03-04); Swimming (05); Football (06); Fencing (07-08); SRCC; Jean for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; YOTS; Stockbroker.

TAYLOR Alistair: Prefect (08); Peer Mediator (06); School Plaque (07); Football (03-08); Basketball (03, 05-06); Cricket (07-08); SRCC; Lifeline Book Fair; YOTS.

THOMAS Ashwin: Prefect (08); Peer Support Leader (06); ISCF Leader (06-08); Senior Jazz Ensemble (06-08); Senior Percussion Ensemble (07-08); SSB (05-08); ISB (04); JSB (03); SCB (06-07); ICB (04-05); GPS Stage Band (07); GPS Percussion (06); Marching Band (04-08); First Geography (05); Headmaster's Award for Achievement in the Arts (07); AMC (HD 06-07; D 03); ASCSC (HD 03-05; D 06); ASSC (HD 03-04, 06; D 05); NCQ (D 03-05); ASEC (HD 05; D 03-04, 07); ASWC (D 05); ASFLC (D 05); AGC (HD 06); BSC (D 07); Music Pocket (08); Football (03-08); Basketball (03-05); Cricket (06); Sailing (07); YOTS (08); 40 Hour Famine (07); SRCC (07); World Vision via Exoday (07); Volunteer at Matthew Talbot Hostel (07); Physicist; Engineer; Musician.

TING Simon: Peer Support Leader (06); School Gardening Official (04-06); Zowie Committee (05); Chess Club (03-05); ICB (04); JSB (04); Year 9 Concert Band (05); Year 9 Stage Band (05); ANZAC Day Marching Band (05-07); SCB (06); Percussion Ensemble (07); Bronze Medallion (04); Gold Medallion (05); Special Award (06); School Plaque (07); School Trophy (08); AMC (HD, 06, D 03, 05-08); AMPEC (D 08); ASCSC (D 03-06); ASEC (D 04-06); ASSC (D 03-08); GC (D 06); NCQ (HD 04, D 03 05-06); ASWC (HD 04, D 05-07); AFLA (D 05-06); HTAHC (D 06); Uni of Syd; Faculty of Engineering Mousetrap Car Design Project (2nd Place.); Rifle Shooting (03); Swimming (03); Football (04-08); Tennis (04-08); Most Successful Doubles Pair (08); YOTS (08); Blackmores Sydney Running Festival (08); SRCC (07); Doctor; Lawyer, Chef.

TOH David: Library Monitor (03-05); Chess Club (03); Symphony Orchestra (03-06); Public Speaking (03); ASEC (D 03-05); ASMC (D 03-06); ASSC (D 03-06); ASCSC (D 03-06); GC (HD 08); Sailing (03-08); Football (03); Volleyball (05); Rifle Shooting (07); SRCC; Civil Engineer.

TONG Daochen: (2007-2008); Peer Support Leader (06); "Flipside Friday" (06); J Manchester Prize for Biology (07); Mayoral Award (05); AMC (HD 05; D 04, 07-08); ASSC (D 05-08); Australian Biology Olympiad (D 07); NCQ (HD 07); ASWC (D 07); Cross Country (07); Table Tennis (04-06); SRCC; YOTS; Scientist, Biomedical Engineer, Electrical Engineer.

TRAC Warren: Prefect (08); School Plaque (07); ASCSC (D 03); ASEC (D 03-04, 06); AMC (HD 03, 06, D 04-05); ASWC (D 03); ASSC (D 04); AFLA (HD 05, D 06-07); Volleyball Blue; Basketball (05-08), 2nd Grade Basketball (07), 1st Grade Basketball (08); Volleyball (03-08), 1st Grade Volleyball (06-08), Vice Captain 1st Grade Volleyball (08), Member of Championship Volleyball CHS Knockout Team (06-07), Member of Volleyball Team for Australian Schools Cup to Melbourne (05-07); Athletics (07-08); Swimming (03); Jeans for Genes Day; SRCC; Legacy Day; Daffodil Day; Surgeon.

TRUONG Gary: Peer Support (06); Library Monitor (03-06); Chess Club (03); Gardening Committee (03-06); Recycling Committee (03-04); Symphony Orchestra (03-08); Senior Strings (04-06); GPS Symphony Orchestra (05-07); School Plaque (08); NCQ (HD 03-04, 07-08; D 05); AMC (D 03-08); GC (HD 06); ASCSC (D 03, 06); ASSC (D 04-05); AFLA (D 05-06); Music Pocket; Duke of Edinburgh; Cricket (03-08); Football (03-08); Jeans for Genes Day (07-08); Daffodil Day (07); Legacy Day (08);

SRCC(06); YOTS (08); Pharmacist.

TSE Andrew: Peer Support Leader (06); Junior Strings Ensemble (03); Bronze Medal (03); AMC (D 06); ASEC (D 05-07); ASSC (HD 03, 05-06, D 04, 07); NCQ (HD 05-07); UNSWMC (HD 06, D 03-05); Basketball (03-08); Football (03-05); Rugby (06-07); YOTS; SRCC; Jeans for Genes; Daffodil Day; Doctor.

TSE Damien: JCB (03); ICB (04); SCB (05-06); JSB (03); ISB (04); SSB (05-06); AMC (D 03-04, 06-07); ASCSC (06); BSC (D 08); AMC (Prize 05); Cricket (03-08); Cross Country (03-04); Legacy Day; SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; Commerce.

TSENG Benjamin:

TSUI Vincent: Peer support leader(06) Charities committee; Cadets (03-04); Platinum award NCQ (HD 04-05, 07-08); AMC (HD 04, D 06-07); ASEC (HD 04, 06); ASSC(D 04-05) ASCSC(D 04) Rowing (03-05) SRCC; Daffodil day; Legacy day; YOTS; Doctor.

UDDIN Farhan: (2007-2008): ISSBH Vice-President (07-08); Recycling Committee (07-08); Charities Committee (08); Bronze Medallion (07); Silver Medallion (08); Premier's Reading Challenge (04); GC (D 05-06); HTAHC (D 06); Cricket Commendation Award (07); Cricket Team Player Award (08); Cricket (07-08), 6th XI Captain (07), 3rd XI (08); Football (07); SRCC; YOTS; ISRE Aerospace Engineer.

UDDIN Nazim: (2007-2008): Library Monitor (07); Recycling Committee (07); Islamic Society of SBHS (07-08); Chamber Choir (07); GPS Music Concert (07); 3rd Grade piano from the Assoc Board of the Royal Schools of Music UK; AMC (HD 05-06, 08, D 07); MCYA; MCS (HD 05-06); ASSC (HD 06, D 05, 08); ASEC (D 04-05); NCQ (HD 08 D 04); Chemistry Titration competition (08); SEAMC (04-05, 06); ASCSC (D 04); NYAA Singapore Bronze; GPS fencing (08); GPS cross country (07); Tae Kwan Do Blue Belt; Fundraising for Jeans for Genes Day; SRCC; Legacy Badge Day; YOTS; Doctor.

VIEN David: School Captain (08); SRC (04-06); Peer Support Leader (06); Rugby Coach (08), Rugby Committee (08); Garden Committee (04-06), Record Committee (06), Formal Committee (06), Semi-Formal Committee (07), Yearbook Committee (08); 'All Stops Out' (05); Griffin Ambassador (06); 1st PDHPE (07); The Doc Bentivoglio Prize for Rugby and Rowing (06); Bronze Medallion (04), Special Prize (05), Plaque (06), School Trophy (07); UNSWMC (D 04-06); AMC (D 03-07); ASEC (D 04-05); UNSWAFL (D 05); NCQ (HD 03-04, 06, D 05); GC (HD 04, 06, D 05); ASCSC (D 03-05); ASSC (D 03-05); Rowing (03-08), 1st VIII (07-08), Stroke (03-04), Nationals Rowing (07-08), Melbourne Rowing Exchange program (06), CHS Champion (07-08), CHS Rower (04-06); Rugby (03-08), 1st XV (06-07), Coach 16B's Rugby (08), Rugby Gold Coast Tour (05); Athletics (04-05); Basketball (03); Boggabilla Exchange Program and fundraising (07-08); YOTS (08); Shave for Cure (08); SRCC (07); Legacy Day (06-07); Daffodil day (06); Jeans for Genes day (06); Strongman Comp (06-08); Investment Banker, Management Consultant.

VINGNANASINGAM Keerth:

VITHANAGE Dasith Madushanka: (2005-2008) Charities Committee (05-08); Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (07-08); St. Johns First Aid Resuscitation (05); GC (HD 08); AFLA (D 05); AMC (D 03); ASSC (D 03); 1XI Most Valuable Player (07-08); CEC Rubie Trophy Champions (05, 07); Cricket (05-08), 2XI (05-06), 1XI (06-08), Captain 1XI (07-08); Macquarie Bank Cricket Leadership (05); Australian Five Highs Cricket (05-07), Captain (07); Davidson Shield (05-07), Captain (07); Trans-harbour Cricket (05); Football (05-06); Rugby 3XV (07); Cross Country (08); Red Cross Door Knock Appeal; Legacy Badge Day; Steward House; Daffodil Day; SRCC, Jeans for Genes Day.

VU Mark: AFLA (D 05); ASWC (D 05); AMC (HD 07; D 04-06); ASSC (D 05); NCQ (HD 07); Tennis (06-07); Athletics (06, 08); Rugby (07); SRCC; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Fund Manager.

WANG Arthur: SRC (07-08); Peer Support Leader (05); Halogen Foundation National Young Leaders Conference (07); Charities Committee (07-08); Recycling Committee (07-08); Gardening (05-08); Debating (03); House Badge (06); School Plaque (07); AMC (HD 05, D 03-04, 06-08); BSC (D 08); PwCEC (D 08, 07); ASSC (D 04-06, 08); GC (HD 06, D 08); NCQ (D 03, 06); ASWC (D 05, 07); HTAHCCompetition (D 06); ACER French ALC (D 05); Australian Financial Literacy Assessment (D 05); SRCC (07); NSW Titration Competition Certificate of Excellence (08) Certificate of Merit (07); National Chinese Eistedford Certificate of Merit Individual Division, 3rd Place Group Division (08); 3rd

Place RTA Road Safety Poster Competition (08); Surf Life Saving NSW Senior First Aid (07); Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (07); Athletics (Opens 07-08); Table Tennis (03, 05-08) Captain 1st Grade (07-08); Volleyball (07-08); Football (04); Cross Country (03); Basketball (03); Fundraising for Jeans for Genes Day (07-08); SRCC (07); Legacy Day (07-08);

WANG Benjamin:

WANG Jack: ASSC (D 03, 05); AMC (HD 05-06; D 03, 07-08); ASEC (D 05); SRCC, Legacy Day Charity, YOTS.

WANG Kevin:

WANG Phillip: First chinese (07, 08); AMC (HD 04, 06, D 03, 05, 07-08); ASEC (HD 06, D 04-05); ASSC (D 04-05); ASCSC (D 04-05); NCQ (HD 04, D 05); AFLA (HD 05); National Chinese Eisteddfod First Prize (05); Basketball (03-07); Volleyball (03, 06-07); YOTS; SRCC; Financial analyst, Risk assessment, Hair Stylist.

WONG Benjamin: (2007-2008): Athletics (07-08); Swimming (07-08); 1st grade Waterpolo (07-08); Football (07-08), GPS 5th grade premiers winning team (07-08); Jeans for Genes Day.

WONG Dennis:

WONG Dominic: (2007-2008): SRC secretary (05); District SRC (06); Yearbook committee/photographer (08); Symphony Orchestra (07-08); Anzac Day Marching band (08); NSW State Windband ensemble (07); CHS concert (08); GPS Symphony Orchestra (07); Debating (05-07); Macquarie Schools' Cup Debating Tournament (05-06); Bronze (07); AMC (HD04, D 03, 05-08); ASWC (HD 03); ASSC (D 04-06); MCS (D 04); NCQ (D 05-06); ASCSC (D 06); Music Pocket (08); The Great Sydney Boys High Piano competition (3rd 08, highly commended 07); Ryde Eisteddfod (two 1st, one 3rd ,08); Zone Athletics (04-05); Jeans for Genes Day (07-08); SRCC(07); YOTS (08); Daffodil Day (07); Mechanical Engineer, Physicist.

WONG Jason: Peer Mediator (06); Tournament of Minds (04-06), Team Captain (06), Facilitator (07); Cadets (07-08); Chess Team (04); NCQ (Plaque 03-04, HD 05-07); AFLA (Full marks 05-06); AMC (Prize 04, HD 06-07, D 05-08); GC (HD 08); BSC (D 07-08); AMPEC (HD 07, D 08); MCYA (HD 04, D 05); ASSC (HD 03-05, 08, D 06-07); ASCSC (D 03-05); ASEC (D 07); ASWC (D 04 07); USYD Mousetrap Car Design Project (Winner 06); Basketball (03-08); Basketball Captain (15D's & 16D's); Basketball ViceCaptain (8th Grade 07); Opens Cross Country (07-08); SRCC (07); Mechatronic Engineer.

WONG Roy: Library monitor (03, 05); Chess (04); Junior Stage Band (03-04), Intermediate Stage Band (05); First Engineering Studies (07); Bronze Award (03), Silver Award (04), Gold Award (05), Special Award (06), School Plaque (07); NCQ (HD 07; D 03-06); ASEC (D 03-04, 06-07); ASCSC (HD 03, 05-06, D04); GC (HD 05-06); AMC (D03-07 HD 04, 08) ASSC (D03-04, 06, 08); Tennis (03-05); Sailing (06-08); Rifle Shooting (03-04); YOTS; SRCC; Engineer.

WU Phil: Prefect (08); Peer Suppor (06); SRC (05); Choir (0;3) First Technical Drawing (05); School Plaque (07); AMC (HD 03-05; D 06-07); ASSC (HD 03-06); MCYA (D 05); MCS (D 04); ASCSC (HD 03-06); PwCEC (HD 07; D 08); ASEC (HD 04); ASWC (HD 03, 05); GC (HD 03-04); Rifle Shooting (First Grade 06-08, Second Grade 04-06); ADFC Rifle Team for All Schools to Bisley UK (06); Sailing (04-08 CHS 07); SRCC (06); YOTS; (08) Investment Banker.

XIAO Dinghua: (2007-2008): Silver Medallion; NCQ (HD 07); AMC (D 07); ASWC (D 07); CHS Volleyball Knockout Champion (07); CHS Athletics Champion (08); Basketball (07-08), 1st Grade (07-08); Volleyball (07-08), 1st Grade (07-08); Athletics (07-08); Legacy Day; SRCC; Physiotherapist.

XU Bob:

XU Zhijun: (2007-2008): AMC (D 07-08); Basketball (07-08); Captain 2nd Grade Basketball (08).

YANG Caly: Peer Support Leader (06); Library Monitor (05) Captain Junior A Chess (04); Recycling Committee (07-08); Gardening (06); Multicultural Food Festival (05); Choir (03); National Chinese Eisteddford (Team 3rd 04, 1st 05, Individual 04, 06-08); First Science (03); School Plaque (08); AMC (D 03, 05-06, 08; HD 07); PwCEC (HD 07; D 08); ASCSC (HD 03, 06; D 04-05); ASEC (HD 03, 06-07; D 05); ASSC (D 03-07); BSC (HD-Prize 07-08); GC (HD 05-06); NCQ (HD 04-06), ASWC (D 06) Dolan Cup Winners 5th Grade (07); MVP Basketball (04); Best & Fairest 16B's (06); First Aid (06); Basketball (03-08); Football (03-08); SRCC Jeans for Genes Day; YOTS; Clean Up Australia Day;

Ecophysicist; Entrepreneur.

YANG Charles:

YANG Simin: Library Monitor (03-06); Chess Club (05); Chinese Eistedfodd School Plaque (08); UNSWMC (07); AMC (HD 03, D 04-07); ASWC (HD 06); NCQ (HD 03-05); ASSC (HD 03, D 04-06); AIMO (D 06); ASCSC (D 03-05); ASEC (D 03-06); GC (D 06); MVP Basketball (07-08); Chinese Eistedfodd 1st Prize (Individual 08, Group 05-06); Uni of Syd Faculty of Engineering "Most Innovative Award" for Mousetrap Car Design Project; Basketball (03-08); Volleyball (05); Football (03-04, 06-07) YOTS; SRCC; Law.

YEUNG Alex: Peer Support Leader (06); Chess Club (05); Symphony Orchestra (03-08); GPS Orchestra (05-07); Bronze Award (03); Silver Award (04); Gold Award (05); Special Award (06); School Plaque (07); AMC (HD 05-07, D 03-04, 08); NCQ (HD 06-07); ASSC (HD 03-05, 07, D 06); ASEC (HD 04, 06, D 03, 05, 07); ASCSC (HD 04-05); Music Pocket; Tennis (03-08), 2nd Grade (07), 1st Grade (08); Football (03-08); SRCC; Surgeon.

YIP Jackson: SRCC; Pharmacist.

YOON Robert: Peer Support Leader (06); AFLA (HD 05; D 06); AIMO (C 06); ALC French (D 05); AMC (HD 03, 06-07; D 04-05, 08); ASCSC (D 03, 05-06); ASEC (D 04-07); ASSC (HD 04; D 03, 05-06); ASWC (D 04-07); GC (HD 06); HC (D 06); MCS (HD 05); NCQ (HD 06; D 03-05); Rugby (05-07); YOTS; 40 Hour Famine; Legacy Day; SRCC; Daffodil Day; Doctor.

YU David: AMC (D 03-08); ASSC (D 03-07); ASEC (D 04, 06); NCQ (D 06); Basketball (03-08); YOTS; Jeans for Genes Day; Chemist.

ZHAI Xiaoyi: AMC (HD 05, 07, D 03-04, 06); ASSC (D 03-08); ASCSC (HD 06, D 04); NCQ (D 04, 06); PwCEC (D 07); GC (D 06); AFLA (D 05-06); Dolan Cup (07); Swimming (03), Tennis (04); Football (04-08); Table Tennis (08); SRCC; Daffodil Day; Legacy Day; YOTS; Medical Research.

ZHANG Chamberlain:

ZHANG Schuman: Gardening (05); YA (07); Training strings ensemble (03-04); Symphony Orchestra (05-08); SSB (08); GPS Music Festival (06; 07); UNYA State Conference (05-06); Chinese Eisteddfod (04-05); Student AwardScheme (Gold 05); P&C Writing Award; AMC (D 03, 05; HD 08); GC (HD 05; D 06); ASSC (D 03); Music Pocket (07); Piano Competition (Highly commended 06) Cricket (03-04); Football (03-05; 07-08); Tennis (04); Sailing (05-08); Club Football (06); Volunteer Syd Int Regatta (07); SRCC (07); Jeans for Genes Day (07); High for Homeless (07); UN Ambassador; Entrepreneur.

ZHANG Zheshu: (2006-2008): Titration Competition Team (08); AMC (HD 08, D 03-07); NCQ (HD 07, D 06); ASSC (HD 05, D 03-04, 06-08); GC (D 05-06); ACO (D 07); ASCSC (D 06); ASEC (D 06); AFLA (D 06); Basketball (06-08), Basketball Coach (05); Rugby (06); Legacy Day (06-07); YOTS; SRCC; Red Shield Appeal; World Vision; Investment Banker.

ZOLOTAREV BORIS:

ZU Zhi (George): SRC (04); Anzac Day Marching Band (04-08); SCB (06-08); SSB (07-08); Symphony Orchestra (06-08); ICB (03-05); JSB (03-05); Choir (03); GPS Concert Band (06-07); National Chinese Eisteddfod (04-05); Debating (03-04); HM's Award for Achievement in Arts (07); PwCEC (D 07-08); AMC (D 05-06); ASSC (D 05-06); GC (D 05-06); AFLA (HD 06); NCQ (D 05); Music Pocket; SBHS Piano Competition (1st 07-08); Football (08); Sailing (04-05); Cricket (03-04); SRCC; Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; Music Teacher, Human Resources Manager.

ZUO Justin: (2007-2008): Economics Society (08); Keith C Cameron Memorial Prize for DUX (07); UNSW Prize for Economics (07); PwC EC (Prize 08; HD 07); AMC (HD 06-08); ACO (HD 07); APO (HD 07); BSC (HD 07; D 08); ASEC (D 07); NCQ (HD 07); ASSC (HD 05; D 06-07); Volleyball (07); SRCC; Jeans for Genes Day; YOTS; Commercial Lawyer/ Investment Banker.

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 DO Cornelius
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 GONG Andrew
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 LU Leo Jichao
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 RUDDER Ashwin Cassell
 SARKER Abdullah Sabuktageen
 SETHI Varun
 SHAHRIYAR Tahmid
 SHELDON Leon David
 SHI Dawen
 WANG Vincent
 WEERATUNGE Subhodh
 Mahendra
 WEIGHT Samuel John Harrison
 WONG Michael Kwong-Han
 WONG-ROMEO Giancarlo
 XU Anthony Xi Yuan

Class 10E

ADEL Nema
 AMBROSE Michael Peter
 O'Hare
 BASTABLE Jimari Jason
 BAWEJA Puneet
 CHANT Lachlan James
 CHEN Barry
 DARCY Sam Joseph
 DAVENPORT Tadeusz Durham
 DEACON Gareth James
 EDGTON Dominic Emmanuel
 GHOSE Anirban
 JIAN Brian Tze Yeung
 KHUU Bao Lin
 LI Tian Yu
 LOW Alan Koon-Ming
 MA Robert
 McCREA-STEELE Declan
 William
 MOHAN Vithushan
 MUSGROVE Jack Timothy
 PARAMESWARAN Allen Kaari
 PAUL Antony Edward
 PHILLIS Maxwell Craig
 SAUNDERS Alexander William
 SHARGORODSKY Gregory
 SUTTON Joshua
 VI Harry
 WHITING James Bow
 WONG Christopher Samuel
 WORMELL John Peter

Class 10F

BANH Andrew Kim Phuc
 BOULAVINE Vlad
 CHEN Dale
 CHOWDHURY Nafiz
 COHN Rikky William
 GOU Andrew
 GUO Austyn
 HE Jia Qi
 HUANG Hugh
 KARUNAKARAN Hareshan
 LAI Patrick
 LEE James Jung-Hun
 LI Merlin
 LIU Laurence Allen
 LUO Daniel
 MORGAN Daniel Thomas
 NGUYEN Nam Phan
 NGUYEN Chris

Class Lists

PAPERNY Daniel
 QIU Edward
 RAJENDRAM Jeremy Ishwaran
 SANDHU Sameep
 SOROKA Benjamin
 SU Kai Wen
 TRAN Aaron
 VU James
 WONG Evan
 WU Kevin
 ZHANG Adrian
 ZHANG Michael Ian Jian

Class 10M

BROKMAN Andre Marc
 CHEUNG Brendan Lok Hin
 DENNY-SMITH George Angus
 DU Jonathan James
 GEORGE Adarsh
 GOH Vincent Yikhon
 HAN James Qiu
 HO Aaron Ambrose
 JIANG Clinton Gin Hin
 KHAN Mohammad Raiyan
 KIM Seung Whan Sean
 KOERBER Alex
 LAU Andy
 LI Benjamin
 LU Hong
 MORENO Mario Renato
 NAIR Joshua
 PHAM John Xuan Vinh
 SIMOS Paul Christopher
 SIVASUBRAMANIAM Rehan
 Joel
 SMITH-LIGHT Daniel Gerard
 SUN Edward
 TRAN Tony
 TUGNAIT Mohit
 VITHANAGE Avindu Lakranga
 WAN Wei-Sean
 WANG Tony
 WONG Erick
 XIE Andy En Wei
 YUNG Scott

Class 10R

AYLMER Liam Christopher
 BI Richard
 BLOMBERG Andrew
 BRAVERMAN Joseph
 CHAN Justin Kuok Wai

DING Yu Jason
 DO Michael Dac Thanh
 FENG Alex
 FENG Eric Zhen-Bang
 FIO Oliver
 FONG Matthew John
 GAO Jun Jie
 GU David
 HSIAO Patrick
 HUI Enoch
 KAMAL Rafat
 KELLY Brian Francis
 KIM Daniel Young Houn
 LAM Jeffrey
 LI Frank
 McKAY Caillin
 RADHAKRISHNAN Pravin
 SHENG Kevin
 SLINKO Nikita
 TALEB Moustafa
 TAYLOR Kieran
 TIN-LOI Christopher
 TRANG Derek
 UBALDI Julian Walton
 ZHANG David Xianwei
 ZHANG Roger

Class 10S

ACLIS John Christopher
 ALI Shadman
 CARR Michael Philip
 CASTILLO Juan Miguel F
 CHAN Gareth Wei Jie
 ENCEL Benjamin Leigh Byron
 GORDON Leo Michael
 HAJJ Justin
 KUMAR Shejil
 LEE Michael
 LEE William
 LI Ivan
 LI Lawrence
 LIN Richard
 LIU Yixin
 MA David
 NGUYEN Jim Vinthe
 PERERA Kishan Madhawa
 RAMESH Ashwin
 SANTUCCI Walter
 SCHILLING Hayden Thomas
 SILVEIRA Tony Shaun
 TOOHEY James Michael
 TRAN David

VO Vinh Khang Joseph
 WANG Guoxi Bill
 WANG Nelson
 XIAO Tony
 YOON Stephen
 ZHUANG Harry

Class 10T

CABANILLA Brandon
 CHAU Clarence Shu Tian
 CHAWLA Angud Singh
 CHEN James Ling Xiao
 CHIEM Andy
 GUO Zaine
 GWYN Wystan Auden
 HUANG Daniel Yung Hou
 JIANG Jeffery
 KUGENDRAN Abhinayan
 LEE John
 LIANG Justin
 LIU Weibo
 LU Ian
 LU Robert
 LY Benjamin
 NG Aaron
 NIU Guangzhi
 PHUNG Matthew Huy
 POON Jacky
 THYAGARAJU Ankush
 TRAN Harry
 WANG Leon
 WANG Zidao Michael
 WU Andrew
 WU Oliver
 YAN Bailey Yuxiao
 YAN Ding
 ZHANG Michael
 ZHENG Kun William

Class 11E

ABEYSURIYA Nishan Joseph
 ALAM Aqeeb
 APPLETON Louis John
 BINNS Samuel Philip
 BURNHAM Sam Travis
 BURSTON Timothy Morgan
 CHAN Michael
 CHAU David
 DESMOND Patrick Julian
 DIMITROPOULOS Nicholas
 EVANS Christopher Daniel
 HOANG Simon Nam-Son

Class Lists

IRELAND Jeremy George Horin
 KWOK Alexander Chun Ting
 LAM Danny
 LANE Harrison Charles
 LAU Sung Ya
 LEE Felix Michael
 LEE James
 LIM Seng Yi
 MITRA Ritam
 NAM David
 NGUYEN Alain Ha
 OSINSKI Matthew Mishu
 OUGRA Balraj Singh
 PAN William
 PNG Lawrence Soon Un
 RIDGES Nelson Mark
 STOJANOVIC Denis
 TASSELL Joshua Carlton
 VALLIAPPAN Sivarama
 Krishnan
 WACHSMANN John Thomas
 WANG Man Yin Jeffrey
 WONG Matthew Kwong-Yu

Class 11F

ASTAFIEV Grigori
 CHAN William Chee Yang
 CHEN Clement
 CHEN Simon Wai Ho
 DONG Stephen
 FENG Richard
 HE Stanley
 HI Desmond
 HOPKINS Anthony
 HUYNH Richard William
 JONES Matthew Timothy
 KAYES Masnun
 LAN John Xiang
 LEI Keen Chong Sonny
 LIM Teng Yin
 LIN William
 MCPHERSON Kerrod Jake
 NGUYEN Matthew Kha
 NGUYEN Thomas Huan
 PANDEY Rajat
 PEDNEKAR Nakul Sanjay
 QIU Johnson Yanjun
 SHARMA Avish Pal
 SHIMADA Shota
 STREET Neil Alastair
 TRAN Luke Khoa Hoang
 TSIAILIS Anthony

VYAS Neeraj
 WONG Johnny
 YOUNG James Wynn
 YOUNG Jason Xin
 ZHANG Geoffrey Nan
 ZHANG Ying Yi Max
 ZHENG Steven

Class 11M

BELOKOPYTOV Alexander
 BROWN Alasdair Lawson
 BROWN Lachlan Paul
 CHAN Matthew Joseph
 CHAN Jarrod Simon
 CHEN Clive John
 CHEN Roy
 CHOW Justin Mark Seng-Mun
 CLUNE Addison Jia-Jia
 DONG Zheng
 GREENSLADE Beau Nichol
 JIANG Jia-Hui Brandon
 KASHYAP Roshan
 KATSIKAROS Christian
 Nicholas
 KOURTESIS Arthur
 LEE Simon
 LINDEBACK Nicholas Rhys
 LING Matthew Daniel
 LIU Charley
 LLEWELLYN Spencer David
 LO Kelvin Chunyip
 NGUYEN Darren
 NGUYEN Kent
 PETERS Thomas Oscar
 ROESSLER-HOLGATE Plini
 SANTOSO Johan Christian
 SZET Wilson
 TAN Jonathan Wei Tjenh
 TANG Matthew
 TONG Matthew Hoyan
 WAN Ka Ki Samuel
 WONG Nicholas
 ZHOU Michael

Class 11R

AHMED Razeen Faiz
 ANG Adrian
 BYRNES Julian Francis
 CHAN Abraham Yuen-Yeung
 CHEN Jack
 CHEN Jacky
 CHEN Jeffrey

CHENG Simon
 DINH Matthew
 GAO Michael Xiang
 GAROFANO Stephen Patrick
 JURISEVIC Anton Nicholas
 KURTS Phillip Patrick
 LAMBERT Daniel Scott
 LAU Matthew
 LI Zhuo Kun Jacky
 LIM Kang Hooi
 MANAMPERI Panduka Bandara
 PENG Charley Chung
 PENG Bo David
 QUAH Xhian Meng-Xavier
 RICHARDS Adam Timothy
 RICHARDS Hugo Armour
 ROOKE Drew Gary
 SIU Timothy Chap-On
 SPOLJARIC Nevin
 TENG Leonard
 UNG Victor
 WILSON Thomas Alexander
 WONG Jeffrey
 YANG Bohan
 YU Henry
 YU Timothy

Class 11S

APOLONIO Ephraim Bryant
 CHIN Stanley
 CHOUDHURY Tasneem
 Ahmed
 ERIKSSON James Anders
 FAN Xiaoyu
 FENG Jia Bo Michael
 HANCOCK Stuart Geoffrey
 HARVEY Thomas Victor M
 HATLE Aditya
 JACOB Sidharth Mani
 KRISHNAN Arun
 KWOK Alden
 LAM Victor Cao Thien
 LIEN Vincent
 LIEU Johnny Hoang Anh T
 LIM Ivan Yee Young
 LUCCITTI Mark
 MA William
 MAK Chun-Yin
 MARTINEZ Brendon
 MARTINI Enrico
 MIKHA Maxeem
 NEO Hung Hau

Class Lists

NGUYEN Jason
SAGGAR Raghav
SHANMUGAM Shantiban
SHENOY Rohit
TRAN David Hugh
WU Dickson
XIE Cong Alick
YANG Alan
ZHANG Weiang Wayne
ZHONG Tim

Class 11T

CAO Yiming
COSMAN George
DIEP Benjamin
GAO Ting

HIGGINS Sam Robert
HORTON Patrick William
HU David
HUANG Nathan
HUDA Shah Tahmeed
HUNG Philip
KE Zhihao
KHOU Vincent
KITE Maximillian Alexandr
LAU Brian
LEE Raymond
LI Hongwei
LI Aolin
LO Daniel
LU Benjamin Yang
LU Simon

MEANEY Jackson James
PONRAJ Shane Anujan
SHAN Daniel
SHURAPEY Dmitriy
SIN Michael Jonathan
THAI William Robert
TRAN An-Ton
TRAN Anthony
TRAN Minh Trung
VASHIST Divesh Kumar
YIU Michael Ka Ho
YUAN Ike
ZHANG Shorson
ZHANG Victor



"The Rocks"

2B Pencils with sketch book. Drawn on location.

After climbing a steep flight of stairs from the main road, we have finally arrived at the mystery destination. Mr Devlin's Mystery Tour led us to the Rocks, where one of the oldest, the first houses of Australia was built. Sadly a lot of them were destroyed and knocked down, because they were sub-standard. The ones we saw were remnants of those buildings, retained and protected as heritage sites. We could see how the early Australians lived. I drew the picture as part of my fieldwork. There was a huge contrast in the buildings over time in the same area.

Joseph Lui, Year 9 History.

Cadet Unit

The Cadet movement in New South Wales originated in 1872 and on the opening of the Sydney High School in 1883, a request was made to the Headmaster Mr Waterhouse for permission to form a Cadet Corps within the School. Two companies were formed with the first Commanding Officer being Lieutenant HW Strong.

One hundred and twenty-five years later, Sydney High School Cadet Unit posted strength stands at fifty two cadets, eighteen of whom are Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO), commanded by one Senior Under Officer (SUO).

Within the first six months of 2008, SHSCU participated in a range of cadet activities and events. A Brigade conference was attended to by WO2 A Ho in early February where matters regarding joint cadet activities and upcoming initiatives like ceremonial parades and International Cadet Exchanges were discussed.

In April, two separate contingents of SHSCU's finest cadets participated in the ANZAC City march followed by the mounting of a flag party for the ANZAC rugby league game.

Commanded by SGT D Stojanovic, the 2/1 Royal Artillery Regiment banner was marched down the streets of Sydney with SGT P Nguyen, SGT J Wachsmann, CPL S Binns, CDT W Dang, CDT M Do and CDT B Lu as banner guards.

On the other side of the city, Sydney High School was represented by a marching band under the leadership of Drum Major WO2 A Ho with CPL J Santoso as his second-in-command. For the first time, the marching band was accompanied by a guard of eighteen cadets commanded by CPL A Hatle.

Immediately after the city march, SHSCU's ANZAC guard element was ferried off to ANZ Stadium in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct of Homebush Bay to mount a flag party for the opening of the match between the St. George Dragons and the Sydney Roosters. For this event, the Royal Australian Navy delivered the cup in an Agusta Westland AW109 Helicopter and supplied a marching band, a singer and a bugler while the Royal Australian Air Force provided an F/A 18 Fighter for a fly by before the match began. High cadets were able to conclude their arduous day

with tickets to the game sponsored by the organisers.

Two promotion courses were run by Brigade in 2008 resulting in the promotion of eleven cadets to JNCO rank; six JNCOs to SNCO rank and one SNCO to officer rank. The increase in ranked personnel was to accommodate the increasing unit strength and the eventual 125th anniversary parade later in the year. A parade was conducted later in the year to congratulate the candidates. The Unit also welcomed back Old Boy William Clegg (2005) as the Unit Training Officer holding the rank of Second Lieutenant.

The annual Battalion bivouac took place in May and exposed the unit's new platoon of recruits to field training. Their knowledge in fieldcraft was developed with camouflage and concealment being the highlight of the training program. While the recruits participated in field exercises with conjoining units in the area, the unit's more senior cadets familiarised themselves with the F88 Austeyr – the standard issue assault rifle for the Australian Infantry. High cadets gained invaluable skills from this weekend bivouac which prepared them well for the Annual Field Exercise later in the year. WO2 A Ho also received his new badges of rank from Major Page, Officer Commanding, 23 Army Cadet Battalion in front of a mass parade of all the cadets of the Battalion at Holsworthy.

In the October holidays, SHSCU was deployed to Singleton Army Training Range as part of 'Charlie Company' in the Annual Field Exercise 08 (AFX08). Although the days were hot and the nights were cold, High cadets thoroughly enjoyed the experience. For most, it was the baptism of fire.

The Annual Field Exercise 2008 – from a cadet's perspective:

The annual cadet camp of 2008, more commonly known by the cadets as AFX 08, was quite promising as a wide range of activities were organised for both the experienced cadets and the newcomers. With a platoon of thirty-seven cadets, we began our journey to Singleton Army Training Area, the host site for the annual event. We were introduced to a large number of activities that were never before implemented into the annual camp

agenda. Activities included live shooting, WTSS (Weapons Training Simulation System), night vision walkthrough and more.

AFX 08 was a complete success with not only the enjoyment and involvement of cadets state-wide, but also the time donated by the senior staff and St Johns Ambulance. Although several Sydney High cadets were admitted to the RAP (Regimental Aid Post) due to minor injuries, we were able to make our way home with everyone well and truly alive. I thank all the officers that put the camp together and the cadets for attending. The increase in unit strength on AFX compared to last year's enabled us to participate in exercises that didn't exist before due to low attendance. I hope I'll see all of you next year!

Cadet Jim Nguyen – 1 Platoon, Section 1.

Cadets in 2008 – from a NCO's perspective:

Over 2008, cadets has been a mixture of highs and lows. For many, the highlight of the year was live firing with F88 AUSTEYRs or using the WTSS system on annual camp. For others, it was being put under the spotlight and being seen everywhere on television screens across the nation.

On Anzac day, we marched ahead of the school marching band as a banner party, representing the school and the army cadets. Right after the Anzac day march, our unit moved to ANZ stadium to be part of the opening ceremony of the Roosters vs Dragons Anzac day rugby league match. It was a huge honour, and almost certainly a once in a lifetime event. Over the course of the year, every cadet whether three year veterans or brand new recruits, has gained an arsenal of knowledge, experience and skills in areas such as first aid and navigation.

For me, the highlight of the year was the junior leaders' promotion course in January. There, countless lessons were somehow made enjoyable and I learnt about the responsibilities of being a junior non-commissioned officer and essentially, a leader. It was an excellent opportunity to meet cadets with a similar level of experience to mine, and I gained a lot from it. I will also end the year having taken away as diverse a list of skills as my cadets have and look forward to my next year at SHSCU.

Corporal Andrew Gong
– 2 Platoon, Section 3 Commander.

Little has changed since the introduction of the Cadet Unit to the school one hundred and twenty five years ago. SHSCU still parades once a week and attends at least three bivouacs/camps a year. Cadets are trained in navigation, first aid, fieldcraft and signals, which are then put into practice on the camps in activities, like 24 hour rogaines. Ceremonial drill remains a large teaching point and is conducted regularly to prepare the cadets for events such as the school's ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services.

In contrast to the peaked caps and the brightly coloured uniform the first cadets wore, the current cadets are uniformed in Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform (DPCU) with black boots and headdress consisting of a Navy Blue beret. The unit hat badge is backed by sky blue and chocolate brown felt. The unit's cadets are easily distinguished from others by the blue and brown of their unique shoulder patches and blue berets.

SHSCU has come a long way since 1883 and with the continual support of our Commanding Officer, Major R Knowles and Training Officer, Second Lieutenant W Clegg, Sydney High School Cadet Unit continues to spearhead the leadership roles presented within the school. Leaving the unit this year as Year 12 High Students are SUO A Ho, SGT P Nguyen and CDT J Wong.

CUO Anthony Ho, Senior Under Officer.



Boys from 7R on their Tree Planting Day in Moore Park.

Sydney High School Cadet Unit

Manning Detail - 2008

Officer Commanding: Maj Knowles

Training Officer: 2Lt W.Clegg

Senior Under Officer: CUO A.Ho

Company Sergeant-Major: Ssgt J.Santoso

Company Quartermaster Sergeant: Sgt A.Hatle

Orderly Clerk: Cpl B.Leo

Recruitment Committee: Cpl Lu, Lcpl Lee

1 Platoon

OC: Sgt J.Wachsmann

2I/C: Sgt G.Zhang

2 Platoon

OC: Sgt D.Stojanovic

2I/C: Sgt S.Binns

Section Cmndrs: Cpl A.Saunders

Cpl M.Do

Section Cmndrs: Cpl A.Gong

Cpl I.Eveleigh

Cpl T.Silveira

Section 2ICs: Lcpl J.Santucci

Cpl C.Lam (2 Sect)

Section 2ICs: Lcpl K.Lu

Lcpl A.Low

Lcpl B.Jian



Parents & Citizens Association

While 2008 may be remembered as the year of credit crunch and global financial crisis, Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls High School celebrated our 125th Anniversary. Sydney Boys High School P&C had another exciting and successful year in providing support to the School and its various co-curricular activities. We are thankful to have a wonderful team of dedicated members of the P&C Executive and Year Group Representatives, as well as a network of very active subcommittees.

During the year, P&C Association generated income of \$118,643, mostly from Canteen surpluses (\$60,000), Parents' Contribution for P&C Membership Fees (\$19,825) and funds generated from Parking (\$31,825 including \$25,825 from the Parking Levy). Grace Reid, Christina Chow and all the Canteen Committee, Canteen staff and volunteer parents should be congratulated for their outstanding effort.

P&C Association contributed \$93,058 to the School to implement various improvement to school facilities nominated by our Principal including computer hardware and furniture in the new classrooms (\$15,000); the third stage of the classroom data projector rollout (\$15,000); the third repayment of the tennis court loan (\$10,000); video cameras and editing software for the Visual Arts course in film-making (\$10,000); installation of a new electronic notice board on the Cleveland Street frontage (\$15,000); and the New Library building project (\$28,058).

P&C continued to contribute to prizes and awards on Speech Night including the new P&C Writing Competition Prizes. A total of \$50,000 over the last two years was also contributed by P&C to the term deposit to replace the School's Coaster bus when it reaches the end of its useful life. Geoff Andrews deserves special mention for his hard work and enormous support as our Treasurer in keeping control of our budget and maximising our contribution to the School. We are also grateful to Geoff Taylor for continuing to provide his services as our Auditor.

P&C subcommittees also raised over \$200,000 from parking, barbecues, dinners, trivia nights and other fundraising functions for the benefit of their co-curricular activities. The 15 P&C sub-committees are Athletics, Basketball,

Canteen, Cricket, Debating, Fencing, Football, Music, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Skiing, Tennis and Volleyball and they all made vital contribution to the School. They provided much needed parental support in organising, transporting, officiating, managing and catering for the teams and their activities.

Sydney Boys High Development Committee, with representatives from the School Council, Foundation, OBU and P&C, is starting new initiatives to promote the School and to develop the next phase of our fundraising program. We wish to thank Steve Saunders and all volunteer parents for their time and effort in the ongoing telephone fundraising campaign for our Library and Multipurpose Auditorium. The immense contribution of Tailoi Chan-Ling in chairing the Development Committee to harness the talent of all the committee members is also gratefully acknowledged.

P&C also continued to contribute to various decision making processes in the School with representatives in the School Council and Foundation. Shane Brown leads by example as Chairperson of the Sydney Boys High Foundation, an incorporated body, jointly managed by the P&C, the Old Boys' Union (OBU) and the Principal. Management principles are being applied and opportunities explored in developing the potential of facilities at the Great Hall, Outterside Centre, High Store and Fairland Pavilion.

Charles Ovadia and the Chinese New Year Dinner Committee organised an extremely successful Chinese New Year function at the Great Hall. The Parents Mentor Program, initiated by Charles, continues to assist new parents to adapt to the new school life at Sydney Boys High.

One of the P&C initiatives that we wish to carry out progressively is to prepare a handbook documenting all the procedures in organising various P&C activities, including all subcommittee activities. Barbara Taylor's significant contribution and wealth of knowledge in organising the Open Day and Orientation Day activities on behalf of P&C will not be lost on that basis.

P&C continued to organise our guest speakers program this year at our monthly P&C General Meeting on topics that are of interest to all parents. Topics covered this year include Environmental

Sustainability for our school, GPS sport at Sydney Boys High, Analysis of SBHS HSC results, Cultural exchange with Bogabilla Central School, Moodle and use of computer technology for studies.

On behalf of the P&C Association, I would

like to thank Dr Jaggar and all the staff at Sydney Boys High for their dedication and effort in providing a wonderful learning environment at the school and developing an outstanding all round education for our children.

Simon Chan, President.

Old Boys Union

This year has been one of consolidation for the Sydney High School Old Boys' Union.

The OBU has two broad areas of activity (with some overlap):

It keeps old boys in touch; in touch with each other, their old school and the other GPS old boys.

It provides input into school governance.

Keeping In Touch

Throughout the past year, the OBU has been communicating with its members by way of *e-Bulletins* (on at least a monthly basis) and the *High Bulletin*. The *e-Bulletins* advise old boys of school news as well as social functions and reunions being conducted by groups of High old boys and the GPS OBU. The *High Bulletin* documents the activities and achievements of High's old boys from all walks of life.

The OBU website has now also been revamped thanks to **Neerav Bhatt** (1999) our webmaster. We will continue to develop this site as a communication forum for Old Boys.

We have had some success with geographically based reunions. I want to recognise especially **Barry Jakeman's** (1969) successful Brisbane dinner in September 2007 and **Chris Fong's** (1997) successful quarterly meetings of the New York group. With the assistance of **Viv Littlewood** (1953) we have also revived the reunion for old boys from the Defence forces in conjunction with the School's Anzac Commemoration. At next year's Anzac Commemoration, the School will be dedicating a suitable memorial for old boys who have seen active service since 1945.

We have also been happy to assist with contacting Old Boys for both leaving-year and sport-based reunions. In this regard, we are looking to develop our network through each leaving year. Thanks to **Mark Fischer** (1969), **Bill Avery** (1955) and **Sam Kremer** (1992) who have, so far, volunteered to be year secretaries for their

respective years.

The connection with our fellow GPS schools is maintained by membership of the GPS OBU. **Mark Livingston** (1969) is now our delegate to the GPS OBU Council, since the retirement of **John Goddard** (1953) in June. They and I have represented the OBU at the dinners and lunches of the other GPS OBUs.

The GPS Gold Challenge, a sporting contest for GPS Old Boys who have turned fifty, has also been reactivated this year. The High teams acquitted themselves admirably this year – a full report will appear in the *High Bulletin*. I would like to recognise the efforts of fellow Council members **Mark Livingston** (1969) and **Bill Russo** (1969) as well as the year organisers **Paul Veltman** (1975) and **Richard Luxford** (1976) for making this year such a success.

School Governance

Old Boys continue to play an important role in supporting the operations of the School in both a formal and informal capacity.

Around 100 old boys assist in various tasks around the School in both a paid and unpaid capacity. I wish to draw particular attention to those members of the OBU who have offered assistance in response to requests in the *e-Bulletin* and *High Bulletin*, in particular **Mark Livingston** (1969) and **James Solomons** (1998) for joining the joint committee to plan the School's 125th anniversary celebrations with the Sydney Girls' High School; **Yaron Finklestein** (1988) for volunteering to produce a draft Public Affairs Plan for the Development Committee; **Alec Tzannes** (1969) for providing advice on the School's relationship with the Centennial Parklands and the three old boys who responded to the call for expertise in project management and DA applications with the Department of Education for the School's new library, **Peter Edwards** (1961), **John Taylor** (1967) and **Finn Murray** (1994).

Formal participation in School governance has been through the return of delegates to the Foundation, School Council and related bodies.

There has been a change this year in the representation on the School Foundation. **Terry Pullinger** and **Lee Ruth** (1951) have retired after many years of sterling service. **Karl Kruszelnicki** (2005) and **Graeme Anderson** (1979) have taken their places on the Foundation. **Ken Clemens** (1955) has continued his excellent work as treasurer of the Foundation and **John Pointing** (1962) and **Mark Livingston** (1969) are continuing as alternate delegates together with **Lee Ruth** (1951). **Graeme Anderson** (1979) has also continued providing excellent input into the Foundation's Outterside Centre Management Committee.

The School's policy and advisory forum, the School Council, has continued its work this year thanks to our delegate **Dennis Briggs** (1967) and alternate delegates, **John Pointing** and **Mark**

Livingston. **Dennis** has continued as President of that body. **Lee Ruth** (1951), **Terry Pullinger** and **John Goddard** (1953) did not seek re-election to the OBU's Executive Council this year. Their valuable contributions over many years to both the school and the OBU have been enormous. I wish them well in their retirement from Sydney High affairs.

The Future

In closing I would like to make two observations. First, in order to continue our work, we must improve our cash flows through membership subscriptions and other activities. Secondly, we must establish an adequate succession plan to make sure that the gains we have achieved in the past year are not lost by the departure of key personnel. I would encourage all members to consider what role they can play in ensuring a strong and relevant Old Boys' Union into the future.

Joseph Waugh, President.

Sydney Boys High School Canteen

According to *High: The Centenary History of Sydney High School*, our school canteen was established in 1960. Given our school is celebrating 125 years in 2008, and assuming appetite levels have not changed, we must conclude that those early High boys suffered indeed for their education!

Fortunately, those hungry days are long gone. These days we are blessed with dedicated Canteen Supervisors who take a real interest in our boys' health and well-being. Our current team of Karen Barry and Tracey Trompp is carrying on the

tradition in great style, while also introducing new and exciting food options! The boys (and staff) are enjoying varied menus, healthy food, reasonable prices...and they know that every dollar of profit made is ploughed back into the school for the boys' benefit.

The Canteen could not function as it does without the dedicated help of all our loyal volunteers and Prefect helpers. They deserve our grateful thanks for making it possible to serve fresh food at reasonable prices and still return a profit.

Here's to the next 125 years!



Foundation Day Address

Distinguished guests, Old Boy OAMs, former school captains, Prefect Internees, School Family representatives, parents, staff and students – welcome to our 125th Founders Day Assembly. A special welcome to our occasional speaker today, Professor David Griffiths (1962). I am pleased to include some additional acknowledgements into this year's assembly to commemorate our 125th year as a school. In today's assembly we are connecting with our founding traditions, reaffirming our school culture, honouring our elected student leaders for 2009, and recognising the leadership and service of Old Boys in the Order of Australia honours system. In addition, the High Club directors are making a special presentation to two of our students who will be members of the Australian Delegation to The Hague International Model United Nations to be held later this year.

In the year our guest speaker joined the school a major celebration was held for the 75th anniversary of the founding of Sydney High. Various assemblies, dinners and dances were organised to mark the occasion. An historical supplement was published – not unlike the series of interesting historical pieces written this year in 'High Notes' by the current OBU President, Joseph Waugh. My thanks go to him for adding a sense of history to this year's publications. We have not matched the 75th year organisers in the quantity or variety of our activities, but we are having a joint cabaret night with the girls school which I trust will be well supported by the wider school community.

Over the last nine years we have been conscious of trying to display symbols of our traditions and achievements in the form of pictures of Old Boys, Honour Boards and displays of school blazers and memorabilia. In keeping with the 'living museum' concept the school has commenced an honour board series, acknowledging Old Boys recognised by the Federal Government for their contributions to society. In the Australian Honours System appointments to the Order of Australia confer recognition for outstanding achievement and service. The Order of Australia has four levels: Companion, Officer, Member and Medal. Many of those honoured at various levels have kindly

joined us here for the unveiling of the first board in the library stairwell. We are honouring Old Boy Medallists and plan to add higher level boards over the next few years. The Medal of the Order of Australia is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition. There are 52 names on the first Honour Board to be unveiled today.

Nineteen fifty-eight was a special year at High. 'The Record' celebrated the 75th anniversary of the School. The Student Editor of The Record, ER Sowe, identified three of the distinguishing features of High. First, it is the oldest school of its kind in the state and is truly public – affording equal opportunity to all in true democratic spirit. Second, it has the honour of being the only state high school among the Great Public Schools, all renowned for their high standards. Third, it is one of the few schools in the state where admission is by merit and impartial selection based on scientific assessment of ability. This system of selection has helped to educate students in an atmosphere of culture and co-operation.

I feel certain that students from 1958 who might be time warped to 2008 would feel right at home in the culture of the school. The pillars of our school's ethos are the same now as they were then. We have more diversity in sports but not in co-curricular activities. The High of 1958 had cadets, debating, trained a substantial choir and organised a school band. The students even performed an opera as a joint production with SGHS. They ran camera and chess clubs and oddly a railway club. High boys have always been involved, created opportunities, and have always demonstrated good teamwork. High boys show initiative and have always been self-reliant. In many aspects, the student culture has not changed much in the intervening fifty years. Involvement in school life has always been heavily promoted. In 1958 the school had four open rugby sides and six open cricket teams and were undefeated in basketball in first and second grade. A high level of sports participation at a competitive level is expected at High.

At the foundation day assembly on 1 October 1958, the Governor-General, His Excellency Field Marshall Sir William Slim, was the official guest speaker. In his address, he reminded High boys

how lucky they were to live in Australia and attend high school and enjoy the advantages of life. He explained to the assembly that these advantages had not yet been earned. He warned that 'when you come out from this school, you owe a lot, and, if you will look around, you will see how to pay it back: and you can pay it back in the spirit of service and adventure.' Sir William opined that each boy's debt could be paid through work and leisure. He extolled the feelings of pride in a job well done and exhorted the boys never to think they were too good to do a job. Finally, he asked them to devote some of their free time to the service of their fellows.

I believe that the culture of service is now embedded at High. I am sure Sir William would approve if he could see what High boys are doing these days to 'serve their fellows'. I encourage all boys to become involved in some way with school or community service. Those in privileged positions as you are, have a duty to help others.

In 1958 the School Prefects were inducted in first term. We intend to hold a similar ceremony in first term 2009 to conclude the Prefect Internship

period. As I explained recently in High Notes, we have moved towards the idea of School Prefects earning their badges by continuing to participate in their final year to the same degree that they did in previous years, thereby being great role models to their peers and to the High Junior School in particular. We are discussing particular accountabilities for roles and the possibility of having more staff members involved in monitoring School Prefect performance. Genuine leaders earn their positions through consistent service.

Today's assembly conjoins reflection and celebration. As the Prefect Internees are introduced, we celebrate their achievements in qualifying and being elected, and remember the places they will now occupy in the tradition of leadership at High. I congratulate all the boys who have been elected and wish them well in their roles. I hope you will unite your peers around the common cause of enhancing High's traditions and that you will connect with them as people to inspire them to do so.

Dr KA Jaggar.



Nathan McDonnell, his parents, and Mr Walker chat with the Minister for Education, The Hon Verity Firth, at the Award Ceremony.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Over the period between late 2007 and 2008, two hikes were completed by students of Sydney Boys High to satisfy the requirements of the Silver level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Hikes took place in the Heathcote/Royal National Parks and along the Great North Walk, respectively.

Silver Practice Hike

The first hike, in the Heathcote and Royal National Parks, took place between 17 and 19 December 2007. The route planned was:

- **Day One:** Train from Central to Heathcote.
- Walk south along the Bullawarring Track of Heathcote National Park.
- Camp overnight at Kingfisher Pool (great swimming spot).
- **Day Two:** Walk south-east to Waterfall Station, refill water.
- Enter the Royal National Park, and follow the Uloola Track until Uloola Falls, the overnight campsite.
- Bushwalk up to Karloo Pool for a swim.
- **Day Three:** Continue north along the Uloola Track until Audley.

- Hike west to Kangaroo Creek, have a swim and eat lunch.

- Hike west back to Heathcote Station, and take a train back to Central.

In total, the hike was around 30km in length over fairly difficult terrain.

As usual, many members over-packed for the trip. A notable exception was Ms Peace, who somehow managed to fit all of her food, water, clothing, general items, and a tent into her tiny pack. The main items taken included:

- Toiletries, gas stove, pocket knife, cutlery, torch, sun-screen, insect repellent, sleeping bag, tent (usually between groups), First Aid Kit (between groups), plastic bags, mobile phone, money, and camera.

- Clothing, including T-shirts, shorts, underwear & socks, hiking boots, a raincoat, and swimwear.

- Food: baked beans, spaghetti, bread, soups, and noodles for lunches and dinners; pikelets, jam, and muesli cereal for breakfasts; and various bars and confectionaries for snacks.

- Camelbacks and many bottles of water, generally approximately 4-5 Litres.



Duke of Edinburgh boys on the other side of the falls.



Descending to Berowra Waters along the Great North Walk, on a recent Duke of Edinburgh hike.

In a 75L pack, the overall weight generally came down to between 15 and 20kgs per person.

Members from Sydney High included: Shreyas Iyer, Si Wei Tang, Kevin Le, Arthur Wang, and Gary Truong from Year 11; and Tadeusz Davenport from Year 9. The accompanying staff were Ms Peace (Art Dept.) and Mr Fuller (Maths Department).

Day One: On a cloudy December morning, the small but sprightly group from Sydney High set off on the first leg of the Silver practice hike. Indeed, the first couple of hours of the hike were relatively uneventful...until, that is, our first "beautiful rest spot" at Eckersley Point vanished into thin air. After our first unsuccessful attempts at "bush-bashing", we realised that we were off course, and ended up having lunch on a concrete slab in the middle of nowhere. Swee, thankfully, was prepared for the situation with a Big Mac that he had bought from McDonald's the previous day. Somehow, the rest of us couldn't quite share his enthusiasm for this meal. After lunch, we rejoined the trail and headed south, following Heathcote Creek. The remainder of the first day's hiking was punctuated by pleasant views and some steep climbs. Reaching the first campsite, the group then spent the rest of the evening swimming in Kingfisher Pool. A unique experience was bathing in a small waterfall. Later that evening, Ms Peace and Mr Fuller taught the group the amazing properties of dirt (yes, dirt) as a cleaner of dishes. Apparently the dirt, which must be extracted near a water source to ensure cleanliness, acts as an abrasive agent for removing oil and grease on dishes.

Day Two: The group set off the following day with Mr Fuller allowing Gary to find the way. Needless to say, we were soon lost, and ended up "bush bashing" again for a large part of the way to Waterfall Station. The group encountered numerous close calls with the local wildlife; scarily, two or three members walked right past a brown snake, one of the most poisonous snakes in the world, without noticing its presence. Thankfully, the normally aggressive snake did no harm. Re-filling our water bottles at a park in Waterfall, we proceeded to enter the Royal National Park, and amused ourselves by listening to the conversations of truckies on the nearby highway on Kevin's walkie talkie. After a long trek along a fire trail on Uloola Track, we reached

our campsite at Uloola Falls, and trekked up to Karloo Pool for a swim. In a rock pool at the top of Uloola Falls, Ms Peace and I sighted Yabbies, small beautifully coloured crustaceans. The next hour was taken up by various members of the group trying to catch them for Gary's dinner.

Day Three: The final day's hiking was enjoyable, albeit a few difficult periods. After sighting an eagle a few kilometres out from the campsite, we headed to Audley and swam and lunched at Kangaroo Creek. As usual, the final kilometres were the most difficult, but after the best part of three days, we finally reached Heathcote station and headed home.

Silver Test Hike

The second hike, along part of the Great North Walk, took place between 30 May and 1 June 2008. The planned route was to join the trail at Thornleigh on the first day, following it all the way up to Hawkesbury River Station on day three. The total distance was a mammoth 48km, with 20km being covered on the first day alone. The preparation for the trek was the same as that of the practice hike.

Members of Sydney High included: Shreyas Iyer, Si Wei Tang, Gary Truong, Kevin Le, and Peter Nguyen from Year 12; and Tadeusz Davenport from Year 10. Accompanying members of staff were Ms Jassy (English Department) and Mr Fuller (Maths Department).

Day One: The group got to the worst possible start on the first day when Peter decided, cleverly enough, to drive to Central, arriving half an hour late. A consolation for the punctual group members was watching him face the wrath of peak hour Cleveland Street traffic. By the time we reached the steep hill at the beginning of the course we were very late, and the difficult hour that followed reiterated Mr Webb's age-old adage that "the first and last hours of any hike are always the toughest". I personally took my mind off the pain by discussing King Lear with Ms Jassy, whose English degree proved far more valuable to us on the day than most of the other stuff that she had brought along. Unfortunately, Ms Jassy was forced to pull out soon after lunch despite her best wishes to continue, and I would like to offer her thanks at this point for battling her illness and accompanying us, allowing the hike to go ahead. Eventually, due to delays for various reasons, it became clear that we were going to have to slug

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out the final stretch of the first day in darkness, despite our efforts to cover as much ground as possible whilst light remained. The group displayed a lot of spirit as I led them through the bush for around two hours in the pitch black night. Finally, at 7pm that night, we reached the campsite, both relieved and enriched by an amazing experience, new even to Mr Fuller himself.

Day Two: Day two began with a loud siren sounding at two o'clock in the morning. Loud explosions from nearby camps and the smell of Mr Fuller's pancakes followed as we made a relaxed start to what was supposedly the "easy" day. Somehow, however, Mr Fuller forgot to warn us that there were two enormous hills (or small mountains) along the way. As we proceeded, a tough day's hiking was made easier by wide ranging debates among the group, ranging from GPS sport to the merits of the lead actresses in Iron Man. After finally ascending the second huge hill, we paused to view a spectacular sunset from our vantage over the entire valley before heading back to camp.

Day Three: The final day was a demanding one, with the group having to cover 16 kilometres (including a hill higher than both the day two

giants) in around six and a half hours in order to catch our train on time. Luckily, the group had Swei, and his seemingly endless energy which sprung forth from the need to get to maths tuition on time. On a difficult day, it was this energy that drove the group forth, as Swei strove towards the common benefit of beating Anosh in the HSC. Ultimately, after a third, very tiring day's hiking, we finally reached our end point on the Great North Walk (which continued for another 100 or so kilometres), and reached Hawkesbury River Station with around half-an-hour to spare.

Congratulations go to Shreyas Iyer and Si Wei Tang for achieving their Silver Awards at the completion of this journey, which marked the end of the Year 12 boys' Duke of Edinburgh experiences with the school. It has been a time full of interesting experiences that will last in the memory. Many thanks are due to Mr Fuller, the SBHS Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, for organising both trips and doing a terrific job in kick-starting the program in the wake of Mr Fitler's tragic death a few years back. I personally can attest to his enthusiasm and goodwill in running the program, and hope that he retains these qualities in expanding it in the future.

Shreyas Iyer.



Following the Bullwarra Track on a Duke of Edinburgh hike.

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Year 10 Campers (2007) preparing for a navigation challenge.

English

Literary Contributions

A PLACE...

I'll show you a place. It's a hut nestled amongst the hills of North-West NSW. For more than a hundred years, the mud-brick walls have stood and weathered the storm ... literally. I can still remember it now, the whistle of the water in the silver kettle on the porch outside. The crack that the fly-screen made as it slammed shut behind someone going out to get the water, now screaming in urgency. Small feet pound up the slope towards the hut, and in one bound are onto the porch. *Thump thump, bang* as the door slams behind them. Now, as evening approaches, and the sky fades to black, stars begin to twinkle, an infinity of white lights. A crack of breaking wood, and the flash of sparks, as they rise to meet the stars. The fire burns, and hisses comfortingly, and we all huddle around it, trying to gain warmth from it. A soft, cool wind blows around the valley, and the rising smoke turns this way and that, pirouetting on its way up.

Now the barbeque plate is on the fire, and with a sizzle, last night's fat is burnt off. A voice rings out what's for dinner dad? And the reply is always the same – *sausages and steak...* With a burst of flame the sausages are laid on the plate, and the oils and fat burn and sizzle, turning the meat black. Smoke and fat mingle, and rise into the air.

Somewhere in the distance, a koala barks, and closer in, an owl screams as it flies past, chasing moths. Then comes the scrambling as the sausages burn, and the steak hisses – *quick, get it off the plate.* The meat is carried in honour towards the hut.

In the hut, the table takes pride of place, with a banquet laid out-meat, salad, and wine.. .luxury. Talking above the sound of burning gas, our only source of light, we speak of the day's adventures, like a foray up the mountain, to look at the expansive views, all the way to the Pillaga. Now come the games. With a rattle, the cubes are shaken up and then there is silence, minus the roaring of the gas lamp, while we all try to find words. The sand drains away, whispering to us of time running out. With a patter, the last grains fall.

Game over. We exchange found words, and then it's off to bed. The gas-burning lamp, which has supplied the background roar for the evening is dimmed, and becomes a gentle hiss, before going out completely. Now it is silent, and peaceful. You can't imagine anything like it if you've never experienced it. Cities kill the peace...

By Ashwin Rudder, Year 9

In the Forest

It is quiet and dark in the forest. The dense canopy above lets hardly any light shine through. There is only the occasional sound of a bird, the water from the creek or the crack and rustle of thick undergrowth beneath my quick and sturdy feet. I am a hunter, looking for game.

The Puma is a cunning beast. It slips through a forest, barely leaving a trace of its existence, not even paw-prints upon fresh soil. As quiet, shapeless and unpredictable as water – forever changing at the command of every fickle situation, and keeps one guessing, not knowing what will happen next.

I hold my rifle tightly against me, to reinforce the idea in my mind that I'm safe and secure.

I step out from behind the shrubs where I was hiding; I look around, scanning the tropical, green forest for any signs of movement. Suddenly I hear a swish and then the rustle of foliage. I turn my head rapidly to where I had heard the sound. I catch the sight of something small and furry scampering up a tree trunk, only to then see the brown Lemur slowly and cautiously emerge from behind the branches, staring at me with its big, calm eyes. It is defenseless.

I turn my attention back to the spot where I was last searching for the Puma, in the clearing next to the small creek, the one area where some light is allowed to pass down. I squat behind the shrubs, not dropping my gaze until I am fully hidden. I sit patiently, waiting. I check my watch; its half-past-twelve. I take in the peacefulness of my surroundings, it is unbelievable. There is nothing that can disturb the tranquility here. I listen to the sounds of birds, and the sound of water from the

creek washes over my mind, just as the water itself glides over the small mossy rocks. It cleanses me of all worry. I still sit and wait.

It is now one o' clock, and nothing has happened. I take out my novel from my green satchel and begin to read. All is calm. I instinctively lift my head to the sound of a slow and unfathomable growl. I drop my novel and grip my rifle. I try very hard not to make a sound. I slowly and cautiously emerge, looking around as I did a while back. Another growl sounds from behind the trees.

Indeed, it was as I imagined it to be; dark, strong and graceful. All living sounds seem to cease, only the growl of the Puma and my slow breath are audible. I watch as it steps out from behind the trees upon its strong, lean legs and walks calmly into the open clearing towards the creek. It lowers its head to drink. I rise and cock my rifle. At the sound of the click, the Puma raises its head quickly. It stares at me, and I stare back. Neither of us blinks nor drops our gaze. It has me in a trance. I sense its desire for freedom and murmurs filter into my mind. "Don't shoot... don't shoot...spare me". Its mouth never moves, but the words are as clear as crystal. I jerk my head back in astonishment, as does the Puma, startled by my quick movement. I sigh quietly and lower my rifle, pick up my satchel and begin to back off, still looking at the Puma. "Sorry for disturbing you" I call to it.

I turn my back and begin to walk away, reflecting upon what has just happened. By the time I look back to the clearing, the Puma is gone and I begin the walk back home.

By Gianni Romeo, Year 9

I'LL SHOW YOU A PLACE

I'll show you a place far from the masses of building that stretch higher and higher into the sky, to a place where the horizon is free from all things steel and concrete, and in its place is set a small stone palace. The palace is but a pedestal for its great Cross, which sits upon its bell tower, cracked and shaken, and below it, lie a hundred thousand stones, forming the House of the Lord. Standing before its great, willow doors is an old marble statue of St Patrick holding out his shamrock, the cold smooth surface shaped into warm, loving eyes and an inviting hand beckoning to every man and woman to come and marvel at

the culture of this emerald isle. Where the sea of green meets the pure blue sky, a hundred tiny Celtic Crosses stand, weathered and crumbling, neglected by the families that moved away one hundred years before.

Inside the grey, rugged walls of the Cathedral, stands a completely different building, in which the beautiful bright colours of gold, red, purple or white are hung from every possible niche in the old walls. The altar is forever set, with its candles, decorated with Celtic Crosses reading 'A to ??', giving off a rich myrrh and frankincense smell, an interesting change from the crisp, cold air of the inland bog. The closer you are to the altar, the more intoxicating the scents become. The walls are lined with statues of Saints, standing upon platforms labeled in Irish. Their faces are all full of love, each pair of eyes telling stories of forgiveness and compassion, along with open arms and symbols of education. These statues' original Jewish identity has been long lost to the years they have spent in this land, giving way to an Anglo-Celtic complexion. Each pew has its own set of hymn books, each hand bound and written in Latin. Their tattered pages have long since been read, replaced by leaflets printed each Sunday, written in an entirely new language.

Upon leaving the richly decorated interior from the rear door, the celebration of the life of the Church gives way to a depression, mourning the loss of hundreds to a war that still echoes through these green pastures of the isle. The men and women who left the lands around the Cathedral have left behind these people as well. Their headstones are unkempt, their names long brushed away from these Crosses, although their Crosses still bear the Haloes, connecting the four arms of the holy symbol, signifying their heritage in their passing. Few names remain among the hundreds of graves, and the few that do will be weathered away by the wakes of time. Even the few monks cannot preserve the memories of the families that left these lands when the Troubles began.

By Andrew Gaffney, Year 9

THE RIVER

The smooth, glassy surface of the river transformed into a mirror-like state with the rising sun. As the cold sun rises, there is a faint rippling of life as the river awakens. Suddenly you are

surrounded. The air is teeming with singing birds and insects, the water is swarming with small, quick fish while slow, small animals warm themselves on the shore. As the day finally warms up, the animals retreat while the humans gradually emerge in all manner of boats. These boats include swift, sleek rowboats, graceful sailing boats and powerful, roaring motorboats. The new species using the river has a purpose. This purpose varies between each individual, ranging from travel, and training or even to enjoy nature from the perspective of a swan.

The roaring River-Cat doesn't waste a moment as it races men and women to work. Oblivious to nature, disturbing lazy ducks who glide effortlessly across the surface of the rowboats. The low-lying sculls ride the River Cat's wash like professional surfers. "Whoosh... Boom, Whoosh... Boom" the oars sing continuously, like a rhythmic grandfather clock. The rowers imitate the playfulness of the swooping seagulls with their sudden speed and agility. The ability to change moods in an instant, just like the weather, calm to crazy.

Lonely Captain James Cook guards the entry to this natural wonderland. Statue still, watching the tides erode the shore along with his legs. Warning of hidden rocks he saves countless lives without thanks. Acting as a friend to many creatures, birds perch on his weathered hat. Cook is like a rock, ever watching, ever waiting and ever guarding.

Day, night, hot, cold there's always something using the river. The cool sea breeze relieves the strong burning of the midday sun upon a sailor's bare back. Pre-dawn fog obscures coxswain's view of the flat sleeping river, so thick they can taste it, steering with only one sense, all others deceptive in the salty pre-dawn fog yet hearing remains true. The silent morning allows safe travel. Heating up till midday when everyone tries desperately to stay cool, until suddenly they are too cool and they regret not staying warm while they could. The cooling air mixes with the ever rougher water to create a new daring and dangerous river. On this new river ducks and boats alike try to stay afloat until they retire for the seemingly never ending night.

Everyone on this mighty river is either happy or wealthy. The happy include the graceful animals whose whole life is the river and the people who

relax on the river while the wealthy and unhappy consist of the working population hurrying off to work along the river ignoring the sights. The groups are intertwined, the high standards paid for by the wealthy allow the happy to thrive in a natural habitat secluded from the worries of the world.

Change is slow, like the rising tide eroding away the ever present Captain. Everyday is alike, but not identical with slight changes causing the continuous evolution of this mighty ecosystem. Natural and unnatural blend perfectly in this harmonious heaven with mangroves and pontoons seemingly locked together, unable to survive alone. Mother Nature's creations thrive in this unique mix of natural and unnatural surroundings.

This perfect place is home to few but is experienced by many, some appreciate this beauty, others don't but all of them are part of this extensive ecosystem.

By Hayden Schilling, Year 10

THE STORM

One morning, when I opened the curtains Julius Caesar's army of clouds was charging triumphantly to my bedroom. The wind howled and growled and crashed and smashed things on my window. After opening my window I felt the imperative wind roaring at my face. Not long after the rain arrived in its warlike fashion. It was like the heavens sneezing on me rudely. The smell of rain was so intense that it confused me.

Abruptly, a yellow stuck like bolt commandingly dropped down from the sky and hit a tree like a gunshot. The tree fell like a broken door. Julius Caesar's army was over my bedroom and the drumming of the thunder was there as well.

The rain flooded into my mouth like a volcano erupting. Inevitably it was going to get chaotic so now, it did. I decided that it was a smart idea to close my window and stare at the vindictive storm for a few more minutes. Now the army of clouds looked like bunched up coal.

By Shuming Wang, Year 7

LIFE

We said goodbye in the normal way;
We said the things you're meant to say;
We had a kiss then he opened the door;
We waved him off as he went to war,
He gave a smile as he looked around;
He left his prints in the rain soaked ground;
He stopped at the gate to wave goodbye;
He knew deep down he was going to die,

They came in the morning, it was Dark and Cold;
They gave a letter for me to unfold,
They stood waiting as the letter I read;
They were sorry to say that he was now dead,

Life goes on however sad;
Life will be hard with two kids and no dad;
Life is cruel through the eyes of a wife;
Life can't be fair to take a man's life.

By Anshul Jain, Year 9

THE BEAST

It is a cunning beast. It slips through a forest, barely leaving a trace of its existence, not even a paw-print upon fresh soil; as quiet, shapeless and unpredictable as water — forever changing at the command of every fickle situation. One never knows exactly what will happen next. And the way it so generously brings a quick, painless death; it's not as malevolent or as sinister as one may think. At the sound of its slow, unfathomable growl, all living sounds in the forest seem to cease, as if paused, like a voice command. Dark, strong and graceful, only its slow breath can be heard. It steps out from behind the trees and foliage upon its strong, lean legs towards the small pool in the clearing to drink. Its sleek, dark, muscled body is accentuated by the light that reflects from the lagoon and its smooth fur coat glistens like the night sky. Its eyes are haunting and beautiful. They look down deep into core of your body through your very eyes and penetrate through the ground, creating an extremely nervous and eerie ambiance around you. This ambiance, the feeling that you experience, seems so strong, as the waves of nervousness, as they penetrate through the ground, make your feet tremble.

And when the beast lifts its head, you are almost blinded by the glistening shimmer of large, sharp, teeth.

By Gianni Wong-Romeo

THE TEST

I beheld the spectacle before me, my good eye narrowing with scorn and derision. There was a soft breeze wafting through the morning air, accentuating the smell of sweat and shame. Our newest recruit, Janko, lay in a bloodied heap on the floor, lacking the will to stand again and prove his worth. The scene swayed gently as the waves pushed the ship about the sea. The pleasant sun warmed the backs of the men assembled, and the soft cawing of birds did little to abate my rage. Yet it was nothing compared to that of first mate Clovis. He had put himself on the line, vouching for the strength of Janko, and he had been humiliated. Janko's partner walked off to clean the blood *from* his body. It was his job to test the fighting skills aboard *the Flying Frenchman* and he loved what he did. He loved to crush the hopes and dreams of those who aspired to join my glorious crew, yet as he walked off, I noticed the slight slump in his shoulders. He was sorry for Janko, because he knew the fate that awaited him now at the hands of Clovis.

Clovis laid into Janko's form with a knotted rope, screaming profanities at the hapless sailor and rending flesh open with every blow. Janko screamed for mercy, but his weakness only enraged Clovis further, prompting him to further acts of torture. I stood passively by, devising a way to punish Clovis for his poor judgement. Normally the price was death, but Clovis had served me well and seen me through many adventures. It would be a shame to lose such a capable resource.

Finally, when Clovis had had his fill of blood and violence, Janko lay dead. It had taken fifteen minutes for Clovis to beat the poor, worthless man to death. I was surprised at the swift passage of time. I ordered that Clovis return to his quarters to await punishment. He just stood there, breathing heavily. He knew that his career aboard my fine vessel was over and it was likely he would be sold as a slave by the next full moon. He slowly turned his gaze to me, and lunged. I was caught off guard and his sword swung quickly towards my hapless head. I managed to edge back just in time and the broad arc of the sword caught me on the bridge of the nose, which promptly erupted in blood. He then reversed the blow and swung again, this time downwards. I jumped to the side but was not quick enough and the sword took off a bit of my ear

before lodging itself in my shoulder. I let out a primal roar of rage and turned on Clovis, whose sword remained lodged in my shoulder. At this close range I reached for his arm and snapped it in two like a dried piece of kindling. I then gouged out his eyes and threw him to the floor, where I beat him half to death with his knotted rope, the blood from Janko still glistening in the morning sun. Blood streamed down my face and the taste drove me to a state bordering on madness. By the time I was finished Clovis had lost enough skin to make me a fine pair of boots, if I felt that way inclined.

“Secure the mutinous dog to some rope and cast him into the sea. If he’s lucky the sharks will finish him,” I ordered as I straightened my fine, blood-spattered coat and strolled to my cabin to wash the blood from my face. I had lost an experienced first mate today, and it would cost me great expense to procure a new one. *No matter* I thought. *There will be many others at port. We have enough gold to last for a while and there is no rush.* I smirked at the thought. No rush at all...

By Michael Tickner, Year 9

WARBLINGS OF A THIN MAN

He was a retired greyhound in a mushroom factory. A solitary figure constricted fervently to the proportions of his portable wood and cloth seat whilst the ocean around him propagated itself like the empirical model of a longitudinal wave on a two-dimensional grid. Its compressions and rarefactions were swellingly felt by all involved - all somehow, except him. A lady had decided to create the greatest distraction known to man by falling dead in the group that had gathered near the line for the loo, and, by consequence of the downright atrocious logistical organisation, chance of any medical hospitality was approximately half a million people away. These half a million, overly bored and seemingly restless, were sufficiently spirited by the fact that something remotely interesting within the last three hours had actually occurred. As one, they surged towards the scene of the incident with hope of similar eventful occurrences in the vicinity, like an over-enthused child skipping from line to line at the cotton candy stand after careful deliberation, convinced that his newly joined queue resulted in a reduction in waiting time.

The man however, was unfazed. He did not move, and his figure caused an eventually visible refraction in the wave, making it, from an elevated position afar, look as if it possessed a sort of imperfect dimple. He sat a small distance from the Freshwater-side double-wall, his nose buried in his F. Scott Fitzgerald and his eyes recurrently alternating between the book, his pocket, and the mêlée. It was the Saturday now and he had probably been in his present manner continually for the three days prior. Whilst those around him packaged themselves in wrappers of newspaper sleeping bag and make-do tents constructed with the assorted motley of torn down double-fence, the man preferred the luxury of his tweed Savile Row overcoat, although it was hardly suitable for the weather. Needless to say, he had of course paid his £3 for the five days, and likely had more than 20p remaining in his pocket, which, in all probability, he would in due course send to a tax deductible charity organisation.

In his mind, he scorned at his surrounding. He wondered, in between his moments with Scott Fitzgerald, why hedonism, implicit in the very concept of the current phenomenon, was apparently unacceptable unless laced with discomfort, pain, and misery. This perplexed him. All those within his locale were perfectly content overlooking a six by thirty foot trench of excrement, and dozing to the continuous hiss of urine falling upon corrugated troughs like the tireless racket of an aqueous jackhammer, whilst the man was not. The man was unable to understand the logic behind mass quarrels with bottled water as the weapon of choice, and rather, found an odd solace in meticulous observation of actions performed by the quite substantial amount of lepers and crooks in the region. This study of course, was again in the moments not spent with Mr. Fitzgerald. He had mentally dubbed all those surrounding him, a “race of bloody masochists” and his observations gave him further detail for intellectual discussion with his lawyer friends.

I didn’t see many of those types that week at Afton Down. It always confounded me that such an individual would attend such an event, and, in my younger days, I would’ve gladly had that man create the distraction near the lavatories rather than the lady. But as I sit here in Worthy Farm, Pilton, with my own portable wood and cloth seat and a first edition print of *The Catcher In The Rye*,

I await two of the four people I watched from afar thirty seven years ago. Capering on Desolation Row in 1970, I had cried with the four of them, "I hope I die before I get old!" Back then, I was a psilocybin, following the light. But today, I have remained not the phototropic mushroom. I was now the retired greyhound.

By David Fan Year 11

GONE SWIMMING

The sun shone like a coin gleams in the light, except with an orange tinge, adding colour to the otherwise darkening sky. He found it fascinating how such a simple act of nature could create so much beauty, and that this magnificent show put on by the sun was replayed day after day. Shadows grew longer as the sun sank lower and lower in the sky, which was now almost deprived of colour, of life. He felt the cold ocean spray against his face, it sent shivers down his spine as he nuzzled his chin into his chest in an attempt to avoid the icy mist. He could hear the swirling of wind in the distance, the crashing of waves against the beach was like thunder in his ears. A boy stood alone on the expansive, empty beach like the last can of tuna that sits on a supermarket shelf. Barefooted, the sand was warm beneath his feet and shifted between his toes as he wriggled them, slowly, anxiously. He began to shudder, not due to the falling temperature but because of a lingering fear, one that he could not escape. The ocean. It was one of the raging beasts in his life he was unable to tame. His breath grew shorter and sharper as he felt the restlessness inside him crawl its way to the surface. It was then when he noticed the faint smell of fish and chips that still remained from a day that had passed. He grew numb in the relentless wind and icy ocean spray, as he still stood still as a statue staring into the distance. His eyes were reflections of what he saw. The ocean.

"No more", he whispered to himself as a single thought occupied his mind. No longer could he let his fear of the ocean be his undoing. No longer would he be teased and bullied. No longer would he be afraid. He ripped off his clothes one by one until he was down to his swimmer bottoms. He was no longer shaking as he walked steadily towards the water. The ocean. With a determined look on his face, and a heart full of purpose, he could not fail. His eyes began to water; his walk broke into a run, a run to the finish line. *He gritted*

his teeth together and braced himself for the finish. He reached the water and toppled over clumsily, submerging himself in the dark, frosty water. Into the ocean. Unknowingly, he was pulled out to sea by a rip current, like a paper boat being carried by the flow of a stream. Salty water had filled his mouth as he struggled to the surface. With great difficulty and perseverance he floated towards the surface and released his head from the clutches of the ocean. Water ran down his face as he also discharged that which was residing in his mouth. Vision, he could see nothing, nothing but darkness, as he was struck with the reality of the situation, he now had to return to shore. A thought occurred to him, "I'm not going to make it", but he quickly pushed it out of his consciousness as he began to flounder. He had great difficulty in guessing which way the shore was, so he just swam, for minutes, and what seemed like hours to him. Exhaustion consumed his body as his thrashing in the water had ceased. Panic ran through him, tears began to roll down his cheeks and into the sea. He rolled over onto his back and gazed into the night sky. Stars glimmering like the panels on a disco ball, their beauty forced a smile onto his face. He shut his eyes as he prepared himself for a fate he had created.

A middle aged woman walked up the footpath leading to her front door, she realised there was a note pinned to it. 'Gone Swimming', it read in articulate, round letters. "No she whispered in terror, as tears streamed down her face and she raced to her car, dialing on her mobile phone in the hope that he would answer, there was no answer. She then called the police and surf rescue, knowing exactly where he would be, she then hurriedly asked for their help in searching and locating him. *Frightened for his safety* she tried his phone again; still there was no answer and still tears streamed down her face. She relinquished her grip on the phone and as she looked up, she was blinded by the light that shone through her windscreen and into her eyes. They were the lights of a high-speed semitrailer, large and long, rapidly approaching. She pounded on the brakes but to no avail. The screech was short and deafening before a horrible crash, a horrific accident which saw her end. He suffered much the same fate as her, but under rather contrasting circumstances. Unable to be located and rescued before his departure from this world, his life flashed before his eyes and he saw himself happy. He saw that which mattered

most, memories of laughter and happiness and his mother. He experienced a quiet, peaceful ending as he realised that it was not the ocean which was his enemy, but it was himself.

By Jacky Chen, Year 11

THE JUMP

The little girl walked across the room, cutting through the beams of sunlight streaming through the skewed venetians. Her silent footsteps stirred up swirls of dust, which billowed through the dank air seemingly at random. She glanced casually over her shoulder, looking back towards the doorway she had left. It was securely shut; nothing was coming through. Although she knew that, in her mind, she could not really establish it in her heart. She started fitfully at every little sound that was not part of the ubiquitous droning, which everyone tuned out. The dank air, heavy and humid, hung in the small room of unfinished brick, seeming to trap her, and while the door was shut, it could not shut out the memories streaming through it.

Hands reached towards her, grasping her, spinning her, gently in their own way, but somehow irresistible. She knew this was perfectly normal; her teachers had explained that. But somehow it felt weird. Wrong, even, despite the fact it clearly could not be. Why would her teachers lie to her? Their job was to explain the world to her, to all children. To describe how things were, and sometimes, even, why they were so. Without them, she would never have understood how great an honour she had been paid, to have a man - who wasn't even a worker; he'd been wearing a suit, not overalls - come and visit her. She smiled, practising. She could come to feel that, she was sure.

Why had she felt so... strange? Had she misunderstood what her teachers had said? Was this actually wrong? Equally, though, no adult would ever do wrong to her any more than her teachers would lie to her. She knew the door would open again soon. She had to convince herself in that time... and when the door opened she was ready. She felt a warm glow inside her, matching her smile, a glow which deepened when she saw the sun streaming through the open window, lightening the room, especially compared to her murky surroundings. She ran eagerly to the

door, greeted by an approving smile. Across the room to the window. Out she gazed, mindless of the glare of the sun. There was only one solution to her paradox.

She jumped.

By Thomas Wilson, Year 11

THE SILENCE

The silence is overbearing. The man feels through the darkness, his hands sliding against the damp, moss covered rocks beside the narrow passageway. He trudges on, the echo of his feet against the rock beneath him the only sound with which he is familiar. Eventually its rhythmic repetition becomes oblivious to him. He doesn't know how much time has passed, or how long ago he left, and he is beginning to lose his grip on an understanding of why he initially began to make this journey. He no longer has hope or despair. All he has to hold onto is the motion of his tired body carrying him forward.

Light starts to caress the bottom of his eyes. It hurts him; he shuts his eyes but the pain continues. He can feel his body beginning to slow to a halt. No! He can't stop here. Onward he pushes; further, further. The light is now overbearing. To shield himself he clutches at his face and covers his eyes, his nails digging in hard enough to draw blood. The man lets out a low whimper. Against the blackness that fills his vision traces of red appear. He thinks he can see death itself. The noises that are now becoming apparent make him feel as though his ears were bleeding. The source of the light is just before him; just a few more footsteps will bring him through. As he passes through he trips forward onto his face, falling into a harsh pool of light accompanied by a cacophonous roar.

Though his eyes feel as though they have split in half, eventually he is able to pull them open. Slowly, his vision begins to come into focus. Blurry figures appear and disappear, barely defined against the open space behind them. As he becomes more accustomed to the light, he recognizes the figures as humans. Though he has no recollection of events before the dark expanses of the cave, the familiarity of these people gives him a sense of hope. His eyes follow them as they move around. They moved together in unison, operating machinery that was emitting the dull

roar that filled the room. Others *trudged* forward, their backs bent as they pressed forward in single file, dragging something that could not be made out. As area became defined the man could see that he was in a large cavern, lit by lights stretching up the sides of its walls to its roof. A woman looked towards him, her eyes glowing behind a wall of soot. Her face was expressionless. She looked away and returned to her work. Tears began to fill the man's eyes. The ground beneath him was hard and dusty. His eyes clamped shut, and he felt hands clutching at his sides lifting him up and carrying him through the scene before him. He didn't dare open his eyes.

"How did you get here?"

The words swam around in his mind but refused to become comprehensible. A man scorned down upon him.

"Who is he?" a distant voice called. Comprehension began to wash over the man. "He came through the path", replied the figure above.

"What are we going to do with him?"

Slowly he opened his mouth. At first he made a guttural sound, but then the words began to form.

"I... I'll stay here."

The confusion on his observers' faces gave way to blank acceptance.

"We'll get you ready for work". They gestured toward a hole in the wall through which the man could see a long, narrow room.

"Everything you need is through there."

The man accepted the equipment and clothes he was offered. He took an axe and began slowly, methodically chipping away at the rock he was allocated, eventually becoming oblivious to the harsh sound. Though he was tired, the momentum of his body kept him moving, and he knew that should he stop the pain he felt would immediately worsen.

By Chris Evans, Year 11

FREEDOM

The blinds wavered slowly from side to side, rhythmically moving as though by some unseen child's hand. As he looked through them, he saw only stillness. Absolute silence. He listened for a

moment, and heard the faint, almost nonexistent whining sound of distant electronics. Other than that, only silence. He tapped his finger on the white, sterile wall, pushing the whining out of his ears. Occasional sounds, deafening in their suddenness, punctured the silence, and his rhythmic tapping. Distant trees danced in the wind, and although the rustling of their leaves was too distant to be heard, he could imagine it so well as to be hearing it. Immediately outside the house, it was still. And quiet. He saw, in the distance, a plane. It soared across the sky, perfectly free to do as it pleased. Having never seen a plane any closer than this, he imagined it as a silent, graceful and swift creature. It was free to do as it pleased. He wasn't. Another sound, this one louder than the last. The sound rippled through him, like a wave through water, and like water he succumbed to it, feeling it shatter the stillness. The whining grew louder, and the line between stillness and frantic dancing of the trees grew closer. He often found himself hoping that the dancing would move through the window, and into the room. He hoped to feel wind, but knew he never would. Another plane soared by. Then it happened. He saw her for only the briefest moment, but he had no doubt as to having seen her. He had seen people before, but she was different. Beneath her wavy black hair, red jumper and blue jeans there had been something strange, something different something wrong. She had shown no sign of noticing him, in fact she simply walked past the small corridor of his vision through the window. He stared intensely at the edge of the fence which surrounded

the house, hoping to see her return. He stared for well over a minute, as the whining grew louder and louder. He began tapping on the wall. The trees continued their

dance, oblivious to the whining. She returned. Exactly as before, only this time he was watching carefully. She turned, and looked straight at him. Straight through him. Through the window, the impenetrable window. She looked through his sterile white walls and his tiny room. And she waved, and smiled. Then she turned, and walked away. And he never saw her again.

He thought for a long time about her. The sun set and rose and set again. And he thought about her. He did not love her. He did not know her. But he wished to see her again. To feel the wind. To be a plane, soaring free. He looked *out* his window, and

saw stillness. And as the whining crept up behind him, ready to stab sharp needles into his consciousness, he tapped his finger on the wall. The blinds were still, but he saw movement. The room was silent, but he heard painful noise. He looked out the window, and he saw a plane. And *it was free. And he wasn't.*

By Phillip Kurts, Year 11

THE COMMON HERO

He walked without style, He walked without grace
Without a hint of a smile spread across his face.
For he knew what he was and what he was not.
The common man that everybody forgot.
In a mellow tone, I ask,
The question seemed like a strenuous task. 'What makes a hero?'
Stopping suddenly, not yet ready
It seemed his answer wasn't as steady. 'Courage is a battlefield,
Sometimes obscure, sometimes veiled. It depends on you whether you wish to fail.'
Such quotes give food to thought
Like all of us he had things he sought.
Plain as he may seem
Even ordinary men have dreams.
Of wealth and power
Their hopes bloom and flower.
But ordinary men, they come and go.
Even great heroes, dim and glow.
Yet when times are tough
and plunges to zero
There are our common heroes.

By Bailey Yan, Year 10

THE DARE

I'm petrified of the possible terror lurking behind the door. My heart is pounding. I gaze, cowering, at the slowly opening door and, I finally catch sight of an old woman with rancid skin that smells more horrible than peanut butter sandwich left out in the sun for three days.

Her eyes are bloodshot and she looks so starved that I can see the shape of her bones when she beckons me inside.

"Aaah," she sighs, "It's you. We've been expecting you. Come in, come in". Something about her voice confirms my doubts about coming here. And who does she mean by 'we'?

Everyone knows that this elderly lady lives alone.

I venture inside and up a set of old, creaking stairs surrounded by wallpaper that is a yucky dirt brown colour. It's so aged that it is peeling off the wall and covered with moths. The moths were probably laying their eggs in the cracks between the wall and the wallpaper.

By far the most sickening thing is the smell, which makes my eyes water and my brain scream to run out of the house and down the street and to not stop running. Still, I move on. I won't back down from the dare.

I reach the top of the stairs and I move along a hail until I reach a door that is so ancient that the wood has decayed and mould has grown over it.

I open the door and stumble into a room. The walls are supposed to be white in colour. I think. They are so aged that there are gigantic cracks running sometimes from wall to wall and most of the colour has faded so that the walls look a dirty grey colour. The floor is made of wood that has rotted and feels soft. There is almost no furniture. There's a saggy couch with rips all over it and a chair in much the same condition. An old fashioned fire-place sits on one side of the room, and I think I see small creatures flickering about in the shadows.

The old woman follows close behind me and, in a gruff voice invites me to sit on one of her derelict couches.

I then inform the lady of how yesterday I had overheard someone talking of weird stuff happening in this house and waited to see her response. I intentionally left out telling her that I was only here because of a dare that had earned me twenty bucks. She thought I had just come for a visit.

"I know what you're here for," she says, "it's a dare isn't it... hmmm?" I start to feel guilty. "We hear everything that goes on in this street" she whispered, her voice gradually getting lower. I try to change the subject.

"Um well," I stumble, "but who did you mean by 'we'?"

"Oh," the lady mutters, "I mean them". She points to the fire-place and moths start pouring out of it.

I leap off the couch, throw open the door, and run straight into another cloud of moths.

I blame the others for this. If they hadn't given me this stupid dare I wouldn't be here.

I'm fighting through the moths and I try to remember where the stairs and furniture are.

I can't get through the moths. I don't think I'll make it. They're pressing harder against me. I'm suffocating. My head is spinning I hear my friend's voice echoing inside my head, "Weird stuff happens in that house".

I am getting dizzy by the moment. I see pictures of my mum and dad and the rest of my family in my mind. I also remember the others.

"No," I think to myself, "I have to keep going".

I can feel myself getting constantly weaker, my breathing is getting shallower.

My knees give way beneath me and I feel like giving up. But once again I am spurred on by images of my family and friends.

Finally, as if through some miracle, I make it outside.

I let out a cry of triumph. People turn their heads to look at me. Kids laugh at me as mothers attempt to shepherd their children away. I eventually look at myself and I notice why I am being regarded as a freak.

The moths had eaten my clothes!

By Daniel Keogh

DEATH

Death – and its wet freeze
Slithers through the flooded dug outs
Leeching joy from our icy hearts
Striking the mindless scouts.

He lands in our trench
As we crouch, deathly still
Deathly silent, deathly pale,
Hiding from the deathly chill.

Bang...
The delectable sound entices
Bang...
Death to his next meal.

He meanders away
Tracing the scent
Of fresh spilt blood
As he continues his torment.

By Terence Chiem

It's a...?

"What, are you stupid?"

Four voices filled the air simultaneously as each reasoned with the other how their view on things was correct. They had found it in an old junk-yard, along with a cord of sorts, and pieces of paper with diagrams depicting the object on it. The first three were young kids, only ten or eleven, but the oldest one was sixteen, and he had seen something of the world outside their isolated community, so he found it easier to keep up with science and technology than the younger ones.

"Listen, Michelle" cried one of the boys, "The thing is big, black and shiny, has a switch and a middle button labeled 'OK/Fire'. There is a wheel surrounding that button and that must help the tool aim. What do you think it is, huh?"

Without waiting for a reply, Marcus shouted "It's a gun, of course! See, that centre button is a trigger and at the top is a safety catch — labeled hold, and the wheel helps fire the gun. The barrel is that tiny hole at the top."

"You're an idiot. What do you think that is, a mechanized, self-aiming peashooter? As if a tiny barrel like that could hold huge bullets like those you were talking about just before?"

"Well, have you got a better explanation, Daisy?"

"You're silly. This is my idea. Here, see this so called barrel hole? You plug this cordy thingo in and when you press that triangle next to the dashed lines, sounds come out. Pictures start moving on the screen and we see other people. It's either black magic or a Save Our Souls call for help."

"Save our souls?"

"Yeah, listen to those scary screams those guys are making with those ukulele things, and that girl with a ball through her tongue really looks as though she's in pain.

"Yeah, sure. Haven't you ever heard of heavy metal music? C'mon girl, why would people who are shaking with such happiness and ferocity carrying bizarre stringed thingos and huge hollow tubes be calling for our help. How could it be a black magic when none of us are even getting hurt from this thing? You need a slightly more logical way of thinking. Look, it seems to make noises, give us light in the dark, move motionless pictures

and allows the impossible to come true... It must be a... urn.... new scientific thingy. Like those things... you know?"

"No, I do not, Michelle."

"Mm... I have seen one of these in an advertisement *before*."

"What, you saw one of these when you went out to the city? Wow, what is it?"

"Well, it depends the way at which you look at it. You are right to call it a gun, you can play shooting games like duck hunter and Doom on it. You are also right to call it a device of black magic, a way to communicate something. For example, each artist in the songs is passing his or her feelings onto the audience. And finally, for calling it a scientific thingy is the most correct, and this is all of those — it's actually a new piece of technology. It's the new craze, a digital media all in one — an Ipod."

By Henry Lu, Year 9

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

When I look into my grandson's eyes, my heart is temporarily warmed. When I look away, my heart turns back to ice.

He often asks me why I don't smile. I don't tell him the truth, of course, I would never unleash the story, the one thing that might falter his irrepressible grin. I somehow manage to escape the infection of his contagious giggle, even though one of my greatest desires is to catch it.

When I look into my grandson's eyes, the first thing that strikes me is their complete innocence. They are windows into his unblemished mind, beautiful in its simplicity, in them you can see his fantasies of elves and wizards and the Easter Bunny. The soft curves in his full-moon eyes give a clue to his mischievous humour. You think he's in his own little world until he cracks a joke about your messy hair. His eyes show a lot about him. I hope my eyes don't show anything about me. There's such a future ahead of Tyler, and he's obviously excited about it. The only will I have left is to protect him from the past. He is blissfully unaware, I want to keep it that way.

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Pa never smiles. His mouth never smiles, his eyes never smile. I think he should, the Easter Bunny wants everyone to smile.

Sometimes when Pa's looking into my eyes (it's a bit scary, like he's in a trance), I take the chance to look at his eyes. Well, usually they're very hard, I think that's how you'd describe them, tense and hard. For some reason, they look like they're scarred, as if a knife had cut across them one day. They obviously are only the surface to unplungeable depths of mysteries that might never be revealed. Then, after he's looked at me for a while, his eyes will suddenly soften: rough edges smooth out, the tension is released. But, just as quickly as it had happened, they've changed back to rocks again, heavy, grey rocks. Maybe Frostor is inside him. I don't think I've ever seen him smile either.

By Samuel Beston, Year 9



David Vien's sacrifice

Mathematics

Results in Maths Competitions, 2008

Prize winners (Australian Mathematics Competition):

Year 7: Daniel TAM, Oliver KIRK, Agnish NAYAK, Darryl CHAN.

Year 8: Edward NAOUMOV, Andrew MOON, Angus NG, Kenny LAU.

Year 9: George PANAS, Dawen SHI, Samuel BESTON.

Year 10: Jeffrey LAM, Eric FENG, James HAN, John WORMELL, Andy CHIEM.

Year 11: Charley PENG, Thomas WILSON, Jack CHEN.

UNSW School Mathematics Competition

Senior

Yu (Tom) SUN – High Distinction (\$60 prize)

Danny LAM – Certificate

Christian KATSIKAROS – Certificate

Anton TRAN – Certificate

Thomas WILSON – Certificate

Year	Prizes	High Distinctions	Distinctions	Credits	Sat
7	4	20	113	39	178
8	4	26	100	42	173
9	3	26	74	70	192
10	5	13	79	49	168
11	3	31	58	58	167
12	–	26	51	51	144

Junior

John WORMELL – Third (æq) (\$100)

Dawen SHI High – Distinction (\$60)

Declan GOREY – Distinction (\$40)

Max WEI – Distinction (\$40)

Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad

John WORMELL – Distinction

Declan GOREY – Distinction

P.R.Bigelow (H.T.)

Mathematics Summer School

The interesting trip to Canberra began on a Sunday morning near Central station. Our feelings of unfamiliarity and nervousness were quickly drowned out by some weird lanky Asian bloke who turned up in a suit on a day that was about 35 degrees Celsius. My first question for him was “Are you from James Ruse?” *I really couldn’t find any other explanation.*

My first impression of the group of people boarding the coach from Sydney was that at least no one there looked like a typical nerd. The 300km journey was rather interesting as the group of people on the bus resorted to playing all kinds of strange games. It’s both intriguing and shocking to have rather simple games being converted into extremely complex mind games by some Olympiad representatives.

We were guided around and received our own individual rooms after we arrived at Australian National University. The occupants quickly made themselves home and indulged into the facilities provided, including the table tennis table, pool table, swimming pool, basketball court, TV as well as room to just sit and maybe play a game of

chess with people from places we hadn’t really heard of before, Western Australia for instance.

A repeating motif throughout the camp was the Rubik’s cube and a game called Schnapps. The Rubik’s cube mania was led by a dozen EGs (experience group). In fact, the craze soon took over and somehow forced a significant majority to walk off to the city and each buy a cube. I am personally proud to say that I never sank that low and managed to mark myself as “not a cubist”. Schnapps puzzled many as those who knew how to play demonstrated it repeatedly in front of those who did not know by clicking out people’s names in ambiguous ways. It wasn’t until several people finally figured out how to play in the end when they learnt to admire the ingenuity of such an invention. And of course, there are the dummies that still don’t get it...

The usually routine consisted of two lectures, two tutorials and a private study session a day. It does sound like it’s as boring as turning up to an English class, but it turned out to be quite entertaining and rewarding. The topics chosen for the lectures were selected carefully so that it was an area which

students from various states never really encountered before. Geometry was out of question since any involving year 8 geometry and above was beyond the capabilities of Victorian students.

The topics for the lecture turned out to be Number Theory, Knot Theory (not 'not theory'), languages and machines. Number theory revolves around modulus and Gaussian integers while Knot theory teaches us how to define knots. People may ask now "Was everyone a pro at doing those questions?" All I can say is "I'm a-fraid 'knot'."

Tutorial sessions were conducted in a small group, each led by a tutor holding some form of PhD. No answers were ever given, only hints. Instead, individual work is encouraged. Time flew by during these tutorial sessions, one of the main reasons being that I tuned the clock forward. It always made me wonder what those Queenslanders and South Australians were capable of without their handy graphics calculators since literally everything they did was done by their calculator. Mathematics must be known as calculator science over there.

Food and water was served on time everyday so that no one died from hunger. The meals were rather tasty, and besides the hot food, a delightful range of fruits and vegetables were always provided for a healthy diet. The watermelon trays ran out extremely fast since some High boys decided to consume that as their main course, having hot food as their entrée. They literally ran out of watermelon for the last two days and surely they can't hold me responsible for that.

The private study sessions were not favoured much as we had to keep our doors open to let the tutors come by occasionally to check on us. After the tutors left, some would resort to portable consoles, some slept, but there were always a few determined individuals that carried on. You have got to just admire them. They were usually the ones who decided to bring along a 4unit maths text book or some other form of homework to camp with them. I guess it's the type of thing you'd expect from attending a maths camp, nerds... The free time after the private study always came like rain after a long period of drought.

Saturday night games involved Maths Relay- a team competition which involved mathematics crosswords and time challenge. "You did what?" "We did maths RELAY" It just sounds slightly better to say that it was maths relay instead of pure maths. It was a competition, but all we did was try

to have as much fun as possible.

On occasional nights, talks were given from previous NMSS (pronounced NeMeSiS - National Maths Summer School) students who have now reached into fields beyond just mathematics. Listening to their talks gave insights into interesting things. For instance, a meteorologist told us that the highest temperature recorded in Australian history was due to an empty beer crate... Of course, this was the case assuming you didn't fall asleep. Other talks involved "How to multiply pictures" by another guest professor. A few factors prevented the majority from enjoying his dazzling talk, being too tired after a day's work, the seats being too comfortable, and mainly because we couldn't comprehend half the terminology he used. Proud to say that at least I woke up before he finished.

Maths camp wasn't just sitting in a uni campus all day long, it also included touring around Canberra- to places such as the Telstra tower, the National Museum, the Natural Museum, the Observatory, the War Memorial, Questacon and Parliament House. The ironic thing was that most people decided not to go to places like the War Memorial and Parliament House which mark Canberra's significance in their own unique ways, and instead choosing to go to Questacon just for a day of pure fun. The Observatory was also quite interesting. The main telescope was great...until it got burnt down. The presentation in a warm comfortable room made us fall asleep once again- it's really not our fault.

The two weeks went by in the "schnapp" of a finger. The element of maths and fun was never taken out even on the formal dinner on the final night. We even had to work out where our own seat was and before each course was served, they made us change seats again. The night concluded with a talent quest consisting of performances from students and tutors. It was a memorable night that sank deeply into our memory.

It was hard to depart in the end - everyone enjoyed it more than they had expected. Personally, I recommend all year 11s to actively apply to go to this truly once-in-a-life time experience. Take a look at the areas of Mathematics which still remain clouded, meet interesting people from all around the country, and enjoy yourself as much as you can in a worthy two week's time.

Yu (Tom) Sun.

Titration Competition

On a chilly Saturday morning, 21 June, fifteen High boys gathered outside the chemistry building at the University of Sydney. After early morning training we were ready to take on the annual state-wide titration competition. This involved the determination of an unknown concentration of acetic acid through a quantitative analysis.

Just after nine o'clock we commenced the competition. Working in teams of three we carefully analysed our individual solutions in the one and a half hours provided. Unfortunately one team was eliminated after sustaining an injury to one of their members.

Competition was fierce this year with many teams scoring almost perfect results. Two teams received excellence awards: one team with an accuracy of 99.2% consisted of Jun Choi, Bernard Fang and Varan Peranathan; the second team with an accuracy of 99.1% consisted of Daniel Jin, Kevin Le and Arthur Wang. Congratulations to Zhesu Zhang with an accuracy of 99.9%, the best individual score amongst our teams.

It was an enjoyable competition for all, with four teams experiencing this level of competition for the first time.

We would like to extend our appreciation to our facilitator Mr M Smith in our preparation, and also in organising our entries to this competition.



Titration Competition Teams

Back Row: A.Wang, J.Zheng, N.Uddin, A.Shapilsky, A.Huynh, D.Fu.

Front Row: K.Le, D.Jin, S.Iyer, Mr M.Smith (Manager), V.Peranathan, J.Choi, B.Fang.

Absent: P.Du, M.Desai, E.Li, A.Sivashanmugarajah.

Social Science

Competitions

As usual a large number of our students entered the National Geography Competition, the ASX game and the UNSW Economics and Business Studies competition.

ASX: Students from Year 9-12 were entered into the ASX (stock market game). Each student was given hypothetically \$50,000 for trading. Many learned the ups and downs of trading very quickly. The first game heated up during the stock market crash back in April where the sub prime crisis took its toll. The second game started in September. The collapse of many financial institutions and thus facing financial collapse in the USA took its toll on most investors. Most ended up with less than \$50,000. Most boys enjoyed the challenge of trading and began to realise that trading is not as easy as they first thought. Those that made money considered the time of trade, time of the week, the PE ratio, dividend payments of that company and economic outlook. It was great to see so many boys get involved. Hopefully they have learned a lifelong skill and they can apply what they have learned in real life in a few years, when they do start investing. Many thanks to Mr Dolan who coordinated the entries over the years.



Ling Xiong boning up for the Stock Market Game.

Geography Competition: All students Year 7-10 participated in the 2008 Australian Geography Competition. Participation for Year 11-12 was voluntary for those who do not study Geography. Of the 764 participants, 215 students received a high distinction, 189 received a distinction and 158 received a credit. Well done to all the boys and Dr Ganderton for organising the event.

Economics Competitions: Students from Year 10 Commerce and all Year 11-12 Economics students were entered into the competition. Of the 169 participants 3 received prizes, (Justin Zuo, Alan Yang and Simon Chen.), 9 boys received a high distinction, 32 received a distinction and 53 received a credit.

Business Studies Competition: All students studying Business Studies in the senior school entered the competition. The results were rather impressive. Of the total 82 boys who participated 19 received Prizes, (Ryan Sutton, Caly Yang, Victor Lim, An-Ton Tran, Jeffrey Wong, Matthew Dinh, Victor Ung, Jarrod Chan, Stephen Dong, Simon Cheng, Sammep Sandu, Luke Tran, Wilson Szet, Oliver Fio, Sam Burnham, Avish Sharma, Mishu Osinski, Matthew Lau, Navin Spoljaric), 26 received a high distinction, 28 got a distinction and 21 received a credit. Well done boys.

Other Extra Curricula Activities: Students from the Social Sciences participated in the usual array of other activities. Year 8 visited Bicentennial Park Wetlands as part of their study unit "Investigating Global Environments and Communities". Year 9 Geographers visited Pymont as part of their studies investigating "Sustainable Sydney" and "Urban Dynamics". Year 10 attended Long Reef as part of their study unit "Issues in Australian Environments". Stage 6 Geographers visited the Hunter Valley investigating the topic, Productive Activity (Viticulture) and an "Urban Dynamics" fieldtrip. Year 11 Business Studies participated in the University of Newcastle Business Plan competition.

P.Loizou, Head Teacher.

ASX Schools Share Market Game

Game 1 of the Australian Schools Share Market Game was highly successful and enjoyable for High students this year. Sydney High had 134 syndicates, of between 1 and 4 students competing in this national competition. Happily 65% of our syndicates finished the Game with their portfolios in profit. Over the eight week period in which the game was conducted, there had been a lot of volatility and uncertainty in the markets with the All Ordinaries gaining only 7.52%. In comparison the National winning syndicate grew their portfolio by 33.5% finishing with a total of \$66,766. The top syndicate in NSW achieved a total of \$65,295.

The ASX Share Market Game has become an integral part of our Commerce Program and it is keenly contested by Senior Economics and Business Studies students, although the Yr 9 and Yr 10 students outperformed their senior colleagues.

Top Five Sydney High Syndicates

- 1 Angud Chawla and Daniel Morgan
Yr 10, \$59,287.
- 2 Ling Xiong Yr 9, \$58,181.
- 3 Clinton Jiang and Matthew Fong
Yr 10, \$57,606.
- 4 Daniel Chen, David Li Wang, Jeffrey Tang
Yr 9, \$57,318.
- 5 Daniel Huang and Jun Gao Yr 10, \$56,867.

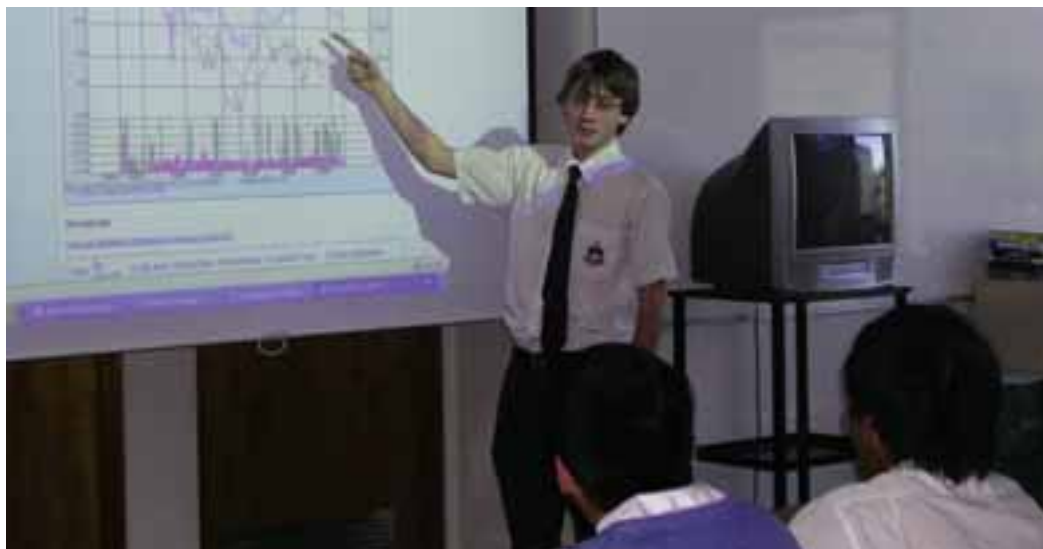
Strategies

Angud Chawla and Daniel Morgan: "Our strategies were simple yet proved to be incredibly effective. We focused on buying stocks that were either performing below the ASX 200, or well below their all time price high. We also put ten thousand dollars in each stock, so that we could maximise any increases. We didn't focus on the price of the stock as we understood that it was the percentage rise of the stock that was important."

Ling Xiong: "The strategy I entered the game with was to invest in sectors/companies that have been oversold due to the global credit crisis and the weakness in the US economy. The sharemarket sell-off spelled opportunities to invest in companies...which were trading at a much discounted price."

Daniel Chen, David Li Wang, Jeffrey Tang: "Throughout the game...when we were buying shares, we would try to make sure we bought at least \$10,000 worth to avoid the higher brokerage fee...A technique we used in part of the game was to check the 'Market Watch' page regularly to see the upcoming dividends, so we could invest in some of these companies and increase our portfolio value, but sell the shares off again if it looked like the business could take a downturn."

TP Dolan, Commerce Coordinator.



Daniel Morgan explains his strategy for the Stock Market Game.

Welfare Report

The main focus for Welfare in 2008 has been the amalgamation and strengthening of our leadership programs to enable more students to access opportunities for skills development. Mr Coan has been appointed to the position of Leadership Coordinator and has begun a review of existing programs with the other coordinators (SRC, Prefects, High Resolves, Big Brother, Community Service, Peer Mediation and Peer Support) working towards an integrated whole school approach which will allow students to consolidate a more substantial leadership portfolio by the time they leave Year 12. This will involve the introduction of new units of work on leadership study into the Values Education course in years 7 and 8 and a more formal and structured approach to recognition of service and contribution through the school award scheme. Although this process will take some time to finalise, work undertaken this year has already resulted in a commitment among all groups to extend leadership opportunities and provide clearer guidelines for participation.

Throughout 2008, students from each year (7 to 10), attended a theatre in education performance presented by *Brainstorm Productions*. Each play had an age specific focus in terms of it concerns and students found the selection of material relevant and engaging. Year 10 saw *Wired*, which tells a story about two students preparing for the HSC exam and the pressures associated with the growing anxiety and expectations which accompany this monumental event in their lives. Year 9 watched *Cheap Thrills*, a thoroughly entertaining solo performance by an actor who adopts a number of characters who highlight the issues associated with risk taking behaviour and substance abuse. *Verbal Combat* was the production seen by Year 8 and it was mainly concerned with conflict resolution and peer pressure. Year 7 saw *Sticks and Stones*, a play about bullying and this topic forms an integral part of their Values Education study. Tony Li (7S) wrote the following review about this production:

"The play was about a bully named Toby who, in the end, reformed his ways and learnt to control his anger. This change in attitude and behaviour resulted from the help of a peer support teacher who was only staying for a few weeks at the school. The reason that Toby was a bully was

because when he was small, he was bullied by a boy named Kell. When he told his dad what was happening, he told Toby to be tough and fight back. Toby did as his father suggested and in doing so, became a bully.

The audience, all Year 7 students, were very interested in the play. What I liked about the play was how two actors played about five characters. It was interesting to see how they transformed themselves through costumes, a variety of different voices and props. I also liked how they juggled balls and clubs.

I would recommend this play to all high school students and even to students in years 5 and 6 of primary school, because it is very interesting and teaches us a very important lesson. I would even recommend the play to adults because the play highlights how the father's decision to teach Toby to fight with his fists and not words was not the most effective solution. The play also showed us that war begins with two people. It begins with a person using a stick to whack someone, the other person retaliating with throwing a stone and then someone uses a gun, a rocket launcher, a bomb, a bigger bomb then comes war.

Overall I enjoyed the play and I learnt many things that I hope will help influence my behaviour in the future."

The discussions which have resulted from these productions provide students and teachers the opportunity to exchange views and address a range of important and sometimes sensitive issues.

On Friday 16 May six of our Year 9 students attended the second Youth Wellbeing Network Forum at Australian Technology Park Conference Centre. The day was made up of a number of presentations given by local health professionals on topics such as hygiene, sexually transmitted diseases, nutrition, substance addiction and depression. These presentations were followed by discussions and question time and students were surveyed about the topics they had dealt with during the day.

Vineet Singh reported:

"Overall the experience of this forum was interesting and did provide a better insight into some of the health problems facing Australian youth. I would recommend this forum to future Sydney Boys so they can spend a day outside of

school doing something worthwhile and engaging."

Another presentation which is fast becoming a feature of the calendar each year is the visit from Motivational Media. On Monday 23 June, the whole school was able to watch the multimedia presentation of *The Power of Every One*. The fifty minute audio visual presentation focused on how great steps forward in history have frequently started with the inspiration of one person who looked at a situation, wished for change and then made that change happen. It looked at the influence of people such as Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jnr and Nelson Mandela combined with current inspirational stories. The significant element which gives the program such impact for the audience is the combination of the three large panoramic projection screens with the three state of the art synchronised video projectors creating an image thirteen metres wide. As promised, the powerful images and music selection provided a stimulating, thought provoking message about the influence that we as individuals have on those around us.

The Big Brother Project was extended this year to include a special project with Paddington Public School. Timothy Chan (Yr 9) reported:

"On Tuesday 20th May, a group of year nine students had the opportunity to visit Paddington Primary School and work with the children on activities relating to water conservation and responsible water use. We had heaps of fun through assisting the children paint a mural, collecting data for a water audit and completing various challenges with them. They were very polite and welcomed us greatly. At the end of the day, we had a learning session where the organiser talked to us about water usage. We learnt many valuable skills about starting up new groups, the challenges we would face, and how to navigate around those challenges. A very well organised and balanced day which I enjoyed greatly and highly recommend. A very worthwhile experience."

Two other Year 9 students (Ian Ho and Maaz Rahman) also had the opportunity to visit Carlton Public School as part of the program. They made contact with the new students who will be attending Sydney Boys High and Sydney Girls High in 2009 and delivered a power point presentation about attending a selective high school for the first time. They also participated in some organised activities with the younger

students such as helping create Kahootz multimedia expressions, reading stories with kindergarten and participating in an interschool video link up (connected classrooms) to be involved in a discussion and presentation about the new production by Andy Griffiths called *Just Macbeth*. Their visit was highly successful and is the precursor to a more involved Big Brother project beginning in 2009. The High Resolves Program continues to make sound progress and this year we congratulated our first group of Year 10 leaders who received their Leadership Certificates. This group have now completed all their training and have assisted with the delivery of the High Resolves program to Years 8 and 9. A new group of leaders has been chosen from Year 9 and they will now undertake their skill development training to prepare for 2009.

The current Year 10 High Resolves Leaders attended their second summit and were pleasantly surprised to find some celebrity guests as keynote speakers.

"On Tuesday 19th August, 2008 approximately 400 students from Sydney schools met at Sydney University's Great Hall for the 2008 Summit. It was a memorable day for the 23 students who represented Sydney Boys High. At the beginning of the day we were welcomed by the program director, John Bush. There were several speeches at the start including an analysis of Dr Jeffrey D Sach's book A Common Wealth : Economics for a Crowded Planet by Mehrdad Baghai, the Founder and Chairman of High Resolves."

We were then extremely surprised to see the arrival of the next guest speaker, The Hon Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. She spoke about her rise from being a keen English student and debater to her current position. At the conclusion of her speech we broke for morning tea and Ms Gillard was surrounded by eager students wanting to speak to her."

At the end of morning tea we were sent to our discussion groups which focused on the future for Human Rights, Design and the Arts, Education, Gender Relations, Media and Communities, Cities, Democracy, Energy, Oceans, Food & Water. A key theme of the day was how ordinary people can do extraordinary things with few material objects but with passion and the will to succeed they can make a difference in the world."

"The Future of Design & Art group discussed how design and art affects our lives today and the

impact of environmentally healthy designs to a sustainable world in the future . If we have a passion we should never let it get out of our grasp until we finally obtain it. At the end of the day we left exhausted yet our brains were buzzing with the new information that we learnt.” – Jeremy Rajendram.

“After the welcome and speeches, we proceeded to our discussion groups. My group’s issue was the Future of Oceans. We discussed the five readings provided to us, focussing on the importance of the oceans, how humans are laying waste to marine life and the continuing struggle between less developed and developed countries over rights to fish and mine the ocean. After lunch we listened to three experts in the field who included two CSIRO scientists and a university student who expanded on the readings we were provided before the conference. “ – Joshua Nair

“Following our group discussions, we broke for a short lunch and then returned to make suggestions to present to the Deputy Prime Minister.” – Brian Kelly

“This discussion wrapped up a very enjoyable and helpful day that taught the importance of joint action as well as finding your passion in life and pursuing it.” – Kieran Taylor

“Through this day we met a lot of students from a range of other high schools. Despite the long hours of discussion, it was an enjoyable experience, not only because of the people I met, the friends I made and the discussions we had but also the memories I developed and will hold for the rest of my life.” – Andrew Wu

We were sad to say good-bye to Mr Howey this year. He was a very committed participant in so many aspects of Welfare and had accepted the role of Community Service Coordinator before his departure. He spent a lot of his spare time ensuring everything was running efficiently with barbecues and fundraising events and was keen to see this area of leadership develop further.

Fortunately for us there was someone who was enthusiastic to take his place and we are very happy to welcome Ms Kaye into the Coordinator’s role. Ms Kaye is a passionate advocate for the Amnesty International cause and sees opportunities for the two groups to work cooperatively in the future. She has already planned a restructure of the Committee and ways to improve the role of the Executive members. She is a tireless worker and has already successfully

organised several fundraising events including the Oasis fun run which involved some of our young men seeking sponsorship to aid disadvantaged and homeless youth in the community. Each year the school raises much needed funds for several nominated charities and we are constantly seeking new avenues for our students to participate in community service activities. One of our proudest moments this year was the nomination and acceptance of Nathan McDonnell for the 2008 Minister’s Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. He is a fine example of selfless devotion to those in need and his citation for the award reads as follows:

“Nathan has set a wonderful leadership example in his work for charity and community service and has a passion for social justice. This was demonstrated most clearly when he pro-actively sought opportunities for Sydney Boys High students to serve the community and in particular the homeless, through the Matthew Talbot Hostel, by involving them in the preparation and serving of meals. He is a committed advocate for Amnesty International and Christian Fellowship within his school. He works tirelessly to initiate and organise a wide variety of school fund raising events and to encourage the involvement of the SRC in the activities being held. His overall aims are not only to help others who may be less fortunate but also to find opportunities for fellow students to offer assistance to people in need which in turn helps those students develop a sense of social justice, mutual respect and community service as important aspects of global citizenship. His maturity, selflessness, good humour and enthusiasm make him a highly valued member of the school community and first in the hearts of the staff and student.”

Mr Kesting organised for his new group of prefects to complete a leadership preparation course in October as part of their induction and Ms Collignon and ten students from the SRC attended the National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Convention Centre (Darling Harbour) in early November. This has been a big year for leadership in our school and the Welfare team is committed to further expanding opportunities for our young men to prove themselves as confident and capable leaders of the future.

John Walker, Head Teacher Student Welfare.

The Community Service Committee

The year 2008 started with the Sydney High Community Service Committee (formerly known as the Charities Committee) in complete disarray. Mrs Plummer, who had done a fantastic job as coordinator in previous years, was forced to leave due to different working hours, leaving the committee teacherless. Further, the departure of Richard Yang to university meant that now there were serious threats to the committee's sustainability, with only a few members of Year 12 having the knowledge required to organise events. Credit is due to Nathan McDonnell and Shreyas Iyer, who worked with the Head Teacher of Welfare, Mr Walker, to ensure that the Boggabilla and Youth Off the Streets fundraising events were successful.

Soon after this, Mr Howey (Social Sciences Dept.) joined the Community Services Committee

(CSC), and things started to get back on track. The executive committee was formally voted in, with Kevin Lam and Alex Shapilsky taking up the roles of Treasurer; Ajay Balachandran and Bernard Fang becoming Secretaries; and David Nam and Panduka Manamperi taking up key positions for the committee's future as year 11 representatives. Restructuring various community service policies, notably including the Awards Scheme Policy, the newly formed committee was ready to tackle the next fundraising event, for Sir Roden Cutler Charities. Guided by the Year 12s, Panduka and David took on the challenge of organising their first barbeque, and were very successful, managing to raise a profit of \$464.80 despite wet conditions and not selling out. The new policy of reporting those who don't donate despite wearing mufti continued to pay dividends, and the day was



Peer Support

Back Row: T.Tran, N.Chowdhury, M.Li, A.Paul, L.Chant, D.Edgton, A.Saunders, T.Li, J.Sutton, R.Bi, M.Tugnait.

Fifth Row: H.Karunakaran, F.Li, D.Chen, J.Wormell, D.Smith-Light, H.Vi, S.Yung, J.Aclis, C.McKay, J.Whiting, M.Zheng.

Fourth Row: A.George, R.Ma, A.Brokman, L.Aylmer, N.Slinko, T.Wang, J.Toohey, J.Lee, W.Lambert, A.Liu, J.Braverman, J.Musgrove.

Third Row: M.Fong, J.Ubaldi, N.Nguyen, R.Sivasubramaniam, S.Ali, A.Koeber, P.Simos, J.Nguyen, M.Phillis, A.Guo, V.Vo.

Second Row: T.Silveira, M.Ambrose, B.Chen, H.Zhuang, V.Goh, A.Banh, S.Kumar, O.Fio, L.Liu, E.Qiu, B.Li, B.Cabanillo.

Front Row: R.Kamal, P.Baweja, W.Lee, J.Rajendram, J.Chan, Ms B.Berger (Co-ordinator), M.Phung, W-S.Wan, H.Schilling, A.Lau, A.Thyagaraju.



Student Representative Council

Back Row: V.Mohan, I.Zaman, D.Fu, A.Huynh, S.Razeen, N.Spoljarić, J.Clements-Lendrum.

Third Row: Ms B.Collignon (Supervisor), T.Li, A.Ghose, N.Chowdhury, C.Katsikaros, K.Lam, N.Wang, D.Chen, A.Leung.

Second Row: D.Tam, H.Lam, S.Fletcher, K.Gunaratne, M.Sin, T.Yu, V.Anandaselvakumar, L.Nguyen, W.Choi, J.Vuong.

Front Row: S.Kinger, P.Phuah, V.Peranathan (SRC Prefect), N.Wong (Vice President), D.Nam (President), P.Desmond (Secretary), A.Shapilsky (SRC Prefect), A.Balachandran, K.Vignanasingham.

a huge success, with a net profit of \$2016 contributed to the cause.

More success followed, with our profit for the Stewart House fundraiser reaching a record \$2125.50. Finally, it appeared, we were ready to move on to new heights. However, at this stage we reached our first setback. Mr Howey, who had been a tremendous influence in terms of formalising the Committee and allowing us to move forward, left in July to teach at a school in Tanzania. Many thanks go to him for taking much of his time out for our cause; even in departure, he embodied the community service spirit. Hence, the CSC was teacherless for the second time in a year; however we were fortunate enough that Ms Kaye (English Dept.) immediately took us up.

On Friday 1 August, students from Sydney Boys High School participated in the community fundraiser Jeans for Genes Day, selling merchandise at Central and Bondi Junction Stations from as early as 7am. Sydney High sent

80 students from Years 10-12, and the event was a great success. This event was the catalyst for pushing the CSC to what I consider to be the “next level”, expanding the range of operations beyond mere mufti days and barbeques. The first signal of this was the creation of a new role within the committee: that of Publicity Officer. This role was ably taken up by Johnny Lieu of Year 11, with improvements being made on our advertising campaigns and the creation of a Community Service Committee Facebook page and email. A major operation of the CSC was that of the East Timor Educational Relief Campaign.

The idea was sparked when an old boy from the school stationed with the Australian Defence Force in East Timor informed the CSC of the depressing conditions he had witnessed there. Eduoard Cousins, who graduated in 2002, further informed us that the practical things like stationery were far more significant than monetary contributions. Varan Peranathan did a terrific job



Peer Mediation

Back Row: *N.Street, N.Dimitropoulos, T.Tran, T.Wilson.*

Second Row: *B.Lau, W.Pan, T.Burston, R.Mitra, A.Sharma, J.Santoso, P.Desmond, M.Lucchitti.*

Front Row: *S.Garofano, G.Zhang, J.Nguyen, Ms B.Berger (Moderator), L.Teng, T.Nguyen, T.Choudhury.*

leading the East Timor project, establishing contact with someone in East Timor and organising for collection boxes to be placed around the school. With the school ultimately sending off 14kg worth of stationery to East Timor, the project was a great success, and looks to continue on in years to come.

Another significant development for the CSC was its adoption of the Salvation Army OASIS Youth Support Network. Awareness was first raised of this throughout the school in a presentation by former TV News Presenter Jessica Rowe of the story of one particular homeless youth being supported by the program. On Sunday 21 September, a somewhat small group of students ran for OASIS in various levels of difficulty of the Sydney Marathon. Whilst participation in this event was less than ideal, those who were involved did a great job in raising funds for the cause. Ms

Kaye in particular was exceptional, solely contributing over 80% of the school's donation to the cause. With OASIS set to become the new Year 12 charity next year, and ideas such as a tutoring program (with students from SBHS tutoring OASIS kids) being floated, this is another long term project for the committee to pursue.

Overall, it has been a very successful year for the Community Service Committee, with a new order having been established and much more efficient procedures and structures set in place. Many thanks go to Ms Kaye for her tireless commitment to the cause; she has endless respect from all of the students involved. A special mention must also go to Panduka Manamperi, who ably led the CSC at times when I was away and looks set to formally take on leadership next year.

I wish the committee all the best for the future.

Shreyas Iyer, President.



White Ribbon Day

Boggabilla Trip 2008

It was a cold Spring morning, and the selected few who were privileged enough to experience the delight of the Boggabilla trip assembled at the school before 6am. After an extremely long and eventful bus trip filled with plenty of card games and snacks, and a stop for Gareth's birthday cake, we arrived once again for another great stay at Boggabilla.

We were greeted by teachers and student alike, and greeted those we had met when they came down to Sydney. After a few hours of Basketball and Handball, and a small tour of the school, we were off to bed in the school gym.

An early start the next day meant a welcome to country from a Boggabilla elder, a full tour of the school and an introduction to the many new facilities that Boggabilla central school has to offer. This includes correspondence classrooms, smart boards, and projectors. We then packed all our gear for camping and worked together to produce a rap song that both we and the Bogga kids could relate to. In the end, the song "Bogga bush track" was written, and Leo, Michael, George, and James recorded it using the schools recording facilities. This was done with the generous help of Matt from Desert Pea productions who spent much time recording, filming and editing the video. When we were done we moved off to the camping sites, set up our tents and fires, and relaxed for the afternoon, with a choice of activities including canoeing, fishing and visiting an orange orchard.

It was then where we witnessed the immaculate fishing skills of the Boggabilla kids. For nearly two hours around ten of us were struggling to find a bite, when three Bogga kids came along and caught two fish within five minutes. It wasn't long before they were teaching us their technique and we started catching some fish of our own. That night we heard traditional Aboriginal stories around the campfire, including a traditional favourite "the seven sisters."

The next morning we were busy packing up our tents and cleaning up after ourselves, putting out fires and picking up all the rubbish. We then visited a hand-made paper factory where many of the local Aborigines work at and create their own designs. We tried our hand at making our own uniquely styled papers but discovered it was much easier said than done. That afternoon was spent relaxing and socialising with the Boga kids playing our traditional game of touch footy and basketball. While the High boys just managed to grasp victory in the basketball, the Boga boys were too quick and agile for us in the touch and grabbed an easy victory. We also got to see the finished product of our rap song, turning out far better than we imagined. It was then time for our final farewells before turning in to the recently cleaned Boggabilla motel where we got a good night's rest before the long journey back to Sydney.

James Whiting and Andrew Blomberg.



Boggabilla students at the beach

Public Speaking

Public Speaking is an art. And people often scoff at Public Speakers for their one-time commitments, never really lasting more than a five or eight minute speech. But Public Speaking has always been a lot more than just competition – it’s about communication: not just speaking at people, but rather having the confidence to engage in intelligent conversations with an audience, encouraging a discussion about the world we live in.

The MIC Rachel Howland has put Public Speaking back on the map at Sydney High, and the number of competitions and opportunities for the boys has tripled since 2003. With this growth in opportunities has come a growth of interest; first-time Public Speakers coming from all years, ready to get involved. This year has been another strong year for Sydney High, but with Public Speaking it’s never about winning; it’s about eloquence, participation and communication. Maybe it’s also the adrenaline when you have nothing on your palm cards at five minutes to go and you only had three minutes prep. But maybe, and most important of all, it’s that Public Speaking offers kids the opportunity to finally be heard. Because the most tragic thing about this generation of youth isn’t that they’re often ignored, it’s that they often never speak at all.

The first public speaking event on the calendar was *Rostrum Voice of Youth*. Competitors were Christopher Pinto, Christopher Chiam and Zafar Mohamed from Year 8; Hayden Schilling and John Aclis from Year 10; and Anosh Sivashanmugarajah and Edwin Montoya Zorrilla from Year 12. After the first couple of rounds, I was lucky enough to progress to the regional final.

After a series of try-outs, Anosh and I were lucky enough to represent the school in the coveted *Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award*. Both progressed to the Regional final but were eclipsed by four speakers: three who made it all the way to the State Final and one who is now National Champion.

The Public Speaking event of the GPS Calendar, The *Lawrence Campbell Oratory Trophy* and the supporting *Trinity Grammar Invitational* saw GPS and CIS schools matched up; I was lucky enough to receive second place at the *Invitational* but saw Barker and Scots just edge

me out of contention at *Lawrence Campbell*.

In the junior years, after a series of school try-outs, Cameron Morrison in Year 9 and Christopher Chiam from Year 8 competed in the *Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award*.

The inaugural Sydney Boys Junior Oratory Competition had an extraordinary turn-out, with competitors: Daniel Tam, Daniel Keogh, Jonathan Clements-Lendrum, Danny Vo, Yuan Shi and Nick Vlatko from Year 7 and Christopher Pinto, Christopher Chiam, Eric Li, Hunter Wei, Abhi Dutta and Daniel Liang from Year 8. After lunch-time preliminaries, the Final shaped up with Daniel Keogh, Jonathan Clements-Lendrum, Nick Vlatko, Eric Li, Hunter Wei, Christopher Pinto, Christopher Chiam, and Abhi Dutta! This is definitely a competition to watch next year.

Over the years, Public Speaking has undergone a renewal. Previously just an ancillary to debating, under the guidance of Ms Rachel Howland, has taken on a life of its own. It can only continue to grow; continue to foster young talent; and uphold the great tradition of oration at Sydney Boys High.

Zid Mancenido

Junior Public Speaking

On 30 July Cameron Morrison and I attended the Legacy Public Speaking Local Finals. This was a great opportunity for us to represent our school in one of the biggest junior competitions of the year. My topic was “A blast from the past” and I talked about how the past is critical to present and future development. With sixteen speakers all together, there was a lot of competition for the top three positions which would decide who advanced to the next stage. I am sure that I can speak for both of us when I say that we had a great time and learnt a lot about how we can improve.

Christopher Chiam, Year 8.

[The following is a transcript of Christopher Chiam’s speech.]

“To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child.” Marcus Tullius, a Roman statesman. When Marcus Tullius said these words he was spot on about what he said. If we do not know what has happened in the

past, we can never develop. Many people do not know this, and even today we try to forget the past. Some people say the past holds us back from development. But this is not the case.

On our earth there are many, many objects which are straight from the past. From massive structures like Stonehenge and the Pyramids of Giza to the smaller items like a Roman coin and a shield, each of these were used in some way in ancient societies. Trade, war, worship or as a burial site, they all had their uses in society. By examining them carefully, we can learn even more about how societies functioned and worked in those times. We can also admire the ingenuity of these objects, especially since pre-modern cultures are considered primitive in comparison to today's societies.

But did you know that many of our modern day inventions that we take for granted are actually based on an ancient concept? For example, the idea of the modern clock stretches back to the invention of the sun dial, which were invented around 3500BC in Egypt. That's over 5,000 years ago! Although the mechanism is not similar, the principle, to measure time, is still the same and it can be said that the Ancient Egyptians made the first plans and machines for clocks, which were built on later in time by other scientists and inventors.

As you can see, by simply using certain objects which incorporate modern technology, we are living the past by using inventions which are testimony to the work of older generations, even if the design is not exactly the same.

And what about culture? Whether it is the customs and traditions of Australia, a small village in Asia or a country in Europe, each of these cultures were invented and developed by the people who inhabited that particular country, region or town. This is why different cultures and customs are so unique, because they were developed and created by different people in different points in history.

Even countries which were occupied, colonized or claimed by another country in the past and which are no longer under the rule have developed a culture separate from that of their origins. A prime example of this is Australia. When Australia was colonized, language, tradition and society were almost exactly like that of

Britain. Even the Aboriginal people, who had their own culture, were forced to live like the British.

But over time, Australian society slowly changed from that of Britain by the development and advancement of traditions, language, society and iconic symbols. As you can see, culture is not only the practice of certain traditions by modern generations, but also the developments of it by the ancestors of the modern society.

Another aspect of the past which we still have is knowledge of a civilization and how they lived, fought and so on. In some cases, we know even more than a citizen of that civilization as we have access to a variety of records which were hidden due to being deemed as inappropriate, lost physically or hidden due to government rule. We also have access to archaeological artefacts which can be used to piece together the history of a society.

Sometimes however, we need the present to judge the past. For example, in World War 1 and 2, it must be admitted that there was a needless amount of deaths to soldiers and civilians. But the fact that there was public support in some form or another means that we can compare the attitudes of people today and the past, and gauge human development and progression against this scale. Or on the other hand, sometimes we need history to be the judge of the present. For example, the treatment of people in third world countries is terrible.

The standards in which they live are in some cases worse than what life was like in the past. The world has praised itself for its advancement in the last few years, but how can we do this when some people are living in conditions worse than the past? By looking at history, we can be judged on how far we have come, or not come. But in our modern world, we have to think with every move we make, "How will history judge us?" By learning about the past, we not only learn about other generations, but we can also learn much about ourselves.

In conclusion, the quest for time travel has been one which mankind has longed to journey on. However, if we take a step back from our modern lives, look at society and our surroundings and think about the origin of these things, then we have begun to realise how essential the past is to the present.

Reconciliation: *Closing the Gap*

It was an honour to be selected by Mr Devlin to be one of four students (Nema Adel, Michael Ambrose, Enoch Hui and Brian Kelly) to attend an Aboriginal reconciliation convention at State Parliament House. Despite the limited amount of preparation time due to the Armidale trip, we were excited to be chosen to represent Sydney Boys High at such a ceremonial event. A short bus trip led us to the prestigious parliament house. After a brief body-scan to ensure that none of us possessed any weapons or dangerous material, Mr Barris led us into the various rooms leading to the upper house itself. We were rather surprised at the number of schools which were involved, including St Mary's Newtown, SCEGGS and St Ursula's, to name but a few. In fact, several schools had come from Bathurst and beyond, showing the commitment the kids were eager to show in reconciling both indigenous and non-indigenous people.

Few people had heard of the name Larissa Behrendt, but only a fool would not marvel at the achievements this woman has been able to achieve. Born in 1969, Madam Behrendt is currently a Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies at UTS. She completed her Bachelor of Laws at UNSW in 1992, and in the same year was admitted by the Supreme Court of NSW to practise as a solicitor. She then travelled to the United States where she completed a Master of Laws at Harvard law School in 1994. Six years

later the Supreme Court admitted her to practise as a barrister. Having written books on indigenous social justice issues, she has a hefty collection of writer's awards as well as university awards, including the "Lionel Murphy Foundation Scholarship".

Apart from listening to Professor Behrendt, each school was to showcase the presentations prepared by each respective school. Despite improvising a fair amount of what we said, I can confidently say (with no bias whatsoever) that Sydney High showcased the best presentation, basing a majority of our talk on the Boggabilla trip which our school undertakes every year. We took immense pride in our school's contribution to the *Closing the Gap* program.

The convention concluded with an indigenous gentleman teaching us his native language. It was a decent ending to such an event, as we were able to laugh at a boy from Newtown High, as well as Brian and Nema, who were randomly selected to perform an Aboriginal dance. This was followed by a disastrous attempt at imitating a cockerel's call, which ended with all of us sharing a laugh together.

It was a special experience for us all as we hope to mend the gap which segregates the Aborigines and the indigenous. Gratitudes go to Mr Barris who had made this experience possible, and also to Mr Devlin who was so kind to provide for me this opportunity to attend such a prestigious event.

Enoch Hui



High boys in Parliament House for the Aboriginal Reconciliation Convention

Tournament of the Minds



Tournament of the Minds

Back Row: *J.Byrnes, N.Autar, A.Ghose.*

Front Row: *J.Vuong, S.Prusty, J.Lam, S.Kinger, C.Chiam.*



Maaz Rahman and Ian Ho make friends with 2009 SBHS and SGHS students at Carlton Public School.

The Visual Arts

Year 12 Visual Arts

Congratulations Ms Reemst and Year 12 Visual Arts students on completing their Body of Works. Highlights were the imaginative and expressive drawings of Lewis Berger and the quirky creatures of Brynley Pfull. Shahar Merom expressed his passion for rowing in a multi-paneled canvas painting. David Shi produced a sensitive self portrait which worked

across many mediums and was an expressive portrayal of life and his expectations for the future. Ben Palau produced a provocative and subtle film. James Menzies created a series of manipulated photographs which reflected a rich tapestry of colour and design. Anthony Ho worked in sculpture creating a conceptual multimedia work named "Surround Sound" which was ambitious and explored the complexities of the media and communications.



"You toucan throw away" by Brynley Pfull



*Detail from "Surround Sound"
by Anthony Ho*



*"Memories, epiphanies, predictions
and reflections" by David Shi*



“On the Water” by Shahar Merom



“Sleep, Dreams and Memory” by Lewis Burger

2007 Annual Art Exhibition and P&C Cocktail Party

The Visual Arts Exhibition is a popular and enduring event on the Sydney Boys High School Cultural Calendar. Held in conjunction with the P&C Thank You to Supporters Cocktail Party the

evening combines the art and design work of students including the HSC works and the professional music accompaniment provided by Music students. 2008's evening will showcase the films from Year 9.



Film Making

2008 has been a momentous year for the Visual Arts staff and students with the opening of the new purpose built multi media suite allowing Sydney Boys High School to offer a Film Making and Digital Media elective course open to Stage 5 Year 9 students. Mrs Bonnie Collignon has developed an engaging and rigorous program that has already seen commendable results due to her tireless efforts.

First term saw the two Year 9 classes complete their first project in which they were given a script and were required to work in a group to produce a three-minute short film. Each student then used the Windows basic editing program Movie Maker to produce a finished film for assessment.

A group of Year 9 Film Making students were lucky enough to see some of their films screened on a big screen at the Palace Cinema, Leichardt. The forty film students selected five of their favourite films to be entered into the annual DET

Movie Making Festival. This is the second year Sydney Boys High School have entered the competition and this year four of our five films have been selected to be screened at the festival.

The films selected include:

A Fly's Life – Written, Directed and edited by Leon Sheldon and Matthew Petrenas

School Kid – The Final Cut Written By Ian Ho, Filmed by Timothy Tan and Joseph Lui. Edited by Joseph Lui

Fifty – Written, directed and filmed Nakul Bhagwat and Andrew Hau. Edited by Andrew Hau

Ramadan – Written, directed, filmed and edited by Raghib Siddiquee

The development of this course has been made possible with the support of the Gifted and Talented Committee and Dr Jaggar approving the purchase of Digital Video cameras and the building of a Digital Media and Editing lab complete with Digital projector and twenty new computers. The support of John Prorellis and James Rudd has been immeasurable.

Pedestrian Safety and Graphic Design at SBHS



From left: Kim Jaggar, Principal, Sydney Boys HS; Andrew Hau [2nd place]; Andrew Chan [1st place] Lord Mayor Clover Moore, City of Sydney Council, Anthony Ho [not pictured] and Arthur Wang [3rd place]; Len Woodman, Community Road Safety Officer, City of Sydney Council and Sandra Coppe, Road Safety Education Consultant, DET, Sydney Region.



Third Prize Arthur Wang and Anthony Ho

At the Junior Assembly on Wednesday 6 August, the Lord Mayor Clover Moore presented the School with the corflute pedestrian safety posters that were designed by the Pedestrian Safety competition winner Andrew Chan [Year 9]. SBHS was a part of a pilot program run by the DET and Sydney Council Road Safety to raise road safety awareness.

The Selection criteria for judging was: message effectiveness – relevant and clear pedestrian safety message; Visual hierarchy; Quality of art – effort/artwork; ‘X’ Factor – what makes the work stand out, and Content.

Four variations of Andrew’s design were hung on the fences around the school in an effort to remind students to take care when negotiating the major roads bordering the school.

The quality of entries from our students was highly professional and surprised the judges. Ten other students were awarded cinema tickets in recognition of their efforts. Anthony Ho and Andrew Chee [Year 12] were very impressive in



Second Prize Andrew Hau



First Prize Andrew Chan

their role as student representatives on the judging panel.

With easier access to Digital Imaging facilities Year 9 Visual Design students produced CD covers, Literacy Competition posters and Pedestrian Safety Posters. Students work demonstrated a sophisticated grasp of Visual Design elements in this medium and in many cases produced work to a professional standard.

Andrew Chan entered a Work Safety Competition and was a finalist with his outstanding poster design promoting safe work practices.

Other Design projects included Treehouses and ceramic functional objects.

CD design by Austin Ly,
Year 9 Visual Design





CD design by Duy Nguyen, Year 9 Visual Design



CD design by Andrew Hau, Year 9 Visual Design



CD design by Yale Wong, Year 9 Visual Design

Year 7 Visual Arts

The major project for Year 7 Visual Artists was a fantasy hybrid creature where students let their imaginations run wild yet still have to manipulate clay to create objects that survive the firing process.



Year 8 Visual Arts

The new Multi Media Lab has been utilised Year 8 Visual Arts students who directed a class mate to take a Digital Photographic Self Portrait of them which they then manipulated using Adobe Photoshop to express an aspect of their personality.



Zaf



Andrew Fong



Yiwei



Justin



Felix



Suman



Al Hughes



On Friday 1 August Year 8 visited Taronga Zoo to develop a series of drawings based on close observations of the animals. As always, students were beautifully behaved and with perfect weather, the day was a success. Look out for the artist's



Year 8 artist's display their self portrait clay busts – Connor Stack (left) and Timothy Chin (right)

Year 10 Visual Arts



Postcard, Erick Wong, Year 10



Postcard, Harry Vi, Year 10

To celebrate the long awaited Apology to Indigenous Australians Year 10 Visual Arts students worked in the multi media lab to produce postcards. Later in the year Year 10 and 11 Visual Arts students produced a video and series of images related to their world and the city.

"Homeless"
Benjamin Li,
Year 10





*Grid [left] and My Bedroom after Hockney [above],
Caillin McKay Year 10 Visual Arts, digital imaging*



*Left "Reflections" by Evan Wong and above
"City Detail" by Anirban Ghose*

Year 9 Visual Arts

Students investigated abstraction, movement and the figure over the year. Forms included sculptures, paintings and mixed media works.



Bryan Do, Year 9



Ishmam Bari, Year 9



Joshua Chen, Year 9

Terrence Chiem, Year 9

Year 11 Visual Arts

The Preliminary course required students work through a diverse range of artistic practices. Students collographs and developed a site specific artwork.



Andy Chiem, Year 11



Johnny Lieu, Year 11



Bryant Apolonio, Year 11, site specific work



Roshan Kashyap, Year 11, site specific



Roshan Kashyap, Year 11



Bryant Apolonio, Year 11



Kun Zheng, Year 11 accelerated



Beau Greenslade, Year 11



Josh Tassell, Year 11 Digital Imaging and Photography



Sydney Boys High School

Year 10-12 students visited the Sydney Biennale at two venues [Museum of Contemporary Art and Cockatoo Island]. Favourite works at Cockatoo Island were by William Kentridge, Mike Parr, TV Moore and Paul Pfeiffer. Exploring the abandoned island was eerie and compelling. At the MCA students were led around the gallery spaces by an education officer discussing a number of key works and issues in contemporary art.

Afternoon extension – Portrait Painting Workshop with Katarina Sakkas



Over four weeks a group of Art students was introduced to the complexities of portrait painting and colour mixing by portrait painter Katarina Sakkas. Students were challenged with drawing and painting “live” from a model, learning the methods of colour layering, techniques for building forms and analysing and creating the colour tones in the face. Katarina was impressed by the ability emerging from the group and students indicated the experience was rewarding. Financial support from the SBHS Talent Development team made the workshop possible. Ms Reemst was essential patiently modelling and securing the artist. We look forward to running future workshops exploring a range of different art practices.



Year 7 Art Club – extension



Mrs Isaacs began the new ART CLUB for year 7 budding artists in term 3 on Tuesday afternoons. It took place after school and was sponsored by the Gifted and Talented Program at Sydney Boys High.

The boys involved created large clay heads. The students involved were Nicholas Vlatko, Nicholas Costa, Markus James, Daniel Wei, Simon Luong, Andrew Vu, River Le, David Zhang and Dennis Wong.



Recognition for School Photographer

Nevin Spoljaric, School Photography Leader, received a Highly Commended in the very competitive Roving Eye, Images of the World, Young Photographer of the Year Competition. He is the Jeffrey Smart of the camera. Nevin is our Senior School Photographer and has produced superb photographs over the year



Music

Chamber Choir

Without a doubt, the Chamber Choir of 2008 lacked experience, due to the departure of many of last year's Year 12s as well as the Ms Lim's record-breaking recruitment of students, especially Year 7s, numbering to around twenty now. With such a large and diversified choir, rehearsals were spread out to Tuesday mornings at 7:30 and Wednesday mornings at 8am (mainly for Year 7s). With little time until the Baroque Consorts night, Ms Lim still miraculously managed to train the Year 7s to performance standard. At the concert, the more experienced members of the choir performed an emotional *Stabat Mater*, followed by the Year 7s who were ready to make their debut in the much anticipated combined finale with the Symphony Orchestra for Vivaldi's *Gloria*. It was performed powerfully by the Chamber Choir and even encored due to the requests of the audience.

The Annual Music Camp took place at end of

May with the choir learning several pieces, including *African Sanctus*, but the highlight of the camp concert was the *Beach Boys Medley* sung as the finale piece with all the ensembles accompanying. At the Winter Music Festival, the choir performed a well known African piece *Gwendete*, earning commendable praise from members of the audience. At our *Night at the Movies* concert, the choir performed *A Tribute to Queen*, a medley of popular songs by Queen which brought the house down, accompanied on the piano by special guest Paul Pang (Old boy 2007).

Ms Lim has done an exceptional job this year with her training of the newly recruited members and developing the vocal skills of the more senior members in the choir. On behalf of the Chamber Choir, I would like to thank her and express our gratitude as she has selflessly held two rehearsals each week to make the Choir a success it is.

David Li Wang, Year 9.



Chamber Choir

Back Row: W.Liu, J.Ni, A.Balachandran, Y.Wong, A.Zhao, D.Wang, P.Phuah, N.Kwok.

Third Row: H.Lu, P.Lai, E.Wong, N.Hayes, C.Katsikaros, T.Wilson, S.Marques, T.Siu, A.Brokman.

Second Row: C.Xu, A.Chen, T.Li, M.Liang, V.Ho, S.Wang, B.Jin, J.Lam.

Front Row: J.Zhang, N.Shah, H.Lam, B.Mo, Ms S.Lim (Conductor), K.Jiang, D.Vo, K.Lin, D.Tam.



Senior Concert Band

Back Row: *L.Aylmer, E.Ovadia, C.Katsikaros, L.Brown, T.Wilson, J.Santoso, M.Tong.*

Second Row: *M.Rozsa, A.Kim, C.Martin, B.Li, A.Blomberg, T.Siu, R.Gu, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy.*

Front Row: *G.Lau, N.Kwok, J.Hanh, L.Ming, M.Wong, M.Fong, M.Wong, J.Rajendram, W.Nguyen.*



Intermediate Concert Band

Back Row: *A.Fong, B.Hillier, S.Beston, K.Sivayogarayan, S.Martin, J.Petrie, Y.Wu, M.Rozsa, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy, Z.Zu, S.Pak.*

Third Row: *R.Gu, Y.Wong, J.Tang, M.Petrenas, S.Renzenbrink, O.Pierce, D.Edgton, B.Wilcox, I.Eveleigh, E.Zhang, V.Patel.*

Second Row: *G.Wong-Romeo, A.Nguyen, D.Wei, D.Foo, M.Gong, S.Do, J.Yip, L.Katupitiyar, C.Liu, M.James, T.Wu, S.Fletcher.*

Front Row: *D.Lin, T.Connolly, O.Kirk, A.Feng, M.Chan, J.Edgton, J.Zhou, A.Cha, S.Viswanadham, M.Birch, E.Mehmedbasic.*

Intermediate Concert Band

This year's Intermediate Concert Band saw many boys participating in the Monday rehearsals and in several concerts throughout the year. There were many new and old faces with the majority of last year's Year 7 group remaining in the band while many Year 9 students progressed up to Senior Concert Band. One of the main highlights of the year was the Annual Music Camp held at Merroo where we performed a Beach Boys Medley with all the ensembles combining for a spectacular finale in the Camp concert. The band also performed in the Baroque Consort evening and *Night at the Movies* Spring Music Festival. The band conducted by Ms Miller has been a wonderful experience this year; we would like to thank her for her dedication in taking the ensemble early every Monday morning.

Julian Edgtton Yr 8

Training Concert Band

The Junior Concert Band commenced in Term Two after having one term to learn our new instruments. There were not a lot of people, but enough to get a small band running. We started off with some simple music, practicing together as a band for the first time. In week five, most of the band members attended the Annual Music Camp at Merroo. For two and a half days, we got together day and night and rehearsed songs like *Go West* and *Funky Town*, which we performed at our debut Camp Concert.

In Term Three, after a term of experience in the Training Band we got the opportunity to perform at another school concert where we played *Guantanamera*. Being involved in the Junior Band has a great and rewarding experience.

Bill Deng and Edwin Li, Year 7.



Junior Concert Band

Back Row: W.Koslowski, E.Li, K.Ho, M.Liang, S.Wang.

Front Row: D.Chan, K.Pan, W.Choi, Ms S.Lim (Conductor), B.Deng, M.Liu, X.Feng.



Senior Stage Band

Back Row: *B.Wilcox, J.Sutton, L.Brown, M.Mehmedbasic, E.Ovadia, M.Rozsa.*

Second Row: *M.Phung, D.Gorey, I.Eveleigh, M.Fong, L.Aylmer, J.Chan, Y.Wong, A.Thomas.*

Front Row: *E.Mehmedbasic, A.Fong, V.Le, J.Pajendram, S.Martin, J.Petrie, D.Kim, K.Sivayogarayan, G.Wong-Romeo.*



Junior Stage Band

Back Row: *T.Iyer, M.Petrenas, D.Edgton, E.Zhang, M.Stojanovik.*

Second Row: *O.Kirk, S.Viswanadham, C.Do, S.Pak, B.Hillier, M.Chan, J.Edgton, M.Birch.*

Front Row: *J.Hu, J.Lam, S.Fletcher, T.Connolly, L.Katupitya, D.Foo, T.Wu.*

Senior Stage Band

The Senior Stage Band of 2008 saw a new direction this year with the number of members increasing under the direction of Mr Dave Panichi. The standard and calibre of the band has improved significantly with Dave's direction of the ensemble – a man who brings much experience and knowledge of the Jazz idiom into the rehearsals.

The Senior Stage Band has performed at a number of concerts this year, including Cabaret Night, Jazz and Tapas in the Courtyard, Combined Selective Schools Concert and various school assemblies where we played well known standards such as *So What*, *Gonna Fly Now* (Theme from *Rocky*) and Theme from *Shaft*.

A huge thank you to Dave Panichi for all his efforts and enthusiasm each week and drawing so much power and precision in our music playing and the Music Department for organising performance opportunities. We're all looking forward to another great year in 2009.

Michael Phung, Year 9.

Junior Stage Band Report

At the beginning of the year, many new Year 7s joined us, bringing the total amount of instruments to six saxophones, two flutes, two trombones, three guitars and a bass, three percussionists, nine trumpets and one Piano. We have performed in many concerts, including Cabaret Night, Music Camp Concert, and many others. Our new Year 7s have provided new talent to the school, and will promise us new musicians in the future. Although we need to learn how to tune ourselves, we still play well during the performances. During Music Camp, Blaine Whittaker and Ben Gurton tutored us to perform at the Camp concert, helping to develop our skills to new levels.

This year has been the first time that flutes have been included in the band and they bring a new dimension to our tone colour and sound. Our conductor Ms Miller has helped us keep in time and developed our musical ear to hear whenever we are sharp or flat. We have each developed our own styles through solos and leading melodies that we were encouraged to put our own flair to.



Marching Band

Back Row: W.Santucci, M.Tong, M.Fong, J.Chan, M.Rozsa, Y.Wong, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy, L.Aylmer, M.Wong, A.Hatle, J.Wong.

Third Row: A.Gong, T.Siu, J.Santoso, S.Renzenbrink, Z.Guo, C.Katsikaros, L.Brown, D.Pierce, T.Wilson, E.Ovadia, B.Wilcox, I.Eveleigh, A.Saunders.

Second Row: B.Lee, Z.Zu, J.Yip, T.Molloy, M.Chan, S.Pak, M.Phung, J.Petrie, K.Sivayogarayan, A.Fong, D.Luo, S.Viswanadham, M.Birch, N.Ooi.

Front Row: A.Lou (--?--), M.Wong, S.Beston, M.Phillis, D.Wang, W.Nguyen, A.Ho (Drum Major), R.Lu (--?--), G.Zhang, S.Kim, O.Wu, W.Dang.

Seated on Ground: M.James, D.Foo, L.Katupitiya, S.Do, G.Wong-Romeo, T.Connolly, S.Fletcher, D.Wei, T.Wu.

Ms Miller allows different members the opportunity to tune the ensemble giving us experience to develop ourselves musically.

Overall this year has been a fantastic year for the Junior Stage Band of SBHS. Anyone who can play an instrument can Jazz out in our band and have fun.

Shaun Fletcher, Ben Hillier and Mathew Chan, Year 8.

Marching Band

The successes of the marching band in two thousand and seven followed on into the School's 125th year. The Marching Band benefited from three major changes in two thousand and eight. It was decided at the conclusion of the city march in two thousand and seven that the school's marching band needed a new banner to improve its image amongst the number of other bands on ANZAC day. Traditionally, the school assembly banner was marched by a Senior Non Commissioned Officer

of the Sydney High School Cadet Unit on the right of the Drum Major. The inclusion of the new banner in the band led to the formation of an accompanying guard of High's finest cadets in ceremonial drill.

This year, the Marching Band consisted of a banner guard in two ranks of fives commanded by Corporal Aditya Hatle and an additional rank of three cadets holding the banner itself. The banner party and the band which marched in fifteen ranks of fives were under the overall command of the Drum Major, Warrant Officer Class 2 Anthony Ho. The cadets wore their plain khaki ceremonial polyester uniforms with Khaki Fur Felt slouch hats while the musicians wore the school's performance uniform consisting of a white shirt, black trousers, school tie, black shoes and a blazer.

The third change the band saw was the reallocation of rehearsal timings. Two thousand and eight's march would not have been so successful without the countless music rehearsals conducted by music teachers Ms Gilmore, Ms



Senior String Ensemble

Back Row: J.Byrnes, T.Peters, N.Kok.

Front Row: T.Wu, W.Liu, A.Brokman, R.Lee, F.Zhang.

Lim, Ms Miller and Old Boy Lachlan Deacon. The band rehearsed “Tenth Regiment” and “Waltzing Matilda” for two hours a week on Friday mornings while drill training was carried out by WO2 Ho and his cadet instructors Cpl Binns, Cpl Hatle and Cpl Santoso on Tuesday afternoons.

On the day, the unique band structure accompanied by the rhythmic eight bar tunes drew much attention from the public, both on the streets of Sydney and on television screens across the nation. Spectators praised the band for the number of talented musicians present in the band while members of other bands on the day could only imagine a highly disciplined formation of this size.

The dedication and commitment from not only the band’s members but also from the music teachers proved vital in ensuring a great turn out on the day. Dr Jaggar’s support for the band has also been fundamental to the band’s success as the banner among many other things has helped established a firm image of Sydney High on the streets of Sydney for many years to come.

Anthony Ho (Drum Major).

Training String Ensemble

Training Strings marked the beginning of a whole new week and it was always wonderful to be a part of it. With the help of Ms Worthington, we were able to play as an ensemble. Those who just started learning the violin had the chance to experience playing in a group and for the more advanced students, the pieces may seem easy initially, but by playing as an ensemble, we improved our basic skills such as the pitch intonation and rhythm. Everyone was able to learn as well as enjoy the music.

Throughout the year we learnt several theme pieces from movies such as *Fantasia*, *Star Wars*, *Aladdin*, *Little Mermaid* and many more. Everyone enjoyed playing the music and worked hard for the performances. On behalf of the ensemble, I would like to thank Ms Worthington for her help and for giving up her time every Monday morning.

Max Wei, Year 9.



Junior String Ensemble

S.Kumareswaran, C.Chiam, A.Brokman, D.Zeng, Y.Han, S.Prusty.



Senior Percussion Ensemble

Back Row: *Mr Y.Glymin, L.Brown, M.Mehmedbasic.*
Front Row: *A.Thomas, G.Niu, J.Petrie, J.Chan, E.Ovadia.*



Junior Percussion Ensemble

Back Row: *C.Pinto, D.Guptyaa, S.Sethi.*
Front Row: *A.Dutta, L.Katupitiya, A.Singh, T.Joshi, W.Yeung.*

Senior Percussion Ensemble

It could be said that the Senior Percussion Ensemble's defining moment was the 2008 Music Camp Concert. Robed in the traditional garments of Ghana and poised over djembes, congas, cowbells and dun-duns, the ensemble epitomised what was to be Sydney High's most seamless groove machine. Strong pulse and vitality emanated from the stage within the first few bars, reaching into the nodding heads and tapping feet of the hooked audience.

Attendance on Friday morning rehearsals increased as new recruits joined the percussion group. All members walked away with rejuvenation in rhythmic philosophy that was influenced in no small part by mentor Yaw Glymin. Every week we were taught traditional African drum patterns, solidifying the feel each subsequent rehearsal until the ensemble worked as a single rhythmic unit.

Not only could we take away knowledge of

traditional African music, but also the skill of collaborating and finding one's place in a tight ensemble situation, which is an ability that can be translated into any type of music.

Junior Percussion Ensemble

This year in Junior Percussion Ensemble we have been given the opportunity of using many different percussion instruments and had a great time. We performed in three major concerts this year: Baroque Consort Evening, Annual Music Camp Concert and *Night at the Movies* Spring Music Festival.

At the Music Camp, we had the unique experience of learning and playing African music with our tutors Yaw Glymin and Scott Davey. We have had a fantastic year and look forward to Junior Percussion Ensemble next year.

Thank you to our director Scott Davey for all his time and dedication over this year.

Siddarth Sethi, Year 8.



Symphony Orchestra

Back Row: N.Lieu, R.Zhai, J.Santoso, A.Ho, T.Peters, T.Wilson, A.Blomberg, D.Nguyen, K.Mickovski.

Second Row: Ms S.Lim (Conductor), B.Cheung, M.Roser, M.Wong, T.Siu, L.Aylmer, D.Wong, A.Guo, J.Han, M.Mehmedbasic.

Front Row: G.Trung, T.Wu, K.Li, T.Funston, W.Liu, R.Lee, E.Mehmedbasic, F.Zhang, A.Brokman.

Guitar Ensemble

The Guitar Ensemble of 2008 has had a spectacular year, enjoying our highly practiced pieces as well as giving the audience their fix for popular modern music. Led by the much experienced and professional Sean Windsor, our early Friday mornings have always been something to look forward to during the week as we rehearse songs chosen by ourselves. Giving up so much of his time and showing such great commitment, the Guitar Ensemble couldn't have pulled through so much work without Sean.

Despite having a rather hasty and surprising start to the year preparing *Minuet* for the Baroque Concert, Sean's remixing skills allowed us to perform a well constructed and original piece that blended the guitar with a 1700s creation. At Music Camp we rehearsed very hard for three days and it showed in our performance at the camp concert as we played the highly favoured *Stairway to Heaven*

with unquestionable success. Even though we didn't play the other two songs we learnt at camp, it was a fantastic opportunity and experience.

Recently, our performance of *Crush, Crush, Crush* set the standards high in the Winter Concert for all the other musicians and we are now preparing thoroughly for our next concert, for which we are all pumped.

Looking back at the year, the ensemble as a group has grown significantly now playing more in sync and we look forward to another fantastic year in 2009.

The ensemble would like to thank Sean Windsor, who has shown dedication to us every single week, and all the staff members, who have made all the concerts possible, as without them the Guitar Ensemble wouldn't have had such a wonderful year.

William Ho, Year 8.



Guitar Ensemble

Back Row: T.Iyer, W.Ho, L.Li, E.Ovadia, M.Jones, A.Zhao, S.Salagame.

Second Row: J.Braverman, M.Reid, H.Heo, D.Wei, L.Fang, A.Ceh, G.Garayalde, R.Kamal.

Front Row: K.Visvaa, J.Lam, E.Luu, L.Zhou, C.Xu, D.Wang, J.Hu.



Philharmonic Orchestra

Back Row: *J.Byrnes, C.Katkaros, T.Wilson, T.Davenport, K.Cheng.*

Front Row: *T.Wu, S.Prusty, A.Brokman, Y.Chan, Z.Zu, A.Wei, C.Chiam.*



Winners (High) and runners-up (Newington) after the 2008 GPS Chess Challenge.

Chess

This year High won three divisions in the Interschool Competition, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Our Junior A team made it to the finals of the Metropolitan East division. Our Intermediate A team made it to the semi-finals of the Metropolitan East division. Our seniors defeated Grammar in the final of the Metropolitan East Division. They will play in the state final in November.

We won the GPS Invitational Chess tournament for the third consecutive year. In the Open division of the Secondary Schools One-Day Tournament, 2008, High came second to Knox by two points. Fifty-five teams took part from twenty four schools.

High came third in the NSW play-off to the Australian School Teams Championship. It was a hard fought battle and we were still in contention until the final minutes of the last round.

Chess coach Mr Alex Feldman continues to provide weekly tutorials and valuable organisational assistance. Our great results are due to his leadership as well as the sustained efforts of our players.

C.Harvey MIC.



Chess

Back Row: E.Wong, D.Nguyen, B.Encel, A.Ghose, J.Whiting, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy.

Second Row: J.Lam, E.Mehmedbasic, G.Lam, G.Denny-Smith, D.Shi, G.Shargorodsky, A.Punekar, D.Mah.

Front Row: D.Chan, A.Nayak, J.Hu, K.Pan, D.Wei, S.Kumareswaran, D.Tam.

Debating

Second Grade Debating

This was a season in which no member of the team knew what to expect, either from our personal abilities or from the bar that last year's second grade team had set. But when Thomas Kaldor told us in the holidays that he wanted us to look and sound like a premiership-winning side, we realized that the possibility was there, all that was left was for us to entrust our strengths to the framework of a team. Thus we set to work, and whatever was not achieved in communal discussion in room 403 was certainly achieved in heated discussions between the three of us and in our research routines.

The win against Iggies was an unexpected one to say the least, especially the fact that it was a unanimous one, and, to our knowledge, remained the only unanimous win between any two of the big three (High, Iggies, Grammar) throughout the whole season. Alongside the King's debate, it proved my own thematic forte, and indeed all of us would find topics suited to the specialty of each right up until the debate against Joeys when Stephen delivered some of his own flair. It was with such a confident mood that we continued the season until the Shore debate, which delivered an unexpected loss. The Grammar debate, the most anticipated of the season, came with the knowledge that a win would deliver the premiership.

The adjudicator's summation of both teams was that the panel had never seen such great speakers deliver such poorly constructed cases, and we believed this to be a fair opinion. We had lost, only by a point. This we accepted, and on the last week accepted the somewhat subdued title of joint runners-up with a vision to improve in whatever came next, be it first grade or university debating.

We would like to thank our coach, Tom Kaldor, who through his dedication and patience left us all with greater knowledge of how to form a formidable senior side. We would also like to thank Sriram and Liz, who coached us intermittently throughout the season, and the first grade team, who set strong benchmarks for us to aspire to, and who gave us their support whenever we required it.

Edwin Montoya

Year 10 Debating

The debating season kicked off early in term one with lots of social debates and two exciting competitions. Both the Eastside and FED competitions were full of great experiences, of enjoyment and development. The year 10 debaters were split into two groups this year: one group for FED, and the other for Eastside.

The Eastside debaters have had a stirring year. We were very lucky to have old boy William Clegg acting as Eastside coach for the best part of the year. The Eastside teams have learnt much from William, with many comprehensive discussions of current issues. We all know we're meant to read the newspaper and such, but William really made things understandable for us all. Our vocabulary certainly improved. So we thank William for all he's done, and for sticking so long with us.

Year 10 debating also entered two teams in the UNSW Debating Competition among others. The two finalists were our two year 10 teams. If that doesn't shine a positive light upon our skills, then I don't know what will.

As for the Eastside competition itself, year 10 has performed exceptionally well. The team to compete in each round has been on a rotation system. As for our results...we made the semi-finals! In our last debate Daniel Paperny, Puneet Baweja, Kieran Taylor and John Aclis opposed Sydney Grammar on their home turf. We fought valiantly, trying to convince the audience that it would best to sell the nation's energy, transport and water utilities to private multi-conglomerates. Unfortunately we failed to do so, but Debating has its ups and down as we all know.

The guys who got us all through the season included much more than four people though. Oliver Fio, Christopher Wong, Tadeusz Davenport, Paul Simos, Julian Ubaldi, Daniel Luo and probably a few more, all contributed and participated in the magnificent sport we know as Debating. After all, debating is a team sport.

John Aclis



First Grade Debating

Ms B.Berger (Coach), L.Tan, Z.Mancenido, D.Bowes.



Year 11 Debating

Back Row: *Ms B.Berger (Coach), H.Mack, C.Katsikaros, E.Montoya Zorrilla, C.Evans.*

Front Row: *T.Choudhury, A.Jurisevic, J.Byrnes, S.Garofano, S.Hoang.*



Year 10 Debating

Back Row: *C.Wong, J.Chan, K.Taylor, L.Aylmer, J.Aclis.*

Front Row: *P.Baweja, P.Simos, A.Chawla, A.Paul, M.Phillis, H.Schilling, D.McCrae-Steele.*



Year 9 Debating

Back Row: *S.Salagame, T.Gollan, N.Autar, W.Stefanidis, E.Ovadia, M.Tickner.*

Front Row: *A.Rudder, M.Rozsa, S.Kinger, N.Bhagwat, M.Phung, K.Sivayogarayan, R.Siddiquee.*

Year 9 Debating

Year 9 debating at High has enjoyed a very successful year in 2008, demonstrating depth and quality unseen in previous years. The year started out with High fielding teams in both the Eastside and FED debating competitions as a precursor to the GPS season. The Eastside team lost one debate during the early rounds but still managed to progress to the final where we beat Sydney Girls to win the title. The FED team had it even easier and managed to win the competition undefeated.

These competitions not only provided us with a shot in the arm but also acted as an important trial period for all the debaters before selections were made. The coaches went through trials and selected twelve debaters to go on and compete throughout the GPS season. From these top twelve debaters three teams were to be made, the As, B1 and B2. The As consisted of Nakul Bhagwat, Ashwin Rudder, Michael Tickner and Raghib Siddiquee. The B1 team comprised Sujay Salagame, Krishan Sivayogaran, Tim Gollan

and Samir Kinger and the B2 team was made up of William Stefanidis, Eric Ovadia, Marcell Rosza and Nikhil Autar.

The As season was one of mixed fortunes. We started the season confidently, after our pre-season wins, and this showed in our victory against a strong Riverview side. Our momentum remained strong through the next week and we were quite comfortable in disposing a surprisingly strong Kings' side. If we were confident at the start of the season we were already planning victory celebrations for the Shore debate and we were surprised by the quality of the Shore team and suffered our first loss of the season.

This started a slump for the As as we could not regain our previous form and got dominated by a classy Newington side and beaten by Scots in what was a very close debate. The team was shaken by three defeats in a row and some new blood was injected for our much-hyped debate against the undefeated Grammar. After a close debate on issue of school truancy we emerged victors. We won our last debate, against Joeys, through forfeit,



Year 8 Debating

Back Row: *M.Chin, B.Wilcox, C.Stack, A.Purcal.*

Second Row: *A.Weinstock, J.Edgton, S.Sethi, M.Birch, Z.Mohamed, A.Khan.*

Front Row: *R.Sternhell, A.Ceh, T.Connolly, J.Vuong, A.Hughes, C.Chian, S.Prusty*

thus ending the season with a 4-3 win loss ratio and knowing that we put our best effort in every week.

The Bs, who rotated between B1 and B2 every week, also had a successful season. They truly showed the depth of High debating and outclassed many of the teams they came up against. They managed to score a hat trick of victories against Riverview, Kings and Shore to start the season. They then faced the highly fancied Newington team and managed to push them all the way before losing out in a tight adjudication. They rebounded quickly however and managed to comprehensively defeat Scots and record an upset win over Grammar. They also managed victory against Joeys through a forfeit leaving with them with a 6-1 win loss ratio and second place in their competition.

Throughout the year the team of Nakul Bhagwat, Ashwin Rudder, Samir Kinger and Tim Gollan also competed in the Premiers Debating Competition, unfortunately getting knocked out in the group stages by the eventual regional champions.

Overall 2008 proved to be a very good year for Year 9 debating and for this we must thank our coaches, Kelvin Yu and Michael Coutts, who worked tirelessly all year to ensure we were well prepared week in week out. Congratulations to Nakul Bhagwat who was this year's debater of the year. Lastly, much thanks goes to Ms Jocelyn Brewer who, as MIC of debating, makes sure we have the best debating program in the state and gives us this great opportunity.

Nakul Bhagwat, Captain.



Year 7 Debating

Back Row: *M.Chin, B.Wilcox, C.Stack., A.Purcal.*

Second Row: *W.Koslowski, A.Zhao, A.Feng, N.Vlatko, K.Dhamoon.*

Front Row: *A.Chau, D.Keogh, J.Pallandi, C.York, C.Robinson.*



GPS and CHS Representatives

Back Row: *J.Gaunt (GPS & CHS 1st Tennis), L.Street (GPS 1st Football, CIS), S.Llewellyn (GPS 1st Basketball, CIS), A.Komarov (GPS Swimming), D.O'Keefe (Unofficial GPS 1st VIII Rowing), D.Campion (GPS 1st Football).*

Front Row: *L.Tan (GPS 2nd Debating), J.Ireland (GPS 3rd Football), S.Higgins (GPS 2nd Basketball), Z.Mancenido (CHS 1st Debating), D.Ho (GPS & CHS Swimming). Absent: I.Cerestina (GPS Tennis), K.Sriranjan (GPS 1st Cricket).*

Summer Sport

Summer Sports Assembly A

October 2007

Good Morning to our special guest today, Mr Russell Grimson, staff, coaches, parent committee members, players and students. Welcome to our 4th annual term four summer sports assembly to introduce basketball and cricket teams that will represent High in GPS competition commencing this Saturday. Our basketball program has matured during the 2007-08 season. The Basketball Committee has become the benchmark for large scale cooperative sports management at High. Yesterday, I discussed with George Chow, the Committee Treasurer, the 3-Year Plan for the sport. The plan is carefully thought out and comprehensively budgeted. I approved its strategic directions. The Committee has eleven discrete positions of responsibility and runs quite a complex operation. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made it possible for us to field thirty teams in competition. I want to acknowledge the continuing good work of Ben Hayman as MIC and Coaching Coordinator. Thank you also to Alex Hayman, Vince Salomon and all the coaches and staff who are putting in a great deal of time and effort to make High basketball prosper. Thank you to Hank Foster for his junior skills development sessions. I look forward to another strong season in an increasingly competitive GPS context. High is aiming for greater than 50% wins this season to establish our depth as a basketball school. We are planning to give the CHS knockout competition a 'red hot go' as our latest Premier might say.

During the September vacation I was heartened to witness the growing professionalism of our cricket teams in their preseason preparation. Under the guidance of new coach, Barry Davison, the first XI is showing early signs of the commitment, cohesion and discipline necessary for a team to stick to the coach's game plan. Laurie Heil has again done a great job as MIC and Coaching Coordinator. I want to acknowledge his five years of effort to strengthen High cricket. His dedication, patience and persistence are starting to pay off. On behalf of the boys I want to thank the parent Cricket Committee volunteers who work as team managers, caterers and fund raisers. The time

demands associated with cricket are heavy and we could not support sixteen teams without you. Mr Heil has set a goal of a top three finish in GPS competition. I hope that the 2008-09 season will see High cricket achieve closer to its potential across all grades.

In 2008, a 'sports levy' was introduced. Parents have responded well to this initiative. I am pleased to be able to announce that for the 2008-09 season the summer sports of basketball, cricket and rowing will have a cash injection of \$10,000 each from the proceeds of that levy, for the purpose of improving coaching. Our intention is not to use the levy to just maintain sports but rather to add value to the respective programs through more widespread and more professional coaching programs.

In this first week of the term I was inspired by the enthusiasm that I witnessed among the encouragingly large number of cricketers and rowers who worked so well at our first Monday afternoon speed and endurance session. As observers Mr Ayre and I could see the great benefits of mass participation in structured, supervised, intensive exercise. Boys in groups were pushing each other to do the work and supporting each other's efforts. I really hope that this level of participation is maintained and enhanced during the whole summer season. High teams and crews will become more competitive and individuals in those teams will enjoy their competitive sport more when this culture of extensive preparation becomes the norm. Commitment to a goal is about finishing it, not starting it. Let us keep this training momentum going.

It is my firm intent to regulate training at the first grade / second grade A/B level throughout the sporting program. Logbooks and other appropriate monitoring devices will be used to ensure that boys being considered for selection to represent our school are adequately prepared in terms of physical fitness and skills development. High Junior School sportsmen need to embrace this culture of personal preparation for competitive satisfaction.

Doing things together makes us stronger. This morning I want to share with you some insights offered by Old Boy Paul Smith in his book 'How

to Have an Outstanding Life'. Phil Jackson, head coach of the Chicago Bulls, taught his team to win by instilling in them the principles of awareness, compassion and selfless team play. In his book, *Sacred Hoops*, he revealed that before NBA finals games he would read to his players from Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*... 'the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack'. An awareness of this interconnectedness between individual and group motivation in the pursuit of collective goals is fundamental to improved team performances. Once such an awareness is developed it needs to be supported by trust. Team members need to trust themselves, each other and the coaching staff. Stick to the game plan. Focus on the job you have to do. Be positive in your support of your team mates to maintain their self confidence.

The Hockeyroos were dual Olympic gold winners in Atlanta and Sydney and one of the most successful Australian teams ever. Their Mission Statement is informative. "We will win in Atlanta by being the best we can be because Olympic gold is the ultimate challenge in our sport. We will achieve this by playing beyond our previous performances and by never, never giving up. I will be the best I can be by: continually challenging myself to go beyond my comfort zone; making the necessary sacrifices; believing in my ability and the strength of my purpose; valuing excellence, determination and dedication in both training and match play; having faith and confidence in, and being supportive of, my team mates; not making excuses but taking responsibility for my development, performance and my lifestyle; seeking feedback and making contributions to the program; being tolerant of differences in others and respecting them for who they are and what they have to offer; accepting disappointments and frustrations and overcoming them by working together; and by having faith in the course of action chosen for the team and being committed to it knowing that it may not always be my preference"

I am not advocating such intense commitment from all of our teams playing sports but I do expect that teams and individuals try to see themselves in this way. Boys in the top teams should embrace the culture of interconnectedness between individual and team which underpins winning performance.

I congratulate all those boys being honoured this morning and wish them good fortune in the contests ahead.

Dr KA Jaggar.

Summer Sports Assembly B

Good morning and welcome to our second edition of the summer sports assembly. To our special guest, coaches, parents and staff – thank you for your attendance. For several years now we have combined at this assembly our traditional welcome to Year 7 with our acknowledgement of summer GPS sports teams. We honoured our basketballers and cricketers last year as their competitions commenced in Term 4. Today we recognise our tennis players, sailors, swimmers and for the first time in a while – a water polo team.

I want to thank all the coaches and players who have given up their time in the summer holidays to prepare themselves for term 1 competition. Our strength and fitness coach, Jason Tassell, has had a good response from dedicated trainers in the weights room during the vacation period. I urge boys again to avail themselves of this great service during the year for minimum cost.

Our tennis program has been managed by Mr Ayre on top of his other duties and I thank him and his staff on your behalf for his efforts. Thank you also to Old boy Peter Pereira for his work with first grade tennis. I express my appreciation to Carl Nielsen and his coaches at Tennis-Wise for their coaching program. GPS tennis players are reminded that they can use our tennis courts during the reserved hours by signing for a key with my Assistant, Ms Williams.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Adam South, our Old Boy sailing coach who has quickly built up a successful and sought after program for sailing. His expertise and contacts have added great value. Our fleet of boats is growing and our equipment is being regularly upgraded. As usual, I want to extend a special thank you to Mr Laurie Heil, who with Ben Ingle and a couple of dedicated volunteers, managed the construction of the new shed for the cricket gear and bowling machines. We have everything in place to move the cricket coaching program ahead

strongly.

Thank you again to Mr Ockert for organising swimming again this year. Our carnival is next week but that is just the beginning. Swimmers in training will be encouraged to swim for High in Friday night competition.

Thank you to Taryn Evans, our new MIC for Water Polo for her help in reviving this sport at High. We have had great support from our colleagues at Sydney University Sport to access expert training. I am sure our boys will be much more competitive next season.

Over the years I have made many observations about the nature of sport. After recent sporting circumstances in my own life, I was compelled to think about mental application and team goals above personal feelings. It is an exercise all members of teams must do. I am even more strongly persuaded that personal challenge setting and mental toughness to keep to training routines are vital qualities for successful sportsmen. Stick it out until the final whistle. Don't let your team down or yourself down.

Nicole Haislett, Olympic gold medallist in swimming put it this way. "Identify your personal limits and then push past them. Then set new barriers, and repeat the process, again and again and again." You are used to facing big challenges in all areas of school life. I know that the going gets tough. We all understand the difficulties High boys have trying to balance academics and sport. However, the gains outweigh the negatives considerably. In the words of Greg Waitz, nine times winner of the New York marathon: "You've got to look for tough competition. You've got to want to beat the best." How much more satisfying is it to do well against the hardest school organised competition there is, than to build up false assessments of quality in a lower standard sports environment?

Good luck to all teams competing this weekend in the opening of the 2008 season and to those already half way through. Rejoice in tough competition. Focus on your goals and see what you can do together to achieve them.

Dr KA Jaggar



Cricket

First Eleven

The GPS season kicked off with an outstanding victory over St Joseph's at Joey's. Captain Kogulan Sriranjana opened the season with a five wicket haul and Joey's were all out for 134 halfway through day one. Andy Liu and Avindu Vithanage (both Year 9) set the platform by batting patiently to frustrate the vaunted Joey's attack. We passed their score six down and looked forward to a stellar season.

We were brought back to earth with both Kogulan and then our most accurate bowler Kerian Taylor sustaining season ending injuries. Capitulations to Shore and Scots followed. December saw us as hosts for the Annual Five Highs Carnival.

Brian Kelly (Year 9) held us together in game one against Melbourne High. This game proved very exciting when interrupted by rain. Kelly hit the winning runs with two balls to spare as we chased down a target score at better than a run a ball to regain the Cec Rubie Trophy. Unfortunately our run ended here and although we went close against Kent St (Perth) we didn't win any more games. Karan Rao (Leggie) was the highest wicket taker in the carnival and rightfully selected in the Australian Five Highs Rep Team.

We started 2008 with a one day game against Grammar. They were unconvincing in defeating us. We batted poorly and then fielded even worse. We then hosted King's and capitulated badly.

The next fixture was against Saint Ignatius College at Riverview. They batted first and scored 264. In a team effort that demonstrated what we were capable of, we chased down that score to send us into the final round with a chance of second place in the competition.

Newington at McKay continued to demonstrate our inconsistency and general lack of concentration. Poor shot selection saw us twenty runs short on the first innings. Again the bowlers did the job in Newington's second innings and we only required a total just over a hundred to snatch an outright. Crucial run outs and more inept batting saw us fall just short.

Mr Hugh Howey, our Coach, provided us with all the support, knowledge and enthusiasm that we

could expect. We wish him well in his new endeavour and thank him for two seasons of effort.

First Grade Statistics for 07-08:

Batting aggregate and average Karan Rao. 206 runs @ 22.90

Bowling GPS Kogulan Sriranjana 11 wickets @ 18.18 and Neeraj Bangalore 11 wickets @ 11.22. Karan Rao took 13 wickets in the Five High's Carnival.

On a positive note many of this young team will be around for the next two seasons and experience gained this season should be invaluable.

R.Ayre, HT Sport.

Second Eleven

Season 2007-08 was a season unlike any other. Whilst there were many disappointments, it was what the boys learned throughout the summer that will continue to remain enduring, resonant and lasting in the hearts and minds of all those who were involved. The Sydney High Second XI was united as a team and the spirit that was created was unlike anything I have ever experienced in my six years with the High Cricket fraternity. I do thank the boys for digging deep and really personifying the true meaning of what it is to be a High boy.

Despite this, I sometimes wonder why we achieved such limited success even with the solid foundations that were created by our much loved and respected coach, Ani Rao. Through close analysis of our season, I realised that our summer was marred with close finishes which left us frustrated and disenchanted. That was when I realised that what we lacked was the ability to finish. We had the ability to dig our metaphorical daggers into the opposition but we failed to tenaciously persist with our commanding position which eventually allowed our competitors to work their way back. Furthermore, whenever caught in vulnerable positions, we lacked the grit to dig ourselves out. Our deficiencies were due to a myriad of factors yet to me, it always seemed as if we unconsciously allowed our history to dictate to us. History, as the great Socrates said, makes fools out of us all. Yet, like all things in life, once you are stuck in a rut it requires great determination,



First Eleven

Back Row: D.Vithanage, A.Brown, A.Liu, K.Taylor, K.McPherson, D.Simpson, B.Kelly, N.Pednekar, R.Ahmed.

Front Row: A.Vithanage, M.Coutts (Captain), Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), K.Sriranjan (Vice Captain), Mr H.Howie (Coach), K.Rao, N.Bangalore.

spirit, willpower and resolve to get yourself out and that was what was displayed with our last game against our rivals Newington. However, first I will provide a brief summary of the season.

Our first GPS match was against the strong St Joseph's outfit. After our losing the toss, the opposition elected to bat first and were the first to experience the new deck that had been laid on McKay. A moderately large total of 262 was amassed as we bowled them out ceasing their onslaught. Sharma and Bangalore bowled well with figures of 3-37(16) and 3-79(16), respectively. After a few early wickets in our batting innings, Sydney High was in a moderately vulnerable position. However, the week after, the skies had opened up and ruled out the possibility of a result. Some say, we got lucky with a draw, but to our critics I say, we will never know.

Our second GPS game against Shore was a one day fixture due to the first week being rained out. We came incredibly close almost snatching a victory but it was poor decision making and a lack of common sense that ultimately led to our downfall. Losing the toss, the Shore boys arrogantly put us into bat and at one stage we were

4-94 the top scorer being Pednekar with 29. However, six wickets fell in the short space of five runs which I can certainly say, I've never experienced in my life. Our batsmen lost their heads when word was heard that a declaration was on the cards. In the next innings, we had Shore on the ropes in the first over when we bagged a wicket and we made them fight for their runs. Nonetheless, Shore were able to reach our total with only five minutes remaining in the day. Bangalore claimed the figures of 4/30 (6).

Scots was once again another close encounter on a rain-affected pitch. We batted first amassing 114 runs with the top scorers being Iyer with 32 and Richards with 34. The Scots boys were unable to pass our total with ease but eventually succeeded. The game was marred with dreary skies, a wet ball and a soggy pitch. These conditions were obviously foreign to both teams but at the end of the day it was the side that could adapt that came up trumps. Nonetheless, we persevered and persisted and showed great dedication to the cause.

After a much needed break we had yet another close encounter. The game yet again was



Second Eleven

Back Row: S.Sheth, J.Hajj, D.Rooke, H.Richards, M.Gao, L.Brown, Mr H.Howie (Coach).
Front Row: D.Chau, V.Sharma, S.Iyer, V.Perananthan (Captain), A.Sharma, N.Pednekar, H.Lane.

a low scoring affair where we scored 95 runs on Weigall. For the first time we placed ourselves in an extremely vulnerable and dire situation. This game I believe exhibited the true spirit of High; as we dug deep and we remained united as a solid outfit. Yet once again we came short by five minutes when Grammar surpassed our total. It really was a game for the ages and even nine months on, it still continues to remain fresh in my mind. A special mention must go to Bangalore with figures of 4/15 (9)

After three close defeats, cracks began to emerge within the team. Team morale, an aspect that defined the first half of the season, was adversely affected. The boys were frustrated and irritated that their efforts were not paying off with anything. At the time, it seemed as if we were physically and emotionally drained. Changes were occurring with the team and this was followed with two outright losses. It was a period that I do not wish to talk about, however for those young Sydney High cricketers reading this summary, they must learn from our mistakes. The worst thing I believe was that after coming out of an outright loss against Kings, we did not attempt to improve ourselves for the game after against Saint Ignatius where we experienced another depressing loss. The most important lesson we learnt was to not make the same mistake twice.

Yet, after experiencing two demoralising defeats we attempted to fix ourselves up, taking a positive approach to the game. To this day, the Newington game made me realise the importance of optimism even when you are at the bottom of the barrel. Newington won the toss and elected to bat. We had them reeling when we got them all out for 50 runs. The most important thing in this innings was that we ensured we continued our good start and persevered. Special mentions must go to Lane 2-4 (3), Brown 2-10 (3), Perananthan 2-10 (8) and Sheth 2-10 (5). With the win we gained an extra lead of 64 runs when we scored 114 with top run scorer being Brown with 29. With a renewed spirit, the Newington boys came out and smashed us around the park getting a quick fire 156 runs from 30 overs and declaring with Gao getting 2-20 (8). With only a few hours left, the team required a total of 92 to gain outright victory, something that some boys had never experienced before. The game came down to the wire where we needed eight runs in the last over. Alas, we came short by two runs with Perananthan

top scoring with 28. Yet, what cannot be forgotten was the spirit of the game. The never say die attitude of both teams.

The Second XI learnt how to tough it out. We learnt mental strength. We learnt to be inspirational leaders. We learnt to have fun. But most importantly, we learnt how to be a cohesive and unified team. Nine months on, I cannot seem to remember what happened on the field but I can remember what happened off the field, in the change rooms, in the dining halls, on the training fields and in the McKay Pavilion. This I believe is what defines High Cricket; mateship, larrikinism, hard work, satisfaction and ultimately contentment.

Finally, for those young, avid and keen Sydney High cricketers reading this testimonial, I urge you to learn from our success and disappointments. I hope that you grow to uphold the name of Sydney High with pride and diligence.

Varan Perananthan, Captain.

Third Eleven

The Third XI's season was full of ups and downs. We kicked off our campaign against Joeys where we were comprehensively beaten in an outright loss. High were bundled out for scores of 69 and 96 in response to the opposition's 6 dec for 269. Ritam Mitra showed positive signs with the batting, smashing a blazing 51 to all parts of the ground.

Our next match was on a wet and green wicket at Moore Park. We chose to bat first against the Scots team and after some terrific batting, ended the day at 5 for 243. Top scorers were Ryan Sutton with 40 and William Lin with 34. Our confidence levels were sky-high – unfortunately, the same could not be said for our bowling, as Scots chased down our mammoth total with ease.

The first half of the season ended on an even worse note, as Shore demolished our batting line-up for 42, before chasing down our total in just six overs.

With some new injections of life into the team, the second half of our season looked to be far more promising than the first. After a wash-out against Grammar the previous week, we were confronted with an ominous Kings side. Both Kings openers put on 50's as they rocketed to a score of 1 for 169 after thirty overs. We were then sent in to bat when



Third Eleven

Back Row: *J.Hajj, P.Manamperi, W.Lin, R.Mitra.*

Second Row: *F.Uddin, D.Tse, M.Wong, C.Cheung, D.Chau, N.Vyas.*

Front Row: *T.Lim, N.Limdeback, K.Lam (Coach), R.Sutton, T.Rosengarten, S.Chin, T.Choudhury.*



Fourth Eleven

Back Row: *T.Li, T.Lindeback, L.Street, P.Locke, A.Taylor, D.Campion, A.Amin.*

Front Row: *J.Hui, J.Ip, D.Bowes (Captain), G.Trung, C.Martin.*



Fifth Eleven

Back Row: *P.Manamperi, S.Valliappan, A.Krishnan, A.Kwok, M.Wong.*

Front Row: *J.Ip, B.Apolonio, F.Uddin, T.Choudhury, N.Lindeback, S.Chin, J.Hajj.*



16A Eleven

Back Row: *Mr C.Kourtesis (Coach), S.Kumar, B.Encl, D.Ma, N.Chowdury, R.Khan.*

Front Row: *J.He, A.Gou, K.Perara (Captain), D.Morgan, A.Chawla*



16B Eleven

Back Row: *L.Aylmer, T.Wang, R.Shenoy, F.Li, S.Kinger.*

Front Row: *J.Ubaldi, O.Fio, R.Kamal (Captain), T.Silveira, S.Bhuiyan.*



15A Eleven

Back Row: *Mr A.Fuller (Coach), N.Kok, S.Danziger, O.Pierce, S.Haque, R.McDonald, A.Huynh.*

Front Row: *M.Phung, P.Pannila, N.Bhagwat (Captain), K.Gunaratne, H.Subasinghe.*

only a terrific knock of 27 from sundries helped us crawl our way to a total of 70 and suffer another comprehensive defeat.

Our next match was against St Ignatius where we once again crumbled batting first, being bundled out for just 42. Iggies were relentless in their reply, piling on 250 runs before putting us back into bat. We fared much better in the second innings with Nick Lochner and Neeraj Vyas helping us reach 100 before being dismissed.

We looked to finish our season strongly when we once again took on Shore. The opposition batted first, compiling a total of 195 all out. High then had a disastrous start, ending the day at 5 for 17. Day two looked much brighter, with Ritam Mitra 43 and Stanley Chin 38 helping High reach 100 all out. Shore then made a sporting declaration at 0 for 0, meaning High needed 96 runs from thirteen overs to claim victory. Nick Lochner and Ryan Sutton opened the innings and put on 57 in seven overs before Nick was dismissed for a dazzling 42 from just 20 balls. Ryan was dismissed soon after for sixteen as High quickly found themselves at 3 for 66 – needing thirty from just four overs. Some terrific running between the wickets from Toby Rosengarten and Cary Cheung helped us reach the total with 1 ball to spare, to claim an outright victory.

The batting award went to Ritam Mitra. The bowling award was awarded to Timmy Lim. The team player award went to Kevin Lam. Special thanks to Kevin for coaching us and to Laurie Heil.

Ryan Sutton, Captain.

16A Cricket

The 16A's came into season 2007/2008 with a side that was very unsure of itself. Having lost four of its top players to High Grade teams A.Liu, B.Kelly, A.Vithanage, K.Taylor, and the loss of another great batsman S.Ali, the squad had a very makeshift look to it at the start of the season. However, backed by a great coach in the likes of Mr Kourtesis, and solid backing from the High program, the team came into the season hoping for great things.

Indicative of the depth of High cricket, and the 16's squad, the team recorded solid wins against Scots, Ignatius, and a close game against Newington.

The Scots game was a grueling one, with the

game going down to the wire in the dying overs. High looked in good shape, but a wagging tail allowed Scots to put some doubt in the minds of the High players. However, with a solid performance, the guys toughed it out and claimed a 36 run win.

Ignatius, reduced to a one day game because of rain, was played in a twenty-twenty format. High recorded another great win with a squad short of players.

The season was dotted with individual brilliance: Ben Encel's stellar consistency, with an average of over 50, and Justin and Ashwin's promotion to the second's squad. Batting honours went to Ben, and bowling, Ashwin, at the end of season dinner.

It was a great season, with a team both committed and skilled. After time in hospital, Danial Morgan returned to play the next day and contributed with a solid performance to our next game- a feat reflective of the spirit the team.

The players can expect great things next season for whatever team they may play for next season. Many thanks to Mr Kourtesis our umpire/scorer/coach, all the parents and the team- thanks for a great season.

A. Chawla

15A Cricket

This cricket season has been another one of highs and lows for High cricket. We've experienced the highs and the lows in what, overall, has been a frustrating season for a team that offered so much in potential. Although we pushed some of our opponents to the very end, we lacked that final cutting edge and it was thus reflected on the scoreboard.

Our only trial game was against Grammar and while there were some encouraging signs, this match also showed us how much harder we had to work to match out GPS opponents. Grammar batted extremely well and this extracted the very best out of fielders and bowlers. Our batsman, however, were not as resilient and were dismissed cheaply with the exception of the tail which went down fighting.

We started the GPS season confidently after finishing the previous season strongly and training well in pre-season. This confidence was rewarded in our first game against Joeys. After being sent in

to bat first High struggled to 109 in very tough batting conditions. We decided to go down fighting and attack Joeys in an unlikely bid for victory. We took four early wickets and, although we allowed Joeys middle order to get away from us, managed to wrap up the game by three wickets. Nakul Bhagwat and Michael Phung, who took 4/13 and 2/8 respectively, bowled the side to victory with Nakul taking two wickets in the final over to finish Joeys off.

Our second game against Shore was shortened to a one-day game and after some untidy work in the field we battled valiantly to overhaul the target Shore had set us, but we fell 26 runs short. The highlight of our batting performance was the 78 not out scored by Michael Phung.

The bowling deficiencies exhibited in our previous game plagued us again as we allowed Scots to smash their way to 7/243. In response High folded up and was cheaply dismissed on what was a wet second day. The highlight of our batting performance was a robust innings of 44 scored by Hashan Subasinghe.

Our next game was scheduled to be a one-day fixture against Sydney Grammar but unfortunately it was rained out, denying us the opportunity to lock horns with the old enemy. The rain continued and washed out the first day of our match against Kings and turning it into a one-day match as well. Our batting was treating the game like a two day fixture and after receiving a spray at drinks lost wickets in the quest for quick runs. We finished on what seemed like a respectable total of 5/107 however this was not enough as Kings swept us aside for the loss of only one wicket. The highlights of our performance were the 38 scored by Nakul Bhagwat and the 23 scored by Kumudika Gunaratne.

In our next match against Riverview a well-disciplined Iggies side dominated us. We were rolled over for 117 and then punished on the field as they piled on the runs. They looked to go for the outright victory but some quality batting that was lacking in the first innings denied them. Pasan Pannila scored a stylish 44 in the first innings while Michael Phung managed 45 in the second.

Our last game was against Newington and we were determined to finish the season with a bang. After losing the toss and fielding we contained Newington well and restricted their top order. However we slipped in the middle and they got to

a sizeable, albeit gettable, score of 8/239. We batted well and with Michael scoring a brave 82 we fell an agonising 23 runs short of the target.

This season has been a fun experience for all and, although results didn't always go our way, we can safely say that we always put in our best efforts and in this we have no regrets. However none of this would have been possible without the help of Mr Andrew Fuller, who has been a great mentor and coach throughout the season and gave up his time and effort to train us. Congratulations to Michael Phung, Nakul Bhagwat and Kumudika Gunaratne who won the batting, bowling and all rounder awards respectively. Lastly we would all like to thank Laurie Heil, whose efforts as MIC never go unnoticed and makes sure our cricket program is the best it could possibly be.

Nakul Bhagwat, Captain.

Barberis Cup

High 15A XI v Melbourne High

We flew to Melbourne on Wednesday 12 December to defend the Barberis Cup, won in 2006. Mr Ayre, Head Teacher Sport, and Laurie Heil, MIC Cricket, accompanied the team.

Game 1 Friday 13 December, 2007, Woodfull-Miller Oval at Melbourne High School.

Melbourne High won the toss and put us in to bat. Mr Ayre gave quite specific instructions as to how we were to play the game and we followed those instructions brilliantly. Having four players with First Grade GPS experience was a plus and Avindu, Andy, Brian and Keiran demonstrated plenty of confidence in this setting. At the end of our 50 overs we posted 5 for 261. Andy (50) Avindu (33) Kerian (22) and Brian (86no) being the main scorers. The bowlers then followed the script of line and length and Melbourne were well beaten. Ashwin Ramesh 10 overs, 2 for 19, Nakul Baghwat 2 for 19 were the main wicket takers.

Game 2 Saturday 14 December, 2007, Woodfull-Miller Oval at Melbourne High School.

The next day resulted in another loss of the toss. This time Melbourne batted first. We applied a great deal of pressure with the ball and backed that up with enthusiastic fielding. Melbourne was dismissed for 143. Shimon Danziger (year 8) bowled a spell of 5 overs, 4 maidens, 1 for 1. Again

it was a simple task for the top order, and in 30 overs with 76no from Andy Liu we passed the target one down to retain the Barberis Cup in a most convincing fashion.

R Ayre, HT Sport

15 B Eleven

The 2007/2008 season has been one of great success for the 15Bs. Finishing on top of the unofficial competition, the boys all performed extremely well during training sessions which in the end reflected our performances in matches. With wins by more than 95 runs against Joeys and Grammar the boys really earned their position at the top of the table.

The bowling attack saw great pace as well as spinners. Krishan Sivayogarayan finished on top having claimed 17 wickets and was well backed up by Samuel Lane, Ishmam Bari, Subodah Weeraratunge, Derek Wei and Sangeeth Subramaniam and Shanaz Razeen.

The batting department was one which was represented strongly by Samuel Lane, Henry Sit, Botong Cheng, Ishmam Bari, Shanaz Razeen and

Krishan Sivayogarayan. The standouts were Henry and Sam. Both boys batted spectacularly throughout the season with Sam Lane amassing 233 runs whilst Henry Sit scored 225, falling 13 runs short of claiming the batting award.

The all-rounder award went to Shanaz Razeen, whilst the team award went to Leon Li, a wicket keeper who was never afraid to put his body on the line.

The 15Bs would like to thank Ellie Bath for coaching our team twice a week and helping us achieve the monumental task which we did. This result would also not have been possible without David Chan at the beginning of the season. Averaging 40+ in games he was the real cornerstone of our batting line up. However an unforeseen illness saw him sit out the rest of the season and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Special congratulations must also be given to Samuel Lane who won the junior cricketer award with fellow team mate Krishan Sivayogarayan finishing second.

A huge thanks must also go to Mr Laurie Heil and Mr Ayre for helping coach us and giving the



15B Eleven

Back Row: H.Sit, I.Bari, B.Cheng, L.Li, D.Wei, S.Subramaniam.

Front Row: S.Weeraratunge, S.Razeen, K.Sivayogarayan (Captain), S.Lane, V.Anandaselvakumar.



15C Eleven

Back Row: *T.Xu, R.Gu, S.Martin, V.Patel, P.Prabaharan, S.Siddiqui, D.Ho.*

Front Row: *P.Tran, C.Price, I.Khan (Captain), J.Zhou, L.Cai.*



15D Eleven

Back Row: *V.Le, A.Sarker, V.Singh, M.So, V.Wang, J.Wang, T.Shahriyar.*

Front Row: *R.Azwad, K.Qian, A.Gong (Captain), S.Bhuiyan, R.Li.*

boys specialist advice. Finally, thanks must go to the boys who put in their all at training sessions during school as well as after school. Your efforts were reflected on the field, and winning the competition so convincingly against strong GPS teams is a credit to your hard work and commitment.

Krishan Sivayogarayan, Captain.

15C Eleven

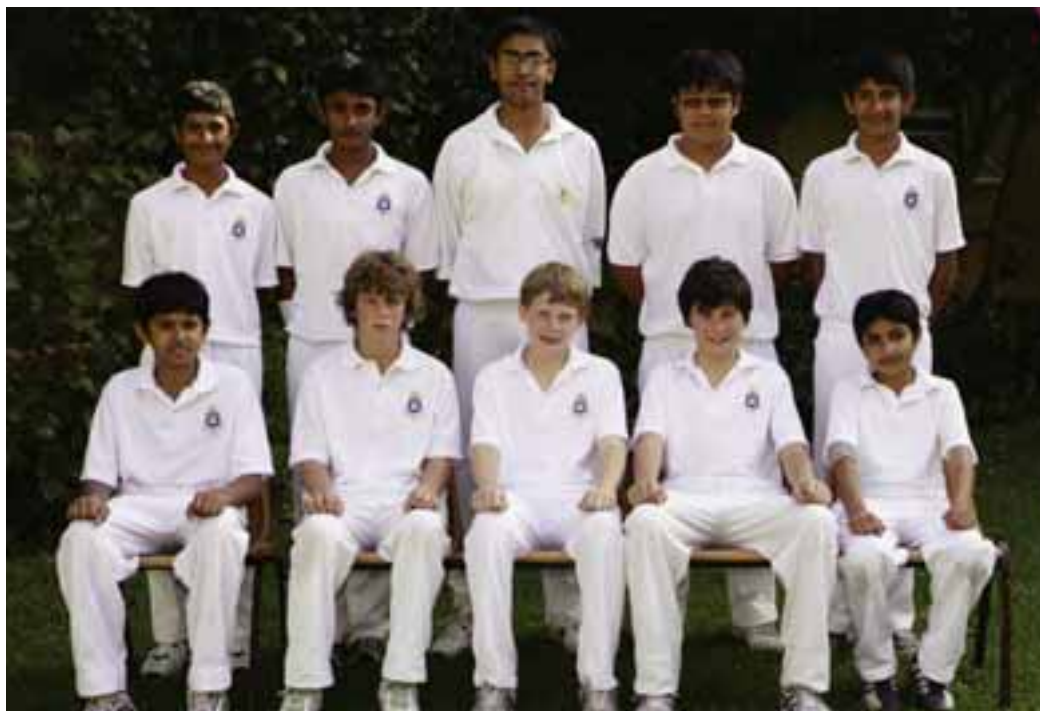
The season of 2007/2008 has been one of improvements and setting the building blocks for future seasons. The team consisted of players who were new to the school and players who had the two years of previous experience. The team gelled together and performed to the maximum standards which were expected of us by sage coach Laurie Heil. With inconsistency in squad members, it was difficult to start blossoming partnerships.

Finally, we experienced our first home win at Moore Park West against a skilled Ignatius line-up. From this game, keeper Raghieb Siddique's golden form commenced. Strongly supported by

captain Iftiar Khan, the top-order batsmen set the tone of the match with a 70-odd run stand. With exceedingly improving performances we surged forward and defeated each team. The opening bowling partnership of K. Price and I. Khan was one of intimidation and speed which serviced our team well and swung momentum our way time and time again.

Throughout the season, the 15Cs have matured and forwarded commendable performances which drew rightful attention. Particular commendations must go to Prashan Prabakaran, for his formidable and consistent bowling which rightfully won him the bowling award and Raghieb Siddique who stood up to the task as a top-order batsmen and delivered masterful acts. Although there are individual standout performances, the cohesion of our team led to our success. Special thanks must go to Laurie Heil, for his ongoing support and coaching of our team and Mr. Price for his contributions to umpiring. I hope to play again next time with the same people and look forward to another season of tremendous highs.

Iftiar Khan, Captain



14A Eleven

Back Row: A.Saksena, S.Dias, K.Dutta, C.Oei, D.Guptaa.

Front Row: A.Ansareen, O.Kirk, A.Hughes (Captain), T.Connolly, D.Sabharwal.

14A Cricket

The 14As proved this year that they were a force to be messed with. Through great batting and bowling our side really developed through the year. This was the final side:

Ahdil Ansareen: A quiet achiever who did well when he opened the batting, by smashing the fast bowlers to the boundary.

Tom Connolly (Captain): The 14As' most economical bowler, Tom also opened the batting on many occasions. It was certain that every match Tom would bowl many maidens.

Sudam Dias: Easily our best batsman, Sudam had a superb innings, scoring a massive 94 against Riverview. He also did a great job as our first change bowler.

Krishnendu Dutta: A passionate batsman at the crease who could also bowl a mean bouncer with his height.

Dhruv Gupta: The surprise weapon of the 14As. When opposition batsman underestimated his bowling, they would find out the hard way how deadly he was with the ball.

Shumit Hoque: A good swing bowler with the old ball. Shumit could swing the ball either way and proved hard to handle late in the innings.

Al Hughes: The 14As leading wicket taker. He was unbelievable opening the bowling and managed to sneak a magnet into the ball and the stumps, every match.

Oliver Kirk: Oliver Kirk is the future of Sydney High bowling. After coming up from the 13s he took seven wickets in four innings. Oliver was also a great batsman with a top score of 52.

Chris Oei: The most powerful hitter in the team. Chris could clear the fence with the opening bowler, putting many cars in danger.

Jaan Pallandi: Jaan also moved up from the 13s. Jaan became our wicket keeper and did a great job keeping to the pace of our team.

Dhruv Sabharwal: A great right-hand off spin bowler. At the back end of the season, Dhruv bowled particularly well, bowling 11 overs in one match. He bravely opened the batting every game, always thinking about the team.

Al Hughes and Tom Connolly, Co-Captains.



14B Eleven

Back Row: J.Pharm, S.Feng, B.Wilcox, T.Ling, T.Iyer, H.Yu, C.Pinto, L.De La Cour.

Front Row: M.Pharm, E.Lieu, L.Katupitiya (Captain), H.Heo, E.Hoque.



14C Eleven

Back Row: *J.Adhika, M.Chan, J.Yao, B.Lam, S.Prusty.*

Front Row: *S.Quazi, Z.Mahamed Rizvi, A.Fu (Captain), A.Dutta, M.Lee.*



13A Eleven

Back Row: *C.Robinson, N.Niranjan, J.Pallandi, A.Singh, M.Liu, A.Nguyen.*

Front Row: *J.Zhong, N.Lazarus, O.Duffy (Captain), T.Joshi, T.Subasinghe.*



13B Eleven

Back Row: *K.Giang, B.Jin, K.Dhamoon, J.Jian, K.Ying, X.Feng, K.Pham.*

Front Row: *N.Lin, J.Yang, S.Nene (Captain), S.Viswanadham, S.Luong.*



13C Eleven

Back Row: *D.Chan, J.Chen, V.Ho, R.chen, J.Hu.*

Front Row: *D.Vo, M.Li, C.Mao (Captain), A.Nguyen, J.Zheng.*

Basketball



First Grade Basketball

Back Row: First Grade Basketball **Back Row:** M.Jones, D.Xiao, **Second Row:** S.Llewellyn, S.Dong, W.Trac, J.Meaney, S.Higgins.

Front Row: S.Yoon, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), S.Sugito (Captain), Mr A.Hayman (Coach), J.Chow.

Seated on Ground: I.Ho, C.Chiam (Scorers). **Absent:** Mr V.Salomon (Assistant Coach).

Second Grade Basketball

The expectation for this year's Second Grade team was low from the start of the season, however with the great dedication and commitment of Coach Hayman and the players, the Second Grade squad grew tremendously and achieved the best result in High's recent history.

Seconds started the season with a blow off against Grammar as High won by an impressive 19 point margin. During the game, we conquered the court offensively with Leonard Teng and Jeremy Rajendram combining for thirty points, and we also dominated the defensive end with a record high fifteen plus team steals.

After winning the first game, the team entered the second game with confidence, but this time the opponent was the much stronger Joey's squad. Joey's full court trap and aggressive defence shocked our players from the start and they had a dominating lead of more than ten points after the first half. However, with Coach Hayman's great experience, our team was able concentrate on our own game and slowly reduce the deficit during the second half, finally beat Joeys by three points.

With two consecutive wins, we were looking for our third straight win against the undefeated King's team. Our defence was strong throughout the game, but we still lost the game by a small margin due to the lack of consistency on the offensive end with only 30% shooting percentage. With great team chemistry and hard training, we had another convincing win against Shore. This time, it was Michael Feng who stepped up and dominated the inside game with ten points. With injuries and high number of turnovers, we ended the first half of the season with three straight losses.

The Seconds Team trained even harder during the summer holiday and with the addition of Ping Du, Kartik Iyer and Josh Tassell, our team was determined to achieve an even better result during the second half of the season.

Our hard work paid off during the first game against Grammar away. We achieved another dominating win, but this time with a record high winning margin of 51 points. Kartik and Anton were both impressive in the game with Anton fighting for the ball like a mad bull (what a crazy guy!). The next game was against Kings and it was the time for redemption. Both teams fought hard

throughout the game and we finally pulled away with five points. Ping Du (aka the Beast) was the man of the game and dominated the key throughout the game, scoring a team high 32 points with countless rebounds and blocks.

The following week, he dominated Joey's again at Hunters Hill, with an impressive 20 points. However, such a dominating trend did not continue, and High finished the season with four consecutive losses. The Newington game was hard fought, with double over time, but Josh Sutton's clutch buzzer beater did not save the game and we finally lost the game by three points.

This year's Most Valuable Player was Kartik Iyer and Most Improved Player goes to Alvin Leung who grew greatly as a player.

Grateful thanks go to our coach, Mr Hayman, statistics men, canteen volunteers, parents and all other supporters who gave their valuable time

Zhijun Xu, Captain.

Third Grade Basketball

The 2007/2008 season was another successful year for the Third Grade side coached by David Li. The pre-season did not reflect the potential of the team, losing to all teams but Grammar and Kings. The outlook towards the next round of competition was somewhat dismal. But characteristic of the boys, we decided to work harder not only to win but to see off David's final coaching season for High with dignity. Team reshuffles and surprising visits by David Peng, Michael Feng and Tim Zhong reinforced an already sturdy team.

The season kick-started with a massive win over a lack-lustre King's side. Despite the absence of Michael Bock due to injury, the team appeared to be on a winning streak beating Scot's and, unofficially, Grammar in a half court game. Wilson Tzet exploited gaps in the defence, pulling up for jump-shots hitting sixty percent. Jeff Wong and Alan Yang pushed the ball to complete quick transition lay-ups. However the joy ride was terribly cut short as a very robust Ignatius side swept us off our feet, winning by over fifteen points.

Tempers flared the next Saturday as we headed off to St Joseph's college with a point to prove – "High ain't easy beats". The game was tight with the sides leveling fifteen all by half time.



Second Grade Basketball

Back Row: J.Sutton, A.Paul, P.Du, J.Tassell, M.Lou, Mr B.Hayman (Coach).

Front Row: J.Rajendram, L.Teng, K.Iyer, Z.Xu (Captain), A.Leung, L.Gordon, B.Wang.

Seated on Ground: J.Vuong, C.Chiam, I.Ho (Scorers).



Third Grade Basketball

Back Row: A.Yang, W.Szet, M.Feng, D.Peng, D.Lo.

Front Row: J.Wong, J.Chan, C.Tang (Captain), M.Bock, T.Zhong.

Unfortunately for us frustration riddled our game with holes and the team slowly faded away. Disdainfully our point was not proven, but perhaps the Second and First grades' were.

The following week we played Shore away, which proved to encapsulate the highlights of the season. An ordinary performance in the first half put us in a lead by double figures. What we thought to be an easy win overturned as the Shore side demonstrated their true colours catching up and finally overtaking us with minutes left. The scoring was dead even as we traded baskets. With ten seconds to go and two points down the situation became desperate. The fate of Third Grade rested in the hands of one man – David Peng. Inbounding the ball in our half we were met with aggressive defence but Yang outmaneuvered all that stood in his way. Meanwhile Tim and Mike were busy making vital screens so that eventually Peng had a clear three point shot. Yang drills the ball before slipping on a sweat patch in the one motion plummeting to the ground, the ball landing softly into the hands of Peng. The shot went up as the crowd got onto its feet, the silence broken by the siren. Nothing but net. Bliss, glory,

pain and agony rippled the stadium, but the fact was only the better team was left standing.

The season finale was a home game against Newington. The big Newington men made us look somewhat miniscule, but as always we kept our calm and resolve. With a steady start our team developed confidence pulling shots over the Newington defence and exploiting their game with superior speed. The game had ended before it began as High wiped the floor clean with the black jerseys, proving that dunking abilities doesn't make a team.

Special mentions to Daniel Lo and Jackie Chen playing some amazing defence throughout the season. Their consistent efforts helped to maintain a low scoring opposition. Also to the shortest member of the squad, Michael Bock, who even though he was not able to play was supporting us day in and day out. And of course grateful thanks to the coaches, Dave and Hughose, who have put in time and effort for the past few seasons helping High teams to reach their potential. Thanks to all those who supported us and to statistician Johnny Shih for his work.

Christopher Tang, Captain.



Fourth Grade Basketball

Back Row: B.Yang, M.Yiu, J.Lan, D.Shan, H.Li, A.Tran.

Front Row: A.Ang, B.Lu, J.Wong, J.Shih (Captain), S.Zhang, B.Lau, E.Ang.



Fifth Grade Basketball

Back Row: *D.Hi, F.Lee, P.Roessler-Holgate, T.Wilson, S.Ke, N.Wong.*

Front Row: *L.Tran, D.Wu, K.Lim, J.Li (Captain), A.Li, D.Nam, B.Apolonio.*



Sixth Grade Basketball

Back Row: *M.Mikha, G.Astafiev, T.Tran, C.Kwok, C.Peng, Mr W.Baldock (Coach).*

Front Row: *J.Chan, V.Lam, R.Kashyap, N.Dimitropoulos (Co-Captain), S.Burnham (Co-Captain), A.Tsailis, M.Chan.*



Seventh Grade Basketball

Back Row: Z.Mancenido, W.Nguyen, C.Yang, B.Lee, J.Zhang, A.Ng.

Front Row: D.Chin, A.Tse, K.Vignanasingam, H.Gu (Captain), D.Yu, C.Shum, G.Lau.



Eighth Grade Basketball

Back Row: K.Wang, B.Lung, K.Choi, S.Liu, C.Yang.

Front Row: R.Hua, S.Yang, D.Huang (Captain), K.Bi, R.Ji.



16A Basketball

Back Row: *B.Chen, L.Li, L.Wang, M.Wang, A.Kugendran, J.Liang.*

Front Row: *A.Koerber, Y.Liu, M.Li (Captain), M.Phung, B.Cheung.*



16B Basketball

Back Row: *D.Tran, J.Lee, N.Wang, V.Vo.*

Front Row: *G.Shargorodsky, W.Lee, J.Nguyen (Captain), J.Braverman, C.Nguyen.*



16C Basketball

Back Row: J.Pharm, I.Lu, A.Zhang, D.Zhang, T.Xiao, D.Morgan.

Front Row: M.Castillo, B.Ly, H.Tran (Captain), D.Yan, M.Lee.



16D Basketball

Back Row: G.Niu, M.Zhang, Z.Guo, I.Li.

Front Row: N.Adel, H.Zhuang, S.Yung (Captain), J.Du, H.Huang.



16E Basketball

Back Row: *L.Liu, H.Lu, H.Karunakaran, C.Jiang.*

Front Row: *B.Cabanilla, J.Toohey, R.Ma (Captain), H.Vi, R.Sivasubramaniam.*



15A Basketball

Back Row: *N.Autar, D.Nguyen, C.Morrow, C.Jurlina, I.Zaman.*

Front Row: *P.Castillo, M.Wong, A.Ye (Captain), A.Chin, E.Naar.*

Fourth Grade Basketball

Fourth Grade won a total of seven out of fourteen games in the season. Under the coaching of old boy Hughoce Feng the team saw vast improvements in their individual skills and scoring capabilities over the season. However these were overshadowed by the complete changeover of opposition teams, and made us fall short of winning over half of our games.

Special mention must go to Bohan Yang who averaged 11 points, 58% field goal accuracy, two steals and four rebounds per game. Despite being in Fourths, Bohan was often in the gym in the morning doing weights and practising his shooting. He also never skipped a single team-training session. With his effort and dedication, it was without a doubt that he would win the MVP award for the team.

I must also thank all the Year 11s for the efforts they put in during the season, and hope that their experience from this season will show in the next coming season.

I-Cheng (Johny) Shih

15C Basketball

The 15Cs had quite a successful season, having won six matches out of the eleven we played. The team consisted of Dominic Cheung, Bryan Do, Joshua Kim, Nathan Leong, Eric Ovadia, Leon Sheldon, Andy Shen, Michael Tickner, Jeffrey Tang, Howard Tran and Max Wei.

At the start of the GPS season, we had a couple of losses in which the scores were very close. However, later on, our results improved greatly with four consecutive victories. In a particular game against Newington, both our defence and offence were superb, making it extremely difficult for our opponents to score baskets. In the end, we beat them very convincingly with a score of 39-6. This was an outstanding achievement by the team. Later in the season, we also hammered Joeys, Newington (again), and finally Scots.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our coach Dale Sun, who put in a lot of effort into coaching the team. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Ms Ward for helping organise the 15s basketball and Mr Stein for helping us improve our fitness. I'm sure we will all

be training extremely hard in the off-season and come back next season much stronger and hopefully win even more games.

Jeffrey Tang, Captain.

15D Basketball

The 15Ds have had a rough time, producing a reasonable result during the 2007-08 summer season. We have won a total of four out of eleven games – three out of six in the 2007 period, and a dismal one out of five in the 2008 period. Our team made a strong start at the end of 2007, defeating Barker in place of Joeys, Newington and Scots; and only sustaining losses to Grammar, by 3 points, Shore and Iggies. Since our first game, we have been improving our play under the guidance of our coach, Phil Noreika, yielding commendable results.

But at the start of the 2008 period, our team was overcome with bad luck. We lost one of our key players, Vinson Zheng, due to a knee injury which left him unable to play for the rest of the season, and worst of all, we lost our coach. Around our third game, we temporarily lost a player due to a hand injury, which left him unable to play for at least one match. For the first few weeks, training was unproductive and our game play was unstructured and uncoordinated.

Our morale was crushed after losing three straight games, and after our defeat against Newington, this time only by five points instead of 16 the previous time; it restored faith back into us, before we lost our final match against Scots.

Although the results of our Term 1 matches were not the best, I am still very satisfied with the team's effort as they have worked hard during the season and tried their best. Great work team and let's kick some butt next season!

Dominic Nguyen, Captain

15E Basketball

Every season our team improves and this season was no different from any other, and although what I have written is quite long, it is not enough to describe how much the team has enjoyed the season. Although we did not win as much as we wanted to, due to wet weather which cancelled three games, we still had heaps of fun. The 15Es consisted of:

Ms Ward: Ms Ward was an absolutely terrific



15B Basketball

Back Row: *D.Chandra, A.Jain, A.Li, K.Lu, M.Robertson.*

Front Row: *M.Kobras, M.Yoon, A.Mokdad (Captain), S.Beston, C.Do.*



15C Basketball

Back Row: *N.Leong, J.Kim, H.Tran, E.Ovadia, L.Sheldon, A.Shen.*

Front Row: *M.Wei, B.Do, J.Tang (Captain), D.Cheung, M.Tickner.*



15D Basketball

Back Row: B.Ou, F.Pham, A.Zhang,T.Lu.

Front Row: G.Wong-Romeo, K.Phan, D.Nguyen (Captain), J.Lui, K.Nguyen.



15E Basketball

Back Row: B.Leo, J.Zhang, A.Ho,J.Chen, Ms A.Ward (Coach).

Front Row: K.Ho, K.Li, D.Wang (Captain), O.Sabau, L.Lou.



14A Basketball

Back Row: *J.Yang, S.Renzenbrink, C.tack, C.Kwan, S.Reiyder.*
Front Row: *S.Do, A.Purcal, D.Ling (Captain), A.Moon, J.Zhou.*



14B Basketball

Back Row: *B.Jeyarasa, A.Ng, J.Park, A.Fong, E.Li, H-T.Lin.*
Front Row: *K.Visvaa, J.Tsai, N.Ma (Captain), R.Lin, W.Yuan.*

coach and modified our training so it could become fun, improve our skills and enhance our teamwork. Ms Ward has been one of the most committed High Basketball coaches and has only missed one game in four years, which was when she was ill, and without her in that game our team collapsed, showing how important she is to us.

David Li Wang: As part of starting five, I played in centre position, which allowed me to score quite a lot. This season I've had over 10 rejections and over 20 blocks although my defensive rebounding was quite disappointing compared to my successful offensive rebounding.

Joseph Zhang: Joseph, also part of the starting five, played power forward and small forward. He was definitely one of the sharpest shooters in the team and was C or D team material before he left for his holiday to China. Joseph rebounded well and had over twenty massive blocks during the season.

Kevin Li: Kevin was one of our starting guards and had incredible driving skills, which are good enough to put him in the Ds and his playmaking and driving aided us in crucial times. Kevin was

definitely one of the best man to man and zone defence players.

Andy Ho: Andy, another of our starting guards, was an extraordinary dribbler most of the time and could get past anyone. His amazing shots at times and his defence always managed to save us from being dominated.

Oliver Sabau: Can anyone steal better than him? Oliver, another of our starting guards, averaged about ten steals per game and would fast break alone at amazing speeds, but missed the shots half the time as he was going too fast and he was too excited.

Kerry Ho: Kerry, although not a great shooter, had by far the best man to man defence in the team, making him the most improved player. All players marked by Kerry found him difficult to deal with.

Daniel Chen: Daniel was a very valuable recruit from the Ds and played astonishingly, scored our team's only three pointer and even scored ten points in one game. Daniel usually had quite a lot of assists in each game.

Joshua Chen: Josh was a great shooter and



14C Basketball

Back Row: J.Lo, M.Zhu, J.Ng, T.Chin.

Front Row: B.Laird, J.Koukouras, M.Song (Captain), D.Wang, N.Ooi.



14D Basketball

Back Row: *M.Chin, M.Ngai, T.Hang, M.Yang.*

Front Row: *P.Zhou, W.Randles, W.Zhou (Captain), L.Zhou, A.Paul.*



14E Basketball

Back Row: *F.Li, N.Tang, W.Ho, C.Luiker, A.Chan.*

Front Row: *V.Nguyen, P.Wju, W.Baxter, L.Fang, L.Nguyen.*

could substitute almost any position on court. He was an all-rounder who was quite balanced and aided in many aspects of the game.

Leo Lou: After the holidays Leo lost his shooting skills so he established himself as one of our team's best inbounders, and his passing assisted us very often in many games.

Brendan Leo: Although Brendan slapped away rebounds, he was a pretty decent small forward and scored a few times when our team was cherry picking.

Yu Sing Chan: Yu Sing rebounded pretty well throughout the season and improved his ball handling later on.

This season there have been four highlight games that weren't all wins, as it would be biased to talk about wins only, but so far there is still one game left against Scots looming ahead as I am writing this report.

The first highlight game was the first game of the season as we totally dominated Grammar in the first half, before Grammar ran away with an unconvincing win in the last minutes.

The second highlight game was very different as High played with four players for the first 12 minutes due to four of our players being ill. Kevin Li was lost on his way and arrived at the 12th minute and High played absolutely incredible defence in this game with four players. D.Wang and J.Zhang scored five and ten points respectively and made an incredible defence partnership sharing fifteen blocks and rejections amongst each other in this game. D.Chen showed us his stealing powers and his buzzer beater, K.Li, a guard out-rebounded many of Scots' players easily and A. Ho stunned everyone with his dribbling. It looked as if High would win the game in the end but we still lost. We are still waiting for revenge right now against Scots.

The third and fourth highlight games were both against Newington and the second was déjà vu of the first. In the first game we won 22-3, dominating in defence but the second win was twice as fun as the first. We won 37-6 and we spent 10 minutes of the game focusing on enjoyment by shooting three-pointers and showing off. D.Chen scored 10 points, J. Zhang 8, I scored



14F Basketball

Back Row: *N.Ly, R.Manahan, K.Chu, E.Ng, A.Soo.*

Front Row: *R.Sternhell, B.Chau, B.Lee (Captain), A.Phan, K.Zhang.*



13A Basketball

Back Row: *T.Li, K.Ho, A.Wu, M.Stojanovik, K.Chen, Ms M.Reemst (Coach).*

Front Row: *M.Chao, A.Punekar, S.Wang (Captain), J.Chung, D.Duong.*



13B Basketball

Back Row: *J.Gao, J.Cao, M.Chang, Ms M.Reemst (Coach).*

Front Row: *A.Wei, D.Cordas, K.Kuang (Captain), A.Xu, D.Chen.*

7, A. Ho 6, B. Leo 4 and K. Li 2. Leo, Josh and Kerry each enjoyed the game a lot even though they didn't score, although Kerry could have scored from his slightly late buzzer beater.

Overall the 07/08 season has been an incredible, entertaining, worthwhile and the best season of basketball for our team so far, but it would not have been possible without the support of parents, fellow basketballers, Ms Ward and one of the great MICs, Mr. Hayman who has made High Basketball as magnificent as it is today. Let's continue to dominate!

David Li Wang, Captain.

14E Basketball

From the start of term one the Fourteen E basketball team had a memorable season. Each game was played with enthusiasm and much team-spirit and every Saturday was full of the promise of success.

Many of the games were hard-fought and resulted in tight finishes but regardless of the outcome, the team (Lawrence, Vincent, Lucas, Carl, William, Peter, Adrian, Nathan and Frank) gave their all and did whatever they could to support their mates.

Mr McQuillan, our coach, deserves unquestionably, the thanks of the team. He gave unselfishly of his time and for that we will always be grateful. Thanks also to the supportive parents who turned up every game.

In all, the Fourteen E basketball team did well and we are all looking forward to another great season next year.

William Baxter, Captain.

13A Basketball

This was our first season as a team and it was quite tough. We didn't have any wins but we were improving every match because our last match was the closest when we lost to Scots 19-24. In every match we would improve as a team but we didn't win any games. For everyone in our team the season was fun and challenging at the same time, and I am sure Jaffe had a fun time too.

The whole team would really like to thank Ms Reemst for supporting and also coaching us on Thursdays and also coming to all of our Saturday games. We would also like to thank Jaffe Chiu, our coach who was the Captain of Second Grade Basketball in 2007, and Hank.

One major highlight of this season was our match against Newington when in the dying seconds of the game the ball got in bounded and Marco Stojanovic scored a three pointer. Unfortunately, we lost that game 7-19.

Our most valuable player was Dennis Duong and our most improved player was Arjun Puneekar.

Shuming Wang, Captain.

13C Basketball

In season one, the 13Cs took their time to adjust to all of their first few games. We were not really accustomed to playing as a team and there was an unfortunate lack of communication skills. Sadly, we did not win any game but the quality of each passing game improved. That was a highlight of our otherwise downcast season, as our coach Mussa told us.

One technique that we could have improved on was our passing. We led ourselves astray when our horrendous passing led to lost points. Also, we could have improved on our shooting accuracy because I think the number of goals we shot throughout the season would have been a one digit number. We are looking to improve in these areas so that we will not lose as badly as 0-112 to Shore as we have done. So hopefully, next basketball season, we will win at least some of our games and continue in true High fashion.

The schools that we played and the scores we received respectively were:

- 1) St Josephs 2-47
- 2) St Ignatius Riverview 2-80
- 3) Shore 0-112
- 4) Newington 2-56
- 5) Scots College 2-49



13C Basketball

Back Row: W.Choi, W.Wu, K.Li, J.Kim, Ms M.Reemst (Coach).

Front Row: J.Weng, J.Dao, E.Yu (Captain), J.Yeung, J.Ma.



13D Basketball

Back Row: A.Chau, R.Chn, S.Ngo, A.Cha, Ms M.Reemst (Coach).

Front Row: B.Mo, L.Zhu, M.Lau (Captain), D.Kim, J.Lee.



13E Basketball

Back Row: *J.Yip, S.Zhou, T.Ow, G.Chen, R.Leung, Ms M.Reemst (Coach).*

Front Row: *D.Tam, W.Xie, A.Wu (Captain), W.Ma, D.Lindt.*



Waterpolo Captain James Menzies

Tennis

Tennis Master

Tennis is in a rebuilding phase a High and we need to utilise our facilities with much more vigour in future years.

While we were competitive throughout the GPS season we failed to record wins in the competition proper. We enjoyed some strong individual performances.

First grade No.1 John Gaunt had a strong season and was selected to represent the Combined GPS Firsts as No.5 in the annual fixture against Combined CAS. His contribution (being undefeated) was a significant factor in the GPS recording victory in this fixture. High No.2 and Tennis Captain Ivan Cerecina was selected as a reserve for the Combined GPS Team. John and Ivan proved strong competition as the No.1 doubles combination and John an effective No.1. We fell away in the remaining team positions at both 1st and 2nd Grade level. On the upside most

of the boys will be available for next season and the experience gained should be considered invaluable.

The Stan Jones Cup was disappointing. After going so close the previous season (third in NSW) we were expecting big things especially with Mitch Kelly returning from rowing to strengthen the team. Unfortunately we went into the Regional final against Endeavour under strength. Ivan had to pull out at the last moment with a foot injury sustained at Soccer, and both reserves fell foul to injury. The final was locked at sets all but we went down on games.

Frank Zhang the No.1 13As player looks an exciting prospect. He went through the GPS season undefeated and will be fast tracked into the Senior competition next season.

We welcome Ms Damianos from Science to the position as MIC Tennis for the new season.

R.Ayre, MIC.



First Grade Tennis

Back Row: S.Hoang, B.Lee, A.Yeung, H.Neo.

Front Row: I.Cerecina, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), J.Gaunt.



Second Grade Tennis

Back Row: *A.Shapilsky, T.Siu, M.Tugnait, V.Lim. Front Row:* *J.See, Mr R.Boros (Coach), K.Nguyen.*



Third to Sixth Grade Tennis

Back Row: *S.Ting, A.Kim, T.Gao, C.Katsikaros, D.Fu, B.Diep, A.Shurapey.*

Second Row: *S.Huda, M.Sin, X.Quah, T.Cai, T.Yu, M.Dinh.*

Front Row: *A.Huynh, T.Mai, N.Hayes (Captain), Mr R.Boros (Coach), E.Montoya Zorrilla, A.Dovan, N.Lieu.*

Third to Sixth Grade Tennis

Over the 2007/2008 tennis season, third to sixth grade tennis put in great performances backed up by impressive results. Competing against very talented schools, the High team week after week, performed notably well.

With a stable and constant team 3rd and 4th grade successfully meshed and built up a good teamwork ethic. The doubles pairings of Alex Dovon and Tam Mai and Albert Kim and Simon Ting, in 4th grade, posted impressive results, winning most of their matches as partners. Against the top-heavy opponents, the High team excelled in having a strong team across the board, signified by the highly successful 5th grade team. Particularly Anthony Huynh who had a very strong win rate in the first position of the 5th grade team, winning three out of his six matches.

The 6th grade team was constantly changing each week to allow all those who wanted to play a fair go on the team. Although not as successful, they managed a few good wins and allowed those who normally wouldn't get a chance, to play in the GPS team.

Special thanks are owed to Mr Boros who dutifully and with high competency ran 3rd to 6th grade tennis, and to Mr Ayre who always kept us up to date with matches and venues.

Nicholas Hayes.

15 Years Tennis

Fifteen tennis had its best year this season with more people trying out and a higher win rate than any other year. Tennis gained some players from other sports that made the team immediately; William Shao and Maxwell Connell. Both settled in well.

The As had a mixed season. George Panas (A1) (captain) only lost one singles match and Vivin George (A2) only lost two. Kit Man Cheng (A3) and Simon Chen (A4) won few but all losses were held to at least 6-3.

The Bs made a massive improvement from last year. They have gone from only three wins in a season between them to over twelve this season. It was pleasing to see such determination and effort put in from the boys.

The 'most valuable player' of the season

would have to go to George Panas (A1) (captain) for having the highest win rate of all players on the team. The 'most improved' would be a tie between Gabriel Garayalde (B2) for his much improved win rate and William Shao (C4) for working his way up to the Cs from reserve grade.

On behalf of all of the boys, we would like to thank Mr Zinzopoulos for managing 15s tennis and showing up every week. We would also like to thank Mr Ron Boros for co-coordinating tennis.

14 Years Tennis

This season started in Term IV 2007 and continued to the end of Term I this year. The results were mixed, but our team mainly won. We went to many different schools, including Kings, Scots and St Joseph's College. Our two home venues were at the hard courts near Cleveland Street, and Ashcroft playing courts (grass courts) which are located just down the road from our school. The differences in surfaces brought many new skills to our games, and taught us how to play on different surfaces.

In terms of results, we improved as we progressed through the season. The Cs and Ds were very good throughout the season, winning the majority of their games. A special mention goes to Patrick Krakovsky (Ds) who only lost three games throughout the two terms. The As and Bs were less fortunate, but still managed to perform consistently. They improved considerably throughout the season, with many tight matches being fought throughout the season.

The best results came in doubles where every pairing performed consistently, and in singles many of the matches went to tie breaks (including our A1 player Anton Brokman who participated in three) with many players winning them.

Of course this wouldn't have been possible without our coach Mr Hagan, who was there every week encouraging us. Also many thanks to the parents that made sure that their sons were there on time, and for supporting all the teams.

I am sure that every member of the team tried their hardest throughout the season and I thank them for their commitment. I hope that we can improve on this season's results, and I hope that we can all sustain the level of commitment that we showed this season, through to next season.

Anton Brokman, Captain.



16 Years Tennis

Back Row: *R.Lin, A.Parameswaran, A.Ghose, D.Trang, P.Hsiao, C.Wong.*

Second Row: *M.Carr, A.Chiem, P.Simos, B.Soroka, K.Sheng, S.Wan, A.Wu.*

Front Row: *D.McCrae-Steele, J.Chan, F.Li, E.Hui (Captain), R.Bi, E.Qiu.*



15 Years Tennis

Back Row: *L.Lu, C.Wu, W.Shao, W.Zhu, K.Cheng, M.Rozsa, M.Deng, J.Mok, M.Reid.*

Front Row: *K.Shao, G.Garayalde, G.Panas (Captain), C.Chau, D.Dao, V.George.*



14 Years Tennis

Back Row: *S.Prakash, J.Ho, N.Han, E.Naoumov, A.Vu, W.Yung.*

Front Row: *R.Lee, A.Ayalasomayajula, A.Brokman (CVaptain), C.Ye, M.Birch.*

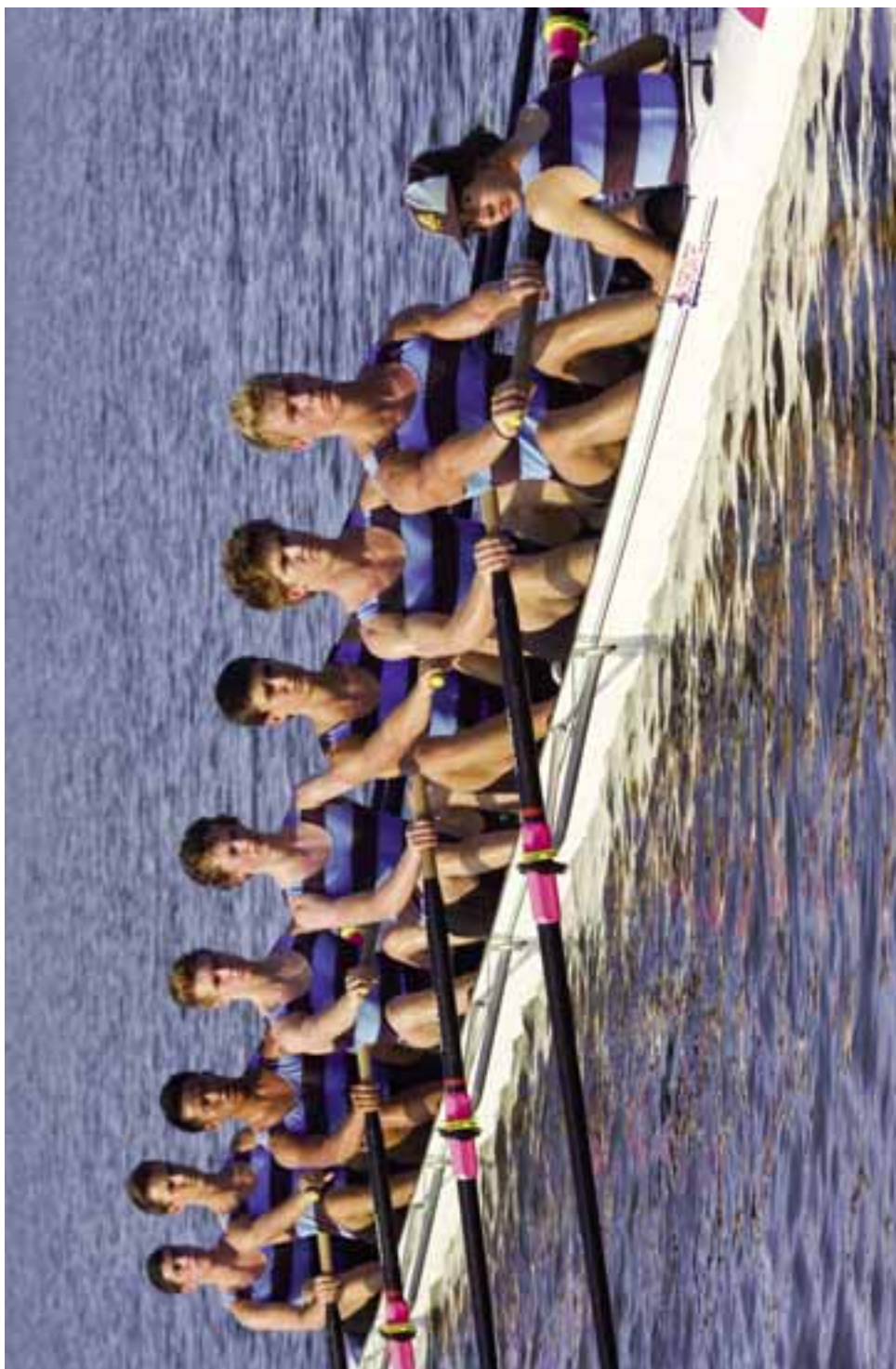


13 Years Tennis

Back Row: *D.Bui, Y.Shi, R.Xi, A.Stoneham, G.Lee, J.Lam, T.Chung.*

Front Row: *M.Li, J.Peng, F.Xhang (Captain), D.Mah, C.York.*

Rowing



First Eight

Bow: S.Merom, **2:** C.Andrews, **3:** D.Vien, **4:** B.Pfull, **5:** H.Reid, **6:** D.O'Keefe, **7:** N.Ridges, **Stroke:** M.Kelly, **Cox:** P.Desmond

Rowing Assembly

Special guest Fin Murray, coaches, parents, rowing staff, rowers, students, – good morning and welcome to this unique rowing assembly. Due to Olympic selection trials the AAGPS was forced to accept a Wednesday date rather than our traditional Saturday fixture. Tomorrow will be a first for High rowing in having a mid-week Head of the River and in another first, we will have the biggest ever representation by our school at this prestigious regatta, with all of Years 7 and 8 in attendance.

This morning I would like to put the sport into perspective for those who know nothing of the sport or for those who assume rowing is a pretty easy activity. Rowing is a difficult sport to excel

at. Put yourself in the position of the rowing coach. First you need eight big, strong, fit boys who can ergo. Then you need these boys to learn a multifaceted skill – various phases of the sweep oar stroke – while balancing in a relatively unstable environment. Then you have to train them to perform this skill synchronously and with the same power on either side of the racing shell. Finally, you have to have them repeat this process exactly between 150 and 180 times. Anyone who plays golf will tell you how difficult it is for one person to do this for half as many times, let alone eight. Let us therefore respect the efforts made by our crews to prepare themselves for their high stakes test.

Since 1999, the Head of the River has been won twice in times under 5 minutes and 50



Rowing

Back Row: D.Edgton, L.Chant, T.Joo, T.Peters, N.Ridges, C.Andrew, H.Reid, D.Vien, B.Pfull, S.Binns, J.Lee, T.Li, T.Harvey.

Sixth Row: P.Desmond, K.Na, N.Abeysuriya, J.Santoso, J.Eriksson, A.Blomberg, A.Gaffney, M.Ling, J.Nguyen, B.Li, R.Chen, J.Musgrove, P.Horton.

Fifth Row: W.Santucci, M.Jones, V.Boulavine, G.Denny-Smith, J.Whiting, W.Stefanidis, N.Street, M.Ambrose, D.Chen, K.Lin, T.Gollan, K.Su, C.Chen.

Fourth Row: I.Eveleigh, S.Marques, A.Huynh, R.Caetano, N.Nguyen, A.Banh, A.Guo, E.Wong, A.Low, J.Kim, A.Liao, K.Fang, K.Wong, J.Wormell.

Third Row: J.Chen, P.Baweja, H.Schilling, P.Radhakrishnan, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy, L.Vlatko, N.McDonnell, K.Zhou, D.Gorey, A.Zhao, J.Petrie, L.Deacon, A.Belokopytov.

Second Row: K.Krahe, J.Edgton, B.Jian, T.Chen, D.Fong, C.Pan, G.Li, D.Nguyen, D.Luo, S.Saleh, R.Hua, F.Lin, A.Chung.

Front Row: W.Thai, T.Montanaro, R.Zhai, S.Pak, Mr E.Coan, D.O'Keefe (Captain of Boats), Mr A.M.Gainford, Mr C.W.Barris (Rowing Master), S.Merom, Mr D.Hespe, R.Chen, D.Kim, W.Dang, J.Cho.

Seated on Floor: C.Zhang, J.Wang, K.Pan, N.Vlatko, D.Keogh, C.Xu, E.Li, A.Feng.

seconds. The average winner's time is 355 seconds – 5 minutes 55 seconds. The crews propel the racing shells at 5.63 metres per second with an average speed from a stationary start of more than 20 kilometres per hour. The first performance target for our crews is to row within 10% more than the winner's time – 6 minutes 30 for the first VIII. Our mean time since 1999 has been 6 minutes 28 seconds, so the rowing program has achieved that benchmark in the medium term. The margin of excellence can be considered as less than 5% in timed sports with a distance element. A good row for our school is therefore 372 seconds - 6 minutes 12 seconds. That is our second performance target. Our third goal, achieved in 1999, is to row within 2% above the winner's time – 362 seconds - 6 minutes 2. Similar benchmark calculations can guide other crews in goal setting. On your behalf I want to wish all crews the best of luck in their races and urge them not to settle for less than second target performances. Let us focus on what we can do and forget about what we can't do.

Sports with overnight camps and extended travel components take a great deal of management. Thank you to Mr Con Barris for his administration of the rowing program yet again. Oliver Wilson has done a great job with the First VIII this year, getting them to peak late and bring down their times. George Barris has guided the Second VIII well with the assistance of David Luscombe. Thank you to coaches James Gerofi, James Mackay and Tom Hurrell for their work with the IVs. Con Barris worked with the first Year 10 VIII with the assistance of Robbie Girdler and Liam Bennett on the second Year 10 VIII. Mark Gainford managed the Year 9 quads training with the assistance of Yaegan Doran and Dominic Grimm. Everett Coan and Doug Hespe looked after the Year 8 quads with Joe Banh, Chong Shao, Blake Angell, Andrew Leung and Adam Farrow-Palmer in support.

Keeping boats and crews on the water and gear maintained were: Chris Watson as Manager, David Daish our evergreen Boatman, Viv Littlewood and Sean Creer as assistants to the program at the Outterside Centre, Serdar Bolen as fitness trainer and bus driver, Jason Tassell as weights trainer and Tim Wilson as our long time trailer tower. With Julie Blomberg and the Rowing Committee taking care of fundraising, catering, overnight camp management and regatta administration, this group of over thirty people

sustains and supports our students. I want to thank you all sincerely for all your efforts this season.

My message to rowers and any team competitor in the school is a simple one – carry out your assigned task to the utmost of your ability. Albert Einstein, the great physicist, observed that: setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means." Perhaps Albert overstated the case but in team sports someone leading the way by focussing on doing his designated job right to the end, can be inspiring, even heroic. Distractions caused by mistakes and big occasion stressors can really affect performances negatively. Stanley Allyn, a former CEO of the National Cash Register Co, concluded: "there is no use worrying about things over which you have no control, and if you have control, you can do something about them instead of worrying." As athletes, you have to clear your minds and focus on the mechanics of your assigned role. Don't look around during the race. Don't think about consequences or analyse performance – just get stuck in and do your job. Focus on the next ten or twenty strokes. When you hear the coxswain count down the last ten give it your all and have nothing left at the finish.

Our special guest today is Fin Murray (1994). Fin rowed in the Head of The River for Sydney High in 1994. Initially he didn't want to be in a senior crew so he could spend more time at the beach - but thankfully Mr Barris twisted his arm and started his rowing career, which has continued ever since. Fin feels lucky enough to have rowed in crews with many great athletes at Sydney and UTS rowing clubs as well as in England, Ireland, Germany and America. Although he never raced in the Olympics, he did go out with an Olympian for a few years which he says is maybe even more of a challenge. He was twice a winner of the interstate Youth VIII race and winner of the quad sculls at the Henley Royal Regatta in England. Fin wanted to design planes when he left school but somehow he graduated with a degree in architecture from The University of Sydney. Fin enjoys travelling, drawing, sailing, surfing, riding his single speed bike and trying to fit less into his days. He is now racing surf boats at Bronte surf club and running his own architectural business. Fin acted as Consultant to our VIII in the 2006-07 season. Please join with me in welcoming back to High this morning, Mr Fin Murray.

Dr KA Jaggard

CHS Regatta

One of the most prestigious events on the rowing calendar is the annual NSW Combined High Schools rowing championships. It was on 31 March and 1 April that Sydney Boys High came head to head against some of the biggest powerhouses of rowing in the state school system, including names such as Grafton High, and Maclean High. This year Sydney High was adamant that regardless of the strength of the opposition we would retain the overall men's point score trophy, and challenge for the highly-sought after overall competition point score trophy.

The first day of racing started intensely enough with heats, to establish who would row the next day in the finals, and who would not. Strong wins in the junior racing saw every entrant from our school bar an unlucky few, (who had conditions and boat malfunctions go against them), proceed to the next day of racing. Some highlights were a convincing top two finish in the under 15s single scull, to Timothy Gollan, and Koren Fang, and an extremely contested win in the under 16s single sculls heat, to Dale Chen, edging his opposition by a mere tenth of a second. In the only senior event of the day, Daniel O'Keefe and Harrison Reid stunned the opposing single scullers, blasting out a comfortable top two finish in their heat. In the other heat Matt Ling rowed a comfortable race for an easy qualification into the final. Overall Sydney High had qualifiers in every possible event, setting up for a nail-biting second day of finals.

The Sydney High rowers approached the second day of racing with enthusiasm and panache. The first event of the day was the men's championship eight. The Sydney High eights raced in unfamiliar grounds, using different boats and changed seating positions, but this would not falter the crews, as they rowed out a top two finish, to the delight of the crowd. The rowing contingent did not dwell on this win however – immediately they focused on the next task, in this case the under 16s quad where Sydney High once again crossed the line first, But unfortunately could not keep the other schools off the podium with the other two quads entered. In the following under 15s single sculls, High rowers Timothy Gollan and Koren Fang once again rowed next to each other, this time coming second and third to a talented

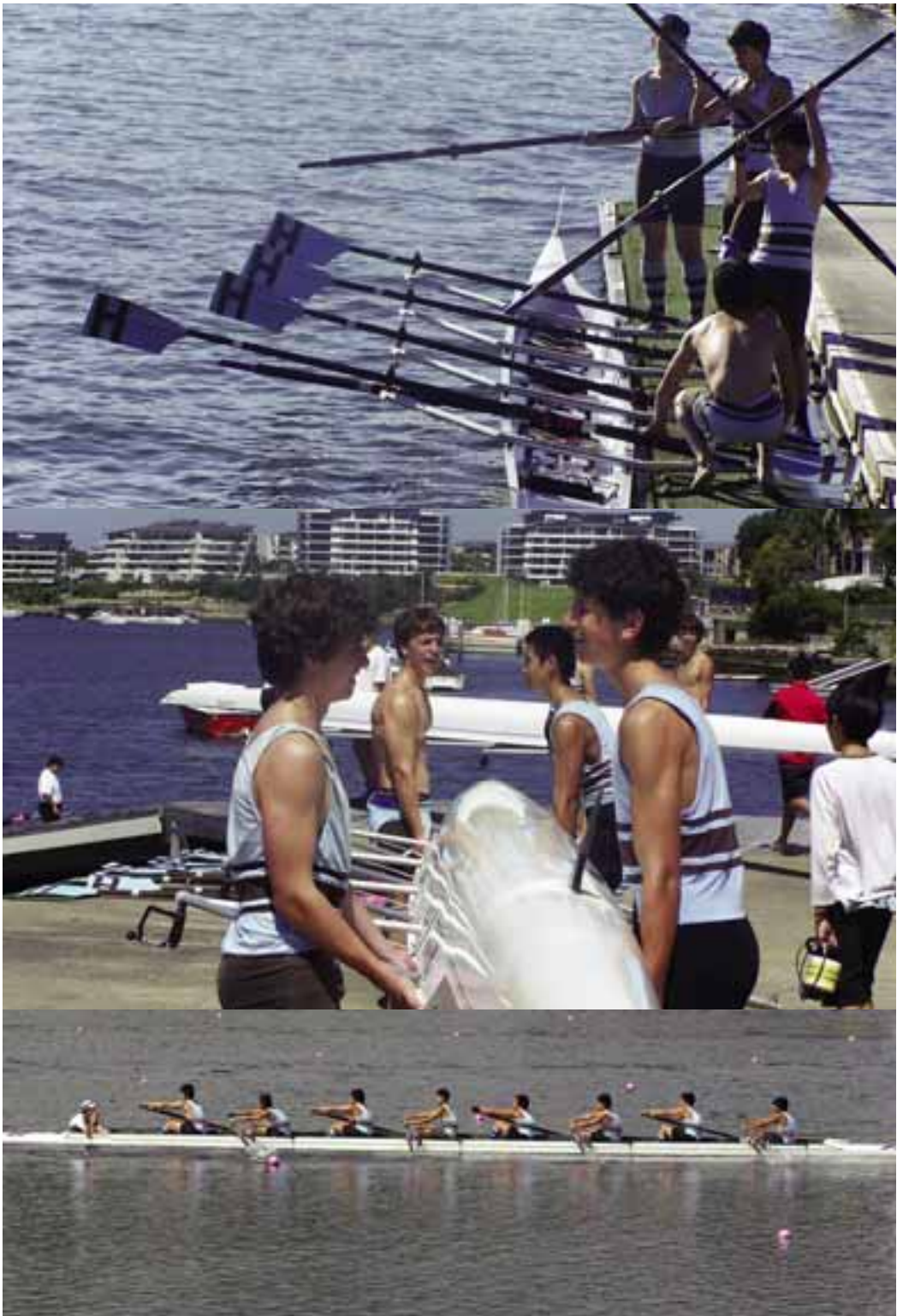
Merewether High sculler. The next event however was won with aggression and style, the championship pair, with Mitch Kelly and Nelson Ridges crossing first, only to be followed by David Vien and Brynley Pfull, completing another riveting top two finish for High.

Undoubtedly the biggest spectacle of the day was the championship single scull race. Sydney High had three competitors, Matt Ling, Harrison Reid and the school's top sculler and member of the unofficial GPS eight, Daniel O'Keefe. The race was very well contested, but Daniel O'Keefe was unlucky with a technical problem at the start line, holding him back behind the other crews for a few moments. However, in his usual aggressive, just row hard style, he rowed his way back into contention, just a short distance away from the race leader from Maclean High school. In a thrilling finish, the malfunction on the start line proved to take its toll and Daniel was edged out on the finish line, still rowing an impressive time, and coming a very respectable second in the most prestigious event of the championships. Harrison Reid rowed a strong race, to beat several competitors, whilst an unlucky Matt Ling didn't have his best day, but still hung on to the field.

In the next event High came back to winning form, taking out the gold and silver in the under 15s quad scull. Next up the under 17s got their first taste of racing in the championships, entering three double sculls. However, one of the doubles collided with a pontoon on the row to the start line, taking the boat out for the rest of the day unfortunately. The other two crews rowed fiercely to claim second and third places, perhaps gold could have been won with the other crew, but we will never know. This incident was quickly put behind us, as later in the day the under 17s quad rowers came first and second in their event for yet another top two finish for Sydney High. In the championship quad event, High rowed for one spot on the podium, the first spot, holding off the other determined crews. By the championship doubles race, the open rowers were quite fatigued, and were pushing the limits of physical exertions in one day. However Mitch Kelly and Daniel O'Keefe did the school proud, pushing for a bronze medal, against highly rated opposition.

The day was fast coming to a close with few events remaining. In the under 15s double scull High raced out to the now familiar feeling of a top two finish.

Rowing



Unfortunately though High scullers James Whiting and Andrew Blomberg could not place in the under 17s singles, with James managing to bag fourth place just ahead of Andrew in a very quick final, leaving only two events in the day. High completed a clean sweep of sweep oar events in an entertaining fashion, with the two crews taking out the top places in the championship fours event, the winners, first four, stroked by the ever aggressive Koeun Na. Thus High took out every possible sweep oar medal available for us.

The last event of the day was the under 16s scull, the last chance to add points to any schools tally, obviously adding to the adrenalin of the competitors. Our only qualifier Dale Chen rowed a spirited race, and saw himself in the middle of a tough field, coming fifth out of nine in what was a good contest.

And so with the racing finished, all that was left was to await the tally. Sydney High managed to win the men's point score yet again in spectacular fashion, however were edged out of the overall score, due to the disadvantage of having no women to enter in half the events. It was a successful campaign, with High maintaining its position of 'champion of champions' in the world of CHS male rowing.

Shahar Merom

First Eight

Rowers are always questioned why do you do it, why do you put yourself through all those early mornings, pain and training. The answer is always this "because it is the sport I love". Rowing is a hard sport to understand as an outsider. Why do people willingly get up at five in the morning to row backwards in the dark? It is something that can only be understood through participation. Being in a boat is a truly special feeling and one of the greatest pleasures in life is sailing down the river without a care in the world.

The senior eight had a very enjoyable season. Training started as early as Term 2, with Sunday single sculling sessions run by Fin Murray. Though not compulsory, attendance to these sessions was high and it is no coincidence that the boys who came to these early sessions are the same people who later made the First Eight.

The season built up in term three with committed training from the senior squad. A

typical week consisted of four or five water sessions, two days in the gym and one or two sessions on the ergometer. The training proved to be effective and resulted in many strong gains being made. The eight was ably coached by Head Coach Oliver Wilson, and pushed hard in the gym by Jason Tassell.

The first selections of the season resulted in the following people being selected in the eight: Daniel O'Keefe, Harry Reid, Mitchell Kelly, David Vien, Chris Andrews, Shahar Merom, Matt Ling, Brynley Pfull, Patrick Desmond. The mid season boat camp, which took place over the summer holidays, was hard work but a great bonding experience for all involved. Two weeks of rowing camp can be a painful experience at times and there was many a rower who at one point or another hit the wall. But it is through these seemingly Spartan sessions that one gets to see the true character of those whom you are racing with. The January camp was not only a great tool for physical development but it was also a great mental tool and it allowed everyone an opportunity to truly test themselves. The resulting crew was selected after the January camp

Bow – Shahar Merom: A tireless worker within the crew, Shahar's work ethic and dedication have been something to behold, whether it is in the gym or on the water, Shahar always pushes himself to the brink, often with disastrous consequences to himself, but allowing him to make great improvements to his rowing, becoming one of the most technically adept rowers in the boat.

2 – Chris Andrews: Chris has worked incredibly hard to make the eight this year, making a big jump from rowing in the Second IV last year. Chris's efforts show just what can be accomplished with lots of hard work, and his efforts are respected greatly in the sheds.

3 – David Vien: Our school captain is a great leader within the crew; on top of this David is, in a tough sport, the toughest guy in the crew, rowing on a injured shoulder all year – requiring painkilling injections for the Head of the River has not stopped Dave. His drive and determination is inspiring to those around him.

4 – Brynley Pfull: As well as being a great rower, Brynley is also a great individual and a real down to earth guy. If I were to go to junior boy and point out someone who would be a great role

model for them to follow, it would be Brynley.

5 – Harry Reid: Harry has worked hard this year and has become an exceptional rower. Harry is also a great guy off the water, and another person I would not hesitate to offer as a role model to younger boys.

6 – Daniel O’Keefe

7 – Nelson Ridges: An aggressive oarsman, Nelson is a vital part of the crew, helping drive it down the 2000m course.

Stroke – Mitchell Kelly: The biggest and strongest guy in the sheds. Mitch is the guy who will be hammering it out of the blocks. Mitch is the guy who will be lifting the crew with 500m to go. An amazing athlete, Mitch is a vital cog in this boat.

Cox – Patrick Desmond: Back for his second year in the eight and with one more to still to go, Paddy is a great coxswain and inspiring figure to hear as we drive through the pain.

The GPS season as always was tough and uncompromising. One of the great pleasures of

rowing in the GPS is knowing that your opposition is of the highest standard. The level to which you have to push yourself to achieve success is so great that it demands the best out of you. The most notable result of the was the personal crew best of 6.12 rowed by the eight at the National Regatta.

The CHS is always a regatta the boys look forward to because of the opportunity to compete against other public schools from the country. Each year the regatta is held over two days either in Sydney or one of the country towns. This year CHS was held in Penrith and the school managed to win the overall boys points score for the umpteenth time.

Rowing at Sydney High has been without doubt one of the most fun yet challenging pursuits any of the senior rowers have enjoyed. It is a sport that tests you to your limits physically, on the erg, in the weights room or in a boat you are always pushed, yet at the same time it is a great social experience and it is has provided us with memories we can always look back on.

Many thanks to Ollie Wilson as head coach



Second Eight

Bow: J.Nguyen, **2:** A.Belokopytov, **3:** R.Chen, **4:** J.Wachsmann, **5:** R.Chen, **6:** C.Chen, **7:** T.Harvey,
Stroke: M.Ling, **Cox:** P.Radhakrishnan.

and coach of the First VIII, George Barris who coached the Second VIII, and to all those who contributed to making the season a success.

Daniel O'Keefe, Captain of Boats.

Second Eight

The 2007-08 rowing season was ultimately the most rewarding and fulfilling season from a personal perspective. Failing to win a seat in the First VIII I settled for a leadership role in the Second VIII, being the only member in year 12. The intense competition in the First VIII was compensated for by a contagious relaxing and jovial attitude in the Second VIII which I particularly enjoyed so much about the crew.

Initially I was bitter from my omission from the VIII and rowing with people whom I saw as half as committed as I was. But through the development of a mutual understanding we were able to share as a crew, and I grew to love these people as crew-mates and friends.

The crew initially selected remained the same except for a few positional changes and read from the bow; Jason Nguyen in bow seat, Alik Belokopytov in the 2-seat, Roy Chen in the 3-seat, Jack Wachsmann in the 4-seat, Robert Chen in the 5-seat, Clive Chen in the 6-seat, Tom Harvey in the 7-seat, Matthew Ling in the stroke seat and Pravin Radhakrishnan as coxswain. From start to end, the season was a roller-coaster ride, taking many turns, ups and downs, slowing down and taking us all through an amazing journey of self-discovery amidst the arduous nature of rowing.

Over time, all members committed to the cause and commenced working hard in the gym and it was through these intense workouts that we bonded together as a crew. The rowing season is one of the toughest to endure – I am sure all the members of the crew went through their high points and low points and I can remember stages of the season where it felt as if the sun was shrouded away behind clouds and the sky always grey, but the boys persevered for each other and for Mr Barris. As a fairly lightweight crew we recorded disappointing times from the beginning of the season, competing against a stronger field in the Second VIII arena in years. Guided by Mr George Barris, who served as a social mentor and rowing coach we were able to extend ourselves physically, emotionally, intellectually, metaphysically and generally in life.

We managed to push our limits and achieve satisfaction in the final race of the season, the Head of the River, and clock a personal best time of 6.34, slicing 11 seconds off our previous time and also giving Grammar a run for their money. And despite the final placing, I am unmistakably sure that all left the Sydney International Regatta Centre content, happy and proud for each other, and stomachs gratefully digesting the overload of Krispy Kreme donuts.

Rowing is truly a life-changing experience, and at this point of time I can see the changes it has had on the individuals, the character-building it imbues upon all, and I see it clearly in my crew.

Jason Nguyen, the oddest character at the sheds, has exemplified an immaculate sense of commitment to be one of the strongest in the boat in terms of weights, now a Prefect of the school.

Alik Belokopytov could not stay silent in the boat, constantly persuading all members on 'backsplash' as technical advice, also a strong performer in the weights room especially in chin-ups.

Roy Chen is one of the most likeable characters in the rowing sheds, easy to get along with and despite my having doubts on his commitment, I finished up trusting him with all my heart. He proved himself in displaying a passion unrivalled in his temporary appointment as stroke, developing leadership skills which will assist him in his current role as Vice-Captain of the school.

Jack Wachsmann, the dark horse of the crew, the quiet achiever also an integral part of our crew whom you can trust with absolutely anything – Prefect and also an important Cadets role.

Tom Harvey's laid-back relaxed nature to everything typified the Second VIII crew, his passion and bloodthirst during races a major driving factor to the crew, his willingness alone to step up from his laid back position, was enough to move the entire crew, his presence highly required in the 2009 season.

Matthew Ling took a break in the holidays to the USA, which may have cost him his chance at making the First VIII; paired with Tom as the stern pair, both combined to lead the crew. Matthew drew from the season a greater sense of responsibility, but can never remedy his uncanny ability to fall asleep anywhere.

Rowing



First Four

Cox: *H.Schilling*, **Bow:** *T.Joo*, **2:** *K.Ahmed*, **3:** *N.McDonnell*, **Stroke:** *K.Na*.



Second Four

Cox: *D.Luo*, **Bow:** *J.Eriksson*, **2:** *P.Horton*, **3:** *J.Santos*, **Stroke:** *N.Street*.

The CHS Championships was a perfect finale for my rowing career at High, a fun regatta for the Second VIII boys lapping up the glorious moments for a season never to be forgotten, enjoying the perpetual friendships formed between crew mates in my last two perfect days of rowing.

Thank you Mr Con Barris and Mr George Barris for this experience. It has been an honour and privilege to lead and row with the 2nd VIII of 2008.

Robert Chen

First Four

Rowing is a sport for dreamers. As long as you put in the work, you can own the dream. Rowing is life, everything else is just a game and this was certainly the view shared by the four senior members of the First IV. Following the small taste of success that the crew of '07 experienced, the members of the Sydney High First IV were privileged to be given one last shot at glory against some of the toughest and strongest schoolboy rowing crews in the world.

Although there were a number of potential candidates for the top crew, the four most senior rowers of B group were selected after a gruelling training and selection process, and have not changed since. Veteran rower Tim Joo and coxswain Hayden Schilling provided valuable experience to the crew and Nathan McDonnell gave the crew the very much needed moral support whilst the ever aggressive pair of Khalid Ahmed and Koeun Na drove the steely determination the crew had from start to end.

Regattas each Saturday gave us the valuable racing conditions we needed to prepare our minds and the intense sessions throughout the week ensured our bodies were ready for the ultimate race: the Head of the River. We knew that nothing is ever too late and that adding up the small things will inevitably lead to great things. This gave us hope, and every success was a proponent of the next. We began to create our own small 'history': not of disappointment, but of accomplishment.

Monday afternoons were 10km runs, Tuesday and Thursday mornings were spent in the weights room, and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings were on the Parramatta River. To those who are guided by the misconception that rowing in the senior fours is the easy option – under the iron fist of our coach,

the First IV was ensured that not a single stroke of the oar was to ever be anything less than full pressure. From these long hours of painful training both on and off the water, the stage was set for an epic race at the Head of the River.

Standing together as one single unit, one crew atop the stage during the Rowing Assembly, we felt that it was our duty not only to ourselves but to everyone who had put in their time and effort for us to achieve victory. Though the history books paint a shaded picture, we had our goals set before us and with that, we were saluted by the school as we left for the arena of dreams.

The tension at the start of any rowing race can never be felt anywhere else in the world. The calling of the crews before the silence, which lasts for what seems a lifetime, is an experience so unique that only those who have been there can fully comprehend the nature of the sport itself. The pain and agony following the starting beep is quickly forgotten as the roar and cheers of the seven thousand strong crowd hits the rowers as they near the finish line. Though we did not place ahead of the other crews, we achieved something that no one thought we could do, cutting off a whole half minute from our race time, a commendable effort.

The First IV '08 was a crew which loved its rowing. We prided ourselves on our technique and fellowship within the crew. The time and effort which our supporters put in for us, coach James Gerofti, Mr Con Barris, Mr George Barris, Tim Glass, Ollie Wilson, David Daish, and the supporters of High Rowing, we thank you. Though some may say that we are not true winners for not taking out the Head of the River, we say to them, we are the CHS Champions.

The First IV for 2008 was: Bow: Timothy Joo; 2 Seat: Khalid Ahmed; 3 Seat: Nathan McDonnell; Stroke: Koeun Na; Cox: Hayden Schilling; Koeun Na, Stroke.

Second Four

The Second IV of 2008, while having a few enjoyable rows and camps together, lacked the consistent commitment necessary to succeed in the GPS competition. A lack of weights training by members of the crew resulted in a crew that while big, could not move the boat as fast as they could have potentially.



ThirdFour

Cox: B.Jian, **Bow:** T.Peters, **2:** S.Binns, **3:** M.Kite, **Stroke:** N.ASbeysuriya.



First Year 10 Eight

Bow: M.Ambrose, **2:** V.Boulavine, **3:** J.Musgrove, **4:** D.Edgtton, **5:** J.Whiting, **6:** A.Blomberg, **7:** D.Chen, **Stroke:** G.Denny-Smith, **Cox:** G.Deacon.



Second Year 10 Eight

Bow: *P.Baweja*, **2:** *A.Low*, **3:** *S.Kim*, **4:** *A.Banh*, **5:** *A.Guo*, **6:** *N.Nguyen*, **7:** *B.Lee*,
Stroke: *J.Lee*, **Cox:** *E.Wong*.



First Year 9 Quad

Cox: *A.Chung*, **Bow:** *J.Petrie*, **2:** *K.Fang*, **3:** *W.Stefanidis*, **Stroke:** *T.Gollan*.



Second Year 9 Quad

Bow: *D.Kim*, **2:** *K.Lin*, **3:** *R.Caetano*, **Stroke:** *L.Vlatko*, **Cox:** *F.Lin*.



Third Year 9 Quad

Bow: *A.Liao*, **2:** *L.Lu*, **3:** *K.Tian*, **Stroke:** *R.Zhai*, **Cox:** *J.Chen*



Fourth Year 9 Quad

Bow: *D.Nguyen*, **2:** *D.Gorey*, **3:** *C.Pan*, **Stroke:** *G.Li*, **Cox:** *I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy*



Fifth Year 9 Quad

Bow: *S.Marques*, **2:** *W.Dang*, **3:** *A.Huynh*, **Stroke:** *I.Eveleigh*, **Cox:** *K.Yang*.



First Year 8 Quad

Bow: *W.Lin*, **2:** *S.Pak*, **3:** *K-Y.Wong*, **Stroke:** *M.Jones*, **Cox:** *C.Zhang*.



Second Year 8 Quad

Bow: *S.Saleh*, **2:** *T.Montanaro*, **3:** *J.Edgton*, **Stroke:** *K.Krahe*, **Cox:** *R.Hua*.

The fine insight of James Mackay, a technically excellent rower and coach and Tom Hurrell, a fine motivator and rower, resulted in great improvements toward the end of the season. However it was too little too late. Our coxswain perhaps improved the most out of all of us – from a shy child who could not find his sleeping bag, to a coxswain who moved the boat well.

Many thanks to Oliver Wilson, the author of our program, and Mr Barris, our fine MIC.

Neil Street, Stroke.

Fifth Year 9 Quad Scull

The 07/08 rowing season was one with reasonable successes for the Year 9 Fifth Quad. With three new rowers and a sweep oar rower, experience was lacking at the start of the season.

After numerous swaps and debate, we came up with the following crew: Cox: Warren Dang, Stroke: Allen Liao, 3: Isaac Eveleigh, 2: Albert Huynh, Bow: Declan Gorey, Reserve: Kun Yang. The first race saw us beat joeys by three boat-lengths – a reasonable start to the racing season.

We ended up beating Joeys three times throughout the season, Grammar once, Scots once (on time) and St Ignatius (who pulled out). Yaegan and Dom were brilliant coaches and, with their expertise, turned us from an epileptic spider to a formidable rowing crew, having beaten both third and fourth quads in numerous training races.

Allen Liao and Isaac Eveleigh

First Year 8 Quad Scull

The 2008 rowing season was without a doubt a tough one for the Year 8 First Quad. Being our first ever competitive rowing season, it was definitely a fantastic and unique experience for all the boys. Too many badly timed injuries and close losses lead to some disappointing results, which hardly reflect the crew's hard work. Nevertheless, we progressed very strongly and improved vastly in our ability and results, showing determination which was unmatched by any other GPS crew.

The season started off badly, with the crew losing our first four races. After this, our spirits had been diminished, but this would not excuse us from our training. Some extremely difficult training sessions that week saw huge improvements in our

ability. We stole third place from Joeys in the next race, which boosted our confidence greatly and then again in the following week from Scot's as well (who had beaten us previously). We lost two valuable rowers, Shaun and Wilson, in the following week due to injuries (Wilson would unfortunately be unable to row for the remainder of the season). With two key players gone, we rowed to the best of our ability, but were outpaced by larger and stronger crews for the next few weeks. Then came the Gold Cup Regatta, and we were looking forward to having Shaun back. Alas, a last minute call informed us that Kah-Yang, our power-house had sprained his ankle. The boys gave it their all, but were disappointed with fourth place in the race.

The crew consisted of Wilson Lin in bow, Shaun Pak as second man, Kah-Yang Wong in the third seat, Cassidy Zhang as Cox and myself, Max Jones, as stroke. Raymond Hua was also alternating with Cassidy as Cox.

Wilson is a strong, consistent rower who would never tire during the race; keeping up a consistent speed which pulled us that much closer to the next boat in front. Shaun is a valuable rower because of his almost perfect technique, surging the boat forward with ease. The powerhouse of the boat, Kah-Yang is a very strong rower with the second highest erg time who always gives it everything. His loud and dramatic remarks are what kept us going when the going got tough. But there is one more key crewmember whom we sometimes can't see. The coxswain, Cassidy, has a "short" temper and a big voice. He gets us rowers pumped during the race and knows exactly how to push us to our limits. A special mention to Kevin for doing a great job of filling in for Wilson and let's not forget Julian and Tony, whom we borrowed from second quad when our numbers were down.

I would like to thank the people who made this season possible for us. Our five coaches: Blake, Chong, Joe, Andrew and Adam taught us to row and helped us to improve. I would also like to thank Mr Barris, Serdar Bolen (Monday land training), the boys' parents and everyone else who strives for the success of Sydney High rowing.

To conclude, the 2008 rowing season was a good one with harsh results. Some unfortunate injuries lead to some unfortunate results, but I congratulate the boys on their efforts throughout the season.

Max Jones

Swimming

The GPS season for 2008 was possibly the most challenging one we have experienced for a number of years. The number of members in the team had fallen due to both natural attrition and competing commitments. In spite of this, the small but committed squad ably led by Anton Komarov and Muhamed Mehmedbasic still managed to fill most events with most boys competing in two, three and sometimes four races per age group at each GPS carnival.

CHS Swimming

As always, the CHS arm of the swimming season provided great success for the Sydney Boys High School swimming team. The Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at the Des Rensford Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 4 March saw a number of long standing records fall to High swimmers:

The Open 4 x 50m Medley Relay consisting of Anton Komarov, Darren Ho, Jack Musgrove and Andrew Ye

The 12 Years 100m Breaststroke record fell to Dominic Mah

The Sydney Boys High School once again made up the majority of the boys half of the Zone swimming team, including all of the relay teams. Although the Head of the River Regatta (which was held mid-week for the first time in over a century) fell on the same day as the Sydney East Regional Swimming Championships, SBHS still managed to give an excellent account of itself at this meet with four of our swimmers gaining selection to the Regional Team to compete in the CHS Swimming Championships.

GPS Swimming

What we lacked in depth was more that made up for in courage, commitment, spirit and talent. By the end of the GPS season all age divisions boasted a swimmer in the GPS team:

12 Yrs: Dominic Mah
13 Yrs: Patrick Zhou
14 Yrs: Max Chien
15 Yrs: Jonah Petrie
16 Yrs: Jeffrey Jiang
17 Yrs: Darren Ho
Opens: Anton Komarov

Seven swimmers in all, which as a proportion of the total represented, over 25% of the team. Individual highlights of Swimming season 2008 included:

Dominic Mah: 12 Years Age Division

Dominic came first in all six individual 12 Years swimming events at the Sydney Boys High School Swimming Carnival held on Friday 8 February 2008. Dominic represented Sydney Boys High School in all five GPS Swimming Carnivals.

The highlight of the season for him came when he set a 12 Years 50 metre Breaststroke record on 22 February 2008 with a time of 41.55 secs

Dominic represented Sydney Boys High School in the Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 4 March 2008. He came second in all individual events except for the 100 metre Breaststroke, where he broke the record set in 1992 by eight seconds in a time of 1:32. He was also part of the All Age relay team that came first by nearly a lap over its closest rival.

Dominic competed in the Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival on Thursday 19th March 2008 with the following results:

Second in the 100m Breaststroke (1:31.36); Sixth in the 100m Freestyle (1:22.92); Fifth in the 50m Freestyle (34.58); Sixth in the 100m Backstroke (1:39.82); First 100m Butterfly (1:33.68).

The Butterfly result was a surprise as Dominic initially was not going to contest the event. He swam seven seconds faster than his old personal best.

Dominic represented Sydney East in the CHS Swimming Championships on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 April 2008. He swam in both the 100m Butterfly and the 100m Breaststroke and made both finals and came away with a CHS bronze medal in the 100m Breaststroke with a time of 1:29.62

Dominic represented the GPS at the CIS Swimming Carnival in the 50m Breaststroke and finally capped his outstanding season 08 by representing the CHS at the All Schools Swimming Carnival in both the 50m and the 100m Breaststroke on Friday 23 May 2008.



Swimming

Back Row: B. Wilcox, R. Dong, D. Chen, M. Soencer, A. Ye, R. Chen.

Second Row: D. Luo, A. Belokopytov, H. Schilling, J. Petrie, S. Pak, E. Mehmedbasic, M. Chien, D. Mah, J. Culibao.

Front Row: D. Ho, B. Wong, A. Komarov (Captain), K. Mickowski (Vic Captain), J. Musgrove, D. Smith-Light.

Patrick Zhou: 13 Years Age Division

Patrick contested all swimming events in his age group at the Sydney Boys High School swimming carnival and gained first place in all of his races. He followed up this excellent performance with a first place in all events he competed in at the Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival.

At the Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival Patrick gained a second in the 100m Butterfly and was selected for the CHS swimming team. At the CHS carnival Patrick came sixth in his event with a personal best time of 1:10.50.

In 2008 Patrick was selected to represent the GPS at the CIS carnival where he competed in the 50m Breaststroke, the 100m Breaststroke, the 50m Butterfly and the 100m Butterfly. At the carnival he swam 31.83 for the 50m Butterfly which was a personal best time gaining him seventh place. In the 50m Breaststroke he swam 41.21 and gained eleventh place, in his 100m Butterfly event he came seventh in a time of 1:12.15 and in the 100m Breaststroke event he came seventh in a time of 1:34.75.

Max Chien: 14 Years Age Division

Max contested all swimming events in his age group at the Sydney Boys High School swimming carnival and gained first place in all of his races.

At the Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming Carnival Max once again achieved first place in all the events he competed in.

At the Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival Max gained the following places: First in the 100m Breaststroke, third in the 100m Butterfly, sixth in the 100m Freestyle, fourth in the 100m Backstroke and fourth in the 100m Butterfly.

Max then went on to compete at the CHS swimming championship where he came second in the 100m Breaststroke and third in the 100m Freestyle.

In 2008 Max was also selected to represent the GPS at the CIS carnival where he competed in

both the 50m Breaststroke and the 200m Breaststroke.

The highlight of the season for Max was the Third GPS carnival where he broke the 200m Breaststroke record with a time of 2:50.97.

Darren Ho: 17Years/Open Age Division

Although Darren, as a Year 12 swimmer and HSC candidate had to prioritise his time this year he still managed an outstanding season representing his school, his zone, his region and the GPS.

The highlights for season 2008 for Darren were:

- GPS carnival 3 on 22 February 2008, where he swam second in the 200m Breaststroke
- The Eastern Suburbs Zone Swimming carnival on 4 March 2008, where he swam first in the 50m Breaststroke championships,
- GPS carnival 5 on 14 March 2008 where he gained first place in the 50m Breaststroke championships.
- The Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival on 19 March 2008 where he gained second place in the 100m Breaststroke finals
- The CHS Swimming Championships on 4 April 2008 where he swam third in the 100m Breaststroke
- The CIS Swimming Championships on 29 April 2008 gaining sixth place in the 50m Breaststroke and finally
- The NSW All Schools Swimming Championships held on 23 May 2008 gaining a ninth place in the 100m Breaststroke finals

In conclusion I should like to thank all the parents and supporters of the team who attended the carnivals and provided the boys with tremendous moral and logistical support, and the boys themselves who showed great courage and true High spirit throughout the 2008 Swimming season.

Mr RV Ockert, MIC Swimming.

Sailing

The sailing season yet again threw all its meteorological might against the Sydney Boys High squad over weeks of training and racing. Heat, chill, doldrums and tempests were all to be expected, whether under rigorous coaching or tough competition. On this kind of backdrop, an eventful season unfolded without much coaxing.

Term four of 2007 was largely dedicated to preparation. Boys were drilled in rules and manoeuvres that would prove vital in the following regattas, as a slight strategy modification or minor mishap could be translated into a difference of over ten places. Nevertheless, testing the skills we would need later on in the season in a variety of conditions was the perfect preparation for the upcoming competitions, and what better way than to learn from world champions.

The Sydney International Regatta was the biggest dinghy sailing event ever to have been held in Australia, and Sydney Boys was right at the crux of it. Not sailing but volunteering and raising money for the school Sailing Program. For five days the boys were in the thick of the action – every few hours there was mayhem at the ramp as competitors made their way out to sea. Donned in fluorescent green jackets, we helped sailors with their boats and trailers. On some of the rougher

days, we helped ashore those with broken masts and ripped sails. Of course, the biggest challenge lay on the last day, where returning over three hundred trolleys to their respective dinghies was no easy task. In addition to simply being part of such a large-scale event, we were able to watch some of the most skilled sailors in the world on our own home ground, keeping their technique in mind for the following term.

As expected, the Tri-Series Regatta was upon us quite early in the new school year, but the team was prepared for every eventuality. Over the course of three intense Saturdays, the team had won medals in several Laser classes and placed commendably in the Pacer category.

The CHS Regatta at Belmont is customarily the next monumental undertaking in Sydney High Sailing. Although this is usually more generously attended, the sole representative Phil Kurts did not disappoint. The CHS trophy for First Place in Division 1 now lies in the Sydney Boys High School foyer as a result of Phil Kurts's impressive 29er result.

The seamlessness of the Sailing program this year must be attributed to several people. MIC Mrs Collignon can be seen every Saturday at Woollahra Sailing Club making sure everything is running smoothly. Our coach Adam South keeps



Senior Sailing

Back Row: A.Leung, B.Zoltarev, A.Richards, T.Davenport, A.Saunders, N.Slinko, T.Sun, D.Wong, R.Wong, B.Lung. **Front Row:** D.Toh, T.Burston, L.Burger, J.Coppa, P.Wu, S.Zhang, D.Shi.



everyone sailing at their full potential, delivering individual race analyses to each sailor after their finish. The parent committee plays an imperative role in the administrative and fundraising side to Sailing.

On behalf of the Sailing team of Sydney Boys High I would like to thank these people for leaving the season in readiness for further achievement next summer.

Muhammed Mehmedbasic, Captain.



Junior Sailing

Back Row: *T.Funston, M.Delaney, B.Hillier, D.Dong, S.Rashid, A.Rudder.*

Front Row: *M.James, S.Fletcher, E.Mehmedbasic, B.Daniels, A.Weinstock, A.Xu, D.Wei.*

Water Polo

The 2007-2008 season of Water Polo was a come-back year for High. After three years absence from the competition, soon-to-be captain James Menzies and hard worker Mitch Hammer, combined efforts to make the sport an option at High once more.

Much lobbying by the two and commitment from Mr Richard Ayre resulted in the fielding of a Sydney Boys combined opens team in the second grade competition. The announcement was met with joy from Menzies, the only survivor from High's last venture into the sport. The hard part was over.

Now all that was needed was a team. James spent weeks appealing to Year 12 boys in an attempt to field the strongest team possible. Scouring the ranks of the GPS swimmers, he was able to produce some solid recruits and, along with them, some fiercely impassioned boys. Although lacking in Water Polo experience the boys put in an astounding amount of effort which, combined with the speed and stamina of the swimmers, produced a surprisingly optimistic crowd.

The boys started the season with no doubts about the expectations of the school. The last season saw only one goal from High in the entire season. The boys made a pact; to better that total in just the first game, and that was exactly what they did.

The first trial game of the season and indeed thirteen of the boys' debuts saw High take on the far more experienced boys from Waverly College. After only one training session High had an inevitably dismal start, trailing at half time by 0-13. The third quarter saw a vast improvement with only a 1-2 deficit, and 2-7 second half, with both goals going to the captain. However, the true stand out was the Keeper Benjamin Palau. Although conceding twenty goals, his performance under pressure saved the boys from further embarrassment. With the fulfilment of their pact, the 2-20 defeat produced only pride in the boys, and fuelled them to train harder and longer, producing one of the most committed first grade teams the school has to offer.

The first round of the GPS, against St Aloysius, had High meet their coach for the first time, barely an hour before the match. He seemed to inspire them to new levels of skill. The boys

played well beyond their previous attempts, and with a full strength team had the score at a relatively respectable 2-11 at three quarter time. The last quarter saw a blow out in the score as High became increasingly tired and the superior St Aloysius fitness came into play.

High were home to Iggies at Iggies for the Second round of the competition. The boys were surprised to be met with open hostility as the Saint Ignatius team dunked and drowned them. Kiril Mickovski scored another rebound bringing his total of goals up to two for the season. The Iggies boys would not let this ride and following the goal, Kiril was involved in a scuffle in which the refs had to intervene. Although only one goal was scored and the result was another large defeat, High had their first glimpse of the truly competitive nature of the competition.

Two more large losses saw the boys' heads falling. However the holidays and the ensuing New Year brought the boys back to life with new found resolve. With their resolve came another addition to the team; Brendan Hancock. Brendan soon became the shining star of the team. Even though the only player not in his final year at High, the junior boy seemed unstoppable.

The second half of the season saw a vast improvement from the boys. This improvement was inspired by none other than Hancock whose three goals in his first two matches were a welcome sight. Aside from his goal scoring talent, his presence in the team meant the Captain could penetrate further into the opposition's attack, scoring countless goals himself.

The last few games approached and the boys were determined to keep improving. Against Trinity Grammar they played their first outdoor game, and it seemed to favour High. Although 0-5 down High fought back courageously, opening the scoring with fantastic team play, and consolidating by constantly releasing Anton Komarov who scored an unprecedented five goals. The final score of 6-10, although a loss, was the proudest result the team has.

The next week was the GPS gala day. Everyone knew it would be a telling day for the team; three games in a day would be a test of the boys training and improved fitness. The opening match of the day had High at a large disadvantage.

No substitutes and a far more skilled opposition reverted the team to a score in keeping with the start of the season, rather than the end. The unfortunate travesty that was the first game was recovered for the next two. The arrival of the cavalry, and a sense of desperation by the boys, knowing that these were the last games they would ever play together, brought out an incredible display of skill.

The two games both saw defeats but the incredible defence meant that the scores were kept to 4-10 and 3-9. The boys got out of the pool at the end of the season proud of their achievements, both personally and as team. An exhilarating display of courage and never-say-die attitude for the entire competition perfectly encapsulated the commitment of the boys.

On behalf of the team we would like to give thanks firstly to the family members who turned up to our matches. Without their support, and transport, the season simply would not have happened. A special thank you to Benjamin Palau's mother who, along with coming to every match, filmed and photographed the thrilling moments.

Next, thank you to Mr Richard Ayre. Without

him the team would never have been in the competition, had training facilities or even a coach.

To Ms Taryn Evans, MIC of Water Polo. Her commitment to put up with larrikinism of the team and still turn up to every training session and game has earned her the unwavering respect of every member of the team.

Lastly to Mr Lachlan Hollis our coach. Throughout the season he was simply inspirational. Teaching us the ins and outs of the sport, his calm guidance, and optimistic attitude were invaluable to the boys. We thank him most unreservedly, and wish him luck with his captaincy of the Australian Youth Men's team.

We would also like to give our best of luck to the Water Polo teams of next year. Show to our captain, his effort and legacy in bringing the sport back to High has not been in vain and please keep inspiring the boys in younger years to join.

And to the boys, their commitment, despite not winning a game, was phenomenal. With the season ended, the boys displayed the true value of the students of Sydney Boys and the meaning of High Spirit.

Ziggy Harrison-Tikisci.



Waterpolo

Back Row: Ms T.Evans (Coach), K.Mickovski, L.Boikov, A.Komarov, B.Palau, K.La, B.Wong.

Front Row: D.Ho, S.Hancock, Z.Harrison-Tikisci (Captain), J.Menzies, M.Spencer, M.Hammer, S.Karunaratne.

Winter Sport

Winter Sport Assembly

Guest Speaker's Address

I must admit that when I received the phone call from Mr Ayre I was both surprised and honoured.

It was thirty-seven years ago that I sat in this – The Great Hall. Even today it still brings back strong memories. As I look around I am again struck by its history. I am not sure if I truly appreciated what Sydney Boys' High School meant to me. I was lucky to be the son of an old boy – that was my entry ticket. I am not convinced that I would be accepted to attend here today.

Looking back I was very fortunate to go to school with some very special people – some truly exceptional people all of whom have chosen different paths, careers and lifestyles but in the main have been successful and enjoy fulfilling lives. Some are today's "captains of industry", leaders in their chosen fields, have travelled the world, studied in various universities, performed in concert halls throughout America and Europe, created their own business, become teachers, journalists, barristers, clergymen, doctors or carved out careers as tradesmen. We all have one thing in common – Sydney Boys' High School. I have no doubt that in this hall today that same rich mixture exists.

Let me assure you my time here was not always easy. I know I had a few struggles here and I also know that I created some different challenges for the staff in my six years. I was fortunate though because they took the time with me, they were patient and supportive and in my last couple of years I discovered they were also human!

Through my six years at high school I was heavily involved in sport. I played Cricket and Rugby. In 1971 I was fortunate to be a member of the First XV.

Sport has always played a significant role in my life. It has helped me to develop discipline, to understand my strengths and my weaknesses, value commitment, to understand the value of being part of a team and to have confidence in the directions I set myself. Although I didn't understand it at that age, as I reflect now I believe

my involvement in sport, especially here at this school, has helped me become the person I am today.

The year 1971 was a special year – we were fortunate to win the GPS Rugby competition. As a team we were committed to each other, we would play for each other and we would work for each other. I suppose we had two "mantras" that year although we probably never really announced them. They were simple:

"Never ever give up" and each time we took the field both individually and as a team we strived to be "The very best we could be ..."

I suppose even today I continue to use this approach.

To the students of 2008 I encourage you to become be part of the school, engage in the opportunities that you have here whether it be through sport, debating, the arts or cadets, and I will guarantee you that both your education and lives will be enriched. I wish you all success.

Remember in all of your endeavours: "Be the best you can be".

Good luck in 2008 – and remember This is your time – "enjoy the ride".

Neil Sherring

[Editors note: Neil Sherring is the Executive Officer NSWPSA, He captained the First XV, GPS Premiers in 1971. Some of his team mates included G.Stein, C.Barris and D.Blomberg (1971 School Captain and father of Andrew, Year 10).]



Athletics



Back Row: A.Sharma, E.Montoya Zorrilla, J.Ireland, N.Dimitropoulos, S.Higgins, C.Morrow, N.McDonnell, C.Katsikaros, K.McPherson, J.Whiting.

Fifth Row: M.Wong, H.Lane, D.Lo, N.Street, S.Renzenbrink, D.Cheung, K.Tian, T.Iyer, E.Zhang, V.Anandaselvakumar.

Fourth Row: Y.Wong, I.Nadkarni, T.Siu, E.Ovadia, I.Zaman, L.Liu, A.Kim, A.Guo, B.Lee, S.Haque, H.Subasinghe, S.Razeen.

Third Row: P.Desmond, C.Chen, D.Chau, S.Reiyder, M.Wong, D.Chen, B.Chen, A.Xu, N.Kok, S.Martin, J.Rajendram, M.Phung.

Second Row: R.Chen, J.Chow, M.Rusli, D.Xiao, M.Vu, D.Hu, P.Krakovsky, A.Singh, G.Garayalde, S.Lane, P.Pannila, K.Gunaratne.

Front Row: D.Mah, K.Nguyen, M.Ling, G.Denny-Smith (Junior Vice Captain), S.Ali (Junior Captain), Mr R.Devlin (MIC Athletics), L.Street (Captain), M.Denny-Smith, J.Tassell, M.Kite, N.Ridges.

Athletics Assembly

Special guest Werner Botha, athletes, coaches, parents, staff and students, welcome to our annual Athletics Assembly. This morning, like the late Big Kev 'I'm excited'. What has made me excited is that High boys may be starting to realise more of their potential in athletics. The positive atmosphere is no accident. I want to acknowledge and recognise the work of Robert Devlin as MIC who has enthusiastically, persistently and methodically developed the athletics program over the last few years. His work was boosted by the passion and energy of Richard Ayre as HT Sport. Jason Tassell has brought a strong structure to our quest for speed and endurance. Thank you to staff members Steve Codey, Mark Gainford and Wayne Baldock for their efforts. Our coaches Davina Strauss, Rebecca Elliott and Edward Ovadia have helped deepen our fitness and lift our skills bases. Thank you to David and Katrina Morrow for their expertise and dedication to High Jump. Thank you to the carnival volunteers, Sean Creer and the parents, who helped out at our invitational carnival and who are assisting us on Saturday.

Improving sports performance is a complex and variable process. When we stop looking and learning and asking questions about performance, we start to become victims of our own conditioning. Paul Smith, an Old Boy sports psychologist, tells the story of world record holder Ian Thorpe's defeat by Pieter van den Hoogenband at the 2000 Sydney Olympics in the 200m freestyle. The Dutch swimming team arrived in Australia and instead of going to the athletes' village, trained at Newcastle and one of their coaches studied videos of all of Thorpe's great swims. The coaches devised a plan for each stage of the race for van den Hoogenband to counter Thorpe's strengths. When Australian coaches some years later were asked by Smith what they did to prepare him for a challenge from the Dutchman, the answer was – nothing! Thorpe was known to be the fastest swimmer in the world and considered unbeatable – he just had to dive in and swim to win. He may well have been defeated by a failure to learn because he had been conditioned to expect to win.

Conditioning affects us all. Smith talks about the Baby Elephant Syndrome. Elephants in circuses were trained by attaching one end of a long chain to one of their ankles and the other to a spike driven into the ground. The elephant could

not escape and tended to walk in circles defined by the radius of the chain. The trainer taught the elephant within the boundaries of the circle. By the time the elephant was fully grown, the trainer could remove the chain but leave the manacle with a couple of links dangling from it, to indicate to the elephant that the chain was still there. The circus elephant would parade around the ring without attempting to escape or vary his routine.

Like fully grown circus elephants, we are all potential prisoners of what poet William Blake famously described as 'mind forged manacles', constrained in our performance by the effects of imagination, fear or conditioning. Sports performance at High has traditionally suffered from negative conditioning and lowered expectation, thinking not about winning but concentrating on parading around the circus ring.

Paul Smith recommends a method to break the baby Elephant Syndrome. His simple formula for success is to focus on passion plus vision plus action. Our team members need to ask themselves: "What do I love about athletics?" You have to have fun, get excited and build enthusiasm about your training and competing. I have seen more evidence of passion in our program this year. We have more people involved in the program, trying to inspire you and give you the skills for success. I see more enjoyment around. Our team needs to know where it is going – what its vision is. Collective and individual goal setting builds vision. Mr Devlin has set goals for performance in terms of more places closer to first in more events at the GPS carnival. I am confident that our vision is defined. Positive action is the third ingredient. Challenging yourself with the parachute or sled or step ladders or hurdles or hills and making each element of the training a challenge, increases personal productivity at training. Such focus brings strength and speed results. I have seen more boys training more often – taking positive action. To raise our team performance we have questions to ask each other about our passion, vision and actions. Congratulations to all those boys who have done the training and have been selected to represent us in championship or division. Focus on each place and each point – it takes the full team to earn the points we need. At the GPS Athletics carnival this Saturday, let's believe in each other, support one another and build success.

Dr KA Jaggard.

113th AAGPS Athletics Championships

An earlier start to the day, and an earlier time of year, was only the beginning of the changes that the 113th AAGPS Athletics Championships heralded for Sydney High Athletics on 10 May 2008. With clear blue skies, and only the mildest of breezes, our disciplined athletes turned out in force. As the programme had undergone a complete shakeup in the prior weeks, athletes from High were arriving with a new determination – a determination not in any way dampened by the 8000 strong crowd of supporters there expecting little from High, a satisfaction they would not receive.

In the under 13 years competition, Edward Zhang fronted for the sprinters achieving a respectable fifth in both the 100 and 200 metre races (12.82, 27.12). Our hurdlers also stood up to the challenge proving that with some dedicated training we can be a competitive force with Patrick Krakovsky (15.00) and James Chotiyana (15.33) coming third and fourth in their respective 90 metre hurdles races. The 13's 4 x 100m relay team was unfortunate not to place in 4th having worked hard to run an impressive 51.01 on the day.

The 14s age division saw some tight tussles, which High will grow from. Full credit must go to Pasan Pannila for his 4:47.1 1500m race which he had worked hard for all season, as well as Prashan Prabaharan for 58.5 in his 400m race, both of whom achieved fourth placings in their respective

events. Slava Reiyder (12.59) managed a very respectable 3rd place in the division 100m, and the 4 x 100 relay also pulled a fourth placing running a quick 48.92. The 14s flourished off the track as well with Tian Ling jumping 5.53m to place 3rd in long jump, David Nguyen putting 11.13m to place in 4th in the shotput, and Scott Renzenbrink coming in 5th in his high jump event at 1.58m.

High's most distinguished age group on the day, the 15s, boasted both of our wins. Having run a disappointing 4th place in his 200 (24.66), Shadman Ali put in his all and in exactly 12 seconds became the GPS' fastest 15 year old. Chris Morrow in emphatic style achieved a win over favoured competition in his high jump event reaching 1.76m. Samuel Lane was unfortunate not to win his 1500m event having led the entire race but falling behind in the last 200m, but nonetheless running a solid 4:24.2 for second place. Brian Kelly in the 100m division race reached 3rd place in 12.23 concluding a most successful day for the age group.

The 16s, boosted by an injury free Josh Tassell, lead the junior team. Josh was incredibly unfortunate to have come 2nd in his 100m race by 0.01 of a second (11.51) and in his 200, by just 0.1 of a second at 22.99. Jeremy Ireland ran a strong 1500m race to finish in 3rd (4:21.2) – a good result for the hard working athlete. In the field shot-putters Max Kite and George Denny-Smith reached 3rd and 2nd places in Championship and Division competitions respectively, a well deserved reward for their season's efforts.



High supporters at the GPS Athletics Carnival

The senior team, while not enjoying the same success as the junior competitors, fought admirably in the face of incredible talent where High was not out of place. The 17s age group had no places better than Edwin Montoya Zorrilla's 5th in the Championship 1500m (4:30.5), however, considering the field, (the 100m race was decided by less than 0.7 seconds between first and last place) this was nothing to scoff at.

For the vast majority of the Open's team, this was their last opportunity to compete at this elite level in front of such an excitable crowd. With many preparations having been hampered by academic focus, the likes of Sydney High's fastest man Kogulan Sriranjana went out to prove he could still put up a fight pulling 4th and 5th places in his 100m (11.48) and 200m (23.29) individual events, as well as anchoring the 4 x 100m team to also gain 5th in 44.69. Harrison Lane ran with suitable finesse reaching 5th place in his 3000m race in an age group two above his own. The great anticipation built around Ronan Casey's 1500m race was not poorly judged as he ran a competitive race only to be edged out on the home straight.

In what was the best overall performance of many years, the junior team surpassed Grammar; a feat not enjoyed in over thirty seasons, and accompanied by our first two wins at this prestigious carnival in four years. The day was, like all sporting moments at High, truly



Senior Shot Put at the GPS Athletics Carnival

GPS Athletics

The following placings were achieved at the Annual GPS meeting on 10th May 2008

Names	Place	Event	Effort
Patrick Krakovsky	3rd	90 Metre Hurdles U13 DIV	15.00
Tian Ling	3rd	Long Jump U14 CHAMP	5.23m
Slava Reiyder	3rd	100 Metre U14 DIV	12.59
Shadman Ali	1st	100 Metre U15 CHAMP	12.00
Samuel Lane	2nd	1500 Metre U15 CHAMP	4:24.2
Brian Kelly	3rd	100 Metre U15 DIV	12.23
Christopher Morrow	1st	High Jump U15 CHAMP	1.76m
Joshua Tassell	2nd	100 Metre U16 CHAMP	11.51
Joshua Tassell	2nd	200 Metre U16 CHAMP	22.99
Jeremy Ireland	3rd	1500 Metre U16 CHAMP	4:21.2
Maximillian Kite	3rd	Shot Put U16 CHAMP	13.77m
George Denny-Smith	2nd	Shot Put U16 DIV	11.58m
Ronan Casey	2nd	1500 Metre OPEN CHAMP	4:06.8



GPS Athletics

unforgettable. With the CHS season yet to come, High looked set for bigger and better things in this and years to come.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the boys who trained hard in the lead up to the event – it was your efforts along with those of your dedicated coaches that made the 113th AAGPS Athletics Championships such a successful event for Sydney High.

Lachlan Street, Athletics Captain.

CHS Regional Athletics

This year a strong Sydney High athletics team went out to the Homebush Athletics Centre on 11 and 12 August to compete at the Sydney East Area Athletics Carnival. Expectations were high as there were many athletes in this team who had competed successfully at the GPS carnival in May, and the results achieved reflect the hard work put in by the athletes at training and the dedication Mr Devlin has shown to the athletics program at High.

In the 12s Dominic Mah had some very strong performances, coming second in the 100m, second in the 200m and first in the 80m hurdles. Anton Brokman placed second in both of his events

(800m and long jump) while Amarbir Singh capped it off for the 12s by winning the high jump with a jump of 1.4m. The 12s 4x100m relay team also came first, beating Kingsgrove North High by almost a second.

In the 13s Patrick Krakovsky finished third overall in the 90m hurdles and the 4x100m relay team also scraped into first place after edging out the very competitive James Cook Tech.

Our 14s 4x100m relay team was just edged out by less than half a second to come second in their race, and David Nguyen kept up High's standings by winning the 14s shot put with a throw of 12.65m. Brian Kelly has improved his times dramatically this year, becoming one of the premier 400m runners in the school, and he managed to run his way into second place in the 15s 400m behind a very talented runner from Lucas Heights High. Samuel Lane was beaten to the line in the 15s 1500m by the same runner from Lucas Heights High and finished in second place and also placed second in the 15 and under 3000m, while Chris Morrow and Andrew Ye came first and third respectively in the 15s 100m hurdles, a strong showing of the hurdling program currently in place at the school. Chris continued his winning



CHS Athletics

Back Row: *J.Tassell, D.Xiao, C.Morrow, D.Nguyen, M.Kite, K.Sriranjan.*

Second Row: *K.Nguyen, K.Tian, S.Rider, A.Ye, J.Chow, E.Zhang, K.Wong, M.Phung.*

Front Row: *S.Lane, H.Lam, P.Krakovsky, M.Denny-Smith (Vice Captain), Mr R.Devlin (MIC Athletics), L.Street (Captain), V.Ho, D.Mah, M.Chin.*

ways into the high jump where he secured first place with his jump of 1.75m and also gained first place in the 200m hurdles and triple jump. Congratulations on your four wins Chris.

In the 16s Josh Tassel was again heart-breakingly edged out of first place in both the 100m and 200m after winning both his heats comfortably. Jeremy Ireland finished strongly coming third in his 1500m and our 16s relay team continued the trend of second place after being overtaken by Endeavour on the second last leg of the 4x100m relay. Max Kite was also beaten out of first place in the 16s shot put and discus to come second, but it was a very strong performance from our 16s and we have a lot to look forward to next year.

Our fast men in the 17+ events ran well, with Kogulan Srianjan placing third in both his 100m and 200m events. Our athletics veteran Michael Denny-Smith called upon all his experience to overtake the runner from Port Hacking in the final 100m to come second, but he showed us all how to do the 400m hurdles, running in first place as he strove to make his way to nationals again. The 17+

4x100m relay team continued High's good fortune in the relays by coming first by nearly a second. In the field our seniors also performed strongly, Lachlan Street placing third in the 17+ high jump and Ding Xiao coming third and second respectively in the 17+ shot put and discus.

These were fantastic results, with all our 4x100m relay teams going through to state with the exception of our 15s who were edged out of contention. These results reflect the effort put into the training from both the athletes and coaches, and special thanks go to all the coaches who have helped make 2008 such a great year for athletics, especially Mr Devlin, who is the driving force behind the recent success of the athletics team and who works tirelessly to make sure everything runs smoothly. Without these coaches, nothing can happen.

George Denny-Smith

CHS Athletics Finals

If you stepped outside each morning from 4 to 6 September, you would've experienced conditions that were unpleasant enough if you

were wearing a jumper with a blazer – think torrential rain and wind. Now imagine having to don short shorts and a singlet to compete at the annual CHS athletics carnival. That's what thirty-one determined athletes had to endure in order to stake their claim at a state championship, and the results were the best the school has seen for many a year. Over three days, Sydney High was able to win eight medals in total, improving on all recent performances, and showing that our success at GPS was not a one hit wonder by any means. To top it all off the school can now proudly boast two CHS Open Champions in Michael Denny-Smith (400m Hurdles - 57.63) and Ding Xiao (Shot Putt – 15.94m). Michael also scored a second CHS Championship as a member of the winning Sydney East 4x400m Relay team. Ding also added to his medal collection with a 2nd in the Discus with a throw of 48.56m breaking the school record by over 9 meters, a record which stood since 1965. High finished with 2 Gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal which was a great effort and a reward for all the hard work that the athletics team has put in over the season. Thanks to Mr Devlin, Mr Ayre and all the coaches and congratulations to all members of the team.

Other highlights from the carnival were:

- Our relay teams making the finals in the 12 years, 13 years, 14 years, 16 years and Open age groups.
- The 12 years (53.75) and open (44.79) teams turned in terrific performances to finish 2nd in their respective finals.
- Chris Morrow backing up his GPS win with a second in the 15 years High Jump (1.80m).
- Josh Tassell running strongly to finish 3rd in the 16 years 200 in 23.41.
- Nine other individual top ten finishes.

The other Top ten finishes were:

- Anton Brokman – 5th 12 years 800m – 2:25.6 and broke the school record in the heats with a time of 2.33.66
- Amarbir Singh – 8th 12 years High Jump – 1.35m
- David Nguyen – 7th 14 years Shot Putt – 11.39m
- Sam Lane – 7th 15 years 3000m – 9:58.19
- Chris Morrow – 4th 15 years Triple Jump – 12.04m, 5th 15 years 200m Hurdles – 28.99

- Josh Tassell – 8th 16 years 100m – 12.13 (11.61 in the heat)
- Max Kite – 6th 16 years Discus – 35.67m, 10th 16 years Shot Putt – 11.93m

Chris Morrow

School Knockout Competition

Sydney Boys High School entered the NSW Schools Knockout Athletics competition for a chance to travel to Melbourne for the National Schools Knockout. Realising that many sports schools were against us, we thought we didn't have much of a chance.

In the senior team, Kogulan Sriranjana came 3rd in a very fast Gold 100m. Joshua Tassel ran the senior green 100m to receive 3rd. Michael Denny-Smith ran a speedy 52.95 to come 2nd in the gold 400m and a 29.56 to finish 3rd in the 200m Hurdles. Joshua Tassel ran 2nd in the green 400m with a 54.03 time. A brave Samuel Lane filled in for the senior team in the Green 1500m with an amazing result of 2nd. Lachlan Street jumped an 11.92 to finish 4th in the Gold triple jump, Danny Fu came 4th in the Green. Dinghua Xiao won the Gold shot put and Matt Rusli came 2nd in the Green. Matt Rusli came 4th in the Green javelin and Michael Myronenko 4th in the Gold. The senior team finished 4th in the 4x400m.

In the junior team, Shadman Ali came 2nd in the Gold 100m and Brian Kelly came 2nd in the Green 100m. Brian Kelly also came 2nd in the Green 200m. Samuel Lane finished 2nd in the 800m with a time of 2.19.07. Prashan Prabakaran finished 3rd with a 2.18.18 in extremely fast Green heat. Chris Morrow showed his athletic talents, winning the Gold 200m hurdles and 2nd in the Gold high jump. Andrew Ye came 2nd in the green 200m hurdles and 1st in the triple jump. Junior team finished 4th in the 4x200m.

All of the boys put in a great effort with the junior and senior teams both coming 3rd. The junior team had 92 points, just 7.5 points behind 2nd place and the senior team had 106 points, just 13 points behind 2nd. Altogether this was a great result for the school participating in the competition for the first time, defeating many Sports high schools. Next year the boys will be ready to perform again brilliantly.

Prashan Prabakaran

Annual Athletics Carnival Results

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME/DIST
12 YEARS				
100 M	Dominic Mah	Maurice Lam	Vasu Bhakri	13.27
200 M	Dominic Mah	Vasu Bhakri	Maurice Lam	29.30
400 M	Dominic Mah	Vasu Bhakri	Anton Brokman	1'07.24
800 M	Vasu Bhakri	Anton Brokman	Victor Ho	2'58.14
90 Hurdles	Dominic Mah	Anton Brokman	Amarbir Singh	16.83
High Jump	Amarbir Singh	Dominic Mah	Kenny Liu	1.35 m
Long Jump	Dominic Mah	Anton Brokman	Amarbir Singh	4.08 m
Shot Put	Kavan Chen	Amarbir Singh	Frank Zhang	7.04 m
House Relay	Eedy	Saxby	McKay	
Champion	Dominic Mah			
13 YEARS				
100 M	Edward Zhang	Emtiazul Hoque	James Chotiyana	12.83
200 M	Edward Zhang	Emtiazul Hoque	Ming Chin	26.68
400 M	Ming Chin	Kenny Kuang	Siddharth Sethi	1'07.33
800 M	Arjun Puneekar	Siddharth Sethi	Max Jones	2'44.71
90 Hurdles	Patrick Krakovsky	James Chotiyana	Arjun Puneekar	15.14
High Jump	Harry Heo	Max Jones	Oliver Kirk	1.40 m
Discuss	Tony Li	Siddharth Sethi	Edward Zhang	18.42 m
Javelin	Patrick Krakovsky	Brian He	Mathew Chan	22.93 m
Long Jump	James Chotiyana	Patrick Krakovsky	Gavin Sutton	4.36 m
Shot Put	Richard Lin	Frank Li	Max Jones	8.85 m
House Relay	McKay	Saxby	Ruby	
Champion	Patrick Krakovsky			
14 YEARS				
100 M	Slava Reiyder	Tian Ling	Prashan Prabakaran	12.40
200 M	Slava Reiyder	Kah-Yang Wong	Tian Ling	26.08
400 M	Prashan Prabakaran	Kah-Yang Wong	Ian Lu	1'03.27
800 M	Pasan Pannila	Prashan Prabakaran	Vincent Chen	2'25.52
1500 M	Pasan Pannila	Prashan Prabakaran	Sean Martin	5'13.68
100 Hurdles	Kevin Tian	Tian Ling	Prashan Prabakaran	15.42
High Jump	Scott Renzenbrink	Allen Liao	Kevin Tian	1.50 m
Discuss	David Nguyen	Timothy Gollan	Subhodh Weeratunge	21.42 m
Javelin	Scott Renzenbrink	Sean Martin	Slava Reiyder	19.00 m
Long Jump	Tian Ling	Scott Renzenbrink	Sean Martin	4.82 m
Shot Put	David Nguyen	Slava Reiyder	Albert Huynh	10.38 m
House Relay	Fairland	Torrington	Ruby	
Champion	Prashan Prabakaran			

Athletics

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME/DIST
15 YEARS				
100 M	Dominic Cheung	James Han	Isnad Zaman	12.24
200 M	Brian Kelly	Dominic Cheung	Isnad Zaman	25.14
400 M	Brian Kelly	Christopher Morrow	Andrew Ye	58.68
800 M	Samuel Lane	Laurence Liu	Dale Chen	2'24.99
1500 M	Samuel Lane	Brian Kelly	Vivin George	4'49.52
100 Hurdles	Christopher Morrow	Andrew Ye	Leon Li	15.11
High Jump	Isnad Zaman	Christopher Morrow	Benjamin Ly	1.55 m
Discuss	James Vu	William Stefanidis	Joshua Sutton	26.21 m
Javelin	Vlad Boulavine	Sean Kim	Anddrew Gong	28.52 m
Long Jump	Derek Trang	Yixin Liu	Alex Feng	5.24 m
Triple Jump	Christopher Morrow	Benjamin Ly	Andrew Ye	11.42 m
Shot Put	Michael Wang	James Vu	David Ma	10.95 m
House Relay	Saxby	Fairland	Ruby	
Champion	Christopher Morrow			
16 YEARS				
100 M	Joshua Tassell	Nicholas Dimitropoulos	Jeffrey Wong	11.64
200 M	Joshua Tassell	Jeremy Rajendram	Jeffrey Wong	23.83
400 M	Joshua Tassell	Jeremy Ireland	Timothy Siu	1'00.18
800 M	Jeremy Ireland	Harrison Lane	David Chau	2'18.23
1500 M	Jeremy Ireland	Harrison Lane	Gregory Shargorodsky	4'54.61
110 Hurdles	Stephen Yoon	Joshua Tassell	Maximillian Kite	15.80
High Jump	Justin Chow	Nicholas Dimitropoulos	Jeremy Rajendram	1.65 m
Discuss	Maximillian Kite	Nicholas Dimitropoulos	George Denny-Smith	32.09 m
Javelin	Maximillian Kite	David Tran	Daniel Shan	30.05 m
Long Jump	Jeremy Rajendram	Justin Chow	Joshua Tassell	5.52 m
Triple Jump	Maximillian Kite	Jeremy Rajendram	Stephen Yoon	10.76 m
Shot Put	Maximillian Kite	Barry Chen	George Denny-Smith	10.61 m
House Relay	Eedy	Ruby	Fairland	
Champion	Maximillian Kite			
OPENS				
100 M	Kogulan Sriranjana	George Lo	Lachlan Street	11.10
200 M	Kogulan Sriranjana	Michael Denny-Smith	Kent Nguyen	22.83
400 M	Michael Denny-Smith	Matthew Rusli	George Lo	59.17
800 M	Ronan Casey	Edwin Montoya Zorrilla	Shiva Sheth	2'15.05
1500 M	Ronan Casey	Edwin Montoya Zorrilla	Tom Peters	4'34.92
110 Hurdles	Michael Denny-Smith	Matthew Osinki	Arthur Wang	16.87
High Jump	George Lo	Michael Denny-Smith	Lachlan Street	1.55 m
Discuss	Dinghua Xiao	Dnny Fu	Matthew Rusli	36.51 m
Javelin	Michael Myronenko	Dinghua Xiao	Matthew Lee	36.60 m
Long Jump	Michael Denny-Smith	Kent Nguyen	George Lo	5.56 m
Triple Jump	Michael Denny-Smith	Lachlan Street	Thomas Lindeback	11.72 m
Shot Put	Dinghua Xiao	Matthew Rusli	Lachlan Street	14.12 m
House Relay	Saxby	McKay	Eedy	
Champion	Michael Denny-Smith			

Rugby



First Fifteen

Back Row: M.Coutts, M.kite, A.Kwok, C.Andrews, D.O'Keefe, K.McPherson, S.Merom.

Second Row: J.Nguyen, G.Astafiev, J.Eriksson, M.Ling, B.Wang, D.Ng, M.Denny-Smith, T.Rosengarten, C.Martin.

Front Row: J.Hui, N.Ridges (Vice Captain), Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), R.Chen (Captain), Mr P.Scrtvener (Coach), K.Ahmed, A.Belokopytov.

Rugby Results

	SC/HA	TAS	SGS	SJC	SIC	TKS	Shore	New	Scots	SGS
1sts	L 7-22	L 13-52	L 3-52	L 0-112 4ths	L 5-13 6ths	W 10-5 L4ths	L 5-12 L	L 10-17 3rds	Rained out	L 12-51
2nds	L 7-23 HAg 1st	L 0-60	D 0-0 3rds	L 5-17	L 5-13 4ths	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG
16A	D 5-5	D 5-5	L 20-12	L 3-54	L 0-50	L 0-52	L 0-12	W 7-0	L 5-22	L 0-5
16B	L 0-40 HAg 16	W 22-7	L 0-5	L 7-10 F's	L 12-14 D's	L 5-36 D's	W 12-7 D's	L 15-21 D's	Rained Out	L 0-38
15A	W 33-7	W 15-7	L 5-24	L 0-83	L 0-59	L 0-71	L 0-57	L 0-75	Rained Out	L 0-34
15B	L 27-43 Trin. D 15's	L 12-33 Cowper	L 0-62	L 0-65 C's	L 5-37 E's	L 0-75 C's	L 0-73 C's	L 0-48 C's	Rained Out	W 12-10 C's
15C	W Trinty E	W 36-0	L 5-38	L 0-114 D's	W 37-5 F's	L 10-31 D's	L F't	NG	NG	NG
14A	W 40-0 HAg 14	L 0-27	L 5-34	L 5-17 C's	L 0-20 B's	W 75-0 C's	L 5-35 B's	W 38-14 B's	L 7-19 B's	L 5-27
14B	L	L 0-41	L	W 30-15 E's	W 49-7 F's	W 48-0 E's	L 19-38 E's	L 12-59 C's	W 17-15 D's	W 37-5 C's
13A	No game	W 53-5	L 0-55	L 5-37 B's	L 0-20 B's	D 12-12 B's	L 5-31 B's	L 12-35 B's	L 5-37 B's	L 14-41
13B	L 25-29 Red 13's 13	L 0-60 StMary	L 0-54	L 0-60 D's	L 0-37 D's	L 0-42 D's	L 0-39 D's	L 7-44 C's	L 5-35 D's	L 17-19
13C	L 0-32 SPC13D	L 15-46 B's	No Game E's	L 7-50 E's	L 0-51 E's	L 5-38 E's	L 0-51 D's	L 10-58	No Game	No Game
13D	L 5-54 SPC13E	L 12-42 TAS	L 5-55 Oak E	L 0-60 F's	L 5-54 F's	L 12-15 F's	W 37-15 G's	W 44-31 E's	Rained Out	W 10-5 C's

2008 season's results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Loss > 30pts
112	22	5	85 (76%)	8	49

2008 GPS results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Lost > 30pts
75	15	2	58 (77%)	5	35

First Fifteen

The season started well with 45 players to select from. However, the team performances in the trial games indicated we were in for another difficult year. Our best trial game was against TAS (Armidale) where High was able to score some tries from worked patterns practised at training.

A poor performance against St Josephs in the first game of the GPS, along with a thorough investigation of training records revealed that most of the 1st and 2nd XV players had not been completing the necessary strength, sprint and rugby training to compete safely at this level. It was decided, that High would not compete at this level until 18 players had registered a solid training regime. The Rugby Logbook was introduced as a means of tracking player training requirements.

As each week progressed the number of players eligible to play increased. Even though the games played were at a much lower level, it was agreed that individual and team performance had improved. Results included a narrow win against Kings and a narrow loss against Newington.

By the last round we had enough fit players to re-enter the 1st XV GPS competition against Grammar. This was a just reward for the players who had decided to accept the new training regime.

High's improved strength and fitness levels allowed the players to compete at different stages of the match with many individual memorable moments. Namely, Kerrod Macpherson's legitimate tackle on his opposite and Michael Denny-Smith's intercept try. The team as a whole was able to post two good tries on Grammar and could have easily scored a third from a well worked pattern.

Many thanks must go to the input and co-operation of the captains, Robert Chen and Nelson Ridges. Congratulations to both Josh Hui (coaches player award) and Grigori Astafiev (players player award.)

Last but not least the players would like to thank the efforts and support of the coaching staff. In particular, the Sydney University coaches headed by Thomas Coolican. As well as Jason Tassel and Rebecca Elliot, Mr Aldous, Mr Hannon and Mr Storey.

P. Scrivener, Head Coach.

16A Fifteen

This year's 16As started preparing for the 2008 season in Term 4 2007, with a resolution to compete with the top teams. Three days a week training as well as at least two weights sessions a week have helped the team progress to the level we are now at, and under the steady hands of Mr Hannon, MrDavid Goldman and Mr Smith our skill level has improved greatly throughout the course of the year.

New additions to the 16As this year was Michael Gao, who has become a superstar of our team, solidifying the backline, and Alex Koerber and Shadman Ali who came up from the 15s.

We started off the year against SCEGS Redlands, playing out a 5-5 draw, and this trend continued the next week when SHS went up to Armidale for the annual rugby trip, where we had another 5-5 draw. Injuries had hindered the team's progress in the first weeks of the pre-season, but we had everybody back for the last trial game against Grammar, where we went down 12-20 in a game where we lost Sam Darcy for the season.

We also lost our dominant tighthead prop Dominic Edgtton for the first game against Joey's, and as a result the Joey's forwards were able to get over the top of us, and with their classy backs we went down 3-58.

After training through the holidays we went out to Iggies feeling confident of staying with them through the match. However, with our loosehead prop Daniel Kim being forced out with a back injury our scrum and lineout suffered and we were beaten 0-50. Having our full strength side back for Kings the next week we were disappointed to be beaten 0-62, with our defence being the weakest aspect of our play. With a full strength team, our scrum was able to muscle up to the big King's pack, and we took some positive things out of a massive loss, including the last five to ten minutes of the game when we really threatened the Kings line.

A mid-season change in attitude towards our training saw us concentrate solely on defence for the following week in the lead up to Shore. This involved changing our defensive pattern, tackling, and counter-rucking and the team has benefited greatly from it. We faced up to Shore having moved Michael Ambrose to fullback, where he performed exceptionally well and showed no fear

in taking on the opposition, myself to inside-centre, and Stephen Yoon to halfback to take over for the injured Alex Koerber. Our new attitude towards our defence was rewarded, with the pressure put on the Shore backline, scrum and lineout which resulted in a close 0-12 win to Shore.

The team now looked to Newington the following week, which has ended up being the highlight of the season, as we recorded the first legitimate SHS As on As win in several years. Although the whole team played outstandingly that day, special mentions have to go to Jack Musgrove – he led the forwards and put himself in the way of the opposition all day long and played a big part in them not scoring. Also Michael Gao scored the try which won the game and was a threat to the Newington defence all game. Singing the school song in the sheds after the game will stay with members of the team for years to come.

The game against Scots the next week was a disappointment, as two or three easy tries put the game out of our reach and we went down 5-24 with solid performances from Bill Wang, who scored, and Leo Gordon, who has steadily improved each week.

A big thank you must go to Mr Hannon, who has turned our forwards into one of the most dominant packs in the competition, has made our lineout a reliable option, and who sparked our mid-season change of form. Dave Goldman has taken the backs this year, and his innovation was welcomed, telling us to play with more creativity. Mr Smith has helped out on Wednesdays going

through defence and rucking with us. Thanks must also go to TJ for his supervision in the weights room. It was a pleasure being part of the 16As this year.

George Denny-Smith, Captain.

15A Fifteen

Unlike last year, this year our team got the opportunity to play other schools' 'A' grade teams. Although this came as good news to the boys, we didn't have the experience to know how good the other GPS rugby teams were.

After playing well against TAS and SCECGS Redlands in the trial matches, we were looking forward to our first GPS match against St Joseph's. It was a harsh awakening to the true toughness of the GPS competition as we were faced with a very well-drilled St Joseph's team who managed to put eighty points on us by the final whistle. A lot of work needed to be done in the next couple of weeks of training if we were going to improve.

After a few weeks off for the holidays we came back to face a big Saint Ignatius side. Within the first five minutes our new and promising halfback Shimon Danziger, broke his collarbone and ended his season. With the loss of our half back Iggie's had put thirty points on us by the end of the first half. The second half brought a whole new ball game, with some spectacular tackles by Nathan Kok, Leon Li and great defence in general from the whole team.

The following week we were back home for





16A Fifteen

Back Row: *J.Musgrove, M.Gow, A.Krishnan, D.Edgtton, J.Whiting.*

Second Row: *Mr D.Goldman (Coach), M.Ambrose, L.Gordon, A.Blomberg, N.Street, S.Yoon, D.Kim, Mr A.M.Hannon.*

Front Row: *A.Koerber, B.Chen, G.Wang, G.Denny-Smith (Captain), J.Nguyen, J.Lieu, G.Shargorodsky.*



16B Fifteen

Back Row: *R.Bi, A.Richards, R.Shenoy, L.Brown, S.Binns, W.Thai, J.Haji.*

Second Row: *D.Vien (Coach), J.Chow, D.Tran, J.Lieu, L.Li, P.Manamperi, B.Soroka, R.Ahmed, J.Chan.*

Front Row: *D.McCrae-Steele, O.Fio, S.Yung, G.Deacon (Captain), D.Morgan, M.Lee, M.Castillo.*



15A Fifteen

Back Row: *S.Haque, A.Gong, O.Pierce, N.Autar, D.Trang, M.Tugnait.*

Second Row: *Mr C.Conway (Coach), S.Danziger, F.Li, I.Zaman, A.Feng, D.Chen, B.Kelly, Mr S.Bolen (Coach).*

Front Row: *W.Lee, L.Li, M.Wong, J.Petrie (Captain), D.Cheung, N.Kok, M.Phung.*



15B Fifteen

Back Row: *L.Aylmer, A.Gong, N.Chowdhury, E.Ovadia, H.Karunakaran, R.McDonald.*

Second Row: *Mr S.Bolen (Coach), K.Phan, H.Subasinghe, R.Ma, M.So, S.Kumar, S.Siddiqui, Mr S.Lou (Coach).*

Front Row: *R.Sivasubramaniam, R.Azwad, K.Phan, T.Xu (Captain), A.Gou, R.Zhai, K.Perera.*

our game against Kings. With at least five players out with injuries the game was an uphill battle from the start. With a misfit back line and forward pack, it was hard to gain control of the ball and score some points. The bigger Kings side continued to dominate throughout the entire game putting seventy points on us.

Shore followed. Again with at least a third of the team out due to sustained injuries, it was another very tough game for the boys. Regardless of the score the boys kept their heads up through to the end. Great efforts to stop tries were made by Brian Kelly and Frank Li.

The following week we headed out to Stanmore to play Newington. Again missing our halfback and fly half, our game plan went down the drain. Newington found some defensive holes and ran at the gaps putting a few tries on us early in the first half. Toward the end of the first, I managed to injure myself and Frank Li took over as captain. He did an excellent job, constantly yelling at the forwards and pulling the back line together throughout the remainder of the game. Well-done Frank.

We were looking forward to Scots as it may have been our chance to score a GPS try, but we never got to find out as the game was called off due to bad weather.

The game we had been training for the whole year followed – Grammar. The whole team showed up two hours before the game started and we were able to run through moves with Cameron and Serdar. With a flawless warm up we were massively pumped for the game and ran out through a nice Sydney High tunnel with our heads up. Grammar was able to run in four tries in the first half with problems keeping the ball in the forwards. In the second half we turned it around, keeping within their twenty-two for most of the half. All of us were desperate for the five points but due to some handling errors we were not able to get them. By the end of the game Grammar had us by thirty points. However, all the boys played extremely well and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

I'd like to congratulate both Brian Kelly and Leon Li for a spectacular season. Throughout the season Brian made great breaks and tackles and was a key member of the team. Leon's aggression cannot be matched, he put on spectacular hits throughout the whole season and is a highly

valued member of the team.

A big thankyou must go to our two coaches Cameron Conway and Serdar Bolen who throughout the season got us fitter and better prepared for every match we played.

Jonah Petrie, Captain.

15B Fifteen

The 15Bs season was going to be a rough, tough and long journey with most of the experienced players being selected to play in the 15As. Those with only one year of experience or none at all were placed in the Bs.

Our first trial match was against Trinity Grammar. It was a close game and an exciting return to rugby. Then all the High rugby players travelled to Armidale to participate in the annual sports exchange. The boys were pumped but we discovered we weren't playing Armidale but a local school, William Cowper College. We still played our best but we couldn't get away with a win. The score was 12-33, with Nathan Kok scoring our two tries. We were disappointed but we still had a great time. Our last trial match was against Sydney Grammar and we went down 0-62. The boys played well but we couldn't stop their big forwards and fast backs.

The GPS season started after with our first game against St Joseph's. At half time we were only down by 24 points but the final result was 0-65. Our second match against Saint Ignatius' was an thrilling match with Nathan Kok scoring again to make the final score 7-37.

Then the road got rockier with games against Kings and Shore, in which we both lost. The Newington game was a great match too, with most players playing in the As as well. We went down 0-48.

The match against Scots was rained out so we were disappointed. Our final game was against old rivals, Sydney Grammar. We went down to them earlier this season but we were determined to end our season on a high. During the first half, Grammar scored early but we were consistent enough to prevent them from scoring again. We went into the half time break 0-5. When the second half started, we were determined to score a try and with the quick feet and speed of Robert Ma, we did so, scoring our first try in the game. The score was even. Then Grammar scored again late in the

match. The boys all knew that they weren't going down to Grammar again and with some great offensive work by the forwards and quick hands by the backs, Kishan Perera managed to score a try near the posts. With two minutes to go, Kishan converted his try. The Grammar boys had their heads up, looking for another try and they almost got it but Liam Alymer stopped the runner in his tracks, forcing him to knock the ball forward. This try-saving tackle earned him man of the match and our first win of the season, 12-10. It was one of the best games this year.

Our highest point scorer was Nathan Kok with 19 points. The Bs consisted of 29 players. Our best player overall would have to be Andrew Gong. With his ability to bring down players who are larger than him, width wise, he was a great defender. Also, his passion for rugby was channeled into his famous "Scream Runs", where he intimidated the opponents by screaming and driving the ball forward at the same time, making him a great offensive player as well.

Our most improved player would have to be Sheikh Siddiqui. Attending all of the training sessions, he honed his ball running, line-out throwing and ball hooking skills as well as improving his offensive and defensive skills. He was a valuable player and a great hooker.

We want to give a huge thank you to the coaches Serder Bolen, Samson Liu and Cameron Conway for teaching us the basic and advanced skills of rugby. Also they poured in a lot of their own time to organise everything and help us improve our game. Finally, we want to thank the players for turning up to the training sessions and games. The determination they showed when playing was remarkable and showed true High spirit.

14A Fifteen

The 14As this year got off to a flying start with a win against Hurlstone, where we managed to keep our composure even when we were winning by eighty points. This was a quite promising start to the season, showing that we were definitely capable of competing with the GPS schools. However a less than productive training week didn't help our preparation for the Armidale trip. An eight hour bus ride and a hair dying session later, we arrived in Armidale, eager to get on the Rugby field. However, we went out to play, brimming with way too much confidence

and we were outclassed by a well-drilled Armidale side. The score here was 0-19. We were disappointed with our loss to Armidale and we turned up to training with something to prove. We trained hard, knowing that Grammar would have a very tough side up against us. We all turned up, knowing that a win here would put us in good stead for the rest of the season. We started the game well but we were unable to maintain our aggression throughout the whole game. We lost this game 5-34. We were fired up at training that week as we had realised that we needed to train really hard in order to get a win on the board.

We were up against Joeys this week and we knew they would be as tough, if not tougher than Grammar. We struggled in the first half, with Joeys pinning us to our line and not allowing us to have the ball. However we only let in one try in the first half and we looked stronger than Joeys at the end of the half. In the second half we let in one try quickly before we got our heads on and focussed. We then pushed up through the middle of the park before spreading it wide to a hard running Chris who scored in the corner. The final score in this game was 5-17.

In the Ignatius game we started off slowly, letting in a few tries from one quick winger, but we were eventually able to get a few phases together and put some pressure on them. The score in this game was 0-20. Ryan and Alfred made standout performances in this game, making some big hits and generally leading us up front. Leo and Aaron also had solid games, putting pressure on their inside backs and forcing mistakes in the second half.

We put in a solid week at training following this result, and we were keen to get stuck into the Kings side opposite us. We started this game by pushing the ball down to Kings' end and planting ourselves there. We immediately started using our game plan and we stuck with it for the first ten minutes before we finally crashed over the line to score our first. This then led to the many others that followed. The final score in this game was 65-0. This was a very solid performance from the backs, with special mentions going to Michael, Sean and Kumi for outstanding work out wide.

Our next game was against Shore and a patchy warm-up and a few player shortages led to a sloppy start where we conceded a few tries. Then we switched on and began applying pressure and



14A Fifteen

Back Row: *A.Chin, M.Petrenas, L.Lu.*

Second Row: *Mr D.Hoare (Coach), O.Sabau, S.Martin, K.Wong, R.Gu, A.Zhang, S.Razeen.*

Front Row: *K.Gunaratne, C.Oei, M.Phung, T.Gollan (Captain), S.Subramaniam, K.Tian, V.Anandaselvakumar.*



14B Fifteen

Back Row: *C.Luiker, M.Petrenas, T.Hang, A.Liao, T.Ling.*

Second Row: *Mr D.Hoare (Coach), D.Ho, E.Li, T.Ling, T.Montanaro, T.Iyer, J.Do.*

Front Row: *W.Yuan, W.Randles, W.Yang, A.Chung (Captain), B.Daniels, S.Quazi, Z.Mohamed Rizvi.*

forcing mistakes. However we were unable to keep this up and we continued to play the game the way Shore wanted to. The final score in this game was 5-48.

The next week we were up against Newington and we showed up with a winning attitude. Our warm-up was structured and we were looking sharp. Off the kick-off, we dictated the terms we were going to play the game on. Sangeeth made a run up the middle of the park and was unlucky not to score. We went to the break up around 20-0 and we came out just as strongly in the second half, punishing the slightest error with everything we had learnt at training the previous week. The centres in this game, Sean and myself, kept the backs structure in defence which kept Newington scoreless for most of the match. Special mentions also go to Oliver and Vino for making low and straight runs all day and punishing Newington's post defence. Another mention goes to Matt for backing up for us and lifting the team when we needed it. The final score in this game was 43-12.

We trained hard for the Scots match, practising our defence as well as our strategy. However, a cyclonic wind kept us pinned to our line for the entire first half, where we only conceded one try. In this half, we were pushed to our limit, with us only touching the ball very occasionally. In the second half we persevered, but in the end Scots were too much for us and the final score was 5-24. Special mentions go to Shanaz for his consistent work in the windy conditions, and to Kiang for making some huge hits on the wing.

In the Grammar game we ran onto the field with the eyes of all the supporters on us. We worked the ball up to half-way and defended against Grammar for a solid 5 minutes, only conceding ten metres. We forced a turnover and took control of the match for the next twenty minutes, with the score at 5-0. Then from a series of penalties, Grammar managed to run in two tries from some stretched goal-line defence. The score at half-time was 5-12. Unfortunately in the second half we allowed Grammar to lead us around and play the game the way they wanted to play it. They ran in a few more tries from short range and the final score was 5-27.

Here I would like to thank Drew Hoare, our coach for sticking with us the whole season as well as Billy and Micky for all of their work. I'd also like to thank Serdar Bolen and Mr Hannon for their continuous support.

Tim Gollan, Captain.

14B Fifteen

The 14Bs played an exceptional season although many of them were new to rugby. The season was going to be tough but with the wise words preached by our coaches, Micky and Damitha, the season had started to look brighter.

The first barrier for the Bs was the game against Redlands as many of the Bs players were new. We played hard and gave it all we had, but unluckily Redlands had more experience and won the game.

The next game was at Armidale and the lengthy trip was quite entertaining. The grounds were damp and muddy but we strived to win. The faster and stronger opposition controlled the game pinning us down in our own twenty-two. We put in the effort, but nevertheless TAS prevented us from scoring, the score line being 0-41.

We worked on our tackling and ball handling for our next trial match against Grammar. Yet Grammar bolted straight through us with some of their tall forwards and their speedy backs. Mathew and Eric made many huge, vital tackles. Although our defence weren't good enough to take their speedy and tall players down, the Bs played well. Micky and Damitha pointed out the areas we needed improvement on such as defending. The score line was 5-24.

The GPS season started off with a game against St Joseph's College. We took off to a great start, being victorious against Joeys at their home ground, the score being 30-15. We shared the ball around and shared the tries. Michael Phung, just recovering from an injury, aided us greatly in our first win. The holidays were coming up and we knew the next game was going to be tough as there was no holiday training.

The next game against St Ignatius' College showed how prepared the Bs were and how much fitness we had done throughout the holidays. We upset the Riverview team with the help of Prashan's hat-trick – the score was 49-7. Prashan was generous enough to pass Tim the ball for him to score.

The Kings School team was talented and played well but the Bs just played better – we defeated Kings 57-0. This game reflected how hard these players trained, attending after school trainings week after week. We scored off many kick-offs, everyone supporting each other. One of the best tries was where we wrapped around each other and Matthew, ending up with the ball, ran straight past

several guys, getting another try for the team.

Although being short of players against Shore, we managed to find some willing players hanging around. There was chaos everywhere, everyone asking Micky and Damitha about what position they were in. We all ran onto the field playing in different positions from usual. Shore had their first try within minutes but we came back with a try to Aaron. We rushed everything making too many mistakes – at half time Shore was ahead by a few tries. After halftime we came back and slowed down our play, Vinodan pitching in a try. Shore had most of the possession, making us tackle under fatigue. We let in a few more tries near the end as we lost focus, the score line being 19-38.

We had trained hard for the next game against Newington, but we started to doubt ourselves as a few players hadn't turned up when it was ten minutes to the kickoff. The Bs ran onto the field ready to score and win after the training we went through – Micky and Damitha had worked us hard. Prashan with his lightning speed put us to 12-7 after a missed tackle. After halftime we had lost another player, playing with thirteen against fifteen. The Bs had lost focus after the opposition's speedy fullback scored a few tries. The end score was 12-52.

It was the second last game and we didn't want to lose after losing two games in a row. The game against Scots was going to be tough, especially in the harsh rain and strong winds. Each player worked hard to secure the ball and drive it to their try line. David and Shubash made some freakish breaks, especially David Ho making a break from the half way line and almost scoring – unluckily their fullback came out of nowhere and took him down. It was three minutes to go and we lost focus, letting in a try that might draw the game. It was up to their converter to determine the match: we all charged up as our fate was in his hands. He missed and everyone was cheering and jumping around. The score line was 17-15, a close game but a great effort from all the players.

Having lost to Grammar in the trials we decided to beat them in our last game of the season and that's what we did. The Bs played well securing the ball and supporting each other. Prashan scoring three, one of them was off a quick tap. He saw the unorganized Grammar team, turning their backs on us as they miserably walked back ten metres, and sped off with his lightning speed. David and his powerful legs drove the ball

about twenty metres from their try line. Allen ran past five Grammar boys twice, but only scored once as he fell short on the first. Everyone worked hard as it was the last game of the season and we wanted to finish off with a win. The Bs played exceptionally well and the score line was 36-5.

Throughout the season all the boys played well and have improved greatly, but the three players that are exceptional are Matthew, our prop, Prashan, our halfback and Eric, our fullback. Prashan and his lightning speed aided us in our wins, Prashan scoring double digits. Prashan was new to Rugby Union and has improved both attacking and defending skills. Matthew, one of the few experienced players, made vital tackles, and pitched in in a few tries. Matthew was working hard organizing the forwards, getting to the rucks and supporting the backs every game. Eric tackled boys that no one could tackle. He saved us, making big hits on taller and wider boys than him. These three players have improved and have been vital to the team.

On behalf of the 14Bs I would like to thank Micky and Damitha for guiding us throughout the season. They put in the hard work to attend the games every week and to improve our skills. I would also like to thank Drew and the 14As players that supported us each week when we were missing players such as Sangeeth. Lastly I would like to thank the 14Bs players, themselves, for an exceptional season winning five out of seven GPS games. They have trained hard and improved throughout the season.

Anthony Chung, Captain.





13A Fifteen

Back Row: E.Kelly, A.Wu, C.Kwan, M.Jones, E.Zhang.

Second Row: R.Gencur (Coach), O.Kirk, J.Clements-Lendrum, K.Kuang, J.Chotiyanta, O.Duffy, P.McDonald (Coach). **Front Row:** A.Wei, D.Keogh, T.Connolly, J.Edgton (Captain), S.Wang, R.Ko, J.Chung.



13B Fifteen

Back Row: N.Autar, A.Zhao, E.Zhang, M.Stojanovik, J.Cao, E.Li.

Second Row: M.Li, L.Zhang, R.Chen, R.Ko, W.Koslowski, G.Chen, J.Jian, D.Bui.

Front Row: A.Bui, S.Nene, V.Puvanendran, M.Chao (Captain), Y.Shi, D.Wang, J.Dao.

Absent: B.Stamati (Coach), N.Bull (Coach).

13A Fifteen

Overall, the 13As had a season of great improvement. The boys of the 13As have matured in their rugby skill and also in their High pride and team spirit. The 13As were aided by the experience of four boys from year eight who had remained behind in the 13s – Max, Julian, Tom and Campbell. The rest of the 13As players were first-timers for High rugby. Going into the season, we knew it would be a tough challenge, as we would be going up against teams close to our grade, namely the B grade of the other schools and the A grade teams from Grammar and Armidale. This made for a great challenge for the boys and has helped them grow from Rugby novices to seasoned veterans.

The 13As kicked off the season in an away game against a Redlands 13A side, where we lost narrowly by seven points. It was a great first performance for the boys especially with several of us out of training due to the GPS athletics season coinciding with the beginning of winter sport training. This set us a challenge for the Armidale trip, where we hoped to win our first match against the Armidale 13As.

The trip to Armidale pitted us against a 13As Armidale team that was no match for our rapid game play. Successive tries from Andrew and Edward put us far into the lead in the early part of the match. Several other players put us under the posts, which led us to a really convincing 53-5 win. We still don't think they should have scored that controversial try, but this kept the team on a high until our first "competition" match against a Sydney GPS school.

During the trial game against Grammar, they had some quite big players, and some fast runners who scored a few tries under the posts, which put them into the lead. We were unable to capture the lead, and went down 0-55.

The next away game was with Joeys. The 13As arrived at their first real GPS match against a Joeys 13B outfit. As we had many players coming fresh off the back of an earlier 13Bs game, Joeys began to overrun us out wide, leading them to score some tries, which put them into a seemingly unassailable lead. A brilliant try down the sideline from Edward gave us five points and our first try of the GPS season! However once

again this was not enough to take us into the lead and we lost this game 5-37.

Coming back from the holidays, Tom had been injured in an AFL match, which put us on the back foot as we had not been prepared for this. Once the game kicked off, it became clear that we weren't switched on, with Riverview putting in three tries before the end of the first half due to some poor defence. We were ready for the start of the second half, where we only let in one try, but were unsuccessful in putting any points on Riverview. We lost in what would have been a close match with a score of 0-20.

The 13A boys were pumped for their first game at our home ground, McKay. As the game kicked off, a small lapse in concentration by the players led to Kings scoring a quick runaway try. They missed the conversion; therefore a converted try could still put us back in the lead. Some great offensive work by the forwards led the ball to be rucked all the way to Kings' 22, where the ball was spread out to the backs and Edward once again put us under the posts, leading to a conversion by Oliver, putting us into the lead 7-5. After the kickoff we were once again pinning Kings to their line. Edward was sadly injured. As a result, a scrum was called from the 22 m line where Julian took the ball off the back and beat three defenders to go over the line, bringing the score to 12-5 High's way. Just as the game looked in the bag, Kings put in a quick converted try. We were pumped to put in another try, keeping Kings up on their line, but the final whistle blew and we settled for a 12-12 draw. This was the best result by the team so far.

Unlike the Kings game, the 13As were the first on the scoreboard with a quick try in our next match against Shore. At the end of the first half, Shore were only ahead by about seven points, and the game could still have gone either way. However, we lost ourselves a little bit in the second half, which led to some tries by Shore sealing the game. The final score for this game was 5-31.

We arrived at the Newington ground a little bit bemused by the small dimensions of the field. However we quickly outgrew this and began to think about the game with Newington that we were about to engage in. High dominated the line-outs, with Campbell knocking the ball back to our side on numerous occasions, while also



13C Fifteen

Back Row: *M.Liu, M.Cheng, A.Feng, G.Chen.*

Second Row: *D.Vo, S.Nene, S.Guo, V.Puvanendran, J.Jian, Y.Shi, B.Chen, T.Chung.*

Front Row: *M.Chao, D.Wong, J.Wang, W.Koslowski (Captain), J.Dao, T.Suvasinghe, M.Deng.*

Absent: *K.Lee (Coach).*



13D Fifteen

Back Row: *T.Zhou, M.Chang, A.Feng.*

Second Row: *W.Xie, M.Liu, A.Xu, G.Chen, Y.Shi, Mr G.Stein (Coach).*

Front Row: *M.Deng, H.Lam, S.Nene, J.Jian (Captain), A.Bui, T.Chung, D.Vo.*

dominating in the scrums, due to our work with Mr Hannon on Thursday afternoons. The forwards were nevertheless challenged by the Newington forwards in the rucks. Newington was the first to score with High equalising. We were a bit overrun in the forwards, leading to Newington taking the ball over the line a few more times than us. Unfortunately we lost this game 12-35.

The 13As charged valiantly into their last away game with Scots, pulling out a quick try in the first five minutes. Some poor tackling with the arms by the backs gave Scots the opportunity to put some points on us. They capitalized on this, and stole the lead. Some brilliant support play by Andrew off a pop by Jisoo put us directly under the posts, but frustratingly again, it wasn't enough to put us back in the lead. Scots put in some points (including a try from a windy cross kick from us) leaving the game to 5-37 at full time.

A special mention for the season: our most dedicated trainer – this one goes to Eamon. I don't think he's missed a training session all season, always there on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, every single week, striving to improve the team's performance.

The 13As of 2008 played ten games for two wins, one draw and seven losses which included a total of 82 points for and 232 points against. Whilst our win record is seemingly unimpressive, the players of the 13As have improved dramatically in their skill and fitness. Hopefully this season's efforts bring us closer to better results in next year's 14s competition.

On behalf of all the 13As, I would like to thank Jonathan's grandmother for organizing our water supply, all the players who backed up for us in the 13Bs, particularly Marco and Robin who have played for us quite a few times, and above all our two coaches, Pat McDonald and Rhys Gencur, for their experience and motivation in pushing us over that white line in the season of 2008.

Julian Edgton, Captain.

13C Fifteen

The 2008 season for the 13Cs has been one of constant improvement. Nearly all of us started the season having never played Rugby before. But thanks to some dedicated work from our coaches Kevin and Mr Moody we learnt many new and invaluable skills, and as a team we

really came together. I believe that, in this season we should look beyond the scores, and more at the areas that we improved in from previous games.

Who would have thought that, in our game against Kings, in a game against a vastly more experienced side, we kept the score down to two tries to one in the first half? And our back line movements – these just kept on getting faster and smoother as each game went by. And with Tilan's increasing proficiency at halfback, James Dao and Dennis Wong's ability to work together well at five-eighth and inside, myself at outside centre and Jacky Zhou and Edward Cao as our speedy wingers, we were able to put forward some damaging runs against all opponents. This just shows how the hard work all the team put into training has paid off.

I would just like to firstly thank all the parents who watched and supported us in our games, secondly to Mr Stein and Julie Connolly, our age-manager, to all the boys on the team for giving their best in every game, and last, but not least, a big thanks to our two great coaches, Kevin and Mr Moody, for their committed work in turning us into a proper Rugby side.

13D Fifteen

It was a great season for the 13Ds, considering all of us were rookies, having never played rugby. We started the season off greatly scoring a try against St Patrick's and these were promising signs.

As the season went on, we scored a try against every team except against Joeys. We improved our rugby so much that we managed three wins at the end of the season, including against Shore and Newington, and also had a close match against Grammar.

In the end we amassed one hundred and thirty points scoring twenty three tries, eight of which scored by our centre Michael Liu, who is also our highest points and try scorer. I must specially mention Michael Liu's outstanding effort of scoring four tries against Newington.

Special mention also goes to Michael Chang (easily our best forward) and Danny Vo, for their dedication to this team. I must also thank our coach, Mr Geoff Stein, for teaching us not only how to play rugby but also how to be good rugby players.

Jacky Jian, Captain.

Football

MIC Football Report

This year saw High field a record twenty eight teams in the GPS football competition. That's over 430 boys. We had nine opens teams from Years Eleven and Twelve, four from Year Ten, five from Year Nine, Six from Year Eight and Four from Year Seven.

Our coaching ranks were bolstered this year with a mix of accredited coaches recruited from outside the school family as well as the usual support from old boys and parents. Our coaches are the backbone of the football program and we could not do without their services.

During the season I had the opportunity to watch games from all age groups and grades. Through my observations it became apparent that many GPS schools have moved ahead of SHS on the football field. The most noticeable difference was in speed. Speed of action and speed of movement. We as a school need to address these areas, if we hope to compete in the years to come.

I believe a change in training culture is essential and with the coaches employed this year I feel that we are taking the first steps to achieving that. We need to place an emphasis on fundamental skills and an improvement in speed and fitness to get back on par.

Major achievements of the 2008 season include:

- The Bill Turner cup team reaching the fourth

round for the first time in my memory. The team lost to Marist brothers Penshurst 0-1, who then went on to beat Endeavour Sports High. Congratulations to Frank Ceatano and the boys for a great performance.

- Sydney High provided four GPS representatives this year. Lachlan Street and Dan Champion in the 1st XI and Jeremy Ireland and George LO in the 3rd XI. Congratulations to you all.
- The next stage from that is selection in the combined independent schools team to play in the NSW all schools championships. Lachlan Street was selected as goal keeper and was unfortunate to just miss selection in the NSW schoolboy's team. Congratulations to you Lachlan.
- The referee training course was once again well supported, with sixteen boys completing their first phase of football referee accreditation. These boys along with others trained in previous years enabled High to provide referees for approximately 135 matches throughout the season. Thank you to all the boys who refereed this year. Thank you for giving back to the SHS football program.
- The Dolan cup was won by the 14Ds, led by Mr Carson and captain Jerry Zhou.
- The golden boot award was won by Jerry Zhou, who scored an impressive 17 goals in 5 matches.
- The golden glove award was won by Allen Fu,

GPS Football final tables

1ST GRADE							2ND GRADE						
School	W	D	L	F	A	T	School	W	D	L	F	A	T
SIC	6	1	–	28	6	19	SIC	6	1	–	18	6	16
NC	5	1	1	20	6	16	SJC	4	3	–	11	5	15
SGS	4	1	2	12	10	13	NC	4	1	2	12	8	13
SJC	3	2	2	13	17	11	SGS	3	–	4	10	10	9
TSC	2	3	2	10	13	9	SBHS	3	–	4	4	5	9
SBHS	1	2	4	6	14	5	TSC	1	2	4	4	9	5
SHORE	1	–	6	2	16	3	SHORE	1	2	4	2	11	5
TKS	–	2	5	5	14	2	TKS	1	1	5	3	9	4



First Grade Football

Back Row: A.Leung, D.Campion, P.Locke, A.Taylor, A.Paul, R.Casey.

Front Row: M.Mikha, S.Higgins, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), L.Street (Captain), Mr R.Gifford (Coach), J.Ireland, H.Lane.

who let in a mere 1 goal for the season.

- The Football dinner was again well supported with over 230 players, coaches and supporters attending. We were fortunate to have current Sydney FC defender, Nic Tsatallios in attendance. Nic spoke about his experiences as a professional footballer, as well as presenting player of the year award winners with their trophies.

To all the players, I hope you not only had an enjoyable year, but also learnt a few new things about how to play and improve your game. See you next year.

R.Gifford, MIC.

First Grade Football

The season started last November with Friday morning training sessions with as many as thirty or so hopefuls attending. A preliminary First XI was selected in March for the first round of the CHS knockout. Our form through the trials gave hope of a good showing in 2008 – scoring goals was not a problem but we always seemed to be punished for the odd lapse in concentration. Our final position on the table was not a reflection of the outstanding effort put in by the boys and in fact we could have won every game, even against Riverview, had luck gone our way.

Notable performances of the season came from Anton Paul, who as a year 10 boy, quickly found his feet in the top grade and played with a maturity well beyond his years. Pat Locke dominated the midfield and had the rep teams been picked at the end of the season I'm sure would have gained selection. Twinkle toes Dan Campion consistently baffled opposition strikers with his evasiveness and skill. In goals Lachlan Street was outstanding, his match against Newington one of the best by a keeper I have seen in all my years here. We have been incredibly fortunate at Sydney High to have had many great keepers and Lachlan is one of the best.

R.Gifford.

The season of 2008 was one of mixed fortunes for the school's premier football team. A side brimming with talent and potential, the First XI were unfortunately unable to put the goals away when it counted, resulting in final results not at all indicative of what our boys had been capable of.

We began our season with a tough encounter against James Cook High in the CHS Knockout. This unsuccessful contest highlighted the numerous aspects of our game that deserved attention.

The rejuvenated training efforts were not mirrored in our performances throughout the pre-season, and so our focus shifted to the GPS season.

Pitted against St Joseph's for our first round match, we were quietly confident of our ability to better the 2-2 result from our pre-season campaign. On the day however, it wasn't to be – Joeys putting away three goals against the run of play in treacherous conditions to snatch a 2-3 result late in the game.

On the other side of the mid-year break, we faced up against a formidable Saint Ignatius outfit. Fresh and relaxed, High looked comfortable until a top corner strike from Riverview was all that separated the two teams. The second half we were outplayed by our fitness – Ignatius capitalising and bagging three goals in five minutes, the game ending at 0-5 – a disappointing end to our promising start.

One of our most disappointing results, a 1-1 result against Kings felt nothing short of an outright loss, and it seemed that we had fallen into a mindset that we needed to shake to bring home the results we deserved.

Shore was our next challenge, and while the McKay 4 surface prevented the flowing play and scoreline we would have liked, we took with us three points – young gun Antony Paul claiming the winning goal.

Newington College was set to be a tough fixture, and with both sides undermanned, neither disappointed the fans, the High backline going into the break with reason to hold their heads high at 0-0. The second half was a similar affair with the only difference being Newington's goal poaching ability claiming two to take an unexpected result.

Once again eager to bounce back, we fronted up for an early, cold, wet and muddy match against an unpredictable Scots College. It didn't take long for the boys to settle in, claiming an early goal – and the game seemed destined to give the right result for once. A lapse moments later, and the game belonged to anyone. Soon enough (albeit several attempts later) we assured everyone that we had no intention of letting go lightly

putting away a second. But as the story of our season went, Scots slotted home a second in the dying minutes to hand us yet another draw that felt as close to a loss as anything.

On to Grammar. The intellectual grudge match was set to be the late turning point of our season with unspoken confidence that we could turn around the 1-3 result from our final trial match. Sadly, this was not to be and Grammar claimed the honours in the Year 12s' final match for High.

While our fortunes in GPS competition were not good, High achieved some impressive results in the CIS Football Cup – achieving the School's best result in at least four seasons. In terms of GPS representation, Daniel Campion and myself were selected in the Combined First Grade with George Lo and Jeremy Ireland in the Combined Third Grade. The loss of "golden boy" Ronan Casey was a devastating blow to the side in the early stages of the season and with his commanding presence, several results may have been more favourable.

Finally, in my years as a part of the program, I have seen most of what goes on. From organising referees and coaches, to sorting out teams, and the managing and coaching of every side. I would like to thank Mr Gifford for his tireless efforts not only as First Grade coach, but also as MIC of Football. Also, our thanks to Andrew Bennie and Kai Lammert for their assistance all season.

Lachlan Street, Captain.

Second Grade Football

Many positives came from coaching the Second XI this season. First, there was the excitement of selecting the teams at the beginning of the season followed by working with new students. This relates to the excitement of mixing the new students with the old, the Year 10s with Year 11s, Year 11s with Year 12s – and let me tell you this is no easy task when the first grade coach constantly poaches and releases players on a weekly basis!

From my perspective, our best win was against Scots where despite only scoring one goal, we executed our game plan superbly and dominated the entire match. The most hilarious and satisfying win came when playing against Newington, our arch rivals, where we started with a fifth grade goalkeeper who was filling in for our regular keeper. This was followed by a Mark Luccitti

special. Mark, like our fill in keeper, is a regular starter with the fifth eleven and was a substitute in this match who entered the game early in the second half where he was instantly summoned to take a free kick from thirty yards out. His response? An absolute screamer knocked in to the top right hand corner thank you very much! This all occurred for Mark after he had played a full game for fifth grade earlier in the day, gone home to study for an exam, only to return just before the start of the Second XI fixture! Not to be outdone, we then had Tom Lindeback, our starting defensive midfielder, take over in goals when our fifth grade keeper was injured and yet we still managed to win 2-1 against one of the strongest teams in the GPS!

We had a couple of disappointing losses to Joeys, Shore and Grammar where despite dominating possession and outplaying them across the park, our inability to convert chances cost us dearly. Overall, however, I was very impressed with the team's adaptation to the various formations and tight style of play worked on through the countless hours of training.

I'd like to thank Chewy, our captain, for leading the team superbly this season. His calm, welcoming manner instantly put all those new to the team at ease. His year 12 colleagues in Tom 'the destroyer and part-time goal keeper' Lindeback, Jason 'through ball' Cohn and 'smash anything in my path' Simmo let their actions demonstrate to their younger counterparts what it takes to represent Sydney High in Opens football. I'd like to wish you all the best in your HSC and the future.

To the Year 11s, your underlying friendships bring a lot to the team and working with each of you has been very enjoyable as usual. The combination of our vice captain Jacky Chen's perpetual happiness, Shota's stealth, Sam's versatility, Jarrod's quick feet, Kent's speed, Al-dog's left boot, Clive's adaptability, D's all-round ability – not to mention young Josh's sublime reflexes - places us in good stead for the future. A special thanks to Matt Jones who started with us but fell ill throughout the season as well as Mark, Harry, Ziggy and Joseph who filled in amicably where required. I must also thank Pat Desmond for providing good banter and taking on the role of 'assistant coach' throughout the season.

Andrew Bennie, Coach.





Second Grade Football

Back Row: J.Chen, S.Shimada, J.Sutton, D.Simpson, T.Lindeback, C.Chen, P.Desmond (Assistant Coach).

Front Row: M.Lucchitti, K.Nguyen, S.Burnham, D.Chiu (Captain), A.Brown, A.Tsailis, J.Chan.



Third Grade Football

Back Row: I.Cerecina, M.Myronenko, J.Meaney, N.McDonnell, B.Pfull, K.Iyer, L.Burger.

Front Row: M.Bock, S.Zhang, S.Ting, Z.Harrison-Tikisci (Captain), D.Ho, A.Yeung, S.Hoang.

The Second Grade Football team of 2008 was filled with nothing but commitment and talent. Coached by a dedicated old boy, Andrew Bennie, the season of 2008 was filled with highlights of a season to be remembered.

The pre-season reflected a team undergoing a work in progress. High Second XI were able to pull an annihilating 4-0 win against SCECGS Redlands. Unfortunately this consistency was not upheld throughout the rest of the pre-season.

Having said that, the team was far from disheartened, and a strong team spirit grew and was evidently demonstrated throughout the GPS season to come.

The season began with the challenge against St Joseph's College. With a determination to better our 0-2 loss in the pre-season, the Sydney High Second XI played a match demonstrating a strong sense of team spirit and diligent ball work. Unfortunately, conceding an early penalty, Joeys were able to walk away with a close 0-1 win.

After a long relaxed break, High were to face Saint Ignatius College first week back from holidays. Iggies being labelled the prospective premiers, High were everything but relaxed. The match was played back to back, High matching Iggies offensive and defensive plays. Nil all at halftime, Iggies dominated the field with consistent stamina and teamwork, scoring twice in the second half, leaving High with a 0-2 loss.

The Kings School saw the Sydney High Second XI's first win, with King's demonstrating an unacquaintance with the McKay 4 landscape, allowing Sydney High to scrape a well deserved 1-0 win.

With a win under our belt, the Second XI received an apt lift in spirit to face Shore in the next round. In one of the well-played matches of the season, High did not cease to put up a strong fight against Shore. Unlucky to let in a late goal, High were to concede a 0-1 loss, nevertheless an outstanding match by the Second XI.

Newington were next up, an enduring top football side in the GPS league. High, with the absence of keeper Josh Sutton, had to make shift with Harrison Reid between the posts, later to be replaced by Ashwin Thomas and Nick Lindeback. Unfortunately an early goal squeaked in, and we were 0-1 down. Then it was the stepping up of the season: Mark Luchitti hammered an unstoppable

freekick from outside the 18 yard. Back in the game, High played a fragile defence with Lindeback keeping Newington out of our goals continuously. A late penalty executed by Kent Nguyen saw the Second XI with three points at the end of the day.

Next to face were Scots College, on a freezing rainy morning. A frozen Second XI dominated Scots on the field in both halves, with Scots unable to fight back. Jarrod Chan, burying a goal in the second half saw High 1-0 up towards the end of the match.

Our final game of the season, for all the year 12's, was against Sydney Grammar. Our coach Andrew Bennie, who had unfortunately had earlier committed to a charity walk, saw the Second XI team coached by Patrick Desmond for our final match. Ending with a 0-1 loss, the Second XI side should be proud to have completed such a memorable season.

I would like to thank Andrew Bennie for his undivided attention to this team, coaching us on and off timetabled sessions. I would also like to thank Mr Richard Gifford, MIC of Football, who made every GPS fixture possible on Saturday. Finally, thanks to all the High supporters, family and friends, who made our season so noteworthy.

Daniel Chiu, Captain.

Fourth Grade Football

The High Fourth Grade team started the season on a very bright note. There were twenty boys competing for the fifteen places in the team. Some of the boys have been playing together in the GPS competition since Year Seven. They have twice won the Dolan Cup in 2004 as 14Ds and again in 2007 as Fifth Grade. Despite having the pressure of the HSC year, the boys still gave their best in training and on match days.

Their performance in the trials was good. The highlight was beating Grammar on their own turf. However, the unfortunate loss of a few key players depleted the strength of the team. As a result, they did not get the results in the GPS competition for which they had set out.

The team was led by their excellent captain Charles Chang Liu, who is also the team player of the year. The midfield maestro Caly was outstanding. The forwards Josh and Paul also



Fourth Grade Football

Back Row: *C.Yang, A.Leung.*

Second Row: *P.Nguyen, X.Zhai, K.Mickovski, H.Chen, J.Huang, Y.Saleh, A.Lai.*

Front Row: *Z.Zuj, G.Truong, P.Phuah (Vice Captain), C.Lin (Captain), G.Qin, T.Mai, J.Lee.*



Fifth Grade Football

Back Row: *S.Chin, S.Luo, M.Osinski, H.Reid, A.Sharma, D.Fu, A.Kourtesis.*

Front Row: *M.Lucchitti, S.Sugito, Z.Mancenido, P.Desmond (Captain), B.Wong, N.Lindeback, S.Hoang.*

managed to score a few memorable goals.

The boys enjoyed their football at High and will bring with them the memory of their experience and friendship as they move on to Uni. They would like to thank the school, their teachers and last but not least Mr Gifford, for their support and the opportunity to be a part of the High Soccer Family. We wish all the future High players from First grade to 13Fs the very best next season.

Fifth Grade Football

The Fifth grade 2008 GPS Football season proved to be a great one. We came expecting a few wins, and left as unofficial GPS Fifth Grade Premiers. This is a truly spectacular result and so I offer my congratulations to all those involved with the team.

The pre-season was a strong effort with wins all around. Joey's, a traditionally very strong Rugby school, provided the first two matches of the season – that being their 5th and 6th grades, and High came off with two opening wins. The following match up was against another traditionally strong Rugby school. High Fifth Grade came off with a staggering 7-0 win against St Patricks and we continued on as an undefeated side. The final pre-season match was against one of the strongest football sides – Grammar. We may only have had ten players, and it may have been one of the coldest days on record, but we still put it all out there, and the final result of 4-5 was well earned. Unfortunately, that match went to Grammar, and while we were able to come back from 2-4 at half time to level the scores during the second half, the closing minute of the match saw Grammar slot one past the acting High keeper and secure the match.

By the conclusion of the pre-season, things were looking good for the boys from Fifths. After four matches, we had three wins under our belt and a for/against of 20/6. Some of the best performances of the pre-season were Mark Lucchitti, who netted a goal every game, and Michael Serban, who scored a hat trick in the St Pats game. And so, with the season just heating up, Fifth Grade, figuratively speaking of course, stepped out of the frying pan and into the fire.

Once again, we found ourselves playing Joeys and as expected, we were eager to improve upon our past performance (3-1 win). And so improve we did, this time coming off with a 5-1 win, and

really, there was little more we could ask for. If you want balls lost in the river, we had it (thanks to Nick), if you wanted goals, we had that too (Simon, Mark, and Michael), and if you wanted goals that were disallowed, we even had one of them (Shorty).

The following match was against a strange team known only as the Iggies '17As'. There is no doubt they were a good side, I mean they beat us 2-6, and there is little else that can be said other than good on them!

The following game against Kings gave us a chance to redeem ourselves. High won 3-0, thanks to two goals by Stewie and an own goal to King's. One other important addition is that at the King's game, the Sydney High Fifth Grade found a full time keeper. It was none other than star-defender Harry Reid, who from this game on devoted his football skills to keeping the fifth grade sheet clean.

Shore provided us with the third fixture of the GPS season. It was a well played game and the result 5-0 was quite an achievement.

The next match was possibly the most pleasing of the season, which saw us facing up against the undefeated and typically strong Newington 5ths. From the outset this was going to be an uphill struggle, with Newington having both the home ground advantage and the psychological edge. With ten minutes to go in the second half, High charged to the lead thanks to a skilful shot by Michael, and with the scorecard now at 1-0, we held on to the lead and finished up beating the unbeaten.

With the Scots game washed out due to bad weather, there was only one match up left – Grammar. Just a few weeks earlier, this same Grammar team had beaten us 4-5. We showed Grammar what 'typical High style' meant, charging home to a full time score of 3-1. High had done it!! It had been a great season, and it we finished off with a stunning result.

With the season now at a close, I would like to thank those who made this season possible. Firstly, to the players – a great bunch of guys from a whole range of years. Harry Reid the keeper and those defenders Mishu Osinski, Arthur Kourtesis, Ben Wong, Stanley Chin, and Zid Mancenido. It is rare to find such a strong back line, and the small number of goals scored against us is a testament to the skill of these players. And then there are the

midfielders – Avish Sharma, Nick Lindeback, Dom Bowes, Michael Serban, Simon Luo, and Simon Hoang – and the forwards – Mark Lucchitti, Stewie Sugito, and Danny Fu. These guys used a combination of skill and speed to bring the season's final goal tally up to twenty one! They were quick to the ball and quick on their feet.

Secondly, to the coaching staff – in particular, our coach, 2003 Old Boy Milton Das. A fun guy who allowed much of our foolish training antics, his actions ensured that fifth grade won 5/6 GPS matches, and thus earn us the title of Premiers. His good-natured coaching meant we all had a truly enjoyable season and came off with a truly great result – thank you!

Finally, to the parents – you supported us, cheered for us, and got us to the games so that, bar a few matches, we started on time every time!

We will all look back at the 2008 season with fond memories. It signalled the bringing together of a collection of boys who had just a few things in common. We all loved the game of football, and we all loved Sydney High, the school for which we pulled on that blue and brown every week and ran out on to the field ready to win.

Pat Desmond, Captain.

Sixth Grade Football

The Sixth Grade season has been eventful and extraordinary. Each team member has put in a substantial amount of effort into improving their skill and fitness and their commitment is greatly appreciated. The bitter-sweet season unravels, we are constantly confronted by formidable opponents who ultimately challenge our wits and converge on destroying our spirit.

Our first game started well with a well-deserved win against St Josephs College 2-1. In this game the goal scorers include Jiawen Ma and Sean Lee. Jiawen's goal scoring streak has continued into the season enabling Sixth Grade to secure wins or to compete with our opponents by falling behind by only a hair length.

David Shi must deserve recognition for his major role as goal keeper. He has developed profoundly in skill and continues to gain valuable experience as a goalie. His season has been amazing, his initial hesitations were soon overcome and he has matured into a confident

capable soccer player.

A special mention must also be made to Ricky Ratnayake for his commitment to organising team training sessions and his encouragement. It is only through his effort that we have come so far.

Soon enough we will play our last game at Sydney High. Despite this we're comforted by the fact that we've been surrounded by an encouraging and engaging atmosphere of people who we have grown to know and become close friends with.

To everyone who has played for Sixth Grade Soccer I hope you have enjoyed the games. I can safely say that playing soccer for Sixth Grade has been one of the most entertaining experiences in my life.

Hari Bhruhugubanda , Captain.

Seventh Grade Football

Seventh Grade is one of the few teams that are able to boast an undefeated season this year. At the start of the season, our team was returned to its former glory after Kang, Leonard and Hau rejoined the team. We all played every game except for one and most of them were away from home. Highlights of the season include beating Ignatius' Fifts which involved a tight 4-3 finish and then subsequently playing their Seventh Grade team which was just as tight with a 2-1 win. We also managed to defeat High's Sixth Grade team 4-1 and practically every other team by the same margins.

The only disappointment this season was just missing out on winning the Dolan Cup. With much of our aspirations riding on the last game of the season, we were unable to defeat Grammar by a five goal margin. However, this season has been overall one of the best seasons this team has ever seen. Kang being one of the key play-makers of our offence was named MVP and generally everyone in our team improved. Honourable mentions goes to Hau for scoring a number of goals off penalties and for his admirable efforts in chasing down our through balls.

Many regard Seventh Grade as just a social team, but much of this season's success can be attributed to the determination and genuine commitment everyone has demonstrated week in and week out. I would like to thank our coaches Tim and Foo for providing us with rigorous training and supporting us at games. I would also



Sixth Grade Football

Back Row: *B.Lung, A.Dobvan, S.Liu, M.Mehmedbasic, R.Ratnayake, D.Shi.*

Front Row: *E.Ang, W.Nguyen, A.Thomas, H.Bhrugubanda (Captain), A.Balachandran, T.Cai, J.Diolaso.*



Seventh Grade Football

Back Row: *T.Zhong, X.Quah, T.Siu, L.Teng, V.Ung, J.Li, K.Lim.*

Front Row: *H.Neo, M.Sin, A.Ang, M.Dinh (Captain), M.Nguyen, D.Wu, L.Tran.*



16A Football

Back Row: *D.Simos, A.Liu, B.Li, M.Carr, A.Chiem, T.Xiao, J.Braverman.*

Front Row: *A.Vithanage, B.Cabanilla, D.Ma, N.Adel (Captain), E.Hui, J.Rajendram, R.Kamal.*



16B Football

Back Row: *M.Cowdrill (Coach), M.Fong, N.Slinko, D.Paperny, J.Ding, K.Sheng.*

Front Row: *C.Tin-Loi, S.Kim, S.Sandhu, A.Guo (Captain), J.Ubaldi, T.Silveira, P.Baweja.*

like to thank my fellow Seventh Grade team mates for making the effort to turn up to every game and trying their hardest. Overall, it has been a good season and I'm looking forward next year to relive the glory and have another crack at the Dolan Cup. See you next year guys!

Matthew Dinh, Captain.

16A Football

Season 2008 was a turbulent one. We had entered the season on a high note after a satisfactory 2007 season, where a combination of talent and experience enabled us to have a successful season. However, we could not live up to our own expectations, as the season ended with more losses than wins.

While we started on a winning note 2-0 against Joeys, we could not continue the streak as we were beaten by teams who were not better in terms of talent, but possessed more team chemistry as well as flair.

However, there were positive factors to what was a disappointing season. The emergence of MVP Avindu Vithanage (no less than two goals from long range) showed that he could excel in both cricket and football.

Despite a disappointing 2008 season, I can guarantee that it will only inspire us to train harder, and that season 2009 will definitely be one of improvement.

Enoch Hui, Captain.

16C Football

Winning three out of four matches in the pre-season, the 16C football team made a pleasing debut. For most of the GPS season, we were undefeated, however we closed with two disappointing matches against Grammar and Newington. The end result for this season was a fantastic four wins out of six matches, thanks to great keeping and solid offence.

With our coach Aaron Shuttleworth, the team made the decision and commitment to take on this season seriously. I'm glad to say that the morning and afternoon training sessions have paid off with all players greatly improving their ball skills and touch. Hopefully we will be able to continue our success in the opens next year.

The 2008 16Cs consisted of: George Cosman, Ben Diep, Christian Katsikaros, Felix Lee, Aolin

Li, Timmy Lim, Victor Lim, Charlie Liu, Rajat Pandey, Plini Roessler-Holgate, Jonathan Tan, Jeff Wong, Nick Wong, Alick Xie, Ike Yuan and James Young. Coach: Aaron Shuttleworth.

Victor Lim, Captain.

16D Football

The year of 2008 has proved an extremely successful season for the 16Ds, with us having won all of our matches (except for one). Our clearly impressive results are due not only to the consistent commitment of all our players, but also the continued dedication of our coach, Kieran Taylor.

Despite there being obvious stars in our team, such as Ian Lu, an extremely skilled striker, and Alexander Saunders, an 'impenetrable wall of defence' against our opponents, it was ultimately the unity and the determination of our team that brought us our victories – with many of them with a margin as great as six goals.

One extremely important aspect often neglected however, is the support provided by our spectators. Without fail every week spectators (both parents, non-parents) came from all corners of Sydney to support our team, continually motivating them throughout the match with their passionate shouts and enthusiastic cheers. To them I say thank you also.

Andrew Wu, Captain.

15A Football

The season started off well with an overwhelming performance against the St. Ignatius 16Bs, resulting in an 8-0 win for High, with the first hat-trick of our team coming from Max Connell. The next game saw the start of our Bill Turner Cup campaign, with a fantastic win against JJ Cahill beating them 5-1 regardless of being short of players. Just one day after, the team suffered a 1-7 loss to St Patrick's in our second trial match. Our key midfielder Sam Lane fractured his wrist during the JJ Cahill game, which he played throughout regardless, and was out for several weeks.

Another successful game in the Bill Turner Cup followed, winning 2-1 against Rose Bay. A loss in a trial match against Grammar was followed by a much deserved win at Joeys for the opening GPS match, the goal coming from Sam



16C Football

Back Row: *R.Pandey, A.Li, N.Wong, B.Diep, P.Roessler-Holgate, F.Lee, C.Liu.*
Front Row: *G.Cosman, J.Tan, C.Katsikaros, V.Lim (Captain), A.Xie, J.Yung, T.Lim.*



16D Football

Back Row: *T.Davenport, A.Saunders, T.Li.*
Second Row: *K.Taylor (Coach), C.Wong, W.Santucci, J.Lu, R.Lin, H.Vi.*
Front Row: *H.Schilling, G.Niu, B.Encel, A.Wu (Captain), V.Mohan, A.Chawla, P.Radhakrishnan.*



16E Football

Back Row: J.Chen, Z.Guo, J.Lee, J.Wormell, A.Low.

Front Row: B.Jian, A.Xie, N.Nguyen (Coach), D.Guo (Captain), K.Zhang.



15A Football

Back Row: D.Gorey, N.Bhagwat, W.Stefanidis, B.Hancock, A.Huynh.

Front Row: G.Wong-Romeo, G.Garayalde, W.Shao, R.Caetano (Captain), M.Connell, C.Price, S.Lane.

Lane, who had just come back from injury. The game against St. Ignatius was washed out. SCEGS Redlands were the next in our path in another BTC knock-out match. A quick one-two opened up space for William Shao who slotted the ball past the keeper, keeping his cool despite the cold, pouring rain. The score remained 1-0, an impressive performance put on by the boys. A 1-3 score line against Kings did not reflect our performance the next game. Scoring first, we dominated the opposition. However, lapses either side of the break were what decided the game for Kings.

Pumped up for the fourth round of the Bill Turner Cup, we travelled to Peakhurst to decide against Marist Bros. Penshurst who would face Endeavour Sports in the finals of the region. Ten minutes from the end of a closely contested match, a cross found its way into the back of the net, striking a defender on the way in. We failed to respond and so were knocked out of the competition. With our heads held high, we left the field knowing that we had had an awesome run in the competition, the best result High has had for many years.

The next few of games saw a 3-0 victory over Shore, an unfortunate loss at Newington finishing 1-2 and a wash-out at Scots, bringing the GPS games played down to five for the season. The last game was an incredible come back from 0-1 down with fifteen minutes to go against rivals Grammar. Three crosses from Sam were finished off by Gabriel, myself and Brendan respectively, topping off a successful season.

On behalf of the 15As, I would like to sincerely thank Frank Caetano for coaching us this year, as well as Kai Lammert and Ron Lane for helping out on Mondays and Wednesdays. Also thanks to Robyn Stahel for being our manager this year and congratulations Sam Lane for winning a closely contested Player of the Year – condolences Nakul. Lastly, thanks to Mr Gifford for organising the Bill Turner Cup matches and supporting us throughout the season.

Ryan Caetano, Captain.

15B Football

The Bs football team in our year group has always enjoyed a consistent and exciting winter season. Our team since Year Seven has been made up of the same core group of players, always with

some new faces each year. Caspar Price, Max Kobras, Denny Chandra and Tony Luo, some in their first season of High football, some making guest appearances from the As, joined us this year. Hence our clearly popular team entered the competition with a squad of seventeen.

The trial matches gave the first opportunity of the year for us to find out where our strengths and weaknesses lay. If nothing else, these matches showed us that we could rely on our ever hard-working keeper, Isaac Eveleigh. This was certainly a comfort as the GPS season began and oppositions were suddenly a lot taller and faster. Our season culminated in a pair of draws, the first against Shore including a heart-stopping last-minute defensive consolidation to keep the scores level, and the second against Newington in a heart-stopping last-minute offensive play to make the scores level.

Thank you to Mr Hayman for once again training us on Thursday afternoons, and for always supporting our team. Very special thanks to our loyal coach Greg Robertson for the valuable Wednesday afternoon training sessions, and, of course, for coaching our team each Saturday. We are all looking forward to another season together as the 16Bs.

Samuel Beston, Captain.

15C Football

This year, the 15Cs gelled together as a squad of new and old members. We learned new skills and put them to good use, we persevered with them and results were produced. Our first game of the season was against Grammar and we didn't play to our potential as we went down 1-3. Our next game was against Joeys – we comfortably won 7-0 with Leon Sheldon bagging a hat-trick. Our next scheduled game was against Saint Ignatius but due to poor weather it was called off. Kings was our next opponent and we knew we were up for a tight contest because last season we had lost 1-3. This was the most highly contested game yet this season, as both teams were deadlocked at 1-1 at the end of sixty scintillating minutes of fascinating football.

We played against Shore at Northbridge. This game was also a draw, and ended at 1-1 after the High backs had displayed a solid performance. Newington was a well-practised outfit. They took advantage of our errors and capitalised by scoring



15B Football

Back Row: *D.Chandra, H.Tran, M.Robertson.*

Second Row: *P.Castillo, D.Wei, K.Sivayogarayan, B.Cheng, T.Luo, K.Qian.*

Front Row: *C.Do, A.Rudder, I.Eveleigh (Captain), S.Beston, C.Price, G.Panas, K.Shao.*



15C Football

Back Row: *A.Mokdad, L.Sheldon, K.Lin, K.Lu, M.Rozsa.*

Front Row: *L.Lou, K.Miura, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy, I.Khan (Captain), V.Sethi, V.Wang, M.Reid.*



15D Football

Back Row: *M.We, Y.Wong, D.Wang, A.Ho, M.Liu-Li, B.Ou, Mr M.Jones (Coach).*

Front Row: *V.George, T.Theivendran, V.Patel, H.Lu (Captain), J.Chen, J.Tiu, F.Lin*



15E Football

Back Row: *R.Li, Y.Chan, A.Chan, A.Sarker, J.Wang, S.Bhuiyan, Mr M.Jones (Coach).*

Front Row: *J.Zhou, R.Chowdhury, K.Feng, L.Cai (Captain), Y.Chowdhury, C.Wu, T.Diep.*

and extending the final score line to 1-4. Our next game against Scots was rained out and we ended our season against Grammar, a highly anticipated fixture.

Smarting from our loss at the beginning of the season, we went out onto the pitch and with a new-found physicality we clawed our way back from an early deficit to end the match in a draw at 1-1.

As the season drew to a close, special commendations were in order. Special thanks must go to Steven Sheldon for his on-going commitment and support as our coach. Marcell Rozsa must be lauded for his great ongoing form throughout the season, as he rightfully won the Player of the Season Award.

Another season of football has passed, another year of ecstatic highs and disappointing lows. I look forward to playing with the same group of boys next season.

Iftiar Khan, Captain.

15E Football

We had a good season this year, playing eight games in total. Everybody enjoyed playing the games. Our best game was our victory against The Kings School with a 6-1 result.

Koren Fang was a superb goalkeeper. Andrew Chan, Jiatong Zhou, Tom Diep, and Johnson Wang prevented many goals. Abdullah Sarker, Saqib Bhuiyan, Roy Chowdhury, and Charles Wu were always ready to assist in the midfield. Yasar Chowdhury and Michael Liu-Li were brilliant strikers.

Thanks to our coaches, George and Ye, and to Mr Jones for giving up their time to help us.

Lawrence Cai, Captain.

14A Football

After a great start to the season with a winning trial match against Redlands, 1-0, we were very confident in having a great season. However, this perception did not result in wins, but the team always stuck together, and had an awesome season. A great season with the gloves, our keeper Anton Brokman, who made some magnificent saves, to keep us alive in those tough matches and a great goal to John Kim against Shore, were some of the highlights during the season.

Our defence as always was top class,

throughout the whole season, with man of the season, Gavin, leading the way, with other great performances from Raymond, Andrew and Ben. What we had in defence we lacked in the midfield, but that doesn't take anything away from our players who played to their very best all season long.

After being unlucky throughout the season, it all came down to one match, the last of the season, against who else, but Grammar. After a great first half, dominated by High, our heads were up and we knew we could win this match, with two great saves, which were almost certain to be goals, by Anton, we had the confidence for one more attack.

Five minutes left, we make a run down the right-flank and get a throw in fifteen metres away from their goal. Scott throws it to Nan, who passes it to Slava who charges down the sideline, and lets rip a wicked cross into the box, Al who had been waiting in the box, leaps atop of two defenders and hits the perfect cross, sweetly on his head, it sails over the top of the keeper and straight into the back of the net. Goal! High have done it! The parents go up, the coach goes up, and the team jump on top of the goal scorer.

There was never a sweeter feeling throughout the two years the team has been together, than beating Grammar in the last game of the season, 1-0.

Al Hughes, Captain.

14B Football

The boys and I were pumped and excited, ready for a brand new season. As soon as the first whistle of the season went off, we were playing some incredible soccer. Our trial games went great with three wins and only one loss. We even managed to pull off a win against Grammar in these trials, whereas last year we had lost 1-3.

Although since last year our team has changed because others have moved up from lower teams, this had a positive affect on our team's performance. Congratulations to the new people: Luke, Dhruv G and Shumit who all moved up and improved rapidly to become great players.

Of course, without our awesome coaches, we would not have improved. I'd like to thank Tony, Kevin and Danny for training us and for just being fantastic coaches.

Overall we did great things and improved a lot



14A Football

Back Row: *N.Han, A.Purcal, S.Renzenbrink, J.Kim, S.Reiyder, A.Fong, G.Sutton.*
Front Row: *R.Hua, N.Ma, A.Brokman, A.Hughes (Captain), W.Lin, J.Koukouras, B.Laird.*



14B Football

Back Row: *G.Liang, K.Krahe, S.Hoque, D.Guptaa, T.Chin.*
Front Row: *K.Visvaa, M.Chien, M.Birch, H.Heo (Captain), E.Hoque, M.Yim, L.De La Cour.*



14C Football

Back Row: *S.Saleh, J.Park, K.Dutta, B.Wilcox, P.Wu, D.Fong.*

Front Row: *N.Ooi, V.Nguyen, L.Fang, H.Yu (Captain), C.Zhang, J.Tsai, S.Prusty.*



14D Football

Back Row: *L.Fang, K.Xu, C.Stack, W.Ho, C.Wan, S.Dias.*

Front Row: *V.Chen, R.Lee, A.Fu, J.Zhou (Captain), M.Pham, J.Lo, S.Do.*



14E Football

Back Row: *R.Manahan, M.Lam, C.Ho, F.Wu.*

Front Row: *A.Dutta, V.Ye, J.Yao, E.Lien (Captain), A.Lau, D.Zeng, L.Nguyen.*



13A Football

Back Row: *K.Chen, T.Joshi, J.Pallandi, A.Punekar, A.Kerr, B.Leung, N.Vlatko, J.Lam.*

Front Row: *D.Chan, M.James, A.Nayak, T.Li (Captain), H.Zhang, D.Dien, J.Zhong.*

from last year. All of us have played well this season and improved so much. During this season we have all had fun and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the next season!

Harry Heo, Captain.

14D Football

The 14Ds went into this GPS season with a point to prove and the year 2008 turned out to be a great year for the mighty 14Ds. We as a team took out all three major awards with Jerry Zhou winning the Golden Boot scoring seventeen goals in five GPS games, Allen Fu winning the Golden Gloves conceding only one goal in the entire season and our whole team led all the way for the Dolan Cup and won it in the end by a big margin. Sudam Dias was our player of the year as he played his heart out in every game and came second behind Jerry in the Golden Boot with twelve goals.

Our team didn't really have a coach this season and fortunately we had Cameron's Dad Mr Wan helping us out every game – we couldn't have done this well without him! On behalf of our team would like to thank Mr Carson for being on

the sidelines at every game supporting and cheering for us. I would also like to thank all the teachers and parents for making this wonderful season possible.

13A Football

Firstly, I would like to thank Paul for training us every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Not all of us came but we could count on Paul being there. He taught us how to play like a team, that to win we needed everyone to give one hundred percent. I would also like to thank the parents for taking us to the matches, for taking us to the station or school at such an early time. I would also like to thank Mr. Loizou for training us every Thursday and supporting us on Saturday.

We had tough times, for example when the wind was against us, still we always tried our best. However, without Jackson (our most valuable player) it would have been very difficult. I should mention our last game against Sydney Grammar – everyone tackled hard, even our forwards came back to help. We won three to one. Well done everyone!

Tony Li, Captain.



13B Football

Back Row: Mr P.Loizou (Coach), C.Mao, D.Mah, R.Xi, G.Lee, T.Pilien, V.Tang.

Front Row: D.Tam, J.Ma, K.Pham, J.Norman (Captain), H.Zhang, D.Dien, M.Li.

13C and 14F Football

Boy, what a season the 14Fs/13Cs had this year. While many people laughed at us for being the Fs, I'm pretty sure my team could've moved up to at least the 14Es or the 14Bs.

At the beginning of the season, I had my doubts for this team since we had still not caught many concepts of soccer yet, like passing, shooting, or trapping the ball. But right after the first game, even though we lost, I immediately saw that my team had great potential. So during the training sessions after that, we developed our skills intensely, hoping to secure a victory at least once in the season. We even had practice matches with the 14Es, in which we always came out either winning by a point, or losing by a point. After these training sessions, and a little bit of a boost from our new coaches, Jason and Robert, we were able to improve on our scores, even though we still could not get that ambitious win.

The strengths of our team were within our teamwork. We were always encouraging each other to do our best, even though a loss seemed imminent. Sometimes we would get scored on but always come back with a near goal from Tony Chen or me. Though, there was no 'Most Improved Player of the Season' award, I'm sort of

glad that there isn't since it would've been one of the most hardest decisions to make since all of the 14Fs improved a lot. But, still if there was one then it would've certainly gone to Michael Nguyen. The little, though full of potential, player started off being considered one of the bad players on the team. But finally, during the second half of the season, this guy showed that he could play soccer, with a sudden burst of defensive skill, he showed that size really doesn't matter. Another outstanding player was Tony Chen, who at the beginning of the season, clearly showed that he was the most energetic and fastest player on the team. Unfortunately, controlling the ball was not one of his finer skills. However, after many training sessions, he finally could control the ball and soon became our top scorer. I still reckon he should have gotten 'Player of the Year' instead of me.

So I would like to say thanks to all the parents who supported us, all the players who were committed to our team and showed up to the games, the players from other teams who volunteered to play for us, and finally I would like to give a special thanks to our two coaches, Jason and Robert, without whom we would never have come as far as we have now.

Brandon Chau, Captain.



13C Football

Back Row: A.Soo, A.Phan, B.Lee, T.Chen, R.Useelananthan.

Front Row: K.Zhang, F.Meng, H.Chen, B.Chan (Captain), Y.Han, J.Jiang, M.Nguyen.



13D Football

Back Row: *B.Jin, V.Bhakri, R.Tran, W.Ma.*

Front Row: *A.Nguyen, S.Luong, B.Mo, K.Lin (Captain), K.Giang, N.Lazarus, T.Collier.*



13E Football

Back Row: *V.Ho, D.Duong, J.Ni, K.Ying, D.Cordas, V.Prapakaran.*

Front Row: *S.Kumareswaran, T.Wu, M.Liang, A.Chau (Captain), L.Xu, J.Chen, K.Huang.*

Cross Country



Open Cross Country

Back Row: *M.Sun, T.Peters, M.Kelly, D.Fan, A.Tang.*

Front Row: *I.Bapat, J.Wong, E.Montoya Zorrilla (Captain), B.Tseng, Y.Sun.*



Under 16 Cross Country

D.Luo, B.Lu, H.Lu, L.Liu, A.Banh, P.Hung.

First Grade Cross Country

Cross Country in 2008 was a bumpy ride for most of the first grade team. With the notable exception of Tom Peters, every member of the team was in Year Twelve, and thus felt the pressure upon them to deliver both on the course and in their other commitments. However neither the long trudge to Macquarie Hospital nor the thought of a whole day resting sore legs could put any of us off from turning up. And turning up entailed the commitment to finish races that were seven to eight kilometres in length, and required the greatest exertion from us, whatever pace we decided to run at.

Once we understood that all of us could run through whole courses and cross the line sprinting, we set out to make improvements in our overall middle-to-long distance pace, and shaped our training around that. Training in Centennial Park, with its courses varied both in distance and gradient, was an advantage, and we also got to run on the course that would be used for three meets throughout the season. It was an advantage we exploited under the guidance of Mr Ryan and Mr Prorellis. Thus, we saw slow improvements in all aspects of training, and we saw the confidence pay

off on Saturdays. We hope that, through our efforts, we did some justice to the reputation that Cross Country deserves as a sport in which endurance and perseverance is the sole test.

As Captain, I was a marked absence for most of the season, during which I was nursing an injury acquired during the end of the athletics season. It was only on the day of Sydney Park, Newington's notoriously hard course, that I managed to make my return, and it was a day on which I also had the privilege of seeing fine runs from Lucian and Tom. Throughout the season, I also had the privilege of watching one of the most competitive seasons in recent memory from the sidelines, with national champions and well-rounded teams from Kings and Iggies driving the whole field forward.

We would like to direct our heartfelt thanks to Mr Prorellis and Mr Ryan (whom we were glad to see after his unfortunate accident), who helped us in all aspects of the season, and Mr Kesting, Mr Bigelow, and Mr Gainford, who would constantly lend their support on Saturday, support I believe was personally appreciated by all of us and will be appreciated by future runners.

Edwin Montoya, Captain.





Under 14 Cross Country

Back Row: *M.Chin, I.Kim, J.Adhika.* **Front Row:** *W.Tu, J.Lam, P.Pannila, M.Lee, E.Koo.*



Rifle Shooting

It was in 1883 that the Headmaster at the time Mr Waterhouse gave permission for the formation of a Cadet Corps which has led to the subsequent establishment of the Sydney High School Rifle Club. Keen to master skill at arms, SHS found much success in its early years, winning two firsts, one second and one third in the 'National Rifle Association of New South Wales Annual All School's match'.

Continuing this tradition more than a century later, under the leadership of Club Captains Anthony Ho and Ishan Nadkarni, Sydney High upheld its reputation in rifle shooting by taking out 3rd in the 2008 GPS grand aggregate and a number of awards and prizes from the Annual All School's Rifle Competition and the Wingham Open Championships. Starting the season during the summer rather than winter we were able to attain an extra six valuable months of training. This came in very useful as it allowed the boys exposure to the many competitions and prize shoots being held. Special mention should go to Mathew Tong of Year 11 who shot superbly at the ANZAC day shoot winning not only the "C Grade" aggregate but also a very durable outdoor lamp. Co-Captain Ishan Nadkarni was also able to win the "C-Grade" aggregate at the NSW Queens Competition, attaining a position as the second best junior shooter in NSW.

Every year, High runs a week long training camp in the second week of the July holidays in addition to weekly Saturday training sessions at the Malabar Rifle Range. Each day, the First and Second grade team members would spend up to nine hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) on the range in preparation for the All School's Rifle Competition and the GPS shoot during the following week. The training camp concluded with over five thousand .308 inch casings, twitching left arms and a sense of excitement and confidence.

The effectiveness of such training programs was reflected in the team's success in the All School's Rifle Competition coming out second to TAS (The Armidale School) in the Prorak trophy with a grand aggregate score of 688 points and 30 centres (with SHS coming short of First place by 10 points). Silver medals were awarded to shooters of "Sydney High One", Chris Lam, Matthew Tong, Ishan Nadkarni, Phil Wu and Captain Anthony Ho.

This triumph led on to the GPS competition held at the Hornsby Rifle Range where an exceptional standard of shooting by the First grade team was demonstrated against opponents from Sydney Grammar, Kings, Shore, Armidale and Scots. First Grade shooters were Anthony Ho, Chris Lam, Brendan Leo, Ishan Nadkarni, Nevin Spoljaric, Denis Stojanovic, Matthew Tong and Phil Wu. Notably, Ishan Nadkarni shot a perfect score in the Buchannan Shield on the last day in the Snap Shoot. At the end of the two days High was able to finish with a strong third overall between the seven schools, a great change to mark the anniversary. And after a dry spell of over two years, senior shooters Ishan Nadkarni and Matthew Tong were able to qualify into the GPS combined team. At the end of the day Rifle Shooting at High is now bigger, better and stronger.

High's Second grade team also triumphed as a direct result of their dedication and commitment to the year's training sessions. Comprised of John Aclis, Adam Ceh, Abraham Chan, Michael Do, Johan Santoso, Peter Tran, Ryan Woo and Yujin Wu, the Second grade team took a very convincing lead over their competitors coming out second overall, only three points behind the winners from TAS.

Sydney High's participation in the Wingham Open Championships in 2008 was a mixture of highs and lows. Leaving straight after school on a Friday, eight High shooters and three Old Boy coaches embarked on a six hour bus trip up to Wingham. Arriving precisely six hours later, the shooters (all of whom had served or were currently serving in the school's Cadet Unit) pitched an 11x11 tent in the mud, the rain and the darkness while the coaches (all of whom had served as Cadet Under Officers at High) watched joyously from their 4WD rooftop canopies.

For many, the 2008 Wingham Trip was a first in terms of shooting in a prize competition. Ranges of 400 metres through to 600 yards were shot and although High's result from Day 1 were far from desirable, High shooters Anthony Ho and Chris Lam were able to secure no less than five silver and one gold medals and one silver medal and one gold in Days 2 and 3 respectively. In addition to the prizes won from individual competitions, High returned home with six



First Grade Rifle Shooting

Back Row: Ms C.Meaneay (MIC), B.Leo, M.Tong, N.Spoljaric, C.Lam.
Front Row: D.Stojanovic, I.Nadkarni (Co-captain), Dr K.A.Jagggar (Principal), A.Ho (Co-captain), P.Wu.

drinking flasks, a sandwich maker, a clock, a shooting game, a blanket, \$50 in cash and coins and the school competitions trophy competed for by The Armidale School (TAS), Wingham High School (WHS) and High (SHS). Won by Nevin Spoljaric, Denis Stojanovic, Phil Wu and Anthony Ho as Team Captain, the Mo Burdett trophy now sits in the display cabinet of the school's foyer.

With a Grand Aggregate of 376 with 21 centre bulls and only 9 points short from securing first place, Anthony Ho came fourth in C grade and first within High's shooting team. Anthony's perfect score of 50 with 3 centre bulls at 500 yards earned him a position in B grade at the conclusion of the trip. Nevin Spoljaric placed thirteenth in C grade and second within High's shooting team with a Grand Aggregate score of 351 with 9 centre bulls, followed closely by Denis Stojanovic with 346 points and thirteen centres and Phil Wu with 336 and 12 centres.

In B grade, Chris Lam scored 381 points with 25 centres (10 points short of first place), placing him eleventh in the B grade Grand Aggregate and first within High's shooting team. Chris was also able to outshoot his B grade competitors on Day 3 with a score of 99 and 8 centres. Matthew Tong

placed fifteenth in B grade with a Grand Aggregate score of 370 and 18 centre bulls.

A sincere thanks needs to be given to MIC Ms Cathy Meaney for her tireless commitment to not only accomplish the collection, correction and submitting of mountains of regulatory paperwork but also her negotiation of various other pivotal issues such as how to effectively manage a telescope and prepare hot chocolate. Equal regards must go to our coaches Kevin Chan and Justin Hill for their organization of the various excursions and camps, their continuous dedication to the club's growth, and their invaluable experience in firearms management and competitive shooting techniques. Finally, thanks also to Daniel Comben, Tom Vogelgesang, Sam Kremer, Nathan Scudder and Sam Mason for their regular support during the shooting season. Special thanks must be given to Dr Jaggar for his continual support for shooting as Headmaster.

Overall, 2008 has been a very eventful year for Rifle Shooting. The sport will hold its annual dinner later this year in December to celebrate its 125th year.

Ishan Nadkarni and Anthony Ho, Co-Captains of Rifles.



Second Grade Rifle Shooting

Back Row: *Ms C.Meaney (MIC), J.Santoso, A.Chan.*

Front Row: *A.Ceh, Y.Wu, M.Do, J.Aclis, P.Tran*

Fencing

Fencing underwent even more growth this year, as a result of which the training sessions with the junior fencers are now taken by two coaches.

This season has seen much improvement in our fencing programme, though in some events we had mixed results. In the NSW Schools State Championships Team under 15s division, the As placed eighth, the Bs placed fourteenth, and the Cs placed sixteenth. In the Senior Division, the Firsts placed ninth, the Seconds tenth, and the Thirds twentieth. It was a promising start to the season, and our optimism was revealed to be well-founded, based on our results later in the season.

In the Individual event of the same competition, Boris Zolotarev placed best at twenty fifth, with Addison Clune placing forty fourth and

Julian Byrnes at forty first. The results of the Schools State Championships were sufficient to gain the Firsts an entry into the A J Rae Shield Invitational, where they placed tenth.

Our season's major triumph this year was from the junior fencers. The Mini As brought home gold for High in the Junior Division of the Schools' League Fencing Competition, triumphing over St Aloysius in the final of the tournament after weeks of competition. We expect much from these fine young fencers in the next few years.

The Firsts narrowly missed out on bronze in the Senior Division of Schools' League, losing 4-5 in the match for third against St Patrick's. The fight was tense, the last bout going 4-5 with fifteen seconds remaining. It could easily have fallen the other way. Unfortunately for us, it did not.



Senior Fencing

Back Row: B.Zolotarev, P.Hsiao, A.Clune, A.Ghose.

Front Row: N.Uddin, C.McKay, J.Byrnes (Captain), M.Phillis, H.Mack.

The Seconds got through to the final in their division and fought their way to ninth. The Cs came fifteenth, the Ds nineteenth and the Es eighteenth. The Mini Bs came thirteenth, the Cs nineteenth, the Ds twenty second, the Es fourteenth, the Fs sixteenth, the Gs twentieth. It was really wonderful to be able to put in so many teams this year, and to know that there are so many enthusiastic fencers at High.

Our results this year have been amazing and promising. I hope that next year goes as well, or even better!

Congratulations to Caillin McKay for obtaining a bronze medal as a result of his individual results in schools' league. Medals are given out based on the number of bouts a fencer has won over the course of the tournament. Caillin was well rewarded for the effort he put in over the course of the tournament.

Congratulations to Shaun Pak named Best Boy in the Mini Division of the League, a truly outstanding achievement. Congratulations to his team mates Matthew Chan and Frank Li for not only winning their division of the tournament, but obtaining gold medals for individual results. No-one else got as high awards this year.

Thank you to Ms May, our MIC, for the enthusiasm and competence with which she has approached fencing. I would also like to extend thanks to the rest of the Fencing Committee, who all work hard to ensure that fencing runs smoothly.

Thank you to our coaches for great training over the course of the year. Without Al and Tuku the fencing programme would not be nearly as good as it is today, and we certainly would not have won gold this year.

Thank you to the Sportsmaster, Mr Ayre, for allowing us to move the fencing gear into the cricket nets storeroom for the winter. It saved us and a lot of other sports quite a bit of inconvenience.

Thankyou to the senior boys who looked after the junior boys in their first competitions at Schools League - in particular, I'd like to thank Maxwell Phillis for the very efficient style in which he gathered the junior fencers and explained the rules of the competition and everything else.

And a final thankyou to a senior boy who will be leaving us this year – Boris Zolotarev. Boris has put a lot of effort into fencing and he has always been around to cheer people up and smooth things over. We'll miss you, Boris.

Julian Byrnes.



Junior Fencing

Back Row: H-T.Lin, S.Zhou, F.Li, B.Hillier, N.Paul, S.Ngo, S.Pak, T.Funston.

Second Row: B.Yun, J.Kim, A.Weinstock, J.Yip, A.Paul, M.Chan, I.Ho, F.Zhang, M.Pan.

Front Row: H.Zhu, D.Wei, J.Liang, W.Yeung, S.Fletcher, K.Pan, A.Nguyen, I.Li, J.Hu.

Skiing

The Ski Trip

Jindabyne And Perisher Blue

The SBHS Ski Team has a long and proud tradition of representing the school, and public schools everywhere, at the annual NSW Interschool Snowsports Competition. The 2008 team upheld this tradition admirably.

While a slow start to the season had many thinking we might be forced to make a last minute transition to grass skiing, it seemed that we had the snow gods on our side. Last minute falls of over 50cm ensured Perisher was sparkling white and in top shape for our first morning on the slopes. With a few days to spare before the serious business of racing began, and eager to explore the mountains, we set out in our own groups, only reuniting at the ski tube station eight hours later, worn out and ready to consume many a bite sized cinnamon donut.

When the racing finally got underway later in the week, there were no disappointments, with particularly strong performances from the Division 2 Alpine A team (James Whiting, Michael Ambrose, Alex Koerber, Andrew Blomberg) while the Division 1 Alpine team (Stuart Hancock, Harrison Lane, Harrison Reid) also achieved a

respectable result. Other members of the team included: Samuel Lane, Calum Martin, Sean Martin, Jonah Petrie, Gregory Shargorodsky, Benjamin Soroka, Timothy Collier, Oliver Sabau, Brendan Hancock, Pasan Pannila and Tom Connolly.

While not on the slopes, there was plenty of excellent food and entertainment to be had, thanks to Rob and his Aalberg Lodge staff. Some of us were even fortunate enough to enjoy a trip to the local cinema, while the others remained behind at the lodge, choosing to spend their time better acquainting themselves with the other local holidaymakers.

Needless to say, a great time was had by all the boys on the trip. There are many people who deserve our sincerest thanks, as it was only through their efforts that the 2008 ski trip was made possible. Thanks go to the Committee for their organizational and administrative efforts, to Mr Serdar Bolen for expertly and tirelessly driving the team around, and to Mr Andrew Fuller for just being an all round legend. And, of course, many thanks to Mr Mark Jones, our trusty MIC, who not only organized the trip, but could also out-ski the entire team.

Harrison Reid, Ski Captain.



Ski Team

Back Row: B.Soroka, S.Renzenbrink, C.Martin, H.Lane, W.Lambert, J.Whiting, S.Martin, J.Petrie.

Front Row: T.Connolly, A.Koerber, Mr M.Jones (Coach), H.Reid, Mr A.Fuller (Coach), G.Shargorodsky, S.Lane.



Volleyball



First Grade Volleyball

Back Row: *Dr K.Jaggar (Principal), Dr J.Sim (Coach), W.Trac, D.Xiao, Mr M.Kay (MIC, Coach).*

Front Row: *S.Dong, W.Lu, P.Du, V.Nguyen (Captain), T.Ly, A.Le, J.Tao.*

Volleyball Master

The year 2008 was a challenging but successful year for High Volleyball. After losing most of the previous years starting six, the new look First Grade team started the year strongly moving through the Sydney East Knockout without a loss. At the CHS Finals First Grade played well to make the semi finals but were unable to find the form required to move into the Final. Following three years of coming second to High, Great Lakes Secondary College won the state knockout.

The following players were selected to represent Sydney East at the NSW Inter-regional Championships: Warren Trac, Ping Du, Ritam Mitra, Stephen Dong, Ding Xiao.

In GPS volleyball, First Grade finished as co-premiers with Grammar. The standard of GPS volleyball in 2008 moved to a new level and heralds an exciting year in 2009. With ramped up programs at both Newington and Scots, the next season is sure to be hard fought. The days of High resting starting six players in GPS matches are over.

In the junior ranks, High brought home medals in every tournament played. This has been the most successful year on record for our younger teams. Both the Under 15s and Under 16s teams established themselves as teams to watch. The 16s made the Final in every tournament winning gold at the Sydney High Invitational and Silver at each of the State Volleyball All Schools events.

The 16s and First Grade will be trying to maintain their outstanding record at the Australian Volleyball School's Cup to be played in Melbourne in December.

A successful awards dinner was held on the upstairs landing in the main building with Ritam Mitra being announced as the Captain of Volleyball for 2009. Thanks go to coaches Yaegan Doran, Karl Kruzelnicki (jnr), Oliver Konakoff and teaching staff Ms Trompeter and Dr Ganderton. Looking forward to 2009!

Michael Kay, MIC Volleyball.

16A Volleyball

Joining this team only at the end of term two, I've had little time to know everyone, but as weeks progressed, it became clear to me that this is a truly unique team. Our first tournament together was the NSW Schools Cup on Friday 1

August, 2008. We entered as a strong team and soared to the finals grabbing a well-deserved silver medal behind Westfields team.

Chris Morrow, David Nguyen and Christian Jurlina deserve high recognition for their over dominance at the net in position three – Middle Blocker/Hitter. Henry Sit and Justin Yang attacked relentlessly and efficiently at position four – Outside Hitter/Passer. Congratulations to Jonathon Mok and Nathan Leong for doing a superb job at position two – Setter/Universal. Ivan Li (Outside Hitter) and I (Setter) – the late-comers proved beneficial assets to this team as we dominated the Sydney High Junior Tournament, defeating every team in straight sets each match.

This December, we will be competing in the AVSC (Australian Volleyball Schools Cup) National competition, and with such a strong team, a gold medal is in our sights.

Gratitude goes to the Open's teams and parents for their persistent encouragement. Of course, none of this glory would be possible without continuous support and leadership from Mr Kay (The Boss), Dr Ganderton (Coordinator) and our three brilliant coaches: Karl Kruzelnicki, Oliver Konakoff and Yaegan Doran.

Hugh Huang, Captain.

15A Volleyball

This year's volleyball season has been successful through the eyes of the Fifteen As. Two tournaments were entered – the NSW Junior Volleyball Tournament, and the SBHS Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

The first tournament, held on 8 June, 2008, had an unlucky finish. We won one game, against Blayney, who came second in the end. However, we lost fractionally to the rest of the teams, and just missed out on the finals.

In the SBHS Invitational Tournament, our team had to play in the under sixteen division, resulting in straight set losses. Again, however, we managed to get close to winning a set. Vivid improvement was seen amongst our team by the end of the tournament.

The Fifteen As would also like to give thanks to Mr Kay, who trained us on Thursday afternoons, and Karl Kruzelnicki, with whom we trained with on Monday afternoons.

Ennes Mehmedbasic, Captain



Second Grade Volleyball

Back Row: *Dr P.Ganderton (Coach), M.Li, C.Morrow, N.Wang, Mr M.Kay (MIC, Coach).*

Front Row: *I.Li, T.Wang, B.Chung (Captain), P.Lai, H.Huang.*



17A Volleyball

Back Row: *T.Wang, N.Wang, M.Li, P.Lai.*

Front Row: *S.Wan, J.Poon, B.Cheung (Captain), I.Li, H.Huang.*



16A Volleyball

Back Row: *J.Yang, C.Morrow, D.Nguyen.*

Front Row: *J.Mok, H.Sit, H.Huang (Captain), N.Leong, I.Li.*



Under 15 Volleyball

Back Row: *K.Leung, W.Baxter, M.Song.*

Front Row: *N.Ly, S.Sethi, E.Mehmedbasic, A.Saksena, A.Singh.*

List of Officers

	Headmaster	Captain	President OBU	President P&C
1883	J. Waterhouse			
1884 (1)	J. Coates	F.W. Doak		
1885	J. Coates	G.C. Saxby		
1886	J. Coates	G.C. Saxby		
1887	J. Coates	F.W. Doak		
1888	J. Coates	P.J. Pratt		
1889	J. Coates	A.B. Davies	OLD BOYS UNION	
1890	J. Coates	J.P. Wood	Founded 13 June 1892	
1891	J. Coates	H.S. Dettmann		
1892	J. Coates	H.S. Dettmann	J. Coates	
1893	J. Coates	W.G. Forsyth	J. Coates	
1894	J. Coates	W.G. Forsyth	J. Coates	
1895	J. Coates	F.A. Todd		
1896	J. Waterhouse	F.A. Todd J.P.V. Madsen	The OBU lapsed in 1895, due to the reduced enrolment in the School and a subsequent lack of former pupils to take up Union positions. The OBU was reformed on 11 August , 1902 under A.M. Eedy.	
1897	J. Waterhouse	F.A. Todd		
1898	J. Waterhouse	O.U. Vonwiller		
1899	J. Waterhouse	O.A.A. Diethelm C. St. L. Willis		
1900	J. Waterhouse	C.E. Weatherburn A.M. Levick		
1901	J. Waterhouse	G.L. Tomlinson		
1902	J. Waterhouse	W.E.T. Porter	A. M. Eedy	
1903	J. Waterhouse	H.S. Utz	P. J. Pratt	
1904	J. Waterhouse	H.S. Utz	C. H. Cooke	
1905	J. Waterhouse	A.S. Walker	Prof. O. U. Vonwiller	
1906	J. Waterhouse	R.C. Blumer	R. C Forsyth	
1907	J. Waterhouse	W.R. Brown	C. M. Drew	
1908	J. Waterhouse	A.L. Buchanan	G. C Saxby	
1909	J. Waterhouse	J.G.M. Beale	C. A. Fairland	
1910 (2)	J. Waterhouse	C. G. McDonald	Prof. F. A. Todd	
1911	J. Waterhouse	O. D. Oberg J. R. Nield E. J. Saxby	P. S. Hunt	
1912	J. Waterhouse	F. Wootton	G. C. Saxby	
1913	J. Waterhouse	G. J. M. Saxby W. S. Patterson	A. Bohrsman	
1914	J. Waterhouse	J. Woodhouse	A. G. Henderson	
1915	J. Waterhouse	C. E. Brake	A. G. Henderson	
1916	R. J. Hinder	A. W. W. Gray	W. G. Lewes	
1917	R. J. Hinder	T. H. Henry	E. J. Hooke	
1918	R. J. Hinder	F. E. Stayner	E. J. Hooke	
1919 (3)	C. R. Smith	G. B. Morris	H. K. Prior	
1920	C. R. Smith	K. M. McCredie	H. K. Prior	
1921	C. R. Smith	S. J. Burt	L. F Watt	
1922	C. R. Smith	A. Underhill	L. F Watt	
1923	C. R. Smith	E. M. Henry	W. W. Vick	
1924	C. R. Smith	S. C. King	A. M. Eedy	

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1925	G. C. Saxby	E. L. Pilkington	R. T. McKay	Rev H.E.Hulme
1926	G. C. Saxby	K. C. Hardy	R. T. McKay	Rev H.E.Hulme
1927	G. C. Saxby	L. W. Hepper	R. T. McKay	Rev H.E.Hulme
1928	G. C. Saxby	B. Gardiner	A. M. Eedy	Rev H.E.Hulme
				A.R.Sullivan
1929	G. C. Saxby	J. L. Still	W. J. Cleary	A.R.Sullivan
1930	G. C. Saxby	T. P. Pauling	O. A. A. Diethelm	A.R.Sullivan
1931	G. C. Saxby	E. W. Hyman	O. A. A. Diethelm	A.R.Sullivan
1932	G. C. Saxby	R. L. McKinnon	H. F. Halloran	A.R.Sullivan
1933	G. C. Saxby	A. W. Horner	S. A. Smith	A.R.Sullivan
1934	F. McMullen	F. B. Horner	S. A. Smith	A.Horner
1935	F. McMullen	J. Maxwell	C. G. McDonald	A.Horner
1936	J. H. Killip	H. Turk	C. G. McDonald	H.B.Edwards
1937	J. H. Killip	K. J. Oram	G. F. Diamond	H.B.Edwards
1938	J. H. Killip	R. Higham	Judge J. R. Nield	E.H.Oliver
				H.B.Edwards
1939	J. H. Killip	N. Docker	Judge J. R. Nield	H.B.Edwards
1940	J. H. Killip	R. Loton	Dr G. Hardwicke	R.S.Betty
1941	J. H. Killip	N. McInnes	C. N. Hirst	R.S.Betty
1942	J. H. Killip	J. Dexter	C. N. Hirst	R.S.Betty
1943	J. H. Killip	E. Swinbourne	E. Pye	R.S.Betty
1944	J. H. Killip	A. Hodge	Dr G. Hardwicke	R.S.Betty
1945	J. H. Killip	K. Cross	Dr G. Hardwicke	R.S.Betty
1946	J. H. Killip	P. Turner	Dr G. Hardwicke	R.S.Betty
1947	J. H. Killip	B. Thiering	Major D. J. Duffy	B.R.White
1948	J. H. Killip	N. Pearce	Major D. J. Duffy	B.R.White
1949	J. H. Killip	R. Morrow	A. R. Beveridge	B.R.White
1950	J. H. Killip	J. Agnew	A. R. Beveridge	B.R.White
1951	J. H. Killip	J. Thornett	K. C. Cameron	W.B.Nehl
1952	G. Barr	V. Littlewood	K. C. Cameron	W.B.Nehl
1953	G. Barr	M. Stuart	P. G. Saywell	A.G.Leroy
1954	G. Barr	C. Chamberlain	A. R. Callaway	T.W.Rushall
1955	K. J. Andrews	W. Summers	A. R. Callaway	T.W.Rushall
1956	K. J. Andrews	R. May	A. R. Callaway	T.W.Rushall
1957	K. J. Andrews	K. Rubie	Col D. J. Duffy	T.W.Rushall
1958	K. J. Andrews	P. R. Phillips	Col D. J. Duffy	T.W.Rushall
1959	K. J. Andrews	W. Young	Col D. J. Duffy	M.R.Wills
1960	K. J. Andrews	A. Cairns	A. Ferguson	M.R.Wills
1961	K. J. Andrews	J. Coleman	A. Ferguson	M.R.Wills
1962	K. J. Andrews	F. Conner	A. Ferguson	J.H.Levi
1963	K. J. Andrews	R. McKay	W. McMurray	J.H.Levi
1964	M. R. Callaghan	N. Stamell	W. McMurray	J.H.Levi
1965	M. R. Callaghan	N. Morgan	C. E. H. Rubie	W.F.Halliday
1966	M. R. Callaghan	J. Isaacs	C. E. H. Rubie	W.F.Halliday
1967	M. R. Callaghan	J. Isaacs	A. F. Deer	W.F.Halliday
1968	M. R. Callaghan	D. Luxford	A. F. Deer	R.A.Blomberg
1969	M. R. Callaghan	A. Tzannes	The Hon Sir G. Wallace	R.A.Blomberg
1970	M. R. Callaghan	J. Ehrlich	The Hon Sir G. Wallace	R.A.Blomberg
1971	M. R. Callaghan	D. Blomberg	Judge K. Torrington	R.H.Stracey
1972	M. R. Callaghan	R. Middleton	Judge K. Torrington	N.R.Frumar
1973	M. R. Callaghan	N.S. McGill	Sir B. Sugerman	N.R.Frumar
1974	G. J. Bradford	G. Hill	Sir B. Sugerman	N.R.Frumar

List of Officers

1975	G. J. Bradford	N. Green	Prof. S. Livingstone	Dr P.A.Musgrove
1976	G. J. Bradford	S. Marquet	Prof. S. Livingstone	Dr P.A.Musgrove
1977	R. Outterside	B. Ramsay	Prof. S. Livingstone	Dr P.A.Musgrove
1978	R. Outterside	T. Musgrove	Brig. E. S. Swinbourne	Dr P.A.Musgrove
1979	R. Outterside	G. Anderson	Brig. E. S. Swinbourne	Prof C.Phipps
1980	R. Outterside	M. Wieland	Dr P. A. Musgrove	Prof C.Phipps
1981	R. Outterside	G. Warren	Dr P. A. Musgrove	Prof C.Phipps
1982	R. Outterside	G. Webb	B. H. Pyke	Prof C.Phipps
1983	R. Outterside	M. Aikman	B. H. Pyke	Prof C.Phipps
1984	R. Outterside	M. Adams	B. H. Pyke	T.Lynam
1985	R. Outterside	M. Ward	B. H. Pyke	T.Meakin
1986	R. Outterside	C. Lynam	Dr J. M. Challen	T.Meakin
1987	R. Outterside	T. Walker	Dr J. M. Challen	T.Meakin
1988	R. Outterside	A. Magro	B. H. Pyke	T.Meakin
1989	R. Outterside	C. Aitken	M. Aikman	T.Meakin
1990	R. Outterside	G. Main	M. Aikman	T.Meakin
1991	R. Outterside	A. Abrahams	R. Mitchell	V.Moschione
1992	R.J.Stratford	J.Isaacs	R. Mitchell	V.Moschione
1993	R.J.Stratford	S.Mohideen	MajGen J.Norrie	S.Kritzler
1994	R.J.Stratford	D.Eyers	MajGen J.Norrie	P.Whyte
1995	R.J.Stratford	A.Lamb	MajGen J.Norrie	P.Whyte
1996	R.J.Stratford	P.Lyons	MajGen J.Norrie	K.Loblay
1997	R.J.Stratford	K.Robinson	MajGen J.Norrie	K.Loblay
1998	R.J.Stratford	J.Stern	MajGen J.Norrie	J.Kaldor
1999	R.J.Stratford	A.Liu	N.Scudder	D.Briggs
2000	K.A.Jaggar	J.S.Boag	N.Scudder	D.Briggs
2001	K.A.Jaggar	N.Armstrong	J.Goddard	D.Briggs
2002	K.A.Jaggar	M.Nam	J.Goddard	D.Briggs
2003	K.A.Jaggar	H.James	J.Goddard	P.Girdler
2004	K.A.Jaggar	T.Miller	J.Goddard	P.Girdler
2005	K.A.Jaggar	D.Fonseka	M.Livingston	S.Brown
2006	K.A.Jaggar	A.Farrow-Palmer	M.Livingston	S.Brown
2007	K.A.Jaggar	M.Farhat	J.Waugh	S.Chan
2008	K.A.Jaggar	D.Vien	J.Waugh	S.Chan

[1] From 1884-1919 the dux was known as captain of the school.

[2] The prefect system was introduced in 1910.

From 1910 to 1919, the equivalent of the present School Captain was called the Senior Prefect.

[3] The title of Senior Prefect was changed to Captain in 1920.



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Back Row: D.Mah, D.Cordas, S.Zhou, N.Autar, J.Clements-Lendrum, S.Ngo, J.Chotiyanonta, K.Kuang, R.Dewan, E.Kelly, G.Dzero, A.Wu, T.Ow, M.Stojanovik, A.Zhou, J.Cao, T.Li, J.Ni, Y.Luo, R.Chen.

Sixth Row: J.Yeung, G.Lee, A.Vu, T.Li, K.Li, J.Zhu, S.Viswanadham, D.Duong, O.Duffy, M.Liang, A.Feng, D.Kim, V.Prapakaran, K.Ho, N.Nguyen, A.Stoneham, E.Li, W.Koslowski, K.Ying, M.Chang, J.Cho, A.Ramesh, V.Ho, A.Zhou, D.Tran.

Fifth Row: T.Havier, N.Vlatko, D.Chen, L.Zhu, K.Chen, A.Punekar, D.Keogh, G.Chen, W.Wu, A.Singh, A.Chan, D.Ko, J.Yip, J.Chung, K.Pharm, O.Kirk, J.Pallandi, S.Guo, T.Zhou, M.Lam, J.Kim, T.Joshi, V.Bhakri, M.Liu, T.Dumonet, Y.Wu.

Fourth Row: S.Hussaini, M.Gong, C.Xu, W.Tam, R.Tran, R.Xi, E.Ly, V.Chew, A.Xu, J.Jian, D.Bui, B.Deng, F.Zhang, A.Kerr, L.Zhang, V.Puvanendran, B.He, J.Gao, K.Dhamoon, V.Pharm, B.Leung, E.Ho, W.Choi, Y.Shi, S.Du, K.Huang.

Third Row: E.He, J.Hu, D.Wei, J.Chen, T.Chung, S.Sufian, I.Huang, K.Giang, N.Lin, J.Norman, P.Chen, J.Lam, A.Bui, C.York, B.Jin, A.Wei, A.Nguyen, C.Liu, W.Ma, H.Lam, D.Saggar, C.Mao, E.Luu, X.Feng, D.Tam.

Second Row: S.Luong, D.Lin, Y.Hu, E.Cao, J.Wang, D.Zhang, M.James, J.Lu, J.Dao, B.Mo, J.Weng, K.Pan, J.Yu, G.Yang, D.Dien, H.Zhang, D.Vo, T.Pilien, A.Kaluve, S.Nene, J.Lam, N.Lazarus, N.Costa, A.Chau, T.Collier, T.Chew.

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Seventh Row: B.Lung, J.Ma, N.Hayes, N.Hassoun, A.Shapilsky, A.Tang, S.Liu, R.Casey, Z.Harrison-Tikisci, B.Pfull, J.Burney, G.Lo, K.Iyer, B.Palau, J.Gaunt, L.Boikov, S.Merom, T.Joo, K.Sriranjan, K.Lam, A.Amin, A.Leung, S.Lee, C.Yang, B.Wang

Sixth Row: B.Lee, C.Cheung, S.Sheth, R.Chen, M.Spencer, A.Kandasamy, K.Na, K. La, S.Tang, I.Nadkarni, N.Uddin, A.Dovan, D.Ng, L.Burger, Z.Xu, J.Zhang, R.Dong, M.Fsadni, T.Li, V.Peranathan, J.Mao, E.Montoya-Zorrilla, J.Song, D.Chim, M.Vu, D.Chiu

Fifth Row: S.Ting, A.Kim, B.Tseng, K.Mickovski, J.Zhang, J.Yip, V.Tsui, M.Rusli, C.Yang, A.Ng, D.Yu, A.Huynh, W.Lee, J.Phung, D.Fu, K.Vingnanasingam, H.Gu, R.Yoon, R.Liu, D.Fan, I.Cerecina, Y.Deng, S.Luo, F.Uddin, B.Xu

Fourth Row: S.Zhang, T.Lindeback, M.Denny-Smith, A.Phan, A.Yeung, W.Nguyen, A.Lim, D.Ho, M.Le, D.Wong, M.Sun, N.Bangalore, C.Martin, N.Liu, W.Chan, J.Wang, D.Tse, H.Chen, M.Bock, J.Cohn, M.Hammer, N.Lochner, M.Serban, J.Coppa, B.Wong, T.Rosengarten

Third Row: X.Zhai, T.Sun, C.Liu, D.Shi, Y.Saleh, J.Choi, J.Wong, K.Wang, P.Nguyen, A.Wang, A.Ho, Z.Mancenido, C.Lam, A.Leung, E.Li, K.Bai, J.Zuo, N.Chan, A.Du, A.Tse, I.Luong, D.Madushanka Vithanage, J.Ip, G.Qin, H.Mack

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Front Row: Z.Zu, D.Bowes, A.Sivashanmugarajah, J.Lee, T.Mai, V.Sharma, P.Phuah, E.Ang, D.Toh, K.Tong, C.Tang, S.Rahman, M.Coutts, D.Vien, J.Hui, J.Livingston, T.Cai, N.Kwok, A.Chee, K.Ma, R.Hua, C.Shum, S.Sugito, G.Lau, J.Diolaso, D.Jin, K.Le