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Ms M Luthle

Mr N Morris

Ms P O'Brien

Mr P S Parker

Mr R Scheibel

Ms H Tuthill

Ms B White

Mr N Whitfield

### Destination

Maternity leave

Retired

Retired

Retired

Maternity leave

China

Leave

Western Australia

Leave

Gosford High School

Bowral High School

Deceased [July 2006]

North Sydney Girls High School

Melbourne

Leave

SCEGS [Shore]

Retired



Brothers Gunaratne

## Editorial & Record Committee 2006

### EDITORIAL

The Record for 2006 is a departure from previous magazines in a few small ways. The Speech Night from 2005 is included as well as events from term 4, 2005. It is recommended that in an effort to publish the Record earlier that the change over date between magazines is Remembrance Day of the given year.

There is also a selection of events taken from High Notes which appear in either School Notes or Excursions and Events.

The Record would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Ms Lynne Williams who was the major edit, setter and proof reader. Thanks also to Ms Trompetter for the Literary Contributions section, the largest for some time.

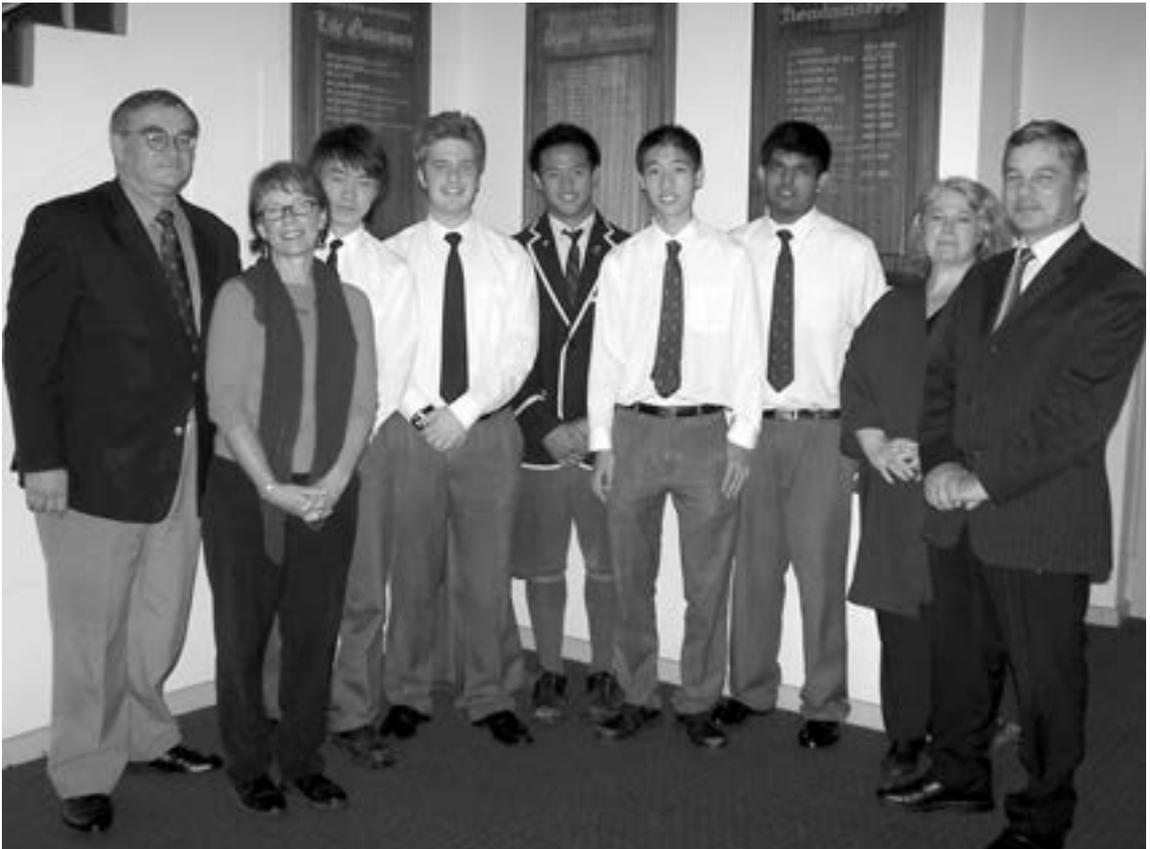
Ms May has been the school photographer and has been relentless in pursuit of the perfect photo at school events

Mr Gainford has once again been the stalwart of the school history and has been responsible for ensuring the formal photos were suitably taken and captioned and that any event that was not covered by Ms May, and some that were, had accompanying photos.

The student committee of Raymond Roca, Sharangan Maheswaran, Louis Yang, David Vien and Owen Han worked in a cooperative manner on collecting reports and photos. Many thanks to Steven Foster of Tenpoint whose creative input in the production of the magazine was invaluable.

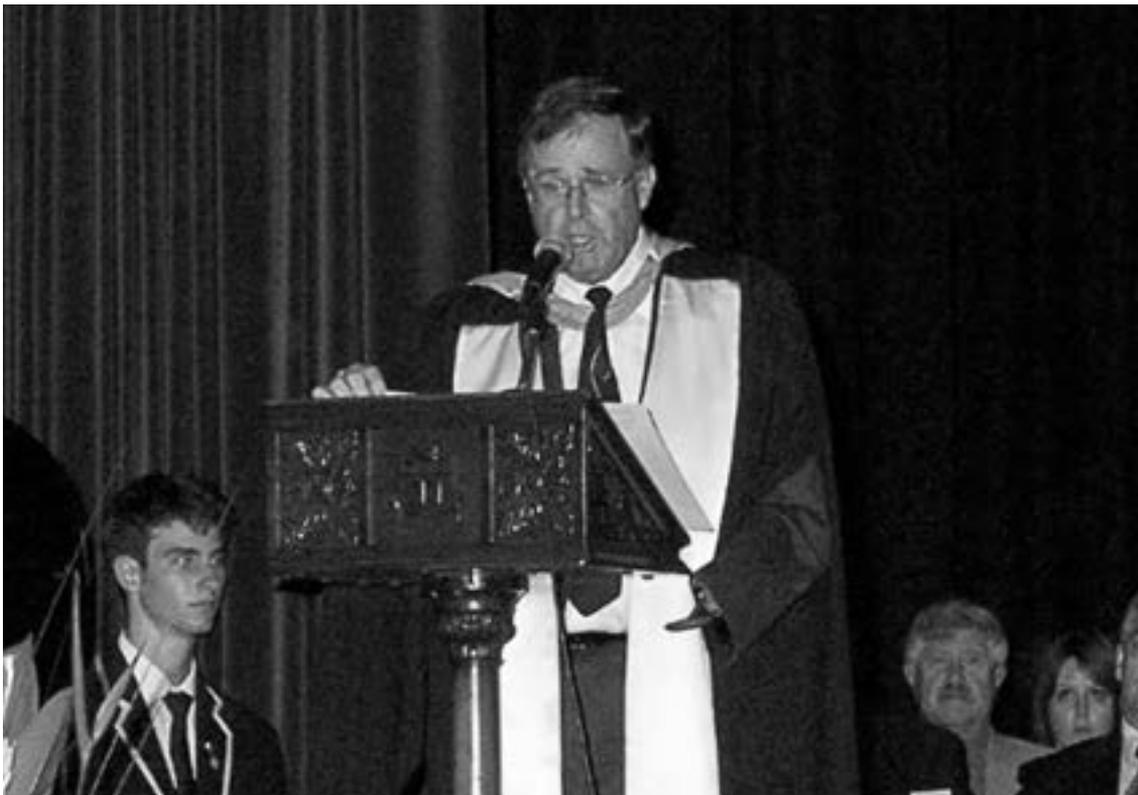
This publication reflects the school motto of VERITATE ET VIRTUTE but perhaps we should add MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO.

***C. Barris, Editor***



Mr A. M. Gainford, Ms M.M. Trompetter, Louis Yang, Raymond Roca, David Vien, Owen Han, Sharangan Maheswaran, Ms J.J. May, Mr C.W. Barris

## Principal's Message



The class of 2006 will be remembered for its unique contribution to the life of High. It was the year of the talkers. Winning the GPS first grade debating is a rare and important achievement. Romesh Abeyesuriya and Faraz Amin were urbane and articulate. Sriram Srikumar's world school debating title and his individual top ten performance were highlights. First grade volleyball won the double again. Our music import Paul Pang raised the bar for musical accompaniment at assemblies and school event performances.

As the second year to go through with me as your Principal, I feel that I am more responsible for your progress as I had a year to settle in and try to make a difference before you came. I believe some structures such as the Student Awards Scheme were reformed when you started and the curriculum offerings were being manipulated. Many of you have been accelerated in at least one course. I hope opportunities turn into results for you.

Physically, the school has changed in your time here. In many ways it seems a shame that you are going just when the tennis courts are finished, the toilets refurbished, the cricket nets and basketball courts underway and the Sir Roden Cutler Gates nearly finished. You have waited six years for these projects to come to fruition. You deserved more time to use them.

Nevertheless, people make a school, not buildings. There are many boys I would like to thank for what they have done

for High. Your leaders were chosen using an electoral college system for the first time. Certainly, the changed Prefect Executive experiment seemed to work well and we will persist with this method. I think Adam Farrow-Palmer and Kevin Kim were very energetic in their roles. Phillip Roser was innovative and conscientious as Senior Prefect. Edward Pham, Francis Wong, Sam Gribble, Blake Angell, Yuk-Lun Yeung, Chong Shao, Mark Samarasinghe, Nicholas Ng, David Cao, Eddy Blaxell, Lewis D'Avigdor and Victor Wei made significant all round contributions.

Engagement with our ethos is a vital aspect of relative happiness with the High experience. Unless you are comfortable it is hard to give of your best. In business they talk about having the right 'fit'. Think about the words of Adlai Stevenson: "It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse". I hope that after your experiences at High you have learned the art of feeling comfortable in many different contexts without being self-conscious or self-absorbed. I trust that you have been prepared for varied leadership roles after school. To be leaders you have to have passion, but you also have to believe in yourselves.

For what it's worth I think a lot of you look good on a horse! Farewell! May you set and achieve many goals!

**Dr. K.A. Jaggard** BA Dip Ed MA (SYD) M Ed Admin Ed D (NSW) MACE MACEL  
**Principal**  
**September, 2006**

## Captain's Farewell Address

As I shuffle closer to the end of my secondary school coil, desiring and dreading the impending fall, there is something that has occupied my mind. That is the rich digest of traditions that exist within the school. From things like the cadet unit to the formal assemblies and school song, there is so much that has been established by the young men who came before us, traditions that I think are worth preserving.

One tradition I believe in is the High spirit, arguably the most important of all.

There are people in this grade who know the right thing to do and are the first to volunteer to do it. It's especially heartening to see these people, some who weren't elected as prefects but will still work for hours to help organise a fundraising activity or grade meeting. It's this desire to work for the common good, that is for the grade and the school that tells me that these guys will go far after the HSC. I've seen this attitude of taking action in many aspects of school life; on the sporting fields, studying or in a musical group, when one person puts in great effort to help his fellows he is showing the 'High Spirit' and he deserves our respect.

To prove this I will profile a few gentlemen who exemplify the above characteristics. They are by no means the only people of such upstanding character in year twelve but they are a good representative sample.

Yuk-Lun Yeung. Yuk-Lun is the definition of a quiet achiever. Academically sound from year seven, he has been a devoted basketball and football player. He has had significant involvement with the SRC, helped organise the trivia night and in spite of his modesty, and luckily so, people noticed his penchant for hard work and he was appointed prefect. He was also in an award winning team in the Energy Australia Red Cross Youth Challenge as part of the 'Ulead' program.

Sam Gribble is of course mentioned second but this makes up part of his charm – he's come second in a lot of things has Mr. Gribble but you won't hear him complain. How sick must he be of all those chin jokes? Yes, he can take the hardships but there's more. Have you ever seen him on the paddock? Or warming up for a first eight race? You don't want to get in his way then. He has a huge devotion to and passion for High and he showed it best as captain of the first fifteen. He shows vast amounts of focus and effort in the GPS and loves sport and High in equal measures. Finally, he's also good at maths.

Romesh Abey Suriya. He is a man of many talents. As well as playing violin in the orchestra, he was cox of the first quad two years running and then cox of the first junior eight and four. Why is this such an achievement? Well being a coxswain is a hard job, mainly because of the critics. By the end of his coxing career, comments like "watch out for that pylon" or "that other boat is coming right at us" just rolled off his back. His passion for the sport overcame the gentle derision typically received by the smallest member of a crew and for that I respect him. He's also debater of the year, a brilliant physics tutor to his peers and is invaluable in helping our computer system run smoothly. A multi-talented High boy through and through.

Labib Rahman will go far. He is an excellent debater, generous and has a sharp wit. He is active in the Islamic Society of Sydney Boys High, helped with the organisation of the trivia night this year and was instrumental in co-ordinating the first Battle of the Sexes debate and Talent Quest – both very successful. He was also part of Lun's Ulead team. He is friendly, seems to know everything and has already been offered a co-op scholarship from UNSW. I needn't say more.

I hope if nothing else, these gentlemen provide an example for the rest of the school as quintessential High boys.

I would like to thank Phillip Roser for doing such a fine job in leading the prefects. He's done a lot of work trying to get those unruly blue-tied boys into line. And Kevin – a hard worker and more modest than I could ever hope to be. This year has been fantastic with the two of you.

Mr. Day left Sydney Boys as a student 41 years ago and he says he loved his twenty two years here as Head Teacher, Social Sciences Department. He asked me to mention the following points on his behalf:

"Many thanks to all students in year twelve for their contribution to the School over the past six years.

Every good wish to each of you in your future and career and finally, the very best of luck in the HSC exams."

I have my own small message to the class of 2006; Year 12 – I love you guys. Every time I share a bus or train with boys from another school, I am grateful for your intelligence, enthusiasm and affability. It will be an absolute pleasure to continue sharing your company in the years to come.

Every speech has some little saying, and mine's coming up. If you can recall one thing from this assembly, make it this; "The best things in life aren't things." I'll dispense with the rhetoric and ask you to consider this phrase the next time you make a decision about your future, at school and life in general.

Now, I don't mean to sound wet but there is a lot more I could say in favour of my wonderful cohort and this fine establishment. Instead, I'll end with this; on behalf of the class of 2006; my High buildings, my High coaches, my High affiliates, my High teachers and most of all, my High brothers – we'll miss you.

**VERITATE ET VIRTUTE.**  
**Adam Farrow-Palmer**

## Prefect Report

**CAPTAIN:** ADAM FARROW-PALMER  
**VICE CAPTAIN:** KEVIN KIM  
**SENIOR PREFECT:** PHILLIP ROSER

The prefect contingent of 2006 led by the dynamic leadership of Adam Farrow-Palmer represented HIGH efficiently throughout the year. It is the duty of the prefects to maintain the prestigious HIGH spirit that has transcended from the days of 1883; striving to become role models in every facet of school life. This year thirty-seven prefects were elected; one more than ever before. The size increase did indeed yield positive results as we were able to designate each prefect as an assistant MIC to each of the sports and committees established around the school including SRC, various summer and winter sports, debating, rowing and even recycling. All prefects displayed leadership and a keen eye for helping out their respective MICs when needed. Furthermore this year's prefects had a number of other tasks spread throughout the year including role call duty, canteen duty, organization of whole school assemblies and

representation at official functions and events (e.g. Head of the River, AAGPS Athletics Championships).

Special mention must go to the Prefects who were elected as House Captains: Sriram Srikumar (E), Augustine Ha (F), Quinton Yang (M), Dinuka Gunasekera (R), Edward Hibbert (S) and Victor Wei (T) and Vice Captains: Sam Gribble (E), Michael Masalehdani (F), Faraz Amin (M), Lewis D'avigdor (R), Mark Samarasinghe (S) and Thariq Razeen (T) who exhibited themselves as fine role-models for the grades below. Their charisma and inspiration at school Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country carnivals produced the greatest ever participation numbers in carnivals seen by HIGH.

It was also great to see the prefects enjoying every moment of wearing the navy blue tie, sporting them six to seven days a week; at school, during Saturday GPS sport and various other functions.

From all the prefects thanks must extend to Mr. Kesting generously gave up his time to benefit the smooth operation of the prefects.

*Kevin Kim, Vice Captain*



### 2006 Prefects

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**Third Row:** L.J.R.d'Avigdor, N.D.Gunasekera, S.J.Gribble, D.D.C.Sun, M.S.Samarasinghe, E.J.Blaxell, E.J.Hibbert.

**Second Row:** S.Srikumar, G.B.Manamperi, J.E.R.Morgan, S.J.Burke, M.Razeen, T.Razeen, A.T.S.Ha, T.A.Uddin.

**Front Row:** R.G.Abeysuriya, F.Amin, K.J.W.Kim (Vice Captain), Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), A.A.J.Farrow-Palmer (Captain), Mr C.Kesting (Prefect Master), P.A.J.Roser (Senior Prefect), N.Islam, Y-L.Yeung.

# Speech Night and 122nd Annual Prize Giving

*Occasional address by John Stanley, Class of 1973*

**Adam Farrow-Palmer**, Captain of the School 2006

**Dr Kim Jaggard**, Principal

**Mr John Beringer**, Deputy Principal

**Mr Robert Dowdell**, Deputy Principal

**Mr Damitha Fonseka**, Captain of the School 2005

*Tuesday 21 February 2006 at 7:30 pm*

Our guest of honour, Mr John Stanley, Dr Phil Lambert (Director, Sydney Region DET), Ms Pam Peelgrane (School Education Director, Bondi) distinguished guests, parents, staff, old boys, prize winners and the class of 2005, welcome. On this 122nd occasion our school community gathers to celebrate the achievements of our students. The young men of this graduating year are particularly special to me because we started together at High in 2000. I have had the very great privilege of sharing six years of secondary education with them.

The year 2005 was marked by the ground breaking signing of a Deed of Licence between the Department of Education and Training and the Sydney High School Foundation to allow the Foundation to redevelop and manage the four school tennis courts for 10 years with a 10 year option. It is no small thing for management control over a slice of public real estate to be entrusted to an incorporated body. This is the first such agreement to be negotiated and I hope it paves the way for other school communities to use their school community organisations to share in partnerships for the betterment of school sites. After 6 years of effort by the Tennis Committee, their vision is to be realised at last. Among other tireless workers in the cause, I would like to single out the special efforts of Mr Terry Hayes, who has had so much to do with this happy outcome, and is currently involved as a volunteer in the project management of the reconstruction. Tony Pereira, Helen Tuthill, Ken Clemens, Lee Ruth, Laurie Heil and our patient tennis coach Carl Nielsen, played important roles in bringing this arrangement to a positive conclusion after so much frustration and delay pursuing various options. The school will benefit greatly from the new facility.

I express my thanks to all those who have contributed towards building a new library and performing arts space. So far we have \$250,000 invested in term deposits.

Valda Roser continues to promote our fundraising efforts and is slowly establishing a giving culture. Our school community will continue to press the government to provide us with a new library to replace our inadequate 1963 facility in time for our 125th anniversary. Our internal refurbishment is proceeding well with room 402 expanded, a new history book room constructed and the space fully equipped for interactive learning. Additional shelving was erected for the English book room and the mathematics staff room. The High Store was extended and an office for the Tennis Professional partitioned. The first stage in our new cricket nets project

was completed as a retaining wall was built into the bank perpendicular to McDonald Wing.

Our school is more successful when parents are involved in school life. Thank you to all the parents who have helped our students over the last 6 years. I acknowledge tonight, particularly, the work of outgoing Year 12 parents John Kaldor and Mary Sinclair, who have contributed so much time to the Foundation, the P & C, the Music Committee and the Soccer Committee. Thank you too to John and Marilyn Mittelheuser for your work in the P & C, the Foundation, the Outterside Management Committee and with the Year Groups.

Our largest ever cohort of 201 sat for the HSC 2005. 27 boys made the Premier's All Rounders List, a 50% increase on 2004. At least 142 students received UAls of 90 or more. We have information on 190 university offers to our students so far. Frank Cai was 4th in extension 2 mathematics and 7th in extension 1. Alan Dam was 5th in extension 1 mathematics. Vinh Pham was 7th in 2-unit mathematics. Omar Salem was 5th in English Extension 1. Given the size of the cohort the HSC results were quite respectable overall.

Vinh Pham was selected as a reserve for the 46th International Olympiad team in Mathematics held in Mexico in July. (He got the blazer but not the aeroplane ticket). Anthony Morris was awarded equal 2nd prize in the UNSW 44th School Mathematics Competition (Junior Division). Thomas Wilson (Yr 8) was awarded a medal for the highest mark in his Year level in the state for the 2005 Australasian Schools Science Competition. SBHS was ranked 6th in Australia in the 14-15 years division of the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition, where Anthony Morris came equal 2nd in NSW. Steven Guo was 2nd in NSW and in the top 8 in Australia in the 16 years and over group. Our team in the Envirothon competition finished second in the state final. Romesh Abeysuriya won a place in the National Youth Science Forum. Julius Macefield and Sam Darcy were the joint winners (year 7/8 boys) of the Whiltam Institute's writing competition "What Matters". Adrian Flores won a medal in the Australian Schools English Writing Competition.

In the NSW Junior Chess League competition our Open team was runner up to Knox ahead of Sydney Grammar. High won the Junior Division of the Scots College Chess Invitational.

Over 130 students registered for debating with more than 50 in Year 7. High won Karl Cramp title for the 10th time. Labib Rahman, Romesh Abeysuriya and James Morgan, with James Barker as 4th speaker, defeated all opponents,

## Speech Night and 122nd Annual Prize Giving

including the fancied High No 1 team. The Open team was a fine one, losing just two close debates all year in an otherwise impeccable display of teamwork, intelligence and oracy in Hume Barbour and Roat Shield competitions. Gabriel McManus, Tom Kaldor and Sriram Srikumar were chosen in the CHS team of 12, while William Clegg was selected in the combined GPS seconds team.

Tom Kaldor reached the State Final of the Plain English Speaking Award.

John Holloway (Yr 12) was selected to perform with the Police Pipes and Drums Band in the Edinburgh Tattoo performed in Sydney in February 2005. Victor Wei (Yr 11) was appointed Senior Drum Major for the Anzac Day Marching Band. James McKay (Yr 10) was selected in the NSW State Schools Instrumental Ensemble. Johnny Lieu played a key role in the Riverside Theatre's production of "Boy Overboard".

The big sporting achievement for the year was when Sydney High won both the NSW CHS Volleyball Knockout and the GPS First Grade Volleyball competition and was undefeated for the year. Similarly, our Second Grade finished the year as GPS champions and was also undefeated for the year. Our Under 17's won the NSW State Schools Cup. These successes are the result of five years of building skills capacity through expert coaching by Mr Michael Kay and his coaching staff.

Our run of championships in first grade came to an end as High was beaten into second place in the GPS competition by a more consistent Riverview team. Dejan Bodrozic and Brian Ly were selected in the combined GPS team as 1 and 2. Brian held his tournament record in tact by never being beaten in GPS competition at No2.

The first VIII was third at the NSW Schools titles and in the Riverview Gold Cup. At the Head of the River Regatta, our first VIII achieved 4th place in a time of 6.06, our best Head of the River performance since 1994. At the NSW CHSSA Rowing Championships at Taree our 1st and 2nd Vllls took out the championship 1-2. Karl Kruszelnicki and Attila Szabo won the championship pair. In the championship double scull Joshua Scharfegger and Mischa Steen won gold. Dominic Grimm and Jeremy James were members of the winning 1st VIII and 1st IV. With 21 podium finishes, High dominated the meet. In one junior quad race our crews captured all three places. Joshua Scharfegger was awarded CHS and Regional Blues. Karl Kruszelnicki and Dominic Grimm won Sydney South East Blues.

Damitha Fonseka was chosen in the Combined GSP 1st XI.

Leo Gordon of year 7 represented NSW U14 baseball in a tournament in Beijing.

At the CHSSA regatta, Simon Cradock was 3rd in radial rig Lasers, with David Clayton equalling him in the full rig version. High took out the Joint Coal Board Pacer trophy. Phillip Kurts (Yr 8) was selected in the NSW Sabot team.

Andrew Reis won a gold medal as a member of a 4 x50 relay team at the Pacific School games. He was placed 4th and 5th in his breast stroke events.

Cameron Conway was chosen in the combined GPS seconds team – a great acknowledgement of his skills.

At the GPS carnival we were unsuccessful in winning an event but James Barker went very close in the U17 1500 metres. Frank Jin was at his best to record a second in the long jump. Dakshika Gunaratne was a stand out in his U16 hurdles, as was Gehan Karunaratne in his long jump. The U14 relay team of Street, Livingston, Ridges and Hui, ran a great race for second. Joel Ninyo was third in shot put. James Barker went on to run 4th in the U17 1500 and 3000 at the NSW All School meet.

Participation in football was excellent with 371 boys playing GPS last year. Sen Mitsuiji was selected for the combined Combined Independent Schools football team, our first such representative in well over a decade.

Both Chris Budd (Yr 11) and Sanjiv Singarayay (Yr 12) were selected in the combined GPS target rifle shooting team for 2005.

High fielded 13 rugby teams, an increase of one team on 2004, with 232 boys. Pat McDonnell was selected in the combined GPS 2nd XV, our first such representative for many years. Tom Mainprize was chosen as reserve for the 3rd XV. Daniel Thomas was selected in the CHS 2nd XV and later the state shadow squad.

Quan Nguyen was selected for Sydney East to play AFL football in the Sydney AFL championships for juniors.

James Barker, Paul Watzlaff (U17s), Edward Ovidia and Jeremy James (U18s) represented the region at NSW All Schools. James Barker made the state team for cross country.

I would like to acknowledge all the great students and personalities who did not qualify for awards here tonight. Their participation and effort ensured the standard and tested the quality of the performances of those who did.

Bruce Dawe, a celebrated Australian poet, once dedicated a poem entitled 'Presences' to his students. "This would I say: love life for what is always beyond you, the perfume of a girl who has gone just as you entered the room, the ripple on the bright pool of the fish already swimming elsewhere . . . the smile on the face that is turned ever so slightly away from you, no insult intended, so that you are never sure whether what you saw ever really happened (girl, fish, smile) until the very last when you know and the pencil falls, blunted".

I am confident you will envision life at the cutting edge, or just over the horizon, but clearly conceived. You will enjoy challenges in many spheres that are just out of reach. You won't have to write about imaginary experiences, you will go on and have them. You will strive to understand what must be deduced or inferred. I trust your education at High has given you the breadth, depth, flexibility, resilience, drive and balance to go on and love life outside your comfort zone. Do it for yourself. Do it for Mitch. Congratulations on your fine achievements so far and good luck in your lives ahead.

The SHS Honour Cap was awarded as a kind of super blue for outstanding all round sportsman in the early years of the school 1884-1917. Eedy and MacTaggart were awarded honour caps in 1884 and 1885. By 1917, after a proposal

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from the School Union, the Honour cap was awarded on the basis that the recipient satisfied three criteria: considerable sporting prowess, general interest in school affairs and as recognition for honour brought to the school. In our Blues Committee regulations clause 6, an Honour Cap is restricted a student who has shown outstanding merit in a number of sports. I prefer the broader scope of the 1917 amendment.

However interpreted, by 1982, the Honour cap had been awarded only 24 times to 21 individuals. Since then, Andrew McGill (1985), Adam Magro (1988) and Sohail Mohideen (1993) are the only other Honour Cap recipients.

Tonight's recipient is an outstanding example of the scholar-sportsman.

In academics he earned a 99.7 UAI.

He was a School Prefect and House Vice Captain.

He earned a Music Pocket after playing for four years in the Concert Band.

In athletics he was Age Champion 3 times. He made a CHS state final in the 400 metres and as a member of a relay team.

In rowing he won gold medals at the CHS regatta and was stroke of the 1st VIII which ran a close 4th at the Head of the River.

He was a striker in the school's first grade football team (2003-5) and a very effective Captain of the Combined GPS 2nd grade side.

He was awarded School Blues in Rowing and Soccer.

Having satisfied current and historical criteria for the award, I have great pleasure in asking Mr Phil Day to present a SHS Honour Cap to Mischa Steen.



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### ACADEMIC AWARDS – HSC

Headmaster's Prize and Warnecke Trophy for DUX (aeq)	Benjamin Nham
Headmaster's Prize and Warnecke Trophy for DUX (aeq)	Jim Tsao
Henry F. Halloran Diamond Jubilee Prize for Chemistry	
Third Prize (aeq)	Omar Salem
A.B. Piddington Prize for English (Advanced)	
English Extension 1	
Dr F.W. Doak Prize for Latin	
Third Prize (aeq)	Frank Cai
G.C. Saxby Prize for Mathematics Extension 2	
Third Prize (aeq)	Gabriel McManus
The Alan C. Corner Prize for Physics	
Mathematics Extension 1	Alan Dam
M.G. Speedy Prize for Engineering Studies	
Chinese (Continuers)	John Chan
Chinese (Extension) (aeq)	
Chinese (Extension) (aeq)	Chuanji Yong
English Extension 2	Daniel Thomas
Mathematics (2 unit)	Vinh Pham
Frank S. Bradhurst Prize for Biology	Arun Vairav
H.C. Fisk Prize for Ancient History	Olivier Delaruelle
Clarrie Martin Memorial Prize for Modern History	Philip Tripp
History Extension	William Clegg
Sir Earle Page Prize for French	Edward Ovidia
Business Studies	Tom Wei
Paul Griffiths Prize for Economics	Hae-Sang Chung
Sir Charles Winston Prize for Geography	Kaivan Vaidya
Legal Studies	Mitchell Seow
Software Design and Development	Avi Knoll
Music 2	Raj Kumar
Music Extension	Christopher Nguyen
The Class of 1937 Prize for Visual Arts	Ryan Phung
Drama	Sen Mitsuji

## Academic Awards

### ACADEMIC AWARDS – PRELIMINARY

Keith C. Cameron Memorial Prize for DUX K. Saxby Prize for Mathematics Extension Ancient History	Vinh Pham
P & C Prize for Second F.A. Elgar Prize for English Extension	Aaron Chan
Prize for Third SHOB Rugby Club Prize for Chemistry	Kieran Leong
C.W. Wick Prize for Physics German	Kaivan Vaidya
English Advanced	Rory Pearson
Latin	Thomas Wong
Classical Greek	Senthil Thillainadesan
F.A. Elgar Prize for French	Stephen Burke
Chinese (Continuers)	Henry Liu
J. Manchester Prize for Biology	Mack Wan
Modern History	George Zhang
Business Studies	Dinuka Gunasekera
University of N.S.W. Prize for Economics (aeq)	David Cao Labib Rahman
Geography	Anthony Morris
Legal Studies	Malik Razeen
Engineering Science	Peter Lieu
Software Design and Development	Evans Wang
Visual Arts	Ramesh Nithiyendran
Music 2	Adrian Flores
Music 1 (aeq)	Richard Xu Louis Yang

### ACADEMIC AWARDS – YEAR 10

Sir Frederick Jordan Memorial Prize for DUX H.A. Coss Prize for English History (aeq) The George Hillary Smith QC Prize for French Visual Arts	Raymond Roca
University of Sydney Year 10 Academic Excellence Award (2nd in Year 10) History (aeq) Geography	John Luu
P & C Prize for Third Mathematics	Anthony Morris

## Academic Awards

Science	Eugene Stadnik
H.A. Pelham Prize for Classical Greek	
Edgar Bembrick Memorial Prize for Latin	
History (Combined Electives)	David Kumagaya
Commerce	Wen Shi
Chinese (Community)	Jeffrey Xie
Chinese (Foreign)	Richard Yang
German	Amadeus Klocker
The Meakin Prize for Design & Technology	Patrick Chen
Technical Drawing	Albert Ng
Architecture and Building Design	Aditya Keswani
Drama	Michael Chen
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Gehan Karunaratne

### ACADEMIC AWARDS – YEAR 9

J.H. Killip Prize for DUX	Simon Liu
Commerce	
The Macquarie University Prize for Academic Achievement	
P & C Prize for Second	David Fan
Mathematics	
Science	
French	
German	
Phillip Seymour Prize for Third	Ricky Ratnayake
R.K. Levis Prize for English	Lucian Tan
History (Empires)	
Chinese (Foreign)	Danny Fu
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	
History	Nathan Kwok
History (Wars)	Alvin Leung
Geography	Ashwin Thomas
Chinese (Community)	Howard Gu
Classical Greek	Johny Shih
Latin	Jun Dai
Design & Technology	Benjamin Tseng
Technical Drawing	Phil Wu
Architecture and Building Design	Harrison Reid
Music	Muhamed Mehmedbasic
Visual Arts	Patrick Locke
Drama	Michael Bock

# Academic Awards

## ACADEMIC AWARDS – YEAR 8

F.A. Elgar Prize for DUX English Mathematics Latin Music Accelerated	Thomas Wilson
P & C Prize for Second	Danny Lam
Doris M. Gray Prize for Third Classical Greek	Matthew Lau
History (aeq) French	Mark Lucchitti
Science	Jack Chen
History (aeq)	Chris Evans
Geography	Avish Sharma
Chinese (Community)	Geoffrey Zhang
Chinese (Foreign)	Brian Lau
German	Samuel Wan
Design and Technology	Daniel Shan
Music	Timothy Burston
Visual Arts	Joshua Bell
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Kent Nguyen

## ACADEMIC AWARDS – YEAR 7

Gordon Barr Memorial Prize for DUX Mathematics	Daniel Luo
P & C Prize for Second	Gareth Chan
Doris M. Gray Prize for Third English	Antony Paul
Science	Kevin Wu
History	Benjamin Ly
Geography	Justin Chan
Classical Greek	Ivan Li
French	Joshua Nair
German	Joshua Sutton
Latin	Mario Moreno
Design and Technology	Anirban Ghose
Music	Maxwell Phillis
Visual Arts	Vinh Vo
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	Kieran Taylor

# Academic Awards

## SPECIAL PRIZES

### The Oswald Chapman Memorial Prize

Awarded 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.

Mischa Steen (aeq)/  
Damitha Fonseka (aeq)

### The John Waterhouse Prize

Awarded since 1916 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.

Simon Cradock

### The Peter H. Cappe Memorial Prize

Given to honour a Year 12 student who has distinguished himself throughout his School career by outstanding achievement and contribution to the School.

William Clegg

### The Old Boys’ Prize

Awarded since 1902 to the boy who was “not necessarily first in sport, not necessarily first in scholarship, but certainly first in the hearts of his fellows.” The criteria were originally used by the Hon J Inglis, Minister for Education in 1887, when he visited Sydney High and presented a book.

Martin Nguyen

### The Robert Outterside Prize

Awarded to a Year 12 boy who has distinguished himself in Mathematics and Rugby.

Alex Tiedgen

### James Brunton Gibb Prize for Public Speaking

Awarded to a Year 12 boy who excels in the art of public speaking.

Thomas Kaldor

### The K.J. Andrews Award

Awarded 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.

### The Lennie Bassar Award for Scientific Initiative

[commenced 2001] Awarded to a senior student who demonstrated outstanding scientific initiative and leadership in a school based [or sponsored] practical or skill based activity.

John Zhang

### The Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Presented 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.

Nick Bull

### The 1958 Merit Award

Awarded to a Year 12 student in just recognition of his sound character and overall performance in studies, sport and other activities. (It was the intention of the Class of 1958 that the recipient should have figured prominently in the consideration for a number of other awards without receiving any of them).

Jeremy James

### Senior Prize for Creativity

To a Year 12 student in recognition of the outstanding creativity and risk taking evident in their art work.

### Phil Ainsworth Memorial Prize

Awarded to a Year 12 boy 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 (especially English) cultural and sporting activities.

Gabriel McManus

### Headmaster’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts

Awarded to students whose art work has been set aside for possible selection in Art Express.

Raj Kumar  
Thomas Mittelheuser

### Headmaster’s Prize for Achievement in the Arts

Awarded since 1993 for a significant contribution to the Arts, not necessarily within the School.

Christopher Nguyen  
Kevin Liu

## Academic Awards

### **The Michael Goodwin Memorial Prize**

Given in acknowledgement of courage shown in the face of adversity.

Tahseen Ali

### **Carol Hardy Memorial Prize**

Awarded to a senior student for his contribution to music and other aspects of school life

Chong Shao

### **The Class of 1991 Prize**

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

Alex Tiedgen

### **Special Staff Prize**

Awarded to a student for the consistent generous sacrifice of time and invaluable contribution to the School.

Karl Kruszelnicki

### **The Deputy Principals' Prizes**

Awarded to students who have given valuable service to the school.

Jason Phung

Jacob Stretton

### **Reuben F Scarf Foundation Prize**

for consistent effort and desire to improve

Prize donated each year by the RF Scarf Memorial Foundation

Mitchell Seow

### **John Francis Bush Memorial Prize**

Awarded to a Year 11 boy for popularity, general character and general proficiency in School and sport.

Sam Gribble

### **The J.W. Gibbes Junior School Prize**

Awarded to a Year 10 boy for proficiency in the Humanities – Classics, English and History – soundness of character and interest in GPS sport.

Eugene Stadnik

### **J.M. and W.G. Forsythe Memorial Prize**

Given to a Year 10 boy 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.

Anthony Morris

### **The Ross Miller Memorial Award**

Awarded to a Year 10 boy judged to be the best all-rounder.

This Award is given in memory of an Old Boy and teacher in the School

Moussa Farhat

### **The Brian Allsop Memorial Prize**

Awarded annually since 1989 to an outstanding Junior School sportsman who displays the attributes of sportsmanship, courage and modesty with the proviso that no pupil can be given this honour on more than one occasion.

Matthew Fetherston

### **The Class of 2001 Prize for Outdoor Education**

Christopher Budd

### **The 1977 Year 12 Prize for Excellence**

Awarded to a student who has excelled in an area or areas outside school activities

Paul Watzlaff

### **Le Prix Roger Peyrefitte Prize**

to a pupil in any year who has demonstrated talent in, and enthusiasm for both Litterae Humaniores [Latin/Greek] and French

Mark Lucchitti

### **The S. & P. Tzannes Prize**

Awarded 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.

Andrew Blomberg

# Academic Awards

## DEBATING AWARDS

Year 12  
Year 11  
Year 10  
Year 9  
Year 8  
Year 7

Thomas Kaldor  
Sriram Srikumar  
Michael Coutts  
Zid Mancenido  
Stephen Garofano  
Antony Paul

## THE PETER WALKER AWARDS FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE

Year 12  
Year 11  
Year 10  
Year 9  
Year 8  
Year 7

Omar Salem  
Rory Pearson  
Steven Song  
Simon Liu  
Jeremy Ireland  
Joshua Sutton

## P & C AWARDS

Outstanding Contribution to the Concert Band  
Outstanding Contribution to Drama

Peter Gordon  
Thomas Mittelheuser

## THE ARCH FERGUSON PRIZES

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

Year 12  
Year 11  
Year 10  
Year 8

Peter Gordon  
Stephen Burke  
Eugene Stadnik  
Alden Kwok

## THE INAUGURAL CAPTAIN JOHN FITTLER MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

William Clegg

## SYDNEY HIGH CADET UNIT

Most efficient Cadet  
Most efficient Junior NCO  
Most efficient Senior NCO

Colonel Duffy Sword of Honour for Most efficient CUO

Cadet Dennis Stojanovic  
Corporal Anthony Ho  
Warrant Officer Class Two  
Phillip Roser  
Cadet Under Officer William Clegg

# Academic Awards

## STUDENT AWARDS SCHEME

### YEAR 12

The Regional Director's Award for Student Participation

Thomas Kaldor

The School Trophy

Thomas Kaldor  
Nick Bull  
William Clegg  
Alan Dam  
Savva Dobrinsky  
Damitha Fonseka  
Jeremy James  
Peshala Kariawasam  
Karl Kruszelnicki  
Gabriel McManus  
Thomas Mittelheuser  
Hung Neo  
Martin Nguyen  
Daniel Ong  
Edward Ovidia  
Jason Phung  
Dawei Qi  
Mitchell Seow  
Victor Sirinopakul  
Philip Tripp  
Tom Wei  
Paul Wong

The School Plaque

Simon Cradock  
Shaheen Kumar  
Robert Lu  
Peter Pereira  
Anik Sarkar  
Jacob Stretton  
Paul Watzlaff  
Dominic Wong

## SPORTING AWARDS

The Sydney High School Honour Cap

SGHS Cup for Games and Sportsmanship

Frank Albert Cup for Senior Athletics Champion

Soccer Blue

Rowing Blue

Mischa Steen

John Skyring Cross Memorial Cup for Outstanding Sportsmanship

Rowing Blue

Karl Kruszelnicki

The Warrick Segal Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship and Fellowship

Sailing Blue

Simon Cradock

The Tom Rushall Prize for Participation and Service to Sport

Volleyball Blue

Yaegan Doran

A.C. McKibbin Trophy for Cricket

Cricket Blue

Damitha Fonseka

## Academic Awards

**W.W. Ivo Wyatt Memorial Trophy for Senior Swimming  
Swimming Open Champion**

Ellis Louie

**Rifle Club Championship Cup  
Rifle Shooting Blue**

Christopher Budd

**William Soothill Memorial Trophy for Basketball  
Basketball Blue**

Cameron Conway

**G.P.S. of N.S.W O.B.U. Council Prize**

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.

Daniel Ong

**The UNSW Cricket Club Batting Award**

Matthew Fetherston

**Special Cricket Trophy for Fielding**

Nicholas Bull

**Senior Tennis Champion**

Dejan Bodrozic

**Peter Cady Trophy for Rowing**

Alex Tiedgen

**Most Improved Rower**

Thomas Hurrell

**The Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rowing**

Bryan Wrench

**McArthur Memorial Cup for 1500 Athletics Champion**

Paul Watzlaff

**A.M. Eedy Cup for 100m Athletics Champion**

Suren Wickramasinghe

**Alan Kippax Trophy for Rugby**

Pat McDonnell

**David Brunton Gibb Prize for Soccer**

Burak Akinci

**Claude Tressider Trophy for 100m Breaststroke**

Augustine Ha

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

Peter Gordon

**“Doc” Bentivoglio Memorial Prize**

Awarded to a member of the Junior School for outstanding performance and sportsmanship in Rugby and Rowing.

Andrew Pham

### **CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS**

Open  
17 years  
16 years  
15 years  
14 years  
13 years  
12 years

Edward Ovadia  
James Barker  
Ali Amin  
Mitchell Kelly  
Cameron Reeves  
Jeremy Ireland  
Shadman Ali

### **ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS**

Open  
17 years  
16 years  
15 years  
14 years  
13 years  
12 years

Mischa Steen  
Jacob Stretton  
Richard Xu  
Gehan Karunaratne  
Lachlan Street  
Kieran Taylor  
Derek Trang

# Academic Awards

## SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

OPEN  
16 years  
15 years  
14 years  
13 years  
12 years

Ellis Louie  
Andrew Reis  
Joseph Lai  
Kenny La  
Jeffery Jiang  
Brian Kelly

## SPORTING AWARDS

### Sports Blues

Basketball

Cricket

Cross Country

Rowing

Rugby

Soccer

Tennis

Volleyball

Rifle Shooting

Sailing

Cameron Conway

Damitha Fonseka

James Barker

Josh Scharfegger

Dominic Grimm

Karl Kruszelnicki

Mischa Steen

Pat McDonnell

Mischa Steen

Mitchell Kelly

Yaegan Doran

Robert Lu

Fahmy Balgahom

Bill Zhang

Dominic Grimm

Sanjiv Singaraya

Christopher Budd

Jack Gough

Simon Cradock



## Remembrance Day

### REMEMBRANCE DAY ADDRESS, 11 NOVEMBER 2005

At 11 am, on the 11th of November, 1918 the guns of the western front fell silent, after four years of continuous warfare. Over the preceding four months the allied armies had driven the German forces back, inflicting heavy defeats upon them, until in November the Germans called for an armistice and accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

In the post war years, Armistice Day - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - attained special significance. The moment when hostilities ceased on the western front became universally associated with those who had died in the war. This first modern war had brought about the mobilization of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead. For Australia the First World War remains the most costly conflict ever. From a population of fewer than five million, 300,000 men enlisted, of which 61 919 died and over 156,000 were wounded or taken prisoner. With casualties of this magnitude, few Australian families were left unscathed - most lost fathers, husbands, sons, daughters, or friends. No one was left untouched by the horror of this war.

Today we are gathered to mark the 87th commemoration of Remembrance Day. Over the past 86 years Remembrance Day has evolved from a day marking the sacrifices made by Australians in World War One, to a day that is set aside to remember the sacrifices of all men and women who have died or suffered serving Australia in war. It is a day set aside to remember the 100,000 Australian soldiers, sailors, airmen and servicewomen who remain where they fell, fighting to defend our ideals and beliefs, on every continent and in every ocean of the world.

The legacy of these remembered soldiers is the peace and freedom we enjoy today. The continuation of our way of life is their gift to all current and future Australians. Thus Remembrance Day is a day to be thankful for the tranquility of our nation, and a day to renew our efforts to make sure that it remains that way. A day to pray that no future generation again has to make that ultimate sacrifice in order to protect what we all hold dear.

The soldiers who have fought for Australia in conflicts—the world wars, Korea, Vietnam, in peacekeeping missions in East Timor, and more recently the war on Terrorism—served and are serving to defend our nation, and the ideals of freedom and justice that we all value. They, like all soldiers from all countries, answered a call to protect their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. To protect their freedoms, which they valued with a supreme price, freedoms which we take for granted. While history

determines the right and wrongs of war, these judgments apply only to leaders, not to the soldiers on the ground, not to the soldiers who simply did their duty for their country. It is for this reason that we feel an equal sorrow for every person who has fallen in war, and irrespective of side, we mourn the loss of humanity, and the suffering that each individual life lost brings to those left behind, sitting at home waiting for loved ones who will never return.

Remembrance Day is a day to remember all those lost in war. But more than that it is a day for us to think about how we can honor the sacrifices of these noble Australians who lived their lives in deeds, not years. So how can we do this?



The answer is simple. By remembering the sacrifices made, on days such as this. By being grateful for the freedoms and peace their sacrifices achieved, and by defending these with the utmost of our ability. In the world currently, with the perceived threat of terrorism threatening to spark new conflicts, and place limitations upon our freedoms, we must ensure that our actions do not compromise the peace and freedom given to us by those Australian soldiers who gave their lives for this country. If our experiences of war have taught us anything, it is that war is a tragic waste, felt by all humanity, and we must do our utmost to avoid conflict. We owe the fallen our best efforts to ensure that their sacrifice need never be repeated, and need never be in vain.

Thus today, on the 87th Remembrance Day, we gather here to recognize what we have lost, and what we have gained, through the sacrifices of those who have fallen defending our nation, and the ideals and freedoms it embodies. By today's act of remembrance, we cherish and nurture their gift, and renew our pledge to remember, ensuring that their sacrifice was not in vain.

***Sam Gribble***

# ANZAC Day Assembly

## ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY 11 APRIL 2006

Dr Jaggar gave the following address. Three students then spoke, the wreath was placed by Captain Geoffrey Farrow and Adam Farrow-Palmer played the last post.

Distinguished guests, parents, staff, students - welcome. Our assembly today is dedicated to the public recognition of Anzac Day as arguably our most important national day. It is a reverent occasion but not a solemn one. It is a day to retell our Australian story. It is an occasion to show our solidarity behind Australian values of mateship and service. It is a time to reflect on what unites us.

Today we are affirming our High family connection with Anzac Day. Our guest to lay a wreath today is Captain Geoffrey Farrow (retired), our school captain's grandfather. Captain Farrow joined the New South Wales Scottish Regiment in January 1937. He served with the 30th Battalion in New Guinea from January 1944 to December 1945. On your behalf I welcome him to participate in our assembly to represent ex-servicemen from all wars and to acknowledge family members of boys at High who served.

One of the most powerful evocations associated with the Anzac tradition is the modern contemplation of ourselves in the situation of the young men who played their parts in the deadly drama of 1915. How would I have felt? What would I have done? Such thoughts give way to a melancholy meditation on the incredible waste of the potential of young Australians.

One particular week in the bloody history of the Dardanelles campaign epitomises for me the nature of the warfare endured by our forefathers. On August 6, 1915 on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the Allies were about to make what was to become their final push to break the stalemate of defensive warfare in opposing trenches, by landing at Suvla Bay on the Turkish flank. At the Australian salient on the right flank a diversionary attack was to engage the enemy to prevent reinforcements being sent to repel the new offensive. The Turkish trenches ranged from 50 to 130 metres from the Australians. Rather than use the customary suicidal frontal assault, Brigadier-General Harold Walker ordered tunnelling along the 200 metre front to try to protect his men for as far as possible before their charge across open ground. The ends of these tunnels were blown up towards the end of the three day artillery barrage that took out most of the protective barbed wire, allowing soldiers to charge across the remaining exposed territory to gain the vital element of surprise.

Unbeknown to the attackers, the Turkish positions were roofed with pine logs, making the assault more difficult once the Australians broke through, because they could not be assaulted from above. The soldiers had to get into the trenches from the communication side and force the defenders out by hand to hand combat. What followed were some of the most brutal exchanges of the war to clear the Turkish trenches. Men fought underground using bayonets, bombs, trenching tools and fists. Attacking Australians had to advance over the bodies of their fallen comrades to engage the enemy. Corpses were used as parapet defences like sand

bags. In six days of fighting 2000 Australian casualties and 7000 Turkish were sacrificed for a rare outcome at Gallipoli – an Allied victory. The Australians held the trenches they had taken and resisted a strong series of Turkish counter attacks.

As with so many perplexing events in war, the Lone Pine episode provided a wonderful opportunity to turn the campaign with Australian soldiers reaching Turkish battalion headquarters in open country at The Cup. The overall operation commander Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stopford had never commanded men in battle before and was totally ineffectual. Poor communications, inflexible planning, vacillations and lack of vision made difficult situations hopeless. Ultimately, the sacrifices of a generation of patriotic young Australians were thrown away by aristocratic bumblers from England, caught up in a task that was beyond them.

At Gallipoli, the sublime heroism and selfless pursuit of a cause demonstrated by Australian men and boys, some younger than 15, should always serve as an inspiration to us all when we might be tempted to grumble about the mundane difficulties that might confront us in our country today blessed by generations of peace they died for.

Our Anzac Day march and holiday is for our people to connect again with the examples, the stories and the values of our forefathers who lived and died for what they believed was the protection of Australian freedom or just to support a mate. Those who would deny the descendants of deceased veterans the opportunity to exhibit their pride in their family's history and service, ought to consider how Anzac Day has evolved. When the last Anzac died who else but family members could march? Anzac Day has been claimed by Australians as their day of national pride, as their opportunity to reaffirm the larrikin independence of the Australian spirit and as their egalitarian celebration of the great social equaliser – courage in the face of imminent death.

When Anzac Day comes, I urge you all to become a part of the commemoration, to take time out for reflection and to bear witness to the memory of those who moulded the mythology of our nation.

## LOUIS YANG

"What a cruel thing is war: to separate and destroy families and friends, and mar the purest joys and happiness God has granted us in this world; to fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbours, and to devastate the fair face of this beautiful world." This is what the American General Robert Lee said in a letter to his wife in 1864. Almost a century and a half on, humanity is still plagued by the devastating impacts of war.

In the information age of the twenty-first century, reports are broadcast to us concerning the deaths of courageous troops and innocent civilians from halfway around the world. As we watch from the safety of our homes, we can only begin to imagine the disturbing effects of war.

## ANZAC Day Assembly



*Adam Farrow-Palmer playing the Last Post*

When we ride the bus to school in the morning, we do so without the fear of being killed by bombs and gunfire. When we return home in the afternoon, we do so without the fear that our loved ones will perish in the midst of horrific violence and conflict. Our lives bear little resemblance to the lives of those living in the presence of war, both past and present.

Today's youths virtually non-existent experience with war has resulted in a somewhat diminished understanding of the ramifications and emotions associated with war. Consequently, this day and assembly hold particular significance in acknowledging and respecting the sacrifices made.

From the brutal trench warfare that characterised World War I to the insurgency that has sprouted from the war on Iraq, the universal impact of war has been painfully vast and unforgiving. Soldiers have lived and fought in unbearably harsh conditions, facing the continuous threat of shell fire and suffering the psychological trauma that only war could generate. All to defend the freedom of their nation, for those like you and me. Family and friends of soldiers have been subjected to emotional and mental stress of the highest degree, with every living moment spent anxiously awaiting the return of their loved ones.

These are the consequences of war. The consequences of fighting for what you believe in and fulfilling your duty. Let us not forget the great sacrifices made by soldiers and their loved ones. The Anzacs have defended our freedom and our way of life, and for this I thank them.

### TY LINEGAR

Today, we commemorate the sacrifice and braveness of men who risked their individual lives for the greater good; for us, for our freedom. These men left heaven behind, ventured to hell, and fought to protect who they believed to be oppressed.

Soldiers of war are an elite class of men, they have the biggest hearts, and endure the toughest circumstances, once again I stress, not for themselves, but for their country, for us.

The hardships such soldiers have endured are unimaginable in our minds; we can sit here today, in a great city, in a great country that believes in freedom, thanks to them. We know no such hardships, no such loss, no such pain, for they sacrificed themselves in the hope that we would never have to. These men are men of honour and of heart. They are the men who stood up for their rights, and trod to battle to protect what they believed in.

These are men of a noble and proud race, who deserve the utmost respect.

The ANZAC's, who we commemorate today, were involved in nearly all international conflicts, the Crimean war and boar war seeing involvement even before nationhood.. Only one of the many wars involved a direct threat on the homeland, this being the 2nd world war. This shows that the ANZAC's in most cases weren't fighting as directly to defend the homeland as to defend principles: to rail against what

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these soldiers perceived as oppressive actions in other parts of the world.

Australia also had the highest volunteer rate per capita of any country during the 1st and 2nd world war, This volunteer involvement proves that the Australian soldiers were fighting of their own will, and fighting therefore for ideals.

The Great concept of ANZAC spirit is the spirit of mateship. This concept being formed on the battlefield, affected and found its way into all Australians hearts, spreading into all aspects of the Australian society until it became also the national spirit.

The Country's sense of national identity and pride began to be formed due to the war in Gallipoli, a losing battle that nevertheless awed the country and filled citizens of Australia with pride, due to the efforts of the ANZAC's against what were seemingly impossible odds. The idea of trying against all odds can now be seen in all aspects of the Australian society, Australia performs well above what its population should permit it to from science through to sport; this is a reality because the Anzacs taught us and themselves that nothing is impossible, and that everything should be attempted if one believes that right is on their side.

Lest we forget is an extremely important phrase for all these reasons, for those old and not so old Anzacs have formed our sense of national identity, and shaped the country we live in so freely today.

### PATRICK LOCKE

Today let us not only think about the soldiers who fought for this country of ours, but think also about these soldiers' families. These families who had to face the uncertainty of whether or not their men would return home. This uncertainty has to be the worst thing for the families. This uncertainty that wouldn't leave until the soldiers returned. This uncertainty does not only occur during war time but is constantly part of the life of a soldier's family. The families can never be certain that an accident like the incident involving the Sea King helicopter on April 2nd last year will not occur.

For families to give up their loved ones knowing that they might never see them again, that is a sacrifice. That is a sacrifice these people made for their country and way of life. That is a sacrifice which deserves the absolute respect of the rest of society.

There is also the pain for the family knowing that their son died without his family by his side in a foreign country. The thought of not knowing where your son is buried is a horror no one should have to go through.

In times of major wars everyone knew someone who had gone to fight. Whether

it was a son, brother, husband or friend, everyone knew someone leaving. This meant that the whole country had a reason to be worried about the safety of the soldiers. Everyone awaited news on how they were fairing and whether they would be coming home soon.

The families are the ones who have to deal with the soldiers who come back as totally different men to those who left. The families who supported the soldiers when they had to get reintroduced into society. These families had to pay the price for the effect war had on these men.

Today, Let us think, of the parents who saw their children fight for a noble cause. Let us think of the brothers and sisters of those who left to fight on a foreign battlefield. Let us think of the loved ones of those who never returned.

On Anzac Day this year the marching band looked resplendent in their blazers and marched and played well. Nine of our cadets were involved as members of the banner carrying party for the 2/1st Field Regiment RAA Association, led by CUOs Budd and Farrow-Palmer. Two others played in the band. Phillip Kurts, Lachlan Deacon and Michael Carr are members of the strong Performing Arts Unit Millenium Marching band which distinguished itself on the day. All the boys were a credit to the school. This effort was made possible by Major Knowles, the cadet leadership and the Music staff.



*Laying of the Wreath by Captain Geoffrey Palmer and Geoffrey Zhang*

# Salvete

The following boys have joined the school since the end of 2005. We wish them well in their endeavours.

## YEAR 7

### CLASS 7E

CHEN Daniel  
CHEN David  
CHOWDHURY Proteek Roy  
DANG Warren  
DENG Benjamin  
DU Eric Yiwei  
HO Andy  
HUANG Weicong  
HUYNH Albert  
LAM Peter  
LEE Jacky  
LEE Michael Fook-Ho  
LI Anthony  
LI Kevin  
LIN Zongkai(Kevin)  
LU Ian  
LU Kevin  
LU Lawrence  
OU Benson  
PANNILA Pasan Miyuru  
RAHMAN Muhammad Maaz  
RAZEEN Shanaz  
TAN Timothy  
TANG Jeffrey Jiafei  
WEI Max Chang Ting  
WU Charles  
XIAN Jay  
XU Justin Zhi Yang  
YANG Kun Yang  
ZHENG Vinson

### CLASS 7F

ANANDASELVAKUMAR Vinodan  
AUZOU Adrien Marc  
AZWAD Rahib  
BHAGWAT Nakul Mohan  
BHUIYAN Saqib  
BONCH-OSMOLOVSKIY Ilya  
CHEN Simon  
CONNELL Maxwell Alan  
GARAYALDE Gabriel Emilio  
GOLLAN Timothy James  
HAQUE Saif Ul  
KIM Isaac  
KINGER Samir  
KOBAS Maximilian Konrad  
LUO Tony  
MCDONALD Ryan David  
MORROW Christopher Robert

PETRENAS Matthew Luke  
PHUNG Michael Vu  
REID Michael Elliot  
ROBERTSON Michael  
ROZSA Marcell  
SALAGAME Sujay  
SELVAKKUMAR Denaysh  
SIDDIQUEE Raghib Ihsan  
SINGH Vineet  
SIT Henry Chak Hang  
SUBASINGHE Hashan Dilrukshana  
TICKNER Michael James  
YE Andrew Bo Han

### CLASS 7M

CAETANO Ryan James  
CAI Jackie  
CHEN Joshua  
CHEN Zhuang  
CHIEM Terence  
DAO Dennis  
DO Bryan  
DONG Daniel  
EVELEIGH Isaac Wesley  
FANG Koren  
GOREY Declan James  
JAIN Anshul  
LEONG Nathan Wei Lung  
LIN Francis Hung Hsi  
LIU-LI David(Michael)  
MOK Jonathan  
MOKDAD Ali  
PARK Dong Hyun (Daniel)  
PHAM Francis Nguyen-Khoi  
RASHID Shafat  
SHEN Andy Shi Hua  
STEFANIDIS William  
VLATKO Luke Anthony  
WANG Zhong Ze Jonson  
XIONG Ling  
XU Tristan George Heng  
YOON Martin Chu-Hyun  
ZHANG Alfred  
ZHOU Jiatong  
ZHU Eric

### CLASS 7R

CAO Shenning  
CHAN David Bertrand  
CHAN Yu Sing  
CHANDRA Denny Christopher  
CHAU Charles  
CHIN Aaron Matthew  
CHUNG Anthony  
DENG Manfred

GAFFNEY Andrew  
GUNARATNE Kumadika Abey Dee Ra  
HUYNH Andrew Binh  
KHAN Iftiar  
KIM Joshua  
LIN Kevin  
LOU Leo  
LUI Joseph Chan-Fung  
NGUYEN Albert Huy Phuong  
NGUYEN Duy Phan  
NGUYEN Vinh Danh David  
PAUL Nishant  
PETRIE Jonah Bezzak  
PHAN Kevin  
SABAU Oliver  
SIDDIQUI Sheikh Benzir Ahmed  
SIVAYOGARAYAN Krishan  
WANG David Li  
WEI Derek Yangtao  
WONG Maan Lun Winny  
ZAMAN Isnad  
ZHANG Joseph

### CLASS 7S

CAI Lawrence Zijing  
CHAN Timothy Kin-Chi  
CHEUNG Dominic Man Fung  
DIEP Thomas Khaitri  
GU Ryan Ziying  
HO Ian Man-Ching  
HO Kerry  
KIM Dennis Dae Hwan  
KOK Nathan Sian Chang  
LE Leslie Ho Chun  
LE Vivian  
LEO Brendan Soong How  
LI Gordon Zheng Ao  
LI Richard Hao Yu  
LU Henry Kewen  
MORRISON Cameron Andrew  
NGUYEN Dominic Minh-Duc  
NGUYEN Kenneth  
PAN Carl  
SHAO Ken  
SHAO William Olym  
SO Matthew Chun-Hin  
TIAN Kevin  
TRAN Howard  
WONG William  
WONG Yale Zhuxiao  
WOO Ryan  
WU Andy  
ZHAI Raymond  
ZHOU Kevin Jun Ye

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### CLASS 7T

AUTAR Nikhil  
BARI Ishmam  
BESTON Samuel Christopher  
CASTILLO Paulo Miguel  
CHAN Andrew  
CHENG Botong  
CHENG Kit Man  
CHOWDHURY Yasar Athar  
DANZIGER Shimon  
DO Cornelius  
GEORGE Vivin  
GONG Andrew  
HAU Andrew  
LI Daniel  
LI Leon Ao  
LIU Wen Jia  
LU Leo Jichao  
LY Austin  
OVADIA Eric Jacques  
PANAS George Alexander  
QIAN Kevin  
RUDDER Ashwin Cassell  
SARKER Abdullah Sabuktageen  
SETHI Varun  
SHAHRIYAR Tahmid  
SHELDON Leon David  
SHI Dawen  
WANG Vincent  
WONG Michael Kwong-Han  
XU Anthony Xi Yuan

### YEAR 8

AYLMER Liam Christopher  
KOERBER Alex  
RAJENDRAM Jeremy Ishwaran

### YEAR 9

HORTON Patrick William  
KOURTESIS Arthur  
LANE Harrison Charles  
VASHIST Divesh Kumar  
YANG Alan

### YEAR 10

RAO Karan  
ZHANG Zheshu Johnny

### YEAR 11

CASTLETON Thomas Ryan  
CHEN Kai Ren  
CHIU Alvin  
FARUQI Osman Ahmad  
GALLEGO Patrick Francisco  
GUMBERT Noah  
ISAAKS Dexter Charles  
KARUNARATNE Roshan Sajith  
KING Matthew Geoffrey  
KONAKOFF Oliver Boris  
KODASHEV Oleg  
LEE Kevin Jason  
LEE Paul  
LEUNG Andrew Ka Wai  
LIANG Martin  
LINEGAR Ty  
LOPES Christopher  
LU Zenghui  
MAHESWARAN Sharangan  
NORRIS Dougall Macmurray  
PANGILINAN James Basil  
PHAM Andrew Nicholos  
PHAM James Hoai Nhan  
PRIOR Michael Sebastian  
RAHMAN Tasneef  
SINGH Gurbaj  
SRIDHARAN Nirmal  
TANEJA Karan  
TANG Patrick  
TRAN William  
TSE Aaron  
WAI Pun Lap Bernard  
WANG Andrew  
WANG Chierke Iain  
WANG Stanley Sida  
WANG Wayne Wanhan  
WASON Sundeep Joshua  
WEIGHT Joshua John Harrison  
YE Huan Bill

### YEAR 12

CHAN Dillon Dit Earn  
CHAN Ming Chak  
MISRA Agam  
PANG Ming Shue Paul

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The following boys have left the School since the end of 2005. We wish them well for the future.

**Year 7 2006** LATTO Duncan

**Year 8 2006** ESAEV Bobby, HUH Harry,  
MACEFIELD Julius, PARK Justin,  
REEVES Cameron, ZHANG Mike

**Year 9 2006** CHANDRAKUMAR David, DANG Viet

**Year 10 2006** ALIM Michael, FAN Howard, LIU Martin  
Han, LIU Martin, ROBSON Samuel, SHI  
Wen Zhe

**Year 11 2006** ALCHIN Robbie, SAVIT Gabriel,  
SAVIT Quinn

**Year 12 2006** Unless otherwise indicated, boys enrolled in  
2001, and sat for the High School Certificate  
in 2006.

### ABBREVIATIONS

ACO:	Australian Chemistry Olympiad
ISB:	Intermediate Stage Band
AIMO:	Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad
ISCF:	Inter-School Christian Fellowship
AMC:	Australian Mathematics Competition
ISSBH:	Islamic Society of SBHS
AMPEC:	AMP Economics Competition
JCB:	Junior Concert Band
APO:	Australian Physics Olympiad
JSB:	Junior Stage Band
ASCSC:	Australian Schools Computer Studies Competition
MCYA:	Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians
ASEC:	Australian Schools English Competition
MCS:	Maths Challenge Stage
SCB:	Senior Concert Band
NCQ:	National Chemistry Quiz
ASMC:	Australian Schools Maths Competition
PWCEC:	Price Waterhouse Cooper Australian Economics Competition
ASSC:	Australian Schools Science Competition
SRC:	Student Representative Council (School Union)
ASWC:	Australian Schools Writing Competition
SSB:	Senior Stage Band
BSC:	Business Studies Competition
SWE:	Symphonic Wind Ensemble
D:	Distinction
SMHYWY:	Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of The Year
GC:	Geography Competition
TCB:	Training Concert Band
HD:	High Distinction
UNSWMC:	UNSW Maths Competition
ICB:	Intermediate Concert Band
YA:	Young Achievers

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

**ABEYSURIYA Romesh:** Prefect (06); IT Assistant (06);  
Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04);  
Library Monitor (01); Symphony Orchestra (04-06);  
String Orchestra (01-03); Debating (02-06); GPS  
Premiership winning team (06); Captain 2nd Grade  
GPS Representative team (06); Karl Cramp winning  
team (05); School Trophy (06); The Peter Walker  
Award for English Literature (03); First English (01);  
NCQ (Plaque 03, HD 02-04); BSC (D 06); GC (HD  
03); ASCSC (D 03); National Youth Science Forum  
(06); Music Pocket; Rowing (01-05); Fencing  
(01-02, 05-06); Cross Country (03); Sailing (06);  
Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets (06); Roden  
Cutler Charities (06); Research Scientist.

**AFSHAR Soheil:** Cricket (01-04); Cross Country (01-04);  
Blood Donor (Red Cross); Fundraising - Youth off the  
Streets; Medical Scientist.

**AKINCI Burak:** (2005–2006): David Brunton Gibb Soccer  
Prize (05) 1st Grade Football (05-06); Combined  
Independent Schools 2nd Grade Football (05);  
Combined GPS 3rd Grade Football (06); Athletics  
(06); Diplomat, football player.

### ALI Rezwana:

**AMILBANGSA Khalil:** TCB (01); ICB (02); SCB (03-05);  
SWE (04); Symphony Orchestra (03-05); GPS  
Concert Band (05) ASCS (D 01-05); ASEC (D 01-  
05); ASSC (D 01); GC (D 03); NCQ (D 03) Music  
Pocket; Captain 2nd Grade Fencing (05-06); Soccer  
(01-04); Basketball (01-04); Teacher.

**AMIN Ali:** (2005–2006): SRC(05); AMC (HD 05 D06);  
Rowing 2 IV (05); First Grade Cross Country (05-  
06); GPS Athletics (05); School Cross Country  
Champion (05-06); Zone Cross Country Champion  
(05-06); Regional Cross Country Premiers (06) CHS  
State Cross Country (06) CHS State Athletics (05);  
Fundraising - 40 Hour Famine; Doctor.

**AMIN Faraz:** Prefect (06); House Captain, Mackay (05,06);  
Peer Mediator (05,06); President, ISSBHS (05);  
ISSBHS founding member (03-06); Choir (01);  
Debating (01-06); Regional Debating (Premiers'  
Cup) Champions (02, 04); Second Grade Debating  
(05), First Grade Debating (06); GPS Debating  
Premiers (06); Captain, First Grade CHS Debating  
Team (2006); Winner, NSW Representative Debating  
Challenge (06); State Debating Squad (04); School  
Plaque (05); AMC (D 01-05); ASEC (D 01-05);  
ASSC (D 03-04); GC (HD 04); MCYA (HD 03, 04);  
MSC (HD 03, 04); NCQ (HD 03, D 04-05); Debating  
Prize (03, 04); Cricket (01-05); Trans Harbour  
Cricket Trophy Champions (01-02, 02-03); Football  
(02-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Iraqi

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Fundraising Appeal, ISSBHS (04); Sir Roden Cutler Charity (06); Lawyer, Doctor.

**ANGELL Blake:** Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); SRC (01-02); Charities Committee (01-02); ICB (01); SCB (02); SWE (03-04); Woodwind Ensemble (02-03); Debating (01-04); School Trophy (06); NCQ (HD 02); GC (HD 05-06, D 03); AMC (D 01, 05); Australian Language Certificates: German Beginners Level (D 03); ASEC (D 01-02); ASSC (D 01-03); ASCSC (D 03); House Colours (03); Rowing (01-06) 1st VIII, Captain of Boats, CHS Champions (06), 2nd IV (05), 2nd Jnr VIII (04); Rugby (03-06) 1st XV (05-06); Soccer (01-02); Tennis (01); Swimming (01); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Charities; Youth Off the Streets; Jeans for Genes Day.

**ARCHER James:** Peer Mediator (04); TCB (01); ASEC (D 01-03); ASSC (D 03-04); ASCSC (D 01); AMC (D 01); Cricket (01-03); Rowing (03-04); Basketball (04-05); Swimming Team (01-03); Rugby (01-06), 1st XV (06).

**BALASHOV Nikita:** AMC (HD 04-05, D 06); AMPEC (HD 06); ASSC (D 02-04); NCQ (04); Soccer (01-05); Tennis (02-06), 2nd Grade (06); Ski Team (02-06); Cadet Unit (01-04) Corporal; Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets (2006).

**BANH Joe:** Library Monitor (02-04); SRC (06); Record Committee (05); Badges Committee (05-06); Chess Club (01-06); Cadet Unit (03-06); CPL 04; SGT 05-06; Tournament of Minds (02,04-06); Recycling Committee (02-03); Chamber Choir (01-03); Training String Orchestra (02-03); Symphony Orchestra (03); Debating (02-03); School Trophy (06); AMC (HD 01-02, 04, D 03, 05-06); ASEC (D 01); ASSC (D 02-03, 05); ASCSC (D 03-04); NCQ (HD 03; D 02); GC (D 03); Macquarie Bank Mathematics Competition (D 04); Tennis (01-02); Rowing (03-04,06); Water Polo (05); Rifle Shooting (03-06); 2nd Grade Water Polo (05); 1st IV (06); Captain 2nd Grade Rifle Shooting (04,06); 1st Grade Rifle Shooting (05); Fundraising - White Ribbon Day; Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick; Youth Off the Streets; Engineer.

**BLAXELL Eddy:** Prefect (06); Torrington House Captain (05); SRC (04-05); Peer Support Leader (04); TCB (01); ICB (02); School Trophy; AGC (HD 04, 06, D 05); AMC (D 01-02, 04); AMPEC (D 05-06); ASCSC (HD 02; D 03-04); ASEC (HD 01; D 02-05); ASSC (D 02-04); ASWC (D 05); Cricket (01-06); Trans-Harbour Trophy 01-04 (Champions 02); Davidson Shield Team 05-06; 1st XI 05-06; Five Highs 05; Cec Rubie Trophy Winners (05); Football (01-02; 1st Grade 05-06; Captain 06); Sailing (02-05); CHS Championships Pacer Division: 1st (03), 2nd (04); NSW Teams Racing Championships (03-04); Rugby (03-04); Boggabilla Central School Exchange; Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Charities, Youth Off the Streets, Red Cross Blood Service.

**BOULOS Iliya:** Battle of the Bands Committee (04-05); AMC (D 01); ASSC (D 01); ASCSC (D 01); ASEC (HD 01-02; D 04-05); GC (HD 03-05); AMPEC (D 06); U 14s Cross Country (01-03); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets (06); Stuart House (04); Australian Red Cross (06).

**BUDD Christopher:** SRC (04-05); Record Committee (02-05); Badges Committee (03-06); Cadets (01-06); SUO Cadets (05-06); Insect Play (02); SHSRC Championship Cup (04-06); Class of 2001 Prize for Outdoor Education (05); ASEC (D 01, 03-04); ASSC (D 02); ASCSC (D 04); GC (D 05); GC (HD 06); National Queens Prize (2C) (02); Schools' 100 Badge, Bisley (04); Rifle Shooting (01-06) Blue (04); 2nd Grade Rifle(02); 1st Grade Rifle Shooting (03-06); GPS Premiers(03); ADFC Rifle Team Bisley (04); 1st Grade GPS Combined Rifle Shooting (04-06); Captain of Rifles (06); 1st Grade Water Polo (04-05), Captain (05); Fundraising – Youth Off the Streets; Army Officer/Psychologist.

**BUI Minh:**

**BURKE Stephen:** Prefect (06); Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); SRC (01-02); Jersey Committee (06); TCB (01); ICB (02); SCB (03-05); Debating (02); George Hillary Smith QC Prize For French (04); Le Prix Roger Peyrefitte (04); F.A. Elgar Prize For French (05); Arch Ferguson Prize (02, 05); School Trophy (06); AMC (Prize 02, HD 01, D 03-06); ASEC (HD 03, D 01-02 & 04-05); ASSC (D 01-05); NCQ (HD 04, D 02); ASCSC (D 02-03); Best Musician in Senior Concert Band (05); Music Pocket (05); Rugby (01-06); Cricket (02-06) 2nd XI (03-04); Athletics (03); Rowing (02); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**BURRELL Roger:** Prefect (06); SRC (04); Brian Allsop Memorial Prize (04); School Plaque (05); School Trophy (06); ASEC (D 01-02, 04); ASSC (01, 04-05); NCQ (D 02); GC (D 04); Rugby (01-05); 1st XV (05); Rowing (01-04); Basketball (01, 05); Second Grade Basketball (05); MIP (05); Swimming (01-04, 06); Skiing (03); Athletics (01-06); Athletics Captain (06); Junior Athletics Captain (04); Combined GPS Athletics Team (04); Combined CIS Athletics Team (04); NSW CHS Athletics Open Shot put Silver Medal (06); 3 School Shot put Records U13, U14, U16; Fundraising - Roden Cutler Charity; Red Cross; Youth Off the Streets; Doctor.

**CAO David:** Prefect (06); SRC (05); Peer Mediator (05); Record Committee (05); ANZAC Day Marching Band (05); SCB (05); SSB (04-05); Dixieland Band (04); Choir (01-02); National Chinese Eisteddfod (04-06); UNSW Prize for Economics (05); School Trophy (06); GC (HD 03, 05-06); AMC (HD 02, 05-06; D 01, 03-04); ASEC (D 01, 04); ASCSC (D 02-04); NCQ (D 02-03); ASSC (D 03); Music Pocket (04); CHS State Tennis Champions (04); House Colours (04); Eastern Suburbs Athletics Age

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Champion (02); School Athletics Age Champion (01-02); Tennis (01-06); Second Grade Tennis (03-04); First Grade Tennis (05-06); CHS State Tennis (04-05); Captain of Tennis (06); Athletics (02-06); 15Ds Soccer Coach (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets, Daffodil Day, Jeans for Genes Day; Media Personality, Lawyer; Entrepreneur.

**CAO William:** Chess Club (03-06); AMC (Prize 01-02, 04-05, D 03); ASCSC (D 01-03); ASEC (D 01); ASSC (HD 01-02, D 03, 05); GC (HD 03, D 04); NCQ (HD 02-04); Invitational Sydney Boys High School Chess Tournament (06); Chess (03-06); Captain of Chess Senior Team (05-06); Aeronautical Engineer.

**CARROLL Mark:** (2005-2006):

**CHAN Aaron:** Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (01-04); Chess Club (01-03); Archives Committee (02-04); Dux (02-04); P&C Prize for Second (05); Special Award (05); First English Extension 1 (05); First Commerce (04); First Geography (04); First History (03); First Chinese (02,03); First Science (02); First Mathematics (01); First Classical Greek (01); Peter Walker Prize for English Literature (01); Macquarie University Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement (03); Sydney High Certificate for Outstanding Achievement in History (01); AIMO (D 02); AMC (Prize 03; HD 01-02, 04-05); ASCSC (Medal 01-02, 04; HD 03, 05); ASSC (HD 01-03); MCS (HD 03); NCQ (HD 02-05); UNSWMC (Certificate 04); Geography Competition (HD 03,04); ACO National Qualifying Exam (D 05); APO National Qualifying Exam (D 05); House Badge (04); Tennis (01-04); Cross Country (02-05); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital; White Ribbon Day; Youth Off the Streets; Lawyer.

**CHAN Brian Sheung Lai:** JSB (01); ICB (01-02); ISB (02-03); SCB (03); First Music (01); Bronze Award (01); AMC (HD 04, D 01-03, 05); ASEC (D 01-05); ASSC (D 01, 03-05); GC (HD 04) Basketball (01-06); Soccer (01-05); 2nd Grade Football (04-05); Athletics (01-06); CHS Athletics (03-04); Junior Vice Captain Athletics (04) Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**CHAN Dillon:** (2005-2006):

**CHAN Gary:** (2005-2006): AMC (D 05-06); ASEC (D 05); CHS Table Tennis (05); 2nd Grade Volley (05); Basketball (06); Fundraising - Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal (06); Youth Off the Streets; Sydney Children's Hospital; Teacher, Tourist Guide, Business.

**CHAN Jeffrey:** (2005-2006):

**CHANG Douglas:** Prefect (06); Student Librarians' Committee; AMC (D 01-04); ASCSC (D 01-02); GC (D 04); NCQ (D 06); Cricket (01); Soccer (01-03); Rowing (01-05); Rugby (04-06); Basketball (06); Stroke 2nd IV (06) Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Jeans for Genes Day; Legacy Day; Dietician/Nutritionist.

**CHAU Engleman:** Library Monitor (01-03); Recycling Committee (01-03); School Plaque (05); AMC (Prize 04, HD 01, 03; D 02, 05-06); GC (HD 03-06); NCQ (HD 03, D 02,06); ASCSC (D 03-04); ASSC (HD 02-03, D 01); House Badge (04); Tennis (01-03); Basketball (04-06); Soccer (01-05); 1st Grade Water Polo (04-05); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital; Youth off the Streets.

**CHEEMA Sadaat:** (2005-2006):

**CHEN Long:** Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (02); Chess Club (02-04); School Trophy (06); PDHPE (04); Business Studies (06); AMC (Prize 01; HD 02-03; D 04-05); MCS (HD 04); MCYA (HD 03); ASCSC (D 03-04); ASSC (D 02-04); NCQ (D 02-04); ASEC (D 03-04); AMPEC (HD 06); BSC (HD 06); GC (HD 04; D 03); Cricket (01-06); Football (01-06); 1st Grade Football (05-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**CHEN Wu Yi:** Debating (01-03); GC (HD 03-05); NCQ (HD 02, 04); ASSC (HD 01-02, D 03-05); AMC (HD 01, D 02-05); ASEC (HD 01, D 04); ASCSC (D 01-02, 04); Tennis (04-06); Lawyer.

**CHENG Ashley:** (2005-2006): Library Monitor (05); Symphony Orchestra (05-06); Bronze Award (05); NCQ (HD 05-06); PWCEC (HD, 06); AMC (D 05-06); ASSC (D 05); Music Pocket; Sailing (05-06); 2nd Grade Fencing (05-06); SBHS/SGHS Trivia Night Co-organiser (06); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets; Lawyer.

**CHEONG Benjamin:** Economics Society (06); TCB (01); ICB (02); SCB (03); ASSC (HD 03, D 02); AMC (D 01-05); ASCSC (D 01-03); ASEC (D 03); Tennis (01-04); Youth Off the Streets; Corporate Banker.

**CHEUNG Francis:**

**CHONG Aaron:** Library Monitor (01-04); Archives (02-03); Cadet NCO (CPL 03-04, SGT 05); Cadets (01-05); Chess Club (03); ICB (01); Woodwind Ensemble (01); SCB (02-04); Marching Band (02-04); Symphony Orchestra (03-05); SWE (05-06); School Plaque (05); AMC (D 01-05); ASCSC (D 04); ASEC (D 01-02); ASSC (D 01, 03-04); NCQ (D 03); Music Pocket; 8th Grade Basketball MIP (06); Basketball (03-06); 8th Grade Basketball Captain (06); Fencing (01-02); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital, Youth Off the Streets.

**CHONG Tony:** Peer Support Leader (04); Design and Technology (02); GC (HD 05-06); PWCEC (D 06); NCQ (HD 02-04); AMC (HD 02-03, D 01, 04); ASSC (HD 01-03); ASCSC (D 02-04); ASEC (D 01-03); Soccer (02-05); Basketball (03-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**CHOW Alan:** NCQ (HD 05-06); AMC (D 05); ASSC (D 03); ASCSC (D 04); AMPEC (D 06).

**CHOW Benjamin:** Peer Support (04); AMC (D 03-06); GC (HD 03-04); ASSC (D 02-04); ASEC (D 02, 04); NCQ (HD 04, 06, D 03, 05); Soccer (01-06);

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Rowing (01-04); Swimming (01-06); Vice-Captain Swimming (06); Medical Researcher.

**CHOWDHURY Rifat:** (2005–2006): AMC (D 05); Division 1 award for EBE Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition Cricket (04-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Accountant.

**COUSINS Matthew:**

**CUNNINGHAM Alexander (Sandy) David:** Peer Support Leader (04); Prefect (06); Record Committee (01-03); ICB (01); JSB (01); SCB (02); ISB (02); SCB (03); ISB (03); The S & P Tzannes Prize (01); The Ross Miller Memorial Award (04); ASEC (HD 01-02, D 03-04); AMC (D 03-05); GC (HD 03-04); NCQ (D 03-04); Rugby (01-06); 13A Capt (01-02), 14A Capt, 15A Capt, 1st XV (05-06); Vice Captain 06; Rowing (02-06) Stroke 2nd VIII (04-05); Stroke 1st VIII (05-06), CHS Championship VIII winners (06); CHS Championship Quad Scull Winners (06); GPS Athletics (03-04); Swimming (01-03, 06); Ski Team (03-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Wheelchair Roll.

**CURRAN Edward:** (2005-2006): First Grade Football (2005-06); Vice Captain "Xtreme XI" 4th Grade Cricket (05/06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Economist.

**D'AVIGDOR Lewis:** Prefect (06); House Captain of Ruby (06); Strings (01-03); Symphony Orchestra (02-04); Debating (01-04); South-East Sydney Regional Champions (02); State Finalist (02); First English (02); ASEC (D 01-04); ASSC (D 02-04); ASWC (D 04); GC (D 05); AMC (D 03); NCQ (D 04-05); Basketball (01-06), Seconds (05), Firsts (06); Football (01-06), Captain Seconds (05), Vice-Captain Firsts (06); Cross Country Zone and Regional (01-03); Fundraising - Daffodil Day (04); Youth Off the Streets; Leukemia Foundation; Sir Roden Cutler Parade; Journalist.

**DANG Henry:** Peer Support Leader (04); Recycling Committee (02); AMC (D 01-03, 05); ASCSC (D 02); Basketball (05-06); Volleyball (05-06); Tennis (03-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**DANG Hieu:** School Rock Band; AMC (HD 01-02, D 03-04-05); ASCSC (D 02), ASEC (D 01-02-04), NCQ (D 02), ASSC (01); Most Valuable Player 3rd Grade Basketball (04-05), Best All Rounder of 2nd Grade Tennis (04--05), Soccer (01-03), 3rd Grade Rugby (04-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets, Legacy Day, Jeans for Genes Day, school parking; Pharmacist, Doctor,

**DIEP Jason:** Peer Mediator (04); Peer Support Leader (04); AMC (D 01-04); ASCSC (D 02); ASSC (D 01-05); NCQ (HD 03-04; D 02, 05) MVP Tennis (04); Soccer (01-05); Tennis (01-04); First Grade Water Polo (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Research Scientist (either physics or biotechnology).

**FANG Jason:** AMC (HD 02, D 03-04); ASCSC (HD 01, D 04-05); ASSC (D 01); NCQ (D 02); GC (D 03); Tennis

(01-06); Basketball (05); Table Tennis (03-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Legacy Day.

**FARROW-PALMER Adam:** School Captain (06); Prefect (06); House Captain (05); CUO (06); NCO (02-05); House Clerk (04-06); SRC (01); Hall Monitor (04); Record Committee (04-05); Badges Committee (04); SSB (04-06) SCB (04-06); GPS Music Festival (05-06); Barbershop Quartet (06); Dixieland Band (02); ICB (01-03); ISB (01-03); Italy Music Tour (05); Most Efficient Cadet (01); GC (HD 05-06); NCQ (D 02-04); ASEC (D 01-05); Music Pocket; School Trophy; Rowing (01-06); 1st VIII CHS Champions (06) Rugby (02-04); 1st Grade Cross Country (05-06); Division 1 A Team Skiing (06); Skiing (03-04); Sir Roden Cutler Charity Walk; Red Cross Blood Service, Youth Off the Streets; Radio/Film Producer.

**FERNANDO Shane:** (2005–2006): Bronze Medallion (05); ASMC (D 01); ASEC (D 01); ASCSC (D 05); NCQ (D 05-06); AMC (HD 06); RACI Regional Titration Competition First (06); RACI National Titration Competition Gold Medallion (06); Soccer (05); Cricket (05-06); Fundraising - Underwater and Beach Cleanup; Jeans for Genes Day; Youth off the Streets; Biomedical Engineer, Forensic Scientist.

**FLORES Adrian:** Amnesty International; Recycling Committee; Combined GPS Orchestra (05); Symphony Orchestra (03-05); SCB (04-05); ICB (03); Debating (01-02); Gold Medallion (04); First Music (03-05); Australian Schools Writing Competition (Medal 05); AMC (HD 03, D 01-02, 04); ASSC (D 01, 03); GC (HD 04); NCQ (D 03); Music Pocket; Basketball (01-06); Soccer (02-04); Fundraising - Amnesty International; Lawyer; Journalist; Concert Pianist.

**FRISOLI Holden:** (2005–2006): Formal Committee; GC (HD 05); AMPEC (D 06); AMC (D 01); Cricket (05-06); Rugby (05-06) 1st XV (05-06); Skiing inter-schools (05); Fundraising - Blood Donor (Red Cross); Youth Off the Streets; Business Manager.

**FUKUSHIMA Hiroshi:** (2005–2006): Formal Committee; Charities Committee; Bronze Medallion; AMC (HD 03; D 01-02); Swimming (05-06); Soccer (05); 1st Grade Cross Country (06); Fundraising - Red Nose Day; Youth Off the Streets; Business Manager .

**FUNG Kaloon:** (2005-2006): Secretary for Amnesty International (05-06); Amnesty International (05-06); AMC (HD 02-04, 06; D 01, 05); NCQ (HD 03-04); ASSC (D 01, 03-04); MCYA (D 01); Australian Language Certificates - Japanese (D 03); Soccer (01); Baseball (02-03); Tennis (03); Basketball (03-06); Cross Country (05-06); Fundraising - White Ribbon Day; Youth Off the Streets; Doctor, Lawyer, or High School Teacher

**GRIBBLE Samuel James:** Prefect (06); House Captain - Eedy (05, 06); Peer Support Leader (04); TCB (01);

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JSB (02); ICB (02); Dixieland Band (02); ISB (03); SCB (03); SWE (04); Remembrance Day Address (05); First English aeq. (01); Phillip Seymour Prize for Third (03); Geography (03); History (Wars) (03); J.M. and W.G. Forsythe Memorial Prize (04); John Francis Bush Memorial Prize (05); School Plaque (05); ASEC (HD 01, 03, D 02); ASSC (HD 01, D 02, 04-05); ASCSC (D 03); AMC (HD 01, D 02, 04); Champion Sculler (06); Captain 14As Cricket (01-02); Rowing (02-06); 1st VIII (04-05, 05-06); Vice Captain of Boats (05-06); 3rd NSW Rowing State Championships (Schoolboy VIII) (04-05); Finalist DHL National Rowing Championships (Schoolboy VIII) (05-06); (CHS Champion VIII (04-05, 05-06); CHS Champion Quad (05-06); CHS Single Scull (05-06); Rowing Exchange with Melbourne High School (2004); Rowing Exchange with St Kevin's College Melbourne; Rugby (01-06); 1st XV (05, 06); Captain 1st XV (06); Swimming (01-04, 06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Charity.

**GUNASEKERA Dinuka:** Prefect (06); Rifle Shooting Prefect (06); Vice Captain Ruby House (06); Sports Captain (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Platoon Sgt (05); Charities Committee (03); Cadets (03-05); ICB (01); Drama Production (04); Debating (01-03); First Business Studies (05); School Trophy (06); BSC (Prize 06); PWC Economics (HD 06); AMC (HD 01, 04, D 02-03, 05); ASEC (HD 02, D 01, 03); ASCSC (HD 02, D 03); ASSC (HD 03, D 01-02); House Badge (04); Cricket (01-06); Captain 14Bs Cricket (03); Harbour Trophy winning team (01-02); Rugby (04-06) 16As (06); Rifle Shooting (02); Soccer (01, 03); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Charity Parade; The Smith Family; ISSBH; Commerce, Finance.

**GUO Steven:**

**GUPTA Arghya:** Chess Club (02-03); GC (HD 04); AMC (D 01-04); ASSC (D 01-03); ASCSC (D 02-03); NCQ (D 03-04); Cricket (01-06); Soccer (02-05); Fundraising - 40 Hour Famine (01-02); Jeans for Genes (03); Legacy Day (03); NSW Spastic Centre (04); Youth Off the Streets (06); Journalist; Cosmologist, Pilot.

**GURUPARAN Giridhaar:** NCQ (D 04-06); AMC (D 01-03); ASEC (D 01) Cricket (03-05); Rugby (05) Fundraising - Legacy Day, Youth Off the Streets; Financial Advisor.

**HA Augustine:** Prefect (06); House Captain (06); SRC (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (01-03); Recycling Committee (01-03); Year 12 Secondary Jersey Committee (06); TCB (01); Debating (02-03, 05); School Trophy (05); ASSC (HD 02; D 01, 03-04); ASWC (D 05); ASCSC (D 03-04); NCQ (D 03-04); AMC (D 01-05); GC (D 03); Claude Tressider Trophy (05); House Badge (05); TCB Best

Musician (01); Swimming (01-06); Football (02-05); Football Captain (03-04); Football Vice Captain (02); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Charity Parade; Daffodil Day; Youth Off the Streets. Physiotherapist, Orthodontist, Nanotechnologist.

**HAN Joshua:** (2005-2006):

**HANNAN Nick:** (2005-2006): 2nd XI Player of the Year (05) Football (05-06) 2nd XI (05) 1st XI (06); Designer.

**HIBBERT Edward:** Prefect (06); House Captain (06); Peer Mediator (04); Peer Support Leader (04); Vocal Ensemble (01-05); Barbershop Quartet (06); Trophy (06); ASEC (HD 03-04, D 01-02); NCQ (D 05); ASCSC (03); AMC (03-04); ASWC (04); Music Pocket; Cricket (01-06); 1st XI (04-06); Trans Harbour Trophy Winning Team (01-03); CEC Ruby Champion Team (04-05); Football (01-06); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Charity Parade; Genes for Jeans Day; Youth Off the Streets; Writer, Teacher, Diplomat.

**HO Chung:** Library Monitor (01-03); TCB (01); ICB (02-03); SCB (04-06); Italy Music Tour (05); GPS Concert Band (05-06); National Chinese Esteddford (05); School Plaque; First Design and Technology (04); ASMC (HD 05, D 01-04, 06); ASEC (HD 02; D 01, 03-04); ASSC (D 01-02, 04); ASCSC (Medal 01, D 03); NCQ (Prize: 06; HD: 02-05); GC (HD: 03-04); Music Pocket; House Badge (Rubie 2005); Swimming (01-03, 06); Fencing (02); Basketball (04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Red Cross Blood Donation; Engineer; Physicist.

**HO Kevin:** Peer Support Leader (04); Bronze Medallion (04); First Architecture (03); ASEC (D 04-05); AMC (D 03-04); ASSC (D 02, 04); ASCSC (D 02, 05); NCQ (D 04); GC (HD 04); Tennis (04); Basketball (05); Soccer (04-05); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital; Youth Off the Streets; Architect.

**HU Kevin:** Library Monitor (01-02); Chamber Choir (01); Training Concert Band (01-02); Bronze Medallion; AMC (Prize 03, HD 01-02, 04-05); NCQ (D 03-04); ASSC (HD 01-02, D 04); Basketball (01-04); Soccer (02-03); Youth Off the Streets; Doctor.

**HUANG Kenny:** Sydney Boys High Chamber Choir (01-02); AMC (HD 03-05, D 01); ASEC (HD 03, D 01-02, 04); GC (HD 03-04); AMPEC (HD 06); ASCSC (D 04); ASSC (D 04); ACO (D 04-06); Basketball (2003-06) 2nd Grade (2004-06); Volleyball (01-04); Youth Off the Streets; Veterinarian.

**HUSSAIN Shafat:** Library Monitor (01-04); Vice President ISSBH (06); Computer Network Assistant (05-06); Debating (01-03); ASSC (D 01); AMC (HD 01; D 03); ASCSC (D 01, 03); NCQ (HD 03; D 04); GC (HD 06; D 05); Volleyball (01-04); Cricket (03-05); Fundraising - Iraq Appeal; Sudan Appeal; Tsunami Appeal; Youth Off the Streets; Network Engineer, Software Engineer, Business Information Technology, Doctor.

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**HUSSAIN Yaseen:** Peer Support Leader (04); Debating (02-04); Cricket(01-06); Transharbour Champions (01-02,02-03); Soccer (01-05); Fundraising - Youth of the Streets; Psychologist.

**HUYNH Anthony:** SRC (06); Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Amnesty International Committee (05-06); Recycling Committee (02-06); Gardening Committee (04); Junior String Orchestra (01-03); String Quartet (04); Symphony Orchestra (04-05); School Trophy (06); P&C Prize for Third (04); H.A. Coss Prize for English (04); First History (Empires) (03); Doris M. Gray Prize for Third (02); First History (01); AMC (HD 03, D 01-02); ASSC (HD 04, D 01- 03, 05); NCQ (D 05-06); GC (HD 03-05, D 06); ASEC (HD 03, D 01-02, 04-05); ASCSC (D 04); AEC (D 04); House Badge (05); Music Pocket (05); Cricket (02-05); Soccer (02-05); Fundraising - Amnesty International; Youth Off the Streets; Sydney Children's Hospital; Pharmacist.

**HUYNH Raymond:** Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Recycling Committee (02-04); Junior Stage Band (01-02); Intermediate Concert Band (01-02); Senior Stage Band (03-05); Senior Concert Band (03-05); School Trophy (06); ASSC (HD 02; D 01, 03-05); AMC (D 01-05); ASCSC (HD 02; D 01); GC (D 03); PWCEC (D 06); Music Pocket (05); House Badge (05); Basketball (01-06); Captain 2nd Grade Basketball (05-06); Athletics (04-05); Cross Country (02-05); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Drive; Physiotherapist.

**ISLAM Naziful:** School Prefect (06); Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Charities Prefect (06); Recycling Committee (04); Gardening Committee (05-06); Charities Committee (02, 05-06); ISSBH (01-06); Year 12 Fundraising Committee; Year. 12 School Gift Committee; First Commerce (03); Special Award (06); AMC (D 01, 04, 06); ASSC (D 01, 03-04); ASEC (HD 01); GC (HD 03-04); NCQ (HD 06, D 04); National Chemistry Titration Competition (06); House Badge (05); Cricket (02, 04-06); Captain 4th Grade 'Xtreme XI' Cricket (05-06); Soccer (04-05); Soccer Coach (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Daffodil Day; Jeans For Genes Day; Sir Roden Cutler Charities; Sydney Children's Hospital Chocolate Drive; MuslimAid Australia; Dentist.

**JAHJA Christopher:** SRC (06); Orchestra (01-04); Junior String Quartet (03); Senior String Quartet (04); Symphony Orchestra (04-05); Bronze Medal (03); AMC (HD 03); AMPEC (D 06); ASCSC (D 01-03); Music Pocket (05); Soccer (01-06); Captain 16B Soccer (03); Tennis (01-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**JEYENDRA Adrian:** Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Charities Committee (04-06); Chess Club (01-03); School Trophy (06); AMC (HD 03-05, D

01-02); ASEC (HD 02, 04, D 01, 05); ASSC (HD 02, D 01, 03); NCQ (D 02-03, 05-06); GC (HD 04, D 01,03); Cricket Blue; CEC Rubie Trophy (03-05); Cricket (01-06) 1st XI (03-06) Vice-captain 1st XI (06); GPS Combined 1st XI (06);Trans-Harbour Trophy winning team (01-03); Rugby (03-05); Football (01-03); GPS Athletics (01-02, 06); CHS Regional Athletics (04-05); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Foundation; Youth Off the Streets; Doctor.

**JIANG John:** Chamber Choir (01-02); AMC (HD 01-02; D 03-06); ASCSC (D 02-03); GC (D 03); MCYA (D 04); MCS (D 04); House Colours (05); Basketball (03-05); Soccer (02-05); Fundraising - Randwick Sydney Children's Hospital; Youth Off the Streets; Computer Systems Administrator/Computer Programmer.

**KAMERMAN Joel:** Record Committee (06); JCB (01); ICB (02, 03); SCB (04); JSB (03); ISB (04); GC (HD 04); ASEC (D 05); AMC (D 05); Rugby (01-06) 1st XV (06); Rowing (01-04) U16 CHS Champions (04); Basketball (01, 05-06); GPS Athletics Team (05); CHS Regional Cross Country (03-04); CHS Zone Cross Country (02); Physiotherapist.

**KARUNAKARAN Ajith:**

**KIM Kevin:** School Vice Captain (06); SRC President (05); SRC (02-05); Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (01-03); Charities Committee (02-04); Member of SBHS Himalayan Expedition (03-04); Boggabilla Exchange (03); TCB (01); JSB (01); JCB (01); ICB (02); ISB (02-03); Dixieland Band (02-03); SCB (03-06); SSB (04-05); Combined GPS Concert Band (06); Member of Tour Band to Italy (05); Debating (01-03); Gordon Barr Memorial Prize for Dux (01); Sydney High Certificate of High Achievement in History (01); P&C Prize for Second (02); 1st Place in Visual Arts (02); School Plaque (05); ASCSC (D 04); ASMC (D 02-03); AMC (HD 01); MCYA; MCS; Music Pocket (05); Best Musician - TCB (01); Best Musician - Dixieland Band (02); Best Musician - ISB (03); 2nd Grade Water polo (05); Basketball (01-04, 06); Football (01-04); 2nd Grade Football (05-06); Captain 2nd Grade Football (06); 2nd Grade Water polo (05); 3rd Under 13 Swimming Age Champion (01); Fundraising - Energy Australia Red Cross Youth Challenge Participant (06); Youth Off the Streets (06); Exoday Organiser (03); Battle of the Sexes Organiser (06); Talent Quest Organiser (06); Centennial Park Clean Up - U-Lead Team (06); Sydney Children's Hospital Visit (06); Sir Roden Cutler Charity Parade; Jeans for Genes Day. Barrister; Ambassador.

**KIM Yo-Ha:** Charities Committee; AMC (D 01-03); ASCSC (04). Soccer (01-02, 06); Cricket (01); Tennis (01); Rowing (03-04); Rugby (03-05); Basketball (05-06); Water Polo (05); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets; Architect.

**KNOLL Avi:** (2004-2006):

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**KOGAN Alex:** Chess Club (01-03); Drama Performance: Ants (04); PWCEC (D 06); PWCBC (HD 06); AMC (HD 03); Basketball (01-05); 4th Grade Basketball (05); Fencing (02-05); 1st Grade Fencing (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Accountant.

**KWON Joon:** Library Monitor (01); Peer Support Leader (04); Chess Club (03); Charities Committee (06); Recycling Committee (02-03); Training String Orchestra (01-03); String Quartet (04-05); Symphony Orchestra (03-05); GPS Music Festival (05); Latin Speaking Competition (03); School Trophy (06); AMC (HD 01-02, D 03-06); ASEC (D 02, 04); ASSC (D 02-05); NCQ (D 02-06); MCYA (04); Music Pocket; Senior First Aid Certificate; House Badge; Basketball (01-06); Soccer (02-05); Athletics (05); 2nd Grade Cross Country (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sydney Children's Hospital; Doctor.

**LAI Larry:**

**LAMBERT Justin:**

**LE Hai:** Charities Committee (06) AMC (HD 02,03,05; D 01,04); ASSC (D 03); ASCSC (D 03); NCQ (D 02, 04, 05, 06) Stan Jones Bronze Medal (05); Tennis (2001-06); Vice Captain 1st Grade Tennis (06); Swimming (01); Football (02-03); Fundraising - Lifeline Sydney Book Fair; Youth Off the Streets; Pharmacist.

**LEE Alan:** AMC (PC 04); Rugby (04-06) 2nd XV (06); Fundraising - Legacy Day; Physiotherapist.

**LEE Frederick:** Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support (04); Corporal CQMS Sydney High Cadet Unit (04-05); President Formal Committee (06); Formal Committee (06); Cadet Unit (03-05); Recycling Committee (01-02); Gardening Society (03-05); Most Efficient Junior Non-Commissioned Officer (04); GC (HD 03-04, 06); ASSC (D 02); ASEC (D 02); AMC (D 03); NCQ (D 04); Senior A Grade Chess (05); Fundraising - Amnesty International; Youth Off the Streets; Fashion Designer; Actor; DoCS Caseworker; Psychologist.

**LEE Jongha:** AMC (D 01-04); ASEC (D 01-05); AMPEC (D 06); Rowing (01-03); Soccer (02-03) 2nd Grade (04), 1st Grade Water Polo (04-05), Athletics (02-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Journalist.

**LEE Samuel:** Vocal Ensemble (01-02); TCB (02); JCB (03); JSB (03); ICB (04); ISB (04); SCB (05); SWE (06); School Trophy (06); ASMC (HD 01, D 02, 04); ASCSC (HD 03, D 01, 04); BSC (D 05) Basketball (01-06); Volleyball (02-06); 2nd Grade Volleyball GPS Premiers (04); Captain 2nd Grade Volleyball GPS Premiers (05); Captain 1st Grade Volleyball GPS & CHS Premiers (06); Member of School Team Competing in Melbourne Nationals (02-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Marketing/ Financial Manager.

**LEONG Andric:**

**LEONG Kieran:** Recycling Committee (02-05); The J.W. Gibbes Junior School Prize (04); Edgar Bembrick Memorial Prize for Latin (04); SHOB Rugby Club; Prize for Chemistry (05); Prize for Third (05); Gold Medallion (05); NCQ (Award of Excellence 05, HD 04, D 03); AMC (D 02-05); GC (HD 03, D 04); ASSC (D 02-03); ASEC (D 03); Tennis (01-05); Actuary, Accountant, Lawyer.

**LEVY Michael:** Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); TCB (01); JCB (02); ICB (03); JSB (02-03); Director General's Special Award (06); GC (HD 03-04); ASSC (D 03); NCQ (D 02-03); ASCSC (D 03); ASEC (HD 01, D 03); AMC (D 01-02, 05); BSC (HD Prize 06); Rowing (01-04); 2nd Place CHS Men's Quad Sculls (U14 02, U16 03); 2nd Grade Basketball (05, Captain 06); Rugby (01-06); 1st XV (05-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**LI Richard:** Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets; Professor of Biology; Professor of Psychology.

**LIEU Peter:** Peer Support Leader (04); Recycling Committee (03-04); SCB (04-05); ICB (02-03); TCB (01); ISB (02-04); JSB (01); Symphony Orchestra (03-04); Dixieland Band (02); Anzac Day Marching Band (04); Schools Spectacular Marching Band (04); Special Award (05); Engineering Studies (05); Latin (01); AMC (HD 04-05, D 01-03, 06); ASEC (D 03-05); NCQ (HD 04-06, D 03); ASSC (HD 05, D 01, 04); ASCSC (Medal 01, HD 03-04, D 05); GC (HD 03-04); Music Pocket; House Colours; Basketball (02-06); Soccer (02-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Engineer.

**LIN Andrew:**

**LIN David:** Economics Society (06); Chess Club (01-03); Vocal Ensemble (01-02); BSC (HD 06); GC (D 03); AMC (D 02-01); NCQ (D 02); ASSC (D 01); ASCSC (D 01); ASEC (D 01); Cricket (01); Table Tennis (03); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets; Corporate CEO.

**LIU Bob:** (2003-2006): Charities Committee (06), Formal Committee (06) AMC (D 03-05), NCQ (D: 05-06) Rowing: 6th Quad (03-04); 3rd Eight (04-05); Football (Soccer): (03); 2nd Grade (04); 3rd Grade (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets, Legacy Day; Actuary.

**LIU Henry:** Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (01-04); Formal Committee (06); Chess Club (02-04); Recycling Committee (02-04); Chinese Eisteddfod (02-06) Second Prize (02); School Plaque (06); Chinese (02-06); PWCEC (Prize 06); AMC (Prize 03; HD 01-02, 04); NCQ (HD 02-04); ASSC (HD 02-03; D 04); ASEC (HD 02; D 01, 03); ASCSC (HD 02, 04; D 01, 03); GC (HD 03; D 04); MCYA (HD 03; D 04); PWC BSC (D 06); House Colours (05); Tennis (01-06) 2nd Grade Tennis (05-06) Captain 2nd Grade Tennis (06); Soccer (02-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets;

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Tennis Parking; Bunnings Warehouse BBQ; Starlight Foundation; CEO.

**LIU Kenny:** Peer Support (04); First History (02); AMC (D 02,06); Basketball (02-04); Soccer (03-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**LIU Richard:** Peer Support Leader (04); Debating (01-03); Special Award (06) AIMO (HD 04); AMC (HD 01, 04-06; D 02); ASCSC (D 01-05); ASEC (HD 02-03; D 01, 04); ASSC (HD 01-04); GC (HD 03-04, 06); MCS (D 04); NCQ (HD 02, 04-06; D 03), UNSWMC (HD 05-06); Cricket (01-02); Rowing (02-04); Basketball (04-06); Soccer (01-05); Athletics (01-03); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets (06); Doctor.

**LO Bernard:** Peer Support Leader (04); String Orchestra (01-02); Debating (02); PwCEconomics Competition (D 06); AMC (D 05-06, HD 01-02); GC (D 05, HD 03,06); ASCSC (D 03-04, HD 02, Medal 01); Australian National Chemistry Quiz (D 02, HD 03); ASSC (D 03,05, HD 01-02); ASEC (D 02-03, HD 01, 04); Sailing (01-06); Rugby (03-04); Soccer (02); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Airline Pilot.

**LOUIE Ellis:**

**LU Angelo:** Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04) Junior Strings (01-03) Geography (02); GC (HD 04); NCQ (HD 05); ASWC (D 05) Fencing (01-02, 05) Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Doctor .

**LU Jason:** AMC (HD 04, D 01-02); ASSC (D 02-04); ASCSC (HD 04, D 01); NCQ (D 04); GC (HD 04); AMPEC (D 06); Basketball (02-06); Soccer (04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**LUI Victor:**

**LUNNEY Martin:** Peer Mediator (05); School Plaque (06); AMC (HD 02-03; D 01, 06); ASCSC (D 01-04); ASEC (D 01-02, 04); ASSC (HD 01, 04; D 03, 05); GC (HD 04); NCQ (HD 03, 05-06; D 02, 04); 2nd XI Player's Player (05-06); 2nd XI Batting Aggregate Award (05-06); Cricket (01-06), Vice captain of 2nd XI (05-06); Trans Harbour Trophy Cricket team (02-04), Premiers (02-03); Soccer (01-03, 05-06); Rugby (04), captain of 15C's; Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Blood Donor; Daffodil Day; Jeans for Genes; Aeronautical Engineer.

**LUONG Jordan:** Library Monitor (03); Peer Support Leader (04); Gold Medallion (04); ASCSC (Prize 02); AMC (D 02-04); PWC Economics Competition (D 06); Basketball (01-05); Volleyball (01-06); 2nd Grade Volleyball (05-06); Captain 2nd Grade Volleyball (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Financial Adviser.

**LY Anthony:** SRC (04-06); Library Monitor (02); Recycling (04-05); Special Award (06); AMC (D 01-02); AMC (HD 03); ASCSC (D 01-03); Soccer (02-04); Rugby (05-06); Tennis (02-06); Captain of Tennis 3rds-6ths Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Legacy Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Petroleum Engineering.

**LY Kin Jing:** AMC (HD 01; D 02,05); ASSC (HD 02; D 01, 03-04); NCQ (HD 02; D 03, 05); GC (D 04); ASCSC (D 02, 04); ASEC (D 01, 03-04); Tennis (02-05); Soccer (03-05); 2nd Grade Water Polo (04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Industrial Designer; Marketing Agent.

**MAK Kevin:** Peer Mediator (05); Recycling Committee (04-05); National Chinese Eisteddfod (05); Gold Medallion (05); First Chinese (04); NCQ (HD 05; D 04); GC (HD 04, 06; D 03); ASCSC (D 01-05); AMC (D 04, 01-02); ASEC (D 03, 01); ASSC (HD 03; D 01-02); International Science School (05); Tennis (03-06); 2nd Grade Tennis (05-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation; Pharmacist.

**MANAMPERI Gajaba:** Prefect (06); Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); PWCEC (D 06); GC (HD 04); AMC (D 03-04; Ben Smalles Memorial Award Player's Player SHS 1st XV (06); Cricket (01-06) 2nd XI (04-05) 1st XI (05-06); Trans-Harbour Trophy Champions (01-03); Cec Rubie Trophy Champions (06); Rugby (01-06) 1st XV (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Charities; Investment Manager; Corporate Lawyer.

**MASALEHDANI Michael:** (2005-2006): Prefect (06); SRC; Athletics Vice-Captain; Fairland House Vice-Captain; House Clerk; Trivia Night Organiser; High Harriers Running Club Establisher; Badges Sub-Committee; Chess Club; Formal Committee; Amnesty International; Gift To School; Gold Medallion (06); GC (HD 04); AMC (D 03) Bronze Medallion CHS State Cross Country (06); Athletics (05-06); Vice-Captain Athletics; 1st Grade Cross Country (06); Sailing (05-06); Football (05-06); Regional Athletics (05-06); Regional Cross Country (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; for Library, Mother's Day; Stockbroker.

**MAZID Taymur:**

**MEI Ting:** Peer Support Leader (04); Environment Committee; School Choir (02); Silver Award (03); AMC (D 01-04) ASCC (D 02-03) ASC (D 03) NCQ (D 03); NSW State Schools Cup Winner 2003; Volleyball (02-04), Basketball (02-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Economist.

**MISRA Agam:** (2006): Formal Committee; AMC (D 06); GPS Cricket(06); Cross Country(06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Biomedical Engineering.

**MORGAN James Edward Robert:** Saxby House Captain (02, 05); Peer Support Leader (04); Tournament of Minds Facilitator (04); Manager of 4th XI (05); Prefect (06); Chess Club (01-02); Tournament of Minds (01-02); Walls Committee (06); Public Speaking (01); Debating (01-05); The Arch Ferguson Prize (03,04); Drama Prize (04); History Elective Prize (04); School Plaque (05); ASEC (HD 02, D 01, 04); ASSC (D 01,

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03-04); ASCSC (D 03); Cricket Committee Award (01, 04-06); 2nd CHS Rowing 15s Quad (03); 2nd CHS Sailing Pacer Division (04); CJB Debating Competition Winning Team Member (04); 2nd Place, Woollahra Council Zonta Film Festival (05); Karl Cramp Debating Competition Winning Team Member (05); 2nd Place, Project Supernova Film Festival (06); Rugby (01-06); 1st XV (06); Cricket (01, 04-06); Barberis Cup Representative Team (03); Rowing (02-03); Swimming Team (01-02); Athletics (04); Fundraising - Voice of Youth; Shave For A Cure; Red Cross Blood Donations; Youth Off The Streets; Artist.

**MURRAY Julian:** Peer Support Leader (04); Cadet Unit (02-03); AMC (D 03-04); ASEC (D 01-03); ASCSC (Medallion 01); Rowing (01-03); Sailing (04); Cross Country (01-06); 1st Grade Cross Country (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Legacy; Zoo Keeper.

**NAOUMENKO Daniel:** Peer Support Leader (04); Peer Mediator (05); Tournament of Minds Facilitator (05); Tournament of Minds (02, 04-05); NCQ (HD 02-04; D 05); AMC (HD 01; D 02-04); ASCS (HD 02; D 01, 03-05); ASSC (HD 01; D 05); ASEC (HD 02; D 03); AMPEC (D 06); Theoretical Physicist.

**NELIATH Vinayak:** AMC (D 01-03); ASSC (D 02-03); ASCSC (D 2004); Aeronautical Engineer.

**NG Nicholas:** Gardening Assistant (02); Library Monitor (02); Recycling Committee (05-06); SRC (05-06); Trivia Night Committee (05); Amnesty Society (05-06); TCB (01); JCB (01-02); SCB (03); Debating (05); Gold Medallion (06); ACO (HD 05); AIMO (D 04); AMPEC (D 05-06) ASCSC (D 01-04); ASEC (D 01-03); ASMC (HD 02 04-06 D 01, 03); ASSC (HD 03; D 01, 04); MCS (HD 03); MCYA (HD 04); NCQ (Excellence 05; HD 02-03; D 06); UNSWMC (Merit 04); Mosman Youth Awards for Literature 2nd Prize (06); Rifle Shooting (02); Tennis (05); Cross Country (05); White Ribbon Day (05); Sir Roden Cutler Charities Day (06); Youth Off The Streets (06); Actuary, Financial Broker.

**NGUYEN Andy:** Library Monitor (01-02); Recycling Committee (01-02); Charities Committee (06); Formal Committee (06); ASMC (HD 02, D 01); ASCSC (HD 04, D 03); Basketball (02-03,05); Waterpolo (04-06); Rugby (03-06); Youth Off the Streets; Doctor.

**NGUYEN Gregory:** Library Monitor (01-03); Recycling Committee (02-03); Peer Support Leader (04); Design & Technology (03); AMC (HD 02-04, D 01 & 05); ASCSC (D 02); ASEC (D 01-04); ASSC (01-03 & 05); GC (D 03); NCQ (D 02 & 05); Rugby (02-05); First XV (06); Swimming (05-06); Tennis (01-03); First Grade Water Polo (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Surgeon, Biomedical Engineer.

**NGUYEN Vincent:**

**NI Davie:**

**NITHIYENDRAN Ramesh:** Peer Support Leader (04); Peer Mediator (05); House Captain (05); Recycling Committee (01-02); First Visual Arts (01); First Visual Arts (03-05); Peter Walker Award for English Literature (04); ASCSC (D 01); AMC (D 01,04); ASSC (D 03); Basketball (03-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Camp Dare Charity Art Workshop; Artist / Writer.

**NOSSAR Slava:** Peer Support Leader (04); Cadet Unit (02-04); JCB (01); JSB (02); ICB (02-03); ISB (03); SCB (04-05); SSB (04-05); Gold Medallion; AMC (D 01-03); ASCSC (D 01-02); ASEC (HD 03, D 01-02, 04); ASSC (D 02); GC (HD 03); NCQ (HD 06, D 05); Music Pocket; Soccer (01-06); Captain 4th Grade Soccer (06); Sailing (02-04); Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets; Aeronautical Engineer.

**OCIAS Alex:** ASSC (D 01, 04); ASCSC (D 01, 05); AMC (D 01-04); 3D Artist/Animator.

**OH Abraham:**

**PANG Ming:** (2006): Chamber Choir (06); Symphony Orchestra (06).

**PEARSON Rory:**

**PHAM Edward:** Chess Club (02-04); 'The Peter Walker Award for English Literature' (03); Gold Award (05); AMC (HD 01-05), Prize (02, 06); ASEC (D 01-03); ASSC (HD 03-05; D 01-02); GC (D 02-03); NCQ (HD 03-04); ASCSC (Medal 01; HD 02-04); Football (02-05); Athletics (02-06); Cricket (01-06) 1st XI (03-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets (06).

**PHAM Vinh:** Amnesty Committee; First Maths (02-04); First 3U Maths (05); First 2U Maths (05); First Ancient History (05); First Empires (04); First History (04); First Physics (06); First 3U & 4U Maths (06); Dux (05); ACO (C 05); AIMO (HD 03, Prize 04,); UNSWMC (Prize 5th 06, Prize 05, 3rd Prize 04, 2nd Prize 03); AMC (Prize 03-06, HD 01, D 02); BSC (D 04); MCS (HD 03); NCQ (HD 03-04, 06); GC (HD 03-06); ASCSC (HD 03, D 04); ASEC (D 02-03); ASSC (HD 02-03, D 01, 04); Mathsearch JL Williams Competition (Medal 05, D 04), National Mathematics Summer School (06) Australian Maths School of Excellence (04-05), April Maths Selection School (05-06) Australian Senior Maths Contest (Prize 05), Physics NQE (HD 05), International Maths Olympiad (Bronze 06, Reserve 05) Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Medicinal Mathematician.

**PHU Jack:** Training Strings Orchestra (01-03); Symphony Orchestra (04-05); Basketball (03-06); Soccer (02-04); MVP Basketball (04-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Optometrist, University Lecturer. QUAZI Tauseef: (2005–2006): Bronze Medallion (05); ASMC (HD 06; D 02, 05); ASWC (D 05); Cricket (05) Second XI (05-06); Soccer (05); Fundraising - Jeans for Genes Day; Youth Off the Streets.

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**POPESCU Mihnea-Paul:**

**QIAN Weir:**

**QIU Kelvin:** Chess Club 02; AMC (HD 01, D 02-03); NCQ (HD 02, D 03); ASSC (D 01-03, 05); ASCSC (D 01-03); Cricket 01; Rowing 03; Soccer 01-04; Basketball 04-06; Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Entrepreneur.

**QUAZI Tauseef:** (2005-2006):

**RAHMAN Labib:** Peer Support Leader (04); School Gardener (04-06); School Choir (01); State Champion - Karl Cramp Debating Competition (05); Eastside Debating Competition winning team (06); Debating (01-06); School Trophy (06); UNSW Prize for First in Economics (05); First French (03); NCQ (HD 02-06); ASCSC (HD 04, D 01-03); MCYA (HD 03); AMC (HD 01-03, D 04-06); MCS (HD 03) ASEC (D 01,03); ASSC (D 01-04); PWCEC (D 06); Australian Languages Certificate - French (D 03) GC (D 03); UNSW 'U Lead' Program (05); Energy Australia Red Cross Youth Challenge - Environment Award (06); Soccer Coach (05-06); Cricket (01-05); Soccer (02); Organised Battle of the Sexes Debate (06); Organised Talent Quest (06); Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets; High There Charity Group (organised chocolate drive & barbecue, Centennial Park Clean Up, volunteered at and published recipe book for Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

**RAHMAN Mushfiq:** (2004-2006):

**RAJA Rahul:** Peer Support Leader (04), Corporal in SHSCU (04); Cadet Unit (02-04); JCB (01); JSB (01); ICB (02); ISB (02); SCB (03); SSB (03); Dixieland Band (03); 14C's Best Batsman (02); ASEC (HD 02-04); AMC (D 02); AMPEC (D 06); Music Pocket, 3rd Place CHS Sailing Championships (02-03); 2nd Place CHS Sailing Championships (04); Cricket (01-02), Rugby (02-06), Sailing (02-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Magician

**RAZEEN Malik:** Prefect (06); Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Charities Committee (02); Chess Club (01-02); Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (03); First - Legal Studies (05); School Trophy (06); AMC (D 01-02, 05-06); NCQ (D 02); ASSC (D 01); ASEC (D 01); GC (HD 04); PWCEC (06 D); Member of All Australian Five Highs Carnival Team (05); Best Bowling Award (14A's 02-03); Sustainable Living Competition Merit (04); Soccer (01-03); Rugby (04-06) 3rd (Yr 12) XV (06); Cricket (01-06) 2nd XI (04-05) 1st XI (05-06); Member of Transharbour Trophy Championship Team (01- 03); Davidson Shield Team (05-06); Cec Rubie Trophy (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Charity Roll.

**RAZEEN Thariq:** Prefect (06); Vice-Captain Torrington House (06); Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); SRC (02) Charities Committee (02);

Chess Club (01-02); Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (03); School Trophy (06); Sustainable Living Competition Merit (04); ASWC (HD 04); GC (HD 04); EBE 'Plan Your Own Enterprise Competitor' (Highly Commended 05); PWCEC (D 06); Soccer (01-03); Rugby (04-06); 3rd (Yr 12) XV (06); Cricket (01-06); 2nd XI (04-06); 2nd XI Captain (05-06); Member of Transharbour Trophy Championship Team (01- 03); Davidson Shield Team (05-06); Cec Rubie Trophy (06); Fundraising -Youth Off the Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Charity Parade.

**REIS Andrew:** (2003-2006): Prefect (06); Prefect of Swimming (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Special Award (06); ASMC (03-05); ASEC (03-04) Age Swimming Champion (03-06); School Swimming Blue (04); NSW CIS Medallion for Outstanding Achievement (03); Swimming (03-06); GPS Vice Captain Swimming; CHS State Swimming (03-06); Pacific School Games (05); Australian Schools Swimming Championships (03); Cross Country (03); 1st Grade Cross Country (05-06); Vice Captain Cross Country (06); Rowing (03-04); Athletics (06); Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets; Sir Roden Cutler Day.

**RODRIGO Christopher:**

**ROSER Phillip:** Senior Prefect (06); Record Committee (01-06); Badges Committee (02-06); Walls Committee (05-06); Cadets (03-06); ISCF (01-06); ICB (01-02); SCB (03-05); Debating (01-05); Debating (02); Most Efficient SNCO (05); AMC (HD 05, C 01-04); UNSWEC (D 01-05); Music Pocket; Cricket (01-04, 06); Basketball (05); Rugby (01-06); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Charities Parade; Academic.

**ROTHERHAM Riet:**

**SAMARASINGHE Mark:**

**SHAO Chong:** Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (02-06); Football Referee (05-06); Recycling Committee (02-05); Vocal Ensemble (01-06); GPS Music Festival (04-06); Barbershop Quartet (06); Debating (01-02); Carol Hardy Memorial Award (04-05); School Trophy (06); AMC (HD 01-02, D 03-04); ASSC (HD 03, D 01-02, 04); ASEC (01-04); GC (D 03-04); ASCSC (D 02-04); ACO (04); Music Pocket (05); Cricket (01-03); Football (02-06) 2nd XI (05-06) Vice-captain 2nd XI (06); Rowing (04-06) 2nd VIII (06); Athletics (04-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Teacher.

**SHARMA Himanshu:**

**SHAW Yeou-Kang:** Symphony Orchestra (02-05); Bronze Medallion (02); Silver Medallion (03); Gold Medallion (04); AMC (HD 01-03; D 04); ASCSC (HD 03; D 01-02); ASEC (HD 01, 03; D 02, 04); ASSC (D 01-02); GC (D 04); NCQ (D 04); Athletics (01-05); Tennis (01-04); Soccer (02-06); Fundraising - 40 Hour Famine; Parking.

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**SHI Andrew:** AMC (D 03); Soccer Golden Boot for 14D; Cricket (02-04); Soccer (01-03); Rugby (04-05); Physiotherapy.

**SHI Leo:** Chess Club (01-02); TCB (01); JCB (02); ISB (03); SCB (04); NCQ (HD 02-03); AMC (HD 02; D 05-06); GC (HD 03); ASCSC (D 02); Rugby (04-06) 2nd XV (06); Fundraising - Legacy Day; Youth Off The Streets; Aeronautical Engineer.

**SHIEH George:** (2005-2006):

**SHU Timothy:** Library Monitor (01-03); Cadet Under Officer (05-06); Cadet Unit (01-06); JCB (01); ICB (02-03); SCB (04-05); JSB (02); ISB (03-04); SSB (05); Debating (01-03); School Special Award (04); AMC (D 05); ASEC (HD 01; D 02-04); ASMC (D 01-04); ASSC (HD 01-02; D 03-04) ; GC (HD 03; D 04); NCQ (HD 03; D 04); ASCSC (HD 03; D 04-05); PWCEC (D 05-06); Queens Prize for Rifle Shooting (04-05); 2nd Victoria Cup for ADFC Rifle Team, Bisley (04); Cadet 100 for ADFC Rifle Team, Bisley (04); Rifle Shooting Blue (04); Rifle Shooting (03-06); 2nd Grade Rifle Team (03); 1st Grade Rifle Team (04,06); Vice-Captain 1st Grade Rifle Team (06); Australian Defence Force Rifle Team (04); Aeronautical Engineer.

**SONG Daniel:** (2005- 2006): Football 2nd (05) 1st (06); Tennis 2nd (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Salvation Army.

**SRIKUMAR Sriram:** Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); SRC (01-04); House Captain (05-06); Charities Committee (01-03); Debating (01-06); Most Efficient Cadet (02); Most Efficient JNCO (04); Debating Prize (01, 03); AMC (HD: 01); NCQ (HD 02-03); GC (HD 05); ASEC (D 01- 02); 1st Grade CHS Debating Team (05); NSW Schools Debating Team (06); Australian Schools Debating Team (06); Basketball (01- 03); Cricket (04- 06); Rifle Shooting (03); Soccer (01-02, 04); Rugby (05- 06); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets.

**SU Dennis:** Library Monitor (02); AMC (HD 02; D 03, 05); ASEC (D 04); NCQ (D 02, 04-06); ASSC (HD 01; D 04-05); ASCSC (D 03-04); Fencing (02-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**SUKUMAR Amalesh:** (2005-2006): Economics Society; Fundraising / School Gift Committee; Jeanne Best Memorial Debating Competition (03); Commonwealth Bank Junior Debating Competition winning team(04); winning UTS online debating challenge (04); GC (HD 04, D (03); ASMC (D 02-03); Australian Science Challenge (04); Consumer Youth Award (03); Cricket Batting Award (05-06); Work Experience Certificate with Distinction (04); Cricket (05-06); Volleyball (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Jeans For Genes; Designed and constructed equipment for St George Special School; Economist.

**SUN Dale:** Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Recycling Committee; First Place PDHPE (02); Special Award (06) AMPEC (D 06); AMC (Prize 03; D 01-02, 04-06); GC (D 03-04); ASSC (D 02-04); ASC (D 02-04); NCQ (HD 02; D 03); Basketball (02-06) 1st Grade (05-06) Second Grade (03-04); Cross Country (02-06) First Grade (05) Second Grade (06) Cross Country Prefect; Athletics (05-06); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Charities; Youth Off the Streets Psychologist, Market Analyst.

**SUN Jack:** Peer Support (04); ASCSC (medal 04); AMC (D 03); ASSC (D 01, 05); NCQ (D 05); Soccer (01-05); Cricket (01-03); Basketball (04-06); Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets; Pharmacist.

**SYED Sahir:** Peer Mediator (05); Peer Support Leader (04); SRC Member (02); School Gardener (05-06); Charities Committee (02); Year 12 Fundraising Committee (06); Year 12 School Gift Committee (06); Organised Battle of the Sexes Debate (06); Organised Talent Quest (06); Debating (01-04); School Trophy (06); MCS (HD 04); AMC (Prize 02, HD 01, 06, D 03-05); NCQ (HD 05; D 03, 06); ASSC (D 03-05); ASEC (D 01, 03-05); ASCSC (D 01, 03); GC (D 04); Cricket (01-06); Soccer (01-05); Transharbour Trophy (01-04); Transharbour Trophy Champions (01-02,02-03); Captain 4th Grade Cricket (04-05); Soccer Coach (06); Soccer Referee (05-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets, Sydney Children's Hospital, Jeans for Genes Day; Doctor.

**SZABO Alexander :** AMC (01), ASCSC (D 03), ASEC (D 01-03), NCQ (HD 02; D 03, 05), ASSC (D, 01; HD 04), GC (D 03) Basketball (01); Cross Country (01-03, 06); Fencing (04-05) Rowing (01-03); Softball (04-06); Table Tennis (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets Educator.

**SZABO Attila:** Peer Support Leader (04); ASCSC (HD 02); ASSC (HD 02, D 04); AMC (D 01-03); Rowing (01-06) 1st VIII (04-06); CHS Rowing Champions (06); GPS Cross Country (01-06); Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets; Pearl Diver; Mechanical Engineer.

**TAAFFE Felix:**

**TAN Tony:** Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (02-03); Chess Club (01); Recycling Committee (02-03); Army Cadet Unit (01-03); St. John's Senior First Aid Certificate (05); Bronze Medallion (03); GC (HD 04); ASMC (D 01, 03); ASSC (D 03); GPS Basketball (01-05); UN Diplomat.

**TAO Michael:**

**THAYAPARAN Miruthulan:** Peer Mediator (05-06) ; Chess Club (01-04); Library Monitor (01-03); Archives ( 01- 03); Recycling (01 - 03); Chamber Choir (01-03); Latin Speaking Competition (04); NCQ ( HD 04 -06); ASMC ( HD 01-04, D 06); GC (HD 04-05, D 03) ; ASCSC (HD 03, D 04-05); Soccer (03 - 05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Doctor.

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**THIEVIASINGHAM Daniel:** Peer Support Leader (04); Peer Mediator (05); Library Monitor (01-05); Archivist (01-03); Environment Committee (04-05); Recycling Committee(01-03) Choir(01-03); Special Award (05); AMC (HD 02, 05; D 01,03-04); AMPEC (D 06); NCQ (HD 02-03); ASCSC (D 02); GC (D 04); Tennis (01, 04-06); 1st Grade Tennis (05-06); Basketball (03); Athletics (05); Cross Country (03); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets (2006); Accountant/Financial Advisor.

**THILLAINADESAN Senthil:** SRC (05), Peer Support Leader (04), Library Monitor (01-04), Archivist (02-04); Choir (01-03); Debating (01-06); AMC (HD: 01, 04-06 Prize: 03) UNSWMC (3rd Prize: 04), ACO (HD: 04) , National Chemistry Scholar Camp (06), NCQ (HD: 02-06) GPS Cross Country (01-06); GPS Athletics (04-05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Engineer.

**TIEDGEN James:** (2002-2006): Prefect (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Special Award; GC (HD 03-04, 06; D 05); ASSC (D 01, 05); AMC (D 02); PWCAEC (D 06); "Doc" Bentivoglio Memorial Prize (04); Rugby (03-06) 1st XV (05-06); Rowing (03-06) 3rd Yr 9 Quad (03) 1st Yr 10 VIII (04) 2nd VIII (05) 1st VIII (06) CHS Champions 1st VIII (06) CHS Mens Quad Scull (03, 04, 05, 06) CHS Mens Double Scull (03, 05, 06) CHS Single Scull (04); Ski Team (03-06) Ski Captain (06) State Skiing (06); Athletics (03-05); Engineer.

**TO Christopher:** Silver Medallion (03); NCQ (HD 04-05; D 03); AMC (Prize 01-02; HD 05; D 03-04,06); ASCSC (D 02, 04); ASEC (D 01, 03); ASSC (HD 02 D 03-05); MCYA (D 03-04); Soccer (01-03); Rugby (04-06) 2nd XV Rugby (06); Tennis (01-03); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Optometrist, Physiotherapist, Nutritionist.

**TRAN David:**

**TRAN Paul:** Library Monitor (01-02); Peer Support Leader (04); Recycling Committee (01); GC (HD 04); ASEC (D 01-05); ASMC (D 02); Soccer (02-03); Rugby (04); Rowing (04); Cross Country (05); Water Polo (05); Volleyball (2nd Grade); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**TRAN Peter:** Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (02); Chess Club; TCB (01); JCB (02); ICB (03); SCB (04); AMC (HD 02; D 01, 03-04); ASCSC (D 03-04); ASSC (D 03-04); Aust Language Certificate French (D 03); NCQ (D 04); Rugby (01-04); Fundraising - Legacy Badge Day; Jeans for Genes Day; Youth Off the Streets; Psychologist.

**TRAN Steve:**

**TRINH Andrew:**

**TU Cong:**

**UDDIN Tanvir Ahmed:** Prefect (06),ISSBH President (04, 06), Library Monitor (01, 02); ISSBH (03-06), Charities Committee (02), Chess Club (02), Amnesty

International Committee (05-06), Boggabilla Cultural Exchange (03-04); Met-east Drama Comp (03); Debating (01-05), UTS (06), Cwlth (04), Premiers (04) Debating Comps; MUNA (05); Democracy Week Forums (05); Le Prix Roger de Peyrefitte Prize (02); First French (02), First Greek (02), First Geography (01); AMC (HD 02, D 01, 03-05); GC (HD 04, 06, D 03, 05); NCQ (HD 02, D 03, 04); AMPEC (D 06), ASSC (D 01-03); BSC (D 06); ASEC (D 01); Commendation Prize SMHYWY (04); Cricket (01-06) and 3XI (05-06), Soccer (01-04), Captain 14Cs, Coach 15Es (05), Rugby (04-05), Athletics (03); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets, White Rose Day, Tsunami Appeal, Iraq Appeal, and Sudan Appeal; Economics Teacher/Lecturer and Writer.

**UTHAYACHANDRAN Pradeepan:**

**VAIDYA Kaivan:** Peer Support Group Leader (04); Library and Archives Monitor (01-05); University of NSW ULEAD Leadership Program (05-06); Chess Team (01); Cadet Unit (03); Choir (01); Debating (01-06); 3rd Grade Debating (04-05); Official Delegate of Model United Nations Assembly (05); Premier's Debating Challenge Competition (04-05); Karl Kramp Debating Competition (05); UTS School's Debating Championship Registrar's Cup (06); Senior Division Eastside Competition (06); School Trophy (06); HSC Geography 6th in NSW (05); HSC Mathematics 10th in NSW (05); P & C Prize Second Dux (03); University of Sydney Year 10 Academic Excellence Award Second Dux (04); Sir Charles Winston Prize First Place Geography (05); C.W. Wick Prize First Place Physics (05); First Place Geography (04); First Place German (02-06); First Place Science (03-04); BHP Billiton Science Awards (04); Microsoft-Certified Certificate in Software Programming with A+ grade (02); AMC (Prize Certificate & Special Achievement Award for 8th in NSW 01; HD 04-06, D 02-03); GC (Medal for 6th in NSW 06, HD 03-05); ASEC (D 01-04); ASCSC (HD 04, D 01-03); ASSC (HD 03, D 02, 05); NCQ (HD 02, 04, D 03); MCYA MCS (HD 04, D 03); MCYA MES (HD 04); AIMO (D 03); ACER Languages Certificate - German (D 03); Envirothon Regional Level winning team and State Finalists (05) for leadership in environmental education; Cricket (01-06); Trans-Harbour Trophy (02); Soccer (02-05); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital; school BBQ & chocolate drive; Centennial Park Clean Up (05-06); Red Cross Youth Challenge & Energy Awards; Youth Off the Streets; Systems Analyst/Engineer/Doctor. VERMA Rishubh: Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (01); Cadets (01-03); Recycling Committee (03); Choir (01-03); AMC (Prize 04, HD 02, D 06 & 03 & 01); UNSWMC (Prize 06); ASCSC (HD 04); ASSC (HD 04, D 01-03); NCQ (HD 04, D 03) Cricket (01-02); Tennis (03-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Biomedical Engineer, Physicist.

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### **VERMA Rishubh:**

**WAN Mack:** (2005-2006): Fundraising Committee; First Biology (05); AMC (D 06); ASSC (D 05); AMPEC (HD 06, D 05); NCQ (HD 05-06); 1st in RACI Regional titration competition (06); 4th in RACI National titration competition (06); Rugby (05); Tennis (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Doctor, Ophthalmologist.

**WANG Evans:** Prize for Software Design and Development (05); AMC (Prize 03, HD 01-02, 04-06); ASEC (HD 01, D 02-04); ASSC (HD 02, D 01, 03-05); ASCSC (HD 02-03, D 01, 04-05); NCQ (HD 02-03); GC (D 03); Table Tennis (04-06); Information Technology.

**WANG Peter:** Chess Club (01-02); AMC (HD 01, D 02-04); NCQ (D 02, 04); GC (HD 03); ASCSC (D 01-03); ASSC (HD 02, D 01, 04); ASEC (D 01-04); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets.

**WANG Teddy:** (2005-2006):

**WEI Victor:** Prefect (06); House Captain - Torrington (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Army Cadet Sergeant (05-06); Army Cadet Unit (01-06); Badges Committee (06); Year 12 Formal Committee (06); JSB (01-02); ISB (03-04); SSB (05-06); ICB (04); SCB (04-06); Dixieland Band (03-05); Italy Music Tour (05); Anzac Day Marching Band - Drum Major (05-06); Combined Australian Army Cadet Marching Band - Drum Major (05); Combined GPS Concert Band (06); School Trophy (06); AMC (HD 06; D 01-02, 04-05; Prize 03); ASCSC (D 04); ASEC (D 01-05); ASSC (HD 01, 04-05; D 02-03); GC (HD 04-06; D 03); NCQ (HD 03-04; D 02); House Colours (04); Music - Drum Major (05); Music Pocket (05); Adventure Training Award (06); Basketball (01-06, 1st Grade 04-06); Soccer (02-04, Coach 05); Fencing (Year 7 Team Captain 01); Swimming (01-04); Athletics (01-06); Sir Roden Cutler Day; Youth Off the Streets; Doctor; Veterinarian.

**WELANGODA Dylan:** (2005-2006): Senior Concert Band (01-03); AMC (D 03, 05); Cricket (02-06) 4th XI (05-06); Member of Australian Soccer Referees Federation NSW (04-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets, Legacy Day, Jeans for Genes Day, Red Cross Blood Service; Foreign Diplomat.

**WIJEYARATNE Ashan:** Peer Support Leader (04); TCB (01); Chamber Choir (01-02); ICB (02-03); SCB (04-06); Debating (01-04); School Trophy (06); AMC (HD 01, 05; D 02-04, 06); PwCEC (D 06); ASEC (D 02); ASSC (D 01-04); GC (HD 03-04); NCQ (HD 02, 05-06; D 03-04); Music Pocket (05); Cricket (01-06); Rugby (01-02, 04-06); Organised 'Talent Quest 06' and 'Battle of the Sexes'; Fundraising - Youth Off The Streets.

**WONG Alan:** SRC (06); Peer Support Leader (04); Formal Committee (06); SCB (04-06); ICB (01-03); Marching Band (04); GPS Concert Band (06); School Trophy (06); ASEC (D 05-01); AMC (D 01 &

05); NCQ (HD 03, 06, D 04); ASSC (D 01, 03-04); MCYA (D 04); ASCSC (D 02-03); PWC AEC (D 06); Music Pocket (05); House Colours (04); Basketball (01-05); Soccer (01-05); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets; Financial Analyst.

**WONG Bennett:** Library Monitor (01-03); Archives (03); Recycling Committee (01-02); Silver Medallion (04); ASCSC (HD 02-04); ASSC (D 03-04); AMC (D 03-04); NCQ (HD 03); AMPEC (D 06); Basketball (01-04, 06); Football (01-04); Rowing 2nd IV (05); 2nd Grade Cross Country (05-06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Jeans for Genes; International Economist, Commercial Auditor, Journalist

**WONG Eugene:** Peer Support Leader (04); School Archives (02-04); Training String Orchestra (01-02); String Quartet (02-03); Symphony Orchestra (03-05); GPS Music Festival (04-05); Gold Medallion; AMC (Prize 01, 04, HD 05); GC (HD 04); ASSC (D 02, 04); ASEC (D 02); ASCSC (D 03); NCQ (D 03); Basketball (01-06); Rugby (01-03); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets.

**WONG Francis:** Prefect (06) House; Clerk(05-06); Badges Committee (05-06); Chess Club (01-03); Cadet Unit (01-06); GPS CB (05-06); GPS Orchestra (04); SCB (02-03,06); School Spectacular (04-05); SSB (04-06); SWE (04-05); Marching Band (03, 05-06); ISB (02-04); Symphony Orchestra (03-04); Dixieland Band (02-03); ICB (01); JSB (01-02);TCB (01); School Trophy(06); AMC (D 01-03, 06); NCQ (D 03); ASEC (D 02-03); GC (HD 03-05); ASSC (HD 03-04, D 01-02); Music Pocket (05); Musician of the Year (05); Musician of Year 10 (04); China Experience Scholarship (04-05); Environthon Sydney Region Champion (05); Basketball (01-06), 2nd V (04) 1st V (04-06), Captain 1st Grade Basketball (05-06); Soccer (01-06) 2nd XI (04-05) 1st XI (06); Cross Country (03); CHS Regional Cross Country (01-06); Athletics (04-06); Fundraising - Youth off the Streets; Red Cross Collection Volunteer.

**WONG Matthew:** Cadets (03-05); JCB (01-02); ICB (03-04); SCB (05); JSB (02), ISB (03-04); SSB (05); GC (HD 03, 06); AMPEC (D 04); ASSC (01-03); ASEC (D 02-04); AMC (D 01-03) ; Music Pocket; Tennis (04-06).

**WONG Nelson:** Library Monitor (01-04); Recycling Committee (01-04); AMC (Prize 04 & 05, D 01-03); MCS (D 04); NCQ (HD 02, 05, D 03-04); ASEC (HD 01-02, D 03-05); ASSC (D 01-04); ASCSC (HD 02, D 04); GC (HD 05, D 04); Cricket (01); Tennis (02-06) Second Grade (06); Fundraising - Tennis Parking (03-06); Bunnings Warehouse BBQ; Youth Off the Streets; Actuary.

**WONG Thomas:** Library Monitor (03-05); Archives Committee (03-05); Recycling Committee (03-05); Latin Reading Competition (03); Special Award;

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First Science (01); First Latin (02-03, 05); AIMO (D 02); MCYA (HD 03); MCS (HD 03-04); UNSWMC (Certificate of Merit 04); AMC (Prize 03, 06; HD 01-02, 04-05); ASSC (HD 01; D 02-03, 05); ASCSC (Medal 04; HD 02; D 01, 03); ASEC (HD 04; D 01-03, 05); NCQ (HD 05; D 02-04); GC (HD 03-04); AMPEC (D 04); House Badge; Tennis (01-06); Captain 3rd Grade Tennis (04-05); Vice-Captain 2nd Grade Tennis (05-06); Soccer (03-05); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital; Youth Off the Streets; Optometrist, Actuary, Pharmacist.

### **WU Daniel:**

**XU Wayne:** Chess Club (03); AMC (HD 01-02, 04-05, D 03); ASCSC (D 01-04); ASEC (D 01-05); ASSC (D 01-03); GC (04); NCQ (HD 05); Basketball (01-04); Volleyball (03); Rugby (04-06); Fundraising - Legacy Day, Lifeline Book Fair; Youth Off the Streets.

### **XU Yimin:**

**YANG Quinton:** Prefect (06); House Vice Captain, Mackay (05-06); Peer Mediator (05); SRC (05); Peer Support Leader (04); Library Monitor (02-03); Latin Speaking Competition (04); NCQ (HD 06, D 05); GC (D 03); ACCS (HD 02, D 05); ASEC (D 03); AMC (HD 02, 05, D 03); ASCSC (HD 02); ASWC (HD 05); Rowing (01-06), 1st Year 10 VIII (04), 2nd VIII (05), 3rd IV (06); Rugby (02-05); Basketball (06); Cross Country (01,06) Open Grade (06); Fundraising - Sir Roden Cutler Parade; Youth Off the Streets; Doctor.

**YE George:** Recycling Committee (01-02); AMC (HD 01-02, D 03, 06); ASCSC (D 01, 03-04); ASEC (HD 03, D 04); ASSC (HD 04, D 03); GC (D 03); NCQ (D 02); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Mechatronics Engineer

**YEUNG Yuk-Lun:** Prefect (06); SRC (03-06); Chess Club (02-03); Amnesty International Club (05); Recycling Committee (04-05); Latin Speaking Competition (03); Doris M Gray Prize for Third (01); First in Technical Drawing (03-04); Gold Medallion; AMC (D 01-06); ASCSC (D 01); ASEC (D 01-04); ASSC (D 01, 03-04); GC (HD 03-04); MCYA (HD 04); NCQ (HD 03-04, D 02, 05); Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition Metropolitan East Region Junior Division Winner (02); Tennis (01-03); Fencing (02-03) 2nd Grade Fencing (02); Basketball (03-06); Soccer (04-05); Zone Cross Country (06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Sydney Children's Hospital; White Ribbon Day; Sir Roden Cutler Charities. Civil Engineer.

**YU Aolifu:** Library Monitor (01-03); ACO (HD 02-04, 06); AMC (Prize 02; HD 04, 06; D 01, 03, 05); ASCSC (HD 03; D 02, 04); ASEC (D 01-02); ASSC (HD 01; D 02-03, 05); ASWC (D 05); GC (HD 03); MCYA (HD 04); PWCEC (D 06); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Financial Manager.

**XHANG George:** (2005-2006):

**ZHANG Simon (Xi):** Peer Support Leader (04); 2nd Grade Rifle Shooting (04), 1st Grade Rifle Shooting (2005-2006); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Physiotherapist.

### **ZHANG William:**

**ZHONG Tony:** Chess Club (01-03); TCB (01); ICB (02); SCB (03); SWE (04); Symphony Orchestra (03-04); AMC (HD 05; D 01-04); ASSC (D 01,05); NCQ (D 05); GC (D 04); Soccer (01-06); Fundraising - Youth of the Streets; Medical Researcher.

### **ZHOU Mi:** (2005-2006):

**ZHOU Michael Qiming:** Army Cadet Unit (01-05, Corporal 03, Sergeant 04-05); Library Monitor (01-03); Amnesty Society (06); Formal Committee (06); Recycling Committee (02-03); Open Days (01-03); UNSW U Lead Leadership Program (05); Team Leader for ABW Enterprise Competition (06); Music Program (Trumpet 01-04): SWE (04); SSB (04); SO (04); Marching Band (03-04); SCB (03); ISB (03); JCB (02); JSB (02); TCB (01); 1First Design and Technology (01); School Plaque (06); ASMC (D 01, 03-06); MCYA (HD 04); ASSC (D 02-04); ASCSC (D 03-05); GC(HD 04, D 03); NCQ (D 03-04); ABSC (D 06); Red Cross Youth Challenge Environmental Award (06); Senior First Aid Certificate (04); House Badge (04); Rowing (02-04); Soccer (02-04); 2nd Grade Cross Country (05); Co-coordinator for Sydney Children's Hospital Fundraising; Youth Off the Streets; Actuary.

**ZHOU Muli:** Library Monitor (01-04); Peer Support Leader (04); Recycling Committee (01-03); AMPEC (D 06); NCQ (HD 04, D 05); AMC (D 01-04, 06); GC (D 04); ASSC (D 03, 04); ASCSC (D 01); Table Tennis (03-06); Member of Team for CHS Table Tennis Competition (03, 05); Tennis (01-02); Fundraising - Sydney Children's Hospital; Youth Off the Streets; Financial Manager; Investment Banker.

**ZHOU Yi:** (2005-2006): Library Monitor (05); Fundraising Committee; First Chinese (05-06); Distinction Merit in Chinese Eisteddfod (05-06); AMC (HD 06); AMPBSC (D 05); CHS Table Tennis (05-06); Soccer (05-06); Tennis (05); Fundraising - Youth Off the Streets; Red Nose Day; Jenes For Genes Day; Sydney Children's Hospital; Marketing Director.

### **ZHOU Yi Fei:** (2005-2006):

**ZINGER Gleb:** AMC (HD 04; D 01-03); ASSC (HD 01; D 04-05); NCQ (HD 04; D 02); Basketball (01-06); Volleyball (01-04) 1st grade (04); Rugby (04-06); Architect.

# Final Assembly

## YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY 2006

Good afternoon parents of Year 12, teachers, support staff, students and the class of 2006 we are honouring today. Welcome to you all. We take time to celebrate the achievements of Year 12 as a cohort of scholars, as teams of sportsmen, as role models for others, as leaders with initiative, as co-curricular groups, as organising committees and as parking or charity collectors. Your aggregated contributions to the educational experiences at High these last six years have been significant. Your combined efforts have raised the quality of your life at High and enriched its history.

2006 was the year that first grade Volleyball stamped its authority on the GPS and CHS scene by winning back to back titles in both competitions. This was a great effort from our boys and a credit to the coaching staff headed up by Mr Kay. We finally won a debating trophy after so much recent frustration in the state competitions. The co-premiership with Riverview in GPS first grade was a significant accomplishment. Romesh, Sriram and Faraz were a great team. Vinh Pham jagged a bronze medal at the Mathematics Olympiad. Sriram Srikumar was a member of the winning Australian team at the world schools debating competition.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the 50 boys who played competitive GPS sports for both seasons in their final year of school. Their commitment to the school and its causes is demonstrated by their actions. Romesh Abeysuriya, Blake Angell, Joe Banh, Eddy Blaxell, Stephen Burke, Douglas Chang, Long Chen, Ashley Cheng, Sandy Cunningham, Ed Curran, Lewis D'Avigdor, Henry Dang, Hieu Dang, Adam Farrow-Palmer, Holden Frisoli, Sam Gribble, Dinuka Gunasekera, Edward Hibbert, Raymond Huynh, Justin James, Joel Kerman, Kevin Kim, Yo-Ha Kim, Joon Kwon, Samuel Lee, Ellis Louie, Jordan Luong, Anthony Ly, Gajaba Manamperi, Michael Masalehdani, Ting Mei, James Morgan, Nicholas Ng, Edward Pham, Malik Razeen, Thariq Razeen, Phillip Roser, Riet Rotherham, Mark Samarasinghe, Sriram Srikumar, Dale Sun, Attila Szabo, James Tiedgen, Andrew Trinh, Kaivan Vaidya, Ashan Wijeyaratne,

Bennett Wong, Francis Wong, Quinton Yang and Gleb Zinger. We needed more of you to join them because the AAGPS has at its essence the mass participation of students in organised games. We appreciate the help of others who managed teams, coached or refereed as their second season contribution.

On your behalf I would like to thank the leadership team of Adam, Kevin and Phillip for all their efforts this year. I believe they have been very good in their jobs and fine role models for others.

I want to address the issue of free speech this afternoon. In May, 1994 retired General Colin Powell gave a commencement address at Howard University. He was speaking in the context of a campus where only weeks before an Anti-Semitic speech had sparked a controversy surrounding an institution allowing someone to speak, resulting in the resignation of the university President. Powell spoke about the American First Amendment to the Constitution on freedom of speech. He said it "is intended to protect the controversial and even outrageous word, and not just comforting platitudes, too mundane to need protection". Adults can "make informed, educated judgements about what they hear." Nevertheless, with freedom comes responsibility. Along with this freedom to hear comes a "burden to sort out wisdom from foolishness. There is great wisdom in the message of self-

reliance, of education, of hard work...[and]...utter foolishness, evil and danger in the message of hatred, however cleverly the message is packaged..." He reiterated the message of King and Mandela that racism is a disease of the racist. Powell's speech adroitly defended the rights of the university to invite speakers onto its campus but simultaneously championed the capabilities of discerning students to appreciate the truth about the speaker's meaning and intent.

Australian laws also protect free speech but only in so far as that speech does not defame individuals or incite others to rebellion. All rights have responsibilities. Schools have a responsibility to protect students, even from themselves. We have statutory obligations that make us different contexts from universities. Schools are populated by students of various ages and stages of maturity, many of whom are still building skills in reasoning, in assessing arguments, in debunking bias, in thinking through the rhetoric, in separating emotions from facts. School students are not yet adults with the powers of independent decision making and judgement. School administrations have the responsibility to act in loco parentis. All teachers have a 24/7 duty of care in respect of any student they encounter anywhere. Thus, freedom of speech is circumscribed by teachers' responsibilities as carers and nurturers. Freedom of speech is limited by context too. We speak and act differently at home, in public, at parties or in night clubs. People who attend certain occasions have expectations of what might happen or be said at them. Formal assemblies carry with them certain rituals of ceremony and respect for persons.

Students, teachers, staff members and parents can take offence, be embarrassed or feel uncomfortable when confronted with utterances that may be designed to be humorous or witty and to sections of the audience they are. Nevertheless, the test Principals must apply is "is there anyone likely to be offended, humiliated, embarrassed or even uncomfortable as a result of what is said in front of them or about them".

In conclusion, I have a short story for you.

A long, long time ago - in the jungles of what is now Tanzania, there lived a chimpanzee who loved eating termites. However, termites are relatively inaccessible, hidden in their nests or eating away small holes in fallen trees or branches. Consequently, the stubby fingers of this primate of unknown gender could not extract the tasty termites from their holes. No one knows how long this chimp wrestled with the problem of how to get the termites. At last, by trial and error or ape inspiration, a solution presented itself. Why not poke a stick down the entrance to the termite nest and see if they are attracted to it? Sure enough the termites swarmed over the intruding stick, the chimp pulled it out and licked the insects from the stick. Thus, the termite tool was born. Emboldened, the chimp started to use the stick to widen access to the termite nest. Other chimps quickly trained themselves in termite extraction. They taught their offspring. Over the millenia since that glorious day in the culinary history of the chimpanzee it is not recorded whether the initiative and leadership of that inventive chimp was ever appreciated fully.

In saying farewell to the class of 2006, I see there are many among you with the inspiration, energy, perseverance and self-discipline to make 21st century termite tools for the descendants of that pioneering chimpanzee. I wish you well in those endeavours. Farewell and the best of luck in your HSC and with your futures. You will only be limited by your imaginations. It has been my privilege to be your Principal. **Dr Jaggard**

## Class Lists

For Year 7 see Salvete  
and for Year 12 see Valete

### CLASS 8E

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  
GHOSE Anirban  
JIAN Brian Tze Yeung  
KHUU Bao Lin  
LI Tian Yu  
LOW Alan Koon-Ming  
MA Robert  
McCREA-STEELE Declan William  
MOHAN Vithushan  
MOLLOY Timothy Carroll  
PARAMESWARAN Allen Kaari  
PAUL Antony Edward  
PHILLIS Maxwell Craig  
SAUNDERS Alexander William  
SHARGORODSKY Gregory  
SUTTON Joshua  
UMBERS Campbell Mclennon  
VI Harry  
WHITING James Bow  
WONG Christopher Samuel  
WORMELL John Peter

### CLASS 8F

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 Chris  
NGUYEN Nam Phan  
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 8M

CHEUNG Brendan Lok Hin  
DENNY-SMITH George Angus  
DU Jonathan James  
GABO Ariel  
GEORGE Adarsh  
GÖH Vincent Yikhon  
HAN James Qiu  
HO Aaron Ambrose  
JIANG Clinton Gin Hin  
KIM Seung Whan Sean  
KOERBER Alex  
LAU Andy  
LI Benjamin  
LU Hong  
MORENO Mario Renato  
NAIR Joshua  
O'ROURKE Brendan  
PHAM John Xuan Vinh  
SIMOS Paul Christopher  
SIVASUBRAMANIAM Rehan Joel  
SMITH-LIGHT Daniel Gerard  
SREETHARAN Dylan Thasarathan  
SUN Edward  
TRAN Tony  
TUGNAIT Mohit  
WAN Wei Sean  
WANG Tony  
WONG Erick  
XIE Andy En Wei  
YUNG Scott

### CLASS 8R

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

### CLASS 8S

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 Lists

### CLASS 8T

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 9E

ABEYSURIYA Nishan Joseph  
ALAM Aqeeb  
APPLETON Louis John  
BELL Joshua Paul  
BINNS Samuel Philip  
BURNHAM Sam Travis  
BURSTON Timothy Morgan  
CHAN Michael  
DESMOND Patrick Julian  
DIMITROPOULOS Nicholas Anastasios  
EVANS Christopher Daniel  
HOANG Simon Nam-Son  
IRELAND Jeremy George Horin  
LAM Danny  
LANE Harrison Charles  
LAU Sung Ya  
LEE Felix Michael  
LEE James  
LIM Seng Yi  
MITRA Ritam  
NAM David  
OSINSKI Matthew Mishu

PAN William  
PNG Lawrence Soon Un  
RIDGES Nelson Mark  
STOJANOVIC Denis  
TASSELL Joshua Carlton  
WACHSMANN John Thomas  
WANG Man Yin Jeffrey  
WONG Matthew Kwong-Yu

### CLASS 9F

ASTAFIEV Grigori  
CHAN William Chee Yang  
CHEN Clement  
DONG Stephen  
FENG Richard  
HE Stanley  
HI Desmond  
HOPKINS Anthony  
HUYNH Richard William  
KAYES Masnun  
LEI Keen Chong Sonny  
LIM Teng Yin  
LIN William  
LU Edward Zeyu  
MCPHERSON Kerrod Jake  
NGUYEN Matthew Kha  
NGUYEN Thomas Huan  
PEDNEKAR Nakul Sanjay  
QIU Johnson Yanjun  
SHARMA Avish Pal  
SHIMADA Shota  
STREET Neil Alastair  
TRAN Luke Khoa Hoang  
TSIALIS Anthony  
WONG Johnny  
YOUNG James Wynn  
YOUNG Jason Xin  
ZHANG Geoffrey Nan  
ZHANG Ying Yi Max  
ZHENG Steven

### CLASS 9M

BELOKOPYTOV Alexander  
BROWN Alasdair Lawson  
BROWN Lachlan Paul  
CHAN Jarrod Simon  
CHAN Matthew Joseph  
CHEN Clive John  
CHEN Roy  
CHOW Justin Mark Seng-Mun  
CLUNE Addison Jia-Jia  
GREENSLADE Beau Nichol  
JIANG Jia-Hui Brandon  
KASHYAP Roshan  
KATSIKAROS Christian Nicholas

KOURTESIS Arthur  
LEE Simon  
LINDEBACK Nicholas Rhys  
LING Matthew Daniel  
LIU Charley  
LO Kelvin Chunyip  
NGUYEN Darren  
NGUYEN Kent  
ROESSLER-HOLGATE Plini  
SANTOSO Johan Christian  
SZET Wilson  
TAN Jonathan Wei Tjenh  
TANG Matthew  
TONG Matthew Hoyan  
WAN Ka Ki Samuel  
WONG Nicholas  
ZHOU Qing Nan Michael

### CLASS 9R

AHMED Razeen Faiz  
ANG Adrian  
BYRNES Julian Francis  
CHAN Abraham Yeun-Yeung  
CHEN Jack  
CHEN Jacky  
CHEN Jeffrey  
CHENG Simon  
DINH Matthew  
GAROFANO Stephen Patrick  
JURISEVIC Anton Nicholas  
KURTS Phillip Patrick  
LAMBERT Daniel Scott  
LAU Matthew  
LI Zhuo Kun Jacky  
LIM Kang Hooi  
PENG Bo David  
PENG Charley Chung  
QUAH Xhian Meng-Xavier  
RICHARDS Adam Timothy  
RICHARDS Hugo Armour  
SIU Timothy Chap-On  
SPOLJARIC Nevin  
TENG Leonard  
UNG Victor  
WILSON Thomas Alexander  
WONG Jeffrey  
YANG Bohan  
YU Henry  
YU Timothy

### CLASS 9S

ANDONOVSKI Daniel  
APOLONIO Ephraim Bryant  
CHIN Stanley  
CHOUDHURY Tasneem Ahmed

## Class Lists

ERIKSSON James Anders  
FAN Xiaoyu  
FENG Jia Bo Michael  
HARVEY Thomas Victor M  
HATLE Aditya  
JACOB Sidharth Mani  
KRISHNAN Arun  
KWOK Alden  
LAM Victor Cao Thien  
LIEN Vincent  
LIEU Johnny Hoang Anh T  
LUCCHITTI Mark  
MA William  
MAK Chun-Yin  
MARTINI Enrico  
MIKHA Maxeem  
NEO Hung Hau  
NGUYEN Jason  
SAGGAR Raghav  
SHENOY Rohit  
TRAN David Hugh  
WU Dickson  
XIE Cong Alick  
YANG Alan  
ZHANG Weiang Wayne  
ZHONG Tim

### CLASS 9T

CAO Yiming  
COSMAN George  
DIEP Benjamin  
GAO Ting  
HORTON Patrick William  
HU David  
HUANG Nathan  
HUDA Shah Tahmeed  
HUNG Philip  
KE Zhihao  
KHOU Vincent  
LAU Brian  
LEE Raymond  
LI Aolin  
LI Hongwei  
LO Daniel  
LU Benjamin Yang  
LU Simon  
PONRAJ Shane Anujan  
SHAN Daniel  
SHURAPEY Dmitriy  
SIN Michael Jonathan  
TRAN Anthony  
TRAN An-Ton  
TRAN Minh Trung  
VASHIST Divesh Kumar  
YIU Michael Ka Ho

YUAN Ike  
ZHANG Shorson  
ZHANG Victor

### CLASS 10E

CAI Tony Yuk Ming  
CHEUNG Cary  
COHN Jason James  
COPPA Jed Louis  
DESAI Mihir  
HUI Joshua  
IP James  
JIN Daniel  
LAM Kevin  
LEE Matthew Ernest  
LIEU Nathan  
LIU Chang Charles  
LO George Shyh-Ching  
LUONG Ian Thuan Hien  
MA Jiawen  
MA Winson  
MENZIES James Evan  
MEROM Shahar  
MICKOVSKI Kiril  
MYRONENKO Michael  
NG Adrian Chun Hong  
QIN Zhaoji  
RUSLI Matthew Christopher  
SHI David  
SIMPSON Daniel Kenneth  
SUTTON Ryan Peter  
WANG Phillip Yufei  
YANG Charles Zi Hen  
YOON Robert  
ZU Zhi George

### CLASS 10F

BALACHANDRAN Ajay Murali  
BOWES Dominic Andrew  
BURNEY Jack James  
CAMPION Daniel Takumi  
CERECINA Ivan  
CHOI Jun Young  
CULIBAO Jonathan Dev  
DIOLASO Jonathan  
FSADNI Matthew Andreas  
GU Howard  
HARRISON-TIKISCI Ziggy  
HUANG Dean  
JI Remy Ran  
KANDASAMY Arunan  
KOMAROV Anton  
LA Kenny Yuet-Kee  
LI Philip Xi-Hao  
LOCHNER Nicholas Robert

MA Kevin  
MANCENIDO Zid Niel  
MEHMEDBASIC Muhamed  
ROSENGARTEN Toby Keith  
SHAPILSKY Alexander  
SUN Yu Tom  
TRAC Warren Sidney  
TSENG Benjamin Kou An  
WANG Jack Xia  
WANG Kevin Kaibing  
WU Phil  
XU Bob Xin Cong

### CLASS 10M

CHAN William Wangchill  
CHIU Daniel  
IYER Shreyas  
KIM Albert Jong-Gu  
LEE Winston  
LEUNG Alvin Chun Yan  
LUNG Brian Ye Sheng  
LUO Steven  
MARTIN Calum Nicholas D  
O'KEEFE Daniel Maurice K  
PALAU Benjamin Charles  
PFULL Brynley Rhys  
PHAM Daniel  
RAHMAN Sifat Sunny  
RAO Karan  
REID Harrison George  
SHIH I-Cheng Johnny  
SHUM Christopher  
STREET Lachlan Jonathan S  
TAYLOR Alistair William  
TOH David  
TRUONG Gary  
VIEN David  
VINGNANASINGAM Keerthanam  
WANG Yun Fa Benjamin  
WOGAS Andrew Raymond  
WONG Jason Young-Hei Mart  
ZHANG Chamberlain  
ZHANG Zhesu Johnny  
ZOLOTAREV Boris

### CLASS 10R

AHMED Khalid Saif  
ANG Eric Guang Rui  
BAPAT Ishan Deepak  
BOCK Michael John  
CHEE Andrew Pok Chuarn  
CHEN Robert Zhou  
CHIM Daniel  
DOVAN Alexander  
HUA Richard

## Class Lists

HUANG Garland Jichao  
LAM Christopher  
LEE Benjamin  
LEE Sean Xuan  
LIM Andrew Yong-Xiang  
LIU Simon Dellen  
LOCKE Patrick  
LUNG Bernard  
MCDONNELL Nathan  
MONTOYA ZORRILLA Edwin Daniel  
NA Koeun  
NG Danny  
NGUYEN William Xuan-Truong  
SUN Marco Zhongxiao  
TAN Lucian  
THOMAS Ashwin Cherian  
TING Simon Tiew Fong  
WONG Roy Kok Fung  
YANG Caly  
YANG Simin  
YEUNG Alex Lai Ming

### CLASS 10S

BHRUGUBANDA Hari  
BOIKOV Lawrence  
BURGER Lewis George  
CHEN Harry Hao  
COUTTS Matthew Patrick  
DONG Roger Teanfen  
HAYES Nicholas Constantine  
HUANG Jack Di  
KARUNAKARAN Arun Suban  
KWOK Nathan  
LAI Alexandro Hoyen  
LEE Benjamin  
LEE Joshua Wei Min  
LEUNG Andrew Ivan  
LINDEBACK Thomas Declan  
LIVINGSTON Joel Nelson  
MAI Tam The  
NADKARNI Ishan  
PHUAH Paul Daniel Kuan Yew  
PHUNG Jordan Michael  
RATNAYAKE Ricky  
SERBAN Michael Eugen  
SONG Joon Hoe  
SPENCER Mark Theodore  
SRIRANJAN Kogulan  
SUGITO Stuart  
TSE Andrew King-Hai  
TSUI Vincent  
VITHANAGE Dasith Madushanka  
ZHANG Schuman Shangming

### CLASS 10T

CHAN Nathan Long Hay  
DAI Jun  
DENG Yiming  
DU Ping Chuan  
FAN David Erwei  
FANG Bernard  
FU Danny  
HO Anthony  
HUYNH Anthony  
IYER Kartik  
JOO Timothy  
JUNG Daniel Min Gyu  
LE Kevin  
LE Minh  
LI Edward Rong Hua  
LI Timothy Man-Kit  
LIU Ruiwen  
MAO John  
NGUYEN Peter Quang  
PERANANTHAN Varan  
PHAN Albert Bao-An  
TANG Andrew  
TANG Christopher  
TSE Damien Hong  
VU Mark  
WANG Arthur Yazhe  
WONG Dennis Jim Tim  
YIP Jackson Siu Kit  
YU David Xiang  
ZHAI Xiaoyi

### CLASS 11E

ASHOKKUMAR Ashleey Siva  
BA Mac  
BASKARAN Radheshan  
CHEN Kai Ren  
CHENG Li Leo  
GEORGE Reuben Kuttappuzha  
JIA Si Da  
KONAKOFF Oliver Boris  
KOUNDASHEV Oleg  
LAM Kevin  
LEE Alexander  
LEE Henry  
LEE Kevin  
LEUNG Jeffrey Ben  
LUO Roger Rujie  
LY Terry  
NGUYEN Victor  
PANDIT Rommo Dip  
PARK Anthony Soo Hwan  
PARK Ji-Kwang  
PHAM Andrew Nicholas  
SHEN Michael Yixin

SIN Kei Tsun  
SONG Harry Qi  
SUN Bill Qibiao  
TANEJA Karan  
TRAN David Quang  
TRAN Joshua  
TRAN Kent Vikhang  
TRAN Raymond  
WANG Chierke Iain  
WANG Siyang  
WONG Cambridge Hong Kiu  
WONG Leslie Tat Chung  
XIE Jeffrey  
ZHU Jie

### CLASS 11F

ARAFAT Amir Abdulla  
AZAD Shaihan  
CASTLETON Thomas Ryan  
CHEN Patrick Bo Yue  
CHIU Alvin  
FETHERSTON Matthew  
GUMBERT Noah  
HAN Owen  
HU Tengzhou David  
HURRELL Thomas Morgan  
HUSSAIN Sabeeh  
HUYNH Phillip  
JIN Frank Fan  
KARUNARATNE Roshan Sajith  
KESWANI Aditya  
KIM David Jay Hwan  
KIM Kevin Ji-Mok  
KIM Matthew Soohan  
KLOCKER Amadeus Alexander  
LEE Kar Wai Clement  
LUU Eric  
LUU John  
MORRIS Anthony David  
NGUYEN Trong Thien  
PHAM James Hoai Nhan  
TANG Patrick  
VU Martin Hai Duc  
VULKANOVSKI Alexander  
WAN Anthony Kin-Cheung  
WONG Danny  
XU Richard Zhi Yi  
YAO Yi Hua Edward  
YU Kelvin S  
YUAN Steven  
ZHUANG Wei Yi

## Class Lists

### CLASS 11M

AL-AMEEN Sameer Shafi  
BLACKSHIELD Efrém  
BLAXELL D'Arcy Michael  
CHEN Hui Chun Steven  
COUTTS Michael David  
DEACON Lachlan Nash  
DUFFY Patrick Neil  
FARUQI Osman Ahmad  
FREIMAN Joshua  
GOKARN Rahul  
GUO Yun-Zhe  
HEO Phillip  
ISSAEV Vassili  
JEYARAMAN Sriram  
KELDOULIS Maximilian  
KELLY Mitchell Peter H  
KING Matthew Geoffrey  
LEACH Rowan Richard  
LUSCOMBE Jeremy James  
MIAO Richard  
NA Joeun  
PALANA Calvin Daryl  
PERERA Oswin Chamal  
PHAM Andrew  
PRENTICE-DAVIDSON Blaise Che  
PRIOR Michael Sebastian  
SONG Steven Chen Yi  
TRAN Ian Huyyen  
TRAN William  
TSITALOVSKIY Vitaliy  
WANG Stanley Sida  
WONG David  
WONG Milton Jenn Shin  
WU Li Ming  
ZAMAN Redhwan

### CLASS 11R

AU Jacky  
CHERIAN Renju Alexander  
DIZON David Antonio  
GALLEGO Patrick Francisco  
HUSAINI Syed Adnan  
ISKANDER Andrew  
ISKANDER Timothy  
JIN Terry David  
KOK Jason Kee Yi  
KUMAGAYA David Yoshihito  
LE Alexander  
LEE Kevin Jason  
LEUNG Andrew Ka Wai  
LINEGAR Ty Douglas  
LIU Xiao Lu  
MAHESWARAN Sharangan  
MALEK Peter

NG Albert  
NI Da Max  
RAHMAN Tasneef  
ROCA Raymond George  
SHEN William  
SIN Matthew  
STADNIK Eugene  
TAO Jie Min  
TSE Aaron  
WANG Wayne Wanhan  
WILSON Jeremy Michael  
XIA Tao  
YANG Louis Xilan  
YANG Richard Mingli  
YEUNG Rano  
YUEN Shek-Him  
ZHANG Geoffrey

### CLASS 11S

CHEN Michael  
CHEN Tiankuang Kevin  
CHIU Chi Fei Jaffe  
CUI Si Yang  
DEVAPIRIAM Richard  
FARHAT Moussa  
LAI Joseph  
LEE Paul  
LEVANIC Nikola Anthony  
LI Zhongzhu  
LIANG Martin  
LIU Benjamin  
LOPES Christopher  
LOU Samson Siu Fung  
LU Weiping  
LUI Edmond  
NAIK Aditya  
NORRIS Dougall Macmurray  
PANICKER Girish  
SANKARAN Siddharth  
SIU Chapman  
SO Gary Ho Hin  
SOMANCHI Ravi Satya  
SU Raymond  
TAN Alan Russell  
TAN Jih Yean  
WAI Pun Lap Bernard  
WANG Albert  
WANG Jing  
WASON Sundeep Joshua  
WONG Kelvin  
WONG Wilson Ka-Chuen  
YE Huan Bill  
ZHAI George  
ZHANG Wilson

### CLASS 11T

ALAGANAR Arjuna  
CHEN David Cong  
DENG Edward Haojie  
GUNARATNE Dakshika Abeydeera  
HSIAO Tzu-Yun  
HUANG Andrew Yi Xiang  
ISAAKS Dexter Charles  
JANG Raymond  
JAWAHIR Amjad  
KARUNARATNE Yasiru Gehan  
KIM Joseph  
LIN Yu Wei  
LIU Zhen Yu  
LU Zenghui  
MACKAY James Joseph  
MAK Thomas Cheuk-Wah  
NG Matthew Yee-Kin  
NGUYEN Richard Duy  
PANGILINAN James Basil  
PHU Jason  
SATHIAKUMAR Samuel Rajan  
SHUTTLEWORTH Aaron Luke  
SINGH Gurbaj  
SRIDHARAN Nirmal  
SURENDRAN Arthavan  
TRAN Nguyen Khai  
VERTOUDAKIS Alexander Brodie  
VISSER Josef Christiaan  
WALKER Harry Nicholas  
WANG Andrew  
WANG Godwin  
WANG Michael Tian  
WEIGHT Joshua John Harrison  
WU Eddy  
WU William Yiyang  
ZHANG Sean Xian En



Mr Phil Day

## Academic Merit Lists

### SEMESTER TWO OF 2005

#### YEAR 7

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 7 whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 2 are recognised. In students' subjects, points were awarded as follows - HD: 6, D: 5, C: 3, PM: 2, P: 1, with the qualifying total being 47

Puneet BAWEJA  
Andrew BLOMBERG  
Joseph BRAVERMAN  
Gareth CHAN  
Justin CHAN  
Sam DARCY  
Gareth DEACON  
George DENNY-SMITH  
Eric FENG  
Oliver FIO  
Matthew FONG  
Anirban GHOSE  
Aaron HO  
Hugh HUANG  
Enoch HUI  
Rafat KAMAL  
Jeffrey LAM  
Benjamin LI  
Ivan LI  
Merlin LI  
Richard LIN  
Andy LIU  
Yixin LIU  
Daniel LUO  
Robert MA  
Timothy MOLLOY  
Mario MORENO  
Joshua NAIR  
Antony PAUL  
Maxwell PHILLIS  
Sameep SANDHU  
Tony SILVEIRA  
Paul SIMOS  
Joshua SUTTON  
Christopher TIN-LOI  
Mohit TUGNAIT  
Wei WAN  
Nelson WANG  
James WHITING  
Erick WONG  
Andrew WU  
Stephen YOON

#### YEAR 8

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 8 whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 2 are recognised. In students' subjects, points were awarded as follows - HD: 6, D: 5, C: 3, PM: 2, P: 1, with the qualifying total being 44 from the student's best 9 subjects

Adrian ANG  
Bryant APOLONIO  
Yiming CAO  
Matthew CHAN  
Jack CHEN  
Simon CHENG  
Benjamin DIEP  
Matthew DINH  
Desmond HI  
Harry HUH  
Jeremy IRELAND  
Christian KATSIKAROS  
Vincent KHOU  
Phillip KURTS  
Danny LAM  
Victor LAM  
Brian LAU  
Matthew LAU  
Felix LEE  
Aolin LI  
Kang LIM  
Daniel LO  
Edward LU  
Mark LUCCHITTI  
Maxeem MIKHA  
Darren NGUYEN  
Jason NGUYEN  
Kent NGUYEN  
Thomas NGUYEN  
Plini ROESSLER-HOLGATE  
Daniel SHAN  
Leonard TENG  
Matthew TONG  
Victor UNG  
Samuel WAN  
Thomas WILSON  
Dickson WU  
Michael YIU  
Shorson ZHANG

#### YEAR 9

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 9 whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 2 are recognised. In students' subjects, points were awarded as follows - HD: 6, D: 5, C: 3, PM: 2, P: 1, with the qualifying total being 41

Ishan BAPAT  
Michael BOCK  
William CHAN  
Daniel CHIM  
Matthew COUTTS  
Jun DAI  
Viet DANG  
Yiming DENG  
Ping DU  
David FAN  
Danny FU  
Richard HUA  
Anthony HUYNH  
Kartik IYER  
Albert KIM  
Sean LEE  
Alvin LEUNG  
Nathan LIEU  
Simon LIU  
Calum MARTIN  
Edwin MONTOYA ZORRILLA  
Varan PERANANTHAN  
Paul PHUAH  
Ricky RATNAYAKE  
Harrison REID  
Alex SHAPILSKY  
Marco SUN  
Lucian TAN  
Andrew TANG  
Ashwin THOMAS  
Simon TING  
Warren TRAC  
David VIEN  
Jason WONG  
Caly YANG  
Simin YANG  
Alex YEUNG

## Academic Merit Lists

### YEAR 10

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 10 whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 2 are recognised. In students' subjects, points were awarded as follows - HD: 6, D: 5, C: 3, PM: 2, P: 1, with the qualifying total being 40

Michael CHEN  
Patrick CHEN  
Edward DENG  
Howard FAN  
Moussa FARHAT  
Matthew FETHERSTON  
Reuben GEORGE  
Jourdan HSIAO  
David HU  
Sriram JEYARAMAN  
Frank JIN  
Aditya KESWANI  
Amadeus KLOCKER  
David KUMAGAYA  
Joseph LAI  
Alexander LEE  
Kevin LEE  
Benjamin LIU  
John LUU  
Anthony MORRIS  
Trong NGUYEN  
Victor NGUYEN  
Ji-Kwang PARK  
Blaise PRENTICE-DAVIDSON  
Raymond ROCA  
Michael SHEN  
Wen SHI  
Matthew SIN  
Steven SONG  
Eugene STADNIK  
Arthavan SURENDRAN  
Alan TAN  
Jamie TAO  
David TRAN  
Nguyen TRAN  
Anthony WAN  
Cambridge WONG  
Wilson WONG  
Li WU  
Louis YANG  
Edward YAO  
Kelvin YU

### YEAR 11

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 11 whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 2 are recognised. These students were placed in the top 50% of students in at least ten units of study at the Yearly examinations

Romesh ABEYSURIYA  
Rezwan ALI  
Faraz AMIN  
Blake ANGELL  
Stephen BURKE  
Roger BURRELL  
David CAO  
Aaron CHAN  
Sadaat CHEEMA  
Long CHEN  
Robin CHEN  
Ashley CHENG  
Lewis D'AVIGDOR  
Jason DIEP  
Shane FERNANDO  
Kaloon FUNG  
Samuel GRIBBLE  
Dinuka GUNASEKERA  
Steven GUO  
Edward HIBBERT  
Kevin HO  
Kenny HUANG  
Anthony HUYNH  
Naziful ISLAM  
Adrian JEYENDRA  
Kevin KIM  
Joon KWON  
Jongha LEE  
Kieran LEONG  
Michael LEVY  
Peter LIEU  
Bob LIU  
Henry LIU  
Kenny LIU  
Richard LIU  
Bernard LO  
Angelo LU  
Martin LUNNEY  
Jordan LUONG  
Kevin MAK  
Gajaba MANAMPERI  
Julian MURRAY  
Nicholas NG  
Rory PEARSON  
Edward PHAM  
Vinh PHAM

Jack PHU  
Weir QIAN  
Labib RAHMAN  
Mushfiq RAHMAN  
Malik RAZEEN  
Thariq RAZEEN  
Andrew REIS  
Mark SAMARASINGHE  
George SHIEH  
Sriram SRIKUMAR  
Dennis SU  
Amalesh SUKUMAR  
Sahir SYED  
Miruthulan THAYAPARAN  
Daniel THIEVIASINGHAM  
Senthil THILLAINADESAN  
Christopher TO  
Peter TRAN  
Tanvir UDDIN  
Kaivan VAIDYA  
Mack WAN  
Evans WANG  
Victor WEI  
Ashan WIJEYARATNE  
Alan WONG  
Eugene WONG  
Francis WONG  
Nelson WONG  
Thomas WONG  
Daniel WU  
Quinton YANG  
George YE  
Yuk-Lun YEUNG  
George ZHANG  
Mi ZHOU  
Michael ZHOU  
Muli ZHOU

## Academic Merit Lists

### SEMESTER ONE OF 2006

#### YEAR 7

Congratulations to the following boys in Year Seven whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 1 are recognised. In students' subjects, points were awarded as follows - HD: 6, D: 5, C: 3, PM: 2, P: 1, with the qualifying total being 46.

Nikhil AUTAR  
Samuel BESTON  
Ryan CAETANO  
Sunny CAO  
David CHAN  
Kit Man CHENG  
Terence CHIEM  
Aaron CHIN  
Gabriel GARAYALDE  
Timothy GOLLAN  
Andrew GONG  
Declan GOREY  
Saif HAQUE  
Andrew HUYNH  
Joshua KIM  
Vivian LE  
Gordon LI  
Leon LI  
Austin LY  
Ryan McDONALD  
David NGUYEN  
Dominic NGUYEN  
Kenneth NGUYEN  
Eric OVADIA  
Jonah PETRIE  
Michael PHUNG  
Marcell ROZSA  
Ashwin RUDDER  
Tahmid SHAHRIYAR  
William SHAO  
Dawen SHI  
William STEFANIDIS  
Jeffrey TANG  
David WANG  
Vincent WANG  
Max WEI  
Michael WONG  
Yale WONG

#### YEAR 8

Liam AYLNER  
Puneet Baweja  
Joseph BRAVERMAN  
Gareth CHAN  
Justin CHAN  
Angud CHAWLA  
Andy CHIEM  
Oliver FIO  
Matthew FONG  
Adarsh GEORGE  
Anirban GHOSE  
Vincent GOH  
Aaron HO  
Hugh HUANG  
Ivan LI  
Richard LIN  
Andy LIU  
Yixin LIU  
Daniel LUO  
Benjamin LY  
Mario MORENO  
Aarong NG  
Antony PAUL  
Maxwell PHILLIS  
Jeremy RAJENDRAM  
Tony SILVEIRA  
Paul SIMOS  
Nikita SLINKO  
Joshua SUTTON  
Christopher TIN-LOI  
Mohit TUGNAIT  
Wei WAN  
Guoxi WANG  
Nelson WANG  
Andrew WU  
Stephen YOON  
Adrian ZHANG

#### YEAR 9

Congratulations to the following boys in Year 9 whose excellent academic achievements in Semester 1 are recognised. Points were awarded as follows - High Distinction: 6, Distinction: 5, Credit: 3, Pass with Merit: 2 Pass: 1, with the qualifying total being 39.

Adrian ANG  
Yiming CAO  
Matthew CHAN  
Jack CHEN  
Simon CHENG  
Benjamin DIEP  
Matthew DINH  
David FAN  
Desmond HI  
Shah HUDA  
Christian KATSIKAROS  
Danny LAM  
Victor LAM  
Brian LAU  
Matthew LAU  
James LEE  
Victor LIM  
Daniel LO  
Edward LU  
Mark LUCCHITTI  
Maxeem MIKHA  
Kent NGUYEN  
Thomas NGUYEN  
Daniel SHAN  
Nevin SPOLJARIC  
Denis STOJANOVIC  
Wilson SZET  
Joshua TASSELL  
Anthony TRAN  
Victor UNG  
Samuel WAN  
Thomas WILSON  
Jeffrey WONG  
Michael YIU  
Shorson ZHANG

## Academic Merit Lists

### YEAR 10

Thomas ASHWIN  
Michael BOCK  
Ivan CERECINA  
William CHAN  
Cary CHEUNG  
Daniel CHIM  
Matthew COUTTS  
Jun DAI  
David FAN  
Danny FU  
Howard GU  
Richard HUA  
Remy JI  
Albert KIM  
Sean LEE  
Alvin LEUNG  
Andrew LEUNG  
Nathan LIEU  
Simon LIU  
Bernard LUNG  
Zid MANCENIDO  
Nathan Mcdonnell  
Kiril MICKOVSKI  
Edwin Montoya ZORRILLA  
Adrian NG  
Varan PERANANTHAN  
Paul PHUAH  
Jordan PHUNG  
Harrison REID  
Alex SHAPILSKY  
Stuart SUGITO  
Marco SUN  
Lucian TAN  
Andrew TANG  
Simon TING  
Jason WONG  
Simin YANG  
Alex YEUNG  
Robert YOON

### YEAR 11

Radheshan BASKARAN  
Michael CHEN  
Patrick CHEN  
Edward DENG  
Moussa FARHAT  
Reuben GEORGE  
Jourdan HSIAO  
David HU  
Andrew ISKANDER  
Sriram JEYARAMAN  
Aditya KESWANI  
Oleg KOUDASHEV  
David KUMAGAYA  
Kevin LEE  
Yu LIN  
John LUU  
James MACKAY  
Anthony MORRIS  
Aditya NAIK  
Albert NG  
Trong NGUYEN  
Rommo PANDIT  
Ji-Kwang PARK  
Oswin PERERA  
Raymond ROCA  
Matthew SIN  
Steven SONG  
Eugene STADNIK  
Arthavan SURENDRAN  
Jamie TAO  
David TRAN  
Alexander VERTOUDAKIS  
Anthony WAN  
Leslie WONG  
Li WU  
Jeffrey XIE  
Louis YANG  
Richard YANG  
Kelvin YU  
Geoffrey ZHANG

### YEAR 12

Romesh ABEYSURIYA  
Faraz AMIN  
Roger BURRELL  
David CAO  
Aaron CHAN  
Jeffrey CHAN  
Sadaat CHEEMA  
Long CHEN  
Steven GUO  
Chung HO  
Kenny HUANG  
Anthony HUYNH  
Adrian JEYENDRA  
Kevin KIM  
Joon KWON  
Jongha LEE  
Kieran LEONG  
Henry LIU  
Richard LIU  
Angelo LU  
Kevin MAK  
Nicholas NG  
Edward PHAM  
Vinh PHAM  
Labib RAHMAN  
Chong SHAO  
Sahir SYED  
Miruthulan THAYAPARAN  
Senthil THILLAINADESAN  
Tanvir UDDIN  
Pradeepan UTHAYACHANDRAN  
Kaivan VAIDYA  
Rishubh VERMA  
Alan WONG  
Eugene WONG  
Thomas WONG  
Quinton YANG  
Yuk-Lun YEUNG  
Mi ZHOU  
Michael ZHOU

## Cadets



**Back Row:** Cdt A.Hatle, Cdt A.Saunders, Cdt A.Dovan, Cdt B.Lu. **Third Row:** T.Silveira, H.Sit, Y.Wong, A.Gong, P.Wu, W.Dang, B.Jian.  
**Second Row:** Cpl B.Diep, Cpl G.Zhang, Cpl J.Wachsman, Cpl J.Santoso, Cpl L.Png, Lcpl N.McDonnell, Cpl D.Stojanovic, Cpl A.Chan, Cpl P.Nguyen, Cdt J.Nguyen. **Front Row:** Sgt W.Lu, Sgt J.Banh (CQMS), Sgt V.Weir, CUO A.Farrow-Palmer (OC 2PI), CUO C.Budd (SUO), CUO T.Shu (OC 1 PI), WO2 P.Roser (CSM), Ssgt F.Wong, Sgt A.Ho.

### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE CADET RIFLE TEAM TOUR TO BISLEY JULY 2006

During the end of term holidays, members of the Sydney High School Cadet Unit (Sgt Anthony Ho, Cpl Chris Lam, Cpl Denis Stojanovic, Cdt Ishan Nadkarni and Cdt Phil Wu), Knox Grammar Cadet Unit and 323 Air Cadet Squadron formed the 2006 Australian Defence Force Rifle Team and participated in an international shooting competition against cadet units from all over the United Kingdom. Members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Rifle Team also made an appearance in the Inter Services Cadet Rifle Meeting, School's Meeting matches as well as various sightseeing tours.

The team stayed two nights at Randwick Barracks where everything from final preparations to new friendships were made. A farewell reception was held at Sydney High followed by a flight lasting 20 undesirable hours.

Activities in England involved a full day of sightseeing London, a visit to the Fleet Air Arm museum, tour of the Royal Marines Commando Training Facility where we were given a demonstration of the strenuous obstacle course Royal Marine recruits are put through and an introduction to the weapons of the Royal Marines followed by the weapons handling of the British Standard Infantry rifle (SA-80). Last but not least, an educational trip to the historical dockyard, Portsmouth.

In terms of shooting, Australia performed exceptionally well against the international cadets. A total of seven gold

medals and one silver were won, raising Australia's reputation as excellent marksmen to a new level. Sgt Ho (with best scores of: 34.5, 33.3, 33.2) and Cpl Lam (with best scores of: 34.5, 33.4, 32.2) each won a gold medal while Cdt Wu (with best scores of: 34.2, 33.2, 32.1) won a silver. Outstanding results also came from the other three team members despite the intense competition. Cpl Stojanovic shot well with scores of: 32.3, 31.2, 30.1 and Cdt Nadkarni shot scores of: 33.2, 32.3, 32.2. Competitive shooting may have been the major event, but there were also optional shoots like shot-gunning, gallery shooting and air pistol shoot outs.

The 2006 Bisley trip was an overall success and wouldn't have happened without the effort and time of Major Knowles (Commanding Officer, Sydney High), Captain Billingsby (Commanding Officer, Wollongong) and our coach Justin Hill (former High student).

#### *Sgt Anthony Ho*

### SHSCU CADET REPORT

During 2006, the SHSCU has been an active member of the ceremonies and Defence Force Cadet activities in NSW. The SHS Cadet Unit has been actively striving for increased knowledge, experience of cadet activities and leadership opportunities that it offers. The SHS Cadet Unit has 45 cadets who participate every Tuesday afternoon in learning the basics and advanced knowledge of field craft, drill,

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first aid, ratel and leadership. This year the SHS cadet unit has been supervised by Major Knowles who has provided the cadet unit with many opportunities that aid the Unit in its proficiency. The position of SUO was exemplified by C. Budd who managed the cadets in a skilled manner. Many events which the SHSCU participated in were controlled and organised by WO2 Budd, who was responsible for such events such as SHSCU's participation in Anzac Day and in the Sir Roden Cutler Memorial.

A number of events we participated in included SBHS Awards Night, Anzac Day Memorial at school, Anzac Day Parade, Annual Camp 06, and the Sir Roden Cutler Memorial. Particular events such as the Anzac Day Memorial and Parade were significant because of the participation of the SHS Cadets. During the Memorial the Cadets performed to an excellent standard of drill. While at the Parade, many SHS Cadets participated in the march that proudly displayed our Unit. This event emphasised the drill and discipline that SHSCU embodies and provided the us with enjoyable experiences.

The ADFC annual camp of 06 was attended by the SHS Cadets and allowed for the new experience of the Australian bush for the newly arrived Cadets. Other cadets were able to undergo courses such as ratel, ATA (adventure training award), first aid and military skills. This camp allowed Cadets to learn new skills in order to advance and grow.

The Sir Roden Cutler Memorial was another event that we involved ourselves in. This event, which was exemplified by the high standard of drill at the Memorial, was a dedication and respectful gesture to Old Boy, Sir Roden Cutler.

The SHSCU has been an active member of cadet activities in 2006. The high numbers in new cadets in the Unit has been efficiently trained by the Corporals and Sergeants of the Unit. The Cadets leaving the unit as Year 12 included SUO C Budd, CSM P Roser, WO2 A Farrow-Palmer, WO2 T. Shu, Ssgt F Wong, Sgt J Banh and Sgt V Wei. Their active duty in the Cadet Unit has provided the Unit with a promising future while the actions of Major Knowles have provided the Unit with the discipline and order that is exemplified within the SHSCU.

*Sgt LU, Weiping*



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The year began solemnly when we were informed of the death of Mitchell Seow.

### ***Dr Jaggar wrote:***

On behalf of the Seow family and the staff at High, I would like to commend all the current students and Old Boys who conducted themselves with such respect and dignity at Mitchell's funeral. I have had requests from several friends of the Seows and from staff members, to publicly recognise their appreciation for your support, dress and demeanour. So many boys in full school uniform, with an avenue of oars aloft, marking the way as an honour guard for the hearse as it made its way from the church, was very impressive. It was a deeply moving occasion and people have remarked to me since how proud it made them feel to be associated with this school. The school has established a trust fund to finance a suitable memorial for Mitchell.

### **PREMIER'S HONOUR ROLL**

The school is proud to make known that the following boys from our 2005 Year 12 classes were included in the Premier's Honour Roll:

Nicholas Bull, Xingyu Cai, Anthony Chau, Hae-Sang Chung, Damitha Fonseka, James Kang, Shaheen Kumar, Tajinder Kumar, Gabriel McManus, Benjamin Nam, Viraj Patel, Jason Phung, Omar Salem, Manusha Samaraweera, Anik Sarkar, Mitchell Seow, Victor Sirinopakul, Mischa Steen, Atif Syed, Mitchell Taylor, Philip Tian, Philip Tripp, Jim Tsao, Tom Wei, Paul Wong, Ronald Yu, Zhong Zhang.

Sustainable Living Challenge participants from Year 10 2005 were recognised for their entries. Kevin Lee, Edward Deng and Aditya Keswani were awarded High Commendations, with Joseph Lai and Sabeeh Hussain earning Commendations.

### **STRONGMAN COMPETITION**

What a great effort by those 14 boys who took part in the first ever SBHS Strongman Competition. Competition was fierce as the testosterone-fuelled competitors took to the four tasks with steely determination. The Senior champion was Alex Vertoudakis with the Junior championship going to Matt Ling (it was first thought that both Alden Kwok (Chop) and Matt had tied but with a re-check Matt came out on top). This goes to show that both strength and power are not related to size and the little guys really took it to their bigger opponents. Let's hope this can be made into a regular event and that more boys choose to become interested in getting bigger, stronger, and faster.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMPETITIONS**

Kaivan Vaidya (Year 12) won one of only 12 medals awarded nationally for excellence in the 2006 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography competition. There were 92,116 entrants in the competition. What a great effort! Rikky Cohn (Year 8) was awarded a medal for the highest score in NSW in his year level in the ICAS – Computer Skills

Competition. Congratulations, Rikky! Eric Luu (Year 11) was awarded a medal for writing at ICAS.

### **TENNIS COURTS COMPLETED AT LAST.**

250th Edition of High Notes (2000-2006) was achieved.

### **HIGH RUGBY FRIENDS**

Established by Serdar Bolen (95) Tom Miller, Ben Friis O'Toole & Robbie Girdler (05) to promote and assist the Rugby program at High

### **VALÉ MS O'BRIEN**

#### ***Dr Jaggar wrote:***

It is my melancholy duty to inform the school community of the passing of one of our English teachers, Ms Patricia O'Brien. She succumbed to cancer during the holidays after a protracted illness which forced her to take leave in term 2. Ms O'Brien transferred to High from Dulwich Hill at the beginning of 2005 and quickly established a reputation as a most professional, competent and dedicated practitioner. She related well to staff and students and rapidly adjusted to the culture of the school. Her stoicism was admirable as she continued to fulfil her professional obligations despite being severely ill. She felt that teaching here was the high point of her career and did not want to let anyone down. She will be missed by her students and colleagues. Patricia displayed great strength of character and courage but she was also a person who kept a low profile and valued her privacy. Our sympathies are extended to her family. Patricia will be remembered as a skilled and committed teacher and as a caring person.

### **SCHOOL WITHIN A SCHOOL – DOUBLE ASSEMBLY INITIATIVE**

On 21 July the school commenced its two assembly policy. So that all boys can experience assemblies it has been decided to duplicate the ceremonies. The debating assembly was the first attempt at this initiative. Years 7-9 had the opportunity of being introduced to their 'A' team representatives for the first time. They also could congratulate the CHS winning volleyball team.

Well done to Andrew Leung who represented Australia in the Karate-Do World Junior Championships held last week. He was restricted in training due to a fractured jaw sustained at rugby prior to the event but nevertheless acquitted himself very creditably. In an event featuring 44 countries, the results were dominated by Japanese representatives. Andrew reached the last 16 in the discipline of Individual Kata (style) but was eliminated in the first round in Kumite (sparring).

### **45TH UNSW SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

The presentation ceremony was chaired by Professor Cowling. In the junior division, certificates were awarded to Jacob Cao, David Fan, Edward Lu and Andrew Tan. There were 43 awarded overall. There were 19 prizes and certificates.

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From High Yu Sun and John Wormell were successful. In the senior division 33 certificates were awarded. Richard Liu and Senthil Thillainadesan earned one. There were 15 prizes and certificates. Vinh Pham, Jamie Tao and Rishubh Verma were successful. Anthony Morris won third prize overall. Congratulations to all boys who entered the competition and to our recognised participants.

### GARDENING REPORT 2006

Gardening in Sydney in the last twelve months has been challenging for those caring for public or private gardens. At Sydney Boys High School we have been assisted to some extent by having the school's bore water system but have had to be satisfied with selecting and planting beds of hardy plants which are not very thirsty. A major problem is the stealing of plants from school property. Scores of plants have been stolen and new shrubs and trees vandalised. Nevertheless we continue with our aim: to tidy and 'green' the school environment for the wellbeing of those who populate the school and to enhance the presentation of this major public school to those who visit. Our gardening efforts are magnified because the school is surrounded by parklands which form a marvellous backdrop to our complex of buildings and facilities.

It is heartening to witness the growing interest and care the students have in helping to create and maintain the gardens. They are saving their immediate environment in a hands-on manner.

At the end of Term 1 a senior Geography class worked, at the end of a school day, to dig out, weed and tidy the area adjacent to the new cricket nets.

In Term 3, Year 9 took responsibility for a considerable section of the Anzac Parade fence line, underplanting the fig trees there with Dietes to match the Moore Park planting further up the road. As the Dietes develop a visual continuum will be offered to the streetscape.

There is now a small army of committed boys who hand water and care for particular sections of the many gardens. This year's Year 7 cohort has made a most impressive start in carrying out these activities.

There are also senior students who contribute. Labib Rahman, Sahir Syed and Nazifil Islam commenced gardening in 2004. Their reliable, patient, constant efforts (essential attributes for any decent gardener or environmentalist) contributed to much healthier gardens and to the attainment of the Leadership Award Certificate. Jeremy James's inspiration and practical application in designing and executing (with Thomas Mittelheuser) the mosaic on the retaining wall in the canteen area helped him secure a place in the Architecture Faculty at the University of Sydney.

Dr. Kim Jaggard replaced some young James Stirling trees which were desiccated by excessively hot dry winds not long after they had been planted. Much sturdier and more advanced trees have been planted on the Cleveland Street

side of the gym. The dying gum trees outside the Science block were also removed.

With the completion of the new tennis courts we were able to assist by planting out the garden beds running the length of the courts on the car park side. Hopefully these will grow to offset the attractive look of the courts and soften the look of the carpark.

Many areas are continually maintained and improved. In September, Simon Scott and Elizabeth Shepherd donated a very large number of much coveted Cliveas for the Main Quadrangle. Barry Sharah gave up his time on weekends to install stable edging along the length of the garden beds in the same area as well as around the hedging near the tennis courts.

There is more work to be done and there are more gardens planned to fit in with the Principal's vision and realisation of the new cricket nets and basketball court. Our thanks to all who have assisted us including; Dr Kim Jaggard, John Beringer, Serdar Bolen, Stewart Carlyle, Neil Patterson, Barry Sharah and all the students who have given their time and effort.

*Marcia Shepherd and MaryAnn Cradock*

### UNVEILING OF THE JOHN FITTLER MEMORIAL PLAQUE

John Fittler was and is an inspiration to all those who aspire towards a significant life. He was a teacher and Head of the Industrial Arts Department at Sydney Boys High School for many years. He was Master-in-Charge of Rifle Shooting and Captain of the School Cadet Unit.

On 11 April 2006, the Sydney High family, along with Jeannette Fittler, wife of the late John Fittler, and their daughter Emily, gathered in the foyer near the wall on which a plaque is placed commemorating John's contribution to High. Rebecca Dam welcomed guests and spoke of John in his role as Head Teacher and friend before introducing Dr Kim Jaggard who thanked the guests and pointed out that there were several plaques of high distinction in the stairwell of the foyer and the plaque for Mr. Fittler would provide a worthy placement with its message showing his dedication to the school and the high regard with which he was held by the High Community.

William Clegg, Class of 2005, followed Dr Jaggard's speech, highlighting John's achievements with the students of High and his, at times, unique and eventful Cadet camps while stressing John's good nature and generous character. The event ended with Jeannette and her daughter unveiling the marble memorial plaque.

No words or fine speeches will ever do justice to the memory of John Fittler. Let us recall and honour his life, his acts and his personality for this is what he well deserves.

John was many things to many people including colleague, Head of Industrial Arts, mentor, friend, teacher, and coach.

He will be missed.

*Rebecca Dam, Head of TAS Department*

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Emily and Jeannette Fittler.

### REFLECTIONS ON YEAR 7 CAMP

On the 13-15 February, Year 7 went on their orientation camp to Narrabeen. We were given challenging activities.

"I liked the 12 metre ropes! It was exhilarating!"  
(Francis Pham 7M)

Archery was a test of skill, sailing was fun for some and dangerous for others. "Abe, our instructor, gave us a long lecture after we broke a boat. Every second there seemed to be a capsizing happening."

(Luke Vlatko 7M)

Archery was a test of skill and the canoeing and kayaking were great for exploring the lake. The camp was gruelling for some, at times traumatising. "The high ropes freaked me out!" (anon) but a lot of fun for everyone.

(William Stefanidis 7M)

### THE MELBOURNE TRIP FOR YEAR 10 VIIIS FEBRUARY 15 TO 20

It is probably best relayed by Brynley Pfull:

Last week the Melbourne Rowing Exchange loomed like a hot air balloon ever closer. Anticipation filled the rowing community. But a hot air balloon could not compare to the fun we had. All of a sudden we awoke to find ourselves on the rickety white bus wondering where we were. The ten hour trip ahead seemed jolly and inviting, and we couldn't wait to sit on uncomfortable seats for the whole day. iPods seemed the order of the day, and a few eyes glazed over. It seemed the hot air balloon was in flight.

The first stop was McDonalds where I bought the famous English muffin for only a dollar. They say time flies when you're having fun and we reached Melbourne eight hours later, after a stressful broken tyre about an hour from Melbourne. Thank you Chris Watson and Mr. Barris for driving the whole day.

On arrival, the bags were unpacked and we met our billets. Most of us knew the Melbourne High boys as we had billeted them last November. So we went home, my billet and I, and met his family. He had a nice house, at least seventy years old. You could imagine my pleasure as I was introduced to my temporary room; it contained a double bed, a television with Xbox, a stereo and computer. Luxury, I thought at the time.

Life moves too fast though for one to enjoy life's enjoyments. The next day was a refreshing ten to six wake up, and then to rowing, where our boats had been put together by Mr Daish and Mr Tim Wilson. We appreciate this very much, thank you.

The Yarra was rather a flat river with perfect rowing conditions. We rowed into the CBD and back again. After an economic breakfast we did the same thing again. The High boys then hit Melbourne. Numerous policemen, more than usual, roamed the streets. Word of our arrival had obviously spread fast.

We went straight to the Crown Casino with money jingling in our pockets. We headed straight to the games arcade to play that claw game. Many were successful and many a chocolate was eaten. Then we attended the cinema, and saw a light movie; Jarhead. All about the fun and happiness of being a marine. Home we went, on the very comfy train to Williamstown.

The next day I could hardly believe my luck; a genuine 4:50 wake up! I literally bounded out of bed, ready to attack the new day. We raced Melbourne High on their own river that day. Our first race a tragic loss, we put our heads together to decide to win. And win we did. The next two races we beat them, our minds almost as bendy as the Yarra. Whew! How exhilarating!

With spirits almost reaching the sun and burning to a crisp, we went off to the city. Some people decided they quite liked the idea of sitting at a computer screen for a few hours, so off they went. This is called LANing, and is rather a fun sport, I am told.

The rest of us walked around the city, admiring city skyscrapers and surprisingly fun comic book shops.

As the sun began to sink behind a creamy sky, our minds turned to our homes. We were missing them, it is true.

Yet another night, alas! After dinner the presents were given. My billet's family were extremely nice. By the time we realised it was Saturday morning and the day of departure, we all wished we could stay for a few more days.

After what seemed like an extremely fast bus trip, we were home. And yes, before you ask, I bought another English muffin! Small in size I know, but big in bargain!

Thank you very much to Mr Barris, Chris Watson, Mr Daish, Mr Wilson and George Barris. This trip was wonderful

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and would have been impossible without you. George, we love your pirate shirt!

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

On Friday 7 April, Kevin Kim and I had the pleasure of going to Parliament and Government House as part of the DET secondary school student leadership program. We joined about 130 School Captains and Vice Captains to learn about state government and leadership. Members for Albury, Heffron, Sutherland and Canterbury spoke to us about their role in the lower house, political parties and local area. They shared the insistence that we should all write to our local MPs to tell them what to do (advice I have since followed). We had a tour of the lower and upper houses (the seats of the upper house were much more comfortable) and had our horizons broadened with a speech from an Afghan-Australian woman who has set up four orphanages for deposed children and has also organised brother and sister school programs with Sydney schools.

Socialising with other school leaders on the way, we walked down to Government House. After a tour of the extravagant rooms and grounds (amazing views) Governor Marie Bashir spoke to us about her job as Governor and the high expectations she has for my generation. Kevin and I really enjoyed the day; it reinforced my faith in Australian democracy and talking to the MPs was heartening – they were intelligent, genuine and community-minded. On a side note I was glad to see that the 130+ school leaders from around Sydney accurately showed the multicultural nature of our city. Thanks to Mr. Kesting for the day.

In the second last week of school a blood donation bus came to the school making six trips carrying boys to give blood at the Clarence Street centre. I heartily thank all those boys who took part. As you can see from their advertising, the Red Cross has a great need for blood this winter and your donation made a real difference. If you missed this time (or last) due to my lacklustre organisation, there will be another opportunity this term for you to help save 'up to three lives'! I'll be in touch.

**Adam Farrow-Palmer**

### DA VINCI DECATHLON

The Da Vinci Decathlon is an academic gala day held annually at Knox Grammar School. Thirty-six schools send teams of eight students from each different Year group to compete in ten different academic activities.

The day begins with session one, comprising engineering challenge, poetry with a complimentary artwork, science, and games of strategy, including chess. A fifteen-minute morning tea follows. It is a time to enjoy the supplied food, and to prepare for session two.

The activities in session two are Maths, English, Forensic Sleuths and Creative Producers. Creative Producers involves a sub group developing and presenting a 30 second

commercial on a certain topic. For Year 7 the topic was I-Pods for elephants.

Lunch follows, and then session three. This is the shortest as it only has two tasks: Code Breaking and General Knowledge.

Throughout the day the teachers work busily to mark all the papers and from time to time, they announce the top three schools in a particular category. Our Year 7 team came 1st in Forensic Sleuths, 3rd in English and 5th overall.

It was a hectic day! The Year 7 groups ran out of time in a number of the tasks. However it was a rewarding experience and I would advise anyone who enjoys a challenge to try out for the teams next year!

**Ashwin Rudder 7T**

On Tuesday, 18 May, 2006, a selected group of Year 9 boys (Patrick Desmond, Clive Chen, Victor Lim, Mishu Osinski, Neil Street, Alik Belokopytov, Kang Lim and Thomas Nguyen) participated in the Da Vinci Decathlon, at Knox Grammar.

The Da Vinci Decathlon is an annual program designed to challenge young minds in a variety of ways. Activities at the Da Vinci Decathlon vary from Creative Producers (creating a 30 second advertisement), to Mathematics, to Forensic Sleuths (solving crimes etc.).

The aim of the event is to challenge young minds. This year was no exception, with challenging questions and topics. In General Knowledge there were questions relating to Ancient Chinese civilization, to questions regarding Harry Potter currencies.

In the first session, the activities included English, Science, Engineering and Art & Poetry. Some of those areas we did extremely well in, and others, not so well.

During the second session, we were challenged by the Games of Strategy, Forensic Sleuths, Creative Producers and Mathematics. A sub-group consisting of Alik Belokopytov, Neil Street and Mishu Osinski participated in the Creative Producers section. The topic for it was "Tune your teeth".

In the final session, we had General Knowledge and Code-Breaking. Everyone was itching to get to the General Knowledge section, and it was obvious to see that we excelled.

Overall, the event was such an action-packed and hectic day, however, it was an entertaining experience. We were all privileged to be chosen to represent Sydney Boys High, and we hope to do it again, in future years.

**Thomas Nguyen 9F**

### 2006 CHINESE EISTEDDFOD

It was a day to remember. On Saturday 3 June, Sydney Boys High entered the prestigious National Chinese Eisteddfod. As I walked through the gates of Burwood Girls High, I could see the contestants from ages 4 to over 18 rehearsing their poems. When I walked to the Registration Area, I could see an enthusiastic group of Sydney Boys High

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students eager to begin their recital. We strolled into the hall and prepared to go on stage.

The 13-15 year old age group started at 9am. High entered two teams, a Year 8 and a Year 9 group. The Year 8 group had to go first. We walked up the stage, willing to show off our hard work. In front of a panel of three judges and the huge crowd we bowed. Oops! It was our first time entering this Eisteddfod and weren't familiar with the rules. We bowed before the bell rung. The ringing sound signalled the start of our recital.

We had to deliver a poem named "The wishes of a boat". We performed as if we understood the poem extremely well. As we finished the recital, I could see the joyful faces. We were impressed with our efforts. We all knew that we had done a wonderful job and had tried our best. We sat down as we listened to other people present their poems. They were excellent. Everyone paid attention to them carefully, learning the ways in which they recited their poems.

Result time! We were convinced that we had won because we had high self-esteem and did very well. OH NO! We came second. We sighed as we walked upstairs to take our award for the hard work which was put in by everyone. We rehearsed every lesson and also at lunchtimes on a weekly basis. We knew deep down that we were the best. Even though second was a fabulous result, it was first that we wanted. However, there is always next year to improve.

Next were the individuals. That was a great experience. Even though few High entrants had won prizes, I could tell from their faces that they had tried their best. Hopefully next year, with experience, we can improve on our results.

I congratulate everyone who entered this eisteddfod along with Ms Zhang. It was, no doubt, an enjoyable and valuable experience for everybody.

*Daniel Luo 8F*

### REPORT ON THE SIR JOHN MONASH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

On Wednesday, 21 June a small group of year 10 students attended the Inaugural NSW Monash Commemorative Service at The Scots College, paying tribute to the life of General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD (1865-1931), Scholar, Engineer, Soldier and Nation Builder. The service was attended by a number of distinguished guests including the Governor of New South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir. Also in attendance were eight schools, with some students taking part in the service through the reading of anecdotes about Monash, and the laying of wreaths. Representing our school were David Vien reading an anecdote, and Patrick Locke, who assisted in the laying of a wreath.

The son of Prussian Jewish immigrants, Monash is known to Australians as the great leader of the Australian Infantry Forces at the western front during WWI. So great were his leadership abilities that in 1968, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, reflecting on Monash said that had he been in charge of the British Armies, the war would have been

over much quicker and with fewer casualties. Before the war, Monash was a successful engineer and lawyer, volunteering as a citizen soldier at the outbreak of the Great War, despite detesting war as a waste of human endeavour. In a time of anti-semitism throughout the western world, these were remarkable achievements for a Jewish man in Australia.

*Calum Martin 10M*

### INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Vinh Pham (Year 12) was officially selected to represent Australia at the 2006 International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), while I was selected a reserve for the Team. This selection was determined from results in four exams earlier in the year.

The first selection exam was the two day Australian Mathematics Olympiad, which the top 100 students in Australia are invited to participate in. In this exam, Vinh came sixth in Australia while I came eighth. The top 25 from the exam were then invited to participate in the Asia-Pacific Mathematics Olympiad – a competition for competitors from 21 Pacific Rim nations. In this exam, Vinh finished eighth in Australia and I finished 11th.

From these two results, we were both invited to the IMO Selection Camp held in Sydney in April. The top ten at this camp sat the final two selection exams (unfortunately held on Easter Saturday and Sunday) and from the combined results at these four exams, Vinh was selected to be a member of the team, while I was selected as the reserve.

As a member of the team, Vinh travelled to Rome for the final training camp and then to Ljubljana, Slovenia for the International Mathematics Olympiad. The IMO is a competition for high school students from over 90 countries and consists of two 4.5 hour papers with a total of six questions. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to half the students in the ratio 1:2:3. Only 11 Australians have ever won a gold medal, the last of whom was Ivan Guo from Sydney Boys in 2004. Vinh did very well to win a bronze medal this year.

*Anthony Morris (Year 11)*

### YEAR 9 CAMP REPORT

At 9:00 am on 8 May 2006, 157 eager Year 9 students set off on a journey to Cataract Park on our three day annual camp. It was both exciting and an opportunity for us young men to get out of our comfort zones. The journey there was very exciting considering we had the sound of two mates singing Red Hot Chili Peppers ringing in our eardrums. Anyway once we got there, we were divided into our groups, with half the cohort spending the first night at Sandy Plateau in freezing conditions. The others would stay in the lodges for the night then go to Sandy Plateau on the second night.

The activities we participated in were designed to expand our comfort zones, and included pioneering, caving, Challenge Valley and giant swing at base camp, and abseiling, rock-climbing and orienteering out at Sandy Plateau. Most people participated in all the activities. Challenge Valley was

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particularly hard and it was the coldest that I have felt. That aside, the activities were exciting and rewarding.

Camping out in the cold was quite an experience, but better than many expected. Thanks to Mr. Fuller, my group camped out in luxury.

Overall, the camp was a good experience and Year 8 should look forward to next year's camp.

**Sam Burnham 9E, Avish Sharma 9F, Matthew Ling 9M**



### BOGGABILLA EXCHANGE

I looked forward to seeing some familiar faces on Boggabilla Central School's return to Sydney. I attended the other end of the exchange, last year, going up to Boggabilla (in North-Western NSW), which was a truly unforgettable experience.

I arrived on Monday, not quite sure what to expect as I had never billeted before. After a brief introduction and formalities, it was off to see Boori Pryor. A multi-talented man who shared a couple of good yarns, but more importantly discussing issues within the Indigenous community. His story was a true inspiration to us all.

Off to the Powerhouse Museum to make some music. This was an experience both the Bogga and High Kids loved. 'Az and the Hunter D's Brooklyn Remix' is definitely one for the ages. On the way back we had some trouble navigating through the traffic, and dropped off Drew (a teacher at BCS) who went to attempt to gain his bus licence. (Unfortunately, he failed.)

It was then time for the unexpected. The Bogga kids going home to their billets. I took in John and his cousin Mervyn; they were great blokes. John, a Brisbane and Queensland supporter, Mervyn and myself Roosters and NSW Blues supporters. After a quick, wet tour of the Eastern Suburbs, it was time to get a long sleep as a massive day was ahead of us.

Wednesday, marked Boggabilla's visit to the Aquarium and lunch with Sadem Aiken lawyers. Unfortunately, the High boys could not attend. Wednesday also marked Mr Barris's stern talking to us, on the topic of getting back from Origin. It was a great game of rugby league, but the lack of

atmosphere was disappointing. On the contrary, Lachlan and Eddy's singing, dancing, comedy and 1sts football 'in' jokes, added a great deal of excitement to the night. Despite the best-laid plans it was a very, very late night. We only just caught the last bus back.

We were all pretty tired backing up for school on Thursday. This was Boggabilla's final day in Sydney; they surfed at Maroubra Beach, played touch and exchanged formalities. Luckily, the beginning of the week's arctic chill had passed.

Summing up, this was yet another unforgettable week with the Boggabilla boys and girls. It also helped me academically, complementing the work I was doing in English: Indigenous studies and Aboriginal history in Australian history. Academics aside, I made plenty of new friends, had the opportunity to interact with another culture and gained insight into their lives and vice versa. I would strongly recommend next time BCS comes back that you billet, and you too can partake in the benefits of a cultural exchange.

**Neil Street**

### SIR RODEN CUTLER CHARITIES DAY

The Cadets and Prefect wheel chair rollers were tremendous ambassadors for the school on 29 May. Their dress, demeanour, self-discipline and patience were a credit to them. Our cadets at Manly Village PS presented certificates to students in classrooms at the conclusion of the ceremony dedicating the statue of Sir Roden. I was proud of their contribution to the day. The roll ended as the three volunteers were wheeled through the Sir Roden Cutler Memorial Gates. I received a very congratulatory phone call after the roll from one of the 'Cutlerteers', earnestly expressing her thanks for the wonderful way she was looked after by our Prefects. Thank you again to all those involved – it was a long day of service! Year 11 boys looked great and gave of their time freely collecting for Sir Roden Cutler Charities in various parts of the city. The day lifted the public profile of the charity, more than fulfilled the service obligations of the Year and raised money to help many people in need.

**Dr K Jaggard**



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### SBHS COMPETES IN THEATRESPORTS

Ever watched "Whose Line is it Anyway"? Well, Theatresports is the Australian version. It is improvised comedy. It's when a team of up to 4 people are given a topic and must make up a scene on the spot. It's funny! It's crazy! It has the audience sitting on the edge of their seat sometimes in laughter and other times in suspense.

Currently 45 schools are competing in the Theatresports High Schools Competition to see who will take out the championship. On 19 May, Sydney High competed in Heat Four. Our representatives were Lawrence Boikov, Lewis Burger, Beau Greenslade, Johnny Lieu and Nathan McDonnell.

The other teams in our heat were Trinity Grammar, Newtown Performing Arts, Canterbury Girls High, Christian Brothers Lewisham, St Ursula's Kingsgrove and Lucas Heights Community School (the winners of the heat).

Congratulations go to our boys as they performed some outstanding scenes. Although they have just recently commenced learning the games and were the newcomers to the competition, they showed amazing creativity and outstanding improvisational skills. The amount of talent among the boys is impressive.

### ANNUAL LATIN AND GREEK READING COMPETITION

Preliminary Round at Sydney Uni- June 9th

On Friday 9 June, our Year 10 Latin class headed over to Sydney University for the annual Latin Reading Competition, along with a Year 11 student, Eugene Stadnik, a contender for a place in the final for the Greek reading component. At the end of Term 1, we had been given an extract from Ovid's metamorphoses. This verse passage had to be placed into the framework of dactylic hexameter, as this was the way contemporary poetry and verse would've been recited. So, under the guidance of Mrs Werner, we began to prepare our readings. To say the least, this was a demanding passage, although our five entrants were well able to handle the rhythmic progression of words and the continuous fluctuations in tone.

As we arrived on the day of the competition, we awaited the scheduled time at midday when we would have to give our readings, and took part in other activities such as mixing with students from various other schools, visiting the renowned Nicholson Museum and attending a lecture.

On Tuesday, we received an email showing the results of the competition. Four speakers from our school were given places in the final - Edwin Montoya, Richard

Hua, and Alvin Leung for Latin, and Eugene Stadnik for Greek. This was a strong performance considering only ten out of 73 students got through for Latin and seven out of 17 for Greek. Jun Dai and William Chan were also given awards of High Commendation. Other schools that made it through included Sydney Girls, Pymble Ladies', Sydney Grammar and St Aloysius.

The final of this competition was held at Sydney Grammar on 26 July with the speakers reciting two new passages and also taking part in a choral reading. Unfortunately on the day, the opposition was too strong for us and we weren't able to come away with the Trophy.

*Edwin Montoya 10R*

### RECOUNT OF THE YEAR 8, SEMESTER 2 HISTORY EXCURSION TO LA PEROUSE

The Day started off miserable and cold as we arrived at school and did not look like it was going to improve in the near future. All of the Semester 2 History classes assembled in the Great Hall for a roll call and an overview of the revised schedule for the day (the official one being called off due to the weather.)

After learning that we would not be going on a bushwalk to Henry Head and that there would be no sandcastle competition we were treated to a fantastic recount from Mr. Hannan of the events that happened to La Perouse and his men in Samoa. After this we watched a video called Benny and the Dreamers which was about the discovery of a remote Aboriginal community in North Western Australia and how they were sent to a mission where their standard of living fell drastically and they eventually returned to their homeland.

The video ended and everyone went outside to board the buses. We eventually arrived at La Perouse where the



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rain was falling intermittently. We climbed a muddy hill to see a grave in which lies the Ship's Doctor of La Perouse's ship who was severely wounded in a battle with natives in Samoa. We then proceeded to a monument to La Perouse that we attempted to sketch but the rain thwarted our artistic attempts. Conceding defeat to the encroaching storm, we retreated to the warmth of the cafes in which we had lunch. Due to the abysmal weather lunch was extended in the hope that it would blow away but needless to say, it didn't. We regretfully left the warmth of the cafes for the freezing wind and rain outside. To protect ourselves we formed huddles of umbrellas that kept out the worst of the weather until it was time to visit Bare Island.

By this time the wind had intensified and the rain was driving into us at the horizontal. Resolutely we pointed our umbrellas into the wind (which was too much for some that gave way) and pressed on across the bridge linking the island to the peninsula. By the time we reached Bare Island we were soaked through (it would have been hard to get more wet swimming) but this wasn't the worst of it. The gates were locked and we had to make our way back across the bridge (which thoroughly soaked the other side of us) to the road where we waited for the buses to arrive. By the time the buses had arrived the weather would have passed for monsoonal and there was not a single square inch of any of us that had remained dry.

On the way back to school there was about three centimetres of water on the floor (having drained off us) and every single person was visibly steaming. There was some singing from the back of the bus about Mr. G. Barris which stopped abruptly as he approached and there were some vain attempts to keep the windows from fogging so that we could see where we were going.

We arrived back at school at around two thirty where everyone was dismissed except for those who had to stay at school who went to the hall and tried to dry off. After turning on all the heaters we took off our wettest garments, wrung them out and hung them in front of the heaters to dry. Valda Roser was kind enough to offer everyone a brownie as she passed through the hall going about her business and we were treated to some fantastic piano by Paul Pang.

I returned home at about eight thirty after debating to watch the news which showed footage of a tornado ripping across the bridge to Bare Island and taking the roof off one of the houses directly behind the café that we had been in only a half hour before hand.

I was just thankful that we weren't sucked up!

Despite all of the wind and rain it was a fantastically fun excursion and I wish that more of them would turn out like it did.

***Still Soaked. Max Phillis 8E***

### YEAR 8 CAMP

Last year, for Year 7 camp, we travelled barely more than an hour to Narrabeen, a cabin style sports camp with air-conditioning, where we were hardly pushed out of our comfort zone. However, for year 8 camp, we travelled 4 hours north to the middle of nowhere at Tea Gardens, the Great Aussie Bush Camp, despite the fact that the majority of workers were actually Kiwi.

There we found that our accommodation was tents with 12 people crammed into the space of a car. There was nowhere to put our bags, except the tiny walkways between the hammock-style bunks, and so the tents quickly became a mess. It didn't take long for people to begin losing stuff.

The 'food' they served us was not like home and many people resorted to eating the plentiful supply of junk food that was brought with them, rather than testing their luck with the other food provided.

The activities provided were incredibly fun and really pushed us out of our comfort zone. They offered kayaking, vertical challenge, alpine rescue, indoor rock-climbing, abseiling, commando night activities and the infamous leap of faith where you must jump off a ten metre high pole to a bar two metres away, or fall, trusting your life with your peers who operate a complex safety system. The vertical challenge, indoor rock-climbing and abseiling also challenged us out of our comfort zone. Another thing the activities focused on was teamwork, particularly in kayaking and alpine rescue. We were forced to work together otherwise we would fail in our activity.

After the night activities we would sit around a campfire for a while and sip hot chocolate, before heading to bed at 9:30pm. Unfortunately, we were only given half an hour of talking time before security guards made sure that we got to sleep. If we made the slightest whisper, five seconds later a security guard would be at our door telling us to quieten down.

On one of the days we went to a beach further north. It had no waves and didn't have much sand either, so it was a frolic on the shore for some, while others played beach footy. We finished our beach visit with a barbeque and then to the night activities which seemed very short. We returned home on the Wednesday, only two days after arriving, having enjoyed all the challenging and excellent activities.

The camp would not have been nearly so pleasant without the wholehearted and cheerful support of all our teachers, Ms Howland, Mr Barris, Mr Stein, Mr Ryan, Mr Farrington, Ms Walles and Ms Kaye.

So from Year 8 and myself, thank you very much to all the teachers for making the camp so much fun.

Most importantly Year 8 and I want to thank Ms Kaye for making time in an extremely hectic schedule to organise and share the camp with us.

***Andrew Blomberg 8R***

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### YEARS 9 AND 10 CHINESE EXCURSION

On Friday 8 September 2006, Years 9 and 10 Chinese students enjoyed a movie named “Balzac and the little Seamstress” after period two. This movie was bursting with information about the period of time when Mao Zedong conquered China with his communistic regime. ‘Students’ who did not agree with his views on diplomacy were sent to re-education camps all around China.

This movie centred on the lives of two adult males who were sent to a camp in Phoenix Mountain. There they learnt the ways of the villagers, struggling against countless hardships which they faced with a fierce determination. They were forced to do manual labour in the camp too which included farming and mining for coal. They encountered a new friend called the Little Seamstress who was a very firm believer in Mao and did not approve of the western ways. However, they soon managed to convince her to open up her mind and she became addicted to reading and writing. In the end she left Phoenix Mountain to broaden her knowledge of the world which was influenced by the books read to her by her two friends and the books that she read alone.

After this informative movie, we made a very organised route to Yum Cha in the Golden Harbour Chinese Restaurant. We had a scrumptious meal consisting of various Chinese dishes before we were questioned about the movie where the bright student Shorson Zhang won half a Toblerone and lost the other half to a Year 10 student. After that we were set free at Chinatown and told to make our own way home. Overall this was a very exciting experience and we were able to gather much information from this excursion.

**Robert Lau & Matthew Tong**

On 8 September, Years 9 and 10 had a Chinese incursion and excursion which comprised of watching a Chinese film called “Balzac and The little Seamstress” and going to Chinatown to eat food at Yum Cha.

After recess Years 9 and 10 went to the hall to watch the Chinese film. This film was about two men who were sent to a rural mountain village for re-education. Here they met a girl, little seamstress, from a neighbouring village and both fell in love with her. In this time these three people came across ‘forbidden books’ and after reading them, were enlightened about the world and eventually the girl left the mountain village.

After watching this movie we set off to Chinatown where our food was waiting. We caught public buses which took us to Central which was unexpected as there were well over 90 people with us. This meant we had to take three buses. After reaching Central we walked to Chinatown and entered the Golden Harbour Restaurant. The food there was planned much to our dislike. Common dishes were served and the food was quite satisfying. One of my friends even got an extra dish because he wanted abalone. We then had a quiz on the film we just watched, the main prize being a huge Toblerone.

Overall this excursion was quite enjoyable and the film was very interesting to watch.

**Adrian Ang**

### OPEN DAY

Sydney Boys High School is an academically selective high school for boys with a focus on academic, sporting and cultural achievement.

Prospective parents are making the important decision of which school to entrust with their son’s future education and our Open Day allows us to highlight the opportunities available to them and to showcase facilities such as our new tennis courts, the gymnasium, new History room and our Senior Study.

Our Principal, Dr Jaggar, is available to speak with prospective parents. This is a unique opportunity and is often on a one-to-one basis. The complete range of different sporting and extra-curricular activities have representatives available to speak with interested students and parents. They will often display a DVD or a noticeboard showcasing past activities and events so that prospective students are better informed to make a decision about what activities they may like to participate in. Students at Sydney Boys participate in activities as diverse as Debating, SRC, Rugby, Sailing, Fencing, Volleyball, Rowing, Basketball, Public Speaking, Speed Chess Championships, Music and Cadets.

In 2006, Art, LOTE, Drama and History, Science and Rowing also took the opportunity to display their students’ work. Fun, interactive activities were organised to involve the primary school students attending. There were Rugby and Basketball matches played and rowing machines available for students to try out their skills and fitness. The Library was packed to capacity with parents waiting patiently for primary school boys involved in speed chess and the Music Department provided entertainment with our boys performing three separate musical performances throughout the day.

Over 200 families attended our Open Day in 2006 during which our Prefects conducted guided tours around the school. The Art Department, P & F and the Islamic Society provided morning tea and cakes and the Charities Committee hosted a barbeque for all.

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Our inaugural International night was hailed as a great success with families, students and staff entertained and fed in a convivial atmosphere. After cocktails and entrée food in the foyer, Ms Lim gave an impressive display of martial arts using a bamboo pole to demonstrate multiple methods of inflicting damage on a would-be assailant. A Chinese Lion led the way into the Great Hall accompanied by cymbals and drum. The dance culminated in a lettuce devouring and regurgitation ritual with traditionally lucky portents for those in attendance. Simon Chan was MC for the evening. Mark Nam (School Captain 2002) gave an opening address to the 160 strong group that linked school family participation to enduring qualities of character nurtured by the High experience. The essential support of parents for our co-curricular programs was highlighted. Dinner entertainment was supplied by Jason Phu on a haunting traditional Chinese

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string instrument, along with belly dancers who got several parents on their feet and a Bollywood tap dancer who literally lit up the floor. Greek dancing was provided by a trio of our students who were joined on stage by members of the audience. Perennial performer Paul Pang played beautifully as usual.

### MOUSETRAP CAR RACE

During Open Day, the Great Hall was the setting for an intense competition of mousetrap car racing. Who would be the outright winner? Competing Year 10 Science 1 teams included:

Team Paid	Phil Wu, David fan, Ishan Bapat, Andrew Tang
Team Petrol Heads	Danny Fu, Daniel Chim, George Lo, Anthony Huynh
Team Fish	Michael Bock, Simon Ting, Jun Dai
Team Korea	Alvin Leung, Lucian Tan, Albert Kim, Jason (Osman) Wong
Team Chinaman	Simon Liu, Sean lee, Richard Hui, Simin Yang

Mr. Kay



This was Round two of the Mousetrap Car Race. Tension was high with teams frantically running around making final pit-stop adjustments, bolting on new wheels, setting their mouse-traps to gain maximum thrust and refining their strategy.

The two metre wide track was laid out with tape to a distance of 15 metres. As long as the racing car remained within the barriers, distance would be key to victory.

Many of these cars were veterans from Round one, sporting just minor modifications. The reigning champions, Team Paid, with their K'nex (lego) built machine were reworking their design at the pit stop in a desperate attempt to outclass Team Korea's CD-wheeled tricycle.

Just as the competition was about to begin, Mr Kay entered with his own contraption – a fearsome-looking car, forged from a conglomerate of science equipment and scrap metal.

Following tests runs, each team sought to adjust their cars to an optimum level. The first few runs of the day showed exactly how difficult the conditions were, and how age had wearied the veteran racers. Many ran less than half of what they had during Round one. Some cars presented peculiar problems. Team Paid's car suffered from steering problems right from the outset. The car veered in the fashion of a parabola and left the track within metres. Team Fish lost their axle and spring – their mouse trap exploded !

The race was on. Team Korea stepped up to the plate. Their car bolted along the track setting the standard at 11.88 metres. Everyone watched in anticipation as Mr Kay took his first run. The heavy laden metal contraption managed to eek out 6.60 metres. Team Petrol Sniffers edged past at 7.05 metres. Unfortunately Team Fish was eventually disqualified due to external forces. The winners of the innovative design, the two wheeled scud put together by Team Chinaman managed to travel 7.45 metres.

It was soon clear during the third attempt only Team Paid could threaten the mark set by Team Korea. But Team

Paid's vehicle continually suffered from 'a mind of its own', steering itself uncontrollably off the track into the chair barriers shattering its K'nex structural design. Rebuild was quick, several design strategies considered. By the third attempt the redesigned wheel just didn't make the grade.

Round two, the victory went to Team Korea, at 11.88 metres.

***William , Alvin Leung and Mr. Cheesman***

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### MITCHELL SEOW – VALÉ 2 FEBRUARY 2006

Mitchell had a passion for life. He was brimful of energy and good humour. He was one of a kind, characterised by his big grin, sharp mind, ebullient personality and distinctive gait. His body language was unfailingly positive, confident, even cocky on occasion. I enjoyed interacting with him on many occasions in a wide variety of contexts.

He was among High's best and brightest. He successfully accelerated in IPT in 2003. He won a Prize in the Business Studies Competition in 2005. He played a part in the star-crossed 2003 Commonwealth Bank Junior Debating team that made the state final. He could certainly argue his case well in one-on-one situations. He and I had several discussions about how he was best able to maximise his UAI by doing certain combinations of courses and putting in what amount of time for what probable result. He listened acutely and persisted with his questioning until he had all the information from me (and others) that he wanted. That his judgement was well considered and accurate is evidenced by his fine HSC results and outstanding UAI. He made the All Rounders List and was offered a choice of prestigious university scholarships.

Mitchell was always 'amped up' on the football field, ready to rip into the opposition. He played sport with 100% commitment. He was valued by team mates in the top grades of football as one who would not take a backward step and strove until the end. The thrill of the competition inspired him. He gave his all whether playing in junior tennis teams, rowing in senior crews or having a go in open GPS swimming. He was an excellent team man and a leader who modelled the right behaviour.

In 2005, Mitchell fulfilled his duties as a School Prefect with zeal. He contributed as an SRC representative each year. I remember clearly his occasional appearances at School Council meetings in Year 11. He was articulate, thoughtful and mature. He was certainly a fine role model admired by staff and his peers. He represented the school at formal, sporting and social occasions with poise.

Mitchell was a concerned citizen. His committed work in charity fund raising was admirable. His dedication to school service was acknowledged. He wore his uniform with pride and showed he cared about his school. In short, he was a very accomplished all rounder who epitomised the ethos of the school.

In the unfathomable lottery of life and death, there is a cruel irony that sometimes the names of those who are getting the most out of living are drawn out, and they are then perversely given the least time to experience it. Such was the circumstance with Mitchell. If the worth of someone's life is measurable against standards of maximising potential, giving of one's self to others and living life to the full, then Mitchell was a special person, who could hardly have been involved any more than he was.

His short but eventful life held great promise. He was on the brink of starting a new and exciting phase of it. Now, so sadly, he has become like one of Keats' protagonists on

the Grecian urn, cut short and time warped in the very act of fulfilled living. His life's example serves as a lesson to us all not to squander our opportunities. Undoubtedly, he would have taken every one of his, but now can not.

On behalf of the wider school community I extend our deepest sympathies to Mitchell's family in this most melancholy time. For our part, we undertake to preserve Mitchell's memory at High. His was a life well lived.

*Dr Jaggar*

### EULOGY BY NICHOLAS SEOW

We still don't know exactly what happened to Mitch. His passing is a terribly unfair and seemingly random event that has robbed our household of a great deal of the sunshine and happiness. Mum, Dad and I have been in total shock since it happened. It still feels like he could walk through the front door.

Mitch was born on the 2nd of April, 1987. Mum always said that she made sure he wasn't born a day earlier. He's lived with us in Sans Souci all his life, my younger brother by five years.

Mitch went to Sans Souci preschool and then to Sans Souci Public School. He's always been a very active person, running around and playing sports but always keeping his mind active too. Mitch transferred to the Opportunity Class at Caringbah North Primary before going on to spend six years at Sydney Boys High School.

Mitch had a life threatening head injury while at Sans Souci Public, but insisted on returning to school soon after getting out of hospital to do a math competition, in which he scored 100%.

Mitch was able to play chess before he started kindergarten. When he went from Sans Souci Public School to Caringbah North, the headmaster would keep him after school to try and beat him. He never could, and Mitch left that school with a trophy for top scorer in the Sutherland Shire.

Mitch had a wide variety of interests, including soccer, rowing, weightlifting, tennis, debating and public speaking. He also shared some of my interests. Mitch had great success in everything he did, winning awards or topping subjects every year at SBHS. He played multiple representative sports every year, as well as being on debating teams for many years and being a Prefect and SRC representative. His rowing crew were the crew to break the SBHS decades-long drought in placing at the Head of the River Rowing Regatta.

Mitch passed away at a friend's birthday party in the park at Blues Point on 14 January 2006. Mitch was a shining light in many peoples' lives and I know his not being with us leaves a great hole.

Mitch was a fun loving, honest and genuine person. He was happy almost all the time, but got straight to the point when he saw something that was not right. He always stuck up for his friends. He loved kidding around, making jokes and acting silly. He burned the candle at three ends, always out doing things or talking over the internet with 10 people at once.

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Mitch always seemed to be having a great time at school with his millions of friends and all of the roles he committed himself to. He's so proud of his school blazer, with his lines, pockets and badges. He used to fuss over how the badges should look and ask me how to position them. I've heard from people that Mitch thought he could never live up to my achievements. I feel the converse is true.

I always tried to help Mitch and give him advice where I could, but he was better than me at things. I remember when we were little and were given two soccer balls. Mitch was a natural. He could never quite show me how it was done.

Mitch had the world at his feet. He just received two scholarship offers, one from UNSW and one from USyd. He had already decided to take the UNSW one, but turned up to the free breakfast for USyd scholarship recipients anyway. I'm glad I taught him what some of the important things in life are. I don't know how I'll cope without my best buddy in the whole world. I thought we'd make it through life together. I could always talk to Mitch about anything, and no matter what happened to me, Mitch would always be there when I got home, or eventually, after he came back from poker or a party.

I've believed for years that one of the most important things in life is to have the largest positive impact on the world and people around you. I don't know how I'll ever come anywhere close to what Mitch has done. He's been a shining light in so many peoples' lives, especially mine.

We should be thankful to have had such a fantastic human being share his life with us. His aura of happiness and optimism was always infectious, and may it stay with us. May we follow his example of striving hard and being excellent to each other.

### **EULOGY BY DAMITHA FONSEKA, SCHOOL CAPTAIN, 2005**

To laugh often and love much, to win the respect of peers, to appreciate beauty, to give one's self, to leave the world a bit better, to have played and laughed with enthusiasm, to know even one life has been easier because you have lived – that is to have succeeded.

There are so many lives here that have been easier because of Mitchell; so many people who have been touched by him at some point in their lives. As last year's School Captain, I'd like to speak on behalf of the Sydney High students who spent some of their most important years with Mitch, growing up with him within the walls of the school, in the classrooms and on the playgrounds.

There is a picture that will forever be painted in my mind of Mitchell walking around at school with his blazer and infectious smile, laughing and enjoying the time we had together as mates. He was a generous friend and a dedicated and well-rounded student of Sydney High, a person like no other I've met in my life.

But on top of his marks, his sporting trophies or his Prefect badge, I'd say that his most important and significant achievement in life was the brilliant friend he was able to be to all of us. To be such an all round achiever and then

a wonderfully down-to-earth guy, to me, is a true measure of how successful he was in life. And today he is yet again teaching us a lesson on how we should make the most of our time here, to strive for excellence and surround ourselves with friends.

It sometimes seemed unfair that one person could achieve so seemingly effortlessly across so many fields. But you could never say that about Mitch, who was always



modest in his triumphs. While I struggled to decide what I would do after School, I jealously watched as Mitch intricately planned out his future on a map to success. He knew what he wanted and how he would get it. To lose someone with such dynamism and commitment to life can only be described as unfair, or even morally wrong. But we all must be inspired by Mitchell's attitude. Apart from fantastic memories of an amazing person, Mitch has left us with an ideal – an ideal

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of how to succeed and reach your goals; an ideal of how to be a friend who gives beyond generosity and cares for those around him: a model of how to live.

Ladies and gentlemen, finally I'd just like to say, that to play the role of a friend is such an enormous and beautiful task in life. Mitchell did it so well and to so many people and I thank God that he was brought here to each of our lives. I know he's in good hands now, and I know he'll always be with

an example of how to live. I hope that even through our lows we remember how blessed we are; that even in our darkest times, we listen not to the words of our enemies, but to the silence of our friend, Mitchell.

### EULOGY BY BRYAN WRENCH

We're here to mourn the tragic loss of Mitchell Seow, not only my best mate, but a good mate to all the people he knew. Mitchell was the hardest working person I knew when it came to academia. To get 99.65 in your UAI doesn't come easily, especially when juggling GPS sport, Prefect duties and School duties which he did remarkably well. It was his tenacity to succeed and to accept nothing but the best that made him perform so well in school. However this trait is not why he was so well liked and what made him such a great guy.

I suppose the quality that I really admired about him and what made him so well liked, was his good nature. He always tried to do well among other people, such as not ditching people or talking too much gossip. He always tried to do what was right. But this was easier said than done. The important thing though was that he tried to do the good thing! And for the most part, he was successful, which earned the respect of many peers as seen here today. He was also a great sportsman because of his will to never give in.

All in all, Mitchell was one the best blokes and mates ever to have. He had dreams to become a ten million dollar businessman, owning mansions across the world. However, life has unexpected turns. Even though he didn't live his dreams, he left us on the top of his game, well loved within the school, a high UAI, a well respected Prefect and a friend to all. I loved him like a brother and will always.

I'd like to thank you, Mitchell, for all the good experiences we have had together and know that I am a better person because of you. I've learnt so much from you, as you claim you have from me, but I found this was more of a one way street, as I've learnt more from you. You always stood by me, and you were always the guy to come check up on me, when no one else would. I'll always remember your big cheesy grin, Mitchell, which made you such a character. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to have known you.

Thank you.



us, because no one can take away the time we had with him. I know that all of us Sydney High students will remember him in our prayers, and think about him whenever we drive past school and how much he loved that place. I know also that we will all take an important lesson away. There's not one High boy here, who didn't at some point during the last few weeks think to himself, "Wow, that could've been me." I've realised that there's just no time to frown or complain. He left us with

# School Council

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005-2006

The past year has been a productive one, witnessing the continued building of a more effective role for the School Council in the life of Sydney High School.

I want to thank all members of the Council for their commitment to our meetings. This has ensured the functioning of the Council as a representative body throughout the year.

Encouraging financial transparency within the school community is one of the Council's important roles in recent years has been to encourage financial transparency and accountability within the school community.

The Council's ratification of the school's budget and the regular budget reporting by the Principal helps to ensure that the school community is committed to the many programs the school has to offer.

The Council also has input into the Building Fund Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the Sydney High School Foundation which consists of the Principal, the treasurer of the Foundation and the presidents of the P&C, Foundation, OBU and School Council. Its role is to oversee and approve disbursements from the Centenary Building fund in accordance with the disbursement formula that has already been approved by the School Council. The formula seeks to achieve a balance between expenditure on current maintenance and future capital expenditure.

The improved financial transparency and the confidence that this engenders will place us in a good position to commence fund raising for the School's next important project the provision of much-needed new library facilities to commemorate the School's 125th anniversary in 2008.

Supporting and endorsing school developments In the past couple of years particular attention has been paid to the tennis courts redevelopment and this has involved much negotiation between various parts of the School community to formulate a proposal that can go forward with the support of all and the approval of the Department of Education.

The Council has been pleased to support the SHS Foundation's application, as a Government School Community Organisation, to the Federal government for a grant of \$150,000 towards the construction of basketball courts and cricket nets.

The Council has also supported the campaign to seek funding for the proposed new library from both State and Federal governments.

## COMMUNICATION

The Council also provides a broader forum for communication and the raising of ideas and matters of interest to the School community. In 2005-6 some of these matters have included: traffic control within the school grounds, the adequacy of the school's electricity supply, and the gaining of Place of Public Entertainment accreditation for the Great Hall.

The Council also receives regular reports on the other capital projects around the School. In 2005-6 these have included the Cutler Memorial Gates, the refurbishment of room 402, and the construction of a retaining wall next to the

McDonald Building in preparation for the basketball courts and cricket nets.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

In the past couple of years the Council has been seeking ways to be involved in the School's strategic planning process. In particular I would like to express appreciation for the contribution of John Harkins in provoking and leading many of these discussions.

The strategic plan, which is developed within the context of broader Departmental strategic plans, curriculums and government policies, sets out the School's mission, its statement of values, strategic objectives and the means of achieving these.

The Council's ongoing discussions have led to a proposal for a school convocation to be held in September 2006 to help consolidate support for the School's future directions.

## THE FUTURE

A number of issues have already arisen that will need to be dealt with in 2006-7, these include:

- the development of a policy for community use of school facilities;
- the School's response to the Centennial Parkland's Moore Park Master Plan;
- the furthering of the proposals for a new school library and a start to the fund-raising effort; and
- planning for the 125th anniversary of the School in 2008.

With continued goodwill and commitment from all members of the Council, I know we can go on to great achievements in 2006-7.

*Joseph Waugh, President*



Exoday Fundraising

## P&C President

### REPORT FROM THE SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION – 2006

This year has been an exciting and successful year for the P&C at High. While the year commenced with some noticeable holes in the membership of the executive, throughout the year these were capably filled by some highly enthusiastic volunteers. As a result, the business of the association has been able to progress without disruption – in this regard the efforts of Simon Chan (Vice-President), Andy Chow (Treasurer), Suzanne Harkins (Assistant Treasurer) and Anne Kurtz (Secretary) are gratefully acknowledged.

The year has also seen the association provide a level of financial support, unprecedented in recent past years, to the school. Over \$100,000 has been donated to the school in this past year and this figure does not include the funds raised by the P&C sub-committees for the direct support to the body they represent eg Rugby, Rowing, Chess, Music, etc. Provision of these funds to support school programs has been made possible by a combination of P&C Membership fees, funds generated from parking by all P&C sub-committees, special fund raising efforts and the school Canteen - the profits of which go immediately back into the Principal's nominated programs. I would also like to especially thank Raewyn Duffy, her staff and the dependable group of volunteer parents who work tirelessly to ensure the success of the canteen, year after year.

In this past year the programs that the Association has contributed to have included the Tennis Courts (\$10K), Erection of new School signs (\$11K), completion of the Certification of the Great Hall as a Place of Public Entertainment (POPE - \$35K), the fund to support the New School Library (\$40K), and the purchase of Laptops, projectors and electronic Whiteboards to support e-Learning in the classroom. It is particularly pleasing to see the projects for POPE and the school signs finally come to fruition after an interminable gestation period. Sue Levy must be thanked for her perseverance to see both projects to a successful conclusion.

Members of the association and the school family in general, should appreciate the direct benefit that active membership and participation in the P&C brings to ours and future boys of the school.

A most important initiative for the school was implemented by our new

Vice President, Simon Chan. With a passion for ensuring that adequate funds would be available to support the construction of a new library for the schools 125th Anniversary, Simon drew together a broadly representative group of people from across the fabric of the school. This body is known as the "Development Committee" is ably chaired by Tai-Loi Chan-Ling and consists of representatives from the School council, OBU, P&C and most importantly, the Library staff. While the Library is the key focus for the group at present, with Dr Jaggar's support, it is likely to develop into a formal body within the school providing support to all "development" activities across all school fundraising and governance bodies.

Another key area of activity in which the P&C is involved is the Sydney Boys' High Foundation. The Foundation is an incorporated body, jointly managed by the P&C, the Old Boys' Union (OBU) and the Principal that is charged with responsibly maintaining and managing the assets of the school to support the school ethos and environment to their maximum

advantage. The most obvious assets managed by the Foundation are the Outterside centre, MacKay Pavilion and the High Store. With regards to new initiatives, notably the tennis courts were constructed, principally, via a business case developed and underwritten by the Foundation. In addition, further asset consolidation strategies currently are being considered. Gratifyingly, this year has seen a reinvigoration of the shared sense of responsibility that the P&C and OBU are charged with to foster this valuable instrument. While this shared sense of purpose requires further nurturing, the seeds have been sown for the P&C/OBU relationship to flourish to be one of significant benefit to the school, now and in the future.

There are too many members of the association who should be specially mentioned for the exceptional efforts they have provided to the school through the P&C, to compress into a limited space. Suffice to say that I, and I trust the whole school community, recognises and applauds the superlative effort that the members of the P&C and its sub-committees makes to the life of the school. On behalf of the Association, I would also like to thank Dr Jaggar and the Staff at High for the support they provide in developing an atmosphere and culture to educate and nurture our sons.

**Dr A Shane Brown, President**



## High Club & OBU

### THE HIGH CLUB

The High Club Limited was formed originally to operate licenced premises acquired with a loan serviced by members, for the benefit of the School and its supporters.

The operation became financially non-viable and the premises in Flinders Street were sold. Since then the net proceeds from the sale have been invested to provide annual donations to the School. A total of almost \$400,000 has been donated including the funds to complete the second floor of The Outterside Centre at Abbotsford.

The value of the investments has risen gradually over the years, so that the annual donations can be maintained at about the same level.

Through those years, the guiding hand was Ken Baret, with strong support from his wife Joan. Sadly, this year both Ken and Joan died, within weeks of each other.

Just before they died, a plaque was unveiled by the Principal at the Outterside Centre, recognising the contribution they and like-minded parents and ex-students have made to the School.

### THIS YEAR THE CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

This year also, the Club donated \$30,000 towards completion of the Sir Roden Cutler Memorial Gates. Because of the close link of Sir Roden with Ken's family, this project was dear to Ken and Joan's heart. So the donation was, in a way, an expression by Club members of the affection and appreciation they felt for Ken, as much as for the way that Sir Roden represented all that is good about Sydney High School.

The work of the Club continues vigorously, carried on by a Board of honorary directors dedicated to helping the School and its students. Its present members, with a brief background, are:

**Norman Lamerton (B.Ec., FCPA), President**

(email: nclamerton@bigpond.com.au)

Former consultant C & L (now PwC); Finance Director ABC; consultant World Health Organisation.

**Lorraine Wilson, Vice-President/Company Secretary**

(phone: 4384 5774) Retired company secretary.

**Brian Abbott (B.Ec., FCA),**

**Treasurer**

Chartered accountant and former company CEO.

**Bill Bowey**

Retired senior company executive.

**David Rosenfeld (B.Sc. (Eng.))**

Structural Engineer.

**Nick Armstrong (B.Sc.)**

(email: n.armstrong@greentricity.com.au)  
School Captain, 1991;  
company director.

**Marjorie Little, Social Activities Director**

**Edward Sullivan (Ph.D., M.Sc., FAIP)**

Retired senior university lecturer

Each month, a luncheon is held for members of the Club and friends of the School, presently at Bronte Bowling Club.

### SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS UNION

In 2006 the OBU continued, along with the P & C, to provide governance to the School community through membership and directorships of – Sports Council, McKay Management Committee, School Council and the Foundation.

This year was also one in which a large number of younger Old Boys gave their time to help coach various sport teams.

The OBU has recently undergone a number of changes and addressed some long term structural problems.

In mid 2005 we began a process of looking at ways of making the OBU both more efficient and more relevant to younger members. Significant among the issues addressed were our Financial position and Membership.

Our financial position began to decline in the late 1900's due to a flat fee scale and an increase in costs. Whilst the OBU continued to host social events we were beginning to do so at a loss and at the same time maintaining the prizes, donations, etc that have always been part of our tradition.

Membership has been compromised by many unfinancial members using information facilities, receiving publications and the like.

Changes instituted to put us on a better path have included:

1. Reinstating a non fee period of 10 years for all students who have paid all 6 years whilst at School
2. A telephone campaign for new members
3. Encouragement for more younger members to become involved.

The OBU is now looking at ways of formalizing the process of prizes and donations that Old Boys can be encouraged to provide encouragement to individual achievers at High.

We are now looking forward to a period of growth and one in which the OBU can be more relevant to younger members as it reconnects with the School.

**M. Livingston**



## Student Welfare & Charities

2006 was another very busy year for the Student Welfare team. Elevate Educate visited the school in February to provide Yr 11 students with advice on organising time, setting goals and coping with commitments. This team of people are young and having recently completed the HSC well positioned to empathise with the senior student's stresses and concerns.

Louis Appleton and Julian Byrnes, Year 9 students, participated in a Community Relations Youth Day on 22 August, Matt King attended the Youth Wellbeing Forum run by the Eastern Sydney Division of General Practitioners in September gaining access to many health professionals and informing his PDHPE knowledge. Prefects and some SRC members will attend the Young Leaders Day in November, as they have done for a number of years.

Brainstorm Productions performed Sticks and Stones to Year 7 in May to reinforce the anti bullying program of the school. The second successful University evening was held at the school organised by Mr Watson.

The Leadership Portfolios program, coordinated by Ms Ward, is in the first phase of introduction and will make a valuable adjunct to the Awards Scheme and other leadership training programs such as Peer Support and Peer Mediation. The Portfolios will allow students from year 7 on to specialise in areas of interest and skill. As students gain experience, master skills and fulfil responsibilities the desire is for them to progress to a team leader role or become a mentor to other students. The desired outcome of this program is to give all students access to leadership positions in the school and provide a path for students to progress up to Mentor roles for given portfolios as they gain experience and meet the challenges and fulfil responsibilities of each portfolio.

Values Education continues to be delivered in yr 7 to 10 and is becoming a strong element to the 7-10 timetable. Since the programs beginnings in 2001 reports of bullying have dramatically reduced and all students in Year 9 gain access to Peer Support leadership training. The range of modules provides an opportunity to address community concerns for boys in general. Topics range from philosophy and ethics and work related modules in Year 10, social behaviour, gender differences and leadership training in Year 9, conflict resolution skills, masculinity and public speaking strategies in Yr 8 and units designed to aid transition into High School in Year 7.

Our wonderful Year 10 Peer Support Facilitators continued to fulfil a crucial role as primary support for new Year 7 students. The Welfare team are always indebted to them year after year. The skilled Peer Mediators are the other group of leaders the welfare team recognise as an essential level of support for students in dispute.

Year 9 Peer Support "Angels" in training. Group activities designed to demonstrate to students how group dynamics can be enhanced.

*J May, HT Student Welfare*

### CHARITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Charities Committee of 2006 did an excellent job in setting goals and working tirelessly to achieve them. Those who participated gave up their Monday lunchtimes to attend the meetings, which brought together the thoughts and ideas from the representatives of each grade.

Each grade had been assigned specific mufti days from which they could fund raise for their respective charities. We had the new Year 7s suggesting proposals into designing posters and making new banners for events like Jeans for Genes Day. We had Year 9 and 10s showing equal enthusiasm for their charities. The Year 10s had invited representatives from their charity who set up a presentation to highlight the disaster-ravaged cities of Sri Lanka after the tsunami, from which their charity was based.

Our year 11s held the majority at our meetings, with many of them organising campaigns for Sir Roden Cutler Foundation, in which they covered the city on May 26 and reached their target. The Year 12s goal of making \$15,000 was easily achieved throughout the year for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets. This was accomplished through the mufti day which raised approximately \$1300, the Battle of the Sexes debate which raised approximately \$900 and the talent quest with approximately \$800. However, the majority of the target was reached due to the Year 12's work on 25 and 29 September, when they covered various suburbs across Sydney in efforts to bring the total well above \$15,000 and beat last year's sum. The Class of 2006 was successful in achieving this goal and actually brought the total to well over \$18,000 for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets - an excellent accomplishment.

Hopefully, more Year 12s in the future get involved in the Charities Committee, as it is a rewarding experience and well worth the time.

*Adrian Jeyendra, Charities Prefect*



#### Student Representative Council

**Back Row:** L.Yang, A.Blomberg, N.Pednekar, A.Ho, M.Liang, Y-Z.Guo, I.Zaman, W.Stefanidis.

**Third Row:** N.Wong, D.Vien, W.Lu, J.Phu, D.Ng, R.Yang, A.Shapilsky, H.Li, L.Appleton.

**Second Row:** A.Chawla, S.Beston, M.Phung, M.Phillis.

**Front Row:** Y.Yeung, A.Wong, J.Banh, V.Perananthan (Secretary), S.Wason (President), R.Xu, N.Levanic (Treasurer), P.Wu, K.Lim.

## The Library



**Back Row:** C.Pan, Y.Wong, C.McKay, D.Nguyen, D.Kim, S.Kim.  
**Front Row:** K.Nguyen, K.Qian, I.Ho, G.Li, S.Beston, G.Panas, C.Do.

2006 has been a watershed year for the Andrews Library in a number of ways. Firstly and most excitingly the design for the new library is now published and the external appearance is still our artistic architect's work in progress. It was also great for the librarian to be consulted on the design of the library. We have opted for a one side open classroom structure to follow the Dewey numbers. Maths and Science will share a classroom space with library resources all right in the room. Art and English will share another classroom space with their resources and History and Geography will share another. These rooms should all have wireless computers, interactive whiteboards, provision for screening videos and movies. They should be regarded by the faculties which share them as part of their faculty resources and class space. The faculties will own these areas they will only be assisted by the library staff who are there to help them to access resources. As with the library at present all areas will be available to be booked by teaching staff.

Secondly a Development Committee has been formed to oversee the Capital Works Campaign needed to build the Library. This Development Committee and Dr Jaggars are working very hard to set up several facets of this campaign. Details will be updated on the school website as the campaign gets under way. Many thanks to the parents whose unflagging interest in a better library has sustained Dr Jaggars' determination to make the Library the 125th Anniversary project for the last 5 years. Parents have so far donated \$300,000 towards the new library building. It is very hard to start up a huge building project without the moral and financial support of the Education Department. It is only the glaring inadequacy of the present 1960s library for students of such calibre which motivates parents and our School Council alike. We also hope to be supported in this endeavour by our Old Boys.

Thirdly, our library has experimented with 2 new services which will characterize the design of our new school library. One is staff workstations situated in the class areas with the students so that staff are accessible and helpful at all times. The second new service is the new wireless notebook computers. These computers have added dramatically to the library's computer capacity. They were originally purchased to assist Year 11 & 12 to continue their work on the computers

without being disturbed if teachers also came in to use the computers for class research. They are quite often all out during lesson time and we have only had them for five weeks. Obviously they are much appreciated by the boys.

Underpinning all the services our madly busy library offers is the donation by our parents of \$75,000 per annum to the Library Fund Without this we could not have bought our laptops. Without this we would not have added ten new computers 3 years ago. Without this we could not employ library staff out of normal hours so that boys get up to 1½ hours every morning to complete assignments/homework or just read the newspapers in the library every morning. We are very pleased to report that the library computer area is now used much more by the history and geography and science departments. The advent of the laptops means that teachers do not feel guilty about pushing year 11 & 12 off the computers.

Without this huge parent donation to library resources and fittings via the library fund we would not have been able to modernize the resource collection to contain only relevant resources 15 years old or younger. We are noticing a corresponding increase in our non fiction loans. School librarians at a recent district meeting vocalised their frustration that they rarely bother purchasing non fiction as students are only borrowing fiction. That is not the case in this library. Relevant resources would appear to be the answer. Of course not every state school has our more developed attitude to parent contributions and hence has the money to give boys the advantage of quality resources.

Thanks to the generosity of parents we have also replaced old and yellowing classics. For several years we have been upgrading our replacement processes. This year we had the assistance of Mr G Barris for two periods a week and he stormed through tons of replacement in the Social Science and Teacher Reference area. We are not finished but are making noticeable progress which encourages us to keep up the process.

We have been very fortunate to have had some very high quality staff working in the library. Welcome to Mrs Graul and Mrs O'Hare who maintain their pleasant dispositions despite actually working in the library with the boys. Mrs Tin Loi who is a retired university librarian has donated 2 days a week to us and has concentrated on cataloguing material which has not Scissed. As a result of the allocation of Mr G Barris the library has been able to complete more sophisticated research on the effectiveness of a library in a school for gifted and talented boys. Comparisons of the report results for English of excellent library users and the whole school indicate a 15%-10% better result for the library users. These results should flow across to other essay writing subjects. We always thought that the ranks of prize winners at Speech Night was comprised of the denizens of the library now we have more than hearsay to support this library claim to fame. There is also support for the wide reading units which have operated in English for the last 2 years. Please see the website for a more detailed explanation of this research.

## Peer Support and Mediators

For the second year in a row our library has been the recipient of a Telstra Grant (thanks to Telstra Employee parents). Last year we purchased Literary Circles Books and this year Telstra enabled us to pay for about 1/3 of our newspaper table bill.

The boys continue to very actively assist the library as student librarians. The Archives is also a hive of activity these days. Our library staff have noticed that it is considerably

less stressful in the library even though it is very busy and demanding. The hard work of the office boys in the library and the work of volunteer librarians contributes to this as does the very professional work of the clerical staff in the library. Our present library is a huge group effort.

Thanks to all of you.

**Mrs Crothers**



### Peer Support

**Back Row:** H.Reid, W.Trac, D.O'Keefe, L.Street, P.Locke, D.Ng.

**Fourth Row:** N.Lochner, B.Palau, A.Leung, T.Joo, A.Karunakaran, N.McDowell, D.Simpson, M.Coutts, T.Lindeback, B.Pfull, I.Nadkarni.

**Third Row:** S.Luo, M.Rusli, V.Tsui, G.Lo, V.Perananthan, S.Sugito, D.Vien, W.Lee, J.Ma, K.Iyer, R.Yoon, D.Chim, J.Phung.

**Second Row:** J.Ip, D.Chiu, R.Ji, B.Lee, C.Yang, L.Burger, A.Shapilsky, D.Fu, R.Chen, A.Ho, T.Rosengarten, Z.Harrison-Tikisci, T.Li, N.Lieu, M.Lee, K.Lam.

**Front Row:** A.Thomas, S.Rahman, C.Martin, R.Sutton, G.Truong, A.Yeung, A.Lim, Ms B.Berger (Coordinator), J.Cohn, M.Bock, P.Wu, A.Kandasamy, S.Ting, J.Hui, A.Balachandran.



### Peer Mediators

**Back Row:** D.Kumagaya, M.Farhat, M.Fetherston, K.Yu. **Front Row:** M.Sin, C.Wong, S.Wang, Ms B.Berger (Coordinator), R.Yang, L.Yang, J.Xie

# Competitions

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION FOR THE WESTPAC AWARDS 2006

### YEAR 7 PRIZEWINNERS

Declan Gorey  
Michael Liu-Li  
Zhuang Chen  
plus 19 High Distinctions

### YEAR 8 PRIZEWINNERS

Benjamin Ly  
John Wormell  
Oliver Wu  
Jacky Poon  
plus 9 High Distinctions

### YEAR 9 PRIZEWINNERS

Thomas Wilson  
Nishan Abeyesuriya  
plus 29 High Distinctions

### YEAR 10 PRIZEWINNERS

Howard Gu  
Garland Huang  
Richard Hua  
Daniel Chim  
Zid Niel Mancenido  
plus 28 High Distinctions

### YEAR 11 PRIZEWINNERS

Anthony Morris  
Trong Nguyen  
Patrick Chen  
Jamie Tao  
Kelvin Yu  
Leslie Wong  
plus 32 High Distinctions

### YEAR 12 PRIZEWINNERS

Edward Pham  
Vinh Pham  
Thomas Wong  
plus 23 High Distinctions

## UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALESN 2006 45TH ANNUAL SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

### SENIOR DIVISION

*Third Prize overall:* Anthony Morris  
*Prize and Certificate:* Vinh Pham, Jamie Tao, Rishub Verma  
*Certificate:* Richard Liu, Senthil Thillainadesan

### JUNIOR DIVISION

*Prize and Certificate:* Yu Sun, John Wormell  
*Certificate:* Jacob Cao, David Fan Edward Lu, Andrew Tang

### OLYMPIAD COMPETITIONS 2006

Vinh Pham won a Bronze Medal at the 47th International Mathematical Olympiad held in Slovenia in 2006.

### OLYMPIAD QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

*Senior Contest Prize:* Anthony Morris  
*Intermediate Contest High Distinctions:*  
Edwin Montoya, Yu Sun, Remy Ji

### CHEMISTRY COMPETITION 2006

Alex Vertoudakis, John Luu, Trong Nguyen (Year 11) and Chubg-Ngan Ho (year 12) were awarded plaques and this means they were in the top 800 out of 113,323 entries.

### UNSW ENGLISH WRITING COMPETITION – 2006

#### *Year 9 High Distinctions:*

Louis Appleton, Beau Greenslade, Arthur Kourtesis, Victor Lam, Mishu Osinski, Lawrence Png, Xavier Quah, Adam Richards, Wilson Szet, Joshua Tassell, Thomas Wilson, Geoffrey Zhang, Steven Zheng.

#### *Year 8 High Distinctions:*

George Adarsh, Puneet Baweja, Brian Kelly.

#### *Year 7 High Distinctions:*

Timothy Chan, Vivin George, Gordon Li, Joseph Lui, Austin Ly, Michael Phung, Henry Sit.

### UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION – 2006

#### *Year 11 High Distinctions:*

Lachlan Deacon, Patrick Duffy, Osman Faruqi, Adnan Husaini, Maximilian Keldoulis, Clement Lee.

#### *Year 10 High Distinctions:*

Richard Hua, Sean Lee, Zid Niel Mancenido, Michael Myronenko, Ricky Ratnayake, Harrison Reid, Vincent Tsui, Kevin Wang, Phillip Wang, Caly Yang.

#### *Year 9 High Distinctions:*

Abraham Chan, Daniel Lambert, Thomas Nguyen, Mishu Osinski, Shane Ponraj.

#### *Year 8 High Distinctions:*

Michael Do, Oliver Fio, Brian Jian, Benjamin Ly, Brendan O'Rourke, Christopher Tin-Loi, Mohit Tugnait, John Wormell.

#### *Year 7 High Distinctions:*

Ilya Bonch-Osmolovskiy, Botong Cheng, Vivin George, Ryan Gu, Andrew Hau, Anshul Jain, Michael Lee, Francis Lin, Eric Ovadia.

## Tournament of Minds

### A FACILITATOR'S PERSPECTIVE

First and foremost, I would like to thank Mr Beringer, Mr Devlin, Mr Dolan and Sydney Boys High School for their support in Tournament of Minds. If not for the funding and help, Tournament of Minds would not have been possible this year. In addition, I must also thank Jason Wong who was co-facilitator this year. Even though he was able to compete, he decided to facilitate and help the team as well as judge the spontaneous challenge for Primary School.

Tournament of Minds started in Term 1 with trials for the 7 places in the team. These trials were mainly short term problem solving and drama type problems along with some readings. After 6 weeks, a team we felt capable of performing well together was chosen comprising of Nikhil Autar, Samir Kinger, George Panas, Liam Aylmer, Anirbhan Ghose, Julian Byrnes and Anton Jurisevic. Each boy brought something special to the team and we felt this could combine well to at least give us a chance of making it to the State Finals.

Unlike previous years where team-based short term problems were given to improve team bonding, quicker thinking and more creative responses, this year saw the team tackle a new challenge. 6 Long-term problems from 1998-1999 were given to the team which saw them choose a problem and solve it. Justification for this new approach was to improve our long term performances which weren't as strong as well as giving Jason and I a chance to go through what they needed to do in terms of problem selection, time management and creating a solution for the problem. Although not quite as successful as we would've liked, a solution was made but not performed. Despite this setback, we still believed the team had learnt enough to do well in the real problem. During this time, a

number of spontaneous problems were also given out where Jason and I explained what to do with regard to the processes which led to the solution. The natural creativity and depth of the team did not require much attention from us as we felt they were definitely good enough in this respect.

This year, Maths Engineering was chosen and the challenge was to create a bird that did contrasting tricks. The team worked minimally in the first three weeks with setbacks including prototype birds not working and a script that would not finish. However, our worrying didn't last long as the team applied themselves well in the last few weeks to finish with a very humorous script, good costumes, props and a bird made of balsa wood. Despite the launch mechanisms failure on the performance day, the audience was amused and entertained in the performance in spite of several mishaps including some minor deviations from the script and the mentioned bird launch mechanism which virtually eliminated the team's chances of making it to the next round. However, the team's spontaneous problem worked out very well as they followed our instructions precisely with regard to teamwork and processes. They did extremely well and received "outstanding" in virtually the entire feedback sheet regarding the spontaneous problem.

The team worked well this year and was unlucky to not make it to the State Finals. Their spontaneous problem was brilliant and if they had pulled off their long term problem, they definitely would have been a chance. I would like to congratulate the team and Jason in the effort they have put in over the past three terms and wish them the best of luck in future Tournament of Minds competitions.

**Joe Banh, Facilitator**



**Back Row:** J.Wong (Facilitator), N.Autar, J.Banh (Facilitator). **Front Row:** G.Panas, S.Kinger, J.Byrnes, A.Ghose, L.Aylmer.

## Foundation Day Assembly

Distinguished guests, School Family representatives, parents of School Prefects Elect, staff, students – welcome to our 123rd Founder's Day Assembly. We welcome back a previous School Captain and distinguished architect, Mr Alec Tzannes, to deliver our Occasional Address today. It is important to remember the origins of the school on October 1, 1883. It was a ground breaking experiment in secondary education at the time, when the first 46 boys helped to forge our traditions. Given the importance of leadership to any institution, it is also very appropriate for us to celebrate our past leaders and welcome our new ones. The investiture of School Prefects is an important ritual in the life of a school. It serves as a link with the past, but more importantly, honours the contemporary school context.

Thirty years ago, the Headmaster, Mr Bradford, was bemoaning the lack of financial support from the government and apologising for the necessity to cut back on budgets for materials and resources. He reported that the appraisal panel that had visited the school in October, 1975 commented that "there was no other school in the State which offers the number and range of opportunities and extra-curricular activities to its students." It is to be hoped that today High can still claim to be unsurpassed by any school in the provision of opportunities for its students. We have certainly preserved and extended these activities in the generation since 1976. The school faced the problem then (as now) of trying to meet its GPS commitments in all sports with largely volunteer teachers, parents and Old Boys.

Mr Bradford was able to announce the first appointment of Mr Stone as Special Master (Physical Education) and some reduced face to face teaching for teachers taking GPS sports. He wrote: "I see no way in which these teachers can be fairly compensated for their extra commitment, however I am delighted that this commitment is now officially recognised and that a substantial gesture of appreciation is possible." Even this concession (withdrawn 20 years later by the Minister for Education, John Aquilina) was insufficient to run the sports programs optimally.

High is much less recognised now by government as a unique and important state school than it was then. We have to compete even harder for resources than Mr Bradford did. We face the same challenges and obstacles. Assuredly, together, the High community will continue to thrive, not merely survive, in the intensely competitive context where we operate. We have to seek innovative means of financing our co-curricular activities and attracting our teachers to give up a large amount of time for very little compensation. That they continue to do so is a credit to them and a symbol of the power of this institution to survive and maintain itself against the odds.

We face very tight financial constraints today as we strive to raise the standard of our academic delivery and of our sporting facilities. Coaching in all facets of school life has developed very significantly in the last thirty years but even more needs to be done to ensure every student has an unfettered opportunity

to maximise his potential. We need money or time from our Old Boys and parents to keep pace with the rapid escalation of the costs of educational provision at the elite level.

Stephen Marquet was School captain in 1976. He wrote in *The Record* about the distinguished tradition of High. He stressed the importance of school spirit developed through participation in multiple activities. He reiterated the sentiments of a previous captain who highlighted the importance of student attitudes in making a good school a great one. Ultimately, it is not the buildings or facilities but the drive of the students and the dedication of the teachers that combine to make high quality learning and hence performance in any endeavour.

I am struck by the frequency of sentiments expressed by outgoing School Captains who unprompted focus on involvement in school life. Even those most committed have a sense of something left undone, of an opportunity forgone. They often feel they could have done more for the school and for themselves as leaders. Student members of the audience might well ask of themselves: Am I getting as much out of school life as I could? Are my personal abilities being developed to their potential?

The School Prefects chosen to represent the school in 2007 are worthy of the honour. They have made a commitment to the school and what it stands for. On our new Sir Roden Cutler Gates is his coat of arms with its motto: "service in all places". Sir Roden's career symbolised the pre-eminence of service as his ideal - service to his country, his state and his community. Our society is governed by the notion of standards and outcomes meeting them. Our school may well be judged by the standard of its leaders. Our School Prefects are elected to preserve and enhance the culture of the school. Their example is to serve in all places where school activities happen – at ceremonies, school functions, sporting fixtures, carnivals, assemblies, public functions, charity events, fund raising, joint activities with SGHS, debates, trivia nights or afternoon teas. They want to see the school achieve its principal goal of providing myriad opportunities for each individual to pursue personal excellence in many fields of endeavour. They are upright young men. They have proven themselves by completing a demanding qualification process before facing the three electoral colleges of Year 10, Year 11, and staff and Prefects 2006. I am proud of them all. I congratulate them and commend them to you.

***Dr Jaggar***



State 1. Students raising happy Balloons, A Huang, T Castleton, T Hurrell, M Wang, X Liu



Rowers war cry





# Open Day





# Cricket



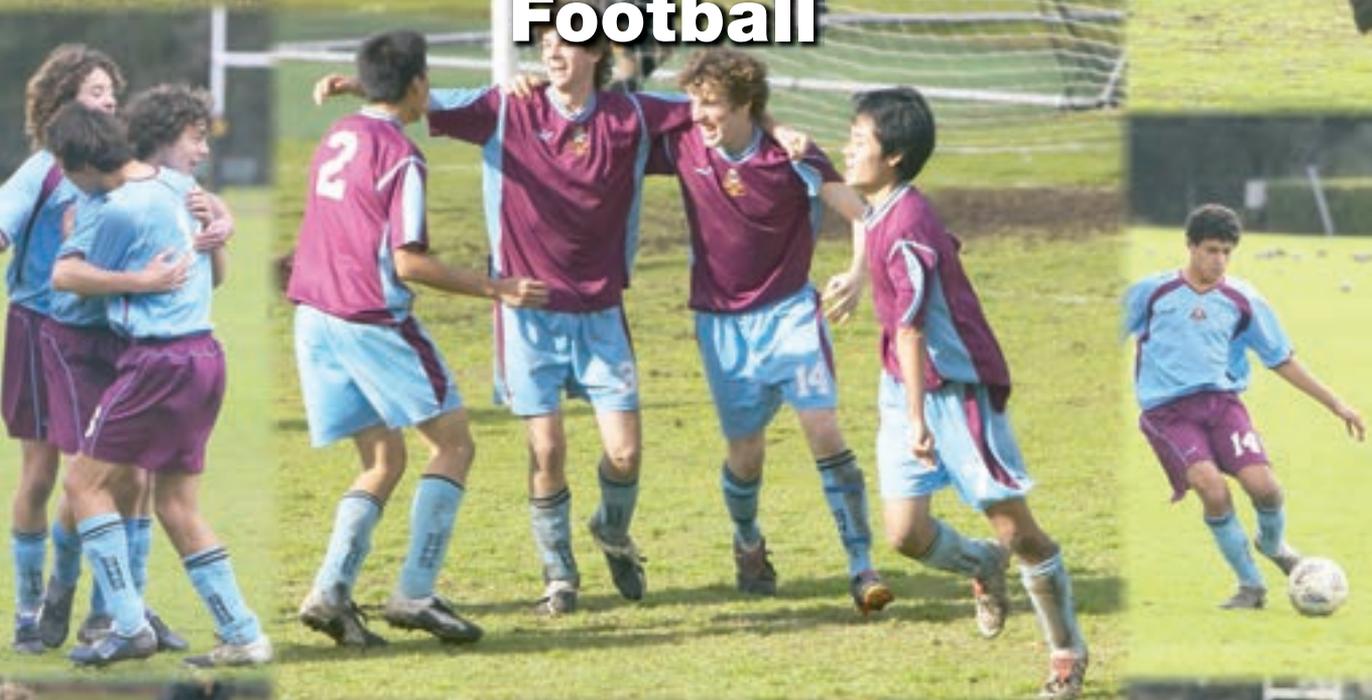


# Cadets





# Football





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# Music





# Athletics





# Rowing





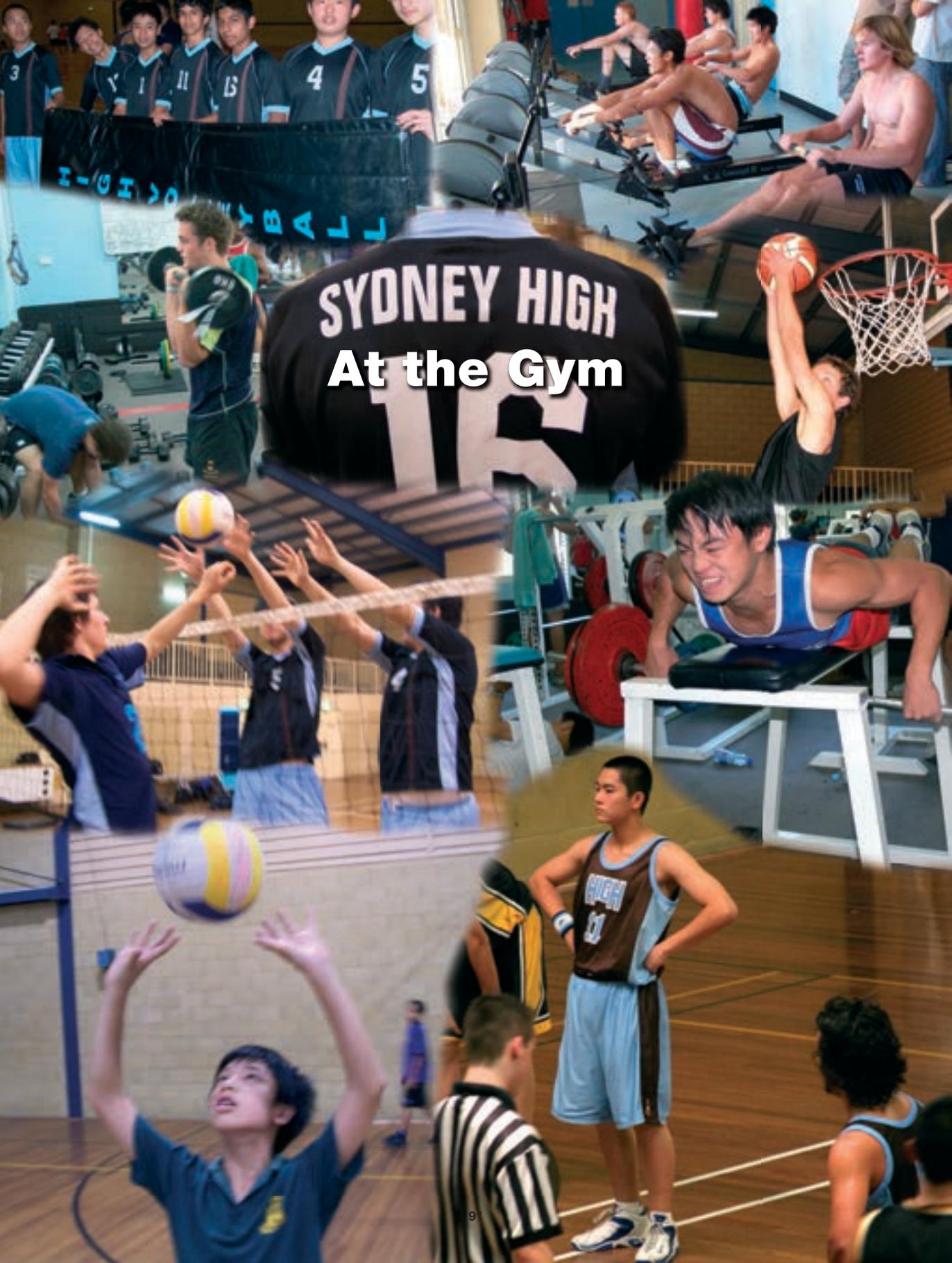
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# SYDNEY HIGH At the Gym



# Cross Country

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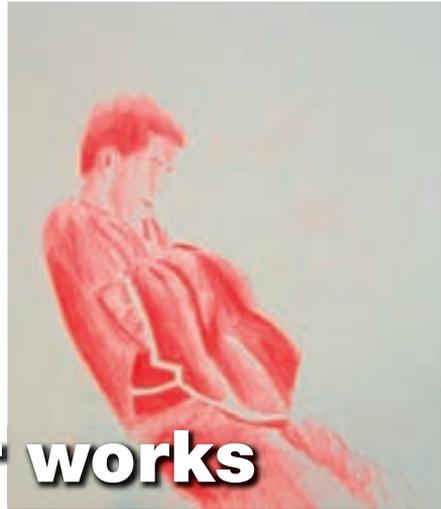


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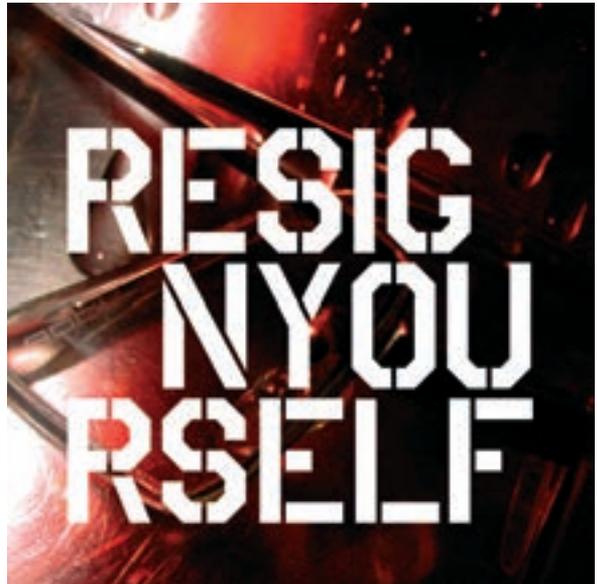
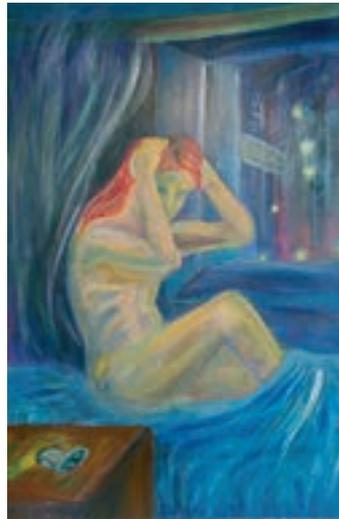




# Debating



## Art – Major works



From the top, clockwise:  
Felix Taaffe, Passers-by in Red, Black and Blue, pencil on paper  
Raymond Roca, The day cannot be far off when men will have face the fact...digital prints on canvas 1  
Raymond Roca, The day cannot be far off when men will have face the fact...digital prints on canvas 2  
Nicholas Hannan, Untitled.acrylic on canvas  
Steven Song, The Dream Without 1, acrylic on canvas  
Steven Song, The Dream Without 2, acrylic on canvas  
Ramesh Nithiyendran, Bacchanale-Primitives and Queens, oil on canvas  
Yi Fei Zhou, We Make the Scene 2, mixed media on paper

# Literary Contributions



Rory Pearson, It Seems but a Moment. LED prints

# Literary Contributions

## YEAR 7 CREATIVE PROSE

### *A SUNSET*

The setting sun cast its golden rays over the water on the beach like a light globe, filling the world with orange-tinged light. Red, yellow and orange blended perfectly on the water and made the sea shimmer as if there were a multitude of brightly coloured fish frolicking on it.

The orange contrasted with the violet hue of the clouds and the light reflected off the backs of all the crabs that made their homes in the sand, deep underground in their individual holes. In the background, seagulls cried, their high pitched voices cutting through the total and absolute silence except for the waves breaking against the shore. A lone surfer rode a high wave which he kept on riding until he got caught up in the resulting wipe-out and fell off his board. I gave him a thumbs up like the roman senators used to do but he didn't see it and kept on riding the orange waves.

**Marcell Rozsa 7F**

### *A SUNRISE*

It was just before six o'clock in the morning when I clambered up the seaside cliff. I was wearing a jacket because the air was cool and moist. When I exhaled, my breath turned to fog. The grass was wet with dew and it dampened my shoes.

When I reached the top of the cliff I looked out at the sky and sea. The sky was white with clouds. The sea was just as colourless, it was grey instead of blue and covered with a thin film of fog. It crashed against the cliff and became white foam.

On the horizon there was a gap in the clouds. Slowly, I saw the sun rise into the gap. It was a few rays of light at first but after a minute the sun was fully in the air. The light from the sun penetrated the darkness. The coldness, moistness and the colourlessness seemed to go away. Soon, the light got too bright for my eyes. As I walked back down the cliff, the sun continued to rise and started to heat the world.

**Isaac Kim 7F**

### *ONCOMING STORM*

The clouds were dark and I knew from over here that they were going to bring rain. I wasn't the only one. I could see my neighbours already unpegging their clothes from the clothesline. The rising wind brought news of that distinctive, yet indescribable smell of rain. I took the smell in and enjoyed it with all of my body.

The clouds were already on the not so far away horizon, but this time they didn't have that violet shade to them; the sun set and now it was getting darker and darker by the second. As the light was dying away and giving away to the night, lightning ripped a small part of the dark sky curtain in a feeble attempt to light the sky. The thunder wasn't far behind and brought the news of the storm to all those who had not yet noticed, with a moderately soft noise like a piano key which had not yet died away but wanes in a pair of seconds. Though the lightning was the size of a needle from my spot, and the thunder was still soft I knew that at its core it was powerful.

More lightning followed, lighting up the horizon, on the now nearly pitch-black sky. The storm was so close and the thunder now so deafening. Dogs barked. Suddenly there was silence and everything was unnaturally quiet and I realised that this was the perfect moment to run into the house as the storm drew its breath to release the rain upon us. I ran from my backyard into my house, but paused on the doorstep.

**Ilya Bonch-Osmolovsky 7F**

### *STORM CLOUD*

I am a cloud. I am lighter than a feather and freer than a bird. I am appreciated by most as I am beautiful. As I look down on the peaceful sea, I spy a small boat. It is like an ant on a vast land.

I feel a darkness rise in me, it is slowly edging out and I feel once again that eternal struggle within me. Suddenly, the anger in me is released. I see the small boat battling against the mighty sea which I have conjured up. My anger rises. I smile, a lion about to pounce on its prey. Oh no, what have I done? The boat is burning and sinking under the power of my lightning strike and just as suddenly I feel disgraced. I am a monster.

**Tony Luo 7F**

## Literary Contributions

### YEAR 8 POETRY

#### GALLIPOLI

Pale faces  
Death embraces  
Those who have gone to war  
Some not aware of what they are fighting for  
Young men plucked from their families,  
Despairing  
Every day tears shed bearing  
The thought of death like a nightmare haunting  
The future is grim and daunting.  
Bullets fired, men falling one by one  
The war is never won.  
In trenches we bide  
Our time It ill we decide  
Our next move.

Memories we hold  
Of feats daring and bold  
Staring into the sky of gloom  
Looking towards the enemy camps, our inevitable doom.  
Letters we write  
Our daily struggles we cite.  
And if we live to see the day  
Our thoughts are whisked away  
To our homes, our weeping mothers  
Our weary-eyed brothers.  
'Oh how we mourn  
And wonder, whether we'll see them at dawn.

We should remember the soldiers who lost their lives  
Who were swept away from their families and wives  
To represent Australia in the war  
All the experiences they felt and saw  
Are shared among our nation  
Passed on to the younger generation  
And are held with pride  
On Anzac day with tears in our eyes  
Cherishing those who were lost  
And Australia, which they loved most  
Their life, the price they had to pay  
So that we could be standing here today.

**Daniel Paperny 8F**

#### HARD TIMES

I've been around for a long, long time  
Put down roots on this land of mine  
But the last few months the heat and drought,  
The hot cruel sun, it wears me out.

I've been around for a long, long time  
Like farmer John and his wife Caroline  
We shared a picnic more than once  
And the bush fire flames in the summer months

I've been around for a long, long time  
But the heat and the air cling tight like a vine  
I'm thirsty and dry and crave a drink  
The river's so low not a stone would sink

I've been around for a long, long time  
Saw John's dog, Jess, begin to whine  
He used to lie on the grass all day  
But the grass and the ground have turned to clay

I've been around for a long, long time  
The sun beats down and I'm -  
-I'm weak, I'm dry, I've got a thirst  
The sun beats down, no water's the worst

As John comes close and into view  
He looks at me and sees right through  
He has a radio with words that say  
The drought continues, no rain today

He looks at me with pitiful eyes  
Back and forth to the skies  
"The dams are low for you, my friend You're  
a great old tree, hard times never end".

**John Aclis 8S**



Jason Phu The wacky adventures of Chairman Mao 6, pen on paper

## Literary Contributions

### *THOSE SMOKING FACTORIES*

My mum gave up cigarettes  
To live her life for us,  
My friends walk to school  
To use less petrol make less fuss.

We have to save the earth we know  
We have to do our part,  
And as we chant this mantra  
The big guns make no start.

And the factories keep on smoking.

My teacher said my project  
Should not be handed in plastic,  
She said my work was good  
But saving the earth was fantastic.

We have to save the earth we know  
We have to do our part,  
And as we chant this mantra  
The big guns make no start.

And the factories keep on smoking.

My school cleaned up the grounds  
They had a special day,  
They collected all the rubbish  
And they threw it all away.

We have to save the earth we know  
We have to do our part,  
And as we chant this mantra  
The big guns make no start.

And the factories keep on smoking.

I'm recycling I'm reusing  
I'm returning I'm refusing,  
All the plastics and the paper  
All the effort all the labour!

But I can't help thinking in my  
heart If all of us did do our part,  
Then the sky would not be grey  
Then the smoke would go away.

But the fire is still stoking,  
And the factories keep on smoking.

**John Aclis 8S**

### *TURKISH SUN*

As we marched under the Turkish sun,  
With gun and ammo in hand,  
The bloody massacre had already begun,  
While we trudged towards their land,

Fear was unseen on their faces,  
It only existed in their eyes,  
This havoc and disaster caused by the human race,  
Will waste a million lives,

My fellow diggers fell one by one,  
Hitting the ground head first,  
Towards the Turkish did we run,  
But this plan was the worst,

Guns and bombs were all I heard,  
With sounds of shrieks and screams,  
Bodies and heads flew like birds,  
The Turkish reigned supreme,

"Pull back!" I cried "We'll surely lose,"  
"This time is not our time,"  
"If we carry on our bodies will ooze,"  
"Blood from our forces combined,"

I shot my last bullet and turned around,  
My fellow diggers followed suit,  
The soaring of shells replaced the sound,  
Everything had become mute,

Boom! Bang! The shells did land,  
Killing more and more of my men,  
The explosions tossed up all the sand,  
Making my men lose again,

Without a doubt this was our fate,  
Out numbered one hundred to one,  
I fell, unable to stand up straight,  
I lay there looking at the Turkish sun.

**John Pham 8M**

# Literary Contributions

## YEAR 8 SHORT FICTION

### 'MOTHER AND CHILD'

The Australian Outback... that vast, awe-inspiring and, to many, unforgiving stretch of land in this beautiful continent. Much of it is as yet unexplored.

The year is 1709. The place is a few kilometres north of the giant and mystical rock that the tribes call Uluru. A ghostly mist rises above the sun-parched ground, burnt dry by lack of rain.

It seemed as if in that particular year the gods had decided that no life in this motionless arena called simply "the homeland" to the Mandaru tribe will be allowed to exist. The soil, once seemingly fresh, is now by comparison a layer of hardened sand, resembling the cracks on an old man's face on his death bed.

The harsh wind loosens the sand and causes it to swirl upwards in a mocking, deadly dance. Through the hot, hazy air one can barely discern the black, broken silhouettes of the dead trees. In the far distance, some motion can be seen. No. It is not a mirage. No. It is not some branch being blown aimlessly by the freakish wind.

Straggling slowly onwards, they walk - mother and child. The mother's attire and face painting indicate that she is of the Mandaru tribe. They are the stragglers, as the rest of the tribe have left moons ago. Although trudging in pain with each footstep, the mother seems to know exactly where she is heading. Occupying her mind is only one thought: to reach the destined place that will bring her and her baby child new life.

The two are now closer, their images have become larger, and their movements slower. One can now hear the constant and soothing whisperings of mother to child in their Aboriginal dialect.

"Don't worry," she says. "We will be there soon, and we can then rest forever."

The baby's eyes wander aimlessly, as if they had a life of their own. It tries to cry. No sound, however, escapes from the parched lips. The mother understands. Her skeleton fingers increase their clutch. She glances briefly at her beloved. Her breasts have nothing to offer but she hopes for a miracle.

They continue painfully on. Now, everything looks distorted. The baby's whimpers and whines momentarily increase, seemingly piercing the stillness of the surroundings, but the body is too weak to allow these cries to continue.

The mother looks down at the child unable to do anything, quite helpless. She cannot increase her pace to the merciless destination. She is too weak. She slumps to the ground, exhausted, waiting for the time to finally come. Yet, she continues to believe. She will not give up or accept the prospect of needless death. Her eyes bear the sign of immense pain. Tears try to come out but there are no tears left.

She was once the most beautiful member of her tribe. No one would recognise her now - frail and shrunken. With new found energy she desperately clutches the life in her arms. She cradles it as though all were well. Despair suddenly strikes. She senses that defeat is nearby and stops fighting it. No!

"This must not be!" the words scream through her mind.

It is useless. Her strength has been sapped. She stares helplessly down gazing into the child's eyes which try desperately to convey a message of love. The child slowly and with extreme difficulty reaches for the mother's breast. The mother aimlessly swats at the gathering flies. She slowly bares her breast, as she removes the clothes strung over her skeleton of a body. Her hand reaches for her breast - flat and shrunken. Her fingers painfully reach out for her child to draw it closer. She was desperate to give that child one last chance to live, to smile.

The child looks up. It moves its head towards life, hoping for the expected. The mother frantically tries to induce some milk. The baby's mouth sucks harder. No use! The child's eyes close with tiredness and pain; it has already spent too much energy.

The mother's eyes also close, exhausted with the effort. Tears well up in her eyes for the first time in a long time. The child's eyes remain shut. The mother begins to sing the eerie hymn of death in that hot sandy air. She suddenly realises that they have in fact reached their destination at the foot of Uluru, where the resting place of the Mandaru people is located.

Peace at long last! They have both reached their new life. The child is still. The mother suddenly smiles, joyous. She can hear the song of the Mandaru spirits echoing in the still air.

Echoing ...

**Christopher Tin-Loi 8R**

## Literary Contributions

### 'ROUGH RIDIN'

He sat down. He was tired, disheartened and lonely. The sound of the footsteps coming up the creaky stairs made him feel worse. He didn't want to talk to his father. Not now, not ever. The old flyscreen door creaked open, and in came... his mother. A flood of relief swept through him and a gush of warmth followed.

"How are you feeling love?" she asked him sweetly. "Not so good mum. I don't know how dad would take it if I don't win on Saturday."

Saturday was the day of the Annual Taralga Australia Day Rodeo. Jack had been competing in the calf and steer events ever since he was twelve. Now that he was seventeen, his father had entered him in the Bull class, the toughest and most watched rodeo event in N.S.W. This year it was even to be broadcast on television.

"Oh, don't worry darling. If he lays one drunken hand on you I swear I will defend you till my dying breath" She was serious now, and Jack felt all the more secure.

"Now get some rest, your father will have you training all day tomorrow".

It was morning now, the kookaburras had sung their song, the sun had risen, and he could smell his breakfast steaming away on the table. Jack walked downstairs, and saw that his mother had a full plate of sausage and egg ready. He would need all the energy he could get before his final day of training. "Come on son!" his dad shouted down the stairs "You've got a hard day ahead of you". They got into his Dad's old truck, a Ford F-30, and drove down the bumpy, winding dirt road to the dam. Jack's training routine was this: four times across the dam, fifty push-ups, three laps around the dam, and fifty sit-ups. This was his Dad's 'morning warm up'. "Keep on goin' ya lazy bastard. I don't come out 'ere to watch ya bludge! I come out 'ere to watch ya train hard!" His Dad always gave him this type of reinforcement. He told Jack this was what they used to do in his 'Nam days ("Come on ya bludgers, shoot 'em down!").

It must have taken a lot of courage at war – running into a storm of danger every day. His father didn't talk about it much; he didn't want to – no-one did. It only brought back memories of death and destruction. "You done Jack? Good. Sprint up to the shed and drive the car up".

Jack's dad and a few of his friends (most passed away now), have very prehistoric mechanical bull. To operate it, you get one person to wind up the handle (which usually takes about five minutes), then someone holds down the springs, then you get a short, fast and out of control

bucking slab of wood. Bull riding was all about balance and determination. Jack's dad and his mates always told Jack about the three principals of Bull-Riding. Slide forward, lead back, and hold on. It was a little different to the real thing, but the three principals were still the best way to stay balanced. "That's it Jack, hand up." When Jack put his hand up, his balance shifted forward. "No, no, no! Not like that!" Shouted Jack's Dad. "Look Dad, can you please just stop bugging me? I can figure things out by myself." Jack was sick of his father pushing him around, but knew that this outburst would do him no good. "Do it ya bloody self then. After all I've done for this family, no bloody respect". His Dad stormed off. Jack sat and waited, but his Dad didn't return. He didn't need him, Jack thought. He could manage.

Jack climbed off the mechanical bull, and went around the corner to the stables. His horse, Lightning, was pure white with a jet black tail. Jack called him loyal; Jack's mum called him beautiful, and his Dad described him as "Bloody expensive!" Jack rode him up and down the once luscious, now drought-ridden paddock almost every day. His horse was his getaway. If he ever felt stressed or lonely, he knew that Lightning would always be there. This was one of those times. "Good boy, Lightning. It's good to know that I can count on you not to shout at me. Jack rode Lightning up and down the paddock. Most of his bull-riding friends rode a horse all the time (it was very useful in improving your balance).

When Jack had finished his longer-than-usual ride, he rode back to the shed, gave lightning a nose-bag of hay, then trekked back down the long, winding track back to his home. As he was bending down to tie up his boot, he noticed the silhouette of a small black spider. The only other time Jack had seen a spider like this was when he was four, and his mother was put into hospital by one for almost three days. He froze, and before he knew it, it felt like a bullet had struck his leg. The pain was indescribable. Jack tried to call for help, but he was too weak. The only sound he could make was a whisper. As he brushed the spider off, Jack lost his balance. Helpless and breathless, he slipped away from consciousness.

"He won't be able to ride, he's much too sick". Voices echoed in and out of his weary mind. He struggled to sit up, and when he did, his leg throbbed and burned. He wanted to compete, but the nurse thought otherwise. "Sit down love, you're not well enough", she whispered to him. "Get some rest". Jack couldn't handle this. "I'm going! I'm fine!". "Wait there and 111 get the doctor. You may be able to compete". The nurse left the room, and Jack realized that this was his time to escape. Pain is temporary, pain is temporary, he repeated to himself. He staggered to his clothes, changed out of the sterile hospital gown, and scrambled out the window.

## Literary Contributions

In the sticks, you could hold out your hand on the main road, and someone will pull over in less time than it takes to skin a rabbit. "Hey big fella, where you off to mate?" said the young bearded truck-driver. "Rodeo, thanks", replied Jack. "Well I'll be darned, I'm headed there too. Hop in mate." Jack hopped in on his good leg, and in five minutes, they were there.

At the Rodeo, the riders wore their best outfits. Checked shirts with fringing, Wrangler jeans with leather chaps, their favourite Akubra hat, and their riding boots with spurs. He ran over to the shoots, and asked his mate Pete when his run would be. "Ay mate, how ya goin'? Lemme think... Ya right after George. Yeah, that's right- it's Bonso, Al, George, then you mate." Jack had forgotten about the pain. The bandage had helped a lot. If he concentrated on his ride, and not on his leg, then he would be fine. "Oi, Jack! You've got Chainsaw!" Shouted Bonso. Chainsaw was the meanest, nastiest and most unrideable bull in the rodeo circuit. "WHAT!" Jack exclaimed. "Yeah, I know tough luck". The bulls today were Corkscrew, Chainsaw, Sidewinder, Kamikaze and Thunderbolt. Jack had just seen George get nailed on Kamikaze. This meant that Jack was next. "Jack Fitzpatrick will now be riding Chainsaw, the bull that's never been ridden" Shouted the Shoot master. Chatter swept through the crowd, as everyone was eagerly awaiting the outcome of the ride. Jack's heart was a drum, beating in a super-fast rhythm. Cold sweat dripped down his face. He climbed over into the shoots, and was tied onto the two-tonne beast.

Dust was rising, air thickening, and the arena was quiet. Jack's last run was about to commence. The dirt was as red as the sun, rising up in a gust of wind. Black clouds hung over the showground, ready to explode, but seemingly waiting for Jack to finish his ride. The crowd went silent, Jack nodded, and the gate opened. Chainsaw was like a playground swing with turbines.

He swayed, very close to falling off, again and again- all in the first two seconds. He heard his father's voice echoing through his head "slide forward, lean back, hold on. Slide forward, lean back, hold on." The power was immense. He saw his father cheering in the crowd, something that he would never usually do. "That's 8, what a magnificent ride!" Shouted the shoot master. Jack was amazed, but rather stupid. He accidentally let go of the rope.

"Jack! Ya there buddy? Ninety two mate, ninety bloody two!" His father's voice rang through his head. It was killing him, and so was his leg. Suddenly, his score actually sunk in. "Ninety two! Did I win?" "Yeah mate, you're a bloody champion". No matter what his father had done the day before, Jack owed him the victory. "Thanks, Dad".

*James Whiting 8E*

### YEAR 9 POETRY – 'PERSPECTIVES ON WAR'

#### *PEACE IS A BICYCLE LEFT UNATTENDED*

Oiled and cleaned  
A bike for the pros  
Scrubbed and shiny  
Put out for show  
Never ridden  
But always presented  
Peace is a bicycle  
Left unattended

The soldiers storm the gates  
Both the wheels deflate  
The men plunder and pillage  
The blazing, helpless village

The bike starts to move  
The wheels start to roll  
It moves down the hill  
Out of control

Plunging into chaos  
Ring the rusty bell  
And the state  
And its people  
Are all dragged to Hell

There's a lump of steel in the gutter  
But there's no sound it makes  
Twisted metal -  
...Once peace

Should've pulled the hand brakes

*Bryant Apolonio 9S*

## Literary Contributions

### *UNTITLED*

The dew of this morning,  
Drips down my brow.  
It was like a warning  
Of what I feel now.

I still remember that day amidst the dun,  
When sixteen million men charged  
Under the heat of the glowering sun.  
It was there I first saw him, who through the gates  
he charged.

If he and I had met,  
In some aged and ancient pub before,  
We would've sat down getting drunk  
And woken on the cold-carpeted floor.

But since we were both soldiers,  
And staring face to face.  
I shot at him and he at me,  
But instead he died in my place.

Straight to the heart the bullet crushed,  
And a spasm shook his frame.  
And out his chest the red blood gushed.  
The pain must've been like scorching by a flame.

But in a moment all this ceased, and then  
A sign of glory and peace rushed across his face.  
But I too feel sorry for all those other men,  
Who like this soldier, will soon die in this destroyed and  
devastated place.

I shot him dead because  
He was the enemy, the foe.  
And .invading our frontline trench he was.  
But killing him was wrong, and now I know.

I sent him to his grave, this stranger  
And away from this valley of death.  
At least now he'll be clear of guilt and danger  
And not have to smell rotting corpses breath.

I will never forget these grassy green hills  
Where the blood of men reddens the soil.  
I will never forget the sound of early morning drills  
Where the enemy's plans, we plan to foil

I cannot let someone else's coffin rest on my conscience.

***Wilson Szet 9M***

### *PERCEPTION*

When we went to war, we thought  
That it would not be aught  
But what we had heard  
In school. The poetry of old --  
A loud voice of command, shouting out  
"Now the struggle is for all"  
Instead  
We found mud.  
On the fields of the Somme, and in Belgium  
We found mud,  
And we were not a band of brothers when  
We found mud.  
Instead, each  
man drew within himself,  
Protecting himself  
From the war.

***Thomas Wilson 9R***

### *REMINISCENCE OF WAR*

War is not a beautiful thing.  
Fear consumes all that are near,  
The only thing on people's minds is 'killing',  
Until everyone's guns are stripped bare.

Battlefields are littered with bodies,  
No one dares to give them a burial.  
Soldiers exchange bullets  
While their families are eating cereal.

The crackling of gunfire,  
The gruesome deaths of comrades,  
Bums in my mind like fire,  
Cuts my sanity like a sharp blade.

No, how can such a thing,  
Which causes so much grief,  
Be seen as glorious? No,  
War is not a beautiful thing.

***Aolin Li 9T***

## Literary Contributions

### *WAR*

A year has passed now  
And what has been achieved?  
The war has taken its toll.

As the seasons roll by,  
And the inevitable change in landscape ensues,  
That constant figure does not leave.

The figure of war,  
Haunts me in my sleep,  
There is no escape.

But is there still hope?  
Hope for our future?  
Can we recover?

Optimism eludes me,  
My expectations are bleak,  
My plans for life destroyed.

And our desolate surroundings,  
With its decayed matter,  
Compound the despair.

As the years pass by,  
The burden of war kills our spirits,  
And kills our men.



James Morgan, What they're Doing on the Continent 1-detail, LED print

***Jeremy Ireland 9E***



James Morgan, What they're Doing on the Continent 2-detail, LED print

## Music Report



### GPS Representative Band

**Back Row:** V.Weï, A.Farrow-Palmer, F.Wong. **Third Row:** A.Ho, M.Shen, P.Chen, T.Wilson, J.Freiman, C.Ho, A.Wong.

**Second Row:** J.Ireland, D.Shi, J.,Chow, R.Ji, M.Sun, W.Nguyen, L.Yang, T.Rosengarten, M.Wong, A.Kim.

**Front Row:** V.Goh, N.Kwok, A.Chan, K.Kim, L.Deacon, S.Katsikaros, T.Siu, M.Tong, Z.Zu.

2006 has seen a busy but highly productive year for the music department and students in the music ensemble programme. We began the year with Symphony Orchestra performing works by Verdi and Brahms at Speech night and welcoming a large group of year 7 students into the ensemble programme. Many of the year 7's who already learnt instruments joined our various bands, though a number of keen beginners made up our Training Concert Band and Training String Ensemble. On the weekend before term 2 began, we held our Training Band camp with approximately forty year 7 students participating. The camp culminated with their first concert as an ensemble for family and friends.

During Term 1 many ensemble members were kept extra busy as they prepared their music and developed marching skills for the Anzac Day March. Led by Drum Major Victor Wei, they made an impressive sight as they strode in step through George Street. Victor's leadership of the SBHS Marching Band was outstanding.

The Annual Music Camp this year was held at the Merro Conference Centre in Kurrajong with over 200 students in attendance (from 12 different ensembles) accompanied by around 20 tutors and teachers. The intense 3-day camp of learning and refining new and old works also resulted in a brilliant 'end of camp concert' where students performed dazzlingly. The evening concluded in style with a combined concert band and choir performance of a popular Rogers and Hammerstein medley. Following the camp in the

same week we held a Jazz workshop on Friday where the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Stage Bands worked with professional Jazz musicians on improvisation and performance techniques. On the Saturday following the workshop, our stage bands played at our fun-filled Cabaret Night featuring professional ballroom dancers who provided added entertainment and encouragement to parents to join in the dancing.

At the start of Term 3, the SBHS Winter Festival took place in the Great Hall. This concert featured all the large ensembles (Training, Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands, Guitar Ensemble, Junior and Senior String Ensembles, Symphony Orchestra) and Year 12 soloists Paul Pang, Adrian Flores, Chapman Siu and David Chen.

Term 3 also saw the inaugural SBHS Piano Competition. This attracted many piano students from Years 7 – 12. The winners were:

Junior: Allen Parameswaran and Senior: David Chen.

Meanwhile, year 12 Music students attended composition workshops, having their works played and discussed by a leading Australian composer, the jazz group *Diminished 5ths* performed at the Sydney Opera House in the *2006 Sydney Region Music Festival*, the Senior Stage Band performed at the Maritime Museum as part of the Annual Music Festival, Year 12 performed solos at Eastgardens for Education Week and *Three Tonne Tare*, the jazz trio enjoyed success at the Surry Hills Festival. The school hosted *Rock for Schools*, a

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rock concert for the whole school and a workshop that gave 60 students an insight into the working music industry.

The GPS Music Festival, which has participants from all the GPS schools was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> at The Kings School. Sydney High students represented the school in all ensembles – concert band, orchestra, choir and stage band.

The HSC practical exams were held in September with three students being nominated for the prestigious Encore Concert. They were Paul Pang Music 2/Music Extension (piano), James Mackay Music 2 (saxophone) and Richard Xu Music 1 (saxophone).

In Term 4, the initial planning for the 2007 Music Tour to China was undertaken.

The Spring Music Festival saw all the large and small ensembles perform new and difficult repertoire with great assurance and confidence. As in previous years the Concert in the Courtyard was an informal concert given by the guitarists and the Stage Bands. Families brought picnics and sat in the courtyard enjoying the music, the warmth and the company of like-minded families.

The Music assembly was held to acknowledge the hard work and successes of students in the music program. Year 11 students were awarded the highly regarded Music Pocket – a tribute to 5 years of early morning rehearsals, practice and performance. The Marching Band and GPS students were presented their awards and students performed for the assembly in ensembles and as soloists.

Towards the end of the year there was the P&C Art Show that had musical contribution from many senior students. The Music Awards Dinner followed, and recognised the students' participation throughout the year.

It has been a busy and successful year, with the music staff ensuring the boys have many performance opportunities in the school and in the community.

**Suzanna Lim, Rita Miller, Debra Gilmore**



### Intermediate Concert Band

**Back Row:** J.Sutton, M.Tugnait, Z.Guo, L.Wang, M.Wang.

**Third Row:** M.Carr, E.Siun, T.Li, D.Kim, F.Li, A.Ghose, K.Taylor.

**Second Row:** O.Wu, J.Han, D.Ng, G.Denny-Smith, B.,Wang, K.Sheng, J.Chan, B.Lee.

**Front Row:** D.Luo, S.Kim, C.Tin-Loi, R.Ma, M.Fong, J.Wormell, J.He.

### INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND

The year has been great for the Intermediate Concert Band. Our year started off with 'Band Camp', a trip to the Merroo Conference Centre in Kurrajong. We stayed there for 3 days and 2 nights playing music, hanging with friends, but most of all, enjoying ourselves. Then we had the after camp concert where we played the pieces we learnt at camp. We were the stars of the evening, putting up a brilliant performance with *Silent Movie*. Next came the Winter Music Festival, again we put on a brilliant performance with *Songs of Africa*. The year has been great but we couldn't have done it without Ms Miller.

**Guoxi (Bill) Wang (Year 8)**



### Junior Stage Band

**Back Row:** M.Rozsa, I.Eveleigh, T.Chiem, E.Ovadia, L.Lu.

**Front Row:** M.Phung, V.Le, C.Morrison, L.Sheldon, D.Gorey.

### JUNIOR STAGE BAND

2006 Junior Stage Band was a marvellous success with the band attending the Annual Music Camp. We had the time of our lives rehearsing music which we performed at the after camp concert. Our usual early Friday morning rehearsals at 7:30am was a struggle to make it to school on time but playing the music and jammin' with our friends was worth it. We were also involved in a Jazz workshop with professional Jazz musicians where we learnt valuable improvising skills. They then dazzled us with an amazing performance of some popular Jazz standards which was both inspiring and entertaining. Other highlights include our performances at Cabaret Night and our end of year Concert in the Courtyard. We look forward to advancing to Intermediate Stage Band in 2007 learning more great Jazz charts.

**Justin Liang (Year 8)**

### CHAMBER CHOIR

In 2005, Sydney Boys bid farewell to vocal coach of many years, Ms Beth Willis. 2006 saw the thirty-something students of the Sydney Boys High School choral ensemble under the direction of music teacher Ms. Suzanna Lim. Undertaking a wide repertoire of traditional and contemporary pieces, the

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### Senior Concert Band

**Back Row:** C.Siu, B. Pful, P.Horton, V.Weii, A.Farrow-Palmer, L.Brown, F.Wong, T.Wilson, J. Kok, L.Yang, I.Nadkarni

**Third Row:** M.Tong, M.Sun, A.Vertoudakis, M.Wong, C.Ho, A.Shapilsky, J.Freiman, M.Shen, Z.Harrison-Tikisci, A.Ho, W.Nguyen.

**Second Row:** K.Kim, R.Xu, C.Katsikaros, J.Ireland, J.Chow, L.Yang, R.Ji, T.Rosengarten, D.Shi, L.Deacon, A.Kim, A.N.Pham.

**Front Row:** G.Deacon, M.Fong, N.Kwok, T.Siu, M.Phillis, A.Wong, A.Chan, L.Aylmer, T.Mai, A.Thomas, J.Rajendram.

choir was exposed to various musical genres and influences, ranging from church hymns, jazz standards and world music.

The Annual Music Camp was a success with the Chamber Choir, giving the group opportunities for intensive practice, rehearsal and workshoping. The ensemble's collaboration with the Senior Concert Band in performing *Richard Rogers in Concert* was an exciting new opportunity for joint involvement outside of the group itself.

With a fresh consignment of students from across the years, the newly reformed Chamber Choir made its debut at the Winter Music Festival, with our juniors coming to terms with the performance atmosphere.

Several other opportunities that arose throughout 2006 provided the choral ensemble with valuable experience. These included the GPS Music Festival held at The Kings School in Parramatta and participation in the performance of a year 12 student; Paul Pang's HSC composition.

This year's batch of Year 7 students are learning quickly, grasping the basics of pitch, phrasing, harmony and musical style, whilst learning ensemble performance techniques and gaining experience.

**Nathan Kwok and Nicholas Hayes (Year 10)**

### SENIOR CONCERT BAND

As of 2004, Senior Concert Band merged with Symphonic Wind Ensemble and is currently the highest ensemble at HIGH. However, within a year or two, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will return once there are the correct numbers to fill in the demanding spots of the ensemble. Senior Concert Band has students ranging from years 8–12.

The year began with many new faces in Senior Concert Band. Unfortunately this also meant the loss of many of the more experienced ensemble members both in year 12

and from the class of '05. The new members of the band enthusiastically strived to improve their abilities on their instruments with guidance from the senior members of the ensemble. Ms Gilmore successfully found repertoire that reflected the talents of the students in the band.

The Winter Music Festival 2006 saw the peak of Senior Concert Band's performance; a Frank Tichelli medley comprising of *Amazing Grace*, *Cajun Folksongs* and Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances*. Needless to say, the night was a success, with those attending taking away memories of the haunting melody played beautifully by soloist James Mackay.

To date, Senior Concert Band continues to advance in skill and as an ensemble. Many of us also performed successfully in the Combined GPS Concert held at the Kings School in September.

**Chapman Siu and Wilson Wong (Year 11)**



### Intermediate Stage Band

**Back Row:** L.Aylmer, F.Li, P.Horton, A.Chan, T.Siu, M.Carr.

**Front Row:** S.Kim, J.Wormell, D.Yan, M.Castillo, G.Deacon.

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### Symphony Orchestra

**Back Row:** J.Chow, K.Mickovski, T.Wilson, P.Horton, M.Wong, P.Kurts, T.Siu.

**Second Row:** D.Nguyen, A.Guo, A.Chan, J.Ireland, J.Santoso, C.McKay, J.Han, N.Kok.

**Front Row:** B.Jian, J.Du, B.Cheung, P.Desmond, L.Aylmer, V.Goh, S.Hoang.

### JAZZ GROUP

2006 saw the combining of 5 talented musicians to create the jazz-funk ensemble named the Diminished 5th's.

The ensemble's rhythm section included Ashwin Thomas on the drums, Ivan Cerecina on guitar and Muhamed Mehmedbasic on bass.

The group's horn section consisted of Alex Vertoudakis on flugelhorn/trumpet and Richard Xu on the saxophone.

Muhamed Mehmedbasic travelled with the Sydney Youth Orchestra on trips to Spain and Portugal leaving the band missing his funky bass lines and relying on Ashwin for rhythm.

The Diminished 5ths were invited to perform at the Sydney Region Music Festival held at the Opera House. Our performance was a great success, bringing the house down.

Many thanks also to Ms Suzanna Lim who was kind enough to accompany the band on their trip and support them in their endeavours.

**Alex Vertoudakis and Richie Xu (Year 11)**

### INTERMEDIATE STAGE BAND

The Intermediate Stage Band of 2006 is just one of Sydney High's many talented and enthusiastic music ensembles. Being the "intermediate" stage, means that it features musicians that have gained experienced over

the past one or so years. The students who participate in Intermediate Stage are not only skilled but are also passionate about music and strive to produce quality and enjoyable music. This year we were coordinated by Ms Debra Gilmore who not only conducts and teaches us but also organises various concerts and workshops. Stage rehearsed every Friday morning from 8:30-9:30am and in July we had the privilege of attending an extended Jazz workshop to learn diverse but essential range of skills necessary for playing great music. Intermediate Stage at Sydney Boys High 2006 can be seen as a valuable asset and also a highly promising group of talented and passionate students.

**Brian Lau (Year 9)**

### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This year the Sydney High Symphony has risen to new heights in music. Under the expert tutelage of our conductor Ms. Suzanna Lim, we have given 3 performances so far in the year, and are playing even more advanced music right through the spectrum of orchestral music.

After a performance of the school song, national anthem and Brahms' 4th Symphony in front of a full hall for Speech Night, we embarked on the ambitious project of playing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. With the exciting prospect of

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**Senior Stage Band**  
**Back Row:** F.Wong,  
V.Wei, L.Brown,  
F.Wong, M.Shen.  
**Front Row:** A.Thomas,  
L.Yang, A.Ho,  
A.Vertoudakis, K.Kim,  
L.Deacon, R.Xu.

our annual Music Camp growing ever closer, we all worked hard to learn our parts in time for full rehearsals with soloist Paul Pang at camp.

After our three day camp, we performed a repertoire that ranged from Baroque to Romantic at the end-of-camp concert. We then moved to an intensive focus on Rhapsody in Blue. With help from a professional Sydney Symphony violinist and Sydney High parent Rosalind Horton, we quickly learned our parts. With the Winter Music Fest coming up, Rhapsody had to be put on hold. We quickly readied ourselves for a performance of Lully's The King's Musicians.

2006 was a great year for the Sydney High Symphony.

**Thomas Wilson (Year 9)**

### SENIOR STAGE BAND

Senior Stage Band reigns supreme as the schools most awesome Jazz Band. 2006 was a successful year with the introduction of Daryl Carthew as director, with his proficiency and breadth of knowledge in the field of jazz. He brought us up to an astronomical benchmark. Daryl is a highly regarded and respected member of the team. During the year we performed at music camp, Cabaret night and participated in the Jazz workshop. This workshop, led by professional Jazz musicians gave us great experience in developing or improvisation skills. We also performed successfully at the Maritime museum and which was shown on national television.

We are aiming high in 2007 with our sights set on the Manly Jazz Festival. Those of us travelling to China will be playing in the High Travelling Stage Band

**Muhammed Mehmedbasic, Ashwin Thomas (Year 10)**

### TRAINING CONCERT BAND

Led by the professional conductor, Ms Lim, the Training Concert Band was composed of boys who were learning instruments for the first time. Though there were only about 15 musicians in the band, all of us were determined workers who gave up our sleep to come to band practice at 7:30am each Monday morning. For those who were already in the band in term 1, there was a weekend music camp held at the school. Rehearsals on both Saturday and Sunday led to a mini-performance for friends and families. In term 2, we began to learn three more advanced pieces: Gaudeamus Igitur, March and See, the Conquering Hero Come.

At the Winter Music Festival at the beginning of term 3, we performed to a public audience for the first time. This was a great experience for us all.

Now we have joined the Intermediate Concert Band and have been welcomed as expert musicians. Due to Ms Lim's constant encouragement, we are no longer musicians in training; we are skilled instrumentalists who are looking forward to our next opportunity to perform.

**Samuel Beston and Anthony Xu (Year 7)**

### TRAINING STRING ENSEMBLE

It was such a wonderful experience to be a part of the Training String Ensemble. During the previous terms, we learnt numerous pieces of music with Ms Worthington's help. The musical pieces we learnt were Polka, Spring, Botany Bay, Solemn March, Menuet and many more. Menuet written by J.B. Lully is my favourite. During the practice sessions, we improved our skills in playing the violin but also we gained a lot in cooperation between each other. It is very important to have group cooperation in order to play cohesively as a whole. I had a very good time in the Training Ensemble!

**Max Wei (Year 7)**

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### Marching Band

**Back Row:** M.Shen, J.Freiman, T.Wilson, F.Wong, P.Chen, A.Ho. **Second Row:** T.Mai, A.Chan, L.Deacon, R.Tugnait, J.Ireland, M.Wong, T.Sui, M.Tom.  
**Front Row:** G.Deacon, M.Fong, B.Li, B.Wang, V.Wei (Drum Major), R.George, D.Yan, A.Thomas, Z.Zu.

### SENIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

The Senior String Ensemble consists of the school's most elite string players. Each year the standard rises with more challenging pieces being heard at our performances and this year has been no exception. Director, Jye Hong consistently strives to improve and refine the ensemble. The Senior Strings have performed a wide variety of works over the year ranging from Vivaldi's Concerto to Grieg's Holberg Suite and Elgar's Serenade. They gracefully opened our Camp Concert, dazzled us in the Winter Music Festival and played stunningly at our Spring Music Concert.

*Suzanna Lim*

### GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Guitar ensemble is very exciting and enjoyable. Every Tuesday, we give up our lunchtime to endeavour ourselves to play extraordinary music that Sean Windsor, our conductor prepared for us. Even though we make fun of each other more than we play, we always pull through in the end and play some great pieces like California and Africa in our school concerts.

The year has been a great one for the ensemble and I hope more people will be compelled to join the wonderful Guitar Ensemble in 2007.

*Richard Bi (Year 8)*



### Junior Strings

R.Kamal, I.Ho, J.Du, H.Zhuang, K.Cheng, G.Li.



### Guitar Ensemble

**Back Row:** L.Gordon, R.Bi, T.Silveira.

**Front Row:** M.Castillo, P.Simos, C.Wong, J.Braverman, T.Molloy.

## Chess



**Back Row:** A.Ghose, E.Lu, A.Saunders, M.Masalehdani, W.Cao, S.Maheswaran, H.Li.  
**Second Row:** D.Shurapy, O.Koudashev, C.Peng, J.Banh, A.Hopkins, C.Mak, S.Zheng, T.Yu.  
**Front Row:** A.Xu, D.Shi, B.Cheung, D.Nguyen, B.Encel, E.Wong, A.Nguyen

### SENIORS

The Senior A Chess team comprised of Joe Banh, Michael Zhou, Michael Masalehdini, and William Cao from Year 12 and Shararangan Maheswaran and Oleg Koudashev from Year 11.

Despite being put into a hard draw for the competition, the team remained confident of being able to acquit themselves well, even against the difficult competition.

The first match against Trinity A was a setback to the team. Although we expected a difficult match, our opponents proved to be much more competent than we expected and we played too aggressively. The result of the match was a loss on every table. Nil-four.

Having suffered a massive setback in the first week, we approached the second week with a more careful style. Our caution proved worthwhile garnering wins on all but one of the boards. The top board proved to be a hard fought battle resulting a draw for the end result 3.5-0.5

The third week proved to hold mixed emotions on the team with the team captain, Cao, fearing the Sydney Grammar team while the rest of the team felt more optimistic because it was the Grammar C team. While most of the team managed to win their games with little difficulty, the first board was once again a difficult contest. The match was only won thanks to a careless mistake on Cao's opponent's part, four-nil.

The match against All Saints proved to be easier than expected. The previous forewarning had been that the team would be extremely good but upon commencing the games, it proved to be otherwise. Despite this, the match was only just won by a single point, 2.5-1.5

Fort Street had one of the strongest teams in the competition which included the number one chess player in the state. As it was, our team lost three-one, only managing to get draws on the two lower boards.

Homebush Boys was another difficult team to play against. Only the first board managed to get a win with a draw on the third board resulting in a 1.5-2.5 loss.

Despite winning our game against Newington four-nil, we only came fourth in our division which wasn't good enough to continue to the division finals. Despite what appears to be such a bad result, when our team is compared to the other teams in the division, we were able to perform above the expectations given to our team.

### JUNIORS

It was a great year for the Junior ( Year 7 and 8 ) boys this year, taking home the title of 'Best Team in the State'. The team comprised of Domonic Nguyen, Declan McCrea-Steele(C), Dawen Shi, Ben Encel and Ilya Bonch-Osmolovsky.

Our first several games were all to qualify for the Eastern Region finals. With the promise of free pizzas if we did not drop a game (or even half a point) we were on our way to Grammar for our first match. We blitzed them four-nil. We managed to get through our qualifying round undefeated and were rewarded with the pizzas...and making it into the Eastern Region final.

The first final game was against Fort St. which ended in a 2-2 draw. Nguyen (who had a rating of 800 at the time) managed to take out one of NSW's best juniors, who had a rating of 1000+ (which only 13 under 18's have at the moment.) in adjudication.

# Chess

McCrea-Steele managed to beat his opponent, but boards three and four lost to lower rated players. The next week was a playoff at High and we needed to at least draw to qualify. Replacing Bonch-Osmolovsky with Dawen Shi paid off, as we won 3-1 and were to play Newington in the semi-finals the week after.

Newington (who defeated Sydney Boys last year) boasted two very competent players, and to pull this off, boards three and four needed wins and boards one and two had to get at least a draw. The first week at Newington boards one and two lost and boards three and four won, which meant that if we drew the week after, we were out of the tournament. The next week we all sat down in room 104, playing for our lives. Boards three and four won again and board two managed to get a draw after the 50 move rule. This gave us the win. The next Friday 'Judgment Day' we all sat down in room 104, praying to our lucky gods that we could pull it off. Encel managed a great win and Shi and McCrea-Steele drew. Nguyen was playing yet another 1000+, William Xu. Sadly Nguyen did not get the win. The game ended in a 2-2 draw, and if we drew again next week, we would be out.

We traveled to Scots, hoping for some magic - after all, they were the best team in the whole competition. We sat down to play our games, and again Encel had an easy win. Shi and McCrea-Steele fought and drew with their opponents, and Nguyen played it out to the bitter end. After two hours of play it looked like he may have lost, but we sent in the adjudication form regardless, hoping for a draw. Our wishes were granted. Nguyen was awarded a draw in a seemingly lost position... Oh well, adjudicators know best!

Our next game against Leumeah High was much easier than the Eastern Regional finals. They were South Regional finalists, but apparently the 'Easties' are always much better than the rest.

We cruised past Leumeah four-nil and went on to play our final game against the reigning champions, Baulkham Hills High. This was going to be a tough game, as the matchups were Nguyen (800 rating) playing a (790) rated player; McCrea-Steele (698) playing Matthew Leung Harrison (750), Shi (559) playing a (700) player, and Encel (unrated) playing a (600) rated player. We won the crucial board three and four matches with Shi playing with great flair and Encel with much intensity. McCrea-Steele got the crucial win in a tactical game and Nguyen was content with a draw. We were 'State Champions'! We had dispatched the other teams who had challenged us and we won a huge plaque for the school.

Congratulations go to Nguyen for winning and drawing those crucial matches against Fort St. and Scots; Shi for not losing a game and his upbeat attitude (with comments like "How could we lose?", we were sure of victory) and Encel for being the 'backbone on board four'. And last but not least, Bonch Osmolovsky for helping us qualify.

Even though we played many teams better than us on paper, our teamwork pulled us through!

**Declan McCrea-Steele**

## 2006 SCOTS COLLEGE INVITATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On 26 September, on a fresh spring day, four of our Chess teams entered the Scots Hall, full of hope that we would win a prize, or possibly two.

Our Teams comprised of:

### Team A

Dominic Nguyen (Year 7)

William Cao (Year 12)

Charley Peng (Year 9)

### Team B (Junior Team) *1st Prize*

Dmitriy Shurapey (Year 9)

Declan McCrae-Steele (Year 8)

Dawen Shi (Year 7)

### Team C (Junior Team) *Best Junior Team Prize*

Ilya Bonch-Osmolovsky (Year 7)

Ben Encel (Year 8)

Albert Nguyen (Year 7)

Harrison Lane (Reserve) (Year 9)

### Team D

Edward Lu (Year 9)

Anthony Hopkins (Year 9)

Oleg Koudashev (Year 11)

Leon Sheldon (Reserve) (Year 7)

The Scots Tournament consisted of 32 teams playing seven rounds in a Swiss system. The competition started at 9:30 am and we all took our seats and began to play. We all did well considering our opposition.

Coming into the last round, Sydney Boys High B team was leading the field by one point, with Manly and Scots A trailing us. In our last round we played the Scots A team. A three-nil victory would have ensured us first place, however we lost one match and with the Manly team winning three-nil over Cranbrook, we were tied for first.

A nail-biting few minutes followed as the count back system was used to determine first place, and then the result flashed on the Smartboard screen. We had won, by two points on the Buch system. All of the High teams placed in the top ten of the tournament and the C team also won the junior division.

The tournament ran smoothly and we all did well in our games. Top scorers in our teams were McCrae-Steele (6/7), Shi (6/7), Koudashev (5.5/7), Encel (5/7) and Shurapey (4/6). Lane also scored well, from a reserve position with 3/4.

**Dawen Shi 77**

# Debating



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## DEBATING ASSEMBLY – 21 JULY 2006

Today is a unique event in that we are beginning a new arrangement for assemblies. We are inaugurating one of the first phases of our 'School Within a School' structure by holding two part assemblies for juniors and seniors. We plan to double up on important presentations, introductions and guests where appropriate, yet have more specialised content for the two part context. We hope to provide more opportunities for leadership, for acknowledgement and recognition, and for student participation, by separating the ceremonies in this way. Assemblies provide public occasions to honour successful teams and individuals who have achieved things worthy of our acclamation, as we are able to today in volleyball, debating and mathematics. Most importantly, it allows every student to attend assembly because we can seat half the school each time.

We honour debating at this time each year because their official GPS season is about to start. The impending commencement of a GPS competition is the fundamental rationale behind holding assemblies for summer and winter sports, rowing and athletics. These rituals demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the GPS fraternity. Debating is a long standing GPS competitive activity alongside sports. It predates football, basketball and tennis in GPS history. We have knock-out competitions in various sports and co-curricular activities throughout the year, but our school is part of a prestigious association of schools and we focus on that connection primarily in our assemblies.

Debating and public speaking are fundamental skills supporting people with capacities to persuade, inspire, motivate or move others. History's great leaders more often than not gathered people to their causes through charisma transmitted through powerful speech.

The rhetorical arts were highly prized in classical Greek society as fundamental to the democratic process. Politicians today have the startling ability to persuade themselves (and intermittently the majority of the public) of contradictory policy positions – without the blink of an eye, falter in the voice or guilty flush of the cheek.

A vital part of modern education is to develop capacity to understand an argument. Debating helps students to do that. Debating as an art derives much of its challenge from the opposite possibilities in any proposition. It requires the ability to take on a role, to become a true believer in ideas, arguments and emotions that may be antithetical to what you really, think, argue or feel. You are asked to be an intellectual chameleon. You need to be an instant expert on current affairs, economics, sociology and psychology. Debating training and participation provide students with a balanced understanding of the inherent complexity in life and an enhanced proclivity to perceive alternative points of view and approaches to problems. These skills are highly prized in the world of work. Moreover, the ability to speak in public is a valuable and respected social skill. I applaud the great participation in our program.

I congratulate all our debaters today and wish them well for the season. On your behalf I want to thank Ms Brewer, our fine coaches and the debating committee for making High Debating the fine program that it is. Accomplishment involves trying and making mistakes and trying again. As Abraham Lincoln once declared "your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other thing". High goals require high resolve to attain.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our guest speaker this morning. Alex Bodman was a highly involved and successful debater and public speaker while at High. He was the first contestant to win both the junior and senior divisions of the highly prestigious Plain English Speaking Competition. He was a member of the winning team in the Commonwealth Senior Debating Competition and captained the most successful CHS team in the competition's history.

Alex enjoyed periods of extensive international travel before completing a degree in media arts. He won the UNSW Short Film Competition and was runner up in the National Student Union Film Competition. Alex has since travelled through Africa by public transport – an impressive feat indeed. He is currently Senior Writer for Singleton Ogilvy Advertising. As a talented old boy orator, debater and global traveller, please welcome Mr Alex Bodman.

***Dr Jaggar***

# Debating

## FIRSTS REPORT 2006

The first grade debating team 2006 consisted of Romesh Abey Suriya (1st speaker), Sriram Srikumar (2nd speaker) and Faraz Amin as third speaker.

After starting the pre-season Eastside competition with a win, the Year 12 squad also consisting of Senthil Thillainadesan, Labib Rahman and Kaivan Vaidya had shock losses. We lost to a Year 10 Scots team and were also defeated by Sydney Girls. Despite this, the team consisting of Amin, Abey Suriya and Srikumar managed to win the final of the competition against Scots with ease. The win gave Hamish Nairn his first trophy as coach and had us rather happy.

Unfortunately however, after solid wins away in the CHS Hume Barbour competition, we had our first home debate against Caringbah High, where we unexpectedly crashed to the ground. The adjudication was very controversial and the team was shaken. After soul searching in the local Pide shop, we concluded that we were losing due to a lack of knowledge. This was confirmed when we lost a trial to Barker and then defeated St Josephs in a subject we knew a lot about. After having come close to the Seconds premiership in 2005, our confidence was now dented as we feared a catastrophic season.

The preparation was made difficult due to the absence of world champion Srikumar. He was selected to debate for NSW in Darwin at the National Championships, and was then chosen in the Australian team to go to Wales. His four weeks away made it difficult for us to achieve consistency, but the knowledge gained on such travels helped the team immensely during the GPS season.

With a sense of trepidation, the team commenced their GPS season from which little was expected. After having lost to Shore the year before on the verge of a Seconds' title, we were nervous and saw the debate as our D-Day. Despite receiving a topic we knew little about, we defended a difficult Affirmative for a win that was rated as our most important of the season in terms of the confidence it gave us. 1-0.

The following week was the debate that we had for three or four years seen as our 'destiny'. We came up against a St. Ignatius team who were favourite to win the Louat Shield, and who had Michael Faulke, Srikumar's colleague on the national team. The build-up within our grade, facilitated by the fantastic online Forum, culminated in a turnout of about 40 Year 12s. For the first time at High a debate was held in the Great Hall and over 100 people came to watch. Nairn described it as the 'best school boys' debate I've seen', as Ignatius and High argued about Israeli actions in Lebanon, and in an inexplicable split decision against our bogey school, High went down very narrowly. Amid the gloom was a feeling of accomplishment, having taken such a team all the way, which allowed us to hope that we had a chance if Ignatius lost at some point. 1-1.

The next week we defeated a strong Grammar team in a lucky split towards us, and the week after accounted for Newington (3-1). That night the unwell Abey Suriya was replaced by the prodigal Dominic Bowes from Year 10, who

stepped up to minimise the impact on the firsts-seconds squad. After what was a clear win, Srikumar received information regarding Ignatius' loss to Shore. Our information received via mobile phone in our parents' car caused both to nearly crash! Realising we had a very real chance of an outright title, and a guaranteed co-preiership if we kept winning, we worked hard through the Trials. The next two debates against Scots (also in the Hall) and St Josephs provided solid victories, leading us to the final and deciding debate against Kings School away in Parramatta with a 5-1 record.

News of our exploits had the grade in excitement at the prospect of a premiership. On the last day of Trials, 60 Year 12 boys boarded trains to Parramatta and then walked the four kilometres to Kings. The amazing support from High debaters, parents and the Year 12 contingent (totalling 130+) had a tremendous impact on our confidence, and after having one of our best one-hour-preparations of the season, the team delivered a great performance in a debate about Indonesia. The GPS head adjudicator, present on the panel of three, gave us the debate by an incredible seven points. Despite finding out that Ignatius had also won, we were as chuffed as ever at having become only the third team in two decades to win the Louat Debating shield for High with a 6-1 record.

In what were some fantastic representative honours, Srikumar, having represented Australia as mentioned earlier, was unavailable to debate for either CHS or GPS due to intensive catch-up study. Abey Suriya was chosen to captain the Seconds' GPS team and Faraz was fortunate enough to captain the Combined High Schools Firsts team at the NSW Representative Debating Challenge in which Yu, Couatts (Year 11) and Abey Suriya also took part, with Yu in firsts CHS and Couatts in seconds. The CHS team pulled off an amazing milestone in winning the tournament for the first time in years and becoming the first CHS team to win the fantastic trophy first awarded in 2005.

Thanks must go to Hamish Nairn, a super coach who transformed us into a fantastic unit in the season's second half, and Julia Bowes, this year's seconds coach who trained us often. It is a great loss for the school that Hamish is retiring this year, but by the same token fantastic that Julia is staying on to coach firsts next year. Ms Berger was at the forefront of organising Year 12 CHS debating, with Ms. Brewer running a fantastic program on the whole.

It was extremely gratifying to have the constant support and encouragement of our fellow students. This premiership is definitely a contribution of the Class of 06, and notably Vaidya, Thillainadesan and Rhaman. Final thanks to Dr. Jaggar and Ms Dam for their constant encouragement, along with the staff at large.

Hilbert Chiu, our coach in Years 7 and 8, wrote the report for the last premiership team in 2000, hoping for the start of a 'High debating dynasty'. While that did not eventuate, we are confident that this time, the talent is actually there for it to occur. With some fantastic teams in the grades below who will do our school proud with their efforts (combined with the

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### GPS Co-Premiers

R.Abeysuriya, Ms B.Berger (Coach), S.Srikumar, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), F.Amin.

brilliant organisation of Ms Brewer), the future is extremely bright for High debating.

*Faraz Amin*

### SECOND GRADE REPORT 2006

The 2006 season was marked by both its remarkable successes and its disappointing failures. We won six out of seven GPS debates, narrowly losing the one against St Ignatius in a split decision in controversial circumstances. A rotating Year 11 team also won the Eastside Debating Competition in its second year. The season saw spectacular individual successes amongst Year 11 debaters with Michael Coutts and Kelvin Yu both being selected in the All Schools NSW debating team training squad, as well as CHS representative teams. Unfortunately we were knocked out of the Karl Kramp Competition in the Regional final by Sydney Girls High.

Thanks to the guidance of our exceptional coaches, Hamish Nairn and Julia Bowes, both coaches of the CHS representative team, we were able to win 19 / 22 debates this season. Thanks also goes to our MIC, Ms Brewer who oversaw the entire Debating program. The second grade team for 2006 was (in order of speaking) Blaise Prentice-Davidson, Kelvin Yu, and Michael Coutts.

The season kicked off with university level tournaments hosted by UTS, UNSW and Macquarie University. This allowed many of the social debaters to debate, and by all accounts they acquitted themselves well, winning a majority of their debates against a diverse range of schools. The UTS tournament saw second grade winning a satisfying grudge match against Newtown Performing Arts who had knocked us out of the PDC the previous year with a dubious decision.

The Eastside competition kicked off against Sydney Girls. Over the next four weeks a rotating team would debate Scots College, Reddam, Sydney Grammar School and SCEGGS. The second year of this competition was a great success for Year 11 debating with the team making the final against a rejuvenated Sydney Grammar side who we crushed to claim the trophy for a second consecutive year.

Term two also saw social debates against Grammar and Newington which we won comfortably.

### GPS

#### SHORE v SHS

The first debate of the season had us off to a shaky start, however it was a learning experience which saw the team try out a new speaking order, with Prentice-Davidson at first speaker, Yu at second and Coutts at third. The debate, over new industrial relations policy, saw High record a split, 2-1 win.



### CHS Debating

K.Yu, A.Morris, Ms Berger, B.Prentice-Davidson, M.Coutts

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### SIC v SHS

The pivotal, likely premiership-deciding debate between the two powerhouses of GPS debating was as exciting and fiery as the build-up promised. We all felt strongly about the topic and unfortunately that saw us attempt to prove more than was required. We performed admirably and put together a solid case. The debate was against one of the best teams we had ever debated and was decided by a fairly narrow margin. As painful as the 1-2 loss was, it was against worthy opposition.

### SGS v SHS

Second grade were fairly dejected at this stage after the shattering loss from the previous week. The topic, recycled-water, was fairly dry but we managed to scrape out a 2-1 win.

### SHS v NC

The debate against Newington, a traditionally weaker member of GPS debating, saw us bounce back from the previous week to record a unanimous victory.

### SHS v TSC

The topic, 'sports and entertainment', provided a respite from the heavy, depressing statistics of deaths in the Middle East, or the tedium of researching (or searching Wikipedia!) the nitty gritty details of stem cell research or cloning. Reading The Guide and the sports pages is much easier to do and questions on this subject were easier to answer. Subsequently, we rolled Scots over censorship of reality TV and we won unanimously, 3-0.

### SHS v SJC

Traditionally a fiery encounter, this debate over indigenous communities saw St Josephs make several remarks bordering

on racism. Fortunately, we were able to sidestep the rhetoric and win the central issues to record another unanimous 3-0 win.

### TKS v SHS

By this stage Riverview remained undefeated and their final debate was against a weak Scots side which made an upset unlikely. We were determined to finish the season on a positive note. The debate proved a walk-over with High winning convincingly, capping off a successful season, but one where the prestigious GPS second grade title alluded us.

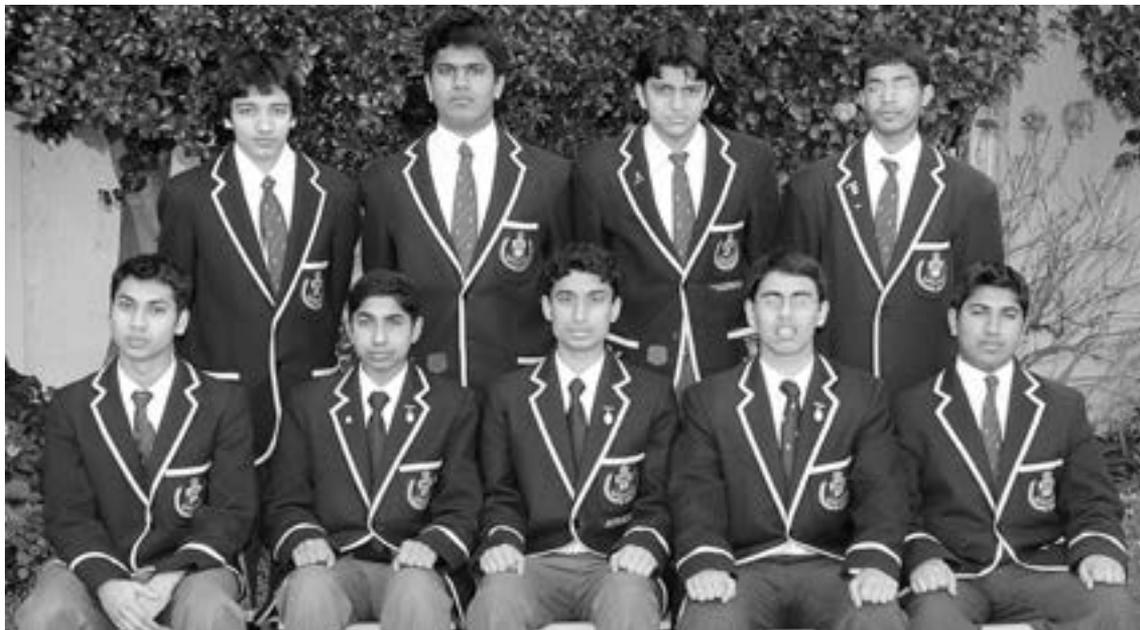
### CHS

This competition saw comfortable victories over Sydney Secondary College, Randwick Girls A & B in the initial round-robin stage. A surprisingly tough encounter in the zone final against a Sydney Tech team captained by a JSDC representative was won by High earning us a spot in the Regional Final against Sydney Girls.

This debate, over China's one child policy, was lost controversially, with the reason for the decision put down to "you chose a topic that was impossible to prove on your side, therefore you lose". We took satisfaction from a bi-partisan audience who agreed that the debate should have gone our way. A rather disappointed Ms Berger relinquished the regional shield on our behalf which our school had won on eight of the past nine occasions.

### Canada

Second Grade hosted a World Schools style debate against a touring Canadian school from Edmonton. On the topic "we should ban tobacco advertising world-wide" we proposed that tobacco companies did have the right to advertise their products, as long as they did not misrepresent



### Year 12 Debating

**Back Row:** K.Vaidya, A.Wijeyaratne, S.Syed, S.Thillainadesan. **Front Row:** S.Hussain, R.Abeysuriya, S.Srikumar, F.Amin, L.Rahman.

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their product according to the Trade Practices Act. World Schools style allows for POIs (Points of Information, or interjections) which makes debating more entertaining and engaging. Speakers should accept at least two of these POIs during their speech, and this encourages people to think on their feet more often. Unfortunately we lost this debate, although it was an entertaining experience.

***Kelvin Yu, Captain***

### THIRD GRADE REPORT 2006

Third Grade Debating of 2006 had what could best be described as a forgettable season. While our other two open's teams managed to each win six of their seven debates, third grade scraped together a total of one win from seven debates. While we debated strong opposition from a number of schools, there were a number of debates that were easily within reach and were just lost in tight adjudications.

The season opened with the team comprising of Osman Faruqi, Arthavan Surendran and Anthony Morris debating against Shore, where we were arguing for the abolition of AWAs. With an opposition who said "If workers can't negotiate for meal breaks or sick leave, then they probably don't deserve those rights", we probably should have won, but unfortunately we walked away with a loss.

The second debate against traditionally tough opponents – Riverview – was argued by Thomas Hurrell, Andrew Iskander and Sundeep Wasson on the topical Israeli-Lebanon conflict and unfortunately another loss was conceded. The

third debate of the season against Grammar consisted of Hurrell, Faruqi and Morris arguing for the use of recycled water and in another very close debate we were once again on the wrong side of the decision.

In the fourth debate against Newington, another two debaters made their debut for the season – Samson Liu and Raymond Roca (joined by Morris) – and were arguing against the expulsion of politicians who crossed the floor. The debate was shaping up to be very close until Roca delivered an inspired speech at third negative to put the decision clearly in our favour.

The team of Morris, Roca and Sharangan Maheswaran were arguing against moral limits on reality television in the fifth debate of the season against Scots. Unfortunately our winning streak of one was abruptly ended in this debate. Our sixth debate was up against St Josephs and our team of Chris Lopes, Roca and Morris were arguing against the removal of women and children from indigenous communities. Even though their second speaker spent much of his speech idolising Kurtley Biel we were unable to gain the upper hand and once again lost the debate.

For our final debate of the season, Arthavan Surendran, Samson Lou and Morris travelled out to Kings and were completely caught wrong-footed with the topic "that Australia should support Indonesian province's right to self-determination". Knowing little about the topic we had little chance of winning and it was a credit to us that it was such a close debate.

***Anthony Morris***



### Year 11 Debating

**Back Row:** Ms B.Berger (Coach), M.Coutts, A.Morris, A.Surendran, B.Liu, C.Lopes.

**Front Row:** S.Wason, A.Iskander, K.Yu, B.Prentice-Davidson, O.Faruqi.

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### Year 10 Debating

**Back Row:** B.Pfull, P.Locke, H.Reid, E.Montoya Zorrilla.

**Front Row:** K.Mickovski, L.Tan, D.Bowes, Z.Mancenido, C.Martin.

### YEAR 10 REPORT 2006

This year was a highly successful year for the debaters of Year 10. Throughout the year the 10As consisted of Lucian Tan, Zid Mancenido and Dominic Bowes. Patrick Locke filled the role of fourth speaker when necessary. At the end of the season the As had won 18 out of their 20 debates.

Highlights of the season included winning the Eastside Debating Competition for the second year running and winning the UNSW Invitational Intermediate Division.

The GPS season saw the 10As join firsts and seconds by winning six from seven debates. The defeat came when affirming the topic 'That all Australian Students Should Learn an Indigenous Language' against St Josephs.

It was an excellent year for the team who all received individual honours at some stage during the season. At the UTS tournament the team was unlucky not to make the final despite Mancenido ranking ninth and Bowes third in the best speaker prize. All the debaters were also called upon to debate with seniors during the season.

The team was expertly coached by old boy Daniel Wodak. Bowes received Debater of the Year Award.

### YEAR 9 REPORT 2006

The new year brought about some great changes for the Year 9 teams. We were fortunate to have Dr. Joe Suttie, a former world champion debater, as our new coach. Joe's knowledge of debating brought about great growth and development from everyone on the Year 9 teams, and we all felt that we were lucky to have a coach as experienced as he is. Midway through the season Joe was joined by William Clegg. Having two different coaches available at once gave

great benefits to the team, and William showed us a different opinion on our debating, which was appreciated by all.

We started the year with a large group of people, but soon after the season started our numbers greatly thinned, leaving us with just enough people to fill two teams. There was a bit of shuffling of debaters between teams occurring this year, but those who often debated included Steven Garafano, Edward Lu, Christopher Evans, Louis Appleton and Anton Jurisevic. Other debaters included Christian Katsikaros, Avish Sharma, Julian Byrnes, Thomas Nguyen and Simon Hoang.

The season proved to be very successful this year, with the 9As winning five out of seven rounds. 2006 proved to be very rewarding for all involved in debating and we are greatly anticipating next year.

*Christopher Evans*

### YEAR 8 DEBATING REPORT

#### *Opposition Result*

Shore	Win
St Ignatious	Win
Grammar	Win
Newington	Win
Scots	Win
St Josephs	Loss
Kings	Win

In the end, the 8As came second in the GPS, as St Josephs were undefeated.

The 8As also went in university competitions such as the UTS competition (Barker Cup), University of Sydney Competition, and UNSW competition, which they won.

Overview – Our debates this year have had tones from both ends of the spectrum and in between.

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### Year 9 Debating

**Back Row:** J.Byrnes,  
C.Katsikaros, C.Evans,  
S.Garofano.

**Front Row:** A.Jurisevic,  
L.Appleton, S.Hoang.



### Year 8 Debating

**Back Row:** A.Chawla,  
D.Paperny, B.Wang,  
A.Paul, K.Taylor, M.Phillis,  
J.Aclis, R.Cohn.

**Front Row:** R.Lamal,  
J.Braverman, H.Schilling,  
J.Chan, L.Aylmer,  
D.Smith-Light,  
D.McCrea-Steele



Our debate against arch rivals Riverview was a challenging and serious debate discussing the pros and cons of censorship, where as our debate against Newington was both confusing and amusing. In response to the topic 'That Australia should close down Immigration Detention Centres' they proposed controlled communities (in essence a detention centre), however they added the bonus of unpaid hard labour for everyone in these communities.

Our team had one of the longest average speaking times in our division with an average of two speakers overtime in every debate. Although this is a fairly difficult task in itself, one of our members, Puneet Baweja could speaking alone, clock up greater times than the whole team put together.

With a diverse team of very competent speakers we managed to have only one loss in our entire GPS season.

An interesting moment occurred during preparation for a debate in the UTS competition, Antony Paul, second speaker of that debate, chose to write his brainstorm on the white board. Once the team's points had been sorted out, Antony went to rub his points off the board, but when he tried, the eraser simply glided over them, erasing nothing. He had written his team's entire case on the white board of the debating room in permanent marker!

In the end, it was decided Puneet Baweja (fourth speaker of that debate) should be the one to try to wipe the arguments off the board, as he didn't have a speech to write. It took a lot of time (the whole hour of prep) and tissues, and he ended up exhausting the entire team's water bottles, but by the end of prep the arguments Antony had written on the board had become small black smudges.

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### Year 7 Debating

**Back Row:** W.Stefanidis, N.Autar, E.Ovadia.

**Second Row:** D.Wang, S.Kinger, M.Rozsa, I.Eveleigh, T.Gollan, G.Panas.

**Front Row:** A.Rudder, M.Kobras, M.Phung, W.Shao, M.Tickner, D.Chan, P.Castillo.

### YEAR 7 DEBATING REPORT

Coach: Tom Kaldor and Evan Solomons

Captain: Ashwin Rudder

Around 40 boys participated in Year 7 debating this year and for most of them, debating was a new experience. Year 7 debating has improved so much through the helpful skills and tactics taught by our coaches. At the end of term two, the debating teams were formed. There was an A team and four B teams that rotated every week. The A team consisted of Nikhil Autar, Samir Kinger, Paulo Castillo and Ashwin Rudder (Captain). The A team had four wins and three losses in the competitive GPS competition. The results are as follows:

<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Result</b>
SHORE	Loss
SIC	Win
SGS	Win
NC	Win
TSC	Loss
SJC	Loss
TKS	Win

The 7As also competed in several other debating competitions such as the Premiers Debating Competition and the UTS Schools Debating Championships/ Barker Cup. We had a successful Barker Cup campaign which we won with our team cohesion and confidence. The Barker Cup was an impromptu style of debating with a 45 minute preparation and speakers had to speak for four to six minutes. In the final we defeated PLC 8As to win the Barker Cup. The results of the Barker Cup are as follows:

<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Result</b>
Fort St 7Bs	Win
Leumeah 8As	Win
Burwood Girls 8As	Win
PLC 8As	Win

The final competition we competed in was the Premiers Debating Competition. We didn't have much success in this competition but we learnt a lot from it. Premiers Debating

is a competition that is competed in by most CHS Schools. We came second in our regional pool which consisted of Randwick Girls 8As, Randwick Girls 8B's and Sydney Boys 8As. The benefit of the PDC was that we had to debate in front of a larger audience than we do in normal GPS debates. The results of the PDC are as follows:

<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Result</b>
Randwick 8As	Loss
Randwick 8Bs	Win
Sydney Boys 8As	Loss

Debating was a very enjoyable co-curricular activity and our team has had some great memories from Debating. We as the 7A's would like to thank Ms Brewer for organising High Debating, We would like to thank the DSG for organising the best suppers in the GPS, Mrs Craddock and Mr Webb for supervising us during the UTS Barker Cup and the PDC Competitions. And finally we would like to thank our coaches for giving us an insight to what debating is like and well done to Nikhil Autar, Ashwin Rudder and Paulo Castillo on a great season.

**Samir Kinger**

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

This year, on Friday 4 August, I had the pleasure of participating in the state final of the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award (SMH PESA) at the Coles theatre at the Powerhouse Museum. This was the culmination of two and a half months of nerve-wracking competition and early mornings.

Beginning on 18 May, the SMH PESA is a public speaking competition open to all NSW secondary high schools, both government and private. Two speeches must be presented; an eight minute prepared on the topic of the contestant's choice, and a three minute impromptu on a standard topic given to the speaker three minutes before they are required to deliver the speech. Over 400 schools all over NSW enter up to two speakers into a zone final. From there speakers progress to regional finals, and then one of four state semi-finals before six are selected to compete in the state final. This year High had the unusual honour of having both of its speakers progressing all the way to the state semi-final – being Chris Lopes and Kelvin Yu.

The Final itself was an intimidating, but rewarding experience. Sponsored also by the Australia-Britain Society, the quality of the speakers and the range of interesting yet divergent speeches presented made the day enjoyable for the audience, and especially the twenty High boys who had come to watch. Topics ranged from the nature of wit and humour, to Yu's speech on the hidden problem of slavery in the west. The eventual winner, from Sydney Grammar, thoroughly deserved the honour, after a speech which had the audience alternatively in stitches, and then in deep contemplation. I enjoyed the experience, and hope to participate in it again next year.

**Kelvin Yu**

# Summer Sport



## **SUMMER SPORTS ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 2006**

Today is a unique day. We welcome our Year 7 boys into High to start their personal journeys that begin and end with the assembled acclamation of their peers. It is a first school assembly for you. You will begin to appreciate the combination of tradition and modernity that characterises our school. You will begin to feel the power of our school culture and realise the long history of high achievement that you will hope to match or surpass. You will experience that special camaraderie of High students who face 'severe tasks' in reaching for academic excellence and in facing bigger, stronger, faster GPS opponents week after week. Historically, our 'sincere efforts' have 'overcome' obstacles and produced results that surprised many people, even the participants. The firmness of our rituals creates what John Donne would call a just circle, bringing you back to where you started, in the Great Hall, six years later to be clapped out. After that, new names will be inscribed on our Honour Boards to commemorate your graduating year. Our history will be enriched and new benchmarks set for incoming students.

Year 7, I exhort you to work hard and reach your academic potential. I ask each one of you to start getting involved in school life now. Get connected with a sporting team. Try out for debating. Have a go at performance music. Join a school group for service in the library, the archives, charities, fund raising, the environment or recycling. If you do expand your range of activities, you will meet more people and find among them someone or several with interests like yours. You will grow in confidence and skill as you interact with a cross section of people apart from your classmates. In the long run, your capacity to get along with people, to work in teams, to connect with a corporate purpose or to influence others to strive for shared goals, will be a more important determinant of your future success than what degree you received from university. I wish all of you an enjoyable journey

Today is special also because for the first time we are having our summer sports assembly second edition to recognise tennis, sailing and swimming. This assembly is the companion to our inaugural summer sports assembly in Term 4 last year to honour our basketball and cricket teams, because they both started their competitions last term. The timing is right as the tennis teams will be finalised after Saturday, the sailing Tri-Series starts next weekend and we have our swimming carnival next week, leading on to CHS and GPS team selection. At High, we respect dedication to task, sportsmanship, teamwork and personal skill. It does not matter to me, nor should it to you, where those admirable qualities are displayed. Each sport has its own set of challenges, both mental and physical.

I have been a member of more than fifty teams. Apart from educational ones like subject departments, school executive or senior executive, I have experienced team dynamics in skiing, tennis, squash and sailing. I have been a team member for as long as thirty-seven days 24/7 and as short as 37 minutes. I have found that a team functions

well if its members have a shared vision, a plan to make that vision a reality and the collective discipline to focus on goal attainment. Lock step goals work well in teams. Personalities are very important to team dynamics. Individual performances vary in intensity, duration and skill level. Individuals build team morale through humour and motivational speeches. Individuals model team focussed action. What is vital for team success is that individuals put the team objective first. Be great team members and take responsibility for accomplishing team roles and goals set for you and by you.

This year is unique in that is the centenary of High's membership of the AAGPS. We are celebrating this milestone by redeveloping our tennis courts and by having a tennis professional on site to help our players. The Foundation is financing the project and work has commenced. It should be finalised in 12 weeks.

With the help of an expected Commonwealth Government grant, the new cricket nets and basketball courts should be completed also in 2006. It is an exciting year to be starting out at High.

I hope the whole school takes home the message that things are happening here but we still need the financial support of the wider school community to get the best possible sporting facilities for our students. Our second 5-year Sydney Boys High School Sports development Project has been approved by the Australian Sports Foundation. Tax deductible donations can be made to individual sports. Sporting facilities, equipment and coaching have improved substantially in the last 5 years as a result of the hundreds of thousands of dollars donated by parents, old boys and supporters of High. Help us to make the next 5-year project even better.

Boys who are presented to you today, are representing our school in their chosen sport. To do so is an admirable accomplishment in any sport. Show them that you appreciate their commitment and effort. Remember, what matters in life is not what you cannot do but what you can do. In the words of Vidal Sassoon: The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."

Congratulations to all our summer sports teams. I hope you have an enjoyable season.

***Dr Jaggar***

## Cricket



### FIRST XI REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Season 2005/2006 has been one of great achievement for the first XI, winning four out of seven GPS games and eventually placing equal fifth on the ladder. The team also placed equal second in the annual Five Highs Carnival and reached the regional final of the Alan Davidson Shield Tournament as well as a number of outstanding personal achievements.

The GPS season opened against The Scots College. We won the toss on a typical McKay wicket and elected to bat. From the outset we were in control of the game, batting with good application and determination all the way down the order. We were finally dismissed for a respectable 124 which we backed up with a good all-round effort in the field dismissing Scots for a meagre 86. In the second innings, Karunaratne registered a solid 65 not out and was supported by Samarasinghe with 34. The innings was closed at tea with SBHS on 4/134. We had put on a terrific bowling performance to nearly capture outright victory with Scots reeling at 8/105.

In the second game against St. Ignatius College we were greeted by a damp, green pitch and eagerly sent them in after winning the toss. Jeyendra captured 5/35 in a bowling spell that displayed great aggression and control, and we rolled them for 102. In batting we quickly fell to four wickets down for two runs but then we were able to build small, steady partnerships before being bowled out for 106, with the Captain, Matthew Fetherston picking up 63. The following week, Riverview batted aggressively to declare at 4/218 just after lunch and we occupied the crease for the remainder of the day reaching 6/167 with Karunaratne scoring 90 and Samarasinghe scoring 34.

The final game of the first half of the season was against Shore where we lost the toss and Shore made a gritty 211. M. Razeen starred with the ball taking 4/47. In reply, we struggled against tight bowling used in tandem with a deep-set ring-field to be bowled out for 147. Karunaratne was the top-scorer with 41. Late on the second day, Shore decided to pursue outright victory and set us 111 to win in around 11 overs which we eagerly set about chasing. Pham was lethal in attack, bludgeoning the Shore bowling to all areas of the oval for a total of 44 and was ably supported by Karunaratne with 33. Unfortunately we ran out of overs with 10 runs needed to win.

The first XI headed to Melbourne for the annual Five Highs Carnival and once again, had another successful competition. We finished equal second overall and in doing so retained the Cec Rubie Trophy against Melbourne and beat the eventual winners of the carnival, Kent Street which featured a run-a-ball century from Pham and a five wicket haul from M. Razeen. Edward Pham was named Player of the Tournament, Batsman of the Tournament and Strike Rate of the Tournament. M. Razeen was also named in the carnival team.

The first game of the New Year was against Grammar at Weigall and was a great victory. We won the toss and sent Grammar in on a pitch that had plenty to offer for the pace bowlers. Our pace bowlers dominated early on but we were unable to take some crucial chances late in their innings and let them scramble to 171. In reply we made some poor decisions in terms of stroke play, and we were all out for 150. Grammar accumulated runs slowly in their second innings and declared at 5/154, leaving us 175 for victory in 33 overs.

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What followed was the most aggressive and outstanding afternoon of batting. Pham set the tone cracking 46 off just as many balls, then Karunaratne and Fetherston combined for another aggressive partnership that put us in a good enough position to allow the lower order to pass the required runs six wickets down and to achieve one of the greatest fairytale outright victories.

After being on such a high after the outright win at Weigall and our subsequent placement at second on the ladder, the team was keen to knock over the underperforming Kings side. We started well on the first morning, after losing the toss, by throwing aside their top order. They were 4/25 and then 6/77. Their bottom order then batted with great patience and application on a rapidly improving pitch. In extreme heat out at North Parramatta, we were unable to capitalise on a number of opportunities that could have seen us dismiss them for much less than their eventual total of 208. In reply, after the loss of Samarasinghe on the first ball, the first wicket partnership was able to reach 70. We then collapsed to all out for 116, in very disappointing fashion. In the second innings we put on one of our best bowling and fielding performances of the season to have them at 8/62. Unfortunately we were hampered by our efforts in the first innings which restricted us in our attempt at outright victory. This was compounded by the slow nature of the White Oval outfield.

The next game of the season was St Josephs at Hunter's Hill which overall was the most disappointing game of the season. Throughout the whole match we always seemed to have the worst of the conditions, however, we did not play our

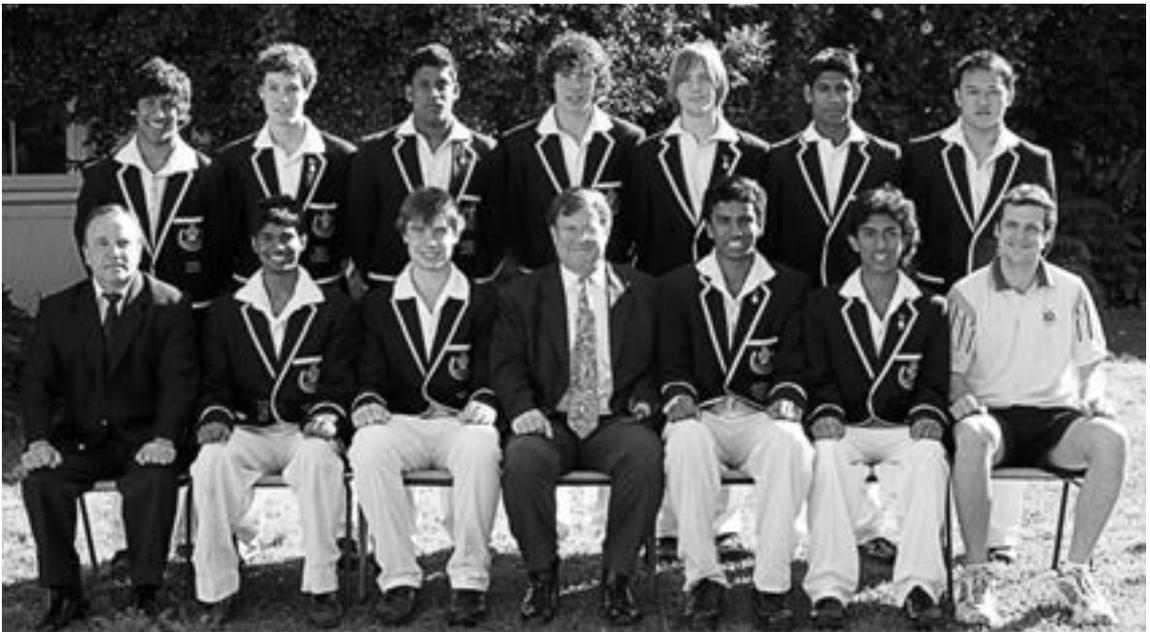
best cricket. We were rolled for 58 on a green deck in heavy atmosphere. St Josephs then proceeded to smash 4/238 declared, then rolled us once again for a low total of 113.

The final game of the season was against Newington at McKay which was significant for a number of reasons. Not only were we pursuing the possibility of achieving more victories than losses in a season, but we were also out to prove ourselves after two lacklustre performances against Kings and St. Josephs. It was also a good chance to give the departing players the appropriate send-off. We lost the toss on a typical McKay wicket and we put on a very impressive bowling performance to restrict them to a reasonable 130 with M. Razeen recording a hat-trick in figures of 4/19 and Gunaratne also capturing 4/16. In reply we compiled a gritty innings that slowly ate away at their lead. We registered 191 to record a fulfilling first innings victory. Newington batted out the rest of the second day without any intent of pursuing an outright result.

At the conclusion of the season, Adrian Jeyendra and Gehan Karunaratne were both named in the Combined GPS team for their individual achievements throughout the GPS season.

Thanks must go to Mr. Kourtesis whose easy nature and much needed advice has once again been an inspiration behind the team's success; retiring coach Mark Retter whose technical expertise and intense training sessions have, as always, been fantastic and important in the success of the season and also to outgoing seconds coach, Kieran Lewis.

***Matthew Fetherston, Captain 1st XI***



### First Eleven

**Back Row:** G.Manamperi, E.Blaxell, M.Samarasinghe, E.Blaxell, E.Hibbert, D.Gunaratne, E.Pham. **Front Row:** Mr C.Kourtesis (Coach), G.Karunaratne, M.Fetherston (Captain), Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), A.Jeyendra (Vice Captain), M.Razeen, Mr M.Retter (Coach).

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### Second Eleven

**Back Row:** A.Kandasamy, R.Karunaratne, M.Coutts, M.Coutts, K.Sriranjan, L.Yang, T.Quazi.

**Front Row:** A.Naik, R.George, M.Lunney, Mr K.Lewis (Coach), T.Razeen, D.Vithanage, B.Prentice-Davidson.

### SECOND XI REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The season of 2005-2006 for the second XI had its highs and lows and was a learning curve for the majority of the players with only T. Razeen having previous grade experience. The highlight of the season was dismissing St. Ignatius for 37 in the second innings to make it two outright victories on the trot. Throughout the season, the team showed glimpses of its ability, for instance taking 5/6 at Kings, but unfortunately they had already passed our first innings total of 40.

The second XI finished the season in sixth position ahead of Scots and Newington. The season unfolded as follows: Trial Match: **Grammar 5-233** (R. George 2/40; 8 overs) **d. High 7-153** (M. Vithanage 55, B. Prentice-Davidson 24\* R. George 19\*).

Round 1: **High 186** (M. Coutts 31, L. Yang 27, M. Coutts 24, M. Lunney 22) & **4-19 d. Scots 106** (E. Blaxell 5/17; 20 overs, M. Lunney 2/25; 10 overs) & **98** (M. Lunney 4/21; 10 overs, T. Quazi 3/30; 8 overs) outright

Round 2: **High 118** (E. Blaxell 47) & **7-85** (E. Blaxell 43\*) **d. St. Ignatius 86** (T. Quazi 3/21; 9 overs, R. George 3/26; 12 overs, T. Razeen 2/18; 9 overs) & **37** (E. Blaxell 5/11; 6 overs, R. George 2/22; 3 overs, A. Naik 2/0; 1 over) outright

Round 3: **Shore 151** (A. Naik 3/32; 11 overs, R. George 3/37; 14 overs, M. Lunney 2/26; 10 overs) & **4-51 d. High 99** (M. Vithanage 57) & **8-31**

Round 4: **Grammar 9 dec. 224** (K. Sriranjn 4/38; 14 overs, R. George 2/63; 16 overs) **d. High 102** (M. Lunney 30) & **53** outright

Round 5: **Kings 7 dec. 115** (T. Razeen 3/17; 4 overs, K. Sriranjn 2/17; 5 overs) & **1/16 d. High 40 & 90** (R. George 23, M. Vithanage 21) outright

Round 6: **St. Joseph's 7 dec. 189** (T. Razeen 2/16; 4 overs, R. Karunartne 2/32; 15 overs) **d. High 103** (L. Yang 21) & **82** outright

Round 7: **Newington drew with High** (second day washed out, pitch unplayable)

Batting Award: **Martin Lunney** Bowling Award: **Tauseef Quazi**  
Committee Award: **Thariq Razeen/Blaise Prentice-Davidson**

Scores and results can often be misleading as they do not measure dedication and effort. The second XI played courageously and upheld the fight and determination shown by sides of the past.

The season has been an enjoyable experience for all the boys and our thanks for making this season possible goes to the parents for their continual support in allowing their sons to play cricket and for providing the best lunches and teas in the GPS.

Thanks also goes to our coach Kieran Lewis who has been largely responsible for our success this year. He epitomises what it is to be a true High Boy. He took over the reigns of second grade while still completing his HSC. Kieran has held together second grade and his enthusiasm and dedication is unparalleled. Sadly, this season will be Kieran's last year at the helm of second grade and he will be sorely missed.

**Thariq Razeen, Second XI Captain 2005-2006**

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### Third Eleven

**Back Row:** R.Jang, D.Kumagaya, O.Perera, A.Ashokkumar, A.Jawahir, A.Husaini.

**Front Row:** R.Baskaran, S.Hussain, S.Azad, R.Pandit, S.Fernando, D.Isaacs, G.Panicker.

### THIRD XI REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 2005/06 was a rocky one for the third XI, who experienced the highest highs and the lowest lows. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the win against Grammar, although it almost got away from us. Unfortunately it was inconsistency throughout the season that proved to be our downfall. The results were not rewarding and the team was unlucky in most of our matches, facing some bad decisions and missed chances in the field.

The season started well for us in a match against Scots with a wicket off the first ball of the season. However 60 overs later, Scots were walking all over us piling up 500 runs. High spirit was called upon to salvage some pride in this match with the only realistic target being to go for the draw (which meant batting out the whole of the next week). We were able to bat out 64 overs the following week totalling 247/6 off the allotted overs. Uddin and Sukumar were the catalysts of this defence scoring 60 and 55 respectively, and a 130 run opening partnership lasting 32 overs.

Riverview was a disappointing match with the opposing side dominating throughout the match. Five High players scored 0 and 1 in both their batting innings and only managed to take four Riverview wickets, three of which were taken by Pandit (3/50). The only batting resistance was provided in the form of Frisoli who managed 36 runs in the second innings.

Shore ended in a better result but still a first innings loss. The major batting performances were Frisoli (27) and Baskaran (31) and the second innings saw Uddin display a great batting performance hitting 54 runs. The bowling was also lead by Uddin who took 4/42 and Panicker taking 3/39.

Grammar was the only win of the season and a nail biting match at that. The opening was promising with the bowling combination of Pandit (3/18) and Karunaratne (3/27) taking six wickets in the opening 12 overs. Jawahir also took 3/20, successfully finishing off the Grammar first innings. With Grammar bowled out for around 76, we were confident heading in to bat but it became evident that it was a pitch that favoured the bowlers. High struggled at 9/64 but Jawahir and Pandit banded to form a 20 run partnership before High were bowled out for 84, with Frisoli (35) and Pandit (21) being the major run scorers. This allowed both teams to go for the outright victory but High only needed to hold on to the first innings total.

Grammar came out in the second innings and looked much better with the bat scoring around 130, giving themselves 24 overs to bowl out the High side. Although all was looking well for High, it seemed to fall apart with only overs to go and we suddenly found ourselves with three wickets remaining in the last over, of which two were lost in the first two balls. This led to tense feeling throughout the pavilion with four balls needing to be faced in order to win on first innings. Enter Panicker who edged one over the slips and almost got plum LBW but managed to hold out on the last ball, an inswinging yorker, to give High the win.

Kings provided us with the shocking result of being bowled out for 21 after a decent batting performance in the first innings. Kings managed a reasonably high total, only conceding a few wickets with Panicker taking 3/31. There was no real second innings resistance with only Perera being able to maintain his wicket for over 10 overs, scoring six runs.

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### Fourth Eleven

**Back Row:** R.Rotherham, A.Gupta, Y.Hussain, P.Roser, A.Wijeyaratna, S.Syed, D.Welangoda, D.Gunasekera.

**Front Row:** F.Amin, J.Morgan, E.Curran, N.Islam, S.Srikumar, L.Chen, S.Burke.



### Fifth Eleven

**Back Row:** G.Singh, A.Ashokkumar, M.Ng, S.Sankaran, K.Taneja, R.Devapiriam.

**Front Row:** R.Cherian, S.Azad, R.Somanchi, D.Surendran, A.Iskander, L.Deacon, D.Isaaks.

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The third XI entered St Josephs heavily lacking in their bowling attack with four first choice bowlers out of the attack. The match started well with the key bowlers being Pandit and Baskaran who took 3/38 and 2/30 respectively. The first innings with the bat saw Sukumar fly to 38 in familiar style and the second innings saw Perera occupy the crease and conjure up 20 runs. It was a great effort to come back from a crushing defeat and even though we were heavily undermanned we managed a respectable score.

The last match of the season, Newington was called off in the second week due to rain but the first day was an eventful one with the uncanny leg spin bowling of Surendran proved effective, taken 4/64. Coutts and Panicker also chipped in with the ball, taking two wickets a piece.

All in all the season should be looked upon as reasonably successful although the results may not have been a true reflection of the matches.

### **Rommo Pandit**

#### **FOURTH XI - 'XTREME XI' REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON**

The fourth XI Open's team of the 2005/2006 season was the continuation of an institution set up during the 2004/2005 season. With a group of cricketers who were playing well below their potential grades, the Fourth's were titled the 'Xtreme XI' moving away from the traditional name of 'The Gentleman's XI' for this team. The team was set up as a social side including only a select squad of 15 Year 12 students, which was to manage itself and put in a respectable effort for the GPS games on Saturday.

Unlike its first season of existence, the 'Xtremists' became more than just a cricket team in the 05/06 season. Team members collaborated to create and upkeep their own internet site, web forum for squad members and a video production about the team and its endeavours (directed and produced by the Fourth's budding film-maker Faraz Amin). The fourths also gained approval for the design and use of an

individual team cap which was themed with High's sky blue and brown colours along with the Xtreme XI logo.

The season ended with High's Fourth's team, led by Gilchrist-like wicketkeeper-captain Islam, having a win-loss ratio of 50-50 – the best ever season for any High fourth XI side. With most of the team's members having the skill to potentially play in higher grades, several talent scouts commented on the Xtremists memorable moments during the playing season. The specialist batting line-up of the fourths saw half-centuries scored by Burke, Gunasekera and Curran. Several bowlers excelled over the season with pace bowlers Gupta, Amin and Hussain all ending with season highs of 14 wickets. The XI also had the option of spin in its bowling strategies, with the team's 'spin twins' Chen and Morgan constantly bamboozling the opposition batsmen with their remarkable off-spinners. These Xtremists provided great finesse to the team.

The fourths season ended with the Annual Cricket Presentation night, where Curran received the Batting Award, Amin collected the Bowling Award and Morgan was presented with the Committee Award. With all the players in the squad playing their final season of cricket as 'High Boys', team management also presented each member with a memorial trophy of their time as 'Xtremists'.

The team would like to thank Dr. Jaggar and Laurie Heil (MIC of Cricket) for their continued support of the team over the two seasons and would like to extend good tidings to Mr. Morgan and Mr. Curran for their ongoing commitment to the team as Umpires during our games.

#### **FIFTH XI REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON**

Season 05/06 for the fifth XI was a fun and entertaining experience for everyone. Every Saturday we managed to find the numbers to play the new 20twenty cricket, with each school having its different sets of rules to abide by. Week in, week out we turned up to the field, fighting valiantly



#### **16A Eleven**

**Back Row:** K.Lam, T.Lindeback, D.Simpson, N.Lochner, T.Rosengarten.

**Front Row:** K.Rao, R.Sutton, V.Peranathan, S.Iyer, D.Bowes.

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### 16B Eleven

**Back Row:** J.Menzies, A.Karunakaran, M.Desai, T.Lee, H.Bhrugubanda.

**Front Row:** A.Thomas, D.Tse, Z.Harrison-Tikisci, A.Lim, G.Truong.

against the opposition. There were many close losses, many missed chances and many thumpings, but every week the spirit and determination of the fifths still remained.

Our best performance of the season was definitely away at Kings where we restricted them to 120 but fell agonisingly close, being all out for 110 with four overs to spare. Another highlight was away at Shore, when our strike force Siddarth went into bat a second time, scoring 24 off five balls with two sixes and three fours. Too bad they weren't counted.

One memory that will stay with the team forever was our match against Scots. They won the toss, chose to bat and things were looking good for us when we had the opener up in the first over for four. That's when it stopped. Scots ended up scoring 300 plus, with 34 runs in one over, five sixes and a four. It wasn't our fault really. They were just double our size and a whole lot stronger. One six went straight into the backyard of a house. Although we ended up losing by 200 odd, we had a great time.

I hope the fifths don't look back at how many matches they won this season, or how many were lost, but look back on the great improvements they have made themselves as cricketers and the friendships they made throughout the season. Thanks for a great season.

**Arthavan Surendran, Captain**

### 16A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 2005/2006 season for the 16As was promising. We showed great character and strength to overcome the odds in a solid outright victory against Scots. We came close to snaring victories against Grammar, Kings as well Newington, only to be rained out in the latter.

The team began their season with an outright win against Scots. With tight bowling and good fielding, we managed to bowl out Scots for a measly total of 108. In reply, Iyer and Ratnayake came out blazing. Perananthan steadied the innings with a solid 96 - four runs short of a century and being the

highest score of the season. As High scored 246, we had a solid lead to continue our pursuit for outright victory. We continued our tight, consistent bowling in the second innings where Scots beat their deficit to have an advantage of 19 runs. With only two overs remaining on the last day of the match, we needed 19 runs. With great courage



### 15A Eleven

**Back Row:** N.Street, R.Ahmed, W.Lin, N.Pednekar, M.Mikha.

**Front Row:** R.Kashyap, H.Lane, K.McPherson, A.Brown, R.Saggar, A.Kourtesis, T.Lim

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and perseverance, we beat Scots outright with only one ball remaining.

As the season continued, we had solid performances although being narrowly defeated by stronger opposition. Simpson in particular contributed to the team with his excellent bowling. His best figures were four for six (eight overs) against Grammar. Iyer and Ratnayake were the rocks of our batting side and continued their good form throughout the season. Bowes should also be given a mention due to his solid effort scoring 46 not out in the lower order against Kings.

The bowling award went to Simpson for his 14 wickets throughout the season. The batting award went to Peranathan for scoring 247 runs at an average of 24.7.

The fielding award went to Lochner for being consistent in the field as well as holding onto a lot of touch catches.

Additionally, the Junior Cricketer of 2005/2006 season was given to Peranathan.

***Varan Peranathan, Captain***

### 15A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

This season we started where we left off last season... not doing very well. However as the season progressed, our fielding, teamwork and also our batting improved. Our fielding this year was the most improved. The amazing throwing arm of Ahmed was the highlight of our fielding, however we still need to work on getting behind the ball and not giving away easy runs. Our batting has improved out of sight this season. This improvement was displayed in our final game of the season against an over-confident Newington team. In this game we batted extremely well, resulting in the team surpassing 200 runs for the first time. We then went out and bowled six overs. These were our best six overs of our season. McPherson was the leader of this assault snaring two early wickets. We all believe that we were robbed of our

first GPS victory when the second day was washed out even though the pitch, according to Kashyap, was 'bone dry'.

Next season we will be hungry for our first win and I think if we play well as a cohesive team, this will happen. Thanks must again go to Mr Fuller for his supervision, coaching and umpiring; Mr Heil for his support of the team and also to Mr McPherson for his help with the scoring.

***The Team: Alasdair Brown (C), Kerrod McPherson (VC), Razeen Ahmed, Roshan Kashyap, Arun Krishnan, Harrison Lane, Timmy Lim, William Lin, Maxeem Mikha, Nakul Pednekar, Neil Street***

***Alasdair Brown***

### 15BS REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The mighty 15Bs expected a tough 2005-2006 GPS season, and unfortunately we weren't disappointed. The season tested the very character of the team as a whole and all of its individuals as well. Suffering loss after loss after loss, the 15Bs held on and displayed an incredible amount of grit on the field. We would charge into battle every Saturday morning with passionate commitment, without any hesitation, and with the High Spirit. Eventually it was these very characteristics that took the 15B to their historic and well-deserved win against our formidable opponent that fateful day - the 15Bs from Newington College. We also had four players from the 15As who provided some excellent moral support and made general contributions to the eventual outcome.

It turned into a heart-pounding match as we started to sniff victory and as Newington became aware of the possibility of losing. We kept calm and concentrated on the job at hand, eventually coming away with the win. The 15Bs were the only team in the 15s division to win a match during the season, a certain testament to their strength and ability as cricketers.

More astonishing than our win however, was the vast improvements in the general game of almost all of our players. Players such as Png who, at the beginning of the



#### 15B Eleven

B. Apolonio, M. Wong, L. Brown,  
R. Shenoy, L. Png, M. Luchitti.

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### 14A Eleven

**Back Row:** N.Wang, N.Chowdhury, J.Bastable, D.Ma, B.Wang, K.Taylor.

**Front Row:** K.Perera, A.Chawla, S.Kumar, B.Kelly, S.Ali, A.Liu, D.Morgan.

season, could barely bowl. He had suddenly become a key part of our attack, striking regularly and with deadly accuracy. Then there was also Hopkins, who was arguably the backbone of our batting line up, and who provided some stellar performances and great entertainment especially on one occasion where he stood his ground at the crease for 119 balls! Each of the players had such moments during the season, however, they are far too numerous to mention.

Although a more successful season in terms of statistics would have been welcomed, the 15Bs can still stand tall and with their heads held high knowing they represented the school with everything they had. Their excellent sportsmanship is applauded and we all look forward to the upcoming season where we will surely face many new challenges.

***Tasneem Choudhury***

### 14A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Our cricket season turned out pretty much as the team expected. We had no wins all season, yet the team had loads of fun. We would like to think that we came out on top as the most improved and developing team of the competition.

Although looking at our record gives the idea of a team with not enough talent, this is not the case. Our team is packed with developing and natural talent which started to emerge at the end of the season highlighted by some closely fought matches.

During the season our team had many rained out matches. On these occasions, the team were confident of a win, so we thought we were robbed of some opportunities. We faced teams with a lot more training and facilities than us so we weren't surprised when they defeated us convincingly. "You can't buy High spirit", we shouted as we charged onto the field, and that just about sums up the season for the 14As."

***Ben Encel***

### 13A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 13As had a great year, even though we lost all our matches. At the start of the year we were a team with little experience playing together and we didn't even know everyone's name very well. And there was another problem . . . after just one training session (which was trials) we had a match against Sydney Grammar. So, as you can see, it was pretty hectic. However, as we proceeded through the season, things were becoming smoother and we were blending well as a team.

Every week we were against teams who had been together for two or three years. The other teams in the GPS competition had many players who have played club cricket for several years. We did not. We were the underdogs through the whole season, yet we handled this pressure well. We went out onto the cricket pitch every week, trying our best, and holding our heads high after losses every week.

We have improved immensely and we will come much bigger and better next season.

The 13As team members are:

**Vinodan Anandaselvakumar** – Anandaselvakumar was in the team for only a couple of games. He is one of the few who bowl left handed. He's a very handy bowler.

**Rahib Azwad** – This man came into the squad around the end of the season. He's a great all-rounder with a highlight being his fast run-making score with the bat against St. Josephs.

**Samuel Beston** – The king of spin. He bowls deadly leggies and has taken the most wickets in the team out of all who bowl spin.

**David Chan** – A trusty vice-captain, Chan is a tremendous sidekick. He's great backup and he's one reliable guy. Chan is usually taking a KFC Classic Catch, on his way to a century or pumping the boys up.

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### 14B Eleven

**Back Row:** A.Zhang, T.Wang, D.Sreetharan, H.Lu, L.Aylmer.

**Front Row:** J.He, W.Lee, O.Fio, H.Zhang, R.Kamal, H.Huang, D.Luo.

**Botong Cheng** – Cheng was in the team for a couple of games, but he deserves credit. He was one of the keys to keeping the opposition's run rate down.

**Dominic Cheung** – Cheung is our only off spinner and he's one of the people who is brave enough to open the batting. Cheung is not only a great spinner, but an exceptional fielder. He has taken 3 unbelievable catches.

**Shimon Danziger** – Danziger had an unlucky season with the bat, but his bowling made up for that. Danziger isn't the fastest bowler, but he always puts the ball in the right spot every time.

**Cornelius Do** – Corndog left the A's about halfway through the season. He's a smaller version of Brett Lee and he's effective with the bat.

**Saif Haque** – "Saify" is a magnificent bowler; he could swing the ball and he's extremely fast. When he gets that ball in the right spot, boy, the batsman is in certain trouble. Haque is a good batsman and he contributes well to our totals. Haque left the A's during the middle of the season.

**Eric Ovadia** – Our leading wicket taker and statistically, the best bowler in the team. He is consistent, accurate and he never tries to bowl too fast. Ovadia is also one of our best batsmen; he's aggressive and always looking to smash that ball out of the park. His style is extremely effective. Ovadia has improved amazingly over the season.

**Pasan Pannila** – Pannila was in our team for a couple of matches and, like Cheng, he deserves credit. He was a confident all-rounder who was quite athletic in the field.

**Michael Phung** – Team Captain. Phung is statistically the best batter in the team with a patient batting style. While his bowling needs some improvement, he bowled a few overs each game and never conceded a wicket.

**Leon Sheldon** – Sheldon opened the batting for the whole season. He was a brave, confident and calm batter. Not only was he a great batter, he was a great fielder, especially at point.

**Krishan Sivayogarayan** – Sivayogarayan is an interesting bowler. He bowled off the wrong foot and bowled a mixture of pace and leg spin. It may seem odd, but when Sivayogarayan is bowling well, he gets wickets.

**Michael Wong** – "Chippy" was the best all-rounder in the team. He's a batter who isn't scared to hit the ball hard and he's a bowler who only thinks of putting the ball in the right spot. Like Ovadia, he has developed into a much improved player.

The 13As thanks go to Laurie Heil (our coach) and all the other coaches who have helped us. Thanks also to the parents for taking their sons to matches and of course the boys for their efforts at all the matches.

**Michael Phung**

### 13B REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 13Bs cricket team had a mixture of results this season. We did considerably well although we only had minimal cricketing experience; but under the watchful eye of Mr Heil, he was able to make us into a reasonable cricket team.

We had improved dramatically this season and our stats prove this. Our first game was against Grammar and we lost by 10 wickets; our final game was against Shore in which we lost by a mere 36 runs. This shows the amount of determination and improvement the boys showed.

Even though we lost all our games, we are very proud of what we have accomplished this season. Every team member was committed to playing on Saturdays and everyone tried their best at training. Although we weren't the best school in the competition, we were definitely the most energetic which is a promising sign.

The team consisted of:

**Nathan Leong** – Leong is a natural batsman and one of the highest run scorers in the team. He also has lightning speed which helped him save several runs at mid-on.

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### 13A Eleven

**Back Row:** S.Danziger, D.Cheung, S.Haque, I.Khan, E.Ovadia, R.Azward.

**Front Row:** K.Sivayogarayan, D.Chan, M.Phung, M.Wong, S.Beston.



### 13B Eleven

**Back Row:** N.Kok, N.Leong, I.Eveleigh, A.Huynh.

**Front Row:** V.Anandaselvakumar, C.Do, S.Kinger, Y.Chowdhury, K.Nguyen.

**Nathan Kok** – Our most aggressive batsman and leading run scorer. His top score this season was 19 and he took five catches overall. He has ‘velcro hands’ and took many amazing catches. He scored a total of 63 runs in six innings.

**Andrew Huynh** – Huynh was our part time keeper. He is a great middle order batsman and played many crucial innings with Chowdhury and Kok. His top score this season was 13. Huynh scored 47 runs in seven innings.

**Kenneth Nguyen** – Nguyen is an inspiration to the team. He bowled extremely well under pressure and is the most improved player from the start of the season. He has turned out to be one of our most reliable fieldsman as he has safe

hands. He also produced three amazing run outs including two direct hits.

**Yasar Chowdhury** – Chowdhury is the only player who can bat for a lengthy amount of time. Even though he is a slow scorer, he is a great contribution to the team as he defends his wickets very well. He saved us in many mid order collapses with very long and courageous innings.

**Eric Zhu** – Zhu is an aggressive batsman and is not afraid to open the batting. He is an accurate off-spin bowler and fields well at cover. He is never afraid to get down to the ball and his catching is remarkable. His most memorable moment was when he caused an exceptional run out with a direct hit.

**Cornelius Do** – Corny was a recruit from the A’s and was the Vice Captain of the side. He is a fast bowler and deceived the batsman with his pace.

**Vinodan Anandaselvakumar** – Another recruit from the A’s, Anandaselvakumar is a handy, little off-spin bowler. He is very economical for a spinner and deceived the batsmen with some of his special ‘top spinners’. He is also a brave slips fielder.

**Leon Li** – The most improved player in under 13’s at High. He is by far the best fielder in the team and is aggressive with the bat. With more focus on his bowling, he will be a fine, natural all rounder.

**Samir Kinger** – Captain of the 13Bs. Kinger had a brilliant season with the ball by taking the most wickets in the Under 13s. He finished the season with eight wickets and 29 runs. His batting needs to improve to round out his season next year.

**Isaac Eveleigh** – Eveleigh is our wicket keeper. He joined the team half way through the season and had an immediate impact. He took five wickets in only a few matches.

**Leo Lu** – Lu was another opening bowler/first change. He had an injury for three weeks but he was a great contribution to the team. He took many wickets and catches. He is also an aggressive batsman and has potential to become a better player.

**Andrew Gong** – Gong was sidelined for most of the season with injury, however he showed great team spirit and attended all our games. Thank you Andrew.

Overall, we had a good season and we have uncovered many rising stars. Congratulations on a great season!

**Samir Kinger, Captain of 13B Cricket**



**13C Eleven**

**Back Row:** T.Xu, M.So, T.Shahriyar, H.Tran, R.Gu.

**Front Row:** K.Qian, V.Le, B.Cheng, H.Sit, D.Wei.

Shao was our best batsman with an average of 48 runs. He was also our opening bowler. Our best bowler was Tran with seven wickets. He bowled with a very accurate, medium pace and took three wickets in one match for the 13B's. Qian as wicket keeper took four stumpings and four catches. Henry Sit was our allrounder and did a good job.

His leg spin and wrong'uns were very effective and gave us many chances for catches. Vivian Le, Abdullah Sarker and Matthew So helped us tremendously in the batting while Benson Ou and Tahmid Shahriyar also combined very well in our bowling.

We all had fun playing the game and made many new friendships throughout the season. This season has given us all some experience about the game and I hope that all players keep practicing to get ready for next season.

***Kevin Qian***

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The 13Cs had a very enjoyable season and made many friends. We tried very hard but unfortunately we didn't come away with a win. We had a very disappointing game against St Josephs when we were beaten by a margin of five runs.

We had many talented players who helped us immensely throughout the season. Shao, Tran, Wei and Sit bowled extremely well with Tran eventually taking out the Rookie of the Year Prize.

The season started with an awkward game against Grammar in which three of our players were out in the first over.

In the match against St Josephs we came very close to a win but unfortunately ran out of overs due to a late start. Botong Cheng showed his skill in getting six not out from two balls as well as a wicket off his first ball. Wei took 2/15 from three overs and Shahriyar took 1/3 from two overs. Derek Wei also got two catches and played very well. In the end St. Josephs 8/62 defeated High 7/57.



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## ROWING ASSEMBLY 2006

Distinguished guests, special guest Mr. Paul Smith, staff, parents, coaches, competing crews and students. Welcome to today's rowing assembly which is our traditional prelude to the Head of the River to be held tomorrow at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. I am particularly pleased that so many of you have decided to come along on Saturday and cheer on our crews. It is certainly one of the great events in school sport anywhere in the world. As you might remember from the Commonwealth Games advertisements featuring weightlifting and high jumping and from competing Australian athletes comments about how inspiring the crowd was at the MCG – support does make a difference to performance. In anticipation, I commend you for your support.

I would like to thank Mr Barris, MIC for Rowing, for his tireless, and it appears ageless, efforts on behalf of the rowing program at High. That we are able to remain competitive against the financial and physical might of GPS schools is a credit to him and his Rowing Committee, headed up by Mr Steve Tiedgen. Thank you too to Michael Doyle, our rowing coaching coordinator, for the extra time and support you have given our crews this season. I hope we are learning to row smarter rather than harder. Marrying rhythm and style with power and repetition is an art form indeed.

I was at Riverview early last Saturday to catch the Year 8 and 9 quads in action. Standing on the jetty at the finish line gave me a good vantage point to see down the course. Many crews got wayward when negotiating the marker buoys and when turning around the channel marker. Thankfully, our boys completed their races. The conditions were tricky with intermittent showers and quite a firm south-easterly breeze on occasions. They held quite good form with their strokes and looked like they had some promise for the future. I commend the junior crews for their efforts this season and all rowers from Years 8 and 9 to stay in the sport next season. It is the most demanding of our sports but is also reckoned to be the most rewarding. As your Principal I perceive it as a great privilege that our school is able to offer our students this sporting opportunity.

Our senior crews do not have imposing physiques but they have developed strength of mind. At the Head of the River, big occasion crews shine. The first and second Vllls were again trained together by David Luscombe and Mark Prater. Their teamwork as coaches has matured in 2006 and I think the squad approach has been good for the program. Oliver Wilson joined David and Mark with the second VIII this year. I believe we are delivering high quality coaching and mentoring to our top crews.

The competitive selection policy involving ergo times, sculling and seat racing is now embedded and those who make the VIII are not just strong sitting on dry land, they can also row. Tim Glass graduated to the 1st IV this year. Alex Forsyth joined us for the 2nd IV and Karl Krusczelnicki took care of the 3rd. IV. Father and son team of Con and George Barris guided the 1st and 2nd Year 10 Vllls who seem

to be coming into some late form at the right time. Messrs Gainford, Coan and Hespe managed the junior crews with their usual efficiency. The Year 9 quads were coached by Mr Gainford with assistance from Troy Polis and Liam Bennett.. The Year 8 quads showed the benefit of their Year 7 term 1 experience. Mr Coan and Mr Hespe were ably assisted by Robbie Girdler and James Gerofi and Kerry Barris. Thank you to all these coaches for their efforts.

Our long serving Boatman Mr. David Daish, Mr Chris Watson, and Mr Sean Creer each contributed in different ways as behind the scenes people who maintain the boats and equipment, drive the vehicles, supervise boat handling and keep the boatshed functioning. Without people like you we would not have such a robust program. Thank you.

I would like to thank all the parents who were fathers of the night or who prepared meals for rowers or who cooked sausages at regattas or who organised fundraising or maintained accounts or prepared minutes of meetings. Your contribution of time and service underpinned the quality of the rowing program delivered for our boys.

It is my pleasure to introduce our special guest this morning, Mr. Paul Smith. Paul is an old boy from 1968 who holds degrees in Science and Social Science. He was a science teacher for 17 years before embarking on a career change. He has morphed into one of Australia's foremost sports psychologists, motivators and corporate trainers.

Mr Smith imparts his skills for success to a diverse range of corporate and individual clients, such as car manufacturers, real estate companies, local Councils, banks, government departments and manufacturers. His message is applicable to students or sportsmen, businessmen or builders.

He has developed an interesting and applicable array of diagnostic instruments measuring styles of behaviour in business, life, the workplace and sport. His seminars deal with leadership, personal development, team work and communication. His book *How to Have an Outstanding Life* is one I can recommend as absorbing reading for all of you. As a man with a plan and a psychologist with solutions, it is timely for him to address us today. Please give a High welcome to Mr Paul Smith.

*Dr Jaggar*

## CAPTAIN OF BOATS SPEECH, DELIVERED 31 MARCH, 2006

Dr Jaggar, Mr. Smith, parents, teachers and students, about a week ago, while I was down at the sheds, a Year 7 student asked me "why is the Head of the River so important?" A blunt question to be asking any rower, certainly, but it got me thinking on how to explain such a complex ideal to such a young mind.

Firstly, it is our season, no ifs, no buts. All eight schools lined up across the course, then go. Same conditions, same course, same distance. You can't ask for a competition to be fairer than that. It is this fairness though, that also marks the unforgiving nature of our sport of choice. Six minutes.

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That's all you get, one shot, one opportunity. No half time, no substitutions, just race. Six months of hard work poured into one two kilometre race. And the work has been tough. The senior A squad, the first and second Vllls, have camped away from home at the sheds for two nights a week to wake at 5.00 am, row, then come to school. Over the course of the last six months the rowers before you have rowed approximately 2000 kms each. That's equivalent to about seven trips to Newcastle and back, a return trip to Brisbane or a one-way ticket to Cairns. Every waking hour has been thinking about rowing while at night we drift off to the comforting sound of Shao's sinuses as his snoring tears through the shed.

For some of us, it has been five years of work, all spent dreaming about these six minutes of pain, pride and passion. Rowing is more than a sport, it is a lifestyle. For six months we have lived, trained and slept together, all in preparation for one race. As a recent Old Boy described, "the race is the ultimate test of character, professionalism, tenacity and self discipline – to finish is the work of good men; to compete requires champions regardless of position."

Then there is the pride and tradition of the day, I thought, still contemplating my little Year 7 friend. The event, stretching back to the early years of GPS competition, carries enough tradition alone, but it is the pride we all feel every time we don the chocolate and sky that keeps us fighting out there. As a great man once said, "It is through the six minutes of pain that you are able to learn the true worth of your six months of preparation and sacrifice."

So I looked down to my Year 7 buddy and told him I couldn't tell him why the race was so important; it was something you had to experience yourself. "Come along next Saturday," I told him, "see what it's like, be a part of it."

I'd also like to thank Mr Barris for all of his efforts in maintaining the Sydney High Rowing program, as well as Mr Daish for fixing our boats; Chris Watson and all the coaches who sacrifice their time to help out. Also to Jason Tassell for his help in getting us up to scratch physically and in setting up the weights room at the sheds.

The senior A squad, namely the two Vllls, have enjoyed an innovative and tough new program under the watchful eyes of the coaching panel consisting of Mark Prater, Dave Luscombe and Ollie Wilson, with a little help from Michael Doyle. With two camps a week and a continual selection process maintained throughout the season, the fastest combinations that we could possibly produce emerged as the crews approached the Head of the River.

The second VIII has developed strongly under the watchful eyes of old boy Ollie Wilson and older boy Dave Luscombe in coaching the crew.

Bow: Aaron Shuttleworth: In just his second season of rowing, Shuttleworth's determination and prowess have seen him excel.

2: Harry Song: Song's sole purpose in life is to get bigger. On top of spending the maximum time possible in the weights

room, Song will be an integral member of the second VIII for his size and strength.

3: Kevin Lee: the strong, silent type, Lee spends his nights pondering Pi and other academic issues, long after the rest of the crews have climbed into bed.

4: Ellis Louie: another to return to rowing, Louie threw in the towel of an accomplished swimming career to be able to row with us this season and he has become an integral element of the second VIII.

5: James Mackay: the big bloke of second VIII, Mackay spends most of his hours jamming with his state music buddies.

6: David Kim: another quiet achiever of the sheds, Kim is the only senior rower to fail the coxswain test, that is, he is shorter than his coxswain.

7: Chong Shao: Shao consistently argues that he is the senior prefect of boats despite numerous attempts to assure him that this position does not exist. Shao has felt the pain of a tough selection process, but his comical nature, never-ending supply of facts and never say die attitude has earned him the respect of all of his peers in the senior sheds as he struggles to combine a life of rowing and tuition.

Stroke: Ty Linnegar: is a fiery redhead from a dragon-guarded castle surrounded by hot boiling lava!

Coxswain: Jason Phu: yet another new boy to the rowing circle, he has managed to work his way into this prestigious crew through his motivational capacity.

Onto the first VIII for 2006. The eight has been selected and re-selected time and time again throughout the season. The result is the fastest possible combination of rowers who have been able to prove themselves under racing conditions and look ready to peak at exactly the right time. The first VIII is coached by the man of steel, Mark Prater, with the help of Dave Luscombe. The crew from bow is:

Tom Hurrell: a latecomer into the crew, he has a big smile, an even bigger heart and a fierce determination to reclaim his brother's old bow seat in the VIII.

3: James Tiedgen: a rare combination of anger and finesse.

4: Adam Farrow-Palmer: Farrow-Palmer utilises his time at the sheds to unwind and let loose all his stresses from his hectic school captaincy.

5: Sam Gribble: vice-captain of boats, Gribby's rowing experience and proficiency in all areas make him an irreplaceable force from the five seat.

6: Attila Szabo: Szabo has found his place in the sheds by making seemingly random, funny comments at inappropriate times and has found his place in the boat holding the best erg in the crew.

7: Andrew Pham: Pham started the season as the lightweight of the crew and has enjoyed the introduction of Hurrell as it has taken the pressure off him to put on those extra pounds.

Stroke: Sandy Cunningham: Cunningham's fitness and technical proficiency make him one of the top rowers in the sheds.

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Coxswain: Andrew Huang: the chosen little man, demonstrates a severe lack of fitness, cramping up regularly during rows where he does literally nothing. Despite this, Andrew has worked his way into the hearts of all the rowers and now is an important member of the VIII.

### *Blake Angell, 2 seat 1st VIII 2006*

#### **FIRST VIII REPORT 2006**

The Senior Squad came together in September 2005, and underwent a six-month program that would culminate in the Head of the River in April 2006. As always, that half a year felt closer to two (or at most three) months. We all knew what we were getting ourselves into, and approached it maturely and as a team.

For the senior squad, the first half of the season (term four) consists of a substantial amount of single sculling. This has been described by many as a 'boring' boat to row - but if you learn to enjoy the tranquillity of rowing along with only yourself to rely on and keep you company, the senior season becomes a lot less stressful. By the beginning of first term, most members of the senior squad had mastered the mental and technical skills required for effective single sculling.

In January, a preliminary First VIII was selected, with the coaches emphasising the 'preliminary' aspect of this crew. Four weeks out from the Head of the River, and with a run of mild results from the First VIII, we were hit with the news that most of us had been expecting – re-selections. I believe this policy was introduced by our coaches last year, and proved to be an effective 'refocusing tool' for the rowers. It can also

cause a little bit of stress within the crew, as we become individuals again. In any case, we were glad to be reunited in the VIII after that ordeal, with only one change being made to the First and Second Vllls.

Ironically, after this switch it appeared that both crews were rowing faster, and our results began to reflect this. As the First VIII tried to reel in Scots and Grammar, the Second VIII were also making significant inroads into their competition.

Unfortunately, we left our run home a little too late, and our seeded lane on Head of the River day did not help our cause. The First VIII was not able to reinforce the impressive results of the previous season. Determined to "throw away the form book" (in the words of our coach Mark Prater) it is hard to explain what went wrong on the day. Many of us will look back on that day knowing we were faster than the result showed, but it is safe to say that regret will not be the dominant feeling when we look back on the rest of the season.

As the nostalgia sets in for those of us who rowed in their last Head of the River this year, the seemingly inexplicable dynamics of GPS rowing becomes a little clearer. Those who get what they crave on Head of the River day have to earn it in the six-months before. But at the same time it can be a cruel race. The phenomenal emphasis on one race may appear somewhat illogical or unjustifiable to onlookers. In hindsight, it probably is. The hardest aspect of the sport is staying focused on your long-term goals, and contrary to the popular misconception, enjoyment can be extracted from the rest of the season, including training, camping and travelling. The First VIII learnt this valuable lesson this season.



#### **First Eight**

Bow: T.Hurrell, 2: B.Angell, 3: J.Tiedgen, 4: A.Farrow-Palmer, 5: S.Gribble, 6: A.Szabo, 7: A.Pham, Stroke: S.Cunningham, Cox: A.Huang.

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On behalf of the First VIII, I would like to thank all the younger rowers around the Sheds this year for their unconditional support for our crew. If you maintain your interest and desire, I have no doubt you will earn results that will make us proud in the years to come.

And also on behalf of the crew, sincere thanks must go to our coaches- Mark Prater, David Luscombe and Michael Doyle, who have committed much of their time to us. Our coaches are students, fathers, teachers and husbands to whom coaching is an activity pursued on top of their daily lives. The professional attitude of our current senior coaches continually pushes our results far further than we would realistically be capable of.

***Sandy Cunningham***

### **SECOND VIII REPORT 2006**

The Second VIII saw the transformation of many young boys into men. It instilled in our minds honour, sacrifice, hard work, and true friendship.

Starting the season in the holidays of 2005, I quickly felt myself become a part of High rowing, and the pride that came with it. The second VIII was formed after the first gruelling selection camp involving scull racing and many seat races. The first crew consisted of (in random order): Tom Hurrell, James McKay, Aaron Shuttleworth, David Kim, Peter Malek, Ellis Louie, Harry Song, Ty Linegar, Jason Phu as the coxswain and Ollie Wilson as the Head Coach. Our training regime consisted of rowing Monday afternoon followed by a hearty dinner that was always much appreciated. The

next day we were on the water from 5.30 until 7.30 am. After a quick breakfast and shower it was off to school. On Wednesdays TJ helped push us to the limits in the gym; with another camp Thursday night followed by a morning row.

The first few Saturdays filled us with some hope. We were not last and felt our fitness rapidly improving as we found ourselves reaching new limits.

After another selection and with the return of Kevin Lee from an overseas trip, Malek left us for the fours, and Lee became the latest addition to the crew. Over the next few Saturdays we all felt the added power to the boat. As a crew we rapidly came together, bonded by the time and training we had together and we were proud to refer to ourselves as the SHS Second VIII.

In the final weeks of the rowing season, leading up to the Head of the River, our boat saw Tom Hurrell move to the First VIII taking the place of Chong Shau, our latest member. Shau was a highly valued member of the boat, adding valuable tips learnt from his time with the First VIII. So the Second VIII was finalised, and we continued our training under Ollie's fantastic coaching. Within a few weeks we had gone from a wobbly mess to a smooth, gliding machine. We all felt the difference and we set our sights upon defeating Scots and Grammar at the end of the journey.

The Gold Cup saw us head out with a fiery start, although due to its confusing turn we lost a lot of momentum and did not achieve the result we had wanted. Due to its course, the race was a poor indication of our true abilities, but with one more week under our belts, we were fired up.



#### **Second Eight**

Bow: A.Shuttleworth, 2: H.Song, 3: K.Lee, 4: E.Louie, 5: J.Mackay, 6: D.Kim, 7: C.Shao, Stroke: T.Linegar, Cox: J.Phu.

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During the last week, we acquired that mental state of mind through Ollie's wise words and we prepared for what lay ahead. We were ready.

After a grand send-off in the Great Hall, we headed to Penrith. After a short and light row, we imagined how things would be the following day. Crowds roaring, victory for some, defeat for others. The final night was spent at Nepean Shores, where we all dressed in school uniform. The coaches brought their old uniforms and blazers, and we headed to dinner for a hearty meal.

We awoke prepared and headed off to HotR. After an ample warm up and spurring words, it was time for our race and we rowed in relative silence to the start line. The race had begun. After 1000 metres, we were feeling strong as we 'shut the door' on Scots, who were a boat-length behind, and moved up on Grammar. These were the schools we had prepared to beat. To our horror, disaster struck at 1250m with a crew-member's seat coming off the rails. With disbelief we rowed 500m with six men, as our targets whooshed past us into the distance. With 250m to go, and coming into the view of the spectators, the seat was back on, and we rowed our hearts out with fury to the finish line, utterly defeated. The whole crew was mentally destroyed, and the question on all our lips was 'why us?' We decided that this had occurred to motivate us for the year to come. The season was not completed however, and at the CHS rowing championships, we had a chance to taste victory, as Sydney High blitzed the river in all ages and varied races, winning the overall point score.

And so the Second VIII of 2006, with Linegar as stroke, Shau (7), Kim (6), McKay (5), Louie (4), Lee (3), Song (2), Shuttleworth (bow), Phu (coxswain) and Ollie Wilson Head Coach, completed the journey, and the transformation from boys to men. From rowing, we gained a better sense of who we are, along with lessons, experiences, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

A big thanks to Ollie Wilson and Dave Luscombe for the valuable time they gave us, and farewell to Shau and Louie, the two Year twelves of the crew.

Look out for us next year!

***Ty Linegar***

### FIRST IV REPORT 2006

The first IV of 2006 has had a great experience this season. There had been quite a number of changes to the crew since the beginning of the season but the finalised crew members of 'The Fat Four' were Godwin Wang in stroke seat, Yun-Zhe Guo as 3-man, Wilson Zhang as two-man, Joshua Freiman in bow seat, and Joe Banh as our coxswain. We started our intensive training during the middle of the winter sport season with most of the wannabes joining up on the weights program and practice sculling on early Saturday mornings. The future crew had all been rowing since Year 7 except Freiman (Pinky) and we had already decided that we would be the first IV.

The start of the season was quite hectic as many of the newcomers had never rowed before, and the coaches didn't



**First Four**

Cox: J.Banh, Bow: J.Freiman, 2: W.Zhang, 3: Y-Z.Guo, Stroke: G.Wang.

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know how well we could perform and so the crews were mixed around until the sculling and ergo tests began. The immediate first IV was the final crew as predicted but Wang was dropped to second IV for most of the season. Newcomer Frank Jin rose up through the ranks to first IV and dazzled our coach, the relatively old Old Boy Tim Glass, with his big biceps and athletic speed up the slide. The first seat racing saw Guo 'the powerhouse' go down into second IV with Wang, and Richard Nguyen come into first. This crew configuration remained until the pre-racing season ended but was dominated in friendly races by the second IV during training. The second seat racing was a disaster as the then cox of the second IV beached the racing boats on several occasions – seat racing was deemed too dangerous that day.

As racing season approached, the IV's crews and Tim worked together closely. Eventually Nguyen and Jin were dropped from the crew and were replaced by Guo (coming back up from 2nd IV and Peter Malek who brought along with him discipline from the second VIII, not to mention what he claims to be 'a touch of Egyptian ethnicity'.

Racing season began with a tumble; one member of our crew didn't turn up for the race and had to be substituted. During the race however, the substitute caught the biggest crab in history and managed to turn the boat 180° by himself. Tim, always seeing the bright side of life and our potential, urged us to push ourselves further.

The second race of the season at Iron Cove was a two kilometre thriller. We had a strong start and we pulled the boat hard across the water. We settled quickly into a steady rhythm. Kings pulled in front of us but we were still neck and neck with St Ignatius and Scots. The race stayed neck and neck despite a few pushes in the middle until the last 500m when St Ignatius started to push hard to get ahead. Banh started yelling at us, encouraging us mind you, and we really went berserk. We sped ahead of Scots, caught up to St Ignatius and were chasing Kings. By then there was only about 200m left until the finish line and all crews were rowing on pure adrenaline alone. With only 100m left, our cox, Banh, saw what looked like the finish line but unfortunately he was mistaken. Stopping with only 20m still left was devastating. All crews rushed past us leaving us bewildered and disappointed. But this defeat only served to underscore our passion for the rest of the season, and needless to say our performance only improved from then on.

After another round of sculling and seat racing, Wang finally proved himself worthy of a promotion and despite the rest of second IV's attempts to make him stay put, Wang came into the finalised crew of the first IV. With the Fat Four dream team complete, and only a week left until HotR, it was time to really push the crew harder than ever.

Tim was awesome the whole season being 100% supportive of our crew. The week before HotR was no different and he told us to just enjoy the big race - which we did. A lot. Although we had a disappointing finish at the big event, we thoroughly enjoyed the race and the whole season.

**Godwin Wang**

### SECOND IV REPORT 2006

Cox	Ji Kwang Park (aka. Jiggy)
Bow	Peter Malek (aka. Gypo)
2	Andrew Leung
3	Frank Jin (aka. Fan)
Stroke	Eddy Wu

The season started out as a new experience for most of the crew with little background or familiarity with rowing. Jin had come back from an injury from rowing in the previous year. Both Malek and Leung were new to rowing. Jiggy had experience from rowing in the Year 10 eight and Wu had come back from Year 9 quad wanting to experience senior rowing.

Training hours were spent in sculls, quads, individual weights session and IV's to improve the crew's ability to row as a crew and also individual technical ability. With the increased hours at the shed including camps, not only did our rowing/erg ability increase dramatically, but the nights at the shed provided an opportunity for crews to socialise with both junior and senior crews. Training hours off the water included ergs training at Mt. Steele and near the shed. Tremendous thanks to our coach Tim Glass and Alex Forsythe in dedicating their time to make this experience possible.

With the start of the GPS season and despite the high hopes, the second IV crew did not better the other crews. Determined to see improvements and results, training sessions were all done in the form of races between first and second IV at a set rating. Throughout the season, second had made remarkable improvements in the times of the Hen Chicken Bay Regattas, from above seven minutes to under six:20.

Leung was an impressive addition to the second IV crew with his erg score under seven:10, but the lack of time for training by the beginning of the racing season meant Leung still had some learning to do about the crew.

By the Head of the River, the crew were determined to achieve at least a fifth placing. The crew had an unexpectedly high level of confidence from motivational talks within the crew and by the coach. With the tandem-rigged boat to suit the 3 bow side rowers and one stroke side with an average weight of 70 kg, the crew had expected to produce results from this unique combination. The race had ended with second IV failing to catch up to Scots by a few boat lengths. The crew fell in silence, disappointed that they could have put in something extra. Nevertheless, it was a first for the crew and despite not taking any positions everyone acknowledged it was a worthwhile experience having learnt the ups and downs of the sport and also the lifelong skills the experience will bring into their school lives.

In conclusion, everyone in the crew experienced a very different aspect of life and we feel proud of the way we overcame, not only the hardships and disappointments, but also in having learnt how to inspire passion and belief in ourselves against the odds of a challenge.

**Eddy Wu**

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### Second Four

Cox: J-K.Park, Bow: P.Malek, 2: A.Leung, 3: F.Jin, Stroke: E.Wu.

### THIRD IV REPORT 2006

**Stroke: Quinton Yang.** Yang was the face of the crew with a nice rhythm and brilliant leadership skills. Thanks to him, our boat started off like a speedy, with the bow ball lifting off the water and seriously pointing towards the bow side. What a man. [RN]

**Three: Nick Levanic.** Levanic is an excellent example of how determination and perseverance pays off, having competed in his first HotR after misfortune kept him out of previous crews. You can always count on Levanic giving his absolute all during races and training. He can be relied upon to try his hardest with enthusiasm and the guys all have complete faith in him. [RN]

**Two: Richard Nguyen.** Nguyen made massive inroads in his first season of rowing, becoming an integral part of the crew. While wearing his trademark smile and cracking jokes off the water, his approach to training is serious which helped boost the morale of the crew. He recovered from an infamous stint in the first IV to become a senior figure in the fledgling crew. [NL]

**Bow: Chris Lopes.** Lopes joined the rowing shed as a new member of the school during the second half of the season and did well to fit into the tight culture of the crew. He progressed well through his limited training time and his efforts were commendable. Lopes also took the title as hairiest and most good looking member of the crew, coming out on top in a crew who took pride with aesthetics. [RN]

**Coxswain: Kai Chen.** Whenever the infamous sentence "drop it down to 18" is mentioned, you'll know it's referring to Chen. A newcomer to the school, Kai had little time to acquaint

himself with his new surroundings but did well to fit in. He is an interesting character who always knows how to lighten the mood, however sometimes at the wrong time. [NL]

**Coach: Karl Kruszelnicki.** Kruszelnicki did a superb job in getting us ready in a very limited timeframe for an event as meaningful as the HoR. A member of the successful 2005 first VIII, Kruszelnicki tackled the challenge of coaching with gusto and didn't just teach us how to row, but introduced a relaxed yet effective culture for success. A particular highlight was a relaxed, casual chat between Kruszelnicki, Levanic, Nguyen and Yang on the pontoon the night before the HotR to settle some nerves. [NL]

**The Season.** Third IV's prospects were not looking good a month before HotR. The crew was still incomplete, fresh and inexperienced, with no race experience. And like a beam of light, Yang of second VIII 2005 descended from above, restoring hope and confidence in the crew and continuing the legacy of the SBHS third IV.

**We trained hard:** three times a week with extra morning sessions to make up for our lack of fitness. It was all eyes on us at the HoR.

The third IV debut was the Grammar Regatta. We did not beat any crews, but we accomplished the goal of the day: the best IV time in the sheds.

At the Gold Cup Regatta, Yang was unable to race and Martin Liang filled in for him at two seat. He was inexperienced but did a great job and was finely commended.

Knowing it was a great race, we had a serious meeting and concluded we should all gel our hair on the day. The gel seemed to affect Levanic as he refused to sit still a few

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### Third Four

Cox: K.Chen, Bow: C.Lopes, 2: R.Nguyen, 3: N.Levanic, Stroke: Q.Yang.

seconds before the marshal blew the horn. Second stroke into the race and it was a guaranteed loss. Levanic's oars pinned him backwards, as the blade caught the water and the boat rocked violently to the bow side. After recovering, Levanic crabbed a second time. Nguyen was not happy with him at the finish line.

It was the final weeks of rowing. The chanting of the HoR was already ringing in our ears. The third IV had High hopes and we knew we were ready to take on anything. More than 15,000 cheering fans stood at the finish line, but by the time third IV were lining up, a crosswind from the south was making the wait even more agonising. Crews drifted away from lanes and onto the banks. It was a nightmare to get out of, and did no good to our nerves. Those few minutes before the race were tougher than the race itself. Then the horn blew, the red flashed to green and the coxswains started a cacophony.

Third IV's start was most unimpressive, but luckily there were no crabs. We kept up with Newington and Grammar for the first 250 meters. It was tougher than we had thought, due to crosswinds and Chen's inexperience in those conditions. There was panic in the boat, but Yang did his best to control the rating so we could utilise our full slides. We'll never forget Chen shouting "OK BOYS, LET'S DROP IT DOWN TO 18" when we were halfway through the race, a full boat length and a half behind.

The season was a crash course in rowing for the third IV, as well as a crash course in life. On the bright side, High spirit will never waver in those headwinds, and we'll come back for another year of High rowing.

**Quinton Yang**

### YEAR 10 VIII REPORT 2006

The season started off reasonably quietly in late September 2005. Coaches Mr. Constantine "Consta" Barris and Mr. George "Smiley" Barris were very laidback and forthcoming with wisdom.

The season started off with one VIII with rowers interchanging for selection. At this stage we were unsure whether we would have two eights and two coxswains. Saturday mornings were quite fatiguing with two sessions and a breakfast break in between. Our first selection process was the strenuous two km erg in which David Vien topped with a stunning 6:45 erg time followed by Anton Komarov with a time of 7:16; Daniel O'Keefe with 7:18 and Robert Chen with 7:30. These were the forerunners of the Year 10 VIII's derived from the Year 9 first Quad.

We soon recruited the lovable Year 7 coxswain, Gareth Deacon who also recruited Timothy Molloy. We recruited Mark Spencer and Koeun Na and soon our first crew was selected as: Chen at stroke, O'Keefe at seven, Vien at six, Shahar Merom at five, Komarov at four, Brynley Pfull at three, Joel Livingston at two, and Spencer in the bow.

We were looking at a very solid and successful season and possibly being one of the best Year 10 VIIIs in history. We notched our first win of the season when Melbourne High came to visit. We defeated them by some good boat lengths in all three races. We were feeling very confident as a crew.

Then came the summer holidays and summer rowing camps which were fun. We broke stuff and Mr. Barris broke us during training. However all was not well as we soon lost

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Komarov and he was replaced by Livingston at four and Na to two seat.

In our first GPS regatta we were horrendously beaten by six out of the eight GPS schools by huge margins and in really bad weather. Next regatta we smashed Scots and were in turn smashed by Shore. By now Na had replaced Chen as stroke and Chen went to four.

We travelled to Melbourne the next week and raced them in three races. On their own turf and with their full crew they put up a much better display of rowing. They took out the first race but we rallied and took out the second and third races to win overall. Melbourne was a great experience and our billets were very friendly.

Melbourne is a much different place to Sydney, the atmosphere a lot friendlier and the environment cleaner. We found that most of the Melbourne boys had very similar hairstyles. We returned to Sydney to compete in the Sydney Rowing Club Regatta which we lost to Scots by six seconds coming last. Our spirits were down and it was not a good sign.

Spencer at this stage and was replaced by Joshua Hui and Winston Lee making up for Livingston's absence. The Kings regatta was a better performance as Hui and Lee made the boat go faster by six seconds. Alas we still came last. Crew morale was very low at this stage. However we scared St Ignatius so much they didn't even turn up for Kings.

At the Sydney High Regatta, St Ignatius did not start again and we rowed well, but still placed last, a second behind Scots. We were 12 seconds off Grammar which was a solid effort. Our morale lifted as we realised we could take Grammar.

Next week at the Grammar regatta, we added Nelson Ridges to our ranks in the five seat and the crew now was Na at stroke, O'Keefe back at seven, Chen at six, Ridges at five, Vien at four, Merom at three, Livingston at two, and Pfull in bow. We raced well and came in seven seconds behind St Ignatius and five behind Scots. We found our weak areas of the race and worked on them all week.

We came to the St Ignatius Gold Cup fired up with our final chance to test all the things we had learned. We went out hard and beat Scots. St Josephs didn't turn up and so we made the finals. We were ecstatic.

We raced hard in the final and recorded the fourth fastest time overall and only lost to Shore who came first by 12 seconds. Our crew morale was high. Coming up to the final race, Head of the River, we had basically no training and a lot of psychological work. We came sixth making us equally the best Year 10 VIII yet. We were very proud of our season.

So ended a glorious season.

The crew at the Head of the River was as follows:

Na at stroke; O'Keefe at seven; Chen at six; Ridges at five; Vien at four; Merom at three; Hui at two; Pfull at bow, and Deacon as coxswain.

**Robbie Chen**

### YEAR 10 SECOND VIII REPORT 2006

We began our rowing season with one VIII and spare rowers changing with others during training sessions. We were so short on numbers that we failed to produce coxswains, although we did manage to bring Gareth Deacon, who in turn brought Timothy Molloy, to be our coxswains. Both were in Year 7.

Our first selection process was a killer two km erg. Not surprisingly David Vien came first with a time of 6:45, Anton Komarov was next with a time of 7:16, followed closely by Daniel O'Keefe in 7:18.

Our first race was Head of the Parramatta. The original crew was Winston Lee (bow), Koeun Na (2 Seat), Benjamin Palau (3 seat), Ishan Nadkarni (4 seat), Timothy Joo (5 seat), Harrison Reid (6 seat), Khalid Ahmed (7 seat), Joshua Hui (stroke) and Timothy Molloy (coxswain). We beat a struggling St Ignatius crew which provided us with confidence early in the season.

Our next race was against Melbourne High. We didn't want to lose on our home ground, and trained hard. Not only did we beat the Melbourne second Year 10 VIII in all three races, we also beat their first Year 10 VIII in two of these races. We impressed our coaches Constantine Barris and George Barris and ourselves. We were looking like a solid crew and had 'high hopes' for the season.

The summer holiday camps were good but extremely tiring. Our first regatta was not a very happy one. The weather was against us and we were once again hampered by yet another crew change including Komarov who had quit rowing for good. Fortunately we managed to recruit Lawrence Boikov and train him just in time. We stood firm and beat Scots and improved our time by almost two minutes. The new crew was (bow to cox): Hui, Reid, Boikov, Nadkarni, Joo, Richard Nguyen (another Year 11 reserve), Lee, Ahmed and Molloy.

The next week we went to Melbourne to finish off the series. It was an enjoyable experience for all, especially when we had another clean sweep, winning two races and Melbourne forfeiting the third due to a faulty rudder. This race – our first two km race – really bolstered our confidence.

The Sydney Rowing Club regatta saw the return of our full crew and our first race at SIRC. Unfortunately, bad stroking and not enough effort saw us in last place. We resolved to do better next week for the Kings/PLC regatta - and we did, improving our previous SIRC time by 18 seconds and beating Scots by a considerable margin. Had it not been for a breaking seat, we would've also beaten St Ignatius, but ended up 0.42 seconds behind them.

The next race was our own High Regatta. We raced with our full crew but unfortunately we came in with a disappointing last place. Some say this was because some crew members did not get enough sleep the night before.

The following week, Hui went to Melbourne for the Commonwealth Games and so we utilised Martin Liang who had never rowed before in his life. During the pre race warm up, he caught a crab and was flung out of the boat. Not only was he concussed, but he broke his rigger resulting in us

## Rowing



### First Year 10 Eight

Bow: B.Pfull, 2: J.Hui, 3: S.Merom, 4: D.Vien, 5: N.Ridges, 6: R.Chen, 7: D.O'Keefe, Stroke: K.Na, Cox: G.Deacon

not being able to race that week. In retrospect, this can be laughed at for hours on end. At the time it was incredibly frustrating as it meant one less race experience.

The following week we had another crew change as Hui replaced Joel Livingston. This was announced at the last minute meaning we did not have time to train with our crews. Additionally, our coxswain, Molloy, was sick and we weren't sure whether or not he would cox. He made a sacrifice and came down to enjoy the festivities at Lane Cove. The crew was (bow to cox): Boikov, Reid, Palau, Nadkarni, Joo, Livingston, Lee, Ahmed and Molloy.

The season was drawing to an end with the Gold Cup Regatta at Lane Cove. We were placed in the faster heat with Kings, St Ignatius, Cranbrook and St Josephs, and did not manage to make it through to the finals. However, we did manage to scare St Josephs into not showing up. There was an uproar when Kings (who clearly won the race) were disqualified for not turning on the right side of the pylon, although it was obvious this was only done to allow St Ignatius to enter the finals.

With Head of the River in just over a week, we focussed less on physical exertion, and more on the psychological aspect of training. This was our first time at Head of the River and we were extremely nervous. All our training and the physically demanding camps all culminated in this one race. It was all or nothing.

The day was extremely windy, and being the lightest crew in our race, this disadvantaged us the most as it was

a headwind. The wind was so strong that it slowed down all crews by about 30 seconds. In our race against Scots we were leading them for 1700 metres but when the wind picked up, our fatigue kicked in full force. They took advantage of this and beat us in the last few strokes of the race. We were disappointed with last place, but we had given it our all and had no regrets. It was definitely a worthwhile experience. The final crew for the second Year 10 VIII 2006 was:

Bow:	Boikov
2 seat:	Reid
3 seat:	Palau
4 seat:	Nadkarni
5 seat:	Joo
6 seat:	Livingston
7 seat:	Lee
Stroke seat:	Ahmed
Coxswain:	Molloy

The second Year 10 VIII would like to thank the coaches (Con and George Barris) and all the parents for the time and effort they put in to make the sport of rowing fun.

## Rowing

### YEAR 9 FIRST QUAD REPORT 2006

The 2005-6 rowing season was full of highs and lows for the Year 9 First crew, but all in all it was a great fun-packed season. In the previous season we trained hard, raced well and held our place in the A finals. With the confidence from last year's great results our hopes were up and ready to tackle any challenge any other crew put up. We rowed hard under Mr Gainford's right wing and learnt and absorbed every bit of advice he had to offer.

At the start of the season the crew was the same power-packed crew who achieved great results last year. It was made up of our Cox Pat Desmond, Alex Belokopytov our in the bow, the Nicholas Dimitropoulos as two-man, Nelson Ridges as three-man and Matt Ling the in the stroke seat. But after a long and hard day of seat racing in Hen and Chicken bay, the crew was not to stay the same as Tom Harvey's impressive stats saw Dimitropoulos's reign in the First crew's two seat come to an early end.

Our pre-season training started with the Head of the Parramatta training. Each training session would consist of a warm up, two x one kilometre pieces up the river then a rigorous 4.5 km piece back home to our sheds. We stuck to this tight training schedule for the next four weeks leading up to Head of the Parramatta where we achieved a time fast enough to earn us fourth place. But this season wasn't about our results; this season was all about setting crew goals and achieving them. First crew definitely achieved our goal and blew right past it. One Thursday afternoon during an after school training session we rowed a one kilometre piece in a blistering time of 2:48. To anybody who knows

rowing times, this is a freak of a time for any crew. During the pre-season we also came up with a crew motto of 'pain is temporary and pride is forever'.

Before long the GPS racing season had crept up on us. We could feel the buzz of excitement and anticipation around us. We were all pumped and ready for our races to prove how hard we had trained. Rowing with our crew motto in mind, we managed to achieved our best result at the Newington regatta where we came a powerful second place to a flying Shore crew.

Soon after came the CHS regatta at Penrith. This year in the under 16 quads (coxless) our crew was up against the more experienced Year 10 under 16 quad and our Year 9 Second crew. With the acquired technique, strength and power we had picked up over the season, we were able fly past our opponents to take out the finals with an easy lead. There were two more races which each of us raced in. The men's under 16 double scull which featured the team of Ling and Year 10 Koeun Na and the team of Harvey and Belokopytov. Sydney High took both first and second places with first going to Ling and Na.

To end the CHS regatta was the men's under 16 scull which featured our man Ridges, who rowed an exhausting 1000m race and pulled through to snatch a third place. Finally to top off our wonderful rowing season, after waiting eight years to reclaim our title, this year Sydney high won both the Men's point score and the Regatta overall point score.

Now with our strong season behind us, we look forward to a new season and experiences in the Year 10 Vllls.

**Matt Ling**



### Second Year 10 Eight

Bow: L.Boikov, 2: H.Reid, 3: B.Palau, 4: I.Nadkarni, 5: T.Joo, 6: J.Livingston, 7: W.Lee, Stroke: K.Ahmed, Cox: T.Molloy.

## Rowing



### First Year Nine Quad

Bow: A.Belokopytov, 2: N.Ridges, 3: T.Harvey, Stroke: M.Ling, Cox: P.Desmond.

### YEAR 9 SECOND QUAD REPORT 2006

Bow: Anthony Tsiallis; 2: Dennis Stojanovic; 3: Nicholas Dimitropoulos; Stroke: Roy Chen; Coxswain: Nicholas 'Squeaky' Lindeback

Our season began with very much the same people rowing together from the previous year, with the exception of our original stroke who had left High. His position was quickly replaced by Tom Harvey in the third seat and our training season was shortly underway.

In the previous year we trained hard, competed well and earned ourselves a place in the A division final at the Gold Cup. With our enthusiasm and confidence brimming, we hoped to replicate those achievements and train hard throughout the season.

We rowed under the guidance of Mr. Gainford along with the Year 9 First Quad each time we were on the water. Racing frequently together in Hen and Chicken Bay, second quad produced very promising times, 10-20 seconds behind our gigantic, angry, bloodthirsty and race-hardened counterparts in the first quad.

Later down the track though we sadly lost another vital crew member. Our replacement, Tom Harvey from the third quad had packed his bags and moved to first quad territory, due to impressive stats from seat racing. Dimitropoulos moved down and took his position. With that decided, our crew was set permanently for the rest of the GPS season.

However, all was not to be. Dimitropoulos was frequently unable to attend trainings and races due to his very prestigious State football (soccer) representative duties. Our bow, Denis Stojanovic, had become quite ill for a number of weeks

and two seat Tsiallis missed one race completely because he got lost at Rodd Point one Saturday morning. Many of these things were major contributing factors to our dwindling morale, discipline and focus. It is safe to say that we could have all put in a lot more during those crucial training sessions together. Our continuing lacklustre attitude and approach had slowly allowed our crew to fall into shambles.

Throughout the whole GPS season, not a single Saturday race was completed with the proper set crew members. There was always someone absent. Thanks go to the replacements who raced for us, especially Max Phillis from Year 8 who filled in during our Gold Cup race, graciously rowing our boat back with us and providing PowerAde when it was most needed. With that disappointing season behind us we look ahead, with fresh hands and minds, to our next season.

### *Roy Chen*

### YEAR 9 THIRD QUAD REPORT 2006

Coach: Liam Bennett & Troy Polis

S: Clive Chen 3: James Eriksson 2: Johan Santoso B: Jack Wachsmann

In the 2005/06 rowing season, Year 9 third quad raced a total of eight races: The Head of Parramatta River (time trial) and the various GPS regattas excluding The Kings School Regatta.

Although the crew raced with their best efforts and concentration, we were unable to get a win. Many of the rowers from the Year 9 fourth Quad raced for some of the races, mainly the ones during the beginning of the GPS season. These rowers include Alden Kwok, James Lee and Jason Nguyen.

## Rowing



### Second Year Nine Quad

Bow: A.Tsiallis, 2: D.Stojanovic, 3: N.Dimitropoulos, Stroke: R.Chen, Cox: N.Lindeback



### Third Year Nine Quad

Cox: M.Nguyen, Stroke: C.Chen, 3: J.Eriksson, 2: J.Santoso, Bow: J.Wachsman.



### Fourth Year Nine Quad

Cox: A.Guo, Stroke: J.Lee, 3: J.Nguyen, 2: A.Kwok, Bow: D.Fan.

## Rowing

Special mention goes to Nguyen who only started to row this season. He learned swiftly and with ease, and became a strong competitor for the seats on the Year 9 third quad.

Many thanks to Mr. Daish, who fixed many of the problems which occurred with our boats during the season. A special thank you also to Liam Bennett and Troy Polis for teaching us the art and skills of rowing and also for the never-ending encouragement they strongly urged upon us.

***Johan Santoso***

### **YEAR 9 FOURTH QUAD REPORT 2006**

The Year 9 four quad did exceptionally well this year (even beating the third quad in some races!) thanks to our excellent coaches Liam Bennett and Troy Polis. Although the third and fourth quads were being constantly changed throughout the season, for the majority of the time, fourth quad was composed of David Fan (Bow), Alden Kwok (2), Jason Nguyen (3) and James Lee (Stroke). As many people had left rowing for other sports, we were short a cox. To fix this, a rower from fifth crew came to help on Wednesdays and a Year 8 rower, Austyn Guo coxed for our races on Saturdays.

Our places were, fourth in the Shore, SBHS and Grammar regattas, third in the Scots, St Josephs and St Ignatius regattas and second in Newington regatta. Our times were pretty even too, always staying at around four minutes 45 seconds.

The most memorable race was the Newington Regatta. We were in division one and racing Newington, St Ignatius and Scots. The race started with all four of us in a straight line which was very odd as Scots was almost always behind us from the very beginning. Then, as expected, Scots began to drag behind and Newington began to pull ahead but still, we remained in line with St Ignatius. By about half way, we had sped up a tiny bit and were about a boat length in front of St Ignatius, but they quickly caught up. Our cox subtly drew us in closer to them so that we were only about five metres away and soon it felt like just a two boat race to the finish.

As we got closer to finish line, both our crews began to speed up but still, we stayed even. Then with a bit less than 100 metres, we took and kept the lead. We placed second in the race, losing to Newington and beating St Ignatius by just two seconds although it seemed a lot less.

Another interesting point was the difference between our "racing strategy" and other crews'. While most crews would do 10 hard strokes or 20 hard strokes a few times during the race, our crew did none of these. Instead, we went hard all the way at a middle-high rating until the very end. What was really hilarious at times was listening to others screaming out 10/20 hard and calling out numbers but not actually gaining any ground on us.

All in all, the past rowing season was a success for the Year 9 four Quad as not only did we manage to get pretty good times, we completed our goal to beat third quad in at least one race.

***James Lee***

### **YEAR 9 FIFTH QUAD REPORT 2006**

It certainly has been a fantastic season for the Year 9 fifth quad of Sydney Boys High School at the end of 2005 and the start of 2006.

We managed to have a very contrasted season, coming first in a race, coming second two or three times and came third numerous times (though usually when fifth quad came third, there were only two other competitors. This of course is not undermining our previous achievements.)

Unfortunately, we were unable to race on two separate occasions due to technical difficulties. At stroke was Beau Greenslade, Joshua Bell Christian Katsikaros or Anton Jurisevic as we switched on numerous occasions. 3 man was constantly swapped between Christopher Evans and Louis Appleton. 2 man was the same as before. While bow was either Katsikaros or Bell and on some occasions, Greenslade. Finally Cox was usually Jurisevic and was sometimes replaced by either Katsikaros or Greenslade.

All in all, it was a fantastic and interesting season for the Year nine fifth quad. We all had a lot of fun and had some great memories.

We would like to thank Liam Bennett and Troy Polis for coaching what proved to be an eclectic mix of personalities.

***Beau Greenslade***

### **YEAR 8 FIRST QUAD REPORT 2006**

The Year 8 First Quad (Michael Ambrose, George Denny-Smith, Dale Chen, Sam Darcy and Pravin Radhakrishnan) had a season of learning and progress.

At the first regatta we struggled to stay in our lane and to keep up with the competition, but still managed third place. Even though the gap from second was fairly big, the gap back to Newington in fourth was even bigger. After much shuffling of seats and the return of Denny-Smith from a rugby injury, we managed two good second places in the remainder of the GPS season.

At the Riverview Gold Cup, our fourth place (third amongst the GPS schools) did not reflect our performance where, after serious interference from the Kings boat in the middle of the race, we came back to be pushing them hard. We finished within a boat length and very close behind the winners.

The CHS regatta provided our best result. Early in the race we struggled to get the steering under control and really missed our coxswain, but still led the field at the 500m mark. As our problems increased we dropped back two places, then recovered control and reclaimed second position. In the last 100m we put in the best performance of the season to be rapidly gaining on the first placed boat, but the course just wasn't long enough and we had to settle for the silver medal.

Sincere thanks for a tremendous season must go to our coach, Mark Prater and particularly to Mr Coan, Mr Hespe and Mr Gainford for their encouragement and support throughout the year. We have learned a great deal in our first regatta season and we can't wait to put it into practice on the river in 2007.

***Sam Darcy***

## Rowing

### YEAR 8 SECOND QUAD REPORT 2006

Since the beginning of the rowing season in Term four 2005, we were all named Year 8 rowers, even though we were still in Year 7. Every crew and the rowers in them were constantly moving and changing spots, but the two crews who changed the most were the first and second crews. These two crews were constantly swapping rowers around because the coaches felt there was always a better configuration for each designated boat. The rearrangement of the two crews finally ended in the first few weeks of 2006 when Mark Prater and Mr Coan were happy with the results. The second crew rowers were as follows: Stroke – Nguyen, 3 Seat – Blomberg, 2 Seat – Phillis and in Bow, Whiting. Our Cox was originally Pravin but he was moved and replaced by Hayden Schilling. Our boat was firstly the Mark Prater but then we changed to the Margaret Gencur.

We were pumped for our first race of the year. Training became an everyday thing for us and when it finally came to the day of the race, we all arrived early for our first race of the season. We rowed to Hen and Chicken Bay and queued up in our spot along with St. Josephs, Shore and Grammar. The horn sounded and the race started. We all pushed for the first time as hard as we could for a whole kilometre. We pushed until our arms and legs were numb. In the end we ended up third. We had beaten Grammar and now knew what we were up against and what was expected of us.

The seriousness of competition didn't take all the fun out of rowing; our boat had a humorous reputation amongst the first two crews and our coaches. Strangely enough, it seemed that it was always this boat that would cost us our races and victory. Every member of the crew seemed to be afflicted by a 'curse' that had been cast on the Margaret Gencur; the curse of the Margaret Gencur we called it. It was Whiting who first came up with the idea of this curse that plagued us. He realised that every time we went out for a row, even a short one, someone in the boat got hurt or punished in some way. It first occurred when we did drills with Mark; we had to push against the water and then pull against our own strength. When we tried it, we capsized. We don't know how, but we just did. (Maybe the curse?) It was later revealed to us that we were the first crew in the entire shed to capsize this year.

A few weeks later we raced St Ignatius, Scots and Grammar - a pretty fair draw with a good chance of victory. When we assembled at the race line, little did we know that the curse was going to strike again, the curse of the Margaret Gencur. The horn sounded and we were off to a powerful start, already a few seats ahead of the other crews. We really thought we could win this until we heard a sound. Apparently the curse had struck us right at the crucial moment - right at the start of the race. We had about 850 metres to go and Phillis' (2 Man) seat exploded off the rails. This was a huge handicap because Phillis couldn't row and neither could Whiting (Bow) because Phillis' oars were in his way. Within seconds St Ignatius were beside us but we got ourselves together and Phillis rowed 'arms only' for the rest of the

race. With just three people rowing and an arms only guy we managed to come a close second to St Ignatius. It was a good race but we were determined to get that first place. Then Andrew told us a tip that would help us with all our races, a phrase he would always say before a race, 'Pain is temporary, Pride is forever'.

At our next training session we told our coach, Mr Coan, about the curse but he just thought of it as bad luck. He may change his mind later. During a leisurely training row, we talked about how our crew was like a human body. Hayden (Cox) was like the brain; Phillis was like the engine or heart that kept us going; Nguyen was the powerhouse who supplied the power; Blomberg was the support who kept us all together and Whiting was the spirit who made sure we were well determined and always gave everything we had. We then decided to race back to the shed from Kissing Point to release all our energy until halfway back Nguyen got a massively cramped my leg. (The curse had struck again; the cramp was severe!)

From this point on each training session was serious and we trained thoroughly on our stroke techniques, timing and strength for the next upcoming races. Every Monday we ran the 1.6 track and we rowed on the ergs for 10 minutes, pushing ourselves further than our bodies could handle (a bit exaggerated there). Like always, we allowed for Whiting and his mostly random and pointless jokes and singing. He didn't have to do it, but he decided to pretend he was a pirate or shipmaster and changed his accent to a mariner's. This escalated into him composing poems about the curse of the Margaret Gencur, until eventually he started singing a song about it .

Here's a bit from Whiting's original song:

#### **The Curse of the Margaret Gencur**

***Arg ye! It be the curse of the Margaret Gencur!***

***Thou who steps aboard this ship forever is doomed,  
None has escaped its wrath,***

***Be it yer eye or leg, the curse of the Margaret Gencur!***

***It has already struck many times,***

***From Andrew to Max,***

***And Nam to Me,***

***There is no escape from the curse!***

***To uplift the curse, we must come first***

***But it is wise; it strikes when we are winning,***

***So how do we win now? We are forever doomed!***

***By the curse of the Margaret Gencur '!***

Our final races were fast approaching and the Gold Cup regatta was only a few days away. We had recently been notified that our crew and sixth had made it to the A finals of the Gold Cup, and of course we were very excited. Our opponents were St. Josephs, St Ignatius, Shore and Cranbrook, and we gave our best against them. On race day, we assembled at Riverview and headed to the starting line. We could feel the anxious beat of our hearts pounding through the boat, and the cloud of anxiety got larger as we were called up to the race line. The race was 1.6 kilometres, 600 metres

## Rowing



### Fifth Year Nine Quad

Bow: C.Katsikaros, 2: C.Evans, 3: L.Appleton, Stroke: B.Greenslade, Cox: A.Jurisevic.



### First Year Eight Quad

Cox: P.Radhakrishnan, Stroke: S.Darcy, 3: D.Chen, 2: G.Denny-Smith, Bow: M.Ambrose.



### Second Year Eight Quad

Bow: J.Whiting, 2: M.Phillis, 3: A.Blomberg, Stroke: N.Nguyen, Cox: H.Schilling.

## Rowing



### Third Year Eight Quad

Bow: J.Han, 2: M.Taleb, 3: V.Boulavine, Stroke: C.Jiang, Cox: J.Wormell.



### Fourth Year Eight Quad

Bow: H.Karunakaran, 2: M.Carr, 3: J.Vu, Stroke: A.Banh, Cox: E.Wong.



### Fifth Year Eight Quad

Bow: P.Tran, 2: P.Baweja, 3: L.Chant, Stroke: R.Cohn, Cox: L.Liu.

## Rowing

more than usual. We assembled at the line, and our pounding hearts were now beating like war drums, thundering through our bodies like it was a battle. The starter called attention, then sounded the horn. The race had begun!

We started with a speeding race start at half-half-3 quarter-full, which pulled us ahead of Cranbrook and chasing St. Josephs and Shore. With every breath we pulled at the oars, smashed our legs down and made the boat move with every effort possible. St. Josephs and Shore had already pulled ahead but we were still parallel with St Ignatius and we were determined to beat them. With 800 metres to go we could hear the distant shouts of all of SBHS from the shed, shouting at us to push harder. With 600 metres to go, we were at the bend and heading towards the finish line and the shouting was getting louder. We ignored the increasing pain and pushed on, using every last ounce of energy left in our bodies. At the final 200 metre mark we were exactly beside St Ignatius; we could hear their grunts with each row, and this just urged us on to go harder. In the last 50 metres they somehow pulled ahead by a metre. We pushed harder with the echo of Andrew's favourite phrase running through our minds, 'Pain is temporary, Pride is forever'. We started closing the gap but unfortunately they managed to just pull ahead and take third place. Cranbrook was still slowly rowing up towards the finish line and finished fifth. Next year we'll be back in the A finals for sure and come at least third.

The whole semester of rowing was a mix of competition, determination and definitely teamwork. Second crew managed to row and train hard all season and got good results every Saturday which eventually put us into the A finals in the Gold Cup. If we keep this up we will definitely become a very strong crew indeed.

### **Nam Nguyen**

*1 Margaret Gencur is the mother of Van, Matti and Rhys all of whom were in High 1st Vllls. Margaret, along with her heavy involvement in rowing, was the Rugby doctor at McKay for 15 years. Alex Gencur designed a major part of the Outterside Centre.*

### **YEAR 8 THIRD QUAD REPORT 2006**

The third quad consists of John Wormell, Andrew Banh, James Vu and Michael Ambrose. Robbie Girdler was our coach and we usually used the boat called the 'Jeremy Glass'.

In Term four, the Mclvor got swamped. We were stuck near the marina and couldn't turn around, and the pylon grazed the bow of the Glass. We managed to perform a landing taking a good half an hour, owing to an unfavourable wind, a sleet-storm and everybody shouting incomprehensible things from the old pontoon.

Eventually Ambrose went up to second quad; we welcomed James Han moving up to stroke and Banh moving to three man. Michael Carr became bow man and George Denny-Smith was our two man.

Then came camp. Seat racing. Eight times up and down Hen and Chicken Bay. I've heard that the seniors do about twenty times that much, but boring and tedious are understatement. I suppose it had to be done.

There were some changes to our crew with Han going down to fourth; Vlad Boulavine and Clinton Jiang coming up to third (and the irritable and often ineffectual coxwainship of Wormell); Vu, Banh and Carr moved down into fourth quad (which was a bit of a relief for Wormell), countered by Denny-Smith and Mustafa Taleb swapping places. (Taleb was originally in second quad.)

We now had cleaver oars, and the Margaret Gencur (later passed on to second and then fifth. Mostly, we trained with fourth quad.

People making speeches waffle on about friendly competition, but they somehow omit Year 8 third and fourth quads, for good reason. Fourth quad (under the coxwainship of Erick Wong) kept on winning the races and no-one in third seemed to care, except for Wormell, who was more worried about fourth beating us than us rowing hard. Quite often he was the only one who needed water, on account of having a splitting headache.

Most of the regattas passed without much ado, with us generally coming second or third. At the first regatta, Newington turned around and went home halfway through the race, giving Wormell useful fodder for the following races. One race, we nearly missed our start, and had to swap lanes because of the annoying habit Wormell says we have of randomly tapping for no good reason.

We got into the B finals in the Gold Cup, and came second behind Grammar.

The next Wednesday, we had rowing photos in the P.E. Coan (newly returned with reverse steering), and rowed coxless for the first time.

On the Tuesday after Head of the River came the CHS. We raced with first and second quad as well as against everyone else, but unfortunately the High standings were not very good in that race owing to a fractal path taken by the strokes of each crew. Nevertheless, High won the CHS regatta.

The final racing places were:

Bow: Vu

2 man: Taleb

3 man: Boulavine

Stroke: Jiang

Cox: Wormell

Coach: Robbie Girdler

Boat: Margaret Gencur, later the Mark Prater

**Editor's Note: This report was written by John Wormell. It appears unedited and with his consent.**

# Rowing

## YEAR 8 FOURTH QUAD REPORT 2006

Our rowing season has been a long and hard fought battle. Our crew consisted of five strong-willed boys. The crew is as follows:

Cox: Erick Wong  
Stroke: Andrew Banh  
3-man: James Vu  
2-man: Michael Carr  
Bow: Hareshan Karunakaren

After all our hard training sessions we started to improve under the tough coaching regime of our dedicated coaches, James Gerofi and Robbie Girdler. As we got stronger and improved our technique, our results improved and finishes in the top three were achieved consistently. Our results would have been even better if our bow seat had stayed on the rails. Nevertheless we finished the season in style with a closely fought battle against Grammar at the Gold Cup which unfortunately we narrowly lost.

Our many rough races wouldn't have been as easy if it weren't for our coaches determination to see us throughout the entire season.

Thanks to our devoted coaches we pulled through many hard times. One such time was when we were doing a routine run down Parramatta River and there was a large hail storm. Thanks to our coaches' quick thinking we were soon back at our boat shed in no time. If it weren't for our coaches we wouldn't be the formidable crew we are today.

All in all we had a solid rowing season and are looking forward to our next season where we hopefully will improve on our already strong results.

**James Vu**

## YEAR 8 FIFTH QUAD REPORT 2006

Bow: Aaron Tran  
2: Puneet Baweja  
3: Lachlan Chant  
Stroke: Rikky Cohn  
Cox: Laurence Liu  
Coach: Mr. Doug Hespe

We had quite an eventful season in fifth quad which began with a rather bad start and ended with some rather pleasing results.

It was the sunny morning of our first race when we all got a taste of the real rowing spirit. It is something indescribable when you stand out on the pontoon about to take off and be lifted into the world's best schoolboy competition of the world's best sport. Unfortunately we missed our race the first week, but we still got the gist of it.

Over the next few weeks we returned some stable results. Apart from a race in which we were all drenched by a massive wash, our season was going ok, taking home only one last placing. But we couldn't prepare ourselves enough for the race that was the Gold Cup.

When we arrived at St Ignatius early that Saturday morning it was bitterly cold, but the smell of victory wafting in the air

was enough to keep us going. As we pulled up next to the other crews in our race, we noticed that there were only two others competitors, meaning that Scots had fled the battle. Still, we kept going, and through the finest performance we ever had, we came second, beating Newington in a terrific finish to the season.

**Rikky Cohn**

## YEAR 8 SIXTH QUAD REPORT 2006

Originally formed in Term four, 2005, sixth squad still maintained most of its original members from last year, meaning that the entire quad could relate more easily as we knew each other well – and that turned out for the best as we produced great results throughout all of our races.

With our original stroke, Kaiwen Su, not present for most of the time and filling in for someone else at other crews, we all thought at the beginning of the year that we would perform badly. James Lee replaced Su as stroke, Austyn Guo replaced Lee as three, Alan Low as two and David Gu as bow.

Sometimes, we had Vithusan Mohan and Sean Kim in the crew as well because we all took turns going on the boats whenever we had no races on, so we all seemed like a mess. This was sometimes a good thing because if someone in the 'regulars' couldn't attend a race, we always had someone who could back him up. Luckily we only did this about two or three times, meaning we always had an active roster and everyone participated – a good part on the rest of the crew.

We all tried to grow comfortable with our new positions, and soon enough the first race was on. Before we knew it we came third out of five in the first race. This doesn't seem impressive now when we think of it, but back then we had a brand new crew which felt out of place, and we still achieved a respectable position without even thinking about it.

The only time we took the much feared last place was when half of us didn't show up. We all felt pretty guilty about that and so it never happened again. Our average result overall was second place and this was due to our dedication in turning up on Saturdays and soundly defeating fifth quad in mock races.

Mr Hespe, our coach, helped us get these tremendous outcomes and because we always beat fifth quad by several boat lengths we thought that we were the 'true' fifth quad. While there was a healthy rivalry being competitive with them, we steadily improved with our speed, path finding, and the like.

Sixth quad always took things with a light attitude and we always joked around with things, such as telling off fifth quad and purposely not slowing down for them in long distance rows.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable term of rowing for all of us, and even though we didn't produce the results we were looking for at some races (we blamed it sometimes on faulty seats on the boat...but we all know it wasn't the real reason) we still believed that we were one of the 'better' crews at our races.

We look forward to term four rowing.

**James Lee**

## Rowing



### Sixth Year Eight Quad

Bow: D.Gu, 2: A.Guo, 3: J.Lee, Stroke: K.Su, Cox: B.Jian.



### Seventh Year Eight Quad

Cox: V.Mohan, Stroke: T.Molloy, 3: G.Deacon, 2: S.Kim, Bow: C.Umbers.



## Rowing

### CHS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006

In the hot and humid days of April, the Sydney Boys High rowing contingent achieved the nigh impossible, attaining the Peter Bond trophy, awarded to the school which wins the overall point-score. Considering the fact that Sydney Boys High can only field an all boy team against the other co-ed schools of NSW CHS rowing, this is a feat not commonly witnessed, making the 2006 High delegation one of the most successful in recent years of CHS competition.

These following crews placed in their respective events:

- The Championship Men's Eight –  
Placed 1st (Hurrell, Angell, Tiedgen, Farrow-Palmer, Gribble, Szabo, Pham, Cunningham, c: Huang)  
Placed 2nd (Shuttleworth, Song, Lee, Louie, Mackay, Kim, Shao, Linegar, c: Phu)
- The Championship Men's Pair- Placed 2nd (Shao, Angell)
- The Championship Men's Quad Scull –  
Placed 1st (Tiedgen, Szabo, Gribble, Cunningham)  
Placed 2nd (Shao, Angell, Farrow-Palmer, Pham)  
Placed 3rd (Louie, Lee, Mackay, Kim)
- The Championship Men's Double Scull –  
Placed 2nd (Tiedgen, Szabo)
- The Championship Men's Four –  
Placed 1st (Shuttleworth, Song, Louie, Mackay, c: Phu)  
Placed 2nd (Frieman, Zhang, Guo, Wang, c: Banh)
- Men's U17 Double Scull –  
Placed 1st (Hurrell, Linegar)
- Men's U17 Quad Scull –  
Placed 1st (Pfull, Vien, O'Keefe, Chen)  
Placed 3rd (Lee, Wang, Linegar, Ahmed)
- Men's U17 Single Scull –  
Placed 3rd (Hurrell)
- Men's U16 Quad Scull –  
Placed 1st (Belokopytor, Ridges, Harry, Ling)  
Placed 3rd (Livingston, Reid, Hui, Na)
- Men's U16 Double Scull –  
Placed 1st (Ling, Na)
- Men's U16 Single Scull –  
Placed 1st (Ridges)
- Men's U15 Quad Scull –  
Placed 2nd (Ambrose, Denny-Smith, Chen, Darcy)

These events contributed to the High point score, winning us the Boys and Overall trophies, making these days an extremely successful venture for Sydney High Rowing.

**Andrew Pham**



# Basketball



## First Grade Basketball

**Back Row:** Mr B.Hayman (Assistant Coach, MIC), D.Sun, P.Gallego, M.Farhat, V.Weï, W.Zhuang, L.d'Avigdor, V.Nguyen.

**Front Row:** J.Chow, Mr V.Salomon (Coach), F.Wong (Captain), Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), H.Walker.

## FIRST GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

With a new basketball program at High, first grade Basketball has been undergoing a rebuilding phase which has seen many junior players mature and develop into experienced players. As a result, season 2005/2006 was a tough season for our small teams.

Despite a bright start in which the pre-season competition was won, the other GPS schools soon showed us that it was going to be an unforgiving season.

Following narrow and disappointing losses to Grammar and Scots, we were thrashed by an extremely well drilled Kings outfit. However, we were able to bounce back in a tense round against St. Ignatius, traditional powerhouses of the competition. Matching each other throughout the game, High eventually came back and won 55-53. Buoyed by our newfound confidence, we were confident against St. Josephs, Shore and Newington. Unfortunately, disappointing performances saw us lose these last few games before the summer break as we gave up too many offensive rebounds, giving the other team easy points.

Following an intense period of training during the holidays, the team experienced great improvement, especially in several of our junior forwards, who were able to step up and take on our taller and stronger opponents. This resulted in much improved performances against Grammar, Kings, Scots and St. Josephs, with the team fighting until the end despite still being out-muscled by our taller

opponents. Our next match was against the only team we had beaten earlier on in the season, St. Ignatius. They had strengthened their side and now had a tall, athletic centre. We remained unfazed and produced our best basketball of the season, boxing out well for rebounds and running a smooth transition offence, to overcome St. Ignatius in another tight encounter, winning 74-59.

This performance proved just how much we had improved throughout the season. Unfortunately, our last two matches were against the highly competitive Newington and Shore. Though we lost both these matches, the boys performed extremely well, matching the scoring of our opponents at certain stages through accurate shooting and tough defence and always fighting until the end.

Throughout the season each and every player put in lots of effort. Shooting guard Walker had a fantastic scoring season, averaging 20 points and making GPS seconds, while small forward Sun scored through his quick first step and by running the floor extremely well. Nguyen had a great season in which he improved from a timid guard to a skilful ball carrier and back-up point guard and future star Chow brought new life to the team with his enthusiasm. Small forward D'Avigdor had a huge impact season racking up statistics with every opportunity he had through some very aggressive defence and although Wei had a relatively quiet season, his skill and experience beneath the ring helped develop many of our junior players. Forwards Farhat and

## Basketball



### **Second Grade Basketball**

**Back Row:** A.Lee, J.Chiu, D.Hu, L.Street, K.Huang, E.Wong, J.Pangilinan, A.Vertoudakis.

**Front Row:** L.Teng, Mr G.Krastev (Coach), R.Huynh (Captain), Mr B.Hayman (Assistant Coach, MIC), S.Sugito (Vice Captain).

Zhuang were our greatest improvers this season, with Farhat developing into a rebounding machine and Zhuang maturing into a dangerous post-player. Meanwhile, forward Gallego, who joined us halfway through the season, injected a whole new aspect to our offence, through his aggressive driving towards the ring.

Though 2005/2006 was a tough season in which wins were hard to come by, it was a season we can all be proud of, as the boys fought hard and tried their best each and every game.

***Francis Wong, Captain 2006***

### **SECOND GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON**

Second grade 2006 was certainly no pushover among GPS opponents. Over a long pre-season of training with many dedicated basketballers from the 15s, 16s and previous open players, second grade was formed into a team from a pool of vast talent. The team was constantly changing with star players in Sugito, Chow, Huang and Wong constantly being recruited to play with firsts subsequently reducing the amount of time second grade played together and chemistry to be formed.

The first game of the GPS exposed High's lack of training together as a team as they were beaten comprehensively at the hands of a physically bigger Grammar side. After training with first grade right up until the first GPS game Huang really showed he could play ball, dropping in a team high 10 points and really keeping High second grade within striking distance of Grammar before they pulled away to edge High 54-31.

Subsequent High games were much the same story with emerging point guard sensation Chow developing his skills and running the team's offence. However the lack of cohesion between star players resulted in High dropping consecutive games. A highlight game of the term four season was against St Josephs when Wong erupted for 18 points and 10 rebounds dominating the pink coloured outfits before him. However lack of execution down the stretch cost High a victory going down 45-41. The first half of the season finished characterised by some lack lustre performances but with something to build on, with some promising performances from Stuart Sugito, Kenny Huang and Wong.

The second half of the season saw former first grade player, Huynh join the formidable forces of second grade. The first game against Sydney Grammar showed surprising teamwork and effort, and we went down fighting by 7 points.

The second round of the GPS marked a turnaround for High second grade. After being beaten convincingly by GPS opponents, High second grade coach, George Krastev implemented a press defence and High dominated the helpless Kings players. The Kings outfit were completely stunned, taken by surprise by the High defence with the number of turnovers growing exponentially as the game progressed. High seized control of the game in the second half and put away Kings with a very impressive 71-48 victory with Huynh chipping in 25 and Wong adding 14. For the first time in four years High were able to follow up their winning

## Basketball



### Third Grade Basketball

**Back Row:** G.Zinger, H.Dang, T.Mei, D.Chang, M.Popescu, B.Liu, H.Dang.

**Front Row:** B.Chan, S.Lee, Y-H.Kim, A.Le, J.Sun.

ways with a victory over Scots 45-33, once again off a well executed full court defence.

The rest of the season saw good performances from emerging post players Hu, occasional glimpses of brilliance from Street and solid performances from Chiu especially against Shore. Lee really anchored our defence with a work ethic matched by no other. All-in-all High Basketball second grade 2006 displayed attributes of humbleness in victory and tremendous grace in defeat.

***Raymond Huynh, Captain 2006***

### FIFTH GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

With the gathering of many previous 16Bs of 2005, fifth grade was determined to dominate the playing field at each chance possible. Having David Li as our new coach, his absences every Wednesday training meant more fitness training sessions under the eyes of Mr Stein rather than technique/precision practices.

Term four saw fifth grade succeed at every match we played, winning every single game except two. Thanks to strong players such as Wang, J. Tran and R. Tran, fifth grade was confident in carrying over their wins into Term one. Although we lost to Shore and Grammar, we made up for our losses by being undefeated for the rest of the season. We owned Newington 41-22, we blew St Josephs away 29-22, and we beat Scots and Kings with 8 point leads, only losing to Grammar by a point.

Term one in early 2006 saw fifth grade win a few games and lose a few. We made it up to Grammar by beating them 22-17, but were then surprised by the comeback of the other schools where we suffered losses against Riverview, Shore and Kings. Luckily, we weren't at a disadvantage, with the Vice Captain reminding us of our ability to win. We stole the air on St. Josephs and Scots once again with a 10 point gap. On a whole, fifth grade had a great season of basketball, with everybody's game improving. Special thanks must go to Coach Li again for the great effort he put in into melding our team into a fantastic team.

SF Jeffrey Xie provided many quick balls and assists in the game, his vice-captaincy well earned by the level of skill he possessed with the ball. SG Richard Miao proved his worth within the team, showing unusual bursts of enthusiasm and a 'never give up spirit' - his accurate shooting percentages saw games swing in our favour whenever morale was low. SG Leslie Wong spent the season honing his game, bringing a fierce element of surprise to our opponents when he proved skill wasn't measured in size, earning himself Most Improved Player of 2005/06. PF Anthony Wang was the backbone of our team, scoring the highest amount of points per game, easily earning himself the respect of the team and Most Valuable Player of the season. Centre J. Tran also proved his jump enabled more rebounds than height could do amongst our opponents. His scoring technique saw many a point on the scoreboard. Chen and N. Tran played a good season and kept up well with the entire team, showing their willingness

## Basketball



### Fourth Grade Basketball

**Back Row:** J.Wilson, P.Duffy, J.Lai.

**Front Row:** C.Palana, B.Sun, J.Tao.



### Fifth Grade Basketball

**Back Row:** A.Wang, R.Miao, G.Zhang, M.Chen, R.Tran, J.Tran.

**Front Row:** D.Wong, J.Xie, C.Wong, N.Tran, L.Wong.

## Basketball



### Sixth Grade Basketball

**Back Row:** A.Wang, A.Park, M.Keldoulis, R.Alchin, W.Lu, D.Tran, S.Yuan.

**Front Row:** R.Yeung, H.Lee, R.Xu, M.Sin, J.Kim.

and determination in winning and excelling through their game play. PF R. Tran has to be mentioned for his incredible 'flying' techniques which enabled him to soar through the air from the free throw line to the tip of the ring. His consistent 'air alert' call and speed was a beneficial factor in the team. SG/PG Danny Wong was there at every single game, providing ready assistance with strong assists while adding a couple of three's here and there. Finally, with C. Wong as Captain of these men, we stood together as a proud team.

*Cambridge Wong*

### SEVENTH GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Seven wins, five losses, one draw, and one rained-out game are the trivial numbers of what was a thrilling season for Seventh Grade. The team consisted of talented rookies Kaloong Fung, Quinton Yang, and Richard Xu (winner of the Most Improved Player Award) playing alongside skilled veterans Francis Cheung, Kevin Ho, Kelvin Yu and Jason Lu. As this would be our last season at High, we aimed to make it an unforgettable one.

Once our coach David Li trained and taught us the various match-up problems we could create, the team really lifted off. The lows consisted of a one point loss to Grammar and a draw with Kings, both of which came down to our free throw to change the outcome. However, by dominating both of them during the second meeting of the season, we made it obvious that we were by far the better team.

Our best game was against Riverview, and since the first game was cancelled due to rain we were unprepared going into the match. A timid and slow start soon became a rout as our team began firing on all cylinders. It was a fantastic 40 minutes to witness, and everyone should be proud of their performance.

The team would like to thank David Li who, despite juggling three other teams, devoted much of his time to us and gave us the confidence we needed.

*Jason Lu, Captain.*

### EIGHTH GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The mighty eighth grade basketball team recorded wins for every game of the season, making us the premiers for eighth grade. Unfortunately for the team, our ex-captain Zhang was injured in the first week of training, after an unfortunate collision with the school's Vice Captain Kim. As a result of this, Zhang was unable to play for the season, a disappointing outcome for him, as well as the team.

The team played well all season, with Most Valuable Player honours going to point guard Phu (aka Mr Versatile), who did it all, recording a near triple double average (points, assists, steals), and team highs in those categories. Phu was the natural leader of the team on the court. The Most Improved Player award went to Chong after his great improvement to stats across the board, with a team high 13.5 rebounds, and 3.25 blocks per game. Sixth man of the team, would have to be Lieu with his explosive impact off the bench, providing a spark when our key players were off the court.

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An expression of gratitude must be given to Leong and his father for being the 'official eighth grade team driver', transporting the team to and from stations for those far away games. A big thank you must be given to our Wednesday coach Mr Baldock, and our Saturday coach, Old Boy David Li. Without their help and support, the team would not have had such a fine season. This team has been together since Year 11 and it has been a great last season of basketball at High.

### ***Eighth Grade 2006:***

- Jack Phu (PG) - Mr Versatile was the on-court leader of the team
- Gary Chan (SG) - A great defensive player, and was a source of three's
- Peter Lieu (SG) - Integral part of the team, coming off the bench to spur the team on
- Joon Kwon (SF) - Best known for his offensive presence on the fast breaks
- William Zhang (SF) - Our injured ex-captain
- Aaron Chong (PF) - Captain of the team, and defensive player
- Adrian Flores (PF) - When not practising his music, Adrian is a well rounded player
- Andric Leong (C) - 'Big Ben' played just like his hero, low points, but great D
- Engleman Chau (C) - The lanky centre was great for grabbing rebounds

***Aaron Chong, Captain***

### **16A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON**

This basketball season was a developing one with an abundance of new players coming through and shining on the court. These new players were key to the success of our team as they were all big men who dominated the boards.

Du was our strong man down low and used his strength and moves to confuse his opponents. This season saw him improve on his dribbling and shooting. Trac, as the tallest player, dominated the boards consistently although he did have some trouble timing his rebounds.

Locke was the baby of the team, earning a promotion halfway through the season after hard work and strong games in B grade. He found it tough to start alongside the bigger 16A forwards, getting consistently blocked and shut down, however he persevered and thoroughly earned the Most Improved Player.

We went well winning our first two games and this engendered a favourable atmosphere amongst the team. Despite this, we went on a losing trot playing against better drilled sides that exposed our lack of variety in both defence and offence. The second half of the season saw a more cohesive team and we defeated Scots convincingly whilst also coming close to a few other teams.

Most Valuable Player    **Danny Ng**  
Most Improved Player    **Patrick Locke**  
Coach    **Michael Glass**

***Danny Ng, Captain***



### **Seventh Grade Basketball**

**Back Row:** K.Fung, R.Liu, Q.Yang, K.Kim.

**Front Row:** F.Cheung, J.Lu, Y.Yeung.

# Basketball



## Eighth Grade Basketball

**Back Row:** A.Leong, P.Lieu, A.Chong.  
**Front Row:** J.Phu, E.Chow, W.Zhang, J.Kwon, G.Chan.

### 16C REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Team Captain           Howard Gu  
 Forwards/Centres      Ben Lee, Charles Yang, Ben Wang,  
                                   Remy Ji, Johnny Zhang  
 Point Guards            Howard Gu, Adrian Ng, Charles Liu  
 Shooting Guards        Carly Yang, Christopher Shum,  
                                   Kevin Wang  
 Starting 5               Ben Lee, Charles Yang, Adrian Ng,  
                                   Howard Gu, Christopher Shum  
 Most Valuable Player   Charles Yang  
 Most Improved Player   Ben Wang

**Adrian Ng** – Adrian possesses the most deadly jump shots and is one player who is feared by his opponents on the court. Great appreciation for the final free shot made in the game against St Josephs. A vital part of the team.

**Ben Lee** - Lee is one of the most decisive players on the court. He has complete domination over the rebounds, and keeps shooting until he gets it in.

**Charles Yang** – Yang has earned the confidence of his team mates, that once the ball is in his hands, it's a point.

**Christopher Shum** – Shum has obtained one of the most feared abilities on the basketball court—the ability to shoot three pointers with precision and accuracy.

**Howard Gu** – known as the 'cement that holds the bricks together'. Known for his pro-hops that are sometimes known as 'travel' by some referees.

The 16Cs have had a great season, with a win rate of 53% (eight out of 15). Under the guidance of our professional coach Matt Lam, we became a powerful team rather than individuals who sought to play the game alone. We thank Matt for his wonderful coaching and look forward to another great season next term.

**Howard Gu, Captain**

### 16D REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

COACH - Hughoco Feng

In Term four 2005, our team had two wins, two draws (one due to weather) and three losses, which was greatly

improved on in Term one 2006 with four wins, one draw and two losses. This brought our total for the season to six wins, three draws and five losses.

	SGS	TSC	TKS	SIC	SJC	SHORE	NC	TOTAL
TERM FOUR	12 to 22	30 to 10	9 to 11	Rain	22 to 19	20 to 22	16 to 16	Wins: 2
TERM ONE	39 to 22	21 to 21	20 to 14	27 to 19	18 to 25	15 to 20	31 to 18	Wins: 4

Our best defender was Lee. Either dropping to zone or running a press, he was invariably the first to get there. It was unfortunate that he had an accident during Term one, taking him out from a couple of games, but he managed a comeback and his consistent defence really helped the team in the last few games.

Our best offensive player was Dai. His size allowed him to plough through the opposition, be it zone or man, and he often managed to get a lay-up in or a crucial pass. His free-throw percentage was surprisingly good, and his steady points built to a comfortable lead most of the time. Because of this, he was our Most Valuable Player.

Our best rebounder was Liu with his impressive height and box-out skill. Liu saved us numerous times by saving a wild shot and putting it in, or stopping the opposition touching the ball again after the shot. This was a great improvement from Term four and earned him the title of Most Improved Player.

Our season was filled with memories and fun, and the determination to train hard. Looking at our results, we improved greatly, with much thanks to the effort and sheer hard work of the entire team. A special thank you to Hughoco Feng for training us outside school hours.

**Jason Wong, Captain**

### 16E REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 16E Team consists of - Sean Lee, Paul Phuah, William Nyugen, Peter Nyugen, Nathan Chan, Nathan Lieu, Winson Ma, Phillip Li, Richard Hua and Bernard Lung.

Term four started off surprisingly well for our team. The first game against Sydney Grammar resulted in a 30-12 win, the majority of points being scored by Phuah and Lung. Great

## Basketball



### 16A Basketball

**Back Row:** D.Ng, P.Du, W.Trac, D.Campion, D.Yu.

**Front Row:** M.Bock, K.Iyer, P.Locke, K.La, C.Tang.

defence was played by our guards, and Grammar was hardly given a chance to score.

The season went more smoothly than expected, with a great win rate. The path of every victorious team involves some level of struggle to achieve such a goal and it was all for the purpose of victory which ultimately, to our expectations at least, was achieved. Several challenges included Shore and Scots. Shore was a well-built team of tall, buff players. Unfortunately for High, this game resulted in a three point loss – our first loss for the season. Scots, in terms of difficulty, was even greater, resulting in a 36-3 loss (Top Scorer was Ma with two points). Our most memorable victory was against Newington, in which we won with a convincing score of 55-10.

Our first game in 2006 was against Sydney Grammar and though a much tighter scored game than when we defeated them earlier in the season, we still managed to pull out a win. Despite this early success, this season proved to be much more difficult than the previous.

Our closest match this season was against St Ignatius. The beginning stages of the game were played as a tight man-on-man defence, however we soon came to realise their main advantage was their deft teamwork, and so we fell back to guard the basket with zone defence. Our team lacked cohesiveness and this proved to be a detracting force in our game. As our team began to break down, so did our chance of winning the game, and we came away with a loss of 24-17. We also had a devastating loss against Newington, 17-19. On the positive side, among our memorable moments was our improvement against Scots (9-28).

We outperformed our expectations, and all players improved throughout the season. Phuah and Lee were both awarded with trophies commending their performance.

All players are looking forward to another fun-filled season of basketball and next season our teamwork and dedication to the game and to each other will have improved.

***Bernard Lung, Captain***



### 16B Basketball

**Back Row:** K.Vingnanasingam, D.Huang, A.Taylor.

**Front Row:** D.Chiu, A.Leung, J.Shih, A.Tse, E.Ang.



### 16C Basketball

**Back Row:** C.Yang, J.Zhang, C.Liu, B.Lee, B.Wang, C.Yang, R.Ji.

**Front Row:** M.Serban, K.Wang, H.Gu, A.Ng, C.Shum.

## Basketball

### 15A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

We began our season with a new coach, Tim Seccombe, who helped our basketball tremendously. We managed to win two games in Term four 2005, against Grammar and Shore. We defeated Grammar convincingly at home and snuck home by one point against Shore. The Shore match was very tough going with neither team scoring many baskets and the final score being just 19-18. Dong scored the winning basket two seconds from full time which made it a real nail-biting finish.

In Term one 2006, we changed coaches again. This season, Roy Cifici had the job of finding a new point guard to replace Leonard Teng. This came in the form of David Peng, who, once a power forward, is now better suited as a guard. It took Peng a while to adjust to his new role, but when he did, he did a spectacular job. A new coach also meant new plays and some new players.

We welcomed Lu, Chen (finally) and Shan into the As. The first game was against Grammar, and our new structure worked well with Tassell playing predominantly in the key, and others driving. We defeated Grammar fairly convincingly with Wong scoring 10 points and Tassell scoring 12. We had a hard couple of games up next, which completely shattered our confidence. Kings barely beat us on one of our worst performances, while Riverview decimated us. The match against Scots was one we looked forward to confident we could win, but once again we lost, this time by a lot of three pointers from the Scots twin guards.

We looked elsewhere for inspiration, and when the time came to play Newington, we hoped that their massive centre had not turned up. Unfortunately he arrived five minutes before the match. We may have lost, but it was to a team featuring plenty of representative players and it was felt that this was definitely the best performance we have ever put in.. The game was slightly in Newington's favour, until we turned the points on and were up at halftime by three. Newington came out blazing in the second half, and pegged the scores back. The game was a nail biter, with Wong scoring the basket of the season with a ridiculously fast break fade away shot which rolled around the rim four times before falling in. Following that stroke of brilliance, we just ran out of momentum and Newington snatched the game by four points.

Overall, this was our best season ever. Apart from some close losses to better sides, our performances were of a high quality. Special mention goes to Chen, easily the most improved player in the whole of the 15s. We have learnt a lot more about the game, and this will be useful for us in first grade/second grade/16s in the coming season. The boys need to keep working to improve, and I'm sure first grade basketball 08-09 will be a force to be reckoned with!

***Joshua Tassell, Captain***



**16D Basketball**

**Back Row:** L.Tan, S.Yang, J.Dai, M.Sun, M.Lee.

**Front Row:** S.Liu, J.Wong, B.Lung.



**16E Basketball**

**Back Row:** N.Lieu, W.Ma, B.Lung, W.Nguyen, N.Chan.

**Front Row:** P.Li, S.Lee, P.Phuah.



**15A Basketball**

**Back Row:** J.Chen, D.Shan, M.Lau, J.Park.

**Front Row:** S.Dong, B.Lau, J.Tassell, J.Wong, B.Lu.

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### 15B Basketball

**Back Row:** W.Szet, T.Tran, Z.Ke.

**Front Row:** A.Ang, J.Li, S.Zhang, D.Nam, N.Abeysuriya.



### 15C Basketball

**Back Row:** K.Lim, N.Wong, M.Yiu.

**Front Row:** M.Chan, A.Chan, A.Tran, D.Hi, S.Ponraj.



### 15D Basketball

**Back Row:** V.Ung, T.Wilson, D.Lo, V.Khou.

**Front Row:** T.Zhong, S.Lei, L.Tran.

### 15D REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

It has been a hard basketball season for the 15Ds. Many of our original players moved up and few players were moved up from the 15Es.

We were high in spirit and in confidence. We had many convincing wins with many spectacular performances from our starting five and our bench, but we have also had a few losses where we did not co-operate as a team but overall it was a great season.

It wasn't about the winning or losing, it was about how we played the game and how we enjoyed it. Everyone on the team thoroughly enjoyed the season and hopes to play with as much spirit as we did this season.

*Daniel Lo, Captain*

### 14A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 14As basketball team entered this season without many expectations, having gone 0-7 last season. However, we recorded a surprisingly good 7-6 record this season, thanks to a great effort put in by all 10 players.

Possibly the highlight of the season was a terrific 37-29 win over Newington which left our opposition, who had expected an easy win, in disbelief. We never trailed, starting off the game with a quick 7-0 run which resulted in a Newington timeout. We held the lead steady throughout the rest of the game with a great show of passing and team defence. When the end of the game came, we couldn't have been happier, knowing we had improved enough to defeat a team as good as Newington.

Over the course of the season we defeated the teams from Scots, St. Josephs and Shore twice, and Newington once (the other game against Newington, on an outdoor court, was rained out). We have also come within five points of the team from Kings, and within six points of our great rivals, Sydney Grammar. The St. Ignatius team, which supposedly has eight representative players, is far and away the top team in the tournament and we will also be looking to put up more of a challenge against Ignatius to contain their star players.

Lots of thanks must go to the two coaches we had over the course of the season, Kei Onuma and Matt Conacher, for their contribution to our improvement. I'm sure none of the team will forget the many training sessions we spent in sweltering heat, running lap after lap of the court and working on defence, new plays and offensive sets. Thanks must also go to Hank Foster, whose morning basketball sessions helped many of our players to improve; and Mr. Hayman for helping out with the team.

Overall, the 2005-06 season has had a terrific outcome for the 14As, and we hope to improve even more next season.

*Josh Sutton, Captain*

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### 14A Basketball

**Back Row:** M.Wang, B.O'Rourke, A.Paul, S.Yoon, J.Liang.  
**Front Row:** J.Rajendram, J.Nguyen, J.Sutton, B.Chen, L.Gordon.



### 14B Basketball

**Back Row:** B.Cheung, V.Vo, M.Li, Y.Liu, D.Tran.  
**Front Row:** H.Tran, M.Phung, T.Xiao, J.Toohy, A.Koerber.



### 14C Basketball

**Back Row:** B.Ly, J.Lee, D.Zhang, A.Kugendran, J.Braverman.  
**Front Row:** C.Nguyen, N.Adel, G.Shargorodsky, H.Vi, B.Cabanilla.

### 14C REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Coach: Mian Wang

14Cs have had a great season, improving a lot in both defence and attack. Through this we have managed to secure four out seven wins which is a great achievement.

Best Offence: Abinayan Kugendran

Best Boards: Abinayan Kugendran

Best Defence: Shargorodsky

Most Improved Player: Nima Adel

Most Valuable Player: Abinayan Kugendran

Thank you to our Coach, Mian Wang for his continuous support, determination and great coaching skills which have contributed to the great season we had.

**Gregory Shargorodsky, Captain**

### 14E REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Players: Jonathan Du (Captain), Daniel Paperny, Matthew Fong, Edward Sun, Vincent Goh, James Chen, John Pham, Michael Zhang, Walter Santucci and Tony Silveria.

We had our ups and downs this season with four out of nine wins. We were successful against Grammar, Scots, Kings and Shore.

Paperny and Fong played exceptionally well as defenders and Fong was also the highest scorer for the team this season. The rest of the team also played well thanks to the coaching of Ms Ward. We learnt many new strategies to use for future games next season.

**Jonathan Du, Captain**



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### 14D Basketball

**Back Row:** D.Yan, I.Lu, L.Li, M.Moreno.

**Front Row:** R.Sivasubramaniam, J.Castillo, R.Ma, I.Li, M.Lee.



### 14E Basketball

**Back Row:** D.Paperny, J.Chen, M.Zhang, E.Sun, W.Santucci.

**Front Row:** J.Du, D.Yan, V.goh, J.Pharm, T.Silverah



### 13A Basketball

**Back Row:** O.Sabau, I.Zaman, C.Morrow, A.Ye, M.Kobras.

**Front Row:** A.Huynh, A.Shen, P.Castillo, M.Yoon, D.Chen.

### 13A REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

Wow, where to start? This season has been the best fun anyone in the 13A basketball team has probably had playing basketball. Although we didn't win any games we did come close in some and managed to give the other GPS schools a tough game. We did very well considering many of us had never played the game before.

Our team consisted of Year 7 students, as inexperienced as we were, but thanks to the brilliant coaching of Cameron Conway and Adam Darragh, for the running of many suicides (before any parents panic, a suicide run or line sprint is a popular basketball drill that builds fitness), we managed to become a team of mean basketballing machines. Throughout the season we did the hard yards that were necessary to give the other schools a run for their money.

Our team consisted of an array of people from different backgrounds, with different levels of experiences and different levels of height (from about 150 cm to 180 cm) We had many different and enjoyable moments during our season.

All in all, the team had great fun and we all hope everyone will be back next year for more action in 14s basketball!

***Chris Morrow, Captain***

### 13D REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

This season I had the honour of being Captain of the under 13Ds basketball team. We had a really bad start to the season. With a loss of 96 to 0 we weren't exactly happy.

It was extremely difficult constantly coming up against teams who had obviously had a lot more training and experience playing together. All the players on the High team should be congratulated for never giving up and playing hard to the very end of every game.

Although we didn't win a game we kept on improving and next season we will do a lot better. We just need to practice more and keep up that indomitable High spirit.

***Michael Tickner, Captain***

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### 13E REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The Year 7, 2006 'E' team consists of Yu Sing Chan, Aaron, Eric Du, Joshua Kim, David Wang, Tony Luo, Kerry Ho, Max Connell, Isaac Eveleigh and Joseph Lui. We have played many games, each with their own exciting action. Most of the games we played ended up with our opponents 10-20 points up. The 'E' team did have a chance of winning one back for High, but unfortunately it ended up in heartbreak...

This match was against Riverview:

"...And Riverview scores! The score is now 16-20 to Riverview. Can High come back and win? There is a ball-up and Aaron smacks a ball over to Isaac, who passes it to Yu Sing. Yu Sing turns awkwardly, just avoiding a Riverview steal. Yu Sing passes it to Tony, who passes it to Josh; Josh takes a shot and SCORES! 18-20. The ball goes up and is taken by Riverview. Our opponent then perform a magnificent weave and is about to do a lay-up when he is bowled over by Kerry...oh no! It's a penalty and they're awarded two shots. The shooter takes his time and he gets them both in! 18-22. The referee does the ball-up and looks at his watch. High doesn't have much time and they know it. Tension is growing; sweat is increasing. Riverview gets the ball (again!), but luckily Joseph steals the ball then passes it to Tony, but it is smacked out of bounds. Tony passes the ball to David but it is too late; the referee blows his whistle and it's game over for High. The final score is 18-22."

As you can see we lost by four points, but it was a thrilling game. It was the closest we ever got to defeating our opponents.

***Yu Sing Chan, Captain***



**13B Basketball**

**Back Row:** J.Xian, A.Ho, N.Autar, K.Lu, K.Li.

**Front Row:** M.Deng, D.Nguyen, B.Deng.



**13D Basketball**

J.Lui, A.Wu, Y.Wong, V.Singh, M.Tickner, M.Wong.



**13E Basketball**

**Back Row:** T.Luo, J.Kim, A.Chin, D.Wang, K.Ho.

**Front Row:** J.Zhang, Y.Chan, I.Kim.

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### THE NEW TENNIS COURTS

In 2006, four brand new hard courts were constructed next to the gym, along with supporters' benches and landscaping around the courts. This will ensure that the successful tennis program at High continues to flourish, as the tennis players will have a state-of-the-art facility in which to train and coach on-site.

It will also provide the first grade team a new arena for matches on Saturday as they farewell the synthetic grass courts of Kingsford. This will be a completely new experience for most of the players, as they will be able to thrive from the High support, which is enjoyed by their other sporting counterparts.

This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ms Helen Tuthill, Mr Terry Hayes and many others.

I look forward to seeing the junior players take full advantage of these new courts and improve their games. I will expect them to train hard, strive to play in the school's top two teams, play to win and continue the success of High tennis.



Presentation to Helen Tuthill, the retiring MIC Tennis by Christine Robertson, MLC.

### FAREWELL MS HELEN TUTHILL – MIC (2001-2006)

It is with sadness that I farewell Ms Helen Tuthill from position of MIC – Tennis. She has left some huge shoes to fill and will certainly be hard to replace. Over the past six years, she has played a pivotal role in the success of the school's tennis program, overseeing two GPS premierships wins (2003-04) and a CHS state title (2004).

I have been privileged to have Helen as MIC. Her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm are second to none. She always ensured that all the teams got to their training venues and games on time. She provided the teams with the best facilities to improve their games; whether it be asking previous old boys to come back and pass on their skills, providing team psychology sessions, providing excellent coaches or enlightening the boys with her own tennis experiences.

Helen always treated the tennis players with a friendly attitude, and was well liked by everyone. She was also able to amuse everyone with her humour and anecdotes. Helen's kindness, warmth, support, dedication and belief in us, will long be remembered by all the tennis players past and present. On behalf of all the tennis players, parents and coaches, I'd like to thank Helen for her amazing effort over the past six years, and wish her every success for the future.

***David Cao, Tennis Captain***



Opening of the new Tennis Courts by Christine Robertson MLC

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### First Grade Tennis

**Back Row:** D.Thieviassingham, M.Kelly, M.King. **Front Row:** H.Le, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), D.Cao (Captain), Ms H.Tuthill (MIC Tennis), I.Cerecina.

### FIRST GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

It is known that tennis is in the higher echelons of the GPS sporting competition as it is the most gruelling, demanding and difficult sport offered to schoolboys. At High, we dominate our opponents due to our ability to excel in the psychological aspect of the sport.

This year proved to be no different as High dominated our opponents week in, week out. We had helpful and professional coaching and attitude from our coach, Carl Nielson, but unfortunately the scoreboard didn't reflect our spirit and determination.

Our team was undisputedly the one with flair, and we were the dictators in all our matches, having the results of each tie resting solely on our own racquets.

I am proud of the team as we stuck together and bonded well throughout the entire pre/season and I'd like to thank everyone for making my last season so enjoyable. I had a great time playing alongside and captaining you guys. I'd also like to express gratitude towards the humorous, entertaining and knowledgeable parents and Ms Tuthill for their unwavering support. Words cannot express how appreciative we are for your support.

Finally, a brief sum up of the team. Kelly and King had a great season, overpowering their opponents with booming serves and cracking ground strokes. Le (rated) and Cerecina also enjoyed successes as their form peaked closer to the end of the season, destroying their opponents with accurate shots from all over the court. Thieviassingham smashed his Sampras-esque forehand for hot, blistering winners. Cao

also had a fantastic season as his Federer-like serve and pinpoint, powerful backhands hit form and caused havoc for his opponents.

With that, I'd like to wrap up my final report by reminding everyone to 'enjoy the game, have fun, and dominate'.

**David Cao – First Grade Captain**

### SECOND GRADE REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The pre-season for Second Grade Tennis was very much a trial period. New players were tested, new doubles combinations were tried, and the entire structure of the team was shifted from week to week. While this was aimed at finding the ideal team, the results were anything but ideal. Shifting doubles partners prevented the development of the mutual understanding and cooperation that is so critical in doubles, while changing positions in singles meant we were against opponents drastically different in skill level, and this stopped us from developing a rhythm in the matches.

As a result, High was only able to score individual triumphs in each week, bowing out in the majority of matches.

Despite the poor results, we never lost heart and trained intensively in the Christmas holidays, wishing to improve our pre-season results.

In the first match of term one, our hard work seemed to pay off. We raced to a 2-1 lead after the doubles, but that's when our wins ended. As singles one, Henry Liu could not hold on to a one set lead and lost in a close tiebreaker in the third. Thomas Wong and Nelson Wong both played strong games that were

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consistent until the very end, when one careless game meant the difference between a win and a loss. Chapman's nemesis wasn't his opponent, but time, as it robbed him of a close, but inevitable straight sets win.

Despite this close encounter, the rest of High's matches weren't so close, as the fierce competitors of other GPS schools had obviously trained just as hard as us, if not harder.

We grabbed a few wins here and there, but overall, High was simply outplayed by the other schools, ensuring the bad luck of High second grade tennis continued.

**Henry Liu, Captain.**

### 3RD – 6TH REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The preseason started off a little shaky, with the losses adding up from our first games of the year. However, extra training sessions over the next few weeks saw the team improve both technically and supportively, taking the sport much more seriously than when we started.

Though unable to upset the other schools, it was obvious that the boys had truly got into the spirit of the sport, and we went off into the GPS season expecting better results.

After the commencement of the GPS season, the third grade team received gifts from second grade in the form of Boris Zolotarev and AJ, but their presence in the team failed to generate any effect, and as a result, we were unable to win the points that counted.

What the lacklustre results of the season didn't show was the amount of effort the team put into the sport, their consistency and their willingness to improve their game.

By the end of it all, one of the most significant aspects of the season was the dramatic change in attitude of every player. Once they had played each Saturday as an individual, but after a while, we all played more cohesively as a team, supporting one another through each game.

A special mention must go to Ms Klocker, whose commitment to the sport meant that she gave up every Saturday to help rally the team together and make sure everything ran smoothly. Her dedication to the boys did not go unappreciated.

### 15 REPORT 2005/2006 SEASON

The 15s tennis team has been rather successful this year with all players having more advanced skills and level of fitness. Every week we have given the opposing schools a great challenge and even though the overall outcome was not as good as it could have been, we had a lot of fun. Most players in every team managed to finish the season with at least some wins under their belt, a great improvement from previous seasons. All teams also managed to win at least one week.

Wednesday was a day every player on the team looked forward to each week. Even though the venue is quite far



**Second Grade Tennis**

**Back Row:** C.Siu, N.Balashov, J.Hsiao. **Front Row:** T.Wong, Ms H.Tuthill (MIC Tennis), H.Liu, K.Mak, N.Wong.

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### Third to Sixth Grade Tennis

**Back Row:** S.Lou, J.Barker, T.Ly, W.Shen, A.Klocker, M.Shen. **Front Row:** V.Issaev, E.Luu, A.Alaganar, A.Ly, E.Deng, E.Stadnik, R.Luo.

away compared to other teams' venues, we managed to pay McDonalds or Oporto a little visit before we make our way to the tennis courts. Coaching has been great fun. We had a good coach who taught us the skills we needed to be victorious each week. Despite these good tips, we still somehow found a way to lose...

The A Team had a successful season with every player winning an equal number of singles matches. Doubles is entirely the opposite with a rare win hidden amongst the multiple losses. The B Team won half their singles matches but their doubles record is similar to the A Team. The best team overall this season would have to be the C Team which has won the most matches overall and lost the least. Most players in the C Team won nearly all their singles and doubles matches. They defeated half the schools that we played. The constantly changing D Team is the next best team overall after the C Team. They also won over half of their singles matches but they didn't do as well in doubles mainly due to the changing doubles partners.

The most successful player in the whole team was Yu who won all six singles matches. The most improved players are Chin and Sin whose level of play improved dramatically during the season. The best doubles pair is Siu and Chin. Working together as a team,

they never lost a doubles match and devastated all opposing doubles teams.

Overall, the 15s tennis team had a successful season and the results improved drastically from previous seasons. The person who organised our team and made everything possible for us was Mr. Boros. He overcame great challenges to meet us at the different playing courts every week and he had to maintain his cool every time we emerged with a loss. Thank you for all your efforts Mr. Boros.

***Danny Lam, Captain***



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### 16 Years Tennis

**Back Row:** E.Montoya, A.Dovan,  
N.Hayes, M.Rusli.

**Second Row:** J.Ip, D.Chim, C.Cheung,  
A.Shapilsky, A.Kim, W.Chan.

**Front Row:** A.Yeung, J.Culibao, D.Fu,  
B.Lee, J.Cohn, S.Ting, T.Mai.



### 15 Years Tennis

**Back Row:** T.Yu, K.Nguyen, V.Lim,  
S.Lee, S.Binns, J.Ireland, X.Quah,  
D.Lam.

**Front Row:** S.Hoang, M.Dinh, T.Huda,  
H.Neo, B.Diep, M.Sin, S.Chin.



### 14 Years Tennis

**Back Row:** K.Sheng, M.Tugnait,  
D.Trang, A.Feng, K.Li.

**Second Row:** E.Qiu, G.Niu, R.Lin,  
A.Ghose, P.Hsiao, J.Chan, B.Li, E.Hui.

**Front Row:** A.Wu, W.Wan, D.McCrae-  
Steele, B.Soroka, C.Wong, P.Simos,  
A.Parameswaran.

## Swimming



**Back Row:** A.Morris, E.Louie, S.Gribble, M.,Fetherston, A.Komarov, R.Burrell, G.Nguyen, S.Cunningham.

**Third Row:** A.Ha, K.Yu, M.Mehmedbasic, M.Keldoulis, J.Barker, K.Mickovski, C.Ho.

**Second Row:** H.Fukushima, D.Smith-Light, J.Jiang, D.Kim, T.Nguyen, K.Le, H.Schilling, J.Petrie.

**Front Row:** D.Luo, D.Gorey, B.Chan (Vice Captain), Mr V.Ockert (Swimming Master), A.Reis (Captain), L.Le, E.Wong.

### SWIMMING

High has once again had a successful swimming carnival backed up with some sterling results in both the CHS and GPS competitions. Being apart of the swimming team in every one of my years at High has been a rewarding and most definitely enjoyable part of my life at school. Although swimming is an individual sport, the team spirit proved strong throughout the season. The fierce competition in the pool and the camaraderie on pool deck shown by all High swimmers was excellent to see. This year saw a few new faces across all age divisions.

In their final year swimming for High, the senior boys showed tremendous spirit in their consistent attendance to the five weekly GPS carnivals. The year twelve swimmers at High include Ben Chow as Vice Captain, Ellis Louie, Hiroshi Fukushima, Sandy Cunningham, Roger Burrell, Sam Gribble, James Barker, Greg Nguyen, Chung Ho and I. All these young men proved to be worthy role models for the upcoming swimmers in their devotion and sportsmanship shown throughout the season, congratulations. To the juniors, it's great to see you out there every Friday night and at the CHS

carnivals giving it all you've got, you really do add to the colourful nature of our team.

The annual school swimming carnival was held at the Prince Alfred Park Pool, Surry Hills, on Tuesday 7 February. The beginning of the High swimming season was complimented with fine weather. The carnival began with the longer distances and progressed towards the 50m races. The level of participation was high and the results of the growing efforts to instil a stronger sense of competition between houses could be seen. The day was filled with some outstanding swims but also some more leisurely races such as the 1st XIII Race' and 'Extreme XI' Race. The overall point score winner was Rubie on a solid two hundred and ninety four points. The day concluded with High's traditional hosting of the GPS relay. High backed up the two previous years results with a pleasing fourth, foreshadowing the successful season to come. The selected swimmers progressed to swim against the schools within our local area at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Sydney Boys placed first in the point score tally, competing against schools with twice the potential having both male and female competitors.

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The Age Champions at the School Carnival were:

12 Years	Timothy Gollan	1st
	Ryan Woo	2nd
	Kumadika Gunaratne	3rd
13 Years	Andrew Ye	1st
	Bryan Kelly	2nd
	Jonah Petrie	3rd
14 Years	Jeffery Jiang	1st
	Daniel Kim	2nd
	Andrew Bloomberg	3rd
15 Years	Alex Belokopytov	1st
	Muhamed Mehmedbasic	2nd
	Dean Huang	3rd
16 Years	Anton Komarov	1st
	Thomas Hurrell	2nd
	Mark Spencer	3rd
Opens	Andrew Reis	1st
	Ellis Louie	2nd
	Matthew Fetherston	3rd

Outstanding performances throughout the season deserve a mention here. The opens relay including Matt Fetherston, Ben Chow, Ellis Louie and I progressed through the Zone and Regional carnivals to compete at the CHS carnival against fierce competition. Congratulations to Ellis Louie, Andrew Ye and Jeffrey Jiang who gained selection into the GPS team to compete at the CIS Championships. I was fortunate enough to swim a personal best in the final invitational to break the opens GPS record in the 50m freestyle. I believe the efforts of Chung Ho in his participation in the 400m freestyle also at the final invitational is worthy of mention.

I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank Mr Ockert as our Master in Charge of Swimming. Mr Ockert has put many hours into the organisation of the weekly GPS team and CHS team and of course the annual swimming carnival and deserves a big thankyou from all the swimming boys. The boys, I am sure, are all very grateful to their parents who support them in their extra curricular activities. It is this support than enables our High boys to excel in all fields. I would also like to thank the entire High swimming team for making such an enjoyable swimming season.

***Andrew Reis, Swimming Captain, GPS Vice Captain.***



# Swimming

## ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Event	First	Second	Third	Time
<b>Open</b>				
50 m Freestyle	Andrew Reis	Matthew Fetherston	Benjamin Chow	27.82
100 m Freestyle	Matthew Fetherston	Ellis Louie	Sam Gribble	1:04.00
200 m Freestyle	Hiroshi Fukushima	Ellis Louie	James Archer	2:38.34
400 m Freestyle	Andrew Reis	Ellis Louie	Benjamin Chow	5:25.03
800 m Freestyle	Andrew Reis	Ellis Louie	-	8:53.97
100 m Breastroke	Andrew Reis	Sandy Cunningham	Sam Gribble	1:11.75
<b>16 Years</b>				
50 m Freestyle	Anton Komarov	Bill Sun	Jed Coppa	28.24
100 m Freestyle	Anton Komarov	Thomas Hurrell	James Menzies	1:09.40
200 m Freestyle	Chris Robert	Mark Spencer	Anton Komarov	2:28.65
400 m Freestyle	Anton Komarov	-	-	6:05.12
800 m Freestyle	Anton Komarov	-	-	2:27.88
100 m Breastroke	Joseph Lai	Thomas Hurrell	Shahar Merom	1:24.91
<b>15 Years</b>				
50 m Freestyle	Dean Huang	Jack Wachsmann	Alex Belokopytov	28.97
100 m Freestyle	Alex Belokopytov	Nelson Ridges	Daniel Chim	1:08.10
200 m Freestyle	Alex Belokopytov	Kiril Mickovski	Muhamed Mehmedbasic	2:46.72
400 m Freestyle	Kenny La	-	-	7:02.20
50 m Breastroke	Lucian Tan	Dean Huang	Muhamed Mehmedbasic	39.62
50 m Butterfly	Alex Belokopytov	Muhamed Mehmedbasic	Kevin Le	33.10
<b>14 Years</b>				
50 m Freestyle	Jeffery Jiang	Daniel Kim	Matthew Phung	30.35
100 m Freestyle	Jeffery Jiang	Matthew Phung	Daniel Kim	1:11.80
200 m Freestyle	Jeffery Jiang	Matthew Phung	Daniel Kim	2:40.66
50 m Breastroke	Jeffery Jiang	Andrew Bloomberg	Stephen Yoon	37.81
50 m Butterfly	Jeffery Jiang	Daniel Kim	Jim Nguyen	33.41
<b>13 Years</b>				
50 m Freestyle	Andrew Ye	Raymond Zhai	Brian Kelly	35.18
100 m Freestyle	Andrew Ye	Jonah Petrie	Kevin Lin	1:08.47
200 m Freestyle	Brian Kelly	Jonah Petrie	Alex Koerber	3:15.78
50 m Breastroke	Andrew Ye	Daniel Luo	Brian Kelly	43.50
50 m Butterfly	Andrew Ye	Raymond Zhai	Brian Kelly	35.18
<b>12 Years</b>				
50 m Freestyle	Declan Gorey	Koren Fang	Kumadika Gunaratne	40.60
100 m Freestyle	Declan Gorey	Ryan Woo	Denny Chandra	1:42.30
200 m Freestyle	Ryan Woo	Timothy Gollan	Isaac Eveleigh	3:39.31
50 m Breatstroke	Kumadika Gunaratne	Michael Phung	Timothy Gollan	54.00
50 m Butterfly	Timothy Gollan	-	-	1:03.87
<b>House Results</b>				
House Relay	Not Held			
<b>Point Score</b>	<b>Rubie</b>	<b>Fairland</b>	<b>Eedy</b>	<b>294</b>

## Sailing



**Back Row:** S.Zhang, A.Ho, A.Wogas, A.Richards, L.Burger. **Second Row:** P.Wu, P.Kurts, B.Lung, J.Coppa, T.Sun, O.Koudashev. **Front Row:** D.Toh, R.Wong, M.Mehmedbasic, M.Masalehdani, A.Cheng, T.Burston, C.Martin.

### SAILING

Sailing is a great chance to spend a Wednesday afternoon and a Saturday morning on one of the most beautiful harbours in the world. It's a wonderful experience using and manipulating the wind, whether racing against other schools or simply flying with the wind in the harbour.

We held our first sailing camp this year during the Christmas school holidays. Many people turned up to enjoy the opportunity of spending three days in the holidays sailing. It was a chance both to hone our racing skills and to do something that breaks from the monotony of mooching around at home. It also prepared us for the upcoming Tri-Series.

The Tri-Series is the main competition we participate in. It is a contest lasting over three Saturdays. Many schools, amongst them Scots, Cranbrook, St. Ignatius and Pymble Ladies' College, take part in these races, giving us tough competition indeed.

In the well-represented Pacer class, our excellent placing of seventh out of over thirty boats was achieved by skipper Brian Lung. Not far behind was Jed Coppa, who also finished with a fine result. These are certainly high rankings, and higher ones are just around the corner.

Phil Kurts, who was our Laser 4.7 representative, managed to win in this class. He achieved first place in almost all of the races he participated in, a commendable result. Individually, he won in the Zone Sabot Sailing Championships on handicap.

The CHS regatta was also successful. We entered three Pacers not only won first, second and third place in their class (although they were the only Pacers in the fleet) but also reached high placings overall on handicap. The Lasers (radial and full rig) were also in the top three in each of their respective classes.

A special thank you to Ms Boukatos, the sailing MIC, who keeps the program running smoothly. It is with her support that sailing at High is such an enjoyable experience. I'd also like to thank the parents for helping with parking, catering and organising CHS. Sailing couldn't have been possible without their constant backing.

**Muhammed Mehmedbasic**



### Junior Sailing

**Back Row:** D.Smith-Light, J.Aclis, G.Macefield, N.Slisko, T.Davenport, S.Rashid. **Front Row:** T.Diep, R.Woo, R.Caetano, A.Rudder, A.Gabo.

# Winter Sport



## WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY 26 MAY 2006

Welcome to our Winter sports Assembly for 2006. I extend a warm welcome to our special guest this morning, SFC footballer, Dave Carney, players, parents, coaches, staff and students. On this occasion, so close to the visit by Boggabilla students and Sorry Day, we would like to acknowledge the original occupants of this land, the Gadigal clan of the Eora nation, and their elders past and present, on whose traditional land our school is situated. We respect their caring custodianship of our continent over millennia. We are gathered at our Winter Sports Assembly to honour our students who have been selected to represent our school in GPS teams.

We are celebrating our 100th year in the GPS by focussing on improving facilities in tennis, cricket and basketball. In winter sports our prospects are in the hands of people – good coaches and committed team members. We need a broader spectrum of support from parents and Old Boys to extend participation and deepen the skills base of our players. I commend to you the Friends of High Rugby Inc. a recently established support group, aimed at building support. It could be a good model for other sports to follow. Wednesday and Thursday coaches are needed to mentor and nurture forty teams of students. Our teaching staff alone cannot meet their needs. GPS competition is tougher than ever as more talent is congregating in GPS and CAS schools. In CHS knockouts we contest against enclaves of excellence at Sports High Schools and pockets of traditionally sports loving comprehensives. We must involve more parents and increase the participation of students who are talented but not playing for us in competition.

Our school attempts to reach high standards in a wide array of activities. We must therefore manage our time impeccably. We must eradicate time wasting and balance work and play appropriately. We must focus and get more out of our training time. We must value personal strength and fitness and take personal responsibility for achieving high standards in our own time. We value teamwork and try to inculcate its virtues in our students. Ceremonial occasions such as this reinforce the educational purpose of team sports.

Team psychology is all important. Teams develop

a kind of collective personality that leads them to succeed or self-destruct, to perform to their ability or under perform, squabble and blame shift. Steve Waugh in his autobiography, sub titled 'Out of my comfort zone' explained how this team personality works even at the professional and national level. In describing the preparation for the first test against the West Indies in 1988, he wrote. "As a team, I don't think we ever expected to beat the Windies. Our meetings were often based around the word 'competing'. To me, this said, 'Let's have a go and you never know what might happen', rather than believing we could actually control parts of the match and be in charge of our own destiny. But maybe it was realistic." The West Indies dominated the Gabba test and the series.

You can do something in your team to be in charge of your own destiny. You can minimise penalties by observing the rules. You can stick to the defensive patterns set up in training. You can do the fundamentals well. Irrespective of the strength of the competition, you can concentrate on playing your part and doing the next thing properly. Satisfaction is derived from repeatedly executing basic manoeuvres properly. Always look for positives.

In conclusion, I congratulate warmly all students who have been selected to represent the school in rifle shooting, debating, fencing, volleyball, cross country running, football and rugby, for winter 2006. To all other team members I offer this advice: stay committed to enjoying team sport participation, put pressure on the first and second grade team members and focus on what you have trained to do. Avoid 'paralysis from analysis'. Do the simple things well. Strive for your team... and above all have fun.

*Dr Jaggar*



# Rugby

## SBHS RUGBY RESULTS 2006

	6/5	10/5	13/5	20/5	27/5	3/6	17/6	22/7	29/7	5/8	12/8
	Red/SGC	HAg	Chev/Ox	TAS	TSC	SJC	TKS	Shore	SIC	SGS	NC
<b>1st XV</b>	L 0-36	L 7-12	W 10-7	L 12-44	L 0-54	L 3-102	L 0-74	L 5-67	L 5-76	L 0-55	L 5-45
<b>2nd XV</b>	NG	NG	L 0-60 Ox 1st	L 5-41 2nds	L 0-10 6ths	L 0-5 6ths	L 0-22 6ths	NG	L 5-40 6ths	NG	W 25-5 5ths
<b>16A</b>	L 0-51	W 12-7	L 0-12	L 0-48 16A's	L 7-12 16C's	L 0-19	W 7-5 D	NG	L 5-7 D	NG	W 7-5 B
<b>16B</b>	L 0-50	NG	L 0-50 Ox16B	L 0-64 3rds	L 5-35 16D's	L 0-48 D	L 0-95 E	NG	L 0-27 E	NG	L 5-34 C
<b>15A</b>	W 34-0	NG	W 51-0	W 34-0 16B's	L 12-27 16B's	L 0-47	L 0-26	NG	L 0-17	NG	L 5-15
<b>15B</b>	L 5-10 Red 16B	W 12-7	L 10-54 Ox 15A	L 7-50 15A's	L 5-17	L 0-45 D	L 12-44 D	NG	L 0-39 D	NG	W 14-7 D
<b>14A</b>	W 70-0	NG	W 60-0	W 29-7 15B's	L 0-32 15A's	L 5-31	L 0-43	NG	L 5-38	NG	L 5-27
<b>14B</b>	L 0-112 StA 14A	NG	L 15-17 Ox 14A	L 15-29 14A's	L 14-44 D	L 0-15 D	W 12-5 D	NG	L 5-27 D	NG	W 17-14 D
<b>13A</b>	W 49-0	W 44-0 14's	W 80-0	W 70-0 14B	L 0-29 14A	W 29-17	W 12-7	NG	W 19-5	NG	L 8-13
<b>13B</b>	W 57-7 Red 13A	NG	W 21-10 Ox 13A	W 51-10 13A's	L 12-45 C	W 45-0 E	W 48-0 E	NG	W 54-0 F	NG	W 22-7 C
<b>13C</b>	NG	NG	L 17-19 Chev 13B	L 0-48 StAg 13C	L 10-25 F	L 22-35 F	W 48-0 F	NG	W 20-17 G	NG	W 22-0 D

## 2006 Season's Results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Loss > 30pts
92	31	0	60	15	33

## 2006 GPS Results

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Won > 30pts	Loss > 30pts
57	16	0	41	4	20

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### First Fifteen

**Back Row:** J.Tiedgen, M.Levy, M.Fetherston, M.Dougall, G.Nguyen, B.Angell, J.Archer.

**Second Row:** W.Zhang, A.Vertoudakis, F.Jin, D.Vien, P.Gallego, D.Wu, R.Chen, J.Kammerman, D.Kim, A.Jawahir.

**Front Row:** Y-Z.Guo, J.Morgan, L.Yang, Dr K.A.Jaggard (Principal), S.Gribble (Captain), Mr S.Bolen (Coach), G.Manamperi, J.Ip, H.Frisoli.

### FIRST XV REPORT 2006

The 2006 rugby season was a tough one for the Sydney High first XV. Though we approached the season with high hopes and the potential to match them, we ultimately sold ourselves short with our efforts during the pre season and in training. The most disappointing aspect of the season was that we were a much better team than the results and final score lines showed. Throughout the season we showed in patches what we could do when everyone in the team switched on, the first half against GPS co-premiers Shore in the mud at Northbridge being a case in point, but we were never sustained our play at that high level for the full seventy minutes. That being said, we should hold our heads high for our efforts this season. Though we could have put a little more work in off the field, when it came to game day no one ever gave any less than 100%.

The team to pay tribute to our dedicated coaching and support team, without whom we would never have got this far. Firstly to Geoff Stein for his tireless work as MIC of rugby; secondly to Jason Tassell, our weights 'guru', and recent Old Boy Lachlan Mitchell, for getting those willing and able up to the level of strength and conditioning necessary to compete with our larger GPS opponents.

This season the backline also benefited from the coaching of Rob Fetherston and Grant 'Billy' Holdsworth. The forwards this year were guided by power and passion of Matt 'T-Rex' Bowman and the wealth of experience of Tony Hannon. Another person responsible for the instilling the passion and spirit into our play was Evan Jones, our 'water boy' and we

say that with the greatest respect. He was always on hand to rev us up on the field and look after the knocks that came our way. Finally Serdar Bolan, returning as head coach, with his usual 100% commitment. The dedication and passion that Bols brings to the first XV really underlines the true spirit of High rugby.

The 2006 preseason was a disrupted affair as we struggled to put the same team out on the field each week due to injuries and suspension. The preseason passed in a blur and we struggled to play consistently and at the standard we knew we were capable of. Despite a hard fought 10-7 victory over a dogged Chevalier, the game against Hurlstone was called off after both teams let their tempers get the better of them, and a poor second half defensive performance cost us dearly against a slick TAS outfit. Despite unconvincing performances, the preseason did reveal glimpses of what we could offer when we got all our 'A' team on the park at the one time.

The GPS season opened with a disappointing 56-0 loss to Scots at Bellevue Hill. We struggled to come to terms with the increased pace of the GPS comp in the first five minutes as Scots ran in three quick tries before we'd realised the game had actually started. For the rest of the half we switched on and put in one of our 'patches' holding Scots out and threatening their try line. We went into halftime 19-0 down. Throughout the half the forwards were doing a mountain of work at the breakdown and in defence, with Gajaba Manamperi and Alex Vertoudakis the standouts. However all our defensive efforts in the first half had drained us and we let Scots run away with the game in the second half.

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Our next game was against a St Josephs team stacked with pace, power and oozing class and unfortunately they proved just too good. However we were determined not to be held scoreless and on his second attempt Sandy Cunningham was able to slot a penalty and the High crowd exploded. Despite being outclassed on the scoreboard we were nearly rewarded with a try as we pushed hard on their line early in the second half. This was typified by outside centre Frank Jin who, after being knocked flat by an absolute bell ringer of a shoulder charge from the St Josephs fullback, attempted to fight off the physio and doctors in an effort to remain on the field. The courage shown by the boys was not lost on the St Josephs crowd who stood and applauded Jin's bravery and the High team, sentiments echoed by their captain who commended our bravery, character and the way in which we represented the school.

Coming off the heavy defeat against St Josephs we were looking towards Kings as a chance to get our season back on track. However, again plagued by injuries, we just never switched on and ultimately it was one of our most disappointing performances of the season.

The mid season break came at a good time for us, giving us an opportunity to put the Kings game behind us and start fresh for the last four games. The first game was supposed to be a home fixture against Shore, however with the torrential downpour experienced by Sydney, the game was moved to Northbridge. Despite the conditions, the first half again showed us just what we were capable of. In front of a loyal band of supporters we put in our most aggressive and comprehensive defensive performance of the season. Three tries were scored by Shore taking the score to 15 – 0 before we finally got an opportunity ourselves. With the ball being turned over frequently by both teams in the wet conditions, we won a line out five metres out and on the back of an ensuing penalty, the quick tap taken by Vertoudakis saw High's first GPS try of the season. Going in 15-5 down at the break we were confident that with a little more ball we were well in this game. Unfortunately our fitness let us down and Shore, starving us of the ball, ran away with the game.

The next match was against another of the GPS co-premiers, St Ignatius. The opening exchanges were fierce and High had a couple of turnovers, but kicks not finding space had an impact, and St Ignatius crashed over for a try in the seventh minute. By half time their lead was 38-0.

The second half was much of the same but we held on with some desperate defence, and our commitment was rewarded when Archer went over almost untouched from five metres out. Strong games were had by Gajaba Manamperi, Matt Fetherston, and Vertoudakis.

With the last of the powerhouses out of the way, and the team nearing full strength we came up against a Grammar side who were high in confidence after beating Newington the week before. Again the final score line does not accurately reflect the calibre of the two sides. The game began promisingly enough, with our game plan of keeping the ball in hand running the

Grammar boys ragged, and the gaps were beginning to appear for the centres. Unfortunately Jin dislocated his shoulder again just before half time, causing a backline reshuffle and creating problems with our defensive alignment, which ultimately led to a number of soft tries to Grammar and allowed them to run away with the match. Frisoli's brilliant 60 metre chase and try-saving tackle, which he was unfairly sin binned for, typified the efforts of the entire team.

The final game for the 2006 season was against Newington. Unfortunately the match degenerated into a spiteful affair, and our defensive frailties out wide were again shown up. Again the team commitment cannot be questioned, although the execution was lacking, apart from Frisoli and Archer who combined well, posing numerous problems to the Newington defence. It was through these two players who made the break that Blake was able to finish off from close to the Newington line.

Despite the disappointing results, the 2006 season is still one we should be proud of. We showed in every game we could match it with anyone, and the spirit and courage shown by us was a credit to both the school and ourselves.

### SECOND XV REPORT 2006

The SHS second XV for 2006 was comprised entirely of Year 12 boys, who were looking to make the most of their last year of High rugby. With an ever-changing line up and constant interruptions, the boys hung tough and improved consistently over the course of the season.

Itching to get on the paddock again, we were disappointed not to be given a game against Redlands or our traditional rivals Hurlstone. Our first match involved a trip down to Bradman country, where we took on the Oxley first XV in Bowral. A little unprepared and without either of our coaches present (much thanks to Gaj Manamperi for stepping in on the day), we certainly knew we were facing a tough test. The final score line of 60-0 did not reflect the effort we put in, and only a lack of fitness allowed the floodgates to open. Our second and last trial match was against The Armidale School, another fair trek for the boys. Again fitness and preparation let us down, and we were defeated 41-5. The annual trip was the last for all of us, and certainly off the field was one of the best we had had.

When the GPS season rolled around the next week, we found out we would be playing sixth XV's. Although a little disappointed, we decided we would make the most of it. First round we faced Scots in a tough and testy match where points were at a premium. A scrappy affair, the Scots boys were ready for hands to be thrown, as were we, but a melee never occurred. A try from a sole missed tackle led to a Scots converted try and a field goal after full-time sealed our 10-0 loss.

The next week we faced St Josephs at the Hill. This match was a culmination of the hard work we had put in during the past few weeks. Our defence was rock solid and phase play in attack was superb. However, a scrappy length

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### **Second Fifteen**

**Back Row:** A.Lee, P.Roser, D.Chang.

**Second Row:** G.Zinger, R.Rotherham, M.Samarasinghe, E.Louie, A.Wijeyaratne, D.Gunasekera, L.Shi, A.Trinh.

**Front Row:** A.Ly, M.Razeen, T.Razeen, S.Burke (Captain), R.Ali, C.To, W.Xu.

of the field try to St Josephs would be the only points of the match as we went down 5-0.

With the Queen's Birthday long weekend and no training due to several factors, we went into the Kings match very underdone and this was reflected in the 22-0 score line.

Back from the break, we were keen to get back on the paddock. However, a week of torrential rain forced the Mackay grounds to be closed and our match against Shore cancelled. This made us all the more toey to get one up on the Riverview boys the next week. In spite of this, we went missing at the outset of the match and were down heavily at half time. The second half showed more promise, as we finally got our act together and strung some good phase play together. The infamous 'red zebra' lineout moved finally proved fruitful as we mauled over from 10 metres out for Ellis Louie to score our first try of the GPS season. This was only a minor consolation to the 40-5 drubbing we received.

The weather yet again wreaked havoc during the week leading up to the much-anticipated clash with Grammar. We received another 'holiday', bitterly upset that we would never get another chance to smash a Grammar boy ever again without being charged with assault.

The final match of our High careers would be against the Newington fifth XV, a match we were primed for; and we didn't let ourselves down. We played our best rugby of the season by a country mile with everything clicking into place.

Louie scored a double, including a brilliant 20 metre dash down the blindside to score in the corner. Old hand Quinton Yang, veteran back rower Doug Chang, and the fair gun Russell Rahman also got their names on the scoresheet in our 25-5 win. Needless to say, it capped off our school rugby experience very well. Everyone belted out the school song with pride and emotion in the dressing rooms afterwards, with the exception of Ellis who was attending to more 'interesting' affairs.

To finish off, I'd like to say some thanks on behalf of the team. Firstly, a big shout out to our coaches and dedicated old boys Tom Miller and Ben Friis-O'Toole; the time and effort they put in throughout the season was instrumental in making our last season an enjoyable one. Gratitude must also be extended to MIC of Rugby Mr. Stein and all the teachers who coached us over the years. Furthermore, thanks to all our parents for the dedication shown in making our playing rugby possible. Lastly, I want to personally extend my appreciation not only to the boys I played with this season, but also those I played with over the six years I had with High rugby.

***Stephen Burke***

### **16A REPORT 2006**

The 16As XV team enjoyed a solid and fairly successful rugby season highlighted by the team's rock solid defence. It has perhaps been the most enjoyable season of rugby we've

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### 16A Fifteen

**Back Row:** M.Coutts, A.Pham, M.Farhat, K.Lee, M.Keldoulis.

**Second Row:** Mr S.Storey (Coach), J.Freiman, R.Tran, M.Chen, C.Lopes, S.Jia, J.Mackay, Mr G.Moody (Coach).

**Front Row:** S.Wason, R.Jang, S.Lou (Vice Captain), P.Gunaratne (Captain), N.Levanic, S.Wang, C.Lee.

ever played. To begin with, four out of five GPS games played were decided by five points or less. Due to an exponential increase in the cross country craze, along with many players joining the first XV ranks, the previous year's four 15s teams were diminished to two this year. This gave way for many players such as Stanley Jia and Joshua Freiman to step up from the 15Cs into the 16As team.

The first trial game against St Greg's was used to try out a number of different player combinations. Although we were absolutely dominated, the coaches were given a valuable insight into various players and their abilities. Special mention must go to Joseph Kim who played brilliantly in both defence and attack. Sadly Andrew Leung fractured his jaw in his first ever rugby game for High.

The next match was against Hurlstone. Down 7-0 at half time, we somehow clicked into gear with a blindside try by Dakshika Gunaratne and another by Raymond Tran. This was followed with some spectacular support play by Kim resulting in a score line of 12-7 in favour of High. Unfortunately, a fractured wrist for Kim soured the win.

In our match against a talented Chevalier team, we played in unfamiliar cold temperatures in the Southern Highlands but went down 17-0. To further add to our injuries, influential player Kevin Lee dislocated his shoulder. In our final trial game against the Armidale School we were again outclassed in every facet of the game by a strong and very

fast 16s outfit. Special mention must go to Ty Linegar who played fiercely in his first game at fullback making several try-saving tackles.

After an interesting pre season, the team was pumped for a win against Scots. This was an especially important match for our fullback, Linegar as Scots is his old school. Playing on a rainy day the game was full of handling errors and penalties. After leading 7-5 for the majority of the game courtesy of a penalty try awarded to Tran, we went down 12-7 in the dying minutes.

We knew the game against St Josephs was going to be a difficult match but this only fuelled our desire to win. We battled hard but in the end we were outclassed by a much fitter team going down 19-0. An honourable mention must go to Chris Lopes who played outstandingly and was later found to have played with a couple of fractured ribs, an injury which he had suffered during the earlier Scot's game.

Our game against Kings was one of the highlights of the season. After no score by both teams for the majority of the first half, Gunaratne ran blindside for a try and with the conversion put us in front 7-0. Kings fought back in the second half but was unable to break our line until a charged down kick was picked up and supposedly put over for a try. Luckily the difficult kick was not converted and we left the field victorious. We put down this gritty win to amazing defence and stamina by the team, in particular Moussa Farhat

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and our newest recruit Andrew Pham. Special mentions must go to Clement Lee for his somewhat unexpected try-saving tackle on the Kings' prop and our lineout combination of thrower and jumper Samson Lou and Michael Chen who united to spoil the opposition lineout on many occasions. Si Yang Wang and Michael Coutts also played aggressively putting on several huge hits.

The first game back after the holidays was against St Ignatius and a rather lacklustre performance left us hanging our heads with a 7-5 loss. After knocking on several times over try line and Chen charging down a kick with his eye, Pham scored a sensational solo try which was unconverted. Nick Levanic also had an exceptional game coming off the bench after already playing a game earlier that day.

Our next two games against Grammar and Shore were cancelled due to rain. Our final match was against Newington College - an annual grudge match. Newington showed their intentions early on with several breaks, along with several high tackles. On three occasions, Tran came off his wing to prevent tries due to an overlap, however it was fourth time lucky for Newington, as they crossed for the first try. Wise words from our coaches at half time refocused us and we stepped on the field with victory firmly set in our minds. Lopes or 'Fabio' as the opposition centre preferred to call him made several good breaks and with around three minutes left in the match, Pham ran through a gap in the Newington defence. Once again he was well supported by Tran who crossed for his third try of the

season. Memories of the previous two matches flooded back to everyone's minds as Gunaratne lined up for the conversion which would ultimately decide the result of the game. He was successful and we took the lead for the first time in the match 7-5. A last minute drop goal attempt by the opposition was foiled by one of their own and the game was over. A well earned finish to a momentous season.

On behalf of the 16s we'd like to thank Mr Storey and Mr Moody for their excellent guidance throughout the season. Every single player benefited from their knowledge and encouragement and vast improvements in skill, technique and confidence was seen throughout the entire team. We'd also like to thank the 16Bs players who stood in on the several occasions we were down on players. The 16As leave the 2006 season with memories of courage, determination and overall High spirit.

***Samson Lou and Dakshika Gunaratne (Co-Captains)***

### 16B REPORT 2006

The 16Bs were looking forward to a season that would bring numerous wins and a minimal number of losses but this wasn't to be. The pre-season didn't get off to a great start with two 50-0 losses to St. Gregory's college and Chevalier.

The following week's trip up to Armidale did not prove to be any better with the nature of the loss being worse than had been faced in the preceding weeks, reading 64-0. However



### 16B Fifteen

**Back Row:** R.Gokarn, J.Phu, G.Wang, A.Morris, K.Chen, K.Lee, S.Maheswaran.

**Second Row:** Mr S.Storey (Coach), R.Chेरian, M.Liang, N.Sridharan, J.Freiman, A.Huang, R.Baskaran, Mr G.Moody (Coach).

**Front Row:** L.Deacon, T.Iskander, R.Yeung, R.Pandit (Captain), R.Devapiriam, S.Azad, S.Wason.

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this was the pre season, a time for experimentation and a time to psyche up to get ready for the season that followed.

The start of the actual season was better than anything that had been seen in the preseason but still resulted in a loss to Scots 35-5, and we were glad the try from Samson Lou saved us from coming in with a zero score.

Joeys was going to be a difficult task but because the Bs were playing down a couple of teams, they were confident heading into the match but we still ended up with a 48-0 defeat. Kings was the match that followed and saw the worst defeat of the season, losing 95-0. Poor mistakes and missed tackles proved to be undoing of the Bs in this match and this was the trend of the season. Kings were able to capitalise more readily than any other team.

The next week was a match against Shore which was rained out and provided a much needed break for the team. St. Ignatius followed and the previous week's rest proved to be helpful with the boys playing arguably their best game of the season but still coming back 27-0 losers.

Our game against Grammar was seen as our best chance to win, but unfortunately, the match was rained out, much to the distaste of the team.

The last match was against Newington College and our last chance to win a game. Unfortunately once again the team headed home without a win, losing 22-5, but with a try to Rano Yeung.

The season was plagued with losses and although no wins were achieved it was definitely a fun season for the team and the coaches. A lack of seriousness in the training sessions may have been the undoing of this team but generally a valiant effort was put in on the weekends.

The coaching staff consisting of Mr. Storey and Mr. Moody did a good job in developing the forwards and backs respectively and we look forward to their assistance next year.

**Rommo Pandit**

### 15A REPORT 2006

The 15As rugby team experienced a season of ups and downs. There were several great performances in the trial matches including a 55-0 victory over Chevalier with Joel Livingstone scoring a hat trick of tries and Benjamin Palau scoring his first try for Sydney Boys High School after three and a half years.

The team was undefeated coming into the GPS season and were confident we could replicate some of the form that had allowed us to win several GPS games over the past few years. However it was not to be, despite being in winning situations against Kings, Scots and Newington, luck was not on our side and we suffered close losses against teams we had beaten the previous year.

Nevertheless, the team proved to be competitive in every match. The highlight of the year was new players such as Jono Culibao, Mathew Coutts, Arun Karunkaran, Jason Cohn, Mathew Rusli and Koglan making the step up to As. Additionally, three of our players, Robert Chen, David Vien and James Ip achieved the honour of being selected from our team to play for the first XV during the year - a rare honour.

**Daniel O'Keefe**

### 15B REPORT 2006

The 15Bs enjoyed a great season and had a few successes. The Bs consisted of a 28-man squad which obviously created some logistical issues. Nonetheless, more players meant new talent and we finally enhanced a combination during the latter parts of the season. The Bs kicked off their pre-season with St Andrews and narrowly lost to them by a try. However we picked ourselves up against a physical Hurlstone outfit defeating them by two tries.

We started off our GPS season with an encounter against Scots. It was a highly physical contest and most of the game was played with the forwards and the back line consistently exploiting their defence. Yet in the dying stages of the game, we were unlucky to pull off a victory. We analysed our



### 15A Fifteen

**Back Row:** B.Palau, B.Pfull, M.Coutts, A.Komarov, D.Ng, N.Ridges, S.Merom.

**Second Row:** D.Vien, K.Sriranjan, N.Lochner, B.Wang, J.Burney, M.Rusli, R.Chen.

**Front Row:** J.Culibao, A.Kandasamy, J.Ip (Vice Captain), D.O'Keefe (Captain), A.Karunakaran, D.Fu, J.Hui.

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### 15B Fifteen

**Back Row:** J.Menzies, K.Na, W.Lee, J.Phung, T.Rosengarten, J.Zhang, T.Li.

**Third Row:** K.Lam, H.Reid, B.Lee, C.Zhang, T.Joo.

**Second Row:** D.Bowes, S.Rahman, A.Lim, K.Ahmed, J.Culibao, C.Tang, C.Martin, K.Rao.

**Front Row:** S.Iyer, A.Tse, R.Yoon, V.Peranathan (Captain), Z.Harrison-Tikisci, J.Coppa, J.Cohn.

downfalls against Scots and we went into the Kings game with confidence.

Against Kings, the forwards were committed and the backs looked dangerous, running at good lines. The Bs dictated the first ten minutes and we had a psychological advantage over our opponents. However, Kings scored an opportunistic try and momentum swung their way. We were robbed of some much needed game time against Shore and particularly Grammar due to bad weather. However this made the team more determined to push for a victory against Newington.

The Bs had an early start and we started the game with vigour. The opposition forward pack was dominated in the rucks and the scrums. Most of the game was played in their territory and we scored two converted tries at the conclusion of the first half. However in the second half, a whole new Newington forward pack was on the field which resulted in an extremely physical contest. We were surprised with the physicality and didn't immediately adjust to their new tactics. Newington scraped in easy try and momentum swung their way. However we got our act together and played possession ball for the remaining twenty minutes. Both teams were determined to win but ultimately we won our first GPS game with a close victory of 14 – 7.

The entire squad enjoyed a great season and this was due to the efforts of our coaches, Mr Scrivener and Mr Howey. Mr Scrivener has dedicated many years to High Rugby and his efforts; especially his fitness has been much appreciated. Mr Howey also has done a lot for our team and his effort has been immeasurable. Finally I would like to thank all the boys in the squad who have made this season extremely enjoyable.

***Varan Peranathan, Captain***

### 14A REPORT 2006

The 14A's rugby season kicked off with only two training sessions to organise the team and prepare for the first trial match against St Greg's which we won 70-0.

For our next match, we travelled to Bowral to play Oxley in a game that was very one sided, the final score being a 60-0 win.

With these two easy wins we were confident and ready to play the country boys at Armidale. We travelled the eight hours to Armidale and on the Saturday morning played TAS in a tough 29-7 victory.

On the Saturday of our first GPS game we came to McKay filled with confidence. The match and our confidence were to be blown away though by a bigger, more skilful Scots team to whom we lost to 32-0.

A week after the loss we were up at Hunters Hill against St Joseph's College. With the previous week's game behind us we were psyched up and ready to get our first GPS win. In the first ten minutes Josh Tassell scored a well manoeuvred try to get us on the board first. This was to be our only try for the rest of the game which we sadly lost 31-5.

The next match was against Kings at McKay which we thought would give us an advantage being at home. Advantage or no advantage we were blown off the field by a strong attack and defence which kept us scoreless leaving the final score 43-0.

After a four week break from rugby, the team was rested and ready to take on Shore, but due to bad weather, the game was washed out.

It was now five weeks and we hadn't played a game of rugby. We were up against a tough Ignatius side where and we were caught out on the wings by a quick St Ignatius backline. We didn't leave Lane Cove unrewarded though with a try to our front rower Willy Lin. At fulltime the score was 38-5.

Unfortunately, the next match which was against Sydney Grammar was also washed out.

Our final game against Newington College was a well fought out one with our team going down 27-5.

Although we had an unfortunate GPS season coming out with no wins, the team would still like to thank Mr Gainford, Mr Beringer, Mr Stein, Mr Hannon and Mr Tassell for coaching us this season.

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### 14A Fifteen

**Back Row:** Mr A.M.Gainford (Coach), W.Lin, J.Chow, K.McPherson, D.Feng, J.Eriksson, G.Astafiev.

**Front Row:** D.Nam, J.Nguyen, M.Ling (Co-Captain), A.Kwok (Co-Captain), A.Belokopytov (Co-Captain), J.Santoso, R.Chen.



### 14B Fifteen

**Back Row:** M.Feng, L.Brown.

**Second Row:** Mr J.Beringer (Coach), D.Andanovski, N.Pednekar, T.Harvey, A.Krishnan, S.Binns, A.Richards.

**Front Row:** V.Lien, R.Alam, M.Kayes, J.Wachsmann (Captain), A.Yang, D.Fan, R.Kashyap.

### 14B REPORT 2006

Coach: Mr Beringer  
Captain Jack Wachsmann

The season of 2006 for the 14Bs could be compared to a rollercoaster. We had our ups and our downs, but we always found positives in our games and had fun. We played a total of eight games and won two but we had many more that were close.

Nine of our 18 players were new to the game and some had joined late in the season, but they quickly gained the necessary knowledge and skills and all became vital members of the team. Alan Yang is one such person. He is a formidable centre and is our top try scorer.

The best game of the season was our last, against Newington. We managed to defeat them 17-14, on the first grade field at 8:00 in the morning. The most improved player was Abraham Chan. He was new to the sport and quickly became an excellent winger both in defence and attack.

We would like to thank Mr Beringer for coaching us throughout the season, as well as giving up a lot of his time after school and on Saturday mornings. Mr Gainford and Mr

Tassel have also assisted us at training and many thanks goes to them as well.

Finally we would also like to thank all the parents for getting us to our 8:00 games and for supporting us throughout the season.

### 13A REPORT 2006

The 13As were scheduled to play 11 matches, but two were cancelled due to ground closures. Of the nine games we played, we won seven, scoring 311 points with just 69 points scored against us. There were seven rookies in the squad of 21 and everyone learned an amazing amount under the skilful coaching of Mr. Hannon and Mr. Barris, our coaches. The top try-scorer for the season was George Denny-Smith, closely followed by Barry Chen.

The highlight of the season was the match against Newington. A huge crowd turned out to watch a defiant High side go down 7-13 in a very physical game. Special mention must go to Jonah Petrie who took the place of Denny-Smith when he split his eyebrow open. Petrie filled in the difficult

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### 13A Fifteen

**Back Row:** G.Denny-Smith, B.Chen, D.Trang, A.Blomberg, L.Gordon.

**Second Row:** G.Shargorodsky, D.Kim, S.Darcy, M.Wang, C.Morrow, J.Bastable, F.Li, J.Liang.

**Front Row:** J.Petrie, Y.Liu, S.Ali, M.Ambrose (Captain), J.Whiting, B.Kelly, A.Koerber.



### 13B Fifteen

**Back Row:** N.Nguyen, M.Tugnait, A.Feng, B.O'Rourke, R.Bi, D.Sreetharan, I.Zaman.

**Second Row:** J.Vu, R.Ma, S.Kumar, A.Kugendran, E.Qiu, J.Nguyen, M.Petrenas, D.Morgan.

**Front Row:** K.Gunaratne, H.Karunakaran, D.Cheung, T.Gollan, G.Deacon (Captain), R.Cohn, M.Phung, R.McDonald, J.Lee



### 13C Fifteen

**Back Row:** D.Gu, E.Ovadia, M.So, S.Kinger.

**Third Row:** Mr G.Stein (Coach), L.Li, D.Zhang, A.Gong, J.Chen.

**Second Row:** K.Tian, O.Fio, K.Lin, D.McCrea-Steele, S.Razeen, V.Anandaselvakumar, K.Phan, K.Zhou.

**Front Row:** A.Zhang, S.Siddiqui, L.Li, M.Lee (Captain), L.Lu, R.Gu, N.Kok.

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position of tighthead prop with skill and determination, putting his body on the line time and time again.

Thank you to Mr. Hannon for his dedicated coaching throughout the season, as well as videoing all of the matches. To Mr Barris for his dedicated coaching and his pep talks after a try had been scored against us. To Mr. Scrivener for helping us with fitness work on Thursdays. Thank you to all the Old Boys, parents and current students who came and supported us in our matches and thank you to the players for their dedication in transforming into a deadly team.

**Michael Ambrose, Captain**

### 13B REPORT 2006

It was a mixed group of people that were placed in the 13B's team at the start of the season. Some had played rugby before, but the majority hadn't.

An opening game against SCEGGS Redlands got our confidence up, with us winning 57-7. The Oxley match brought us back down to earth, but we survived a late comeback to seal the win. The traditional Armidale trip didn't disappoint, and it secured some player's loyalty to the sport. Another easy win in the pre season didn't help our preparations for the first GPS match against Scots where we turned up overconfident and under prepared; and we payed for it. We were defeated 45-12 by a smaller, but more organised side.

Our disappointment really showed, and a week of hard training put us into gear for the St Josephs and Kings matches. Both were won comfortably, with clean sheets in defence.

Some light hearted holiday training had us motivated to do well. Unfortunately, rain caused our match against Shore to be called off, where we were looking to avenge a thrashing last year.

A muddy St Ignatius field was the site of our most enjoyable game of rugby this season, and also our most successful. The first half was such a success that Stamati put our prop forwards on the wings, and the fullback as prop. It was a credit to the team that despite the positional changes, we still kept the opposition scoreless.

The final match of the season was a good one for the team. Down 7-0 to Newington at the break, we pulled it back to win 22-7. It summed up the spirit of the team that we were always willing to learn and prove ourselves to the opposition.

Thanks go to the many coaches who have helped out during the season. They are: Jason Phung, Ian Kwok, Nick Bull, Iliia who, Rocket, Suren, Mr Scrivener, Mr Stein, David McDonald and of course Stamati.

**Gareth Deacon, Captain.**

### 13C REPORT 2006

This year has been an excellent effort by all the boys considering most of us had never played rugby before. There were some outstanding Year 7 players. Leon Li had a fierce tackling technique. Leo Lu always took the ball up strongly. Eric Ovardia shows lots of potential. Nathan Kok and Kevin Tian have plenty of speed. Shanaz Razeen and

Vinodan Anadaselvakumar always put in 110%. All the Year 7 players will be better and stronger next year. The Year players added some experience to the team including Justin Chan at Fullback, David Zhang and Oliver Fio in the second row.

There was always a good feeling within the team despite the score. There was an occasion at St Pius, when the opposition winger made a break down the sideline and headed for the corner. Leon Li chased him down and made an inspirational try-saving tackle. The team ran up to him and patted him on the back and said "good tackle".

We had some great wins over Kings, Riverview and Newington. In the Kings game, two Year 8 boys had their first games, Yixin Liu and Lawrence Li. This game was our first win for the season with Leon Li scoring four tries. The most memorable moment was when Liu came off the bench and scored a try. He made another break, ran at the fullback, threw the biggest dummy and scored under the posts.

The Riverview game was a wet and muddy game. We did not start the game well and found ourselves 17-0 down. Lawrence Li scored a great solo try just before half time which gave us some hope. According to Mr Stein, we actually played some "quality rugby". The second half was a different story. Our forwards took the ball up strongly and supported each other. A quick ball from Razeen supplied the backs with plenty of room to move. We scored three more tries to earn a well deserved victory 20-17.

The Newington game was a real test as we had several players drop out during the week due to illness. Despite these set backs we took the game to Newington. Lawrence Li made a great try-saving tackle in the first half. Leon Li scored two tries and made a superb 'around the ankles tackle' to stop another Newington attack. Samir Kinger chased a long kick to gather the ball and score wide out. Our defence was solid throughout the game. We kept Newington from scoring and won the match 22-0.

I made the switch from soccer to rugby and I believe it's the best decision I have ever made. The speed and excitement of the game makes it very enjoyable to play.

I wish all the Year 7 players good luck for next season and hopefully you can teach the next Year 7 group a thing or two. I also wish the Year 8 players good luck next year and I look forward to playing rugby with you next year.

Wins	3	Tries Scored	25
Losses	4	Tries Conceded	26
No results	2	Highest Point Scorer	Leon Li
Players	26	Highest Try Scorer	Leon Li
Rookies	21	Best Forward	Leon Li
Points Scored	139	Best Back	Nathan Kok
Points Conceded	144	Most Improved	David Zhang
Our coaches:	Mr Stein, Mr Nichols		

Thank you to Mr Stein, Mr Hannon, Mr Nichols.

**Michael Lee, Captain**

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### First Grade Football

**Back Row:** A.Shuttleworth, B.Akinci, E.Curran, L.Street, F.Wong, N.Hannan, J.Luscombe.

**Front Row:** R.Xu, E.Chen, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), E.Blaxell (Captain), Mr R.Gifford (Coach), L.d'Avigdor, G.Gunaratne.

### MIC REPORT 2006

2006 was again another strong year for Sydney High Football, fielding 23 teams across the age groups. It was a year that saw the departure of long serving Football MIC, Mr Morris. Under Mr Morris's watchful eye, football at Sydney High has made significant advances, including the development of a coaching and testing programme designed to help improve the core, fundamental skills that all footballers must possess. He also worked hard to raise the status of football at High and was instrumental in the move to play first and second grade fixtures on the school's main oval, McKay One. On behalf of the Sydney High football family, we thank Mr Morris for his dedication to the code and wish him well in the future.

First grade had a mixed season, combining several excellent victories with a series of narrow loses and finished well down the table. In our two knock out competitions, we fared little better, falling at the first hurdle in both the Puma and Independent Schools Cups. Two players, Burak Akinci and Gehan Karunaratne were selected in the GPS representative teams.

Second grade was a mixture of boys from Years 10, 11 and 12. Under the tutelage of Nic Apofis, they developed into a well organised team with great promise for the future. Ultimately they will rue a series of missed opportunities in several games, as they finished just one win from the premiership.

Overall results across the age groups were consistent with previous years, with noticeable strength in the 14s and 15s. Congratulations to the 14Cs, winners of the Dolan cup, coached by old boy Nathan Raheja.

**Richard Gifford, MIC**

### 1ST GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

Another hugely disappointing year for High football, and the less said about it, the better.

With a late and disrupted pre-season campaign, we were always playing catch-up in an increasingly competitive GPS football competition. The season began in the worst possible fashion, with first round losses in the CHS knockout (Gynea, 0-2) and Independent Schools Cup (Shore, 1-4), as well as trial match defeats at Trinity and St Andrews.

While a 4-0 win over SCECGS Redlands and a 1-1 draw with Scots in our final trial game gave High some hope going into the GPS season, we were never able to compete with opposition schools who were fitter, stronger, better-drilled and better-organised across the field. Losses against Scots and St Josephs effectively ended any premiership hopes after just two games, and from there we improved little, finishing the season at the bottom of the ladder for the second year in a row.

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### Second Grade Football

**Back Row:** A.Leung, T.Lindeback, D.Campion, A.Taylor, C.Shao, T.Castleton, P.Locke, D.Blaxell.

**Front Row:** D.Chiu, G.Lo, D.Song, K.Kim, P.Malek, B.Sun, A.Lee.

Highlights for the team were the victory over Grammar in the penultimate round – High's first for two seasons – and the selection of Burak Akinci and Gehan Karunaratne to the GPS Third grade side. (Josh Weight was also selected but was unavailable.)

From here, it is important that High do not repeat the mistakes of the previous two seasons. The dedication seen from the players in 2006, despite being in a largely unsuccessful team, has reaffirmed my belief that High football can regain its traditional place alongside Riverview, Kings and Newington at the top of the GPS tables. In recent years the increased focus on football at our fellow GPS schools has seen them overtake High on the field, however this can be reversed through a targeted plan, setting targets and goals for development of skills and knowledge from junior ages right through to opens, and the implementation of a consistent coaching structure based around High's strengths.

Our football program in 2006 suffered from a severe lack of coaches at all levels, making progress very difficult. The number of boys from the 2006 side who have committed to assisting with the High football program in future years, and the results of the second grade team this year, are strong indications that the future of football at High can and should be a bright one.

***Eddy Blaxell, Captain.***

### 2ND GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

Second grade had a roller-coaster season this year. We weren't able to capitalise on our squad full of blooming talent and the return of High's footballing prodigy, Coach Apofis. Second grade had a squad size of almost 14 players for most of the seven games we played in the GPS competition this year with the majority of the team comprising of Year 10 students.

Second grade 2006 comprised of:

Goalkeeper: Chong Shao,

Defenders: Daniel Campion, Patrick Locke, Peter Malek, Kevin Kim (C), Alvin Leung

Midfielders: Alistair Taylor, Bill Sun, Tom Lindeback, Tom Castleton, D'Arcy Blaxell

Forwards: Daniel Song, Alex Lee, Daniel Chiu, George Lo

Our journey started like this. In our GPS opener against Scots, we came back from a 1-0 deficit to record a 2-1 victory at Double Bay - our first victory in many seasons. The tremendous come-back indicated the enormous potential our young team had and could show in games to come.

Against the unheralded St Josephs side we slumped, and slumped further after the dismissal of Blaxell our star left winger. After a physical and hard-fought 1-1 draw with St Josephs, we hit the trough of our season with a loss to Kings.

But the holiday training sessions and the training match against Scots which we came out victors 3-0 built

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### Third Grade Football

**Back Row:** R.Karunaratne, B.Wai, R.Pearson, M.Masalehdani, H.Walker, M.Lunney.

**Front Row:** V.Issaev, B.Prentice-Davidson, E.Hibbert, Mr E.Pearson (Coach), N.Tran, T.Zhong, R.George.

our confidence and led us to the great win against Shore. The downpour of rain throughout the week stopped us from playing at McKay but we managed a spirited performance which stationed us firmly in the top half of the ladder.

The next game was against the tough Saint Ignatius outfit who really tested our defence, but giving away a weak goal in the last minutes of the second half, a ball that rolled along the grass and into the net, just sunk our hearts. The 1-0 result proved how close the game was and by this stage we knew that the premiership race was lost. It was also evident by this time that every time our beloved coach chanted in the pep-talk "we need to get three points out of this game"... we ended up with none at all.

The urge to end the season on a positive note was topped off with a 3-0 win against Grammar with Blaxell (two) and Locke the scorers; and finally a gruelling battle against the premiership hopefuls - Newington. The game ended at a dead-lock 0-0 with Newington becoming joint Premiers with Kings and Ignatius, but the game showed the optimism and team spirit that permeated this year's Second grade side.

It was great to see our team being established as the iron defence of the Second Grade Premiership but at the opposite end, we lacked composure and failed to finish off easy opportunities.

That was our journey and that's how we came fourth on the ladder; second in terms of the points accumulated.

Our thanks are extended to our passionate coach Nic Apofis who returned to fill in the void left by Mr. Morris, Mr. Gifford who has continued the high standard of football at High and finally to all our supporters, friends, families and students.

***Kevin Kim, Captain***

### THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

Coach Mr E. Pearson

Captain Edward Hibbert

A very enjoyable season this year was marred only by missing two games due to wet weather, yet the team did very well to win two, lose two and draw one with all the interruptions to games and training due to the weather.

The pre-season started well with a convincing win against an under prepared St. Andrews team. The GPS season kicked off with the game against Scots which saw another solid effort, resulting in a 2-0 victory. The next game saw the first draw of the season, as it finished nil all against St Josephs – a disappointing result as we dominated the game with crisp passing but failed to capitalise on our opportunities. Our next game, after the long weekend, saw a win against Kings, a

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### Fourth Grade Football

**Back Row:** J.Lai, C.Sui, A.Ashokkumar, A.Park, G.Singh.

**Front Row:** D.Isaaks, S.Hussain, Mr E.Pearson (Coach), Y.Shaw, Z.Li.



### Fifth Grade Football

**Back Row:** E.Deng, J.Chiu, A.Surendran, D.Hu, M.Wong, D.Kumagaya.

**Front Row:** J.Leung, J.Xie, R.Yang, O.Faruqi, D.Wong.

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### Sixth Grade Football

**Back Row:** E.Luu, S.Chen, D.Hu.

**Front Row:** J.Leung, L.Wong, E.Deng, T.Xia, G.So.



### 16A Football

**Back Row:** L.Burger, M.Myronenko, D.Simpson, M.Serban, I.Cerecina.

**Front Row:** M.Bock, C.Cheung, S.Sugito (Captain), D.Vithanage, S.Ting.

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### 16B Football

**Back Row:** P.Nguyen, M.Desai, K.Mickovski, B.Lee.

**Front Row:** P.Phuah, M.Lee, N.Lieu.



### 16D Football

**Back Row:** A.Thomas, R.Ratnayake, B.Lung, S.Lee, W.Nguyen.

**Front Row:** T.Cai, H.Bhrugubanda, J.Diolaso.

promising result before a rained off game against Shore.

After this (unwanted) break, we came up against a very quick Riverview team, who slotted two goals, with High only managing one back. Our first loss of the season saw us fire up for the next game against Grammar, only to see our game rained off again. The last game of the season saw a spirited fight against a very good Newington, only to go down 3-1 in the end. A disappointing game where we did not play our best football certainly wasn't helped by some very controversial refereeing. In the end, a very entertaining game was had, with promising results for the players going on to higher grades next year.

Player of the season would have to be Bernard Wai our goalkeeper, new this year to the school. He slotted in perfectly at keeper, throwing himself around even in training, and helped maintain our three clean sheets. With only one player backing up from thirds last year, it was very pleasing to see the younger players stepping up, and even some of the more experienced players competing in this higher grade.

A big thank you must go to all the parents who turned up to support us each game, as well as to Mr Pearson, whose dedication to coaching football has been an example to all. Having played with him for two years, it has been a great pleasure to captain a team under him.

*Edward Hibbert*

### 16D FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

It was an eventful season for the 16Ds. We revelled in our few weeks of glory, masquerading as the 16Es, dominating non GPS schools and topping the Dolan Cup. We reflected over our 'loss' to the 15Ds, blaming the score on everything from our lack of training and our unwilling goalie. We watched our potential victories rained out week after week. And we regained our spirit after our sixth straight win against the 16Cs in training. Our games have always been enjoyable, we have always had a mediocre turn out, and we

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### 15A Football

**Back Row:** A.Tsiallis, M.Mikha, D.Lo, S.Shimada, N.Dimitropoulos, J.Chen, P.Kurts, S.Burnham. **Front Row:** J.Chan, H.Lane, C.Chen, J.Ireland, N.Street, K.Nguyen, A.Brown.



### 15B Football

**Back Row:** K.Lim, P.Kurts, N.Wang, B.Yang, V.Lim, R.Ahmed. **Front Row:** S.Hoang, H.Neo, M.Lucchitti, A.Sharma, B.Apolonio, S.Chin, N.Lindeback.

have been glad to play every game that we could have to the best of our abilities.

I would like to thank all of the 16Ds players for making an effort. Thank you also to the people who made tremendous efforts to organise and improve our overall performance. We appreciate our coach Jason Vongratsavai and his commitment to improve our game. He volunteered to attend all of our matches, and he coordinated our strikes and managed our substitutions.

The saying goes, 'you are only as good as your last match'. We were good. Really good. Unfortunately, our best performance did not yield our best results and after a lot of questionable calls, and a penalty, we suffered a punishing 3-0 loss to Newington.

I appreciatively applaud, once again, everyone involved in the 16Ds, I'm sure you feel very proud that you have been with such a unique team.

***Hari Bhrugubanda***

### 15B FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

The 15Bs had a strong pre-season, defeating both SGEFFS Redlands and St Andrews. We were pumped going into the GPS season, ready to show Scots what we were made. Unfortunately something was missing and we were down 4-0 with ten minutes to go, before we found salvation in a goal by striker Neo.

This seemed to be the pattern for the rest of the season, going so far as to lose 6-0 to Kings. Although down 6-0, we didn't given up. I quote our keeper/co-captain Desmond by saying, "well boys, all we can do is laugh". From then on our heads were up and midfielder Lucchitti had a few close opportunities on goal and we were unlucky to score.

Although we lost every game of the season we managed to keep a positive attitude, training hard every Tuesday and Wednesday and going into the games giving it all we had.

Going into our last game against a strong Newington side we were still positive, keen on showing them what we could do. We were down 2-0 by the end of the first half but going into the second half we kept positive, thanks to some great talk by Desmond, Lindeback and Chan (who was kind

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enough to help out even after his 15As game had finished). We played a great second half with goals from Jurisevic, and Lucchitti, but even though we scored two goals they managed to score one, leaving us with a 3-2 loss. Ending the game on a positive note and winning the second half 2-1 we were pumped and felt that spirit that had been present in the trial games, but unfortunately seemed to be missing all season.

Thanks to Andrew Benny and Matt Fsadni for coaching us during the season and were looking forward to another positive season next year. Well done boys.

***By Nick Lindeback, contributions by Pat Desmond***

### TEAM

Captains Nick Lindeback, Pat Desmond, Phil Kurts  
 Goalkeeper Pat Desmond  
 Defenders Nick Wong, Brian Lau, Victor Lim, Anton Jurisevic, Bryant Apolonio,

Midfielders Nick Lindeback, Phil Kurts, Kang Lim, Avish Sharma, Mark Lucchitti, Stanley Chin, Razeen Ahmed, Bohan Yang,  
 Forwards Hung Hau Neo, Simon Hoang

### 14A FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

Season 2006 began the best way it could. High's matches against Trinity were not up to scratch, with a few high scoring matches going against us, but this didn't stop the 14As. A most disappointing draw against SCEGGS and a just as disappointing loss to St Andrews summed up our pre-season games.

Our first GPS game against Scots was one of the most entertaining yet disappointing games ever played by our 14As team. The whole game was a game of domination by High, grabbing at least seven corners and over ten bursts on goal, but it all ended with a fluke goal by Scots, which lobbed our keeper and into the goals. We all felt like crying.



### 15C Football

**Back Row:** A.Ang, A.Li, W.Pan, P.Roessler-Holgate, A.Xie, C.Katsikaros.  
**Front Row:** B.Diep, D.Nguyen, J.Tan (Captain), M.Tong, T.Lim.



### 15D Football

**Back Row:** B.Appolonio, N.Spolyaric, P.Horton, V.Ung, L.Teng, X.Quah.  
**Front Row:** M.Dinh, D.Wu, G.Zhang, T.Zhong, V.Khou, T.Siu, L.Tran.



### 14A Football

**Back Row:** A.Liu, K.Taylor, J.Sutton, D.Chen, E.Hui.  
**Front Row:** B.Cabanilla, N.Adel, J.Braverman, A.Paul (Captain), P.Simos, T.Molloy, J.Rajendran



### 14B Football

**Back Row:** M.Carr, W.Santucci, N.Slinko, J.Sutton, M.Fong, A.Chiem.  
**Front Row:** R.Kamal, P.Radhakrishnan, B.Li, S.Kim, S.Nguyen.

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### 14C Football

**Back Row:** B.Cheung, J.Ding, N.Wang, V.Vo, M.Phung.

**Front Row:** M.Tran, J.Ubaldi, B.Wang, D.Ma, W.Lee, T.Salviera, K.Perera

St Josephs next and High played a half-field match, winning 5-0. Raj opening the scoring, followed by 2 goals to Hui, a left-footer by Taylor, and a last minute goal by Hui to seal his hat-trick. Then followed Kings, who beat High last year (5-1). High turned the tables, 2-1 thanks to goals by Jeremy Rajendram and Andy Liu, the latter scoring the most stunning goal which left the Kings keeper wondering what was going on. Disappointment followed the Kings game. Without Antony Paul who broke his leg, we lost to St Ignatius. Liu scored our only goal.

Rain washed out our matches against Shore and Grammar, which was total disappointment since we were ready to play hard against those Grammar kids. The GPS season ended in a most disappointing fashion with a 4-0 loss to Newington. We were unlucky to lose not only Antony Paul, but striker Hui as well with a dislocation to the knee. At the same time, Tim Molloy was off in New Zealand having a holiday.

The season was a 50-50 one for High, best and worst moments being the win over Trinity and the wash-outs against Shore and Grammar.

***Enoch Hui***

### 13A FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

The 13As soccer team has come a long way since the beginning of the season and has successfully assembled a team of Year 7's best soccer players. The initial selections were slightly altered and the final team had only had two games together due to these changes and a shortened season due to the wet weather.

All results were fairly close with our best match played on the last Saturday against Newington. Some of the young talents in the team include Gabrielle Garayalde who is an asset to the team in his skill and speed, and Ryan Caetano who has set up many of the goals scored. The entire team played well offensively and defensively, with great improvement also from

William Stefanidis and William Shao who have assisted in the team's offensive play.

The team is very grateful to Frank Caetano who gave up his time to coach us on Thursdays. Hopes are that this team shall continue to grow in spirit and success, and stay together for seasons to come.

***William Stefanidis***

### 13B FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

Coach(es) Mr Panis, Mr Gifford

Captain Krishan Sivayogaran

The 13Bs have had a 'warm' start to the GPS soccer competition. Although we only managed limited success we all have improved tremendously throughout the year. The midfielders have become much more aware and have developed some 'professional' passing techniques whilst the defenders have been making sure that our goal keeper had to do the least amount of work as possible. Goals were scored by most of the team against St Josephs where we managed to pick up a 6-0 win.

Throughout the soccer season great skills and tactics in the defence have been showed by Tran, the midfielders whom all improved greatly throughout the year K. Sivayogaran, D.Chan, G. Panas and our strikers I. Bonch-Osmolovskiy

The 13Bs would like to thank our two coaches, Mr Gifford and Mr Panas and our goal keeper Danzinger who goalkeeps for all 13s soccer matches.

### 13C FOOTBALL REPORT 2006

The team comprised of Year 7 students who were all new to the school, but prepared to do their best for High.

The team trained during school sport and after school and never were we short of players for the games. The strength of the team was the team effort that was the main thrust of our game. Michael Robertson was the leading goal scorer followed closely by Samuel Beston. The other regular forward was Ashwin Rudder. The midfield was made up by Daniel Park, Botong Cheng, Kevin Qian, Michael Wong, Iftiar Khan and in the backs were Aaron Chin, Tristan Wu and Leon Sheldon with Shimon Danziger who was the team's goal keeper. The games that we lost, the scores were pretty close and we won about half of our games.

***Michael Robertson, Captain***

## Football



### 14D Football

**Back Row:** D.Tran, J.Chen, M.Li, D.Yan, V.Goh.  
**Front Row:** L.Liu, C.Tin-Loi, J.Castillo, C.Wong, H.Vi.



### 13B Football

**Back Row:** P.Castillo, M.Deng, Y.Chen, C.Morrison, I.Eveleigh,  
 I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy, M.Reid.  
**Front Row:** D.Chen, H.Tran, K.Sivayogarayan, A.Shen, G.Panas.



### 14E Football

**Back Row:** A.Low, H.Lu, A.Saunders, L.Wang, J.Han, J.Pham.  
**Front Row:** J.He, A.Chawla, A.Banh, O.Wu, B.Ly



### 13C Football

**Back Row:** K.Qian, B.Chen, I.Khan, A.Chen, T.Xu, D.Park, A.Rudder.  
**Front Row:** S.Danziger, S.Beston, L.Sheldon, M.Robertson, O.Sabau,  
 M.Wong, C.Do.



### 13A Football

**Back Row:** W.Shao, M.Kobras, L.Vlatko, N.Autar, N.Bhagwat, G.Garayalde.  
**Front Row:** A.Huynh, W.Stefanidis, R.Caetano, A.Ye, D.Chandra.



### 13D Football

**Back Row:** M.Phung, V.Vo, N.Wang, J.Ding, J.Chen.  
**Front Row:** H.Lu, K.Shao, V.Zheng, V.Sethi, M.Wei, A.Wu, A.Jain.

## Cross Country

### FIRST GRADE CROSS COUNTRY

This GPS season, High was very competitive in Cross Country, placing in the top seven GPS schools in many of the carnivals and ranking ahead of Scots in the overall tally.

Ali Amin gained our best results, consistently coming in the top 25 at the GPS/CAS carnivals with a best result of 18th, and having the best overall contribution to our GPS point score. Andrew Reis was unfortunately injured for most of the season, but still came out to support the boys; whilst Justin James also had injuries early on which prevented him competing.

However High shone the most in the CHS competition, dominating the District carnival and placing strongly in the Regional carnival. This resulted in High having an amazing seven runners at State, including a 17 years team who won a bronze medal.

The coaches should be commended on providing invaluable support at all the carnivals throughout the season.



**Highest Participation:** Adam Farrow-Palmer (8 carnivals)

**Best Performer at GPS Championships:** Attila Szabo.

**Most Improved:** Mitch Kelly

**Coaches/Trainers:** Mr Prorellis, Mr Bigelow, Mr Ryan, Mr Kesting, Edward Ovidia.

**Captain:** Justin James

**Vice Captain:** Andrew Reis

**Team Members:** Ali Amin, Attila Szabo, Adam Farrow-Palmer, Eugene Stadnik, Mitch Kelly, Hiroshi Fukushima, Senthil Thilainadesan, Michael Masalehdani, Julian Murray, Roshan Karunaratne

***Justin James, Captain***

### Competed at Regional

Ty Linegar (1st)  
Ali Amin (4th)  
Justin James (6th)  
Tom Castleton  
Michael Maselahdani  
Hiroshi Fukushima  
Roshan Karunaratne  
Eugene Stadnik  
Harrison Lane

### Competed at NSWCHS

Justin James (3rd)  
Ali Amin  
Tom Castleton  
Michael Masehlahdani  
Roshan Karunaratne  
Ty Linegar  
Harrison Lane  
(17 years team placing 3rd)

### Boy who Competed at National Championships

Justin James (16th)

### Final Total Opens Results:

Score	School
230	Newington
249	Kings
342	St. Ignatius
465	St. Josephs
676	Shore
	Grammar
1288	High
1311	Scots

### NSW ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

A very wet and cold day saw the best runners in the state fight it out at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. In less than ideal conditions, one can only imagine how wet and slippery the conditions were with many people in all races dropping out due to injury sustained during the race. Competitors were literally covered in mud at the end of their races - a true testament to finishing off what they started.

The day had its ups and downs, but special mention must go to our Cross Country Captain, Justin James, who finished with a superb seventh place overall. He started the race in a rather slow manner and built up fantastically, overtaking many competitors over the first mile or so. He then remained in cruise control for the remainder of the race. To his credit,

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he was selected as the first reserve for NSW to compete at the National Cross Country Championships in Hobart.

The much talked about U17s school team lived up to expectations finishing third in the state, with all competitors receiving bronze medals for their efforts. Ali Amin led the team out even though he was tripped over at the very start of the race and slipped another three times during the race! Roshan Karunaratne, Tom Castleton and Michael Masalehdani had solid runs to bring us home with the bronze.

Our only junior representative, Harrison Lane competed valiantly even though he had a broken arm. It was fair to say it wasn't his day, as mud fell into his cast at the beginning of the race, which really put him off.

All in all, we had a good day at Eastern Creek. With continued training in the junior years, we will be more competitive at state level.

***Ali Amin***

No.	Age	Name	No.	Age	Name
1	12	Pasan Pannila	1	16	Ty Linegar
2	12	Michael Phung	2	16	Mitchell Kelly
3	12	Kumudika Gunaratne	3	16	Luois Yang
1	13	Vlad Boulavine	4	16	Daniel Campion
2	13	Luke Vlatko	5	16	Daniel O'Keefe
3	13	Ian Liu	6	16	Alistair Taylor
4	13	Daniel Luo	7	16	Gary Cheung
5	13	Richard Lin	8	16	Oleg Koudashev
6	13	Brian Kelly	9	16	David Vien
7	13	Chris Morrow	10	16	Ivan Cerecino
8	13	Ryan Caetano	1	17	Roshan Karunaratne
9	13	Brandon Cabanilla	2	17	Eugene Stadnik
10	13	Benjamin Ly	3	17	Michael Maselhdani
1	14	Jeremy Ireland	4	17	Yuk-Lun Yeung
2	14	Harrison Lane	5	17	Andrew Reis
3	14	Alasdair Brown	6	17	Gajaba Manamperi
4	14	Nicholas Dimitropoulos	7	17	Joel Kamerman
5	14	Gregory Shargorodsky	8	17	Andrew Pham
6	14	Josh Tassell	9	17	Reuben George
7	14	Jim Nguyen	10	17	Riet Rotherham
8	14	Stephen Yoon			
9	14	Timothy Siu	1	18	James Barker
10	14	Andrew Blomberg	2	18	Sam Gribble
1	15	Edwin Montoya	3	18	Attila Szabo
2	15	Matthew Ling	4	18	Eddy Blaxell
3	15	Nelson Ridges	5	18	Francis Wong
4	15	Lucian Tan	6	18	Chong Shao
5	15	Roy Chen	7	18	Dale Sun
6	15	Mario Sun	8	18	Senthil Thillaindesan
7	15	Joel Livingston	9	18	Paul Pang
8	15	Jarrold Chan	10	18	Kiroshi Fukoshima
9	15	Lewis Berger	11	18	Adam Farrow Palmer
10	15	Anthony Tsialis	12	18	Julian Murray

# Rifle Shooting

## 2ND GRADE RIFLE SHOOTING

The 2nd Grade Team of 2006 comprised of (in shooting order): Joe Banh, Anthony Ho, Barb Moritz (NEGS), Matthew Tong, Daniel Comben (2003), Denis Stojanovic, Phil Wu and Tim Mazid. Because of some issues regarding licences, High only had 14 licensed fullbore shooters that resulted in 2nd Grade having only six official shooters. Thanks must go to Barb Moritz from NEGS and Daniel Comben from the Class of 2003 for making up the numbers.

Rifle shooting started in Term 1 and saw the squad train on Saturdays at Malabar. This was continued in Term 2 with Wednesday sessions cut due to a lack of supervision. A few boys also went up to Wingham for a prize shoot during this time where the bus broke down on the way back and a long arduous journey was had by all involved. A training camp was held between 10-14 July which saw shooters train hard for selection into teams. On 17 July, a final training day at Hornsby Rifle Range determined the teams and on 19 July, the Sydney High 2nd Grade Team competed in the 2nd Grade competition.

Despite having only six official shooters, the team performed very well overall. The 2nd grade competition is comprised of the 500yd and 300m ranges, both with two sighting shots and seven counting shots giving a total of 70 and 14 bulls over the two ranges. Coaching duties were given to Daniel Comben and Joe Banh this year for both ranges. This year, only four teams contested in the 2nd Grade Competition; High, Grammar, Shore and Kings.

Our team shot very well in sunny, non-windy conditions at the 500yd range and managed to beat Kings to come 3rd unofficially. Ho shot a 32.3/35.7 to edge out Mazid and Wu whom both scored 32.1/35.7. Moritz and Comben also shot well with a 33.1 and 33.3 respectively. In total, High scored 185.7/280 (officially) and 251.11 (unofficially) to come 4th officially behind Shore, Grammar and Kings.

In the 300m range, High did not shoot as well in the first range but some notable scores were still achieved. Wind was minimal but the conditions were quite poor with rain coming on and off. Wu shot well with a 33.3/35.7 and ended with a 65.4/70.14. Ho continued his good form with a 32.2 giving a total of 64.5/70.14. Shore won this range and the competition with Grammar and Kings coming 2nd and 3rd respectively with High coming 4th. Regrettably, not all scores for 300m were recorded internally and at the time of writing, results are not available.

Thanks must go to the Rifle Shooting Committee, all parents who helped out during the season, coaches Justin Hill, Daniel Comben, Kevin Chan and Andrew Jacques, MIC Mr Mason who drove the bus to Wingham, Mr Blinkhorne who drove the bus to Hornsby and back during the GPS competition, Nathan Scudder and all TAS/NEGS personnel that helped Sydney High during the training camp and at the GPS competition.

Thanks must also go to supporters who came along to the competition including Tom Vogelgesang. Without the assistance of all these people, High would not have been able to field teams in this year's competition.



### Shooting Club

**Back Row:** S.Zhang, P.Chen, I.Nadkarni, A.Shapilsky, C.Lam. **Second Row:** P.Wu, T.Mazid, A.Ho, B.Tseng, D.Stojanovic, J.Banh.  
**Front Row:** R.Woo, H.Schilling, T.Shu, C.Budd (Captain), M.Tong, J.Aclis, B.Leo.

## Skiing

### SKI TEAM 2006

Every year Sydney Boys High sends a team down to the Interschools Snowsports Championships to compete against the best skiers and schools in the Sydney region. This year's ski trip had its highs and lows, but much High spirit.

The trip began on an early Monday morning, the first day of the second week of the holidays. The ski team and our wonderful skiing master, Mr. Kesting, and friendly bus driver, Mr. Tiedgen, assembled at the school gym at 7:30 am. Although it was early, the team was already excited with high expectations. The trip to the snow is quite long, and including two food stops, we arrived at our lodge in Jindabyne at 3 p.m. After the tiring bus trip, we settled down for a relaxing dinner and calm night.

An early morning wake up call (6 am) was given by the seniors to the rest of the members of the team. The first day skiing was a great day for all with snow falling and creating a beautiful setting for the SBHS ski trip. The snow continued for another day.

Most schools head down to the Interschools just for the races. High however is different. Whereas the members of other school teams go down individually, Sydney High goes as a team, not only to compete and win, but also to have fun. Above all we go with the High spirit, as shown by our results:

The Division 3 team recorded strong results in Skiercross with James Whiting recording a rank of 25th and Michael Ambrose achieving the rank of 33rd in the Sydney division. Strong results were also posted by Ari Gabo (ranked 39th) and Oliver Sabau (ranked 44th). Equally strong results were achieved in the Alpine event.

The Division 2 team, made up of Matthew Ling, Harry Reid, and Oliver Sabau, skied valiantly and achieved competent results in the Alpine event. Unfortunately Roy Chen was unable to compete due to a concussion he received in a skiing accident the day before.

The senior teams entered the Alpine competition with great expectations and delivered sensationally with excellent results from Ty Linegar and Harry Walker, however we were unable to progress through to the State finals. All members of the senior teams raced exceptionally well and ranked well in competition. The Division 1 Moguls team entered the competition with low expectations due to the stiff competition that we were up against. However, with outstanding results by Ty Linegar, who came 8th, and James Tiedgen, who came 16th and with myself finishing 23rd we were able to qualify for entrance to the State titles.

Due to the fact that snow was an endangered resource during our trip to Perisher Blue, we automatically qualified for State titles in Skiercross. State titles will be held in week 6 this term.

The trip ended with an inspiring speech from Mr Kesting, emphasizing High spirit and High boys' amazing ability to overcome adversity. This however was Mr Kesting's last ski trip after 10 years as MIC Skiing and he will be sorely missed. Thank you for your great guidance. Mr Tiedgen was also a great help and friendly face, thank you for your help and for driving the bus and finally, thank you to all the boys and parents who came and enjoyed this immensely wonderful trip.

*Joshua Freiman*



**Back Row:** T.Linegar, N.Balashov, A.Farrow-Palmer. **Second Row:** Mr C.Kesting (MIC), R.Rotherham, H.Walker, J.Freiman, A.Klocker, O.Sabau. **Front Row:** A.Koerber, J.Whiting, R.Chen, B.Prentice-Davidson, M.Ling, M.Ambrose, V.Issaev.

## Fencing



### First Grade Fencing

J.Chan, A.Klocker, P.Duffy, Y.Lin.

In 2006 fencing at High was restricted to 23 senior fencers and 20 junior fencers to allow for safe coaching sessions. Additionally, Ms May kindly agreed to become our Master-in-Charge and our most ardent supporter.

This season High fencers competed in the Senior and U15 Schools State Team Championships, the Senior and U15 Schools State Individual Championships, the NSW Schools Fencing League, the U17 and U15 State Championships, NSW Novice events and the Cadet National Championships.

Amadeus Klocker, Yu Lin, Jeffrey Chan, Patrick Duffy, Khalil Amilbangsa, Avi Knoll and Boris Zolotarev were members of the UTS Fencing Club and regularly trained there. High was very fortunate to have Alwyn Wardle as our seniors coach and Tuko Maia for the juniors. Chris Markey was our relief coach.

The school's fencing season started in May with the U15 Schools State Individual Championships at Newington, the host of all school fencing events. Congratulations to Julian Byrnes who finished sixth, Michael Sin 16th and Addison Clune 27th.

This was followed by the Schools State Team Championships with disappointing results from the First and Second Grade teams. Only the U15A team qualified for the finals, finishing sixth.

Byrnes, the only High representative in the U15 State Championships finished in fifth place - the highest individual ranking by any High fencer this season.

The highlight of this season was the invitational AJ Rae Shield where the First Grade team - Klocker (Captain), Chan, Lin and Duffy won the Bronze Medal - the only 2006 team medal. We quickly and convincingly defeated Barker-A and

then we eliminated Grammar-A in a tight match that went into overtime. This was a most satisfying and morale building victory after our crushing defeat by them in the Schools State Championships three weeks earlier. After losing to Hills Grammar in the semi finals, we convincingly defeated Newington-A in the playoff for third place. The Bronze Medal was ours.

The following day Duffy, Lin and Klocker competed in the U17 State Championships, finishing on equal scores, but with different hits taken / hits given ratios, resulting in Duffy placing 11th, Lin 12th and Klocker 14th.

First Grade team and some Second Grade fencers were training hard at UTS and we confidently looked forward to our next matches. In June Klocker sustained an ankle injury and withdrew from the National Cadet Championships leaving only two High fencers to compete - Lin who finished 55th and Duffy who came in 75th.

In July High was well represented in the U17 Schools State Individual Championships with some solid results. Duffy placed seventh, Chan eighth, Lin 16th, Klocker 18th, Zolotarev 30th and Kevin Lee 37th.

The last and the biggest event on the fencing calendar was the NSW Schools Fencing League - four weeks of preliminary rounds followed by direct elimination finals. High was represented by seven teams.

There were great expectations for the First Grade team to win a medal in the Schools League, however it proved a very challenging competition for the injury riddled team. Chan withdrew due to a shoulder injury, leaving us without a reserve. Klocker was unable to get back into form for the entire season and, and he also damaged his other ankle



### Second Grade Fencing

K.Lee, B.Zolotarev, K.Amilbangsa, A.Lai.

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in training, just before the finals, leaving Chan, despite his shoulder injury, fencing in his place. To earn a place in the top three in Division-A at least three uninjured fencers are needed, something which we just did not have, and we finished in fifth place. Congratulations to Lin for his strong individual performance which was rewarded with a highly deserved individual Bronze Medal.

High's Second Grade team, consisting of Khalil Amilbangsa, Boriz Zolotarev, Kevin Lee and Alexandro Lai, was eliminated in the preliminary rounds, finishing in 14th place.

In Division-B, High was represented by four teams, with two securing a place in the finals. SBHS-E, consisting of Byrnes, Clune, David Tran and Sin, finished in fourth place and their strong individual performances resulted in a Silver Medal for Byrnes and a Bronze for Clune.

The second team to make it through to the Finals was SBHS-D, with Samuel Sathiakumar, Shek-Him Yuen, Patrick Tang and Zenghui Lu finishing in eighth place, with Sathiakumar qualifying for an individual Bronze Medal.

SBHS-F was eliminated in the preliminary round, finishing in 13th place with Caillin McKay qualifying for an individual Bronze Medal. SBHS-G was eliminated in the preliminary round, finishing 18th.

This year High's Minis team consisting of Ian Ho, Albert Nguyen, Pasan Pannila and Anthony Xu also made it through to the Finals. These young fencers displayed great emerging fencing skills and even greater enthusiasm, to finish in ninth place.

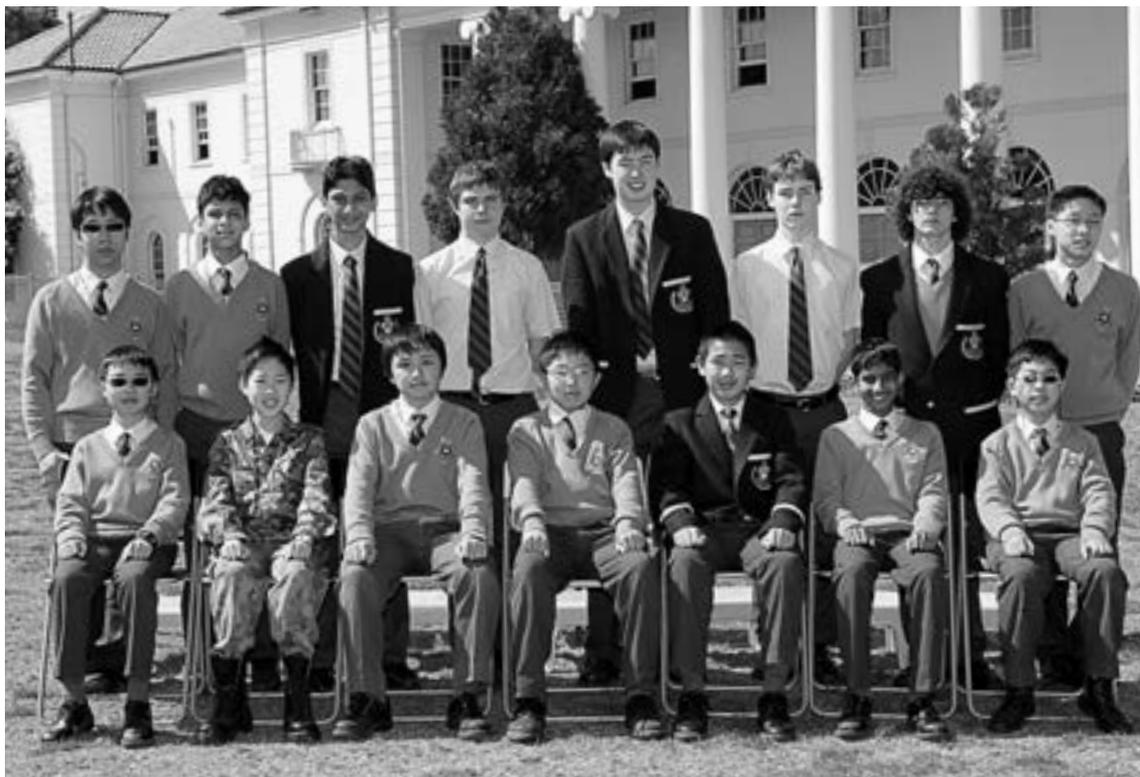
Seniors: Lin proved to be the most improved and most valuable First Grade fencer in 2006. Lin displayed outstanding team spirit and dedication to fencing, with excellent effort under pressure. He was the only First Grade fencer who won an individual Bronze Medal in the NSW Schools Fencing League, in addition to the team Bronze Medal in the AJ Rae Shield.

U15: Congratulations to Byrnes, High's most improved junior fencer. Byrnes won an individual Silver Medal in the Schools League, achieved fifth place in the State Championships and sixth in the Schools State Championships.

Thank you to our MIC, Ms May, for her positive attitude, good nature and dedication to fencing; to our coaches, Alwyn Wardle and Tuko Maia, for their highly successful training sessions, and to the UTS Fencing Club for accepting some of us as members.

Overall it was a good year for High fencing with some respectable results; however more team medals would have been very welcome.

***Amadeus Klocker***



### Junior Fencing

**Back Row:** D.Tran, N.Paul, A.Ghose, J.Byrnes, A.Clune, C.McKay, M.Phillis, H.Zhuang.

**Front Row:** A.Xu, B.Jian, I.Ho, D.Li, A.Wu, Pannila, A.Nguyen.

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### First Grade Volleyball

**Back Row:** W.Lu, T.Ly, W.Trac, O.Konakoff, P.Du, A.Le.

**Front Row:** D.Dizon, Dr P.Ganderton (Coach), S.Lee, Dr K.A.Jaggar (Principal), J.Tao, Mr M.Kay (MIC Volleyball), V.Nguyen

### 1ST GRADE VOLLEYBALL

2006 saw Sydney High 1st Grade Volleyball hold onto two premierships, winning both the GPS and the CHS titles, continuing its stranglehold on the NSW volleyball scene. In general, the whole Sydney High volleyball program has been a huge success with the junior sides showing a lot of potential. The success of Sydney High volleyball has been largely due to the work of Super Coach Mr. Kay and others alongside him such as Dr. Ganderton, Ms. Trompettor, Ms. Howland and High Old Boys Jun Yang Sim and Yaegan Doran.

The High Junior teams, ie. the U13s, U14s and U15s made good progress throughout the year. Through various tournaments, they were able to gain much experience. This experience showed in the Sydney High Invitational Volleyball Tournament which saw High finish in medal winning positions.

Alongside the junior teams, the senior teams also showed that they were a force to be reckoned with. The 2nd Grade team showed that High volleyball was not an easy beat. Despite the inexperience, the 2nd Grade side was able to finish in a respectable position in the GPS competition.

The First Grade team of 2006 consisted of Alex Le and Jamie Tao as setter/universal, Victor Nguyen and Oli Konikoff

as setter/outside hitter, Terry Ly as outside hitter, Warren Trac and Ping Du as centre blockers, Wei Ping Lu as centre blocker/outside hitter, David Dizon as outside hitter and Sam Lee as Captain playing outside hitter/centre blocker. This team saw High continue its winning tradition, taking home the GPS and CHS titles in 2006, making us State Champions – a noble achievement.

In the CHS competition, the High boys were ready to go out and fight hard, knowing that the previous year had won the CHS title. With this in mind, the team did not want to let anyone down. High progressed through the first three rounds of the knockout, and so it was off to Olympic Park where the final 16 teams in NSW met for a playoff run to the finals.

The finals saw High play opponents such as West Wyalong, James Meane High and in eventuality Great Lakes College in the grand final. The first set of the grand final against Great Lakes started and we were ready. With a few old boys and Dr. Jaggar amongst the massive crowd present, the team got off to a solid start and was able to take the first set 25-19. The GL team was not ready to give up the fight easy however, and rallied back to tie the second set at 15-15. With exceptional hitting from Konikoff and Ly, the

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High team managed to pull away. The third set saw further determination and concentration from the High team. After a gruelling battle, the High boys came out victorious, being crowned CHS champions 2006!

In the GPS competition, we played the same way we had all year, which saw us winning the CHS title. Playing against lesser opponents such as Scots, Newington, Riverview and Grammar, the High team played consistently and without complacency. The GPS competition was a somewhat lesser competition than the CHS. Sydney High's main enemy in it's pursuit of the premiership was Grammar.

The Grammar boys knew that beating us was no easy feat. Likewise, we knew that beating Grammar was no easy feat either. In the lead up games to Grammar, we were told to not get complacent and to just play our games. The final match against Grammar was the decider as to who won the premiership. The Grammar team who played was a different one we had played the first time round and came out fired up. Through carefully thought-out tactics, we were able to silence the Grammar crowd and team, and take home a comfortable victory. Through Mr. Kay's thoroughly thought out game plans, we were able to execute various plays and runs which saw us dominate the competition and take home the GPS premiership.

It must be mentioned that the Sydney High 1st grade volleyball team have remained undefeated throughout the course of 2006 and only dropped one set out of the numerous sets played. This humble feat has only been made possible due to all the staff and coaches involved, as well as the numerous training sessions and hours of dedication put in by the players.

All in all, a big, big thank you goes to Mr. Kay from all the boys involved for all the hours of training and hard work he has put into the Sydney High Volleyball program. High volleyball would be nowhere near where it is now without

him. A big pat on the back goes to all those involved in Sydney High Volleyball, especially to the 1st Grade side for a job well done in 2006!

**Sam Lee, 1st Grade Volleyball Captain 2006**

### SECOND GRADE VOLLEYBALL 2006

Team Members: Jordan Luong; Henry Dang; Stephen Dong; Daniel Shan; Daniel Chim; Zid Mancenido; Shorson Zhang; Paul Tran; Yo-Ha Kim.

Sydney Boys High 2nd Grade Volleyball produced high-quality performances throughout the entire 2006 GPS season. Despite the short period of time given to the team, the boys gelled well to achieve outstanding results, carrying only two losses through to the season's end. The 2nd Grade team's 2006 GPS season began with emphatic wins over both Newington and St Ignatius; a direct result of the team's ability to perform as a cohesive unit.

The final match of the first round however, saw the us drop our first ever set and match. Following a much needed wake up call, reignited passion fuelled us to take the first second round game against St Ignatius in straight sets. This passion and enthusiasm was carried on to the next match to take the game to a three point difference in the final match.

Unfortunately, Newington were able to capitalise on injuries faced by the High side to win the match, and ultimately the premiership. Despite the setbacks, the Sydney Boys High 2006 2nd Grade volleyball side put up a valiant effort throughout the entire season and surpassed all expectations.

These accomplishments would not have been achieved without the invaluable guidance and enthusiasm from coaches Ms Rachel Howland and Mr. Paul Ganderton and the MIC of Volleyball, Mr. Michael Kay. With a final request, the 2006 2nd Grade volleyball team can only wish that following teams will endeavor in similar ways to uphold the legacy and exceptional standards of Sydney High Volleyball.

### YEAR 9 VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Even though the volleyball season officially started in Term two and ended half way through Term three, the under 16s training start in Term one and spanned across the year. With matches every weekend and larger tournaments once every term, everything culminates in the Australian Schools Cup, the toughest and biggest competition.

The under 16s team has undergone many changes which have lifted and strengthened the team's structure. Throughout the year, Mr Yaegan Doran, former old boy, and Ms Trompetter have taken the place of Mr Parker as our coaches. With the help of Mr Kay, Yaegan has made a huge difference to the team, and it's already paid off for us with a successful year.

The under 16s team had a chance of playing in several competitions. We had the Sydney Volleyball League (SVL) every Sunday morning and during the later parts of Term



**1st Grade after winning the 2005 NSW CHS Volleyball Knockout**

**Back Row:** Mr M.Kay, B.Zhang, J.Tao, A.Le, O.Grimm, CHS Official

**Front Row:** R.Lu, M.Zhou, K.Kruszelnicki, Y.Doran (captain),

F.Balghom, T.Ly, V.Nguyen

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### Year 9 Volleyball

**Back Row:** Mr M.Kay (Coach), S.Wan, D.Shan, R.Mitra, J.Lee. **Front Row:** D.Lam, T.Nguyen, S.Zhang, S.Ke, M.Chan.

two, we got to fill in the roles of Second Grade and play in the Saturday GPS matches.

At the once-a-term Metro School Cup, High competed against schools around the Sydney region, which usually left us tired and weary. In the Sydney High International Invitational Tournament during Term three, the under 16s (Year 9s) grabbed a close second, just points away from coming first.

The final challenge, the Australian Schools Volleyball Cup – the one we all wait for- is held in fourth term. This year , the under 16s and 1st grade teams will be sent to engage against teams from around Australia to try and return with trophies in hand.

The under 16s team includes:

**Nishan Abeysuriya**, one of the hardest-to-spell names, can produce incredibly hard to hit serves and spikes

**Matt Chan** always digs up perfect passes

**Stephen Dong**, our fixer-upper is always there to finish the points

**Danny Lam**, jump serves with the talent of a professional

**James Lee**, a very reliable player, is there when he can, and is still there when he cannot

**Steven Ke**, who can block balls single-handedly

**Ritam Mitra**, has ultra fast reflexes and the ability of scrambling just about every ball back

**Thomas Nguyen**, our referee with an unmatched eye during the match

**Daniel Shan**, whose spikes have incalculable speed

**Sam Wan**, an all rounder

**Shorzon Zhang**, our captain whose commitment has never wavered

**Albert Ng**, although not officially under 16, Albert must be thanked for his constant support, always arriving to play in time of need or when there is a shortage of players

Although not all the above players will participate in the Australian Schools Cup, they have contributed greatly to the under 16s.

**S. Wan**

### YEAR 8 VOLLEYBALL 2006

The Year 8 volleyball team consisted of Vlad Boulavine, Aaron Ho, Hugh Huang, Patrick Lai, Ivan Li, Jacky Poon, Ashwin Ramesh, Daniel Smith Light, Sean Wan and Tony Wang (C).

Our coaches were Ms Howland and Yaegan Doran. We trained on Thursday afternoons and competed in the Metro Schools and Sydney High Tournaments.

Our best finish in the Metro Schools tournaments was second. In the Sydney High Invitational tournament we finished third.

Special thanks to Ms Howland for managing us this year.

**Tony Wang, Captain**

## Volleyball

### YEAR 7 VOLLEYBALL REPORT

The Year 7 team for 2006 started off with some players joining quite late and deciding to play at the upcoming tournament. With quick learning and good training sessions, the team was ready to play.

The team selected was Saif Haque (C), Sujay Salagame, Tony Luo, Henry Sit, Hashan Subasinghe, David Nguyen, Raghib Siddequee and Samir Kinger. The tournament was held on 19 August. As everyone arrived at the gym, we discovered who our opponents would be for the day - Baulkam Hills, Foster, St Johns, and the other High teams.

We started off our first match against Baulkam Hills and ended up pulverizing them with 16 straight and powerful serves from Salagame, to win our first game easily. Our second match against High 1 was forfeited by them due to them not having a full team. So, we had a practice match, as we happily celebrated our second win.

After a long awaited couple of hours, we finally started off against St Johns and it proved to be a close game with St Johns fired up. After we caught up the score, we needed one more point to level and St Johns needed a point to win.

After interference in the serving of Subasinghe by Foster, the referee had already called the game and High suffered a terrible loss. As High went on to beat Foster in yet another close match, we need one more match to win against the other High team. With good serving and teamwork, High won this match and went on to win the Volleyball tournament.

After the runners up, Baulkam Hills received their medals, High were disappointed to hear they will get their medals at the awards lunch. The lunch turned out to be a great fun day with pizza. The medals were handed out and the honours were mentioned. The Year 7 best and fairest award went to Siddequee, who deserved to win it, after being the most organised and helpful person and also handy on the court.

As the season finished, High celebrated a successful season, winning their first tournament at home. We wish to accomplish more, and take on the High tradition of smashing their opponents in volleyball, and claiming many more wins.

**Saif Haque**



### Year 8 Volleyball

**Back Row:** J.Poon, P.Lai, T.Wang, D.Smith-Light, Mr M.Kay (Coach). **Front Row:** H.Huang, I.Li, E.Wong.

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## ATHLETICS ASSEMBLY 2006

Good morning and welcome to our special guest, Mr Peter Hadfield, athletics coaches, team members, parents, staff and students. On the eve of the annual GPS Athletics Carnival we gather to honour our Athletics Team at the traditional Athletics Assembly. Tomorrow's carnival is the biggest event in our athletes' lives in terms of crowd size and atmosphere. To the school, every position in every event counts. Athletics is a foundational sport from which other sports in summer and winter derive benefits, whether in speed and agility or endurance. I wish Athletics Captain, Roger Burrell and his team success tomorrow – particularly in our goals to beat TAS and get closer to Scots or Newington.

This morning I want to recognise the innovation and administrative competence shown by Mr Robert Devlin as MIC of Athletics this year. He has attracted coaches and more competitors. You all owe him your support. Thank you to Davina Strauss who has worked with our boys on skills sessions in hurdles and field events. Edward Ovadia has shown persistence with the High Harriers group training on Mount Steele. Jason Tassell is running speed and endurance sessions twice a week to which all boys are invited. Well done again to Wayne Baldock who manages our whole school athletics program and gives it interest and meaning with his organisation. Congratulations to the PE staff who have introduced term testing of the 1.6k run. I saw some great improvements by Year 7 boys. Mr Ayre, our Head Teacher Sport, has supported athletics strongly. At the carnivals, Mr Codey gives great management assistance, as do our perennial helpers, Mr Gainford and Mr Creer. We have benefited from expert parental know how of Mr and Mrs Morrow. To all those who helped - thank you for your efforts. Together we will make athletics stronger in the years ahead.

Les Perry was a fine Australian distance runner who represented Australia at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952. He admired Emil Zatopek, the great Czech runner who was unbeaten in 38 races between 1948 and 1952. Les risked arrest and bluffed his way through the guards to visit Zatopek in the USSR compound. Les and Emil jogged 20 laps of the training field together and talked about athletics and their lives. They had a meal and spent the evening together and became good friends. Emil said he felt honoured by Les's visit. As Les departed Emil promised that after the finals he would give him his Olympic uniform.

The 10,000m was the first track event decided. There were no heats. Les nervously sprinted the first lap in 63 seconds, hit the wall after 20 and later retired. Emil Zatopek won gold in dominant fashion in Olympic record time. Before the heats of the 5,000m Emil sought out Les and advised him to follow on his shoulder and copy his tactics. In the last lap Zatopek even turned around to wave the Australian on. Les was inspired to run a personal best and qualify for the final. In the final, Zatopek had a couple of strong competitors but psyched them out and burned them in the straight to win his second gold of the games. Les Perry ran another PB to finish sixth. He didn't win a medal but he took away a prize, Emil

Zatopek's Olympic singlet and shorts. More importantly he had a gold medal experience for life.

As this vignette demonstrates, athletics is about more than strengthening the body and mind. It is about character and camaraderie. Each athlete knows what the other has gone through to be competing. Athletics is about self-discipline and respect. It is more about how you compete than whether you win. More of you should embrace it.

In this context, it is my very great privilege this morning to introduce an icon of Australian athletics as our guest speaker. Peter Hadfield represented Australia in decathlon, the supreme test of training versatility and all-round ability. He was ranked number one in decathlon for a decade 1976-1985 and remained undefeated by an Australian athlete during this time. He was voted NSW Athlete of the Year on four occasions. At his second Commonwealth Games in 1982, he won a silver medal behind the great Daley Thompson. Peter is a dual Olympian (1980 and 1984). He was chosen as Captain of the Australian Athletics Team.

In his professional life, Peter was a secondary school teacher with a degree in economics. Since retiring from athletics he has been a regular commentator at Olympic and Commonwealth Games, a sprint trainer for the Cronulla Sharks and the Penrith Panthers.

Mr Hadfield founded PCM Productions and is currently Marketing Communications Manager for Australia Post. Peter finds time in his schedule to write, publishing a book on 'How To Get Fit While You Watch Television' and is even a professional guitarist. He is a very involved charity worker, representing the Humpty Dumpty Foundation, the Prostate Cancer Institute, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Handicapped Children's Centre. This year he was awarded an OAM for his services to sport and the community.

We could not have a better example of a highly accomplished all rounder to address us this morning. Please make welcome Mr Peter Hadfield.

*Dr Jaggar*

## ATHLETICS REPORT

In the 2006 Athletics season the benefits of Mr Devlin's rigorous training program started to show with the overall quality of the High Athletics Team's performance improving. The team had one of the best lead-ups to the AAGPS Championships that I can remember with 16 High athletes making it to the NSW CHS Championships with the U15's 4 x 100m Relay team of Lachlan Street, Joel Livingston, Nelson Ridges and Josh Hui placing third; Justin James backing up his record-breaking win at Sydney East by running third in the Open 3000m; and Roger Burrell placing second in the Open Shot Put. These results, and other good performances at the invitational carnivals, gave the team inspiration for the AAGPS Championships and showed what time, effort and hard work can achieve.

On Saturday, 16 September the High athletes awoke to beautiful weather and the much anticipated day of the 111th

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Annual AAGPS Championships. The team achieved Dr Jaggars' challenge of beating TAS in both the senior and junior points tally. This fantastic result can be attributed to every High athlete trying his hardest and many, whilst unfortunately not placing, nevertheless ran, threw or jumped strong fourths and fifths thus contributing a large number of points to our overall tally.

Some of the exceptional results obtained by High athletes included: Shadman Ali placing second in the 13s 100m and third in the 200m; Chris Morrow jumping a personal best and placing second in the 13s High Jump; Josh Tassell third in the 14s 200m; Jeremy Ireland second in the 14s 1500m; the 15s 4x100m relay of Nelson Ridges, Lachlan Street, Joshua Hui and Joel Livingston showing that hours of practice can pay off by placing third; Danny Fu third in the 15s Long Jump; Ty Linegar third in the 16s 1500m; Frank Jin third in the 17s Long Jump and finally Justin James showing true High spirit by taking on the pack and making them chase him over much of the way but eventually placing second in the open 1500m.

It was also pleasing to see the increased number of supporters who filled our section of the grandstand on the day. This was our biggest support group for many years and for once our allocated seating area overflowed.

On a personal note, after competing in the Athletics Team for many years, I can say that looking back on my time at High, Athletics has given me many of my fondest memories and I hope other athletes will be as lucky as I have been to be involved in such a great team. Thank you to all members of the High Athletics Team for putting in the time and effort this year and thanks to Vice-Captain, Michael Masalehdani; Junior Captain, Lachlan Street; and Junior Vice-Captain, Joshua Hui.

Special thanks must go to MIC – Mr Devlin and his dedicated team of coaches; Mr Ayre, Mr Codey, Ms Strauss, Mr Kay, Mr Hannon, Mr Gainford, Mr Tassell, Mr Ovadia and Mr Ninyo for the time they have put into the team this year because, without their help, High Athletics would not have been able to achieve its spectacular results this season.

I would also like to thank Mr Baldock, Mr Creer, parents and others who have volunteered their services throughout the season.

***Roger Burrell, Captain of Athletics 2006***

### **GPS ATHLETICS FINALS REPORT 2006**

The spring weather provided near perfect conditions for runners on the 111th GPS Athletics meet on Saturday 16 September. The High supporters, slotted in on the right of Kings, provided an invaluable 'push' as the sky blue and chocolate competitors crossed the line. As a crowd of around 8,000 packed the Homebush stadium, the athletes rose to another level as indicated with a wave of new PBs being run, thrown and jumped. The reverberations could be heard across the Parramatta River.

This year's goal was to better our point score and in the process overtake other schools. We achieved this with High accumulating 175.5 points in the senior division to come eighth and 374.5 points in the junior division to also place eighth. Thoroughly beating Armidale in both the senior and junior

points score was a great start up the ladder for the athletics team and looks promising for next year.

In the 13 years division our golden hope, Shadman Ali, put in a brilliant sprinting performance to place second in the 100m with a fast time of 12.37, and a third in the 200m. Chris Morrow also jumped a towering 1.59m to finish second, making this our strongest age group for individual results. The relay team also came a close fourth; 0.1 of a second behind St. Josephs. Andrew Ye should also be noted for his podium finish in the 90m hurdles.

In the 14 years division Joshua Tassel represented high in the sprint double taking home third place in the 200m. Jeremy Ireland recorded second in the 1500m with a lightning time of 4:36, running through the pack to dominate the race in inspirational style. High boys seem to do well in the 1500m, with half of our best results stemming from this event.

In the 15 years events the well-honed High relay team took out third, a testament to our depth and the relay training they have done. Surprise packet Danny Fu also jumped to a bronze in the long jump. Lachlan Street should be congratulated for competing in five events on the day and recording a solid fourth in the shot-put.

In the 16 years division Kogulan Sriranjani recorded a quick time in the sprints of 11.74; unfortunately the conditions for the field were favourable and he was nudged out of a place. Ty Linegar backed up from running a quick 800m (placing a very respectable fifth in a very quick 2.04) to finish third in a fast 1500m.

The 17 years age group Frank Jin was the standout performer in the long champ championship jumping over six and a half metres for third. Victor Wei and Jeremy Luscombe also put in admirable performances although unfortunately unable to place.

The open division was a mixed affair with an injured Adrian Jeyandra unable to be competitive, but in true High spirit finished for points. Francis Wong rallied the crowd in his 800m championship nudging out the Scots competitor by .04 of a second. Harrison Lane looked strong in the 3000m running a PB of ten minutes flat, amazing considering he is only in Year 9; surely one to watch in the future for a GPS crown. Captain Rodger Burrell was brave in the shotput coming fourth in a very strong field. Justin James, in his last race, also looked the goods in a slow 1500m. Unfortunately he was nudged out by a more tactically astute competitor in the final straight.

There was no real individual standout performance but four seconds were achieved; three in the junior age groups and one in the senior age group. Along with seven thirds, this indicates we have all-round depth, and as a school, have the ability to overcome other schools who may have numerous firsts but lack depth. Next year, with the continued training and commitment of the boys, we hope to overtake the next school on the ladder (Scots!) to come seventh and obtain some blue ribbon individual results. Thank you to all parents, coaches and trainers who have lent their time and resources to the boys over the season. See you all next year!

***Justin James***

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The following placings were achieved at the Annual GPS Athletics Meeting 16 September 2006:

Name	Placing	Event	Effort
Shadman Ali	3	13yr 100m	12.37
Shadman Ali	3	13yr 200m	24.85
Chris Morrow	2	13yr High Jump	1.59m
Andrew Ye	3	13yr 90m Hurdles	15.29
Joshua Tassell	3	14yr 200m	24.81
Jeremy Ireland	2	14yr 1500m	4:36.40
L.Street/J.Hui/ J.livingston/N.Ridges	3	15yr 4_100 Relay	46.26
Danny Fu	3	15yr Long Jump	5.62m
Ty Lineger	3	16yr 1500m	4:26.69
Frank Jin	3	17yr Long Jump	6.53m
Justin James	2	Opens 1500m	4:21.66

Total points scored in Junior Division were 374.5 and in the Senior Division 175.5



### Senior Athletics Team

**Fourth Row:** Thomas Castleton, Victor Wei, Adrian Jeyendra, Andrew Reis, David Cao. **Third Row:** Nikola Levanic, Eugene Stadnik, Roshan Karunaratne, Andrew Pham, Dale Sun, Francis Wong. **Second Row:** Attila Szabo, Justin James, David Kim, Louis Yang, Frank Jin, Edward Pham. **Front Row:** Burak Akinci, Dakshika Gunaratne, Edward Deng, Brian Chan, Jeremy Luscombe, Aaron Shuttleworth. **Seated:** Mr Gainford, Mr Ayre, Roger Burrell, Mr Devlin, Michael Masalehdani, Mr Codey.

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### Annual Athletics Carnival Results – 12 April 2006

EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME/DIST
<b>OPENS</b>				
100 m	Mark Carroll	Adrian Jeyendra	Dakshika Gunaratne	11.65
200 m	Mark Carroll	Frank Jin	Adrian Jeyendra	23.88
400 m	Aaron Shuttleworth	Dale Sun	Michael Masalehdani	55.81
800 m	Justin James	Michael Masalehdani	Andrew Reis	2'09.07
1500 m	Justin James	Ali Amin	Michael Masalehdani	4'24.81
110 Hurdles	Dakshika Gunaratne	Eddy Blaxell	Patrick Duffy	16.44
High jump	Roger Burrell	Dale Sun	Victor Wei	1.60
Long jump	Dakshika Gunaratne	Frank Jin	Roshan Karunaratne	5.67
Triple Jump	Dakshika Gunaratne	Roshan Karunaratne	Dale Sun	12.03
Shot put	Roger Burrell	Victor Wei	James Tiedgen	13.22
Discuss	Roger Burrell	Victor Wei	Gregory Nguyen	36.08
Javelin	Terry Ly	Gleb Zinger	Dale Sun	40.09
House relay	Fairland	Eedy	Torrington	48.06
Champion	Dakshika Gunaratne			
<b>16 YEARS</b>				
100 m	Kogulan Sriranjana	Louis Yang	Gehan Karunaratne	11.72
200 m	Kogulan Sriranjana	Gehan Karunaratne	Louis Yang	24.83
400 m	Ty Linegar	Alistair Taylor	Louis Yang	55.62
800 m	Ty Linegar	Louis Yang	Matthew Fsadni	2'11.40
1500 m	Ty Linegar	Louis Yang	Daniel Champion	4'37.83
110 Hurdles	Benjamin Wang	Thomas Lindeback	Joseph Lai	17.34
High jump	Victor Nguyen	Siyang Wang	Gehan Karunaratne	1.70
Long jump	Gehan Karunaratne	Wilson Wong	Joseph Lai	5.68
Triple Jump	Gehan Karunaratne	Joseph Lai	Daniel Champion	11.37
Shot put	Patrick Gallego	Wei Zhuang	Arunan Kandasamy	10.55
Discuss	Ty Linegar	Wei Zhuang	Joshua Tran	24.05
Javelin	Patrick Gallego	Jordan Phung	David Tran	40.82
House relay	Rubie	Fairland	Torrington	52.31
Champion	Ty Linegar			
<b>15 YEARS</b>				
100 m	Lachlan Street	Kent Nguyen	Joshua Hui	11.90
200 m	Lachlan Street	Kent Nguyen	Nelson Ridges	24.72
400 m	Lachlan Street	Nelson Ridges	Matthew Ling	57.44
800 m	Matthew Ling	Edwin Montoya Zorrilla	Cary Cheung	2'22.25
1500m	Edwin Montoya Zorrilla	Lucian Tan	Matthew Tong	5'07.09
100 Hurdles	Daniel Lo	Lachlan Street	Edward Lu	17.94
High jump	Edward Lu	Kartik Iyer	Daniel Lo	1.50
Long jump	Lachlan Street	Denis Stojanovic	Kent Nguyen	5.31
Shot put	Varan Perananthan	Lachlan Street	Dean Huang	11.19
Discuss	Mark Vu	Danny Fu	Matthew Lau	32.08
Javelin	Lachlan Street	Michael Myronenko	Matthew Lau	27.90
House relay	McKay	Eedy	Torrington	51.37
Champion	Lachlan Street			

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EVENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME/DIST
<b>14 YEARS</b>				
100 m	Joshua Tassell	Nicholas Dimitropoulos	Jeffrey Wong	12.75
200 m	Joshua Tassell	Nicholas Dimitropoulos	Sam Darcy	25.80
400 m	Jeremy Ireland	Stephen Yoon	Harrison Lane	1'03.45
800 m	Jeremy Ireland	Joshua Tassell	Harrison Lane	2'29.78
1500 m	Jeremy Ireland	Harrison Lane	Gregory Shargorodsky	5'03.25
100 Hurdles	Joshua Tassell	Stephen Yoon	Jeremy Rajendram	16.56
High jump	Brendan O'Rourke	Justin Chow	Matthew Fong	1.50
Long jump	Tony Xiao	Jeremy Rajendram	Justin Chow	4.55
Shot put	George Denny-Smith	Barry Chen	Daniel Shan	10.41
Discuss	Jeffrey Wong	Sam Darcy	George Denny-Smith	25.44
Javelin	Alasdair Brown	James Whiting	David Zhang	33.13
House relay	Eedy	Rubie	McKay	52.56
Champion	Joshua Tassell			
<b>13 YEARS</b>				
100 m	Shadman Ali	James Han	Yixin Liu	12.25
200 m	Shadman Ali	Andrew Ye	Yixin Liu	25.86
400m	Andrew Ye	Shadman Ali	Saif Haque	1'06.75
800 m	Dominic Cheung	Kevin Lu	Timothy Molloy	2'47.06
90 Hurdles	Chris Morrow	Andrew Ye	Edward Qiu	16.00
High jump	Chris Morrow	Derek Trang	James Vu	1.50
Long jump	Derek Trang	Edward Qiu	Chris Morrow	4.65
Shot put	David Ma	Edward Qiu	James Vu	9.62
Discuss	David Ma	Nikhil Autar	Derek Trang	22.05
Javelin	Vlad Boulavine	Alex Koerber	Benjamin Ly	21.28
House relay	Saxby	Fairland	McKay	55.78
Champion	Derek Trang			
<b>12 YEARS</b>				
100 m	Gabriel Garayalde	Michael Phung	Kumadika Gunaratne	14.03
200 m	Michael Phung	Gabriel Garayalde	Kumadika Gunaratne	29.72
400 m	Michael Phung	Albert Huynh	Peter Lam	1'16.47
800 m	Pasan Pannila	Albert Huynh	Peter Lam	3'07.25
90 Hurdles	Kumadika Gunaratne	Albert Huynh	Declan Gorey	19.00
High jump	Michael Phung	Denny Chandra	Daniel Chen	1.30
Long jump	Michael Phung	Kumadika Gunaratne	Leo Lou	3.99
Shot put	David Nguyen	Declan Gorey	Kevin Zhou	8.26
House relay	Fairland	Rubie	Saxby	64.53
Champion	Michael Phung			

## Athletics & Representatives



### Junior Athletics Team

**Fifth Row:** Matthew Ling, Derek Trang, Alistair Taylor, Matthew Rusli, Kogulan Sriranjnan Nathan McDonnell, Patrick Locke, Daniel Campion, Danny Ng, Nelson Ridges, Thomas Lindeback. **Fourth Row:** Michael Wang, David Ma, Matthew Wong, Johan Santoso, Clive Chen, Jeremy Ireland, Neil Street, Denis Stojanovic, Kang Lim, Isnad Zaman, David Nguyen, Arun Karunakaran. **Third Row:** George Denny-Smith, Shadman Ali, Kent Nguyen, Harrison Lane, Nathan Kok, Denny Chandra, Martin Yoon, Dominic Cheung, Eric Ovadia, Andrew Gaffney. **Second Row:** Michael Tickner, Edward Qiu, Robert Ma, Austyn Guo, Krishan Sivayogararayan, Michael Phung, Michael Wong, Tony Xiao, Benjamin Li, Kevin Sheng, Kieran Taylor, Jim Nguyen. **Front Row:** Michael Robertson, Daniel Luo, Manfred Deng, Jeremy Rajendram, Ben Deng, Cornelius Do, Shanaz Razeen, Kumudika Gunaratne, Yu Sing Chan, Gabriel Garayalde, Pasan Pannila. **Seated:** Joshua Kim, Benjamin Wang, Joshua Tassell, Joshua Hui, Mr Devlin, Lachlan Street, Chris Morrow, Barry Chen, Yixin Liu.



### Representatives

**Back Row:** F.Amin (Debating CHS), M.Coutts (Debating CHS), M.Masalehdani (Cross Country CHS), M.Kelly (Tennis GPS, CHS, NSW), A.Jeyendra (Cricket GPS), B.Akinci (Football GPS), M.King (Tennis GPS, CHS, NSW). **Front Row:** A.Amin (Cross Country), S.Srikumar (Debating Australia), H.Walker (Basketball GPS), C.Budd (Shooting GPS), K.Yu (Debating CHS), G.Karunaratne (Cricket GPS, Football GPS), R.Abeysuriya (Debating GPS).

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	Headmaster	Captain	President OBU	President P&C
1883	J. Waterhouse			
1884 <sup>(1)</sup>	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	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.	
		J.P.V. Madsen		
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	J. Waterhouse	C. G. McDonald	Prof. F. A. Todd	
1911	J. Waterhouse	O. D. Oberg	P. S. Hunt	
		J. R. Nield		
		E. J. Saxby		
1912	J. Waterhouse	F. Wootton	G. C. Saxby	
1913	J. Waterhouse	G. J. M. Saxby	A. Bohrsman	
		W. S. Patterson		
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 <sup>(3)</sup>	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	
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

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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
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. Thronett	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
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

## List of Officers

	<b>Headmaster</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>President OBU</b>	<b>President P&amp;C</b>
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

[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.



## High Rugby Friends



# HR HIGH RUGBY FRIENDS INC.

Be Proud. Get Involved. Join HRF!

[www.highrugbyfriends.com](http://www.highrugbyfriends.com)

High Rugby Friends Inc. (HRF) is a non-profit association, set up by four Old Boys of Sydney High School in 2006. The primary objectives of HRF are:

- To regenerate the rugby program and restore a winning culture; and
- To create a social network of Old Boys, parents and friends of the school

The first season for HRF was a great success, despite two of the three home-games being rained out. The HRF Members' Area was very well received, and will hopefully remain a focal point for High supporters in the future.

This year we have managed to put in place a number of initiatives to support the boys and the rugby program in general. Our first initiative was to market and promote the rugby program to potential students at the Open Day and to new students at the Orientation Day. Secondly, we have developed a partnership with Victor Sports to provide protective gear to the boys at greatly discounted prices for the 2007 season. We are also providing protein recovery drinks to all rugby players who use the gym. Finally, we have offered to subsidise the production costs of a rugby 'guide' produced for coaches and boys to help increase their knowledge of the game.

We would like to thank Old Boy and rugby great Chris Whitaker for taking up the position of Patron of HRF, and for giving up his time to come and watch a number of games and lend his support to the HRF cause. Tony Hannon was also made the first honorary HRF life member for his services to rugby at Sydney High.

Overall, the response from the High rugby community to HRF was extremely positive, and we would like to thank all those who supported us in our inaugural year. With in excess of 50 members already, we look forward to building on what we have already achieved, and to a bigger and better season in 2007!

### *The HRF Team*

Serdar Bolen  
*President*

Tom Miller  
*Vice-President*

Ben Friis-O'Toole  
*Treasurer*

Rob Girdler  
*Secretary*



L to R: Chris Whitaker, Ben Friis-O'Toole, Tony Hannon, Tom Miller, Rob Girdler, Serdar Bolen



**Year 12**

**Back Row:** M.Carroll, E.Louie, T.Mei, A.Karunakaran, V.Weii, C.Budd, M.Levy, R.Pearson, A.Ocias, C.Shao, A.Reis, D.Chang, M.Popescu, N.Balashov, A.Jeyendra, R.Burrell, D.Cao, T.Chong, M.Zhou, M.Masalehdani, E.Curran, N.Hannan, G.Ye, A.Lee, A.Kogan.  
**Seventh Row:** S.Cheema, A.Wijeyaratne, Y.Hussain, R.Li, B.Angel, F.Wong, S.Cunningham, J.Tiedgen, C.Tu, L.Shi, J.Lee, H.Dang, H.Dang, G.Nguyen, J.Chan, J.Fang, D.Wu, B.Akinci, S.Gribble, J.Archer, M.Zhou, G.Shieh, Y.Zhou, W.Zhang, A.Chong.  
**Sixth Row:** B.Wong, M.Rahman, M.Cousins, S.Hussain, R.Chen, J.Diep, S.Tran, G.Guruparan, Q.Yang, S.Syed, A.Chan, D.Welangoda, E.Wong, K.Huang, R.Liu, D.Sun, M.Zhou, J.Barker, F.Taaffe, A.Amin, J.Murray, A.Szabo, E.Chau, K.Ho, A.Chow, D.Naoumenko.  
**Fifth Row:** R.Raja, A.Gupta, T.Mazid, W.Qian, K.Hu, J.Kammerman, R.Nithiyendran, A.Sukumar, K.Fung, S.Lee, E.Pham, M.Tao, R.Huynh, D.Thieviasingham, Y.Kim, P.Lieu, H.Liu, A.Flores, D.Chan, R.Ali, D.Gunasekera, M.Samarasinghe, E.Blaxell, E.Hibbert, A.Oh, K.Ly, W.Cao.  
**Fourth Row:** J.Kwon, B.Chow, G.Zinger, D.Tran, E.Wang, D.Lin, D.Ni, G.Chan, A.Leong, C.Rodrigo, Y.Xu, S.Nossar, R.Rotherham, L.d'Avigdor, A.Nguyen, A.Shi, M.Bui, T.Wong, N.Wong, P.Wang, S.Zhang, N.Ng, A.Huynh, S.Guo, J.Lambert, R.Verma.  
**Third Row:** A.Knoll, C.To, P.Uthayachandran, P.Tran, H.Le, B.Liu, Y.Shaw, J.Jiang, K.Qiu, K.Amilbangsa, I.Boulos, C.Jahja, S.Thillainadesan, L.Lai, P.Tran, H.Sharma, M.Thayaparan, C.Ho, L.Chen, J.Lu, J.Phu, K.Vaidya, F.Lee, A.Misra, D.Su, A.Lu, K.Liu.  
**Second Row:** T.Wang, J.Sun, S.Afshar, V.Nguyen, M.Zhou, A.Yu, G.Manamperi, J.Morgan, A.Szabo, T.Shu, D.Song, A.Trinh, B.Chan, V.Pham, H.Frisoli, T.Uddin, S.Burke, T.Razeen, M.Razeen, M.Lunney, W.Xu, T.Zhong, J.Han, S.Fernando, M.Wan, T.Tan.  
**Front Row:** V.Lui, F.Cheung, Y.Yeung, K.Leong, B.Lo, A.Cheng, S.Srikumar, K.Mak, A.Ha, A.Ly, R.Chowdhury, P.Pang, K.Kim, A.Farrow-Palmer, P.Roser, F.Amin, N.Islam, J.Banh, T.Quazi, A.Wong, J.Luong, M.Wong, R.Abeysuria, V.Neliath, L.Rahman, H.Fukushima, B.Cheong.



**Year 7**

**Back Row:** K.Zhou, I.Khan, A.Ho, J.Kim, A.Gong, K.Lu, W.Stefanidis, V.Singh, S.Haque, N.Autar, A.Li, C.Morrow, D.Nguyen, I.Zaman, K.Lin, A.Chin, T.Chiem, E.Ovadia, A.Mokdad, J.Cai, T.Shahriyar, A.Ye, M.Liu-Li.

**Seventh Row:** S.Cao, K.Tian, L.Le, H.Tran, A.Zhang, H.Sit, L.Li, D.Cheung, R.McDonald, I.Eveleigh, F.Pharm, Y.Wong, M.So, J.Tang, A.Auzou, L.Lu, M.Rozsa, M.Petrenas, R.Azwad, R.Zhai, H.Lu, D.Nguyen.

**Sixth Row:** A.Gaffney, M.Yoon, J.Petrie, T.Gollan, C.Morrison, T.Chan, S.Danziger, K.Cheng, P.Lam, E.Zhu, I.Lu, K.Fang, J.Lee, A.Jain, V.Wang, M.Wong, T.Xu, L.Sheldon, S.Salagame, M.Connell, N.Bhagwat, D.Chandra, S.Kinger.

**Fifth Row:** M.Reid, J.Xu, N.Leong, D.Park, V.Zheng, J.Zhang, B.Cheng, E.Du, N.Kok, R.Gu, B.Do, J.Chen, A.Shen, A.Chan, V.Le, W.Dang, M.Robertson, N.Paul, J.Wang, D.Kim, A.Hau, S.Siddiqui.

**Fourth Row:** B.Ou, M.Weil, O.Sabau, K.Sivayagarayan, K.Li, I.Kim, V.Sethi, Y.Chowdhury, R.Siddiquee, V.George, D.Dao, Y.Chan, H.Subasinghe, A.Huynh, T.Luo, R.Caetano, A.Huynh, R.Li, D.Shi, A.Wu, J.Chen

**Third Row:** R.Chowdhury, K.Yang, M.Deng, W.Shao, K.Phan, B.Deng, D.Selvakkumar, S.Chen, S.Beston, L.Vlatko, W.Liu, D.Gorey, D.Chen, L.Lu, G.Li, D.Chen, M.Rahman, C.Pan, I.Bonch-Osmolovskiy, M.Tickner, S.Rashid, L.Xiong.

**Second Row:** A.Sarker, A.Rudder, L.Lou, D.Chan, C.Chau, J.Mok, D.Nguyen, S.Bhuiyan, S.Razeen, D.Li, G.Panas, L.Cai, A.Ly, T.Tan, M.Phung, M.Kobras, C.Wu, I.Ho, J.Lui, B.Leo, K.Shao, K.Lin, D.Dong.

**Front Row:** F.Lin, J.Xian, W.Wong, T.Diep, K.Ho, K.Gunaratne, P.Castillo, C.Do, M.Lee, V.Anandaselvakumar, D.Wei, P.Pannila, M.Wong, K.Qian, R.Woo, J.Zhou, G.Garayalde, W.Huang, K.Nguyen, A.Xu, H.Nguyen, A.Chung.