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Highlights

Farewell to two beloved teachers

Rifle Shooting breaks records

Old Boys in the UK

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Below

Farewell to two legends of High (see pages 5 & 6): Bob Outterside and Tony Hannon with the 1979 First XV

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From the PRINCIPAL



The second half of the year has seen 'High' return to a more usual routine of learning and activities, although absentee rates among staff and students remain high due to the Omicron infection wave. Excessive wet weather has made training and competing in winter sports difficult. Nevertheless, great successes were achieved in Rifle Shooting, Fencing and Volleyball. The reports for all years were successfully moved over to Sentral with a new format based on common teacher assessments of learning behaviours (attitudes to learning) in place of teacher comments. We hope to gather greater profile data on student learning using this reporting method. For Years 7-10, the PEWCC assessments have demonstrated student growth from Years 7 to 9 and 8-10 in necessary learning skills. The Strategic Improvement Plan has been finalised and will direct our energies for the period 2023-2026. We are relying on the agglomeration of small but hopefully impactful changes to improve student outcomes in the medium term.

Change to Selective Entry Rules

The Department has implemented a new 'Equity Placement Model' for entry into selective schools in Year 7 commencing in 2023. All applicants will still sit for the Selective Entry Test (first used in 2021 for this year's Year 7 cohort) and will still apply for particular schools with a preference list of three choices for placement. As a result of the test 75% of available places will be offered in merit order of applicants to a particular school. The score to calculate the equity range of 10% will be the score of the 75th percentile applicant. Let us say that was 97. The floor score for equity considerations would then be 97-9.7 or 87.3. The remaining 25% of places will be reserved for equity placements (so long as they score at least the floor score) as follows: 20% for equity groups not already offered a place and 5% for applicants unable to sit the test. Of the 20% reserved for equity placements: 10% will be reserved for low SES applicants; 5% for indigenous applicants; 2.5% for rural and remote applicants; and 2.5% for applicants with a disability. Should the reserved places not be filled by the equity placement process, the remaining places will be offered from the merit list as determined by the test results. The aim is to make selective schools more closely aligned in their enrolment profile with comprehensive schools.

My personal view is that the initial reservation percentage was set too high. It would have been better to have started out at 10-15% and piloted the change for a couple of years to see how it worked out. As for the 5% reservation for those unable to sit the test, COVID and flooding have added extra numbers of applicants who, through no fault of their own, could not sit the test, so that is a reasonable change to the policy. These students will receive an 'imputed score' based on predictive modelling from NAPLAN results.

Properties update

The new Science demountable classroom is in operation, thanks to considerable joint funding from the Department of Education and the Sydney High School Foundation Building Fund (c\$480k each). This facility will have an immediate impact on the number of practical lessons that students will experience. We also now have a disabled access to Killip Wing. A network distributor room was built into the LOTE staffroom to expand network capacity and remove the noisy and heat-emitting equipment and improve staff amenity (c\$38k). The Department completed its network upgrade to improve speed and bandwidth. The English textbook room next to the Great Hall was completely refurbished with two compactus units installed to house textbooks and provide two workstations for quiet marking (c\$30k). The Cooler Classrooms air conditioning project is proceeding, albeit slowly. The neon lights in the School will be progressively replaced with LED fittings. After a long period of requesting a fencing upgrade, the 1.2 km fencing contract to enclose SBHS and SGHS has been awarded. The DoE standard black spiked security fencing panels will be installed over a couple of terms, starting at gate 10 and working clockwise around to gate 1. This is a major expense commitment by the Department, for which the High community is sincerely grateful. Thank you to our properties team managed by John Prorellis. David Isaacs does our internal design and systems work. James Rudd manages the network and Jim Crampton and Daniel Xu have supplied the labour and tidying-up work.

Dr K. A. Jaggar OAM

Sporting Highlights

To cap off a fantastic Fencing season, Oscar Shi (*pictured right*) won gold in the Cadet Men's Sabre event and bronze in the Senior Men's Sabre event at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships in London. More information on the School's Fencing Program can be found on page 15.



Ethan Li competed at the NSW All Schools Golf Championships in Yamba as a member of the Sydney East Regional team.

Kane Shields represented Australia in the 1500m at the 2022 Oceania Athletics Championships in Mackay.

In Swimming, Kester Jan, Ryan Chai, Mark Yan, Jiazi Chen, Jinu Shin, David Kim, Ross Zhou, Jaden Yi, Jaden Luu and Adam Davies were selected to the GPS swim team and Jiazi Chen was awarded GPS swimmer of the season. Ryan was selected to compete at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships and Jiazi, Adam and Kester qualified for the All Schools State Finals. Jiazi is ranked as the fastest 13 years 50m swimmer in Australia with a time of 25.82.

The Sydney High Sailing Team competed in the 2022 School Sailing State Championships and qualified to compete at the National Schools Championships.

Rifle Shooter Jackie Wu shot a perfect and unbeatable 50, with 10 centres at 800m (the longest distance in which the school competes)—the first time in our club history that a student achieved that score at any range. Our Target Rifle Shooting Team won the Fiona Reynolds Memorial All Schools match, the Prorak Trophy and the inaugural David Rose Snap Trophy. The team were named GPS Rifle Shooting Champions, winning every competition they contested. More on this historic season can be found on page 11.

Our Opens Basketball Team was undefeated and won the state final of the CHS Schools Knockout Championships. Isaac Ayoubi was selected to the NSW CIS and the All Australian teams.

Our 1st and 2nd Volleyball teams won their respective GPS premierships and Owen Seong, Paul Fang, Edward Ly and Dimitrios Logothetis were selected to the Volleyball GPS Honour Team (coached by Mr Kay) which defeated CAS.

Alex Huang competed for the Table Tennis NSW U15B team at the National Championships.

Academic and Co-Curricular Highlights

Ike Matsuoka (2021) was awarded a UNSW Co-op Scholarship in Accountancy.

Martin Lee, Yu Ming Lee and Dylan Freeman won gold medals in the 2022 National Latin Exam and qualified to apply for a National Latin Exam scholarship.

Our Senior B Debating team of Mohammad Medlej, Sarvesh Parthiban, Nicholas Francis and Shaun Parasher beat Riverview to win the Grand Final of the Friday Evening Debating competition. Tim Hanna, Archie Wolifson and Abrar Chowdhury were selected to the CHS Debating squad.

High teams performed well at this year's International Mathematical Modelling Challenge.

Dean Nguyen was the recipient of a Youth Community Service Award awarded at Government House.

Wensen Dong took out national first place in the Oxford University Computing Challenge Junior Division.

Jason Yan was named a Top 50 Trailblazer in these awards which recognise students who have used their final years at school to make an impact in their community.

From the SHSCU, James Wachsmann, Kenton Liu, Haoran Zhang and Dean Johnsun passed the Sergeants Course and Shaleeta Xia and Sophie Jin passed the Warrant Officer/CUOs Course at the HQ NSW Australian Army Cadet Brigade 02/22 Cadet Promotion Courses.

Kavin Maran was selected to receive a Highly-commended award as part of the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement for the study of Tamil.

Liam Fiene, Kenton Liu, Michael Alam and David Crainic obtained their silver Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Joseph Britton was accepted into the NSW State Drama Ensemble.

Vale Robert 'Bob' Outterside AO



The School community was saddened in August to lose one of our much-loved former Principals, Mr Robert 'Bob' Outterside AO. Bob's time at Sydney High commenced in the classroom in 1958, and he served as an inspirational Mathematics teacher until 1960. It was during this time that he also earned his two test caps playing rugby for Australia, bringing his enthusiasm for the game to the School.

In 1977 Bob returned to Sydney High as Principal and he is fondly remembered as a highly-respected educational leader during his fifteen years in the role. In 1990 his services to education and the community led to him being appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia, a tribute to the impact he had on so many. To this day, Bob is regularly remembered for the influence he had on the lives of both students and staff, and there has been an outpouring of such recollections since his passing.

Bob was seen as a leader who placed an emphasis on the goodwill between staff and students, seeing these relationships as essential for a thriving school community. The School archive holds hundreds of pages from Bob's retirement showing him to be a highly-devoted and caring educator who tirelessly dedicated himself to the service of students. Many notes and articles refer to him always striving for excellence, while ensuring equal opportunity for those within the community. The outpouring of affection by both colleagues and students illustrate the esteem he was held in by all.

Bob also left his mark as one of the drivers behind the creation of the Sydney High School Foundation during his time as Principal. This legacy will live on as the Foundation continues to strive for the best educational environment for the boys. Fittingly, the Abbotsford boatsheds were named in his honour, ensuring his name will be remembered by the School community in the years to come.

From an interview conducted with him during the 2018 High Rugby Sports Lunch:

Mr Bob Outterside never had a dull day teaching and says his time at High was the best job he ever had. His aim as a teacher and educational leader

was to be a positive influence on his staff and his boys and to put a smile on people's faces. He felt that if you made ninety teachers happy and multiplied that by the twenty-five boys they taught that would make a huge impact. He remembers the School being involved in many special programs above and beyond the government's set curriculum activities. He noted that although the boys came from a variety of backgrounds and locations, they shared a unique passion for learning, a desire to share the gift of their intellect and a degree of intelligent good humour.



Tributes from former students:

- RIP Mr Outterside. You were hard but fair and instilled a love of rugby and respect in me which guided me well in life.
- Commanding attention without utterance, he created an arena of discipline wherein the athletic scholar could be formed. Thank you Mr Outterside. Without you we would be inferior.

Remembering Anthony ‘Tony’ Hannon

In July the School community was saddened to hear of the passing of legendary Sydney High School rugby coach and beloved history teacher, Anthony ‘Tony’ Hannon (known affectionately to his students as ‘Tozza’). Hannon began teaching at High in 1974, and he taught at the School for over 30 years.

In his own words

In 2006, Mr Hannon was interviewed by then-Year 10 student Nathan McDonnell. Whilst the interview was never published, Ms Julie Eggleton located a copy from which extracts of Hannon’s replies have been taken.

On life:

The secret of life, to me, is to find something you like doing and do it as long as you can. After 12 years of teaching I came to a school which combined all of the things I like about teaching: bright students, competitive sport (especially Rugby), and friendly staff. I have always wanted to be in the classroom, have never had to chase promotion, and I find that every day, even in the same school, is different.

On Bob Outterside:

The cane was still swishing here at High in 1974. I’m glad to say that the English-History Department (there was no separate History Department back then) refused the cane. In 1977, when Bob Outterside became Headmaster, he immediately banned the cane in this school—excellent!

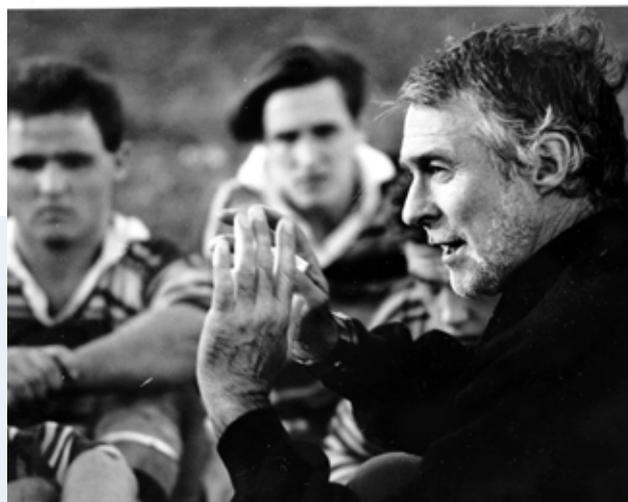
On students:

The students...are still the same old Sydney High Boys whom I have known 33 years: the same sense of fun and smarty pants humour that always makes me laugh—that doesn’t change. That incredible memory, that special ability to remember details of who was sitting where and when and what was said, and so on: all of that has not changed. I love the make-up of the School as it is.

From the outpouring of fond memories and treasured recollections that followed the news of Tozza’s passing, it would seem that this was indeed a gift that he left behind—from the interest he took in each of his students (to many of whom he was a father figure), his passion as a teacher and coach, and fond memories of his leading the Sydney High Imppecunious Trekking Society, his influence was deep and his legacy will live on.

From the eulogy by Con Barris (1971)

When I first met Tony in 1985 in the then English/History faculty I was so struck by how kind, thoughtful and considerate he was that I thought it wasn’t real. No one is this nice. I was wrong.



On Rugby at High:

...as always, those who play and coach rugby will have great satisfaction and great fun.

What is one thing you would like to be remembered for?

For being a listener.

What do you see as the main benefit for students who attend High?

Lots of bright minds networking.

What is the most important thing, in your opinion, that the students need to take away from their time in high school and what do they need to leave behind?

Take away—maybe friends for life, if that interests them. For those who prefer their solitude, a sense that they were left alone to enjoy their lives. Leave behind—leave out any fears about their self worth. If you mean what gift they should leave behind, perhaps, the memory that they were a good chap.

Over the next 37 years I learnt just how good this beacon of the teaching profession was. We have all been touched by Tony whether by his stories, his actions or his unconditional friendship and support. He cared for all, especially his students. He was a teacher first and foremost. There was never a better colleague who was respected by all...

From the eulogy by Luke Mann (1994)

Tony was High Rugby, its heart and soul, not to mention a passionate History teacher...When I think about Tony the words that come to mind are many—gentleman, scholar, mentor, coach, dedicated, prepared, strategist, innovator, passionate...

The Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee (CSC) is a vibrant group of students dedicated to raising money and awareness for a range of different charities and not-for-profit organisations, both in Australia and overseas. The CSC comprises a student leadership executive (drawn from students in Year 11 each year) and student members across all year levels who share a common passion and interest in giving back to society through volunteering and fundraising. The student leadership executive run weekly meetings and organise a variety of events, including BBQs, bake sales, muffin days and external donation collections at locations such as Martin Place, Hyde Park, Pitt Street Mall, the QVB and Central Station. The 2022 student leadership executive includes Rachit Saini (Chairman), Dibyesh Ganguly (Treasurer), Liam Fiene (Secretary), Landrie Zou (Publicity Officer), Taran Shah (Outreach Coordinator) and Matthew Lam (Events Coordinator).

The broad ethos and culture of the CSC centres on the values of contribution, teamwork, service leadership, active citizenship, and camaraderie. Participating students are introduced to a variety of real-world issues such as homelessness, mental

health, genetic health conditions, community development, pollution and waste, and disaster recovery, as well as examples of charities and not-for-profit organisations working to address and alleviate these issues for their respective target populations, contexts, and geographic locations.

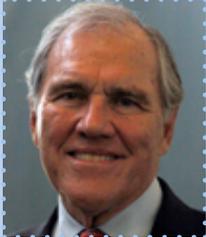
In 2022 so far, a total of 347 students have volunteered and/or fundraised for Clean Up Australia (*below, top right*), the World's Greatest Shave (Leukaemia Foundation), the Lak Saviya Foundation, Starlight Foundation (*below, bottom*), Salvation Army, Boggabilla Central School, Jeans for Genes (Children's Medical Research) (*below, top left*), Headspace Youth Mental Health Foundation and Legacy. Student members have also volunteered as part of the Bourke Street Buddies Program, a community outreach and peer support initiative between SBHS and Bourke Street Primary School. This year's team has raised over \$15,000 to date for our partner charities and not-for-profit organisations through incredible teamwork, dedication, and High spirit.

Mick Ormsby, CSC Coordinator and Student Support Officer





OLD BOYS IN THE UK



Kerry Rubie MBE (1958), former school captain and Head of the River winner, started working at Leo Burnett (a leading global advertising agency) in Toronto, Canada, eventually becoming CEO and moving to Hong Kong,

then London, then Chicago as Chairman of Leo Burnett's international operations before retiring as Vice Chairman in 2004. He has been residing in London post-retirement and retains an interest in sport, playing tennis, squash, and more recently, golf. When he retired, like many of his business colleagues he found he still had a lot of energy, and decided to do something for the community. He was approached by two organisations in which he had some interest—one was Friends of the Elderly, where he assisted for 20 years before retiring as Chairman; the other was the Royal Academy of Dance, which he chaired for 10 years. Primarily as a result of his work with these two charities, he was included in the Queen's New Year Honours to be made a Member of The British Empire (MBE) and is looking forward to visiting the Palace for his investiture soon.



Professor Sir Michael Marmot (1961) is Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at UCL (University College London) and Director of the UCL Institute of Health Equity. He is also a Co-Patron of the SHSOBU. It is

some distance from Sydney Boys High to what Sir Michael is doing now, as one of the World's leading epidemiologists at the World Health Organisation (WHO) in London. At High, he developed an interest in science that led to his pursuing medical research in the area of social determinants of health.

The pandemic of COVID-19 has given new focus to his work on health inequalities as the disease and society's response to it have both revealed and amplified underlying societal inequalities. He hopes that the evidence that has been compiled on the social determinants of health and health inequalities will be an important part of creating fairer, healthier, and more sustainable societies.

Tom Wills (1999) arrived in the UK in July 2007 with a group of Sydney High Boys—**Peter Schofield, Jonno Sapsford, Luke Nicholas** and **Hamish Hosking**—who went on to live together in a flat in South London. Tom has been away from Australia for 15 years, with two of those spent working in Bucharest, Romania. The last men standing in London of the group are Tom, Pete and Jonno, the common thread being they all met their current wives in the UK.

Tom is currently the co-founder and CFO of London-based tech start-up Novatiq Limited. Since becoming a Chartered Accountant in Australia, he has mainly worked in disruptive industries in the UK, so a tech start-up was a natural progression. His rugby days are over (one game and injured soon after arriving in the UK), but he still enjoys being crushed by Pete Schofield on the tennis court. He lives in South London with his wife, daughter and son.

Jonno Sapsford (1999) spent his first few years in London living in the 'Sydney High sharehouse' of South London with Tom and the others, while working for various English construction firms and travelling with the boys at any opportunity. These days he's married and has a son called Kasper, and currently works as a commercial manager (head of the commercial team for the UK unit) for the Australian-based construction company Built, which has a UK turnover of about £50m and growing (from the original £500k when he started). When he's not working, he supports the All Blacks from afar.



Some faces from the Class of 1999. Top row: Jonno Sapsford (4th from left) and Pete Schofield (2nd from right) Bottom row: Luke Nicholas (3rd from left), Tom Wills (2nd from right) and Hamish Hosking (far right)



1999 20 Year Reunion Lunch in London

Some other Old Boys from 1999 in the UK/Europe:

- **Peter Schofield**—works as a property developer across the UK and the Channel Islands;
- **Sam Poulter**—emigrated to Denmark with his wife and now works for Maersk;
- **Praveen Jagadish**—recently made Partner at law firm Clifford Chance in London;
- **John Wei**—Director at PwC in London;
- **Mark Retter**—Visiting Research Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge; and
- **Karl Petersson**—Research Scientist with Microsoft Quantum in Copenhagen.

As a sign of the enduring bonds forged at Sydney High, for their 20-year reunion, a group of Old Boys from the Class of 1999 got together and caught up in London for a (very) long lunch (pictured, above) and have agreed to do so more regularly in the future.

Ben Lonsdale (2002) arrived in London in 2015, and has spent time regularly with **Steve Barbouttis (2002)**, **David Snelgrove (1997)**, **Shaun Sae-Lieo (2002)**, and **Drew Laidlaw Hoare (2004)**. Ben currently works for the PureGym Group as Global Head of Strategic Sustainability and Enterprise Risk. He lives in South East London with his family (partner and one-year-old daughter) and in his spare time enjoys the odd craft ale, a bit of



Ben Lonsdale, Steve Barbouttis and David Snelgrove

exercise (he has the pressure of being an ex-1st XV captain and 1st VIII rower), and watching Brighton Hove Albion put Man United to the sword, in typical Sydney High underdog style.

Mischa Steen (2005) had the rare achievement of winning an Honour Cap at Sydney High and went on to study a Bachelor of Commerce followed by a Bachelor of Laws at Sydney University, with a year-long gap in the middle when he lived in London. In 2011 he also spent a semester on an exchange at the University of Glasgow. He's now returned to the UK and has been living in London since 2018. Mischa is a Senior Manager specialising in Financial Services regulation at KPMG in the UK. He looks back fondly on his time at High and, in particular, the sheer variety of opportunities the school afforded its students—from academia to sports to music and beyond—and being able to see close friends every day. Whilst regulatory compliance certainly has its thrills, Mischa remembers High as a place where he was able to learn and grow in a nurturing environment. He keeps in touch with fellow 2005 Old Boys in the UK, **Simon Cradock** and **Shaheen Kumar**.

Drew Laidlaw Hoare (2004) is planning a multi-year High catch-up in London this October-November. Any Old Boys based in the UK or Europe who would like to attend, please contact Drew at drew.hoare@gmail.com.



From the President of the Old Boys Union



I start this report by noting the loss of two wonderful teachers, one of whom was a long-term Principal. Mr Bob Outterside and Mr Tony Hannon both committed a significant amount of their working lives to Sydney High School. We have more information in the tributes on

pages 5 and 6 of this magazine and on our Old Boys Facebook and Instagram pages (see links below), where the outpouring of love and stories of how they impacted students' lives has been amazing to see. Teachers truly have the power to shape children's futures in their hands, and we were lucky to have both of these men as part of our school community.

Congratulations to **Kerry Rubie (1958)** (see update on page 8) who was recently awarded an MBE for Services to Innovation, Leadership and Governance in Adult Social Care in this year's New Years Honours List. Congratulations also go to **Professor Peter Anastasius Gerangelos (1977)**, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Sydney, who was awarded an AM for significant service to tertiary legal education, particularly to constitutional law, and to professional organisations.

Lachlan Spark (1997) is close to reaching the end of his epic challenge to run consecutive half-marathons from Hobart to Cairns to raise awareness for mental health. Running every day since he began in early February, he already unofficially cracked the world record for most back-to-back half marathons some time ago. You can donate to his cause at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-222> and follow his progress on Instagram: [@runthe222](https://www.instagram.com/runthe222).



It's been a busy six months for the OBU since the last *Flying Higher*.

We have added a number of new members to the Committee who are fully engaged in outreach to continue our communications expansion. I welcome **Fred Bolling (1967)** who is now driving our Reunion Program. Fred has been compiling a list of all the

contactable school captains and reunion organisers since the early 1950s. The Sydney High School Old Boys Union can assist reunion organisers with promotion, ticketing and the collection of money through our platform, which can help to ease the burden (especially with the financial aspects) of organising a reunion. Contact Fred to see how we can help at: fred.bolling@yahoo.com.au.

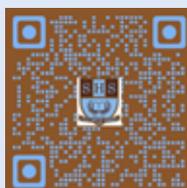
Drew Laidlaw Hoare (2004) is our new Head of Communications. Drew is helping tie together content from the Old Boys community for social media, our regular eBulletins, and the biannual *Flying Higher* magazine in conjunction with the School and Foundation. In addition, he will also be interviewing Old Boys whose achievements we believe might be of interest. Don't hesitate to reach out to Drew if you have any content for possible inclusion on our communications channels. He can be reached at: drew.hoare@gmail.com.

Max Kletski (2003) has joined as Head of the Careers and Mentor Subcommittee. He has recently held a number of Career webinars for current students and we are seeking mentors to help with the Year 10 job interview practice and other events this year. Max can be contacted via: admin@shsobu.org.au.

Finally, **Darren Howard (1983)** has taken over as Secretary from **John Taylor (1967)**, who remains on the committee focusing on our efforts to gain approval to rebuild McKay Oval's Fairland Pavilion. Any support on this would be greatly appreciated both with regards to fundraising and, importantly, with dealing with the State Government. **Alex Feldman (2003)** has taken on the role of interim Chair of the Foundation as we continue to upgrade the Outterside Centre at Abbotsford.

Please stay connected with the OBU by joining us on our social media channels (links below) and creating a profile on our portal: www.shsobu.org.au. It's the best way to keep connected with the High community.

Paul Harapin (1983)
President, Sydney High Old Boys Union



Stay Connected





Record Breaking year for Rifle Shooting

This year marked the most successful year in the history of the Sydney High School Rifle Club. The level of success we achieved at the GPS competition was record-breaking—we won every single match at both First and Second Grade level, with scores that exceeded the long-term winning average for every match. Our First Grade team (Martin Lee, Jackie Wu, Daniel Huang, Mohammad Medlej, Emmett Kim-Narushima, Leonardo Weng, Andy Xia, Cameron Young and Eddie Zhang) won the Rawson Cup, the NRA Shield, the Buchanan Shield, the GPS Premiership Shield and were crowned GPS Champions, with Martin Lee as King of the Range. Our Second Grade team (Terence Lim, Isaac Cheer, James Cao, Tristan Dean, Jacob Luu, Geoffrey Ma, Mohammad Medlej and Jacob Ng) won the Second Grade Premiership Shield. Achieving both the First Grade GPS Championship and the Second Grade Premiership has never been achieved by High before and this perfect clean sweep appears to have only occurred five times previously over a century of competition. An unprecedented number of High shooters were also selected for the GPS Combined team (the top twelve shooters out of all the schools).

Our Club is made up of both smallbore and fullbore squads. From a distance of fifty metres, smallbore shooters aim to hit a ten ring which is just over one centimetre in diameter. Those vying for a position in our fullbore squad strive to hit that ring at least nine out of ten times. The challenging process of selecting our fullbore squad was a sign of the depth of talent in our Club. Those selected dedicate nine hours each Saturday to honing their marksmanship skills at outdoor ranges at distances from 300m to 800m.

At The Armidale School smallbore competition, we once again won The Tank Shell Trophy.

Jadelyn Young (SGHS), who started shooting just over a year and a half ago, set a new smallbore Club record with a phenomenal score of 607.8 (a score that would have put her in equal eleventh place at the recent Commonwealth Games Women's fifty metre rifle prone event).

Jackie Wu is a masterful shooter who was first selected for the GPS Combined team while only in Year 8. Since then, he has been selected for four Combined GPS teams, a record for rifle shooters from High. During training this season, he achieved the pinnacle of fullbore shooting and set a new fullbore Club record. His unbeatable score of 50 with 10 centres was achieved with both sighters also in the central bullseye at the most challenging distance of 800m.

Our incredible results this season represent the culmination of years of hard work and dedication by both the shooters and our dedicated team of Old Boy coaches, who volunteer significant amounts of their personal time. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of fullbore parents who appreciate the value of our long hours of training and provided brilliant catering throughout the GPS camp. We would also like to thank Dr Jaggar and Mr Marcos for their unflagging support.

The School and Rifle Club suffered a sad loss this year with the passing of Michael 'Sam' Mason in March. A former MIC of Rifle Shooting (2000 & 2005), Sam taught Classics at the School for 29 years and was made a Life Member of the Club in 2005. In keeping with tradition, the Club conducted a 'parting shot' ceremony in his honour. It was fitting that the shot fired scored a central bullseye—the highest possible score.

Daniel Comben, MIC Rifle Shooting

Meet our new Head Teacher of Science

I am delighted to have been appointed Head Teacher of Science at High. The Science Faculty is passionate and dedicated, with every member committed to the education of our young men. It is a privilege to be able to lead our faculty into its, and my, next chapter at High.

I started my teaching career in the NSW Riverina before heading to the UK for two years. Upon returning to Sydney, I taught for several years on the North Shore before accepting a position at High in 2011. Twelve years later I am still here and loving every minute of it. High is a unique and challenging, but extremely rewarding, school to teach in. Whilst we set high expectations for all our students, they in return expect high standards from the staff to deliver engaging and thoughtful lessons and programs.

I am passionate about boys' education and especially about equipping our boys with skills they can use in science and to implement change in the future. A big part of this is being able to effectively communicate scientific evidence and research. My focus for the department in 2022 and beyond is to work on improving science literacy in Stages 4 and 5. We are currently working to embed literacy progressions and SOLO methodology into all our

junior science programs.

A major highlight this year was taking delivery of our new science lab. In addition to our compulsory junior science, we run approximately 30 senior science classes in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The new state-of-the-art lab has meant we can reduce the number of science lessons taking place in classrooms. Students have a 'dry' area in the middle to sit and complete theory lessons and 'wet' areas around the sides to conduct their experiments. Included in the lab is a ducted fume cupboard for use by senior Chemistry students and a height-adjustable lab bench with sink. In addition, the new science lab is completely integrated with the School's WIFI and VIVI network which is connected to the teacher's whiteboard.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming years and, for parents, being a part of your son's journey at High.

Kerryn Ibbott



Your Invitation

Celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Sydney High School Cadet Unit



SHSCU would like to invite all Old Boy Cadets
to join us at a Celebratory Dinner in The Great Hall

Tuesday, 27 June 2023

Sydney Boys High School
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2007



1992



1965



1979



The Social Board Games Club

Since 2016 Social Board Games have happened every Wednesday at lunchtime for students from the Junior School. We recently expanded the program to the Senior School on Mondays due to popular demand. The aim is to build social skills and for students to get to know other students from different year groups and classes. The Social Board Games group is a device-free zone and has been appreciated by the students. It is always great to see students connect with each other through games and to hear their laughter.

Our Social Board Game program continued to thrive this year and has proved so popular with the junior students that we sometimes run out of seats in the classroom. Seeing students playing Scrabble on the floor instead of glued to their smartphones has been fantastic. Interacting over various card games and board games like Monopoly has helped students to build friendships and hone their social skills. Students can spend their lunchtime playing a variety of games such as UNO, chess and Trivial Pursuit in a fun and relaxing environment.

Joanna Chan, Head Teacher Student Wellbeing

Social Board Games is an experience you can never forget. You make new friends every week without fail, strengthen your friendships with the friends you already have, and most importantly, have fun! The feeling is amazing when you win a game of Jenga or a tense game of chess. It is vital that other kids have the chance to experience the same feelings that I did in this club. Therefore, Social Board Games must continue!

Anay Gautam, Year 7

The Social Board Games club is a fun way to meet up with friends offline and in person. It is on Wednesday at lunch and is a great way to meet up with friends around a good game of Monopoly or any game that can be played in under 40 minutes. It is a great way to be introduced to new games or revisit some classics and a fantastic experience every Wednesday. My personal favourite is Jenga, the game where you have to pull blocks out of a stack to keep it balanced, but there are others as well, so come to Social Board Games in Room 304 for a great time on Wednesday lunchtime.

James Carmichael, Year 7

Time to hit the slopes!

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Adam Dong, class of 2004
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Sydney High Fencing

Fencing was first introduced to Sydney Boys High School in 1992 and has since grown into one of the School's most successful winter sports. From a program which was originally limited to one weapon (Foil) with a handful of students training and competing with non-electric equipment (aka steam fencing), our current program now spans all three weapons (Foil, Epee and Sabre), with active participation from over 90 students.

Our robust program caters for fencers of all levels and we aim to promote a culture of sportsmanship, fair play, camaraderie, school community, and High Spirit. Thanks to the School's support, we have a dedicated training and storage space in the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Training is scheduled three times per week during the season and students are divided into two groups—Development and Squad Fencers. Development group training is offered to our beginner and recreational fencers where the emphasis is on learning the fundamentals of the sport and having fun with recreational fencing. Squad fencers focus their training on bouting and advanced tactics and are selected based on merit to represent High at inter-school competitions. Amongst our small group of coaches, we have been fortunate to have a mix of accredited and specialised coaches and Old Boys who return to help train the next generation of High fencers and, more importantly, uphold the unique High culture that makes our program work so well.

High fencers compete in individual and team-based competitions run by the NSW Fencing Association. Our two main competitions are the Roberta Nutt Shield for individual events and the AJ Rae

Competition, both qualifying events for the Australian Schools Fencing Championships. Historically, High has performed well in these competitions, winning the Roberta Nutt Shield as the school with the highest collective points in the competition for consecutive seasons since 2017. High also consistently medals in the AJ Rae team events and holds the Australian Schools Fencing Championship title in Epee and Sabre team events for this year.

SBHS Fencing is also a founding member of the NSW Schools' Fencing League (NSWSFL), an initiative created by a group of like-minded schools who saw an opportunity to supplement the limited competition opportunities for school fencing with additional fixture-based competitions between the participating schools. Since its inception, High has won the Epee Team Premiership four times (2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022) and the Foil Team Premiership in 2019.

Our program is made possible because of the generous and supportive community who take time out of their busy schedules to not only attend weekend sporting competitions, but also to help organise fundraising events, BBQs and our end-of-season dinner. I would like to thank our dedicated and passionate coaches, parents, staff, students and Old Boys who volunteer and contribute their time and effort to help us grow the sport at High to ensure its continued success.

For more information about SBHS Fencing, please visit: www.sbhsfencing.com.

Dat Huynh, MIC Fencing



STAGE 6 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AT HIGH

Design and Technology at High is an immersive and unique experience for students where theoretical knowledge and practical applications can be applied to solve authentic problems. Students have the opportunity to create and work on their ideas by using a mix of traditional technologies (woodwork, technical drawing, architectural and engineering studies) along with new and innovative technologies such as laser cutting, 3D printing and Virtual Reality (VR). A dedicated Makerspace allows students to test, experiment and explore their ideas to create prototypes and nurture their curiosity. They are given the freedom to unleash their creativity and develop viable solutions to a user's needs through our five-stage Design Thinking process.

A focus of the Year 11 D&T course tasks students with working on real problems that are experienced on campus. Students have worked on designing navigational signage, renovation planning of staffroom kitchenettes and traffic management of the canteen area.



To supplement in-classroom learning, students are also provided with opportunities to connect with alumni and industry experts to draw inspiration and support. They are taught to attack problems from different angles and dive deeper than just the first solution that comes to mind. As such they learn how to adapt to changes, how to build resilience to failure, goal setting, project management and perseverance—valuable life skills that they can carry through into the workforce.

Dat Huynh, Design and Technology Teacher
(With James Lo, Kaden Kuang and Patrick Ta)

FOCUS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE

Our Philosophy

The Social Science Faculty strives to become a faculty of excellence in teaching and learning by encouraging independent thinking and creativity in an intellectually stimulating environment.

Our Team

Mr Kay, Mr Barris, Ms Loh, Ms Stephens, Ms Marsh, Mr Writer, Mr Higgins, Mr Jackson, Mr Rowlands, Ms Cradock, and Mr Loizou. (Also, Ms Jackson and Ms Millett who are currently on maternity leave.)

Our Objectives

- To implement teaching strategies for the development of independent and critical thinking.
- To develop a stimulating and cooperative learning environment for both staff and students.
- To prepare students for active involvement within our contemporary society.

Our courses include:

Year 7: Geography.

Year 8: Geography.

Year 9: Geography and Commerce (both courses are compacted).

Year 10: Geography and Commerce plus school-developed differentiated units; accelerated

Preliminary Business Studies; and accelerated Preliminary Geography.

Year 11: Preliminary Economics, Preliminary Legal Studies, Preliminary Business Studies, HSC Business Studies, Preliminary Geography and HSC Geography.

Year 12: HSC Economics, HSC Business Studies, HSC Legal Studies and HSC Geography

Extra curricula:

Our students complement their learning via various opportunities that arise, including: Business and Economics competitions, the EBE Business Plan competition, various excursions, the Australian Geography Competition, the ASX Sharemarket Game and other virtual excursions, guest speakers (where opportunities allow) and much more.

So far this year, it was amazing to see two of our boys win national titles: Oscar Li (*pictured, top right*) won the National ASX Sharemarket Game and Adit Mahidadia (*pictured, bottom right*) gained a finals place in the Australian Geography Competition and received an invitation to represent Australia in the Global Geography Challenge to be held in Indonesia next year.



Sydney Boys High School

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (P&C) 2022

Back to Normal

Hasn't it been a challenging year? COVID seems to be somewhat behind us (or at least we are learning to live with it and its variants). The weather has not been on our side, with many of us parents getting a good soaking watching our boys at Saturday sports! But all in all, the sun seems to be metaphorically shining upon us this year.

For current Year 9 parents it must be good to experience your first full year of weekend school sport. This was something that was sorely missed in the past two years and there is so much catching up to do in terms of getting involved and spectating. The canteens of various sports are back and carpark fundraising is in full swing as sporting event numbers come back to pre-pandemic levels.

The P&C has been busy scheduling informative monthly meetings and our zoom sessions regularly reach upwards of 200 attendees. Some popular recent meetings have featured Ms Pride (Head English Teacher), HSC result updates (Dr Jaggar), a combined Girls and Boys School topic on 'Keeping Safe on Socials' and Study Samurai guru Dr Prue Salter. October's General Meeting will focus on mental health.

The presentation on Study Skills was aimed at both parents and their sons. Feedback was excellent, and attendees particularly appreciated hearing from an ex-student about how he managed his time to reach his goals. The School has adopted the Study Samurai methodology to assist our boys, and hopefully parents will encourage them to take advantage of this.

The Canteen has been going strong and has enabled the P&C to make a few donations to

the School. These will go towards initiatives such as new school bus savings, Science textbooks, air conditioning for the Junior Library, and Professional Learning (Glasser Choice Theory). The Canteen volunteers are the unsung heroes of the P&C. Their tireless work generates significant income which is pumped back into the School via the P&C. Well done team! As this is such an integral part of the P&C, it is important that enough volunteers are recruited, minimising the number of paid staff and thereby maximising the Canteen's profits. Parents—your spare time would be very much appreciated!

Open Day is coming up in September and for the first time in two years it will be take place in person rather than via zoom. Parents considering Sydney Boys High School will be welcomed by staff and volunteers from the school community. It's our time again to shine and show prospective students and their families why SBHS is such a worthy choice for their sons (should they meet our entry standards). This day also relies on the generous support of volunteers giving their time.

As the school year draws to a close, the P&C will hold our AGM in November, with all positions made vacant then subject to voting. There will be a number of positions requiring a variety of skills and varying levels of time commitment. Please consider getting involved in the P&C and/or volunteering for various roles throughout the year. It's a great way to meet other parents and become an integral part of the school community.

Andrew Hybler
Year 10 Parent and P&C President





SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Sydney High School Foundation (SHSF) aims to promote and advance the education of students at SBHS. Its funds provide tax-deductible status for donations to SBHS. The Foundation is managed by representatives of the Parents and Citizens Association and the Old Boys Union, who work together with the School Principal to provide facilities and resources for the School.

History

The Sydney High School Foundation Inc. (SHSF Inc.) was established by the SBHS P&C Association and the SHS Old Boys Union in 1986. Assets previously held by the former School Council (principally the boatshed at Abbotsford and the McKay Playing Fields lease) were transferred to the Foundation, which was also appointed as trustee of the SHS Centenary Building Fund established to build the then-new Outterside Centre at Abbotsford. Subsequently, the Foundation acquired and/or took on the management of other assets and activities and became trustee of five other trust funds established to support various SBHS activities.

Charity Registration, Charitable Funds Structure and DGR Endorsement

In 2017, SHSF Inc. was registered by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC) as a charity whose purpose is to promote and advance the education of students at SBHS.

In 2017-18 and 2021, SHSF restructured its charitable fund arrangements to establish:

- four DGR funds (the SHSF Building, Library, Scholarship and Support Funds) and two sports facilities project accounts with DGR status, all as funds within SHSF;
- the SHSF Advancement Fund (a DGR fund) as a charitable trust fund with SHSF as trustee; and

- the SHSF Endowment Fund (without DGR status) as a charitable trust fund with SHSF as trustee.

Charitable funds endorsed as Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR) by the ATO can receive tax-deductible gifts from donors whereas the Endowment Fund can receive endowments, bequests and other donations where the donor does not seek tax-deductibility. As charities, SHSF and each of its funds has tax concession status, exempting them from income tax and rebating GST they pay on expenditures.

Corporate Structure

In 2019, SHSF Inc. was converted to SHSF Limited, a Company Limited by Guarantee. The company is managed by a board of nine directors:

- the P&C President (or their nominee) and three other P&C appointees;
- the OBU President (or their nominee) and three other OBU appointees; and
- the School Principal.

Activities

The Foundation: owns the Outterside Centre (OC); is the lessee of the Fairland Pavilion at McKay sports grounds (*below*), Centennial Park; operates the School tennis court complex and the High Store; manages the accounts for the hire of the Great Hall, grounds and COLA; holds the School community's 50% interest in the Governors Centre project; manages the charitable trusts for the SHSF Building, Library, Scholarship and Support Funds and the sports facilities project accounts; and is trustee of the Advancement and Endowment Funds.



Back to *High* Day

This year's Back to High Day, on Saturday, 30th July, was yet another glorious day for the young and the young at heart. High hosted The Kings School at our sacred home of sport, McKay Oval, where our Junior Rugby teams were victorious, displaying great attacking flair and tenacity, while our First XV played valiantly. The First XV fixture featured a minute's silence honouring the memory of teacher, year master and rugby coach Tony Hannon, mentor and friend to so many Old Boys, who had recently passed away. (See *tribute on page 6.*)

High Football Junior A teams had some very good wins and hard-fought draws against Kings. Both the First XI and Second XI played their games next to McKay and certainly enjoyed having the additional Old Boys crowd in attendance.

Away from McKay there was plenty of activity in the School gym, where the First Grade Volleyball team were up against fellow undefeated Scots. While they started poorly, High overcame their opposition and ultimately won convincingly. The amazing twenty-year Sydney High Volleyball success story is unprecedented in GPS sport and the 2022 team is on track to secure another GPS First Grade Premiership. Off the field, we had a wide range of Old Boys (from 1965 to the most recent leavers) providing boisterous support and showing their genuine commitment to remaining part of the High community.

A big thank you to all those Old Boys and parents who supported High and to those who purchased a prestigious OBU cap on yet another very successful Back to High Day.

Photos courtesy of Paul Almond





OBU Reunions and Events

The 70 Year Reunion of the Class of 1952

The Class of 1952 recently celebrated an incredible (and rare) 70 Year Reunion milestone at Sydney Rowing Club with thirteen Old Boys in attendance. **Viv Littlewood (1952)**, School Captain and reunion organiser, recounted the Class of 1952 journey:

Our year started in 1948 with 150 boys, mostly from Sydney's eastern suburbs. Relatively few high school students went on to the one university in Sydney. Many boys had to leave High after the Intermediate Certificate (Year 9), often due to financial necessity. This exodus was balanced a little by boys coming in from other junior high schools, such as Cleveland Street. Consequently, only 93 of us sat for the Leaving Certificate in 1952.

Our first formal reunion was in 1982, when we had a function at the High Club (then situated in Darlinghurst). For our 40th there were just a couple of tables at the 1992 OBU Dinner. However, led by then-OBU Vice President Graeme Dunn, an OBU committee organised

a big event for our 50th. We had three tables at the 2002 OBU Dinner, and this was followed by a very well-attended lunch at the Outterside Centre. Gordon Davies had produced a booklet with pen pictures of "the boys'" doings since leaving school. For our 60th anniversary in 2012, 43 of us had lunch in the Great Hall, with the newly-appointed School Captain, Vice-Captain and Senior Prefect as our guests.

By 2022 we had lost a few, but enough of the remainder showed keen interest in getting together. Initially we had 20 starters but, for medical reasons, this was reduced to 13, who thoroughly enjoyed gathering over lunch at the Sydney Rowing Club. To consider waiting another ten years would be pushing things a bit far, so we have tentatively agreed to meet up again yearly in future. Let's see what 2023 brings.

The SHSOBU is looking for our oldest living Old Boy (most likely a finisher from the 1940s). If you think you can assist, please email President@shsobu.org.au.



(Left to right): Bert Rosewell, Gordon Davies, Barry Squires, Gordon Treble, Jim Watson, Warren Ball, David Singer (standing), Hal Sperling, Michael Diamond, Peter Lewis, Viv Littlewood, Ralph Cashman, Max Sherrard

Upcoming Reunions and Events

Saturday 24 September 2022
**Class of 1969: COVID-delayed
50 Year Reunion**

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1969-50th-reunion

Tuesday, 27 September 2022
SHS Old Boys Golf Day

Friday, 30 September 2022
**Class of 1960: COVID-delayed
60 Year Reunion**

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1960-60th-year-reunion

Tuesday, 11 October 2022
**Foundation Day Assembly
& Prefect Induction**

Saturday, 15 October 2022
**Class of 1991: COVID-delayed
30 Year Reunion**

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1991-30-year-reunion

Saturday, 22 October 2022
Dubai Old Boys Meetup

www.shsobu.org.au/event/dubai-old-boys-meetup-22-october-2022

Saturday, 5 November 2022
Class of 1967: 55 Year Reunion

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1967-55th-reunion-save-the-date

Saturday, 12 November 2022
Class of 1982: 40 Year Reunion

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1982-40-year-reunion

Saturday, 12 November 2022
Class of 1997: 25 Year Reunion

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1997-25-year-reunion

Monday, 14 November 2022
**Class of 1961: COVID-delayed
60 Year Reunion**

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-1961-60-year-reunion

Saturday, 10 December 2022
Back to the Sheds Day

Sunday, 18 December 2022
**Class of 2000: COVID-delayed
20 Year Reunion**

www.shsobu.org.au/event/class-of-2000-20-year-reunion



Photo: Chris Roussos

Vale

J Doug Donoghue AM (1953), former director and life member of Rowing Australia passed away at home in Edgecliff on 1 August 2022, aged 86.

Doug (pictured below, with the 1953 Prefects) commenced rowing at Sydney High School where he coxed fours and the eight before finishing his school rowing in the 2nd IV. He did not forget this grounding and gave back by later coaching junior crews and co-coaching the 1st VIII. He was immensely respected by SHS rowers of the 1950s and 1960s and was unendingly supportive of High Rowing, providing expert advice and attending regattas and fundraising over the years.

He joined Sydney Rowing Club whilst still at school and served as Director and Vice-President, receiving the Order of Merit and remaining the Chair of the Sydney Rowing Club Foundation until a few months prior to his death.

He was no stranger to assisting the sport with media, including doing the ABC radio call for the Olympic rowing in 1976 and the TV commentaries for both the 1984 and 1988 Olympic rowing. He was also a regular at local regattas with his commentary heard at the NSW GPS regatta and national regattas for many years.

His professional life was largely served with Ampol where he had a broad range of experience in senior corporate positions which proved helpful to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), to which he provided strategic advice as a member of its Executive Committee. In 2020, Doug was elected to life membership of Rowing Australia. He was also a director of the AOC Foundation and life member of the AOC.

Doug's contribution to rowing, the Olympic movement and High has been exceptional.

Dr John Bach OAM (1940) (pictured below with the 1940 CHS Athletics team), maritime historian and author, passed away on 7 July 2021.

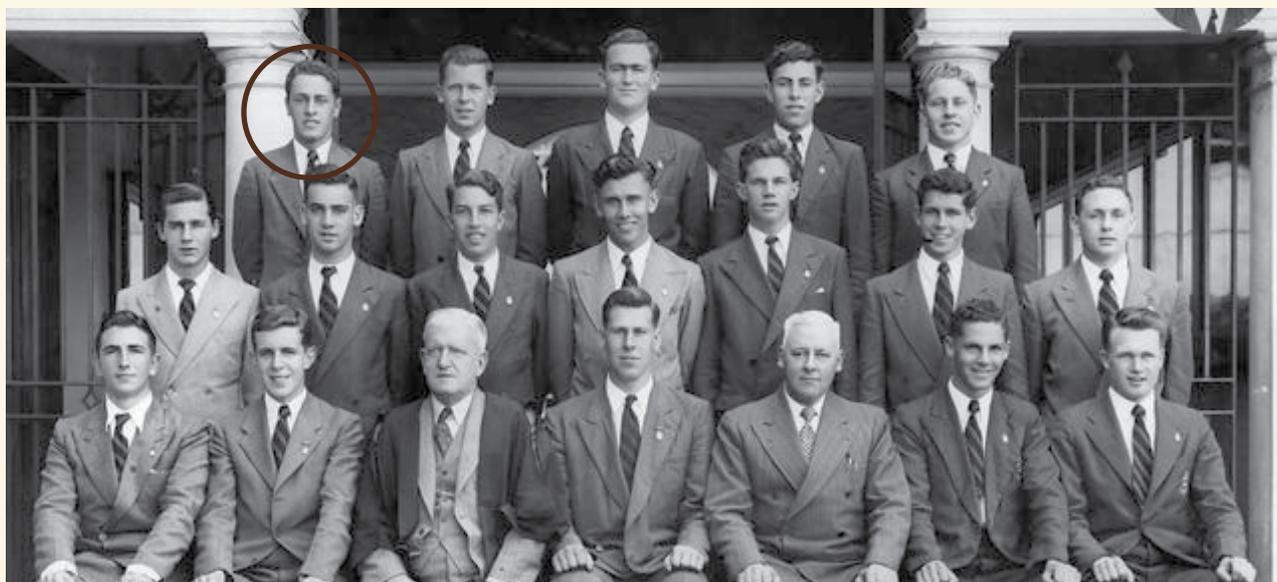


Lionel Hovey (1955) passed away suddenly on 20 August 2021 from a stroke.

Alan Polditch (1958) passed away on 23 August 2021. Alan lived a full life with a wide range of interests including more than 20 years playing bowls, membership of two Probus groups, an active interest in gardening (especially roses), family genealogy and local historical research.

Former High Mathematics teacher **Darren McQuillan** passed suddenly due to cardiac arrest on 16 May 2022. Darren taught in the mathematics faculty for several years before transferring to Sydney Girls. He was a staunch supporter of the Basketball Program while at High.

Dr David Lewis (1945) passed away on 8 June 2022.





SYDNEY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

We need your help

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For a donation of \$3000 or more, you will be acknowledged on a plaque affixed to the back of a seat in the new theatre in the Governors Centre. Make a donation at:

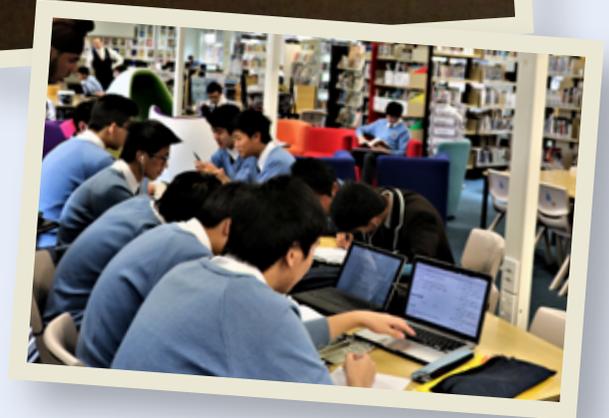
<https://www.shsobu.org.au/pages/finishing-touches> or by contacting enquiries@shsfoundation.org.au.

Air Conditioning for the Junior Library

The Junior Library is often hot and stuffy as the noise along Anzac Parade requires the windows to be shut. Because the Government's Cooler Classrooms project did not include libraries, we need to fund our own air conditioning.

Donate online at: <https://www.shsobu.org.au/supportus> or contact enquiries@shsfoundation.org.au.

Donations are fully tax-deductible and will be directed to the Sydney High School Foundation Building Fund ABN: 62 078 650 439.



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