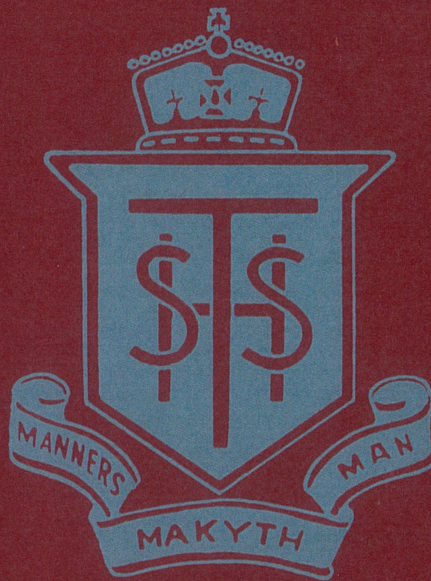


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At a recent dinner of Sydney Technical High School Old Boys celebrating fifty years since they graduated from the school, the comment was made that Sydney Tech is a school you don't have to lie about. This may seem a strange statement at first sight but I think it sums up the achievements of our students over many generations and the high regard in which past students hold the school.

Many boys who are in first year university visit the school and talk about their experiences. It seems they are surprised when other students know the school and its fine reputation. It is, perhaps, a case of being very familiar with something and not being able to see it in perspective when they were here.

In the 1997 School Certificate, in English, 71% of students were in the top 30% of the State, in Mathematics, 71% of students were in the top 30% of the State, and in Science, 95% of students were in the top 30% of the State. In the 1997 Higher School Certificate, 41% of students performed in the top 10% of the State and 63% of students performed in the top 20% of the State.

Additional information supplied by the Department of Education and Training demonstrates that the school is adding value to students. Students achieve significantly much better in the School Certificate than they did in the Basic Skills Test and significantly better in the Higher School Certificate than they did in the School Certificate. This is the result of quality teaching, good support from parents and good relationships within the school. Without a strong culture of understanding and tolerance among students and between students and staff, we would not enjoy these excellent results. In the ELLA Test, the number of students falling in the highest category for writing increased by 100% from Year 7 to Year 8 as a result of the school's emphasis on the further development of student writing skills.

A program that is new to the school this year is the Peer Mediation Program. This involves students assisting groups or individuals who are disagreeing to sort out their difficulties. Groups of Year 9 students are working with Year 7 students and we are looking at this being fully operational

with the new Year 7, 1999 using Year 10. Other students will be brought into the program as trained mediators in the future. Being trained in mediation is very important, as it will give students skills that will stand them in good stead both now and in their later life including employment. It will also be an excellent leadership experience for the boys involved and I congratulate them on being willing to participate in this important activity. During 1998, the following areas were addressed. The school worked towards the introduction of the new School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; introduced a new literacy program with special focus on Years 7 and 8; evaluated the new timetable structure with the eighty minute period; implemented study skills programs in Years 7, 9 and 11; introduced a special learning program to assist selected students achieve better; implemented new playground and travel policies; incorporated child protection learning materials into the curriculum; significantly increased student access to computers through the Government's Computers in Schools program; increased Internet access for students; extended profile reporting into Year 11; conducted drug education programs for staff and parents; conducted a suicide prevention program for parents and students; and, improved staff skills and understanding in a variety of sports.

I urge you to read the reports that follow. They contain information on the high level achievements attained by our students in a broad range of endeavours. I congratulate them on their fine performances and the parents and guardians who have given them such excellent support.

My thanks to the teaching, clerical and cleaning staff who make such an important contribution to the smooth running of the school and to the development of our students and to the parents who assist in areas such as the canteen, the clothing pool, the Music Support Group and through the Parents' and Citizens' Association.

John Quill
Principal



DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

In August this year I attended the 50th Reunion of the students who attended Sydney Tech from 1944 to 1948. During the proceedings many memories were shared, most notably the achievements of students in areas outside of formal lessons. Debating, public speaking, sporting competitions were all readily discussed and I was asked to speak about the achievements of the students of 1998 in similar areas. In the allocated time it was difficult to focus with justice on the many areas of excellence of our students.

I hope to highlight just a few of them in this report and urge you to read the reports that follow.

The achievement of the boys in 1998 speak volumes and encompass the broad spectrum of talents. Debating and public speaking teams performed admirably throughout the year with many teams winning their Zone competitions. The National History Challenge was again held this year and two of our Year 8 students were regional champions in the Special Category with their CD-Rom program on conscription in World War I. The outstanding entry of the competition came from another Year 8 student whose essay, on conscription in the Vietnam War, won him the State title. The Year 11 Mock Trial team won five cases and acquitted themselves with great distinction in this difficult competition.

The student newspaper FRED continued its fine tradition of providing challenging issues. FRED journalists reported on many issues affecting the youth of Australia and provided an essential forum for student discussion. The tenacity of the team to break stories and to provide students with an entertaining and vital medium of communication is applauded and encouraged. FRED's success in the Sydney Morning Herald's school newspaper awards demonstrates the high quality of the production and the regard with which it is held.

The Performing Ensembles Program has maintained its high profile both in the school and the Region. The Stage Band performed at the South East Sydney Festival at the Opera House and were invited to perform at the St. George district *Celebrating 100 Years of Public Education* banquet in September. The Concert Band provided the music for the annual Anzac Day assembly ensuring that this important day was marked with due respect. The highlights of their year were the ever-spectacular "Musical" and the tour to Brisbane in October.

In the sporting arena many students excelled in their chosen disciplines. The school won the Zone

Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals with many fine individual and team performances from our students. Exceptional performances were from students who participated in CHS events, in Cross Country and Athletics. Teams in soccer and squash reached the final 16 of state knockout competitions and were Regional Champions. We maintained our dominance in Grade sport with more than sixty five percent of our students representing the school each week. In 1998 there were six Blues Awards presented for athletics and soccer.

At the conclusion of the Reunion luncheon, one of the men donated his school journals to be kept in our school archive. I took time to read through them and noted the similarities that exist in the efforts and talents of the students over the past fifty years. In particular, I was struck by the words of a student in Form 5 in 1944. He was in his final year of schooling and was recalling the year's events. He concluded by stating:

"Tech" is not a buildingbut the grand cavalcade which has passed within its portals...It is the boys who are "Tech"....

These very words could still be used to describe Tech today. The students in 1998 have once again met the challenges set before them. They are the reason why this school has a fine history and is so respected in the wider community. My thanks go to the students themselves and to the teachers and parents who assisted them in meeting these challenges.

Lynne Irvine
Deputy Principal





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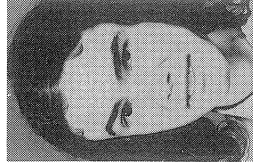
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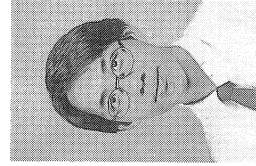
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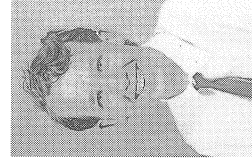
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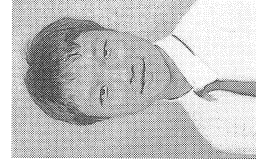
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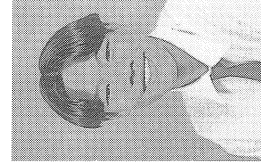
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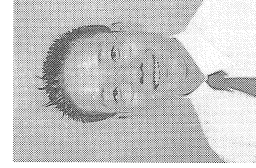
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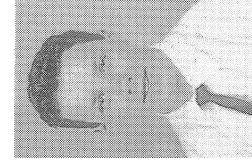
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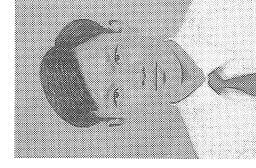
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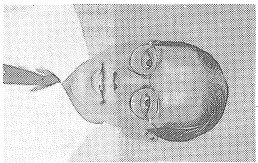
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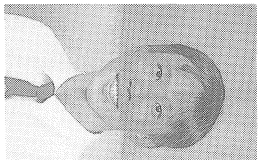
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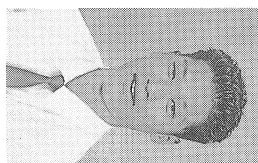
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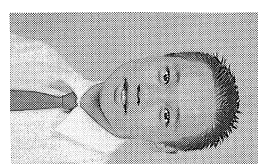
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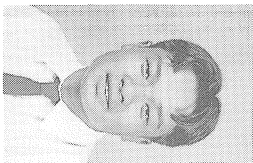
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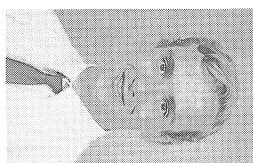
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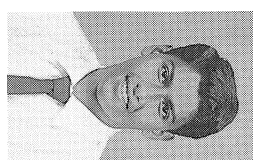
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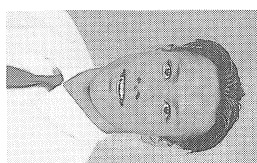
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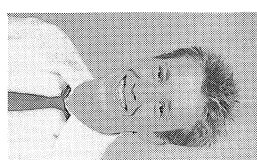
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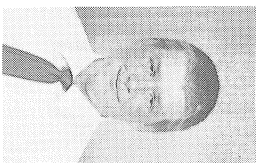
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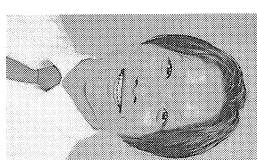
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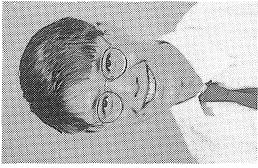
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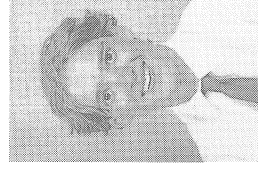
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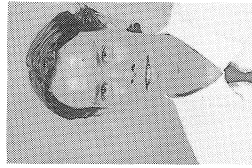
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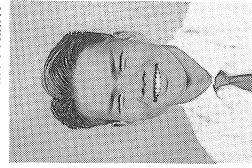
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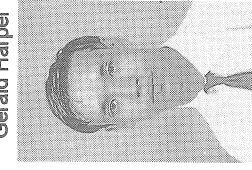
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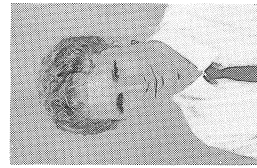
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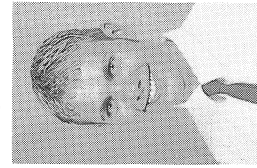
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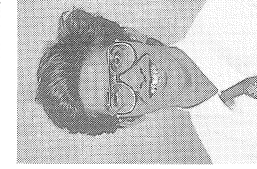
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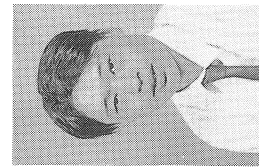
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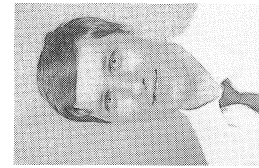
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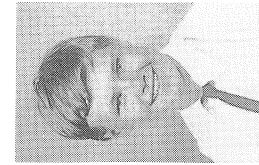
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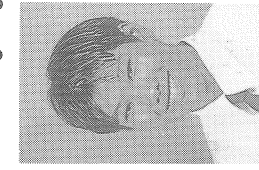
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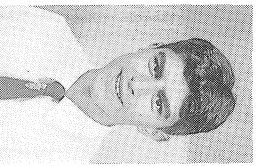
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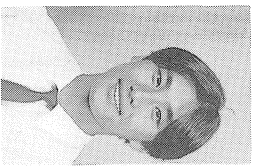
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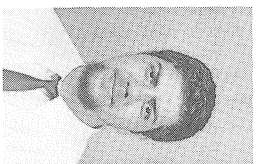
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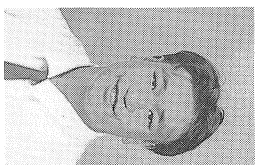
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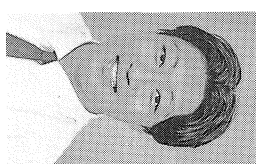
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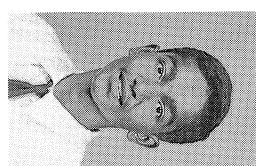
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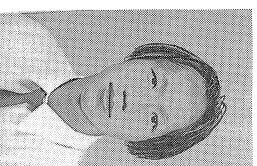
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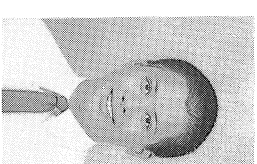
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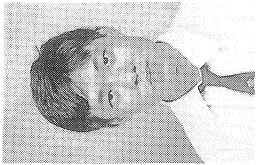
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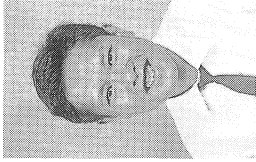
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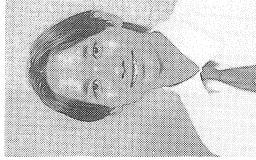
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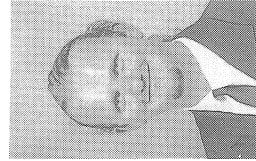
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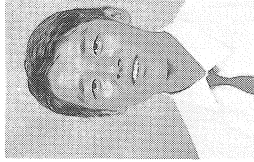
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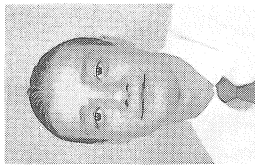
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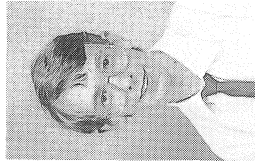
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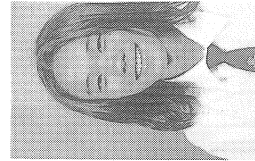
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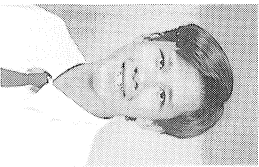
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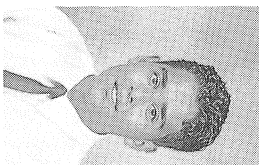
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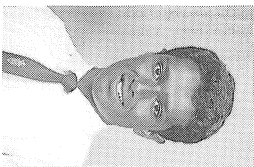
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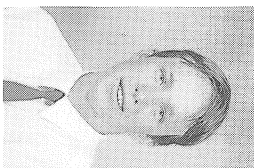
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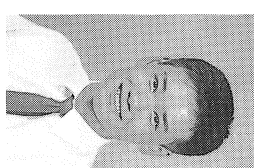
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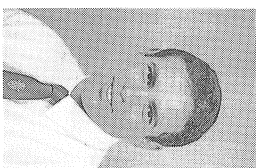
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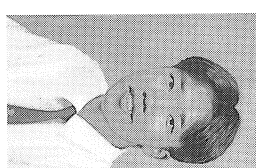
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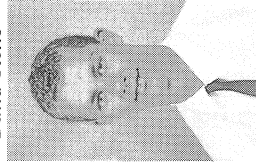
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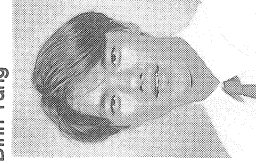
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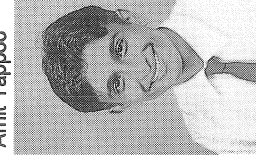
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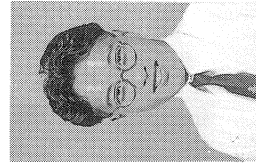
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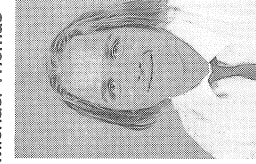
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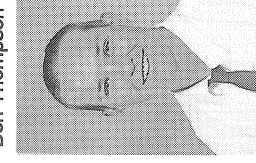
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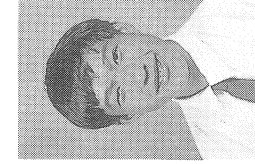
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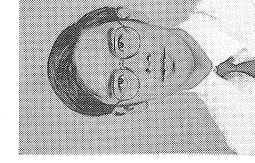
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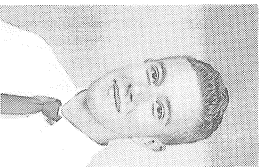
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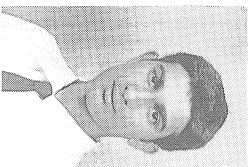
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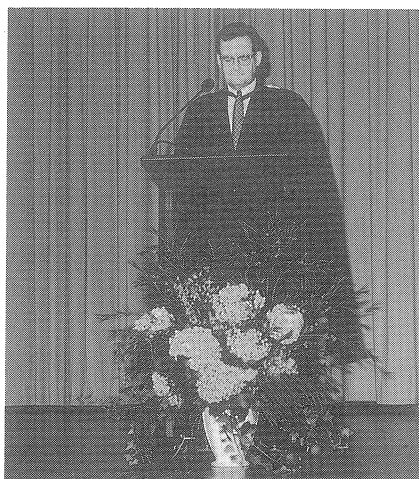


Warren Yiu



Alex Yung





SPECIAL PRIZES FOR 1997

Turner Prize
 Wykeham Prize
 Hurstville Lions Prize (Senior)
 Hurstville Lions Prize (Junior)
 Interact Prize (Rotary Club of Bexley)
 OBU Public Speaking Champion
 Senior Literature Prize
 Junior Literature Prize
 OBU Senior Essay Writing 1st Prize
 OBU Senior Essay Writing 2nd Prize
 OBU Junior Essay Writing 1st Prize
 OBU Music Trophy
 (Diligence & Application in Band)
 OBU Music Trophy
 (Most Improved Instrumentalist)
 Class of '62 Award
 (Bandsman of the Year)
 Angelo Amante Memorial Prize for
 Service to the School through Music
 The Royal Australian Chemical
 Institute Prize
 James Brooks, Napoleon Chiu, Brett McClelland, David Rees, Michael Vinall,
 Daniel Wong-Chung-Lung
 Ampol Best All Rounder
 SRC Prize for Contribution to the School

Matthew Kaspura
 Lawrence Ong
 John-Claude Zadro, David Barrett
 Michael Rossiter-Thornton
 Michael Robertson
 John-Claude Zadro, Jason Chan
 Vi Thang
 Austin Reynolds
 James Yeomans
 Ben Galloway
 Ian Wong-Chung-Lung

Cameron Gardiner, Rohan Smith

Jason Chan, Lawrence Ong

Daniel Hurd

Tim Gould

Peter Auchterlonie, John Brett,
David Rees, Michael Vinall,

Adrian Pin
John-Claude Zadro



ACADEMIC PRIZES FOR 1997

YEAR 12

H. Brown for Dux of School
2nd in Year 12
3rd in Year Equal

George Keys Prize for English 3 Unit
English 2 Unit Related Equal 1st

English 2 Unit General
Norman Marks Prize for Chemistry
 Equal 1st
William Pillans Prize for Biology
Stanhope Prize for Physics
 Equal 1st

OBU Prize for Mathematics 4 Unit
Mathematics 3 Unit Prize
Mathematics 2 Unit Prize
Mathematics in Society Prize
George Keys Prize for
Modern History 3 Unit
Modern History 2 Unit Prize
George Keys Prize for
Ancient History 3 Unit
Ancient History 2 Unit Prize
Engineering Science 3 Unit Prize
Engineering Science 2 Unit Equal 1st

Design & Technology 3 Unit Prize
Rupert Markham Prize for
French 2 Unit
Japanese 2 Unit Prize
Rupert Markham Prize for
German 2 Unit General Prize
Cyril Lake Prize for Economics
3 Unit Prize
Economics 2 Unit Prize
OBU Prize for Geography 3 Unit
Geography 2 Unit Prize
Visual Arts 3 Unit Prize
Visual Arts 2 Unit Prize
Society and Culture 3 Unit Prize
Society and Culture 2 Unit Prize
General Studies Prize Equal 1st

Music Prize 2 Unit Equal 1st

Computing Studies 3 Unit Prize
Computing Studies 2 Unit Prize
Business Studies 3 Unit Prize
Business Studies 2 Unit Prize
 Equal 1st

Drama 2 Unit Prize
Owen Hodge & Son Legal Studies
3 Unit Prize
Legal Studies 2 Unit Prize
Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Daniel Nguyen
Daniel Wong- Chung-Lung
Napolean Chiu
Kwan Hee Lee
Napolean Chiu
Liam Stodart
Napolean Chiu
Kwan Hee Lee
Daniel Nguyen
Daniel Wong
Lachlan Host
Daniel Nguyen
Kelly Trinh
Daniel Nguyen
Gordius Mak
Lachlan Host
David Barrett

Alan Seto
Adrian Pin

David Miller
Tim Cheung
Kwan Hee Lee
Stephen Ashton
Chun Chan
Stanley Giaouris

Daniel Wong-Chung-Lung
Napolean Chiu

Andrew Carpenter

Ross McInnes
Daniel Nguyen
Brad Hill
Neil Vanza
Vi Thang
Karl Logge
Liam Stodart
Gordius Mak
Kwan Hee Lee
Ross McInnes
Tim Gould
Tuan Nguyen
Gordius Mak
Anthony Mathews
Barry Saoud
Tim Cheung
Adrian Pin
Derek Laney

Ross McInnes
Con Kousoukas
Daniel Maroney



ACADEMIC PRIZES 1997 continued

YEAR 11

Edward Lee Memorial Prize for Dux of Year 11
and University of Western Sydney Prize for
Year 11's Outstanding Student

Eugene Kamenka Prize for English

Chemistry Prize

Physics Prize

Mathematics Prize 3 unit

Mathematics Prize 2 Unit

Geography Prize

Economics Prize

Business Studies Prize

Tom Kistle Modern History Prize

Helen Emanuele Ancient History

Engineering Science Prize Equal 1st

German Prize

French Prize

Japanese Prize

Visual Arts Prize

Music Prize

Drama Prize

Owen Hodge & Son Legal Studies Prize

Computing Studies Prize Equal 1st

Computing Applications Prize

Design and Technology

Journalism Prize

Studies of Religion Prize

Public Speaking Prize

Society and Culture Prize

Frederick Lee

Kenneth Lam

Frederick Lee

Yale Lu

Yale Lu

Howard Shih

Frederick Lee

Aditya Kousik

Steven Siu

James Yeomans

James Jack

John V Nguyen

Geoffrey Egger

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Robert Llewellyn

Cameron Smith

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Daniel Maroney

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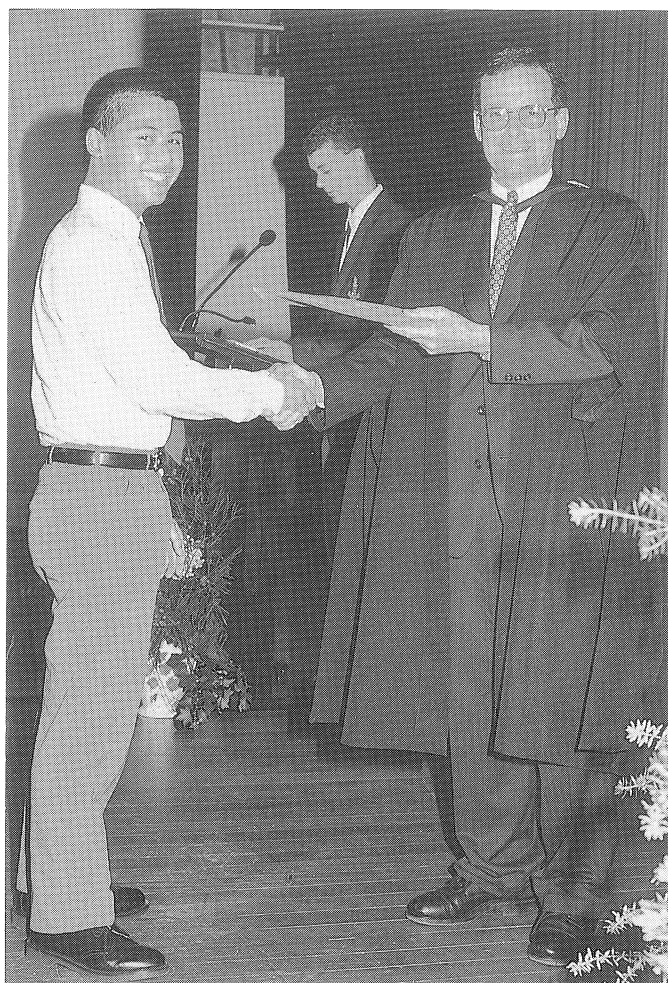
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Chris Box

Daniel Maroney

Jason Chan

Hubert Widjaya



YEAR 10

University of Sydney Prize for Academic Achievement and Dux of Year 10

(Rotary Club of Bexley)

J.W. Farley Prize for English

Science Prize

Mathematics Prize

A. Jenkins Memorial Prize for Mathematics

Commerce Prize

Geography Prize Equal 1st

J.W. Farley Prize for History

Technics Wood Prize

Technics Electronics Prize

Technical Drawing Prize

Technical Drawing Prize

Design and Technology

McKern Prize for excellence in

Technical Drawing

Schlenker Prize for Excellence in

Industrial Arts

Computer Studies

French Prize

German Prize

Japanese Prize

Visual Arts Prize

Drama Prize

Music Prize

PD/PE/Health Prize

Public Speaking Prize

Eric Chan

Eric Chan

Eric Chan

Jason Choi

Chris Lumbewe

Eric Chan

Jason Choi

Peter Chung

Eric Chan

Adrian Brugger

Rohan Smith

Richard Aplin

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Michael Head

Joshua Matthews

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Stuart Thickett

Juno Uchiyama

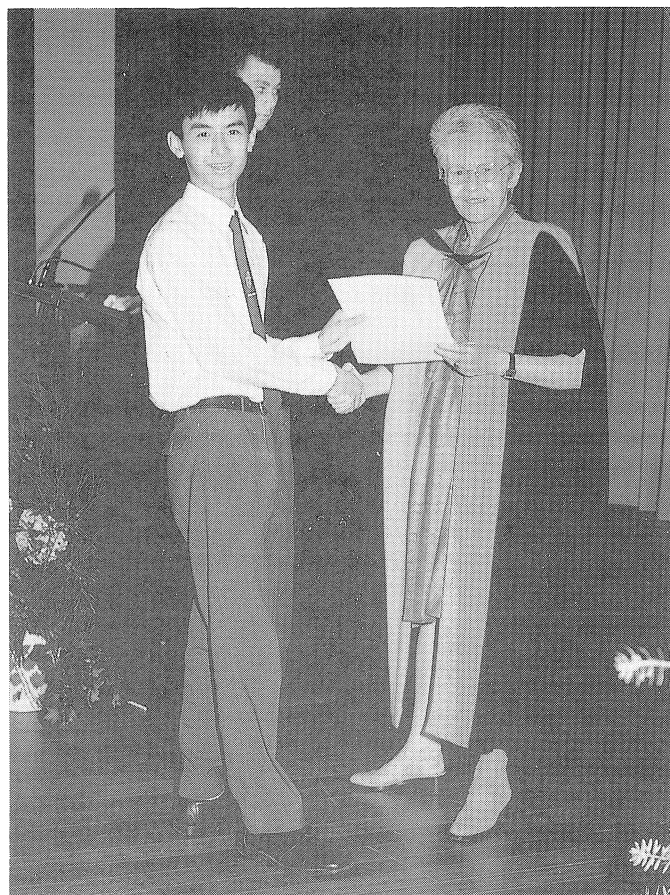
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Paul Oscuro

Lawrence Ong

Jason Choi

Brennan Wong



YEAR 9

Dux of Year 9

(Rotary Club of Bexley)

English Prize

Science Prize

Mathematics Prize

Geography Prize

History Prize

Commerce Prize

Technics Wood Prize

Technics Electronics Prize

Technics Drawing Prize

Design & Technology Prize

Computing Studies Prize

French Prize

German Prize

Japanese Prize

Visual Arts Prize

Music Prize

Drama Prize

PD/PE/Health Prize

Equal 1st

Public Speaking Prize

John Eggins

John Eggins

John Eggins

James Pang

Shagun Aggarwal

James Foster

Salman Ansari

Adam McGuigan

John Eggins

Simon Cheung

Anthony Ip

Andrew Kalogeropoulos

James Foster

Alexander Webster

Jeffrey C Y Chan

John Eggins

Adam McGuigan

James Foster

David Burgess

James Foster

James Foster



YEAR 8

Dux of Year 8 (P&C Prize)
English Prize
Science Prize
Mathematics Prize
Geography Prize
History Prize
French Prize
German Prize
Japanese Prize Equal 1st

Visual Arts Prize
Music Prize
German Prize
Design & Technology Prize
PD/PE/Health Prize
Public Speaking Prize

Nicholas Lazarou
Nicholas Lazarou
Scott Lam
Jingyan Wang
Alex White
Nicholas Lazarou
Neelan Koovarjee
Michael Moldrich
Michael Chu
Tony Chung
Evan Pavlakos
Michael Moldrich
Simon Braun
Mark Splittgerber
Henry To
Adam Bongers



YEAR 8 (SEP)

Dux
Geography Prize
Mathematics Prize
English Prize
History Prize
Science Prize
Design & Technology
Music Prize
Visual Arts Prize
PD/PE/Health

Michael Chu
Philip Chappelow
Alan Huang
Derek Loh
Michael Chu
Rohan Hughes
Philip Chappelow
Joel Scott
Michael Chu
Michael Chu



YEAR 7

Dux of Year 7 (P & C Prize)
English Prize
Science Prize
Mathematics Prize
Geography Prize
History Prize
Design & Technology
French Prize
German Prize
Japanese Prize
Visual Arts Prize
PD/PE/Health Prize
Music Prize

Yi-Shun Teoh
Vi Quang Nguyen
David Ting
Peter Bui
Yi-Shun Teoh
David Samra
Peter Bui
Yi-Shun Teoh
David Webster
David Samra
Matthew Tai
Anthony Conceicao
Mark Whitty



YEAR 7 (SEP)

Dux
Mathematics Prize
History Prize
Geography Prize
Design & Technology Prize
Music Prize
PE/PE/Health
English Prize
Visual Arts Prize
Language Prize
Science Prize

Lawrence Puang
George Pang
Andria Gauja
Lawrence Puang
James Wu
Lawrence Puang
Lawrence Puang
Andris Gauja
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Andris Gauja
George Pang



SCHOOL MEDALLION WINNERS

Year 12 - Yannis Blackburn, Brad Hill, Matthew Kaspura, Kwan-Hee Lee, Alex Leris, Daniel Nguyen, Michael Vinall

Year 11 - Albin Cheng, Ben Galloway, Justin Halim, Kenneth Lam

Year 10 - Adrian Brugger, Alexis Cembrano, Fan Chau, Kevin Chiu, Jason Chong, Peter Chung, Chris Lumbewe, Adel Magdy, Michael Rossiter-Thornton, David Scorzelli, Steven Song, William Sum, John Theodoropoulos, Simon Theresia, Greg Vekiarellis, Dane Williams

Year 9 - Shagun Aggarwal, Salman Ansari, Daniel He



CAREERS REPORT 1998

The Careers office is located in the senior study providing Year 12 students greater access to advice and resources. The Careers program is being successfully implemented to students from Years 7-10 during PD periods. A Careers newsletter is provided to all Year 11 and 12 students on a regular basis and Year 12 students are provided with a "How to Survive January" document giving advice on changing preferences, accepting and rejecting offers and TAFE Applications.

Year 10 students have completed work experience and students from Years 9-12 have participated in additional work experience.

A number of students have again participated in the Universities Day, TAFE Day and Engineering excursions and the Young Achievers Australia Business Alive Program and the State Australian Business Week program. A number of students have continued the process of evaluating computer software programs.

HSC RESULTS 1997

In the 1997 HSC Sydney Tech had approximately 85% of students receiving a TER of 60 or above. 63% with a TER of 80 or above and approximately 41% with a TER of 90 or above. In summary the following results are compared to previous years. Slight variations in marks may be the result of changes to the HSC and Tertiary Entrance Rank rules, Key Learning Areas and the opening of additional selective High Schools.

It may be more difficult to make direct comparisons of this nature in the future as the Tertiary Entrance Rank which indicates a student's position relative to other HSC candidates has been replaced with the Universities Admission Index which ranks a student's performance relative to their Year 10 cohort.

Our top scoring students in 1997 were:

Daniel Nguyen, Daniel Wong, Kwan Hee Lee, Timothy Cheung, Kelly Trinh, Patrick Lan, Neil Vanza, Napoleon Chiu, Patrick Kenny, Leonard Kwan, Ross McInnes, Adrian Pin, Nicholas Paras, Avijeet Chauhan, Barry Saoud, Joshua Chang, Con Kouzoukas, Kevin Chung, Andrew Carpenter, John Brett.

A number of students won scholarships and cadetships.

In Summary	1994	1995	1996	1997
Top 5%	17%	14%	22%	22%
Top 10%	29%	28%	38%	41%
Top 25%	60%	56%	65%	69%
Bottom 50%	12%	12%	8%	10%

YEAR % Year 12 gaining a University offer

1991	77%
1992	73%
1993	84%
1994	86%
1995	76%
1996	87%
1997	86%



Robert Barker- Recipient of Defence Force Academy Scholarship

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

I have always said that I couldn't wait to escape from the drag of high school life. It is only now, when finally being faced with leaving, that I realise how much I will miss this establishment. No doubt this uncanny change of heart would have been felt by all past Sydney Tech leavers. Whether we like it or not, for six years, school really has become a large part of our lives.

With this in mind, I urge the whole student body to involve themselves in as many school activities as possible. This could include debating, music, ISCF, the FRED team, student council, Interact, sport, the chess club or wherever your passion may lie. I truly dread to think that someone will look back at their school years and say to themselves "If only.....".

There are many people who deserve a great deal of thanks. Especially to our Principal Mr Quill, our Deputy Ms Irvine, Mr Booth as Prefects Master, our Year Adviser Mr Towner, the P & C Association and all members of the teaching and ancillary staff. Our experiences simply would not have been the same without your combined guidance and support. Thank you. I know that the Class of '98 echo this sentiment.

To my fellow classmates, I trust it has been a fulfilling year. Needless to say, it has been hard, especially for those who have chosen the more challenging courses. I have had my closest mates cry over my shoulder while another became excessively nervous before most assessment tasks. None the less, the surmounting of the obstacles which the HSC makes us confront is

both rewarding and character building. Many friendships were forged and moments shared will remain long after our school days have ended.

Indeed the past six years have formed a solid foundation for the new life which is how should I put it, about to slap us in the face. I urge you to honour and respect your school and its fine name, a name that you will carry with you. We are certainly proud to have been a part of Sydney Technical High School.

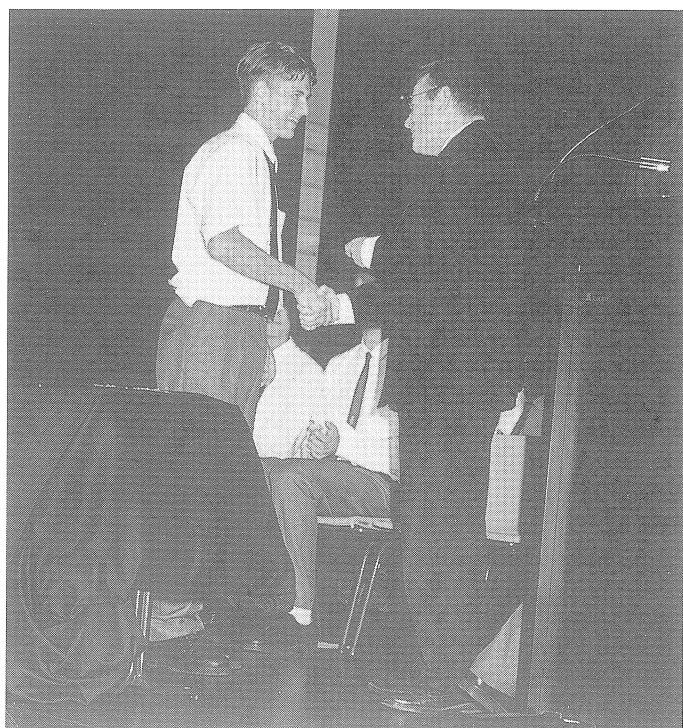
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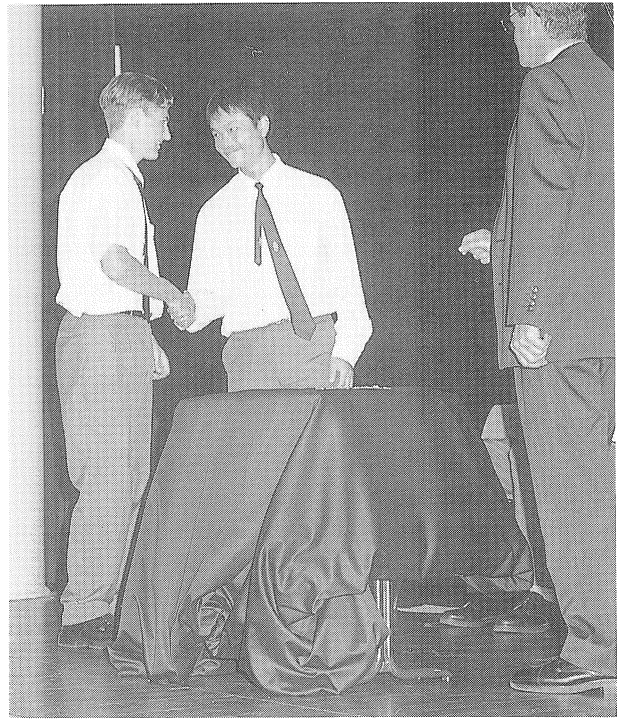
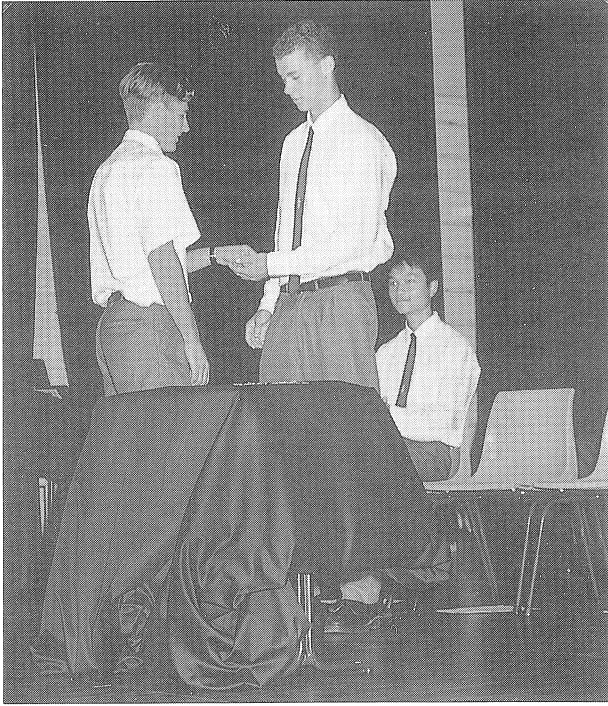
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VICE CAPTAIN:	David Stone
SENIOR PREFECT:	Jason Chan

PREFECTS

Anthony Adamo	James Adamo
Nathan Brown	David Chan
Eric Chan	Terry Chung
Ananda Das	Panavin Eammano
Ben Galloway	Charles Grimison
Andrew Harfield	Brett Kauffman
Sam Marigliano	Matthew Nelson
David O'Han	Lawrence Ong
David Porter	Alan Tay
Eugene Yap	
Michael Rossiter-Thornton	
Jatheesan Yoganpanan.	



PREFECTS' INVESTITURE



ENGLISH

Our results continue to climb due to a very dedicated, competent and enthusiastic staff and a recognition by students of the importance of English in the Curriculum. The 2U Related students gained an average of 80%, which indicates their proper placement amongst the top students of the state. We are waiting with considerable interest the announcement of the new Senior English syllabus which promises 4U English, along with a complete restructuring of the courses. Advanced and Standard English will continue to have a strong literature and media focus.

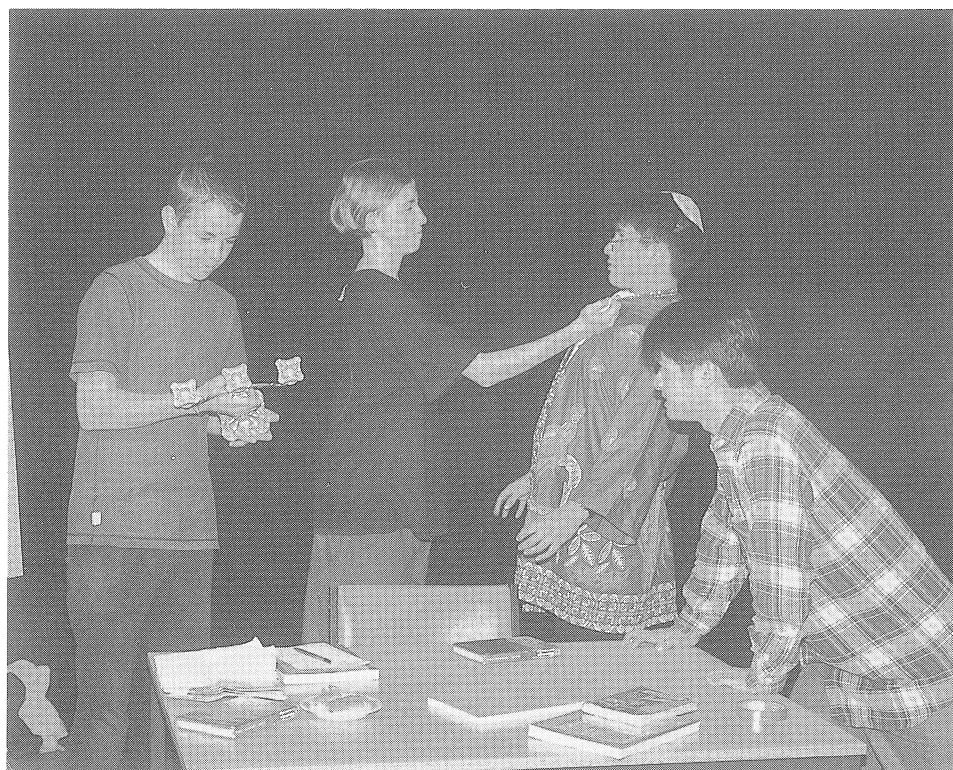
Drama continues to be very popular in the school. We now have seven classes: one in year twelve, one in year eleven, two in year ten, and three in year nine where over 40% of the year has chosen the subject. We were thrilled with the remarkable results in Year 12 Drama in 1997 when 40% of the class was placed in the top 10% of the state, with another 20% in the next 10% of the state. Trevor Ashley's moving individual performance was selected for the On stage performance in February. We are sure that Drama will continue to blossom. The Drama Studio has been enhanced with the addition of nine large boxes for class

Sam Dando
Head of English

performances, as well as stage lights, lighting desk and blackout curtains. All students in Years seven to ten are involved in public speaking and debating as part of the English programme. Thanks to Mrs Haitidis, Miss Peric, Ms Grey and Mr Butcher for coaching the school debating teams and Ms Harrison for organising and attending the numerous public speaking competitions. Details of our successes appear in other reports.

Journalism continues to contribute effectively to the production of FRED, a publication which has gained wide recognition since it continues to win awards as a Student Newspaper, most recently second in the 1997 statewide competition. The 1998 editions have taken a significant leap forward in the quality of production. Thanks to the editorial committee, Mr Raptis and Miss Peric and all those students who spend many hours of their own time producing this quality newspaper.

Students and visitors to the school will have noticed the significant upgrade of posters in the English corridor and classroom to enhance the learning environment. We have also installed seven computers in room 13 where the Journalism classes can work on FRED and other forms of writing.



Year 10 Drama

MATHEMATICS

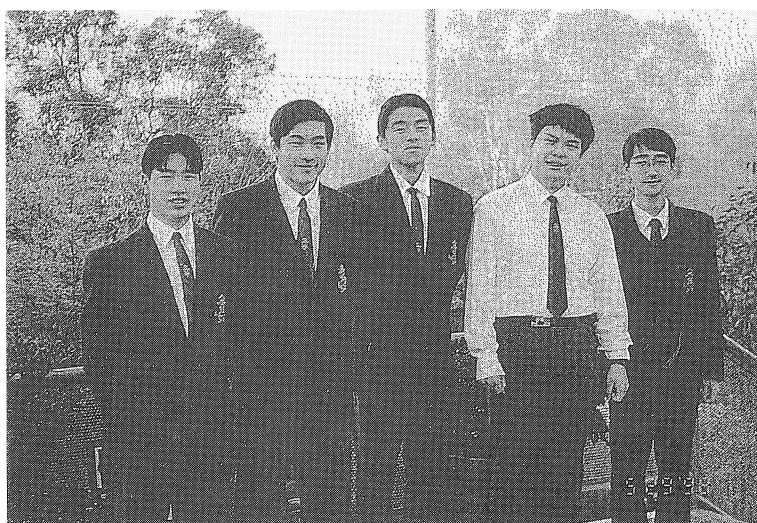
This year saw the arrival of Mr Sender in our department as a replacement for Mrs Allan who retired at the end of 1997. Mr Sender is an experienced and highly capable teacher and we wish him a happy and successful stay with us. Mrs Allan received an emotional but happy send off on her retirement and we wish her (with some envious thoughts) a long and happy retirement.

The past twelve months have again shown pleasing results by our students in public examinations and in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Our school featured prominently in the Sydney Morning Herald's list of top schools in Mathematics at the 1997 HSC. Feedback on the HSC results has been most pleasing, indicating that our school is very effective in preparing students for the HSC and that for most students, mathematics is their best subject. In the 1997 Mathematics competition, thirteen students received cash prizes and over 40% received distinction or high distinction. We're hoping the 1998 results will also be as pleasing.

Our team of Year 12 Mathematicians (Yale Lu, David Trinh, Eugene Quah, King Sang Wong and Jimmy Zhang) battled valiantly at the University of Canberra Maths Day defending the trophy but unfortunately weren't able to pull off the hat trick and win once again. They did achieve fourth place overall and can be proud of their efforts.

Finally, to all students of Year 12 1998 go our best wishes for success at this year's HSC and for their future careers.

G. McLean
Head Teacher Mathematics



UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA MATHS DAY 1998

Canberra welcomed the team with its usual cold weather as we entered the University of Canberra. Each year 50 schools participate in this very prestigious event. Most teams were private colleges from the ACT with only a few schools from NSW. The competition is sponsored by both the University of Canberra and the Australian Mathematics Trust. The team consisted of four year twelve students; Yale Lu, Eugene Quah, David Trinh and King-Sang Wong and one year eleven student; Jimmy Zhang.

The complete day of competition involves four competitions: a group contest where the group is given a number of highly challenging questions to solve, Swiss contest where members within each team go head-on with each other in an attempt to guess the next number in a series, cross numbers where a mathematical cross puzzle is given and a team relay where the contest is not only mathematics but also athletic. Also a poster had to be presented involving the solution to a mathematical problem. Most contests were done without the aid of a calculator.

It was a daunting task for the team to defend a trophy that had been won two years in a row by Tech. Throughout the day, the team battled hard against seemingly impossible questions. When the results were released in the afternoon to our dismay, we had been placed fourth. Although not first, it was still an admirable result being beaten by three private colleges from local Canberra. This continued our school's consistently strong performance in the annual maths day.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr McLean for organising and driving the team to Canberra (in a purple van) and also for his guidance throughout our preparations.

We wish next year's team the best of luck and hope that they will bring the trophy back to Sydney Tech.

Eugene Quah and David Trinh

(L to R) E Quah, D Trinh, Y Lu, J Zhang, K-S Wong.

SCIENCE

It was pleasing to return to school in February to discover one of our students, Kwan Hee Lee, had gained 2nd place in the state for Chemistry. As well as his scholarly achievements, Kwan was a driving force in organising and coaching the 1997 team competing in the Titration competition.

Even though the numbers of senior students selecting Physics and Chemistry have been dropping steadily across the state in recent years, those at Sydney Tech are holding up well. There are 6 Physics and 5 Chemistry classes in this year's Year 11 whose enrolment of 196 students has been inflated by the inclusion of the accelerated group.

A welcome was extended to Mr Aaron Brett, a temporary replacement for Mr Ivor Brinson, who was promoted during the year. Mr Brinson's pioneering work in introducing computers into the Science faculty is gratefully acknowledged.

A novel experience for the Science Department this year was the Chemistry Week held in second term. Dr Jeanette Hurst and her assistants from Sydney University's Chemistry Department organised a series of "hands on" tasks for students to perform. These tasks included simple investigative problems as well as more amusing exercises. In the former category, students were asked to distinguish between carbon dioxide, nitrogen and argon by noting their change in state when reduced to -200°C using liquid nitrogen. The more entertaining exercise was to make "slime" by polymerising vinyl alcohol. Students from Years 7-12 took part in the proceedings. Special thanks are owing to Dr Hurst and her colleagues from Sydney University for their tireless running of the Chemistry Week. The students certainly enjoyed their experience and favourable publicity followed in our local newspaper "The Leader".

Again the results from the Australian Schools Science Competition were excellent. 619 students from Tech took part and achieved 232 Credit passes, 218 Distinctions and 36 High Distinctions (top1%) in the challenging competition.

R. K. Booth
Head Teacher

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ

Sydney Technical High School has again achieved outstanding results in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Four students were awarded plaques for being placed in the top 400 students.

All students from Senior chemistry classes together with top Junior classes have participated and the majority have been awarded Merit Certificates by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. Congratulations go to all students for their excellent achievement and enthusiastic spirit of participation.

The Chemistry Quiz hopes to stimulate interest and appreciation of the role and relevance of chemistry and chemists in society. The nature of questions, though challenging, is designed to be as independent as possible of any particular syllabus.

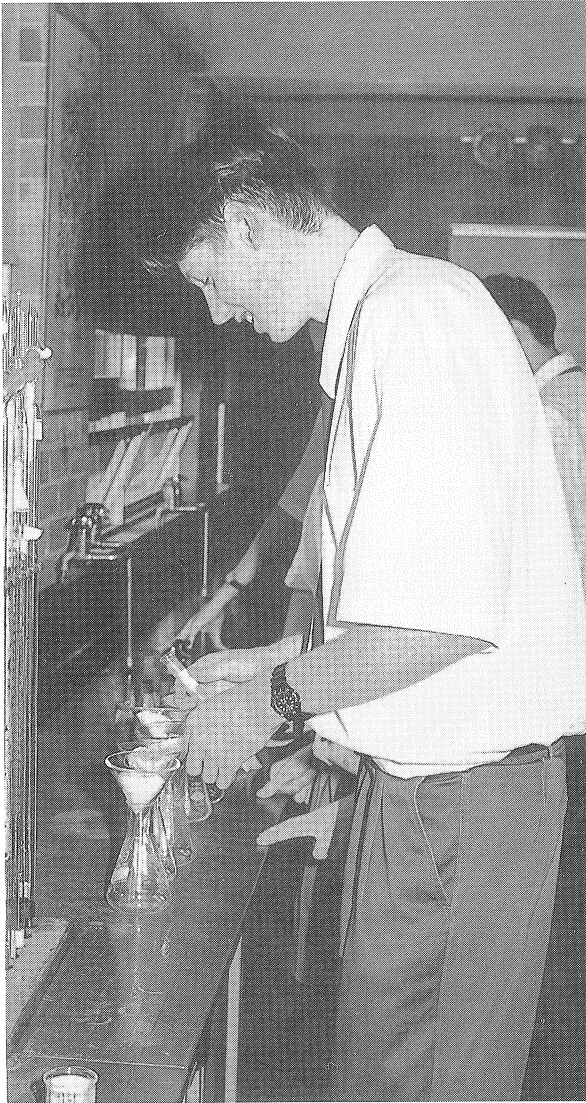
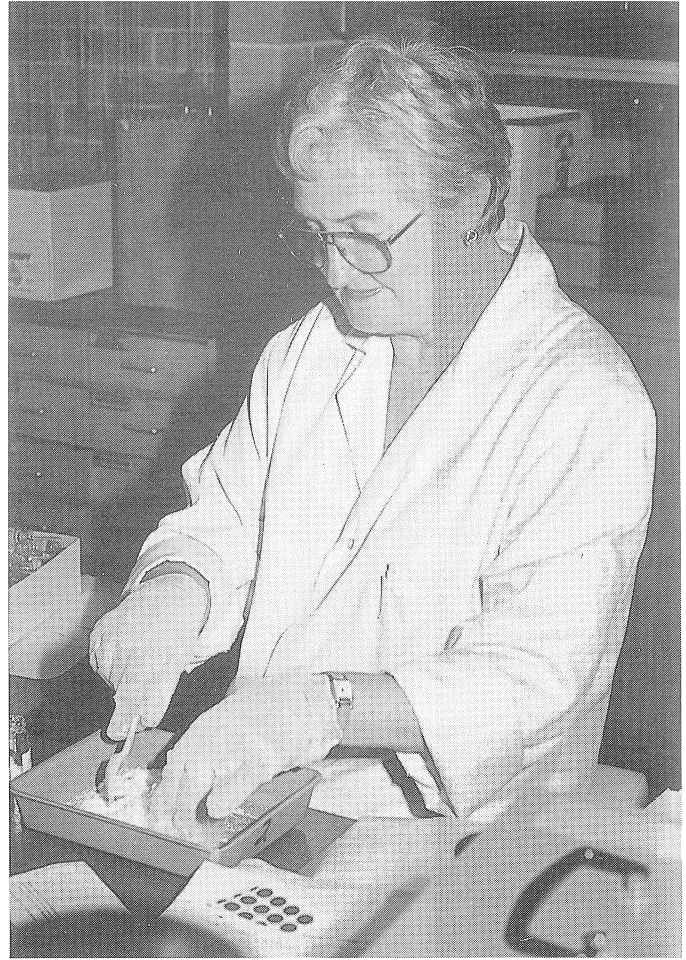
Students awarded Plaques

• Christopher Bickerton	Year 7
• Andrew Vonthethoff	Year 7
• Quincy Tse	Year 8
• Adrian Brugger	Year 11

Student Merit Certificates

	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12
Total students entered	27	4	30	29	65	70
High Distinction (top 10% of state)	17	1	12	9	21	17
Distinction (next 15% - 10-25%)	2	2	12	8	13	19
Credit (next 15% - 25-40%)	6	1	3	4	10	13





HISTORY AND LEGAL STUDIES

HSC RESULTS

1998 has been an exciting and rewarding year in the History Faculty. It was good to begin with some very pleasing HSC results from the class of '97. 60% of Modern History, Legal Studies and General Studies students gained results in the top 30% of the state whilst Ancient History, Society and Culture and Studies of Religion had approximately 50% in the top three deciles. This is well above the state average and indicates the History Faculty's continued commitment to excellence in teaching and learning. Congratulations to the students involved and to their teachers who helped make it possible.

Additions to the staff of the History Faculty include Ms Penny Alexander who joined us in term three last year. Ms Alexander is temporarily replacing Mr Brian Collins who is on two years leave from the Department and is currently teaching in the United Arab Emirates. Ms Alexander's expertise in teaching History, Geography, PD and Society and Culture make her a welcome addition to the Department. Deputy Principal, Ms Lynne Irvine, has also joined us this year bringing her experience and expertise to Year 11 Ancient History.

INTER - SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Highlights this year include the participation and success of History and Legal Studies' students in a number of inter-school competitions. These include:

- **The Year 11 State Inter-school Mock Trial Competition** run by the Law Society of NSW. This is the first year we have entered the competition and our team consisting of: David Scammel, Hoi Tak Leung and Howard Yang (barristers); Jeremy Neal (solicitor) and Greg Vekiarellis, Brenden Lynam, Daniel Kell and Brennan Wong (witnesses). Peter Paradise (a Tech old boy and lawyer) has been an expert coach under the dedicated supervision of Mr Elmo Landsberger and Mr Derwent. The team has done exceptionally well winning every round so far (finishing third in the region) and progressing into the elimination round to reach the quarter finals. Congratulations to all concerned.
- **The Year 10 Interschool History Debating Competition** has always brought considerable success to Tech Boys and this year has been no exception. The team consisting of James Foster, Nicholas Ralston, Justing Mining (with advisers John Eggins and Andrew Lau) and under the expert guidance of Mr Kevin Short as coach, have continued to live up to our

proud tradition in debating defeating De La Salle and Hurstville Boys and finishing equal top of our group. Well done.

- **The 1998 National History Challenge.** Congratulations to Dale Kilroy 8 Blue for winning the State Age division of this competition in 1998, with his outstanding entry, 'Using Archival Material', an original research essay on Conscription in the Vietnam War. Matthew Thompson and Braydon Patterson (8 Blue) also won the Regional Finals in the special category 'Australians's Experience of War' with the production of a CD-Rom on conscription in WW1. Congratulations those boys. The school hosted the regional judging of the competition this year and there was a wide range of entries indicating that interest in History is alive and well across the region.

EXCURSIONS AND PERFORMANCES

Excursions and performances are held to bring History alive and this year we added a few special new events to our regular ones. Highlights included:

- **Year 9 Eureka Excursion to Hill End.** This year we revived an old Tech tradition going back to the 1960's when Year 9 History visited the historic gold mining town of Hill End near Bathurst on a three days excursion staying at the Hill End Lodge. 'The excursion provided insight into the Gold Rush, and while being educationally valuable was also enjoyable' (Adam Bongers, Year 9). Mr John Quill, Mr Kevin Short and Mr Bruce Derwent courageously accompanied Year 9 braving the chilly May conditions in search of elusive gold. They visited mines, museums, cemeteries and the town of Hill End itself with its many ghosts of gold rushes of the past. The Talent Quest held on the second night apparently brought new meaning to the word 'talent'.
- **Year 9,11 and 12 Pharaoh's Exhibition.** 'Not often do students have the privilege of experiencing a unique exhibition such as this (Aiden McBarron, Year 9). The exhibition displayed Ancient Egyptian artefacts from the Museum of Leiden dating back six centuries before the pyramids were built. There were mummies, statues, household items and remarkable objects such as the 'cubit rod' all of which gave students insights into life and death under the pharaohs. Thanks must go to Mr Bruce Derwent and Ms Lynne Irvine.
- **Year 11 Local and District Court.** Once again Year 11 Legal Studies, under the guidance of Mr Bruce Derwent and Mr Elmo Landsberger, had the opportunity of seeing first hand the way the law works in practice by visiting the Downing Centre and Supreme

Court. Cases witnessed included: attempted murder, serial rape, arms possession and assault. Joseph Pepping of Year 11 commented, 'What we had read in the text books was actually happening before us, we were experiencing reality'.

- **Year 10 Jewish Holocaust Museum.** 'You can only read so much about the Jewish Holocaust of World War 2. But what does that give you? Facts. What about the people who died at the hand of hate? That's what the Sydney Jewish Holocaust Museum is for, to teach us about the atrocities committed by hate, fear and by saying nothing. The guides of the museum are actual Holocaust survivors who give up their time to tell young and old about their experiences... with the hope that it won't happen again'. (Benjamin Lee Year 10). Year 10 were accompanied by Mr Peter Heath, Mr Kevin Short and Mr Bruce Derwent.
- **Year 8 National Maritime Museum.** Year 8 students visited the Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour to better understand Australia's relationship with other countries. We studied exhibits about Australia's migrant past, the Aborigines, the role the Australian Navy in wartime and Australia's relationship with the USA. The visit included a fascinating guided tour of the *HMAS Vampire* Australia's last warship, 'the last of the big guns'.
- **Year 7 The Rocks Site Study.** To better understand Australia's unique heritage Year 7 visited the birthplace of Australia, The Rocks, organised by Mr Elmo Landsberger. Students had the opportunity to witness some of the oldest buildings in Australia and experience a tour of Sydney's colourful convict past with a commentary from expert guides. Later students visited Hyde Park Barracks or the Museum of Sydney.
- **7B Justice and Police Museum.** Ms Penny Alexander gave her students a special opportunity to experience the grim reality of Australia's early history when they visited the Justice and Police Museum in Sydney. Students were able to view original exhibits of the Pyjama Girl murder which they had already studied in class. The display contained a ghastly collection of knives and even weapons concealed in walking sticks.
- **Year 8 Medieval Day and Year 9 Ancient Warfare Day with James Adams.** Once again James Adams proved to be as popular as ever with his vivid descriptions and demonstration of warfare and punishment in the Ancient and Medieval world. Students, as always, were encouraged to gain some 'hands on' experience of weapons and armour which they did with relish. See photos on the next page.

Such achievements are not possible without the support of a committed team of teachers on the History Staff who willingly put in countless hours of their time to making learning in the History Faculty an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Special thanks must go to Mr Bruce Derwent (as relieving Head Teacher), Mr Kevin Short, Mr Elmo Landsberger, Ms Lynne Irvine. Thanks should also go to the students we teach who make teaching History in this school a rewarding and challenging experience.

Mr Peter Heath
Head Teacher History

ANZAC DAY

Year 10 History students attended the Department of School Education Anzac Day Ceremony at the Hyde Park War Memorial.

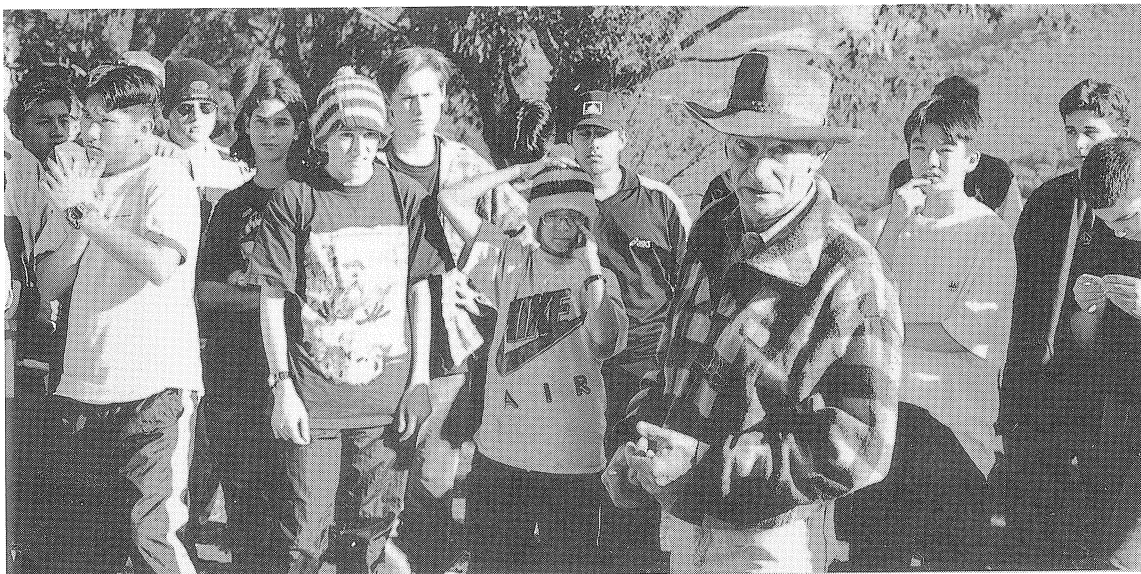
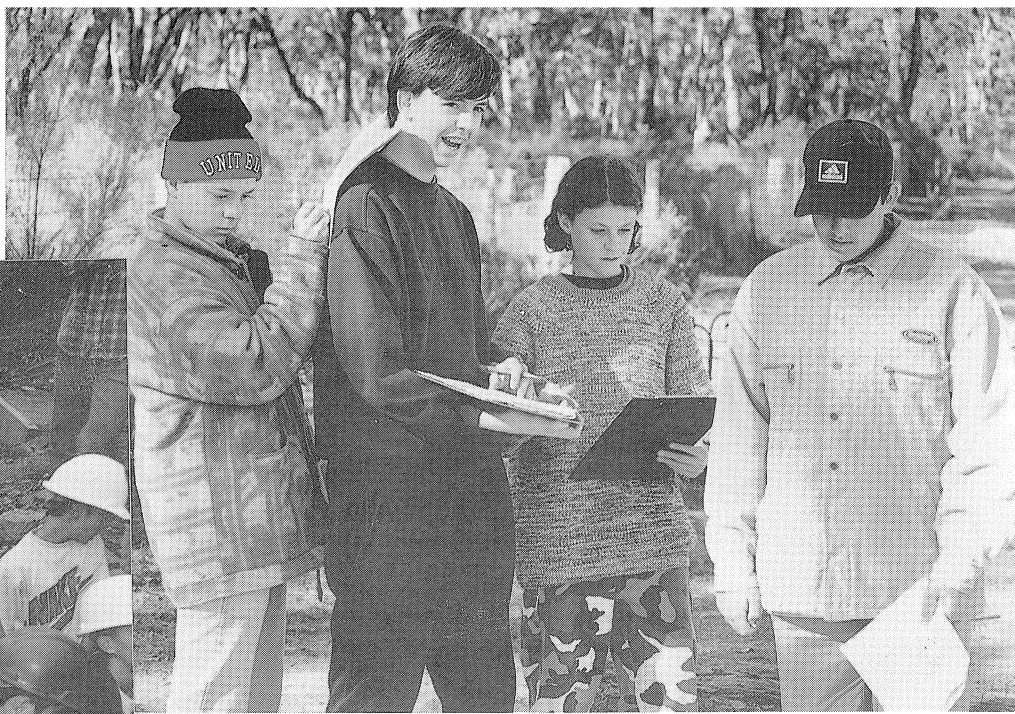
A wreath made of native flowers was presented in memory of Australia's war dead by Sunil Gupta, Michael-Ian Flanagan and Dylan Bailey on behalf of the School.





**Medieval Day with Year 8
and James Adams**

**Year 9 Eureka
Excursion to Hill End**



TECHNOLOGICAL & APPLIED STUDIES

The TAS faculty has had an enjoyable year in 1998. The year has been characterised by refinement in approach to a number of curriculum areas with an emphasis on greater student initiative in the management of projects and learning generally. Another key feature to the faculty's contribution this year has been a continuing emphasis on literacy in the technical area. The ability to express your thoughts either in verbal, written or graphical form is such an important factor in vocational and relational situations that we are committed to adjusting our teaching programs to help all students develop these skills.

The Minister's Young Designer's Competition generated a lot of interest from the Year 8W students. Five students received awards at the district level in 1997 and particular mention needs to be made of Alan Huang's success in having his design project displayed in the Powerhouse Museum. At the time of writing the 1998 students should do equally well. My thanks go to Mr Edwards, Mr Graham and Mr Gowan for their work with the SEP program. Our Year 9 Design and Technology classes continue to work with St George Special School by designing and constructing equipment for individual children, most of whom have handicaps requiring specialised and expensive equipment. My thanks to Mr Cooper for his enthusiasm in this initiative.

Students in Senior Design and Technology are capitalising on the extremely good results in the 1997 HSC with a lot of modelling of commitment and creativity. Each year the students seem to generate more innovative concepts. With Stephen Brennan's success in having his Laser-Generated Harp displayed in the prestigious Design Tech display of HSC Major Works we are confident that projects such as David Porter's 'Waterproof Sports Camera Casing', David Weeke's 'Piano Bar' and Richard Kuo's 'Vertical Takeoff Vehicle' will generate a lot of interest. The students are indebted to Mr Gowan for his energy in co-ordinating such a wide range of innovative projects.

The Design and Technology Display Night this year was again well supported. It was particularly pleasing to see the parents of the Year 11 students coming along to gain real insight to the scope and complexity of what goes into an excellent Major Project, so that they can be better able to support their sons in Year 12.

The faculty is pleased to maintain interest in allowing gifted students to accelerate in the senior subjects. This year Kelly Wei and Peter Chung are sitting for the HSC in Engineering Science (2 Unit) and Joshua Matthews is sitting at both 2 and 3 Unit levels in Computing Studies. All boys have done extremely well throughout their courses in 1998 and have definitely benefited from the experience. Both Munly Leong and Joshua Matthews from the 3 Unit Computing class are to be congratulated on Prizewinning Software Competition results, and commercial interest has been shown in their Software Projects respectively. Congratulations also needs to be passed on the Kwan Hee Lee. Firstly his 1997 HSC results in 3Unit Engineering Science were exemplary with Kwan coming second in NSW. Secondly Kwan secured a coveted Chancellor's Scholarship in the School of Electrical Engineering at the University of Sydney.

The TAS faculty continues to have strong links with our major universities. Both Sydney University and UNSW are very happy to have our students visit, or be visited by university faculty members. At the end of 1997 a number of Year 9 students spent the day in SU's computer laboratory learning how to use a 3D-modelling program extensively used by the Mechanical and Mechatronic schools in the Engineering faculty. In August twelve of our Year 11 boys spent three days involved in SU's Shadow Program whereby they were linked with a full-time student for three days attending lectures, tutorials etc and getting a real feel for university life. The Shadow program was organised by the Architecture, Science and Engineering faculties. We also had a visit by the Dean of Electrical Engineering from UNSW who spent some time with our Year 10 students looking at the impact of developments in Electrical Engineering in the field of Biomedicine. An interesting time was also had by some of our Year 10 and 11 Computing Studies students with a visit by a Computing Science faculty member discussing the changing nature of tertiary training in the field of computing. Mr Simmonds has done a lot of work in maintaining a relevant course program in such a rapidly changing area of the curriculum.

With growing numbers of students in the Senior Design and Technology courses, coupled with innovative and often large projects being developed, we have found that the practical facilities in the TAS block are becoming quite congested. This is particularly evident in third term when projects are being completed with a complete absence of any panic and stress. Not! To overcome this problem our Year 11 students have initiated a development plan for the basement area of the building. With some consolidation of the storage facilities and

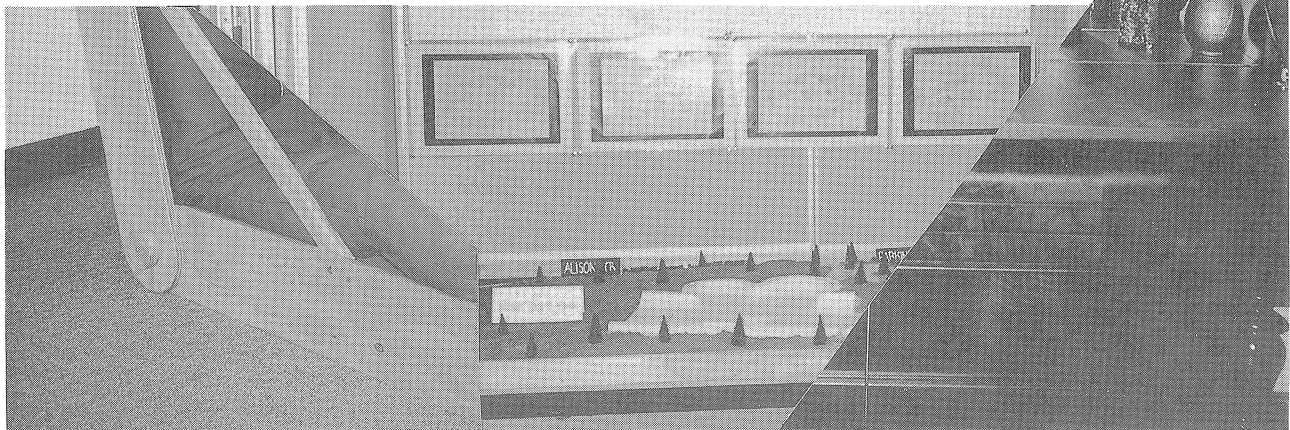
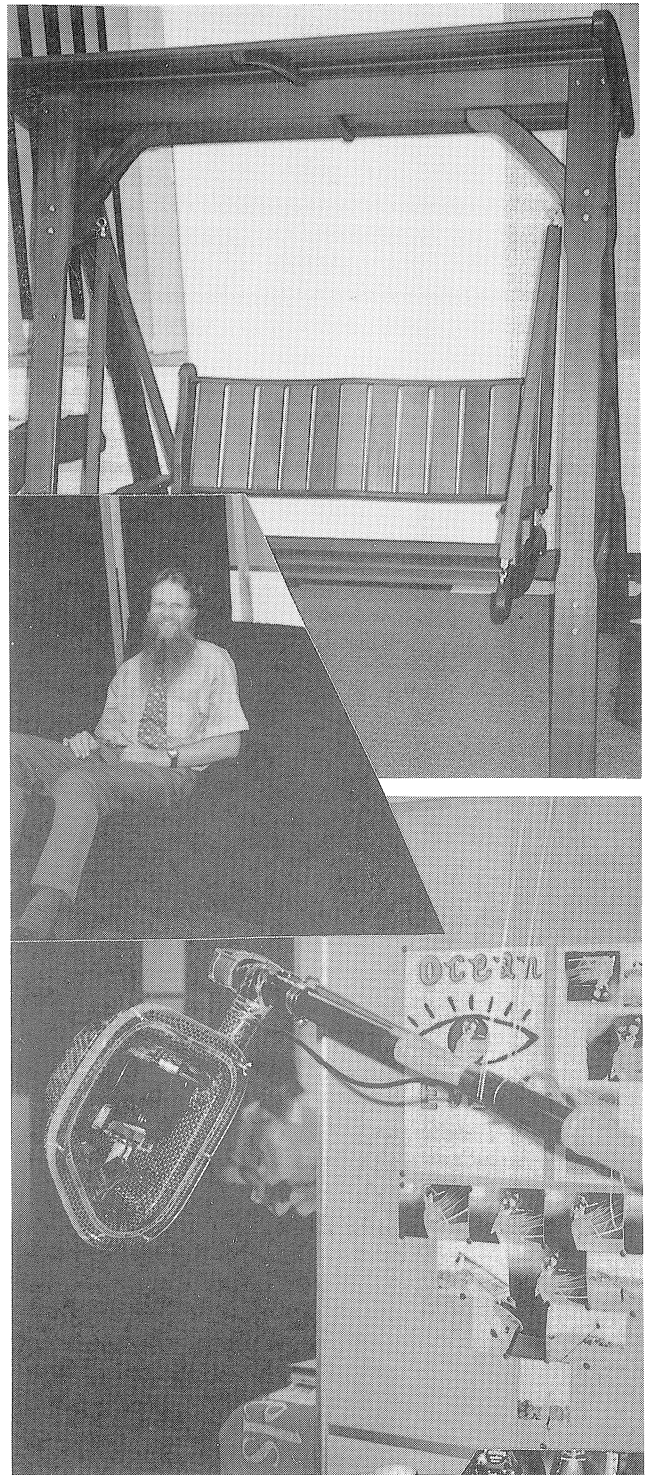
installation of limited machinery, power outlets and benches a very practical senior projects area has become available. Thanks very much to both students and staff in this enterprise, which should really assist the development of quality student work. The word is that the area has been nicknamed "Tasmania".

The development of our Computer facilities has gone ahead with some more multimedia machines coming from the Government's Computer Rollout program, I am very indebted to Mr Riley and Mr McLean who have worked tirelessly in providing network facilities, that enhance the delivery of our courses in the TAS area. This year we have concentrated on upgrading our electronics facilities to help cope with the introduction of more electronics projects in Yr 7 & 8 Design and Technology. There was also an upgrade of our power tools in the Wood and Metal areas. The introduction of 80 minute periods over the last two years has certainly allowed the students to make much more efficient use of class time and the increasing use of power tools has also facilitated a greater range and complexity of finished projects. The issue remains of still developing transferable hand skills in the practical areas.

The results of the UNSW Australasian Computing Competition deserve mention with five students receiving High Distinctions (top 1%). Quincy Tse from Year 8 is to be congratulated on a 100% performance. In all 36% of students received a Distinction and 82% of our students achieving Credit awards or above. This result is a significant improvement on both our 1996 and 1997 results.

Finally my thanks go to Mr Eves and Mr Tsekenas for their involvement in the faculty this year with staff shortages. Both men have provided a very positive contribution to the faculty teaching in quite diverse areas. A real team approach from the TAS faculty has made for a productive and enjoyable year.

Lloyd Zietsch
Head Teacher





CREATIVE ARTS

1998 has been a year of consolidation as the Visual Arts students and staff numbers reflect the economic climate and the perceived need for vocational certainty. These factors appears to affect the curriculum choices of our seniors which can deny them the benefit of a broader arts experience. It is this liberal and humanistic experience of learning that so strongly contributes to the mannered and cultural young man that the school seeks to develop.

The completion of the Administration block meant that student works of excellent quality are hung or installed throughout the offices and corridors of the building. New works representative of Years 7,8,9,10,11 and 12, continue to be added to the collection. It provides the opportunity for student artists to see their work in an appropriate place, for other students to use the gallery as a learning resource for ideas, use of media and approaches, and for the school community and visitors to engage in viewing the achievements of our students.

Year 12 students artworks for the 1997 HSC were overall of a very high standard and several were nominated for Artexpress. These included Eric Tsang's painting *My Shortsightedness*, David Williams illustrated series *Bonzai* and distinctly styled portrait drawings by Carl Logge and Mark Cheney.

There was submission of artworks for an exhibition celebrating Aboriginal Australia in recognition of Reconciliation Week. Chaka Tang, Ryan Watson, Todd Sghabi, James Stafford, David Ting, Jim Jin, Don Tan and David Samra received merit certificates for their work.

All students from Years 7-11 will be submitting work to the YES Art Exhibition involving schools from South East Sydney.

The journal visual images and reports on Music further indicate the outstanding achievements of our students, who reveal to us the diverse and valuable ways of learning within Creative Arts.

Mrs Jo Wright gained permancy as a full time member of the teaching service this year and we are delighted to have her knowledge and skills in curriculum and studio practice in the Visual Arts area for some time to come.

Mention is also made of Mrs Wright as Year 7 Adviser for 1999, joining Ms Blake who is currently Year Adviser for Year 9. Their involvement includes establishing a system of

Peer Mediation which allows older students to help younger ones to resolve disputes.

Art students have always been encouraged to use their computer knowledge for artmaking and art writing where possible. This year, with the purchase of a high quality computer, digital camera, scanner and printer, we are able to provide our Year 9 to 12 students with access to the appropriate technology to fully develop computer art images. This would not have been possible without the dedication and expertise of Mrs Wright as well as the ground breaking work of Peter Gould in Year 11. Thanks also to Mr Doug Towner for ironing out trouble spots with software.

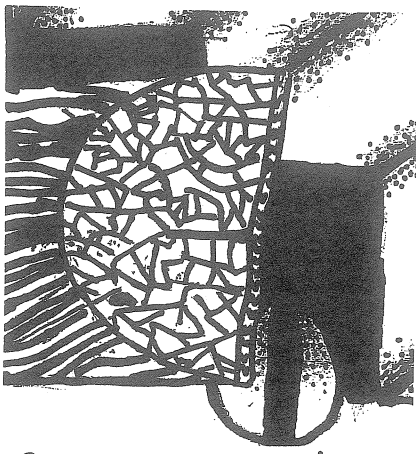
Further planning for incorporating learning experience into all years of the art program will occur with the professional development organised by Ms Tina Blake as a part of the TILT (Technology in Learning and Teaching) guidelines.

Congratulations to Mr Paul Owens, Music who has been appointed to acting Head of Administration. Creative Arts staff continue to exhibit their value as diverse members of STHS staff.

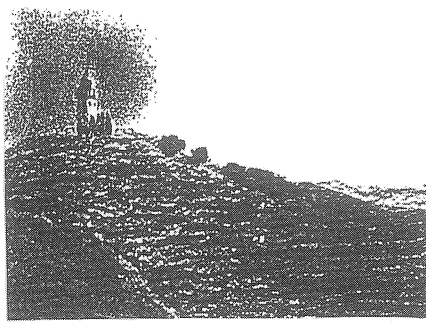
Year 12 have only a short time to complete their works for the HSC and their annual exhibition, which is part of their assessment and an opportunity to give parents, friends and the school community a chance to see the final outcomes. We wish them well in all their HSC endeavours.

Finally, I wish to thank all students and staff (teaching, ancillary and cleaning), both present and past for their participation, input and collaboration. Such efforts have allowed the Visual Arts and Music Department to be, develop and grow. Primarily my work at Sydney Technical High School has been stimulating and rewarding, particularly in the areas of teaching and learning. I thank you for sharing with me that very special flavour which is Sydney Tech High.

Helen Crunden
Head Teacher Visual Arts
Acting Head, Creative Arts



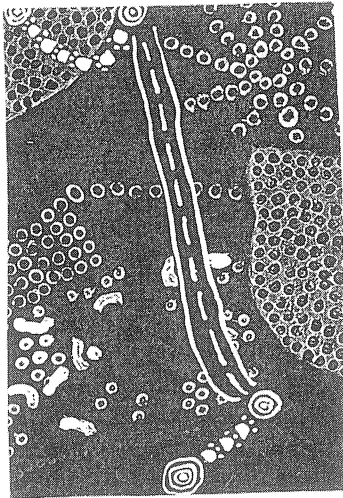
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J. Watson Graphite



Justin Lim Mixed media



Matthew Popplewell Dot Painting



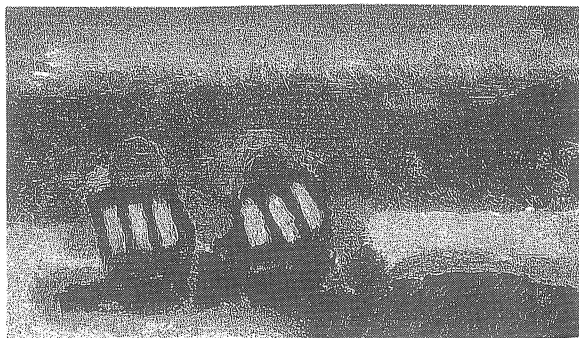
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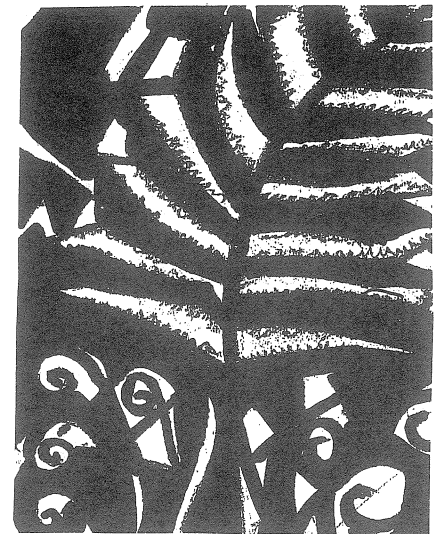
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Thein Nguyen Acrylic

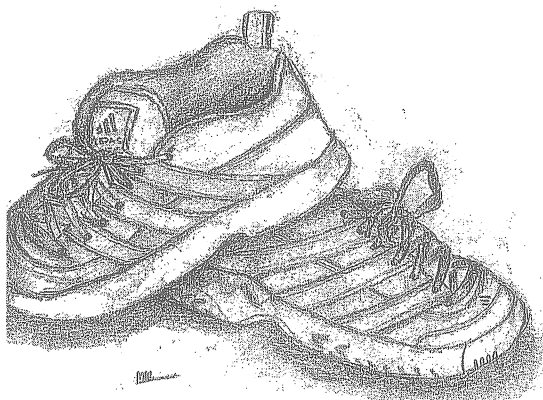


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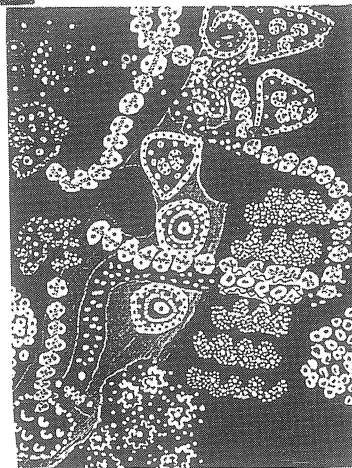


Andrew Lee Linocut

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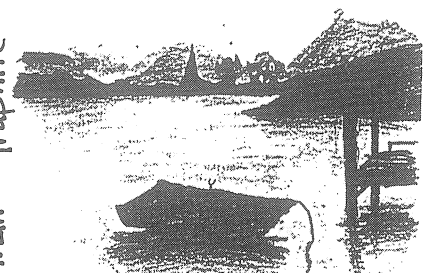


Matthew Burness Pencil



35 A. Youssef Acrylic

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T. Lin

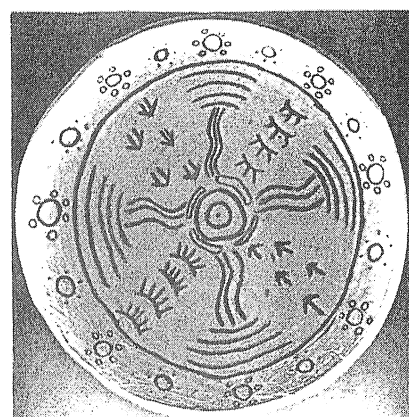




J. Thagolwa Linocut



Jeffery Chan Paint



Todd Sgabi Ceramic platter



Quincy Tse Graphite



G. Pavlakos Linocut



P. Bui Acrylic

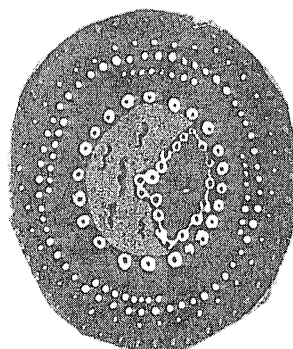
YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS



M. Williams Pencil



Andri's Gauja Pencil



Ryan Watson
Ceramic platter

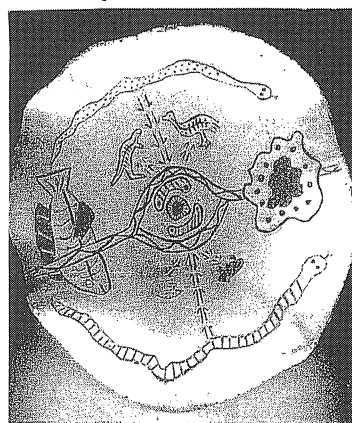


P. Murthy Pencil

L. Puang Graphite



D. Chee Pencil.

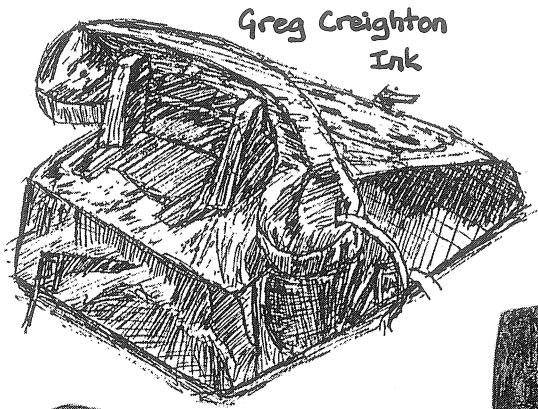


C. Tang Ceramics 36



M. Tai Linocut





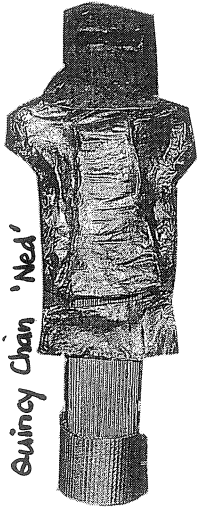
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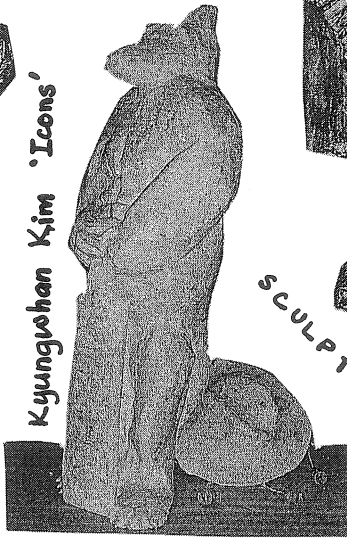
Joel Scott 'Gum with Frill-Neck'
SCULPTURE



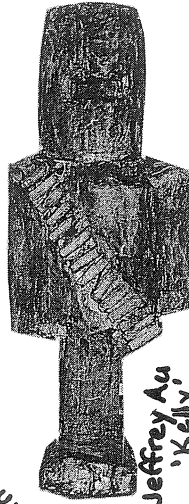
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Quincy Chan 'Ned'

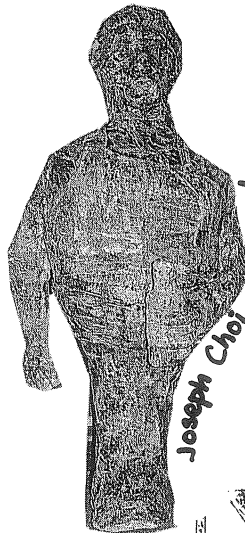


Kyungsohan Kim 'Icons'



Jeffrey Au
'Kelly'

SCULPTURE



Joseph Choi 'Yobbo'



3/4 'Tackle' E. Pavlacos

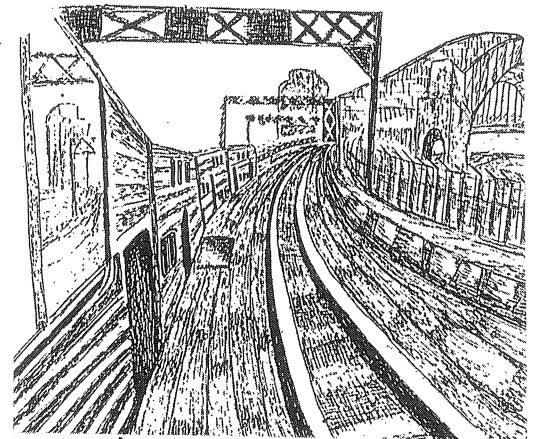


3/4 'Bowler' Derek Low

YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS



3/4 'Slide' C. Cukljek

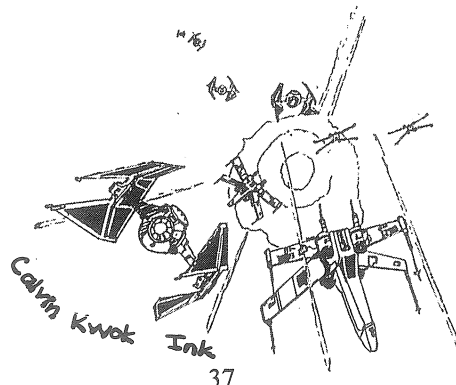


Alan Hwang

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3/4 'Slam' J. Wu



Calvin Kwok

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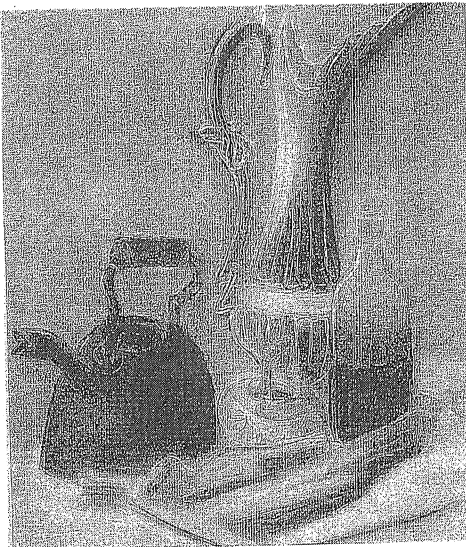
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Eric Ng 'Mark' Etching





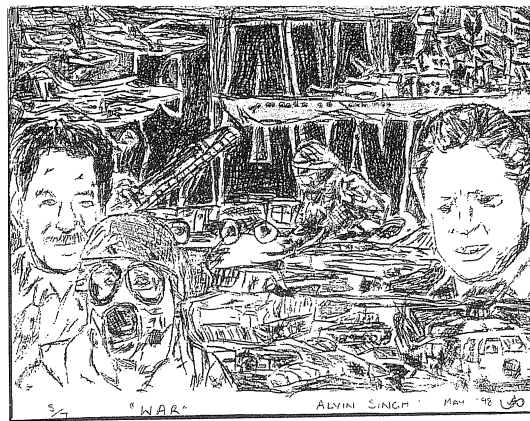
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KASHIF ANSARI



STILL LIFE . ANDREW KIM



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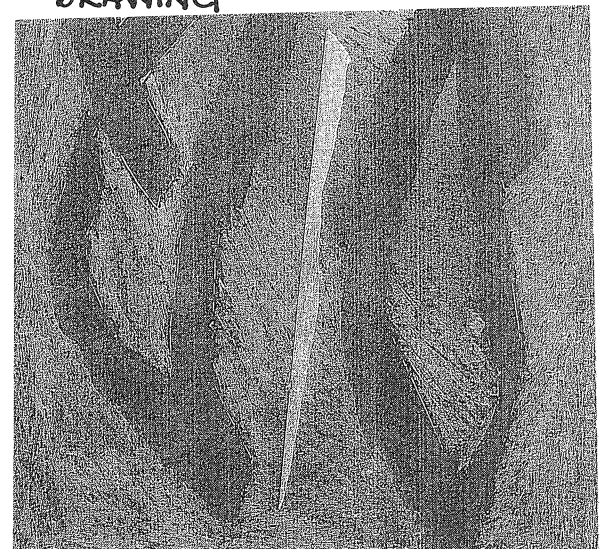
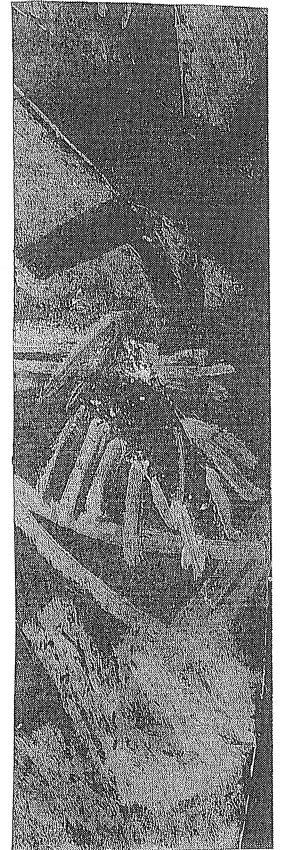


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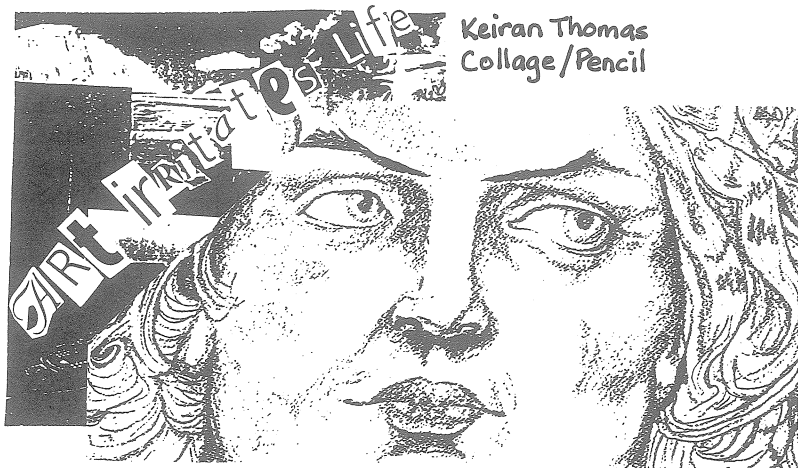
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KIERAN HOUGH

'ABSTRACTION'
RHYS KRIX
DRAWING



'ABSTRACTION' CHRIS PORTER
DRAWING

YEAR 10
VISUAL ARTS



Keiran Thomas
Collage/Pencil



Craig Gerrard
Graphite



Peter Kang
Graphite



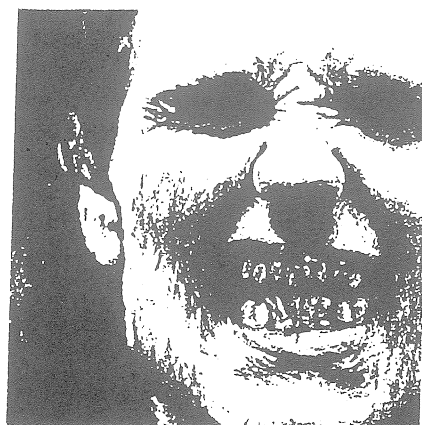
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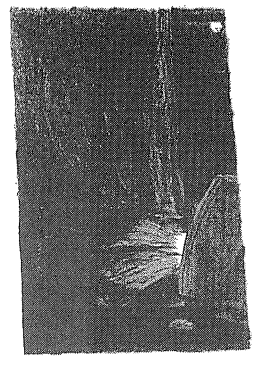
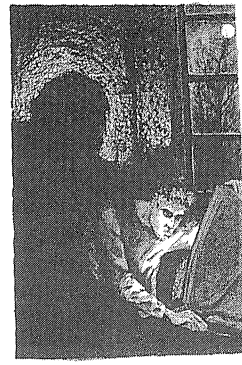
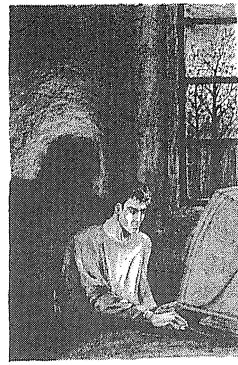
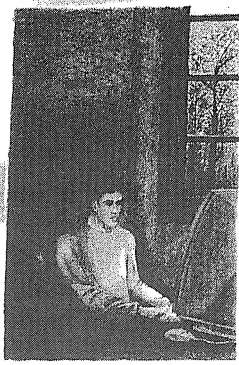


Peter Harding
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Stefan Trajkovski
Graphite

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VISUAL ARTS**

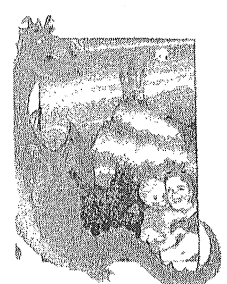


Jatin Vengurlekar

'Micromorphine'

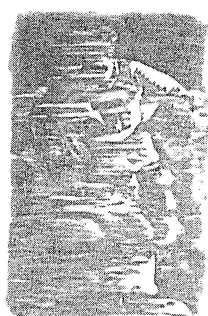
Charcoal

Jeff Tyler
'supper at Nags House'
Pastel



James Furey 'Aunty Kerry's Wheelchair' 30

Pastel



Anthony Adamo 30 'Velocitas Obscurus perceptio' graphite

YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS



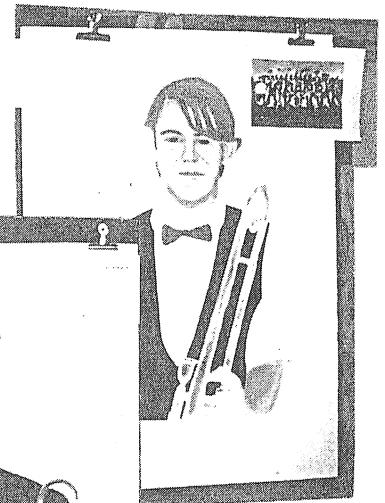
James Furey 'My grandfather has always loved Rembrandt' Pastel

Geoff Jacobs 'Self Portrait'



James Hallihan 30 40 'Rebels' Drawing

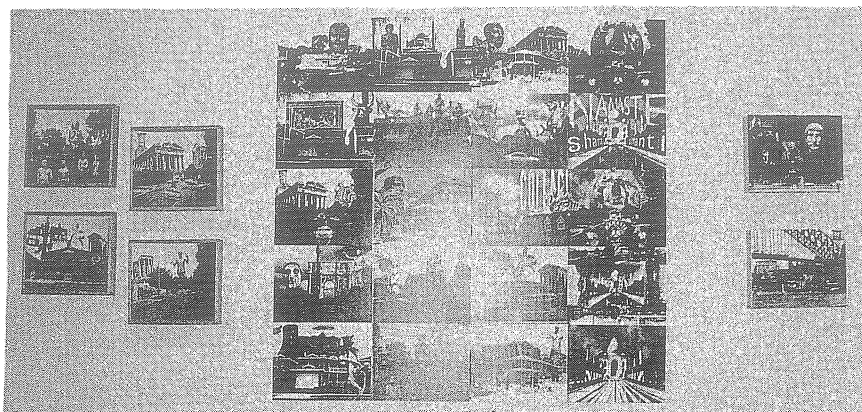
James Hallihan 'Coincidence' Drawing



Sculpture

Chris Choi



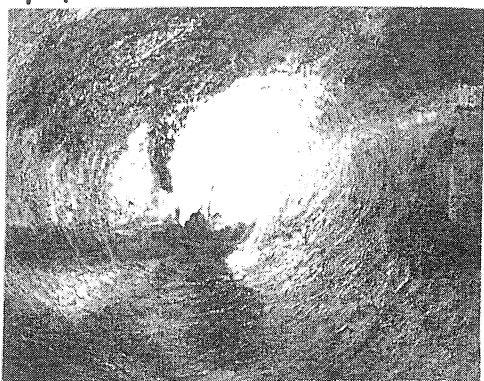


Aadesh Thakkar 'Nam ascar (I Bow to You) - My Cultural Mindscape' Graphics

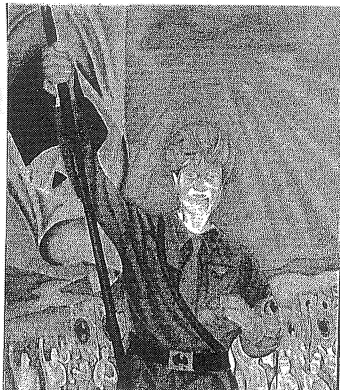


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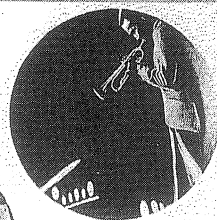
David Stone 'Who profits prophets?' 3U



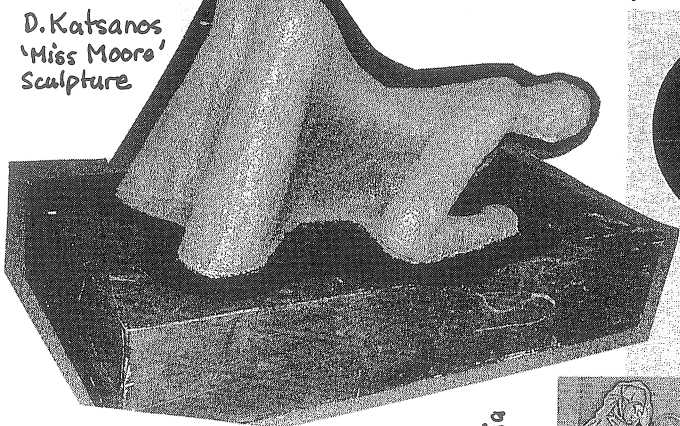
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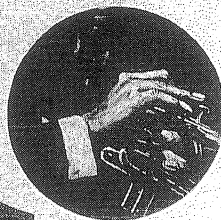
H. Widjaya 'Pauline Leading The People' Pastel



Luke Gerkens 'Miles... Ahead' Charcoal



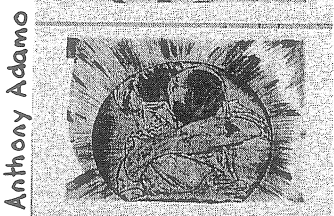
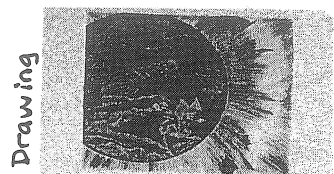
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Hubert Widjaya 3U
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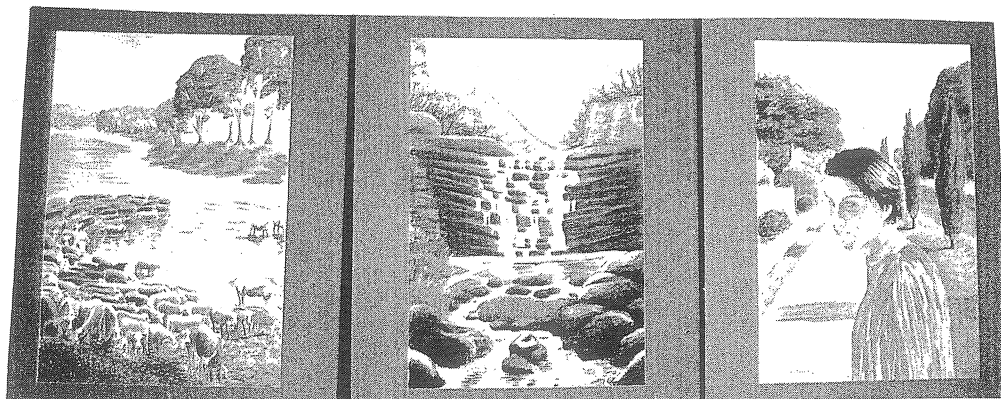


David Stone Mixed Media
'Ern, Erne, Ernest.'



Drawing

Anthony Adamo 'Reflects'



John Matthews 'Kings in grass castles'

MUSIC

Each year presents us with new challenges and opportunities and of course new students who present possibilities for learning and contributions which make Music at Sydney Technical High school interesting and diversified.

Our Year 12 students over six years have progressed through experiences which have been valuable for their learning and allowed for individual and team contribution to school life. These students have utilised their skills and talents and have become performers, composers, muscologists and aware listeners. If they haven't reached the pinnacle of their abilities (and they certainly shouldn't have) then they have commenced progress along their paths of becoming aware adults. Congratulations to the "Class of '98": David Chan, Richard Kam, Louis Lee, Robert Llewellyn and Paul Williams.

Facilities of the Music Department are continually updated and expanded. Over the last year we have seen the expansion of the MIDI computer laboratory which is utilised as an integral part of music programs and in almost every spare moment throughout the school day. This is an asset which is paying handsome dividends in the learning of our students.

Substantial funds are always needed to ensure the success of music opportunities in schools and, after over twelve months of intensive research and analysis, the Music Department has been able to set in place a structure which should provide a more efficient and comprehensive plan for resourcing the co-curricular performing ensembles programs. The end result of students owning their own instruments should be a huge plus for all concerned.

The performing ensembles program at this school allows students to further discover and explore their musical performing skills and general musical awareness. While there have been delays to the commencement expectations of the revised "Beginners' Band" structure the end result should be the ongoing success of the entire performing ensembles program. Nothing will change the cyclical nature of ensembles' development but everything possible is done to ensure consistency of standard. This year there has been a continuing strengthening of the school's bands and the students are to be commended for their application and dedication to developing their skills further. While we regret the departure of our Year 12 students from the performing ensembles we know that those younger have gained from the expertise of these senior students. The school commends these

students. The music staff have appreciated the opportunity to work with and contribute to their learning and we wish them well in their future endeavours. Well done:

Thomas Fisher, Luke Gerkens, James Hallihan, Richard Kam, James Karpouzis, Vincent Ong and David Porter.

The Music Support Group continues to assist the music staff and the activities of the Music Department in a positive and constructive way. The knowledge that there is a caring and supportive association of parents is very heartening. At our monthly meetings many things are discussed and planned which have very tangible positive results and benefits for this school and specifically those students who are learning through the programs of the Music Department. Congratulations to all members of the Music Support Group for your contributions and special thanks to the executive: Lorraine Baker, Sue Porter, Gary Smith and Glenda Thomas.



PERFORMING ENSEMBLES REPORT

Hard work and commitment to achieving excellent standards of scholarship and performance will lead to success in the world of musical performance. Our school bands are vehicles which allow for and encourage success for the individual members and the ensembles: the Concert Band, the Stage Band, the Intermediate Concert Band and the Junior Stage Band.

CONCERT BAND

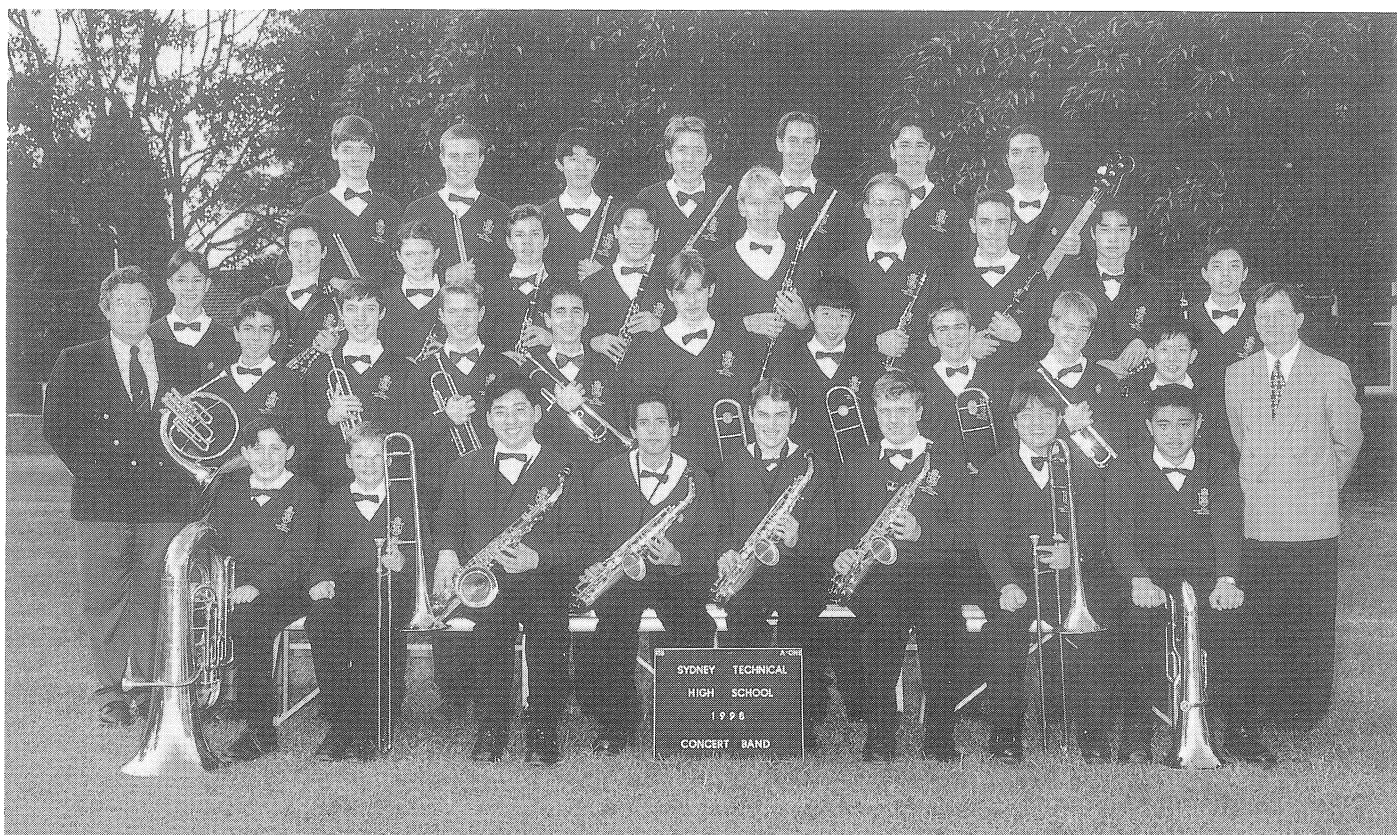
This is the largest of the school's performing ensembles which caters for woodwind, brass and percussion instruments and usually results in an ensemble of approximately forty students.

This year the ensemble has produced performances of excellent quality which reflects the hard work put in over recent years. The Concert Band has performed with distinction at school events namely the Anzac commemoration ceremony, *Musicale 98*, and school assemblies.

An ensemble which requires the focussed effort of all its many parts to perform successfully, the Concert Band has set out on the ambitious venture of completing a tour to Brisbane where it will perform at the "Australian Academy Festival of Music" in October.

Also on this tour the band will participate in performances at Bremer High School in Ipswich and also community venues. A challenge to our young musicians but one which should benefit the members of the ensemble immeasurably.

The students of the Concert Band are congratulated on their dedication and positive application to learning through their weekly rehearsals and home practice. Their team support has been particularly strong this year for which they are to be commended. Congratulations to those members of the Concert Band who on their own initiative organised the lunchtime bar-b-que to raise funds for the bands' tour to Qld. It is this positive spirit which is very pleasing to the band Directors.



Front Row (L to R) J Eves, M Friedewald, R Kam, C Gilhooly, L Thomas, A McGuigan, J Uchiyama, S Heimuli.

2nd Row (L to R) Mr D Towner, M Moldrich, K Hough, D Morton, P Oscuro, A Bongers, L Ong, D Porter, L Jackson.

3rd Row (L to R) J Galloway, M Ings, J Scott, D Sampson, E Line, R Smith, M Splittgerber, D Fisher C Lau, D He.

4th Row (L to R) D Burgess, B North, J Choi, C Gardiner, J Karpouzis, P Baker, D Kell.

STAGE BAND

Stage Band members are once again to be commended for their musicianship, enthusiasm, and continual goodwill. It is always a pleasure to direct this ensemble and be a part of such high-spirited camaraderie.

It has been particularly pleasing to chart the progress of the band after such a major turnover of personnel at the beginning of the year. Five new members originally replaced the eight who moved on at the end of 1998 and by term four this year, approximately ten new members will have joined the band. Their progress has been most impressive and augers well for the future of this ensemble.

Many thanks also go to some of the 'old hands' who have not only provided a strong musical foundation, but supported and guided the less experienced players with patience and a commitment to shared achievement.

A number of performance opportunities provided a suitable outlet for the many hours of rehearsal. Highlights were-

- Royal Easter Show; the first at the new Homebush site
- Inter-District (a.k.a. Metropolitan East) Festival of Music held in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House.
- P.N.G. Relief Concert; organised by Ivor Gilhooly (a parent of alto saxophonist Craig) the band providing both preconcert and opening items.
- Sesquicentenary Dinner; to celebrate the 150th anniversary of public education in NSW. The boys entertained many dignitaries for approximately half an hour at the Novotel, Brighton.

Congratulations to David Porter (Yr12) and Lawrence Ong (Yr11) for their acceptance into the Performing Arts Unit Big Band. This is a selective group, drawing membership from across the Metropolitan area and consequently performing at an extremely challenging level. It is wonderful to watch the development of skills and the musical maturity these students gain from participation in such activities. Well done!

Good luck to our Year 12 students in the HSC and for their career and life ahead. This band always has a healthy contingent of Year 12 boys and their presence is greatly valued. They not only bring a maturity (well, on occasion) to the group dynamics, and a 'developed' sense of humour, but usually five or six years commitment to the ensemble's program at this school.

Well done-

Thomas Fisher	Trumpet
Luke Gerkens	Trumpet
James Hallihan	Trombone
Vincent Ong	Tenor Saxophone
David Porter	Trombone

Also the following Year 12 students who earlier left the band due to other commitments -

Jason Chan	Transposing Flute
Ben Galloway	Trumpet
Louis Lee	Piano
Robert Llewellyn	Bass

A number of students from last year's band have either helped augment instrumental sections this year where shortages exist, or simply came along to perform and renew acquaintances. Thank you for your support and I hope others who leave the school will likewise occasionally drop in, bring an instrument and enjoy the fraternity of making music.

Congratulations once again for a successful year, the many plaudits you attract and the outstanding way you have represented yourselves and the school.





Stage Band

Front Row (L to R) J Uchiyama, J Hallihan, L Thomas, R Smith, V Ong, D Porter, L Ong.

2nd Row (L to R) Mr P Owens, D Morton, L Gerkens, T Fisher, P Oscuro, Mr D Towner.

3rd Row (L to R) M McLean, P Gould, P Baker, D Kell, D Burgess.

INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND

This group has strengthened its musical awareness and performing abilities throughout the year. Primarily this ensemble serves the purpose of developing our more junior musical performers leading to successful audition for placement in the Concert Band and Stage Band. It has been particularly pleasing this year to have join the Intermediate Concert Band a strong contingent of Year 7 instrumentalists who have worked enthusiastically with existing members. Some of these students have already successfully auditioned over recent months for placement in the Concert Band. The group performed creditably at this year's *Musical* and since then have further developed their individual and ensemble skills. We are looking forward to successful performances at the Year 7 (1999) Orientation Day and the end of year Christmas Concert.





Intermediate Concert Band

Front Row (L to R) A Waters, A Vonthethoff, B Green, D Burdon, R Yeung, T Byrne, B Sjahalam, M Reid.

2nd Row (L to R) Mr D Towner, T Birkett, T Lim, M Georgeson, T Clifton-Everest, S Bakopanos, J Oka, A Levinsky, Mr P Owens.

3rd Row (L to R) N Hodges, J Fung, S Jansen, P Xing, S O'Keefe, J Ang, T Dickson, T Hunt.

4th Row (L to R) S Gurjar, P Diakonikolas, T Reid, A Beaven, B Lewis, L Mikhailov, J Fan.

JUNIOR STAGE BAND

Junior Stage Band has strengthened its membership base in 1998 and continued the impressive development witnessed last year. The boys exude a raw energy and are quick to learn both stylistic features and the necessary technical foundation for successful performance.

Musical provided a particular highlight and clearly demonstrated the future potential which now exists when starting students in this type of ensemble at an earlier age. Many comments were later made commending the band on its ensemble, control and sense of style.

Of particular note, was the number of boys who were featured as soloists. These students not only played a prominent role, but demonstrated their newly acquired improvisatory skills. It is worth reflecting on the type of achievement this represents. Conceptually, it is a combining of both *technical* skill and *creative* design, all of which is spontaneously expressed under the gaze of a full auditorium. A tremendous achievement indeed!

A number of students have already progressed this year to the Stage Band.

Congratulations to -

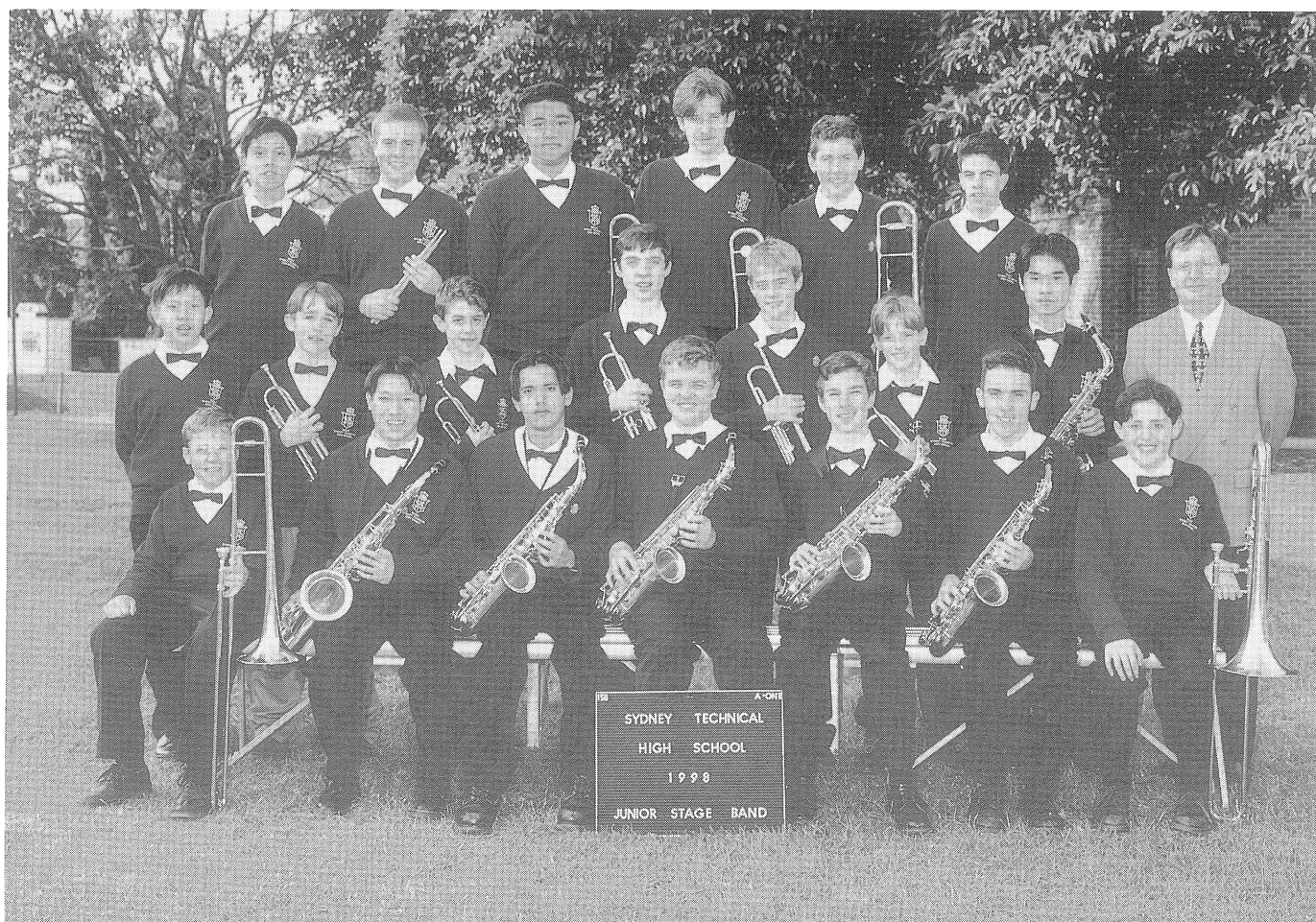
- David Fisher
- Craig Gilhooly
- Sam Heimuli
- Eric Lin
- David Sampson
- Andrew Vonthethoff



Undoubtedly others will soon follow and we encourage all boys to audition once they have mastered the appropriate skills.

Many students realise quite late the excitement and great sense of achievement which is possible from playing a musical instrument at a high level. Junior Stage Band students are now perfectly placed to build upon strong foundations and ensure future success. Regular practice and varied routines, quality music and a positive approach will yield tremendous results.

The musical direction of the band has also been most enjoyable and extremely satisfying. True to the underlying philosophy, the boys and director are there on a voluntary basis and the spirit with which this activity is pursued makes the morning rehearsals very worthwhile. Good luck in 1999.



Junior Stage Band

Front row (L to R) M Friedewald, E Lin, C Gilhooly, A McGuigan, D Ferguson, D Fisher, J Eves.

2nd Row (L to R) L Tse, T Byrnes, B Green, K Hough, L Jackson, A Vonthehoff, C Lau, Mr P Owens.

Back Row (L to R) D He, B North, S Heimuli, A Bongers, B Lewis, M Rochford.

BEGINNERS' BAND

An exciting development in 1998 is the implementation of a new scheme designed to strengthen the organisation of the Beginners' Band and substantially improve the quality of instruments supplied to students. We thank parents and students for their patience in waiting so long for the commencement of this scheme, but we believe the advantages will compensate for any delays.

Most students will now receive a *new* instrument in Year 7, one which will serve them reliably while in the band program. These students will also have the opportunity to purchase their instrument after two years if they so wish. The use of a quality instrument during all phases of the learning process, especially the formative months as a beginner, is essential and necessary to the success of both individual students and the bands.

More than twenty students auditioned for a place in the beginners' program this year. In addition, a number of Year 7 boys with previous band experience automatically joined one of the other bands in Term 1. Nearly 25% of new enrolments to the school are now participating in this activity.

The auditioning process ensures the physiological suitability of each student to a particular instrument. Success requires commitment and dedication, but the ultimate rewards, musically and socially are well worth the effort. We would ask parents to encourage their sons to regularly practice, even if the benefits do not seem immediately apparent. It is amazing how quickly the sometimes strained tones can become inviting to the ear.

We feel sure that each new band member is undertaking an activity which will provide for them many special memories long after they leave this school.

Mr P Owens and Mr D Towner
Music Department



LANGUAGES

This year has seen a change of staff in our faculty Ms Lam was transferred to Sydney Girls High during the summer vacation and was replaced by Ms Abson whom we welcome to the school.

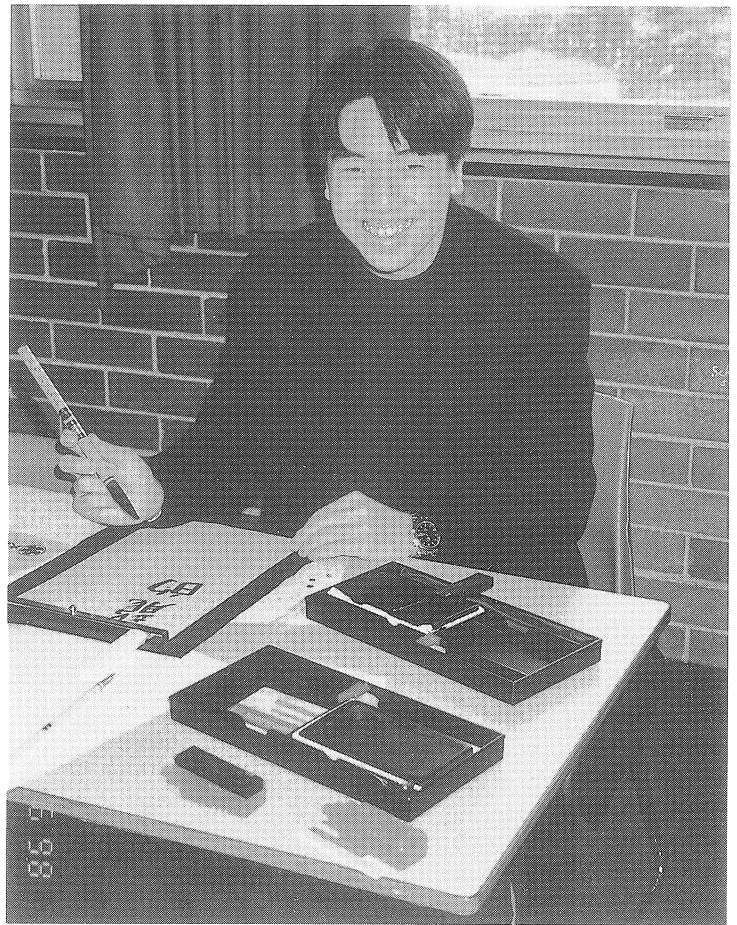
One of the highlights of this year occurred in July when we hosted thirty students and staff from Yamatsuri in Japan. They expressed great enjoyment of their day with us and were most impressed with the resources available at STHS. We appreciate the efforts of the families who home hosted Japanese students, all of whom spoke warmly of their experience.

Congratulations to the five boys who were chosen to take part in the cultural exchange visit to Hurstville's sister city in Japan, Shiroishi, in the Sept/Oct holidays. They were Michael Chu from Year 9 and from Year 8 - Tim Dickson, Leo Huang, Stuart Johnson and Matthew Tripodi. Mr & Mrs Fletcher were invited by Hurstville Council to chaperone the group.

We are also very proud of Andrew Pidgeon from Year 11 who won a scholarship to Germany for 10 weeks from the end of November. He underwent a very competitive selection process conducted partly in German and is to be congratulated on such an outstanding achievement.

Many thanks to Mr Reynolds, Ms Abson and Mr Short for a year of hardwork and unfailing enthusiasm and support in encouraging our students in their language studies.

R. Fletcher
Head Teacher Languages



PE/PD/HEALTH

1998 has been 'full steam ahead' despite some changes in personnel. The retirement of Mr G Coburn has enabled the appointment of Mr P Werner who has brought considerable energy and personal skills to the faculty. Faculty head, Mr B Collins has been on leave teaching in the United Arab Emirates since late 1997. PD/PE/HEALTH has been taught in the junior school by 'regulars' Mr J Diaz and Mr P Werner and also by Mrs J Davis, Mr J Samuel and Ms P Alexander from other faculties. The students have benefited greatly from their dedication to providing a relevant and interesting program throughout 1998.

The junior program has benefited from some fine tuning. Anti-discrimination and tolerance have been given added emphasis with new units of work on racial discrimination and homophobia. A greater emphasis has also been given to men's health in the various lifestyle themes included throughout the course. Considerable effort has been expended on developing a faculty assessment policy and it is expected that further refinement will be made for 1999.

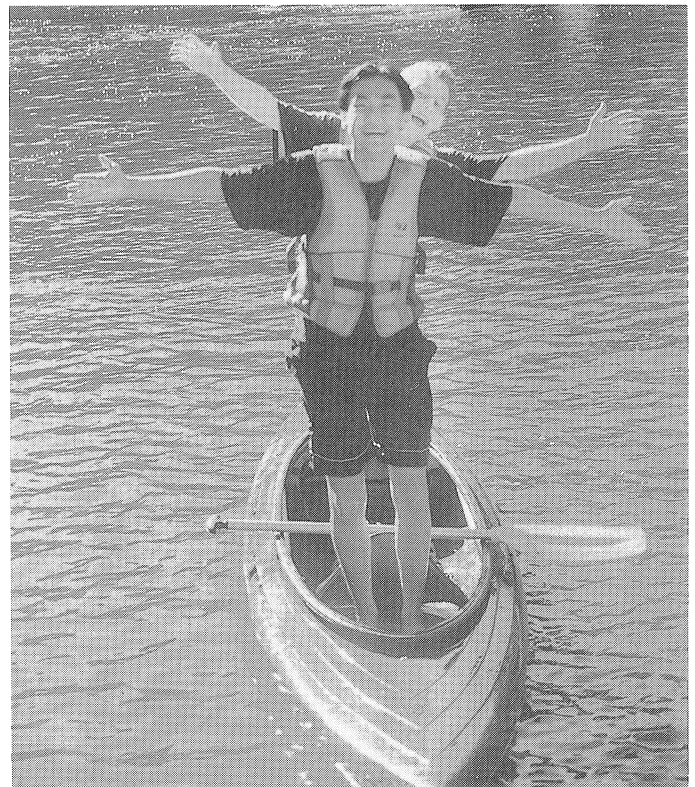
The big news of 1998 was the arrival of our first computer and the overdue improvement of our staffroom thanks to some building renovation, a coat of paint and some carpet. This year also found faculty members attending a P & C meeting where we presented a display of student work and drug education resources along with an explanation of how drug education is conducted in the school. Unfortunately the pool has been out of action during the year necessitating alternative PE activities. PE continues to be popular with most of the boys who eagerly take the opportunity to escape the confines of the classroom and burn off some energy. Unfortunately a small number of students are reluctant to participate in PE and need constant prompting to bring necessary gear and to get involved.

PD in the senior school saw the continuation of our very successful annual Year 11 camp. Seminars on cannabis, alcohol, homophobia and relationships were presented along with a variety of self development activities. Year 11 Adviser, Mr T Trotman, ran an innovative PD day at school for Year 11. This day was very successful and featured an address from Tech old boy Warwick Hayes, an academic and elite level sportsman who spoke on goal setting and the need to balance work and leisure. The remainder of the day involved sessions on study skills

(courtesy of Ms L Irvine, Mr L Zeitsch, Mr T Trotman, Ms J Davis and Mr N Roper) relaxation techniques (Mrs J Carrington, Mr I Brinson and Mr N Melvin) and H.S.C. assessment and scaling (Mr B Mulholland).

I would like to thank the PE Staff, PD teachers and other staff who helped in the PD events that occurred during 1998. Their co-operation and willingness to help during the year has been greatly appreciated by myself and the school community.

N.Roper
Acting H/T Administration



SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Social Sciences Faculty has enjoyed a rewarding and enjoyable year whilst the school continued to adjust to structural changes. Social Sciences continued to be one of the leading faculties in the school, with full classes in both senior and junior school and an impressive record in last year's external examinations and competitions.

The faculty was extremely pleased with our 1997 HSC results with nearly 80% of our 2 Unit candidates being placed in the top three percentile bands for Economics, Geography and Business Studies. We also had many outstanding individual performances across all of our subject areas.

Business Studies 2U- 62% of our candidates were placed in the top 10% of the state and 85% of our candidates placed in the top 30% of the state.

Superb individual performances were produced by **Tim Cheung** (1st in the State in 2U Business Studies), **Adrian Pin** (3rd in the State in 2U Business Studies) and **Andrew Bursic** (listed in the top Order of Merit).

Economics 2U- 37% of our candidates were placed in the top 10% of the State and 80% of our candidates were placed in the top 30% of the State. **Tim Cheung** was placed 12th in the State in 2U Economics Order of Merit.

Geography 2U - 30% of our candidates were placed in the top 10% of the State and 80% in the top 30% of the state. **Neil Vanza** was placed 14th in the states Order of Merit for 2U Geography.

Our 3Unit results were again excellent with more than 60% of our candidates being placed in the top 20% of the State in all three subject areas. Some outstanding individual performances were achieved by **Ross McInnes** (18th in the State in 3U Economics), **Barry Saoud**, **Brad Hill**, **Avijeet Chauhan** and **Nick Paras** were all placed in the states 3U Business Studies Order of Merit.

Fieldwork-excursions continued to be an integral component in Social Sciences. Excursions to Cronulla Beach, IMAX theatre, Darling Harbour, Georges River Cruise, Parliament House, Coca Cola at Northmead, Hurstville, Homebush Bay and the Oyster Farm have already been undertaken. Perhaps the highlight of our fieldwork this year was the overnight Year 9 Geography excursion to Jenolan Caves - Blue Mountains - Bathurst region. **Mr Samuels**, **Ms Davis** and **Ms Alexander** "braved" all the elements in providing

students with an enjoyable and rewarding experience in their overnight venture.

Senior lecture days were again popular and well supported - MEESTA, EBE and GTA all provided lecture days for our senior students.

Several outstanding performances by our students this year included:

- The **1998 Year 9-10 Australian Geography Competition** conducted by the Royal Queensland Geographical Society - 71% of our Year 9 students achieved a High Distinction, Distinction or Credit Award. (top 30% of Australia), a wonderful effort.
- The **1997 Year 9-10 NSW Geography Competition** results were superb (our current Yr 9-10 Geography students have only just competed in the 1998 competition and results are expected early in Term 4). The 1997 results were 98% of our Year 10 candidates achieved a High Distinction, Distinction or Credit Award and 75% of our Year 9 candidates achieved a Credit Award or better.....an outstanding effort.
- The **AMP-Asset Management Economics Competition** (replaced the AIESEC Economics competition) has gone "international" with several countries from New Zealand, Oceania and SE Asia now competing. This year the competition was broken up into two divisions - a Yr 12 division and a new Yr 11 division. Our results in both divisions was outstanding with 87% of our Yr 12 candidates achieving a High Distinction, Distinction or Credit Award and in the Yr 11 division 76% of our candidates achieved a Credit Award or better. In this prestigious competition several of our students were listed in the Order of Merit. In the Yr 11 division **Ben Zhang**, **Brett Kauffman** and **Joe Sutanto** were given special creditation. Five of our Yr 12 students finished in the top 1% of this international competition - **Alan Tay** (99.9%), **Kenneth Lam**, **Aditya Kousik** and **Niranjan Sritharan** (99.7%) and **Daniel Maroney** (99.3%). All five students have been invited to a special presentation evening at the UNSW where they will receive their awards and monetary prizes.....a wonderful effort.

E Team - This year a group of Year 11 Economics and Business Studies students were selected to form the "E-Team" and represent STHS. This group of students (**Matthew Dale**, **Juno Uchiyama**, **Nafiz Chowdhury**, **Edward Hall** and **Stephen Hodge**) was sent into the corporate world for a week and given a specific management problem to solve. They were assigned to the NSW Dept of Industrial Relations where they were given the task of implementing the Internet into the Dept's computer system. The

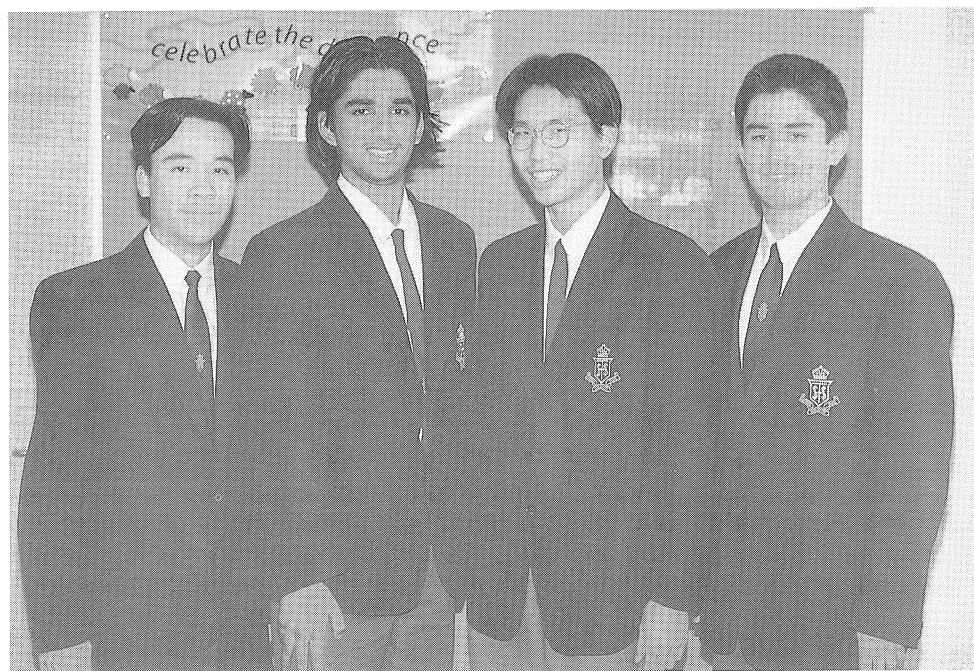
Team was well received and they completed all given tasks with credit.

Finally, thanks to the hard working Social Sciences staff for their effort, dedication and industrious approach to the many academic and extra curricular tasks that they have performed throughout the year.

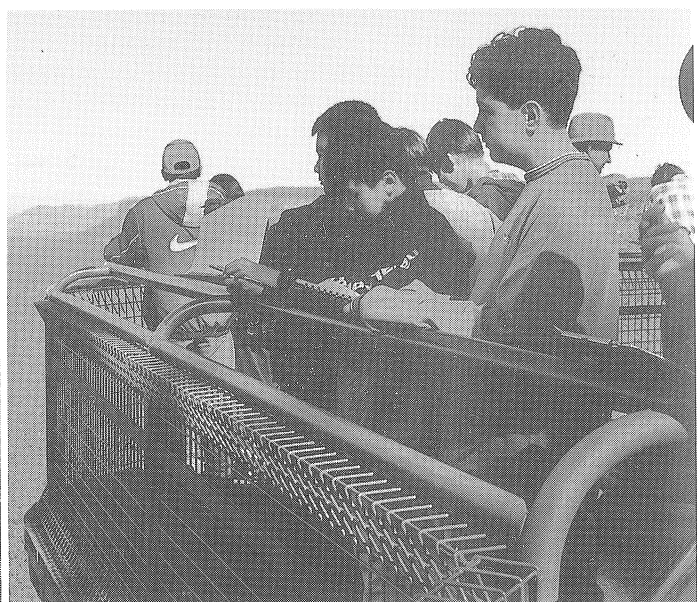
George Langford
Head Teacher Social Sciences



"E-Team"



International Economic Prize Winners

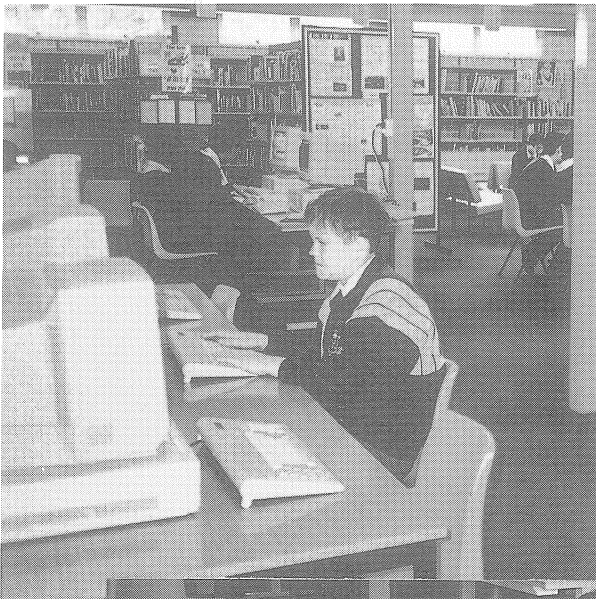


LIBRARY

The Library has been very active during the past twelve months. The focus has been on facilitating students with their research and acquisition of information skills. As well, progress has been made in the areas of technology, the School Archives and Web Home page construction.

Two talented students, Sunil Gupta and Alan Liu constructed a Tech Library Web Home page. This can be found at <http://www.magna.com.au/tech/>. They have also started the more challenging task of developing a School Web home page.

Student access to information through technology in the Library has been greatly improved. Additional workstations have been incorporated into the Curriculum network. As well, an extra Internet connection has been established. Students have access to quality software such as Britannica CD, World Magazine Bank, Sydney Morning Herald and will soon have the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology. Senior students have access to the Internet computers during study periods for research while junior students seem to dominate their use before school, recess and lunchtime.



The relocation of the Archives Room has assisted in the display of memorabilia and historical pictures of the school. The Library has produced a booklet of historical extracts from past School Journals 1916-1997: required reading for Year 7. James Foster produced an excellent display of famous sportsmen of Sydney Tech. The Library often receives requests for archival information. This year we have received requests from New Zealand, Canada, Adelaide and Darwin. ABC Education TV requested information on Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith for a documentary. The Australian Journal of Astronomy will soon publish a tribute to an old boy Sydney Elwin, 1923-24. We also assisted a final year University student to complete a history of the School's memorial plaque of Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith.

Some statistics. Use of the Library has increased greatly in recent years. For example, during Term 1 there were 159 class bookings for research (equivalent to 318 of the old 40 min periods). In addition, 345 small groups were sent to the Library to undertake independent research. As well, Years 11 and 12 students use the Library during study periods. Quite often the Library staff feel more like traffic wardens than Librarians.

Sydney Tech is fortunate to have outstanding Library Assistants in Mrs Jones and Mrs Lopatinsky. I would like to express my appreciation for their contribution in running the Library in 1998.

B.Kaladelfos
Librarian



PEER SUPPORT

“TECHMANI”



BOYS IN SKIRTS !!!

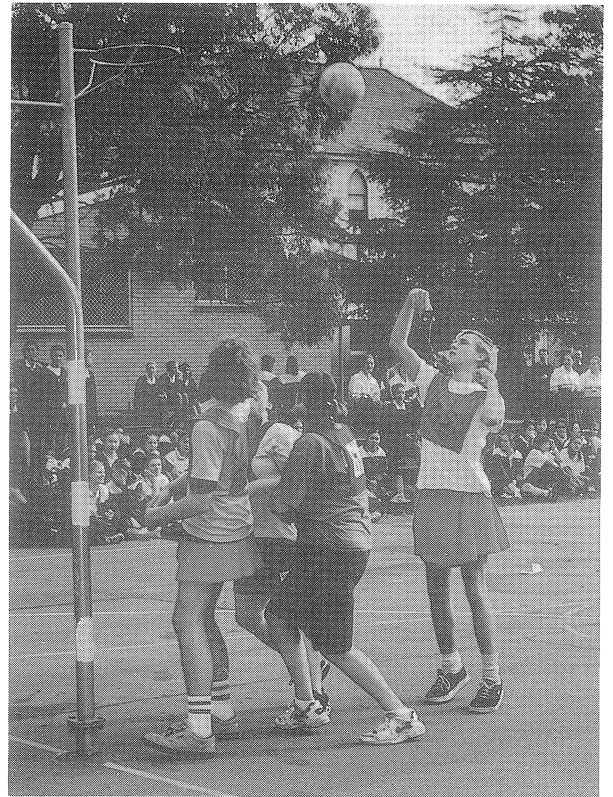
1998 saw the feminine qualities of Year 12 emerge, with the first ever "All Man All Skirt" Tech netball team. The season began with great demonstration of goalkeeping, victorious wins, legs, skirts, legs..... and more legs.

The exclusively female opposition consisted of Penshurst Girls, St George Girls, St Ursulas and Bethany College. However, many teams declined our invitation to play, perhaps intimidated by our masculine prowess.

Our game plan was always strong, but simple. To have fun, and hopefully get a few wins under our skirts.

For the majority of the season, we held the undefeated title. The "All Man All Skirt" team actually won an astounding 8 of 10 games. Beating the girls at their own game!

Matthew Whatman



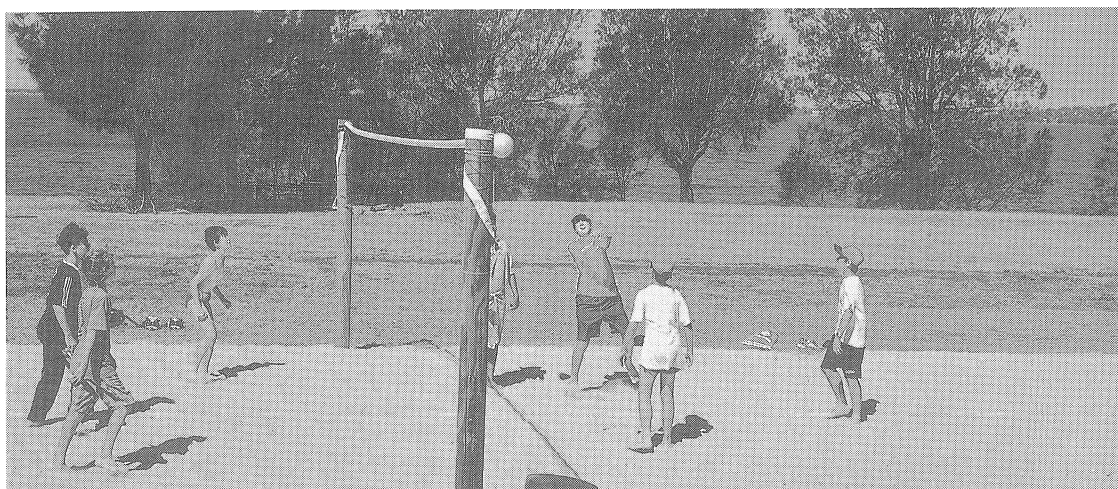
YEAR 7 CAMP

On the 13th March 1998 Year 7 of Sydney Tech travelled to Wollongong for a two-day camp expedition. The boys occupied two coaches. Once we arrived at the campsite we unpacked our bags into the designated rooms and headed down towards the river and had our lunch. The camp had two renovated carriages, a number of rooms, four toilet blocks, teacher's cottage and mess hall. After lunch our first activities began. We were split into 6 different groups (each group had one teacher who was in charge). The activities were:

- Archery - We learnt how to use a bow and arrow in a special enclosed area
- Study Skills- We learnt the various methods of studying.
- Recreation- This was the relaxing part of camp, it was free time.
- Raft Building- We split into two groups, each built a raft and we had a competition to see whose raft would stay afloat.
- Orientation- We learnt the various methods of using a compass, map etc.
- Obstacle Course- The obstacle course was a small section of the campground which had both easy and difficult obstacles.

On the first day, we did four of the six activities. It was very exhausting but we had a lot of fun! At dinner time we had lasagna and dessert (icecream and fruit) which was delicious. That evening we played night games, which were excellent. Then we were ordered to bed. The next day, we woke up at 7.30am. Most of us were really tired due to the lack of sleep. We finished off our remaining activities after breakfast. Then we had hamburgers for lunch and returned to Sydney Tech.

Matthew Popplewell, Sam Wang and Robert Wong
Year 7



YEAR 9 CAMP - VISION VALLEY

After a tiresome two-hour bus trip without respite, the majority of Year 9 arrived at the scenic holiday retreat that is Vision Valley. We dumped our luggage in the foyer and made our way into the dining room where we enjoyed a morning tea of Arnott's biscuits and watered down cordial. It was here that Mr Quill outlined the manner in which we were to conduct ourselves during our stay. After cleaning up the area and selecting our cabins, we all met outside the main building where we were split into our groups and allocated our activities for the day.

Students took part in a number of seminars on discrimination, life goals and peer mediation. Ms Davis and Ms O'Connor handled both discrimination and gender discrimination, raising awareness over such issues as sexism, racism, homophobia and bullying. We were also taught about the instances in which discrimination could occur, such as in the workplace, and how we could approach it within the boundaries of our legal system. Mr Quill conducted the seminar on 'Life Goals', showing us our relative potential in relation to mainstream adolescents and getting us to share the directions which each of us would like our lives to go. We spent a lot of time here mentally projecting our futures in both business and personal aspects, and studying bell curves of society. Also on the camp, Ms Blake took the opportunity of introducing the grade to peer mediation, in which Year 9 students would be given the chance to settle disputes between junior boys by way of compromise.

Seminars aside, we also participated in a range of recreational activities. This included archery, in which we honed our skills by popping a number of cleverly positioned balloons and horse riding, where we were taught the skill of saddling. We also did bush cooking, where students were taught how to make damper and were later able to enjoy it with a serving of honey, maple syrup, and sweet billy tea. Students then prepared to tackle the perilous cliffs of Vision Valley, in which students could again experience the thrill of abseiling. Perhaps the most enjoyable activity of the camp was canoeing. In this session, we mastered the art of water propulsion, and later took part in a fierce game of canoe-netball-water polo. Although we ended up wetting ourselves more than we did scoring, all involved were greatly satisfied. On Thursday night, we were treated to an animal show, where we were shown a variety of native fauna by an expert park ranger.

As we slowly pulled out of the car-park and into the sunset, we took our last glimpse of that place that we had grown to love and, had come to call home. Each took his chance to bid his own farewell to Vision Valley, knowing that they would probably never see it again. While educational and informative, we found the Year 9 Camp thoroughly enjoyable.

Glen Comerford, Michael Chu, Chris Culjek and Derek Loh.



YEAR 11 CAMP - 1998

The atmosphere was tense, Year 11 gathered around the back oval waiting. Bags were filled with discmans, food, waterbombs, skateboards, clothes, guitars, drum kits. As Mr Trotman gave the order, we rushed to the buses, looking forward to three days of informative seminars, fun activities, a chance to get to know teachers and students, and most importantly, a campfire. The buses departed, and soon we were driving out into Greater Western Sydney. After about two hours, we arrived at our destination, the YMCA campsite at Yarramundi. You could hear the sighs of the skateboarders when they saw the obvious lack of concrete.

We received the usual warnings from the camp instructors, no swimming in the pool without supervision, always wear footwear, don't waste water, don't play with fire....With these basic guidelines set down, we located our cabins, fought over top bunks, and were soon ready for the first of many activities. These included archery, orienteering, abseiling and a river walk. The River walk basically involved the whole of Year 11 walking a few kilometres up the river, spending a few hours on some sandbanks, then walking back to camp, via some popular 4WD tracks. We were fortunate enough to come across one driver bogged down in the sand and were more than happy to delay our return to the camp by helping.

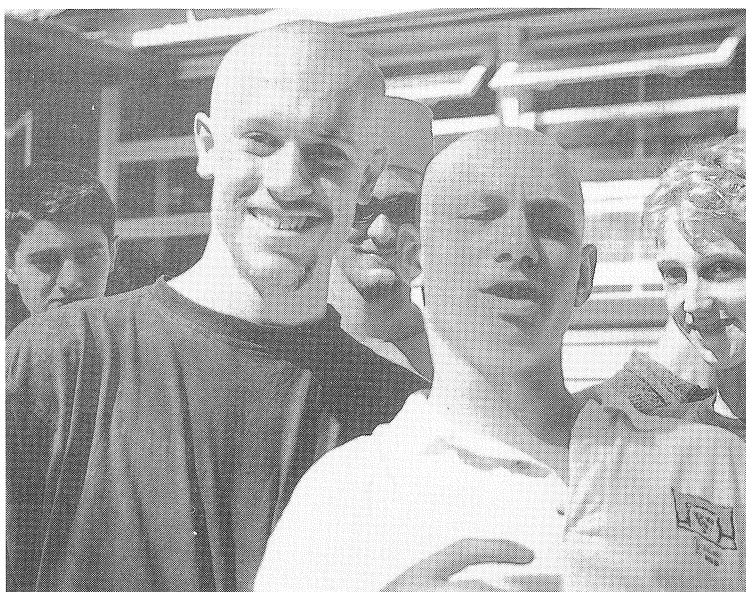
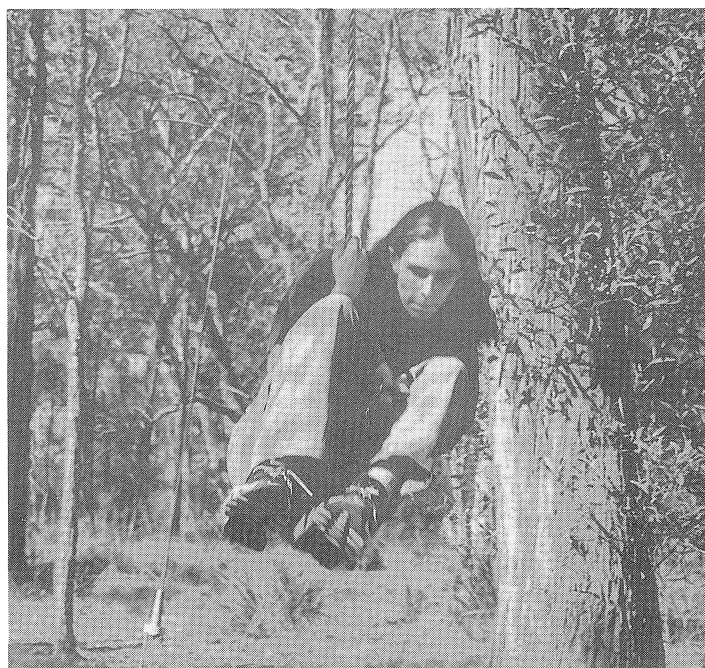
The seminars were hosted by a variety of teachers on various topics, like Safe Sex, Drugs and Homophobia. These were the major reasons, in the school's eyes, for us being here. They were effective and well run, and not nearly as boring as expected.

But after long days of seminars and bushwalks, it was great to be able to sit around the campfire through the night. I think that this was probably one of the most important sections of the camp, as it was a chance to get to know everyone in the year a lot better. It was especially important for those new to the school, and I think that most people left the camp knowing everyone a lot better. Mr Trotman was the only teacher who dared to brave the waterbombs, and make the journey to the campfire, and he was soaked for his troubles. These long nights revealed many closet pyromaniacs and deep secrets. The fire was roaring, jokes were flowing, all to the background of Sydney Tech's very own band, with their manager Warren Tegg. In the recreation hall, Benjamin Lam and his fellow table tennis fanatics did not stop playing for three days. Adam Labbad's cabin turned from a dormitory to a

wrestling arena. Everyone had something to do in their spare time.

The highlight of the camp was probably the cabin acts on the last night of the camp. Luke Ashton and friends wrote a seven verse song which was stopped after about half a verse. The band played a few songs, and then Sam Mournhis broke many St George Girl's hearts by shaving his head. The next morning as we boarded the buses we realised that we would miss this time away. Everyone had a great time, and thanks must go out to all the staff involved for giving their time (and sleep), especially Mr Trotman. Recognition must also go to Year 11 for their participation in all activities, and also for their behaviour. There was not one serious incident, and this is a credit to the year as a whole.

Ian van den Berg
Year 11



Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Camp

During the last week of Term 1, I was lucky enough to attend a camp for gifted and talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. I was picked up in a bus which would ultimately reach Bundeena, in the Royal National Park.

I had mixed feelings about the camp as I was the only one from school attending. But after picking up approximately 15 students from various schools, we finally reached our destination (even though our bus driver followed the wrong car).

After arriving we soon learnt of the environment around us as one group trekked through the mangroves while the other group canoed to the same destination, where there was a change in activities. I was fortunate to be able to canoe both to and from the campsite. While canoeing we were made aware of seagrass which was home to many creatures and plant life.

After canoeing we had free time and everyone headed back down to the river again where some tried their luck in fishing, while others tried searching for creatures in the seagrass. While searching, we came across a fish called a Fortesque. This fish was only 1cm in length, and yet it had the power to harm seriously and even cause death, proving the theory that SIZE doesn't matter.

The next day started bright and early for three of us who had difficulty in sleeping. We started the morning with showers and then went fishing among the mangroves where we were successful! The only problem was that they were all undersized.

During the day we walked non-stop up and down rocks, along sand, in and out of shops and across roads to get to an engraving sight at Jibbon Heads. Before we entered the site, we had to put clay on our faces as a sign of respect. There were quite a few engravings and each told a story. At night a group of us went walking along the beach and discovered a washed up blowfish which was about half a metre long. We returned to camp where we set off on a spotlighting walk, looking for animals active at night. The local ranger led us and had a special device which could detect bats and could pick up on the faintest sounds.

The next morning started early once again for the same few who went fishing again. We caught bream, leather jacket and saw a swarm of black cat fish. Seeing this was the last day, we packed up our tents, and loaded up the trailer. Some guys

then went and filled garbage bags full of oysters which formed on the mangroves to take home.

Overall the camp was a great experience and opportunity for me to learn about my background. I learnt a great deal and made many friends. I wish to thank Mr Derwent for getting me a place in the camp.

Chase Hope Yr 9

Year 8's Excursion to see "DAGS"

On Monday the 10th August, Year 8 from Sydney Technical High School went on an excursion to the Ensemble Theatre to view a performance called 'Dags'.

We left the back oval at around 8.50am. My class got a whole bus to ourselves and so it was a comfortable trip. We got there after about forty minutes and assembled at nearby park. We waited there for a while and then proceeded into the theatre. From the outside it looks like an abandoned old boat shed, but when I walked in I was surprised. It was neat and tidy and seemed to be much bigger than it looked from the outside.

We were escorted into the theatre room which looked like a wrestling arena. We all grew quiet and the show began in a spectacular dance form. The show was about the experiences of an unpopular and not too good looking school girl, names Gillian, played by Leanne Carey, in a school where popularity and dating meant everything.

My favourite character was Biggles. Biggles is Gillian's sister's boyfriend and was played by Steven Judkins. Biggles is adventurous, exciting and very humorous.

After the play was over all the actors came on stage and answered a few questions about acting, the play itself and how they came to be in it. Then they went backstage and we all returned to the car park, where we joined the bus. The ride back to school was just as relaxing as the ride to the theatre.

Altogether, the day was very enjoyable. I learnt a lot about acting, saw a great play and had lots of fun.

Brian Henson Year 8

PARENTS' AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

With parental contributions being required for most school matters, it is important for parents to feel welcome and comfortable at their sons' school. Many topics concerning education, welfare and discipline are discussed at P & C Meetings, where parents have an opportunity to talk to the Principal John Quill, the Deputy Principal Lynne Irvine and various Head Teachers who may attend some meetings.

Presentations

During the regular P & C meetings which were held twice a term this year, many interesting presentations were given to parents.

- The 1997 School Report was presented and discussed by the Principal, John Quill.
- The New School Certificate was explained and presented by Lynne Irvine, Deputy Principal.
- A review of the 80 minute period was presented and discussed by Sam Dando, Head Teacher, English.
- Drugs and Your Son was presented by Kevin O'Neill, Program Manager Department of Alcohol and other Drugs Service, St George Hospital & Community Services.
- Suicide and Young Men, presented by Anthony Hillian, St George Suicide Prevention Counsellor.

Our combined meeting with St George Girls' High School took place in October at St George this year, where our Superintendant, Ken Olah was the guest speaker.

We were also entertained this year by a Finnish Exchange Student at the school, Aaretti Siitonen, who delighted the larger than normal meeting with his description of his homeland and his comparison between education in the two countries.

Fundraising & Disbursement

Fundraising this year consisted of a voluntary P & C contribution at the beginning of the school year. Thank you to all parents who donated. This raised approximately \$35,000. The money will fund the installation and upgrading of technology in all areas of the school.

It is the School's intention to be at the leading edge of technology wherever possible and the P & C is committed to financially supporting the school over the next four years in this area.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the P & C executive for their contribution as well as John Quill, Lynne Irvine, members of staff and the Office Staff for all their help this year.

Janet Chirkoff
President.



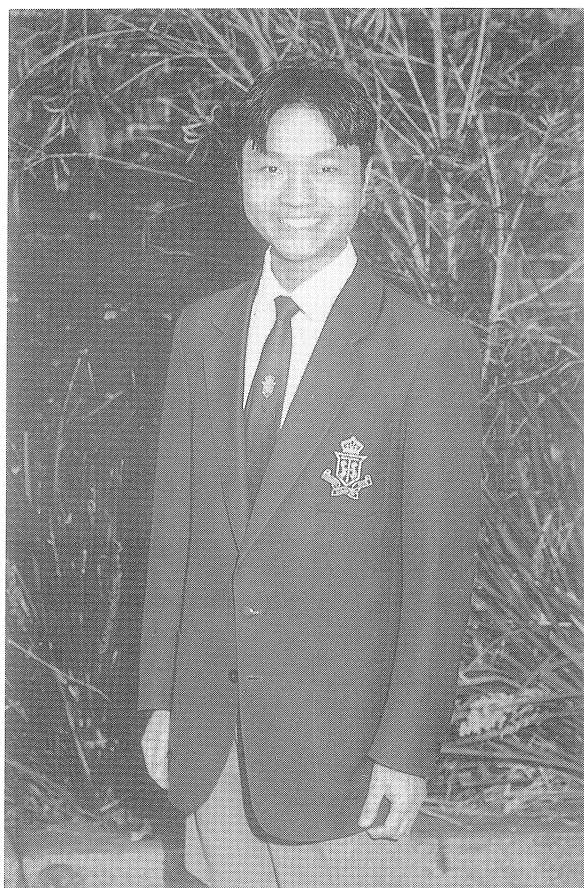
Aaretti Siitonen

PUBLIC SPEAKING

In 1998 students participated in a variety of competitions including Rostrum Voice of Youth, St George Eisteddford and the Plain English Senior and Junior public speaking competitions.

Those who participated enthusiastically in these competitions and who brought credit to their school included Jason Chan of Year 12, James Foster of Year 10, Michael Moldrich and Stuart Roberts of Year 9 and Zacharia Bazzi and Prasad Surindrawarige of Year 7.

Annette Harrison Public Speaking Co-ordinator



Jason Chan

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The stirring work of the SRC has continued this year with a new administration and a new office. The Lower Science Staffroom has been converted to accommodate the intense clerical and organisational activities of the council, aiding greatly the smooth running of such events as the now annual dance with St George Girls, the numerous mufti days and barbeques as well as the innovation of the combination of the two: The Saus and Muff day. The SRC has also been involved with many new policy decisions such as Before School Supervision, the implementation of the new and improved Senior Diary and the Aboriginal Education Committee.

We have been maintaining the connections we have established with our neighbouring schools such as St George, meeting regularly to discuss many possible joint members in the future. Also we have made our presence felt at the regular district conferences, where we remain one of the most active and powerful SRC's in the area.

Cameron Gardiner
Secretary



Front Row (L to R) A Thakkar, L Ashton, N Brown, B Galloway, M Rossiter-Thornton, L Ng.
2nd Row (L to R) Mr K Short, J Mining, S Farlow, M Sun, D Try, L Dale, B Xu.
3rd Row (L to R) E Yap, T Fisher, C Gardiner, D Fisher, A Vinson.

PEER MEDIATION REPORT

During the last week of term second term, twelve privileged Year 9 students from Sydney Tech and approximately forty-eight others from various schools around the St George district were selected to attend a three day seminar on *peer mediation*. The seminar was held at the Shopfront Theatre in Carlton, an interesting venue which had a large main hall and was the arena for our lessons. There was a small courtyard area where we congregated for lunch, and many other separate rooms which we used for our smaller group sessions.

After a lengthy introduction to the course and the formation of groups, which consisted of parties from many different schools, we set off to further learn the mediation process. In our groups of twelve people or so we discussed the process, WHO, WHAT HAPPENED, WHY, WHICH, HOW! These simple processes are the bases to the mediation process and have been formulated to provide a consistent and positive result.

In groups we played our roles to familiarise ourselves further with the task ahead. With the knowledge and wisdom of the mediation process we proceeded to LUNCH! , which comprised of 30 or so Pizza's, kindly ordered by our coordinator and paid for by the friendly Education Department. After ample nourishment we proceeded back to our groups to again play out roles and discover what mediation has to offer.

This routine was basically repeated for the other two days of the seminar. On the whole it was a very enjoyable three day adventure into the realms of mediation.

We would like to thank all parties who attended the seminar (especially Blakehurst High and Canterbury Girls) and coordinating teachers including ; Ms Blake, Mrs Wright and Mr Quill.

For further information about the mediation process, please consult one of the able mediators or one of the coordinators, Ms Blake or Mrs Wright, who may be found in the Creative Arts Department.

Mark Splittgerber and Alex White.

CANTEEN

Spring has arrived and brought with it the warmer weather, but this has not diminished the boys' appetites for food and drink.

Consequently the call still goes out for volunteers to help us in the canteen, especially on Tuesdays. Of course, help is always welcome at any time on any day for various tasks to suit any ability.

Apart from our usual fare of food, drinks, ice-creams and stationery we also stock certain school uniform items ie. track pants, jackets and ties at competitive prices.

Of particular interest to our Year 10 boys, who will be going into senior uniform in Term IV, is the sale of the Senior Tie available at the canteen for the lowest price around.

Please keep in mind that all profits made at the canteen go towards the school's funding.

If you would like any further information, don't hesitate to contact Julie or Brenda in the canteen.

Julie Reynolds
Canteen Manager



INTERACT

Interact, the charity fundraising group of our school has had another successful year in helping those in need all around the world. In total, we raised over \$7,000 for such organisations as The Australian Red Cross, The New Children's Hospital, The Salvation Army, and World Vision and the Cancer Foundation.

Our team have endeavoured in such activities as Mufti Days, Sausage Sizzles and a chocolate drives in order to raise this money.

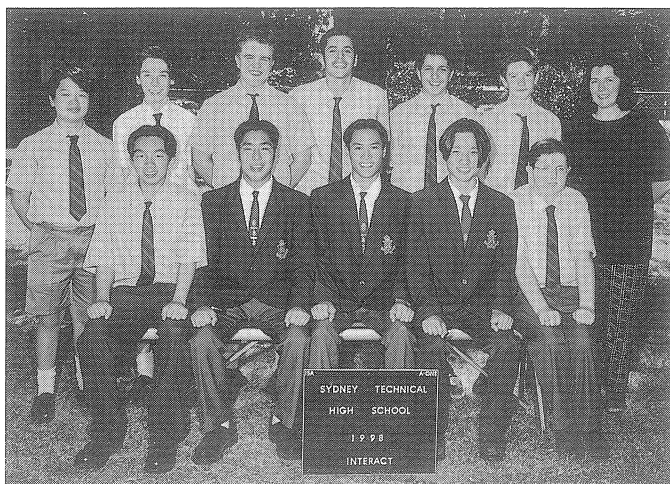
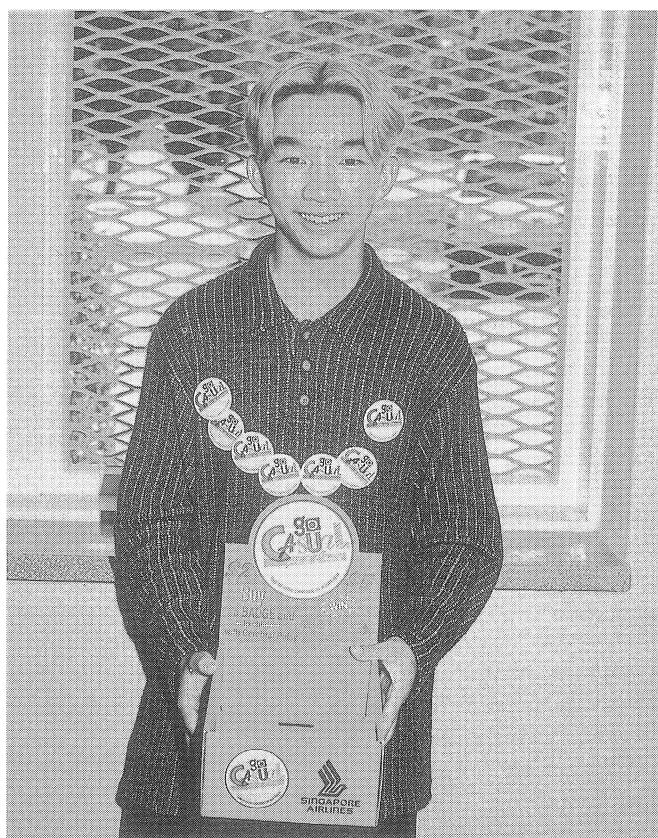
One of the highlights of the year was the 40hr Famine "pigout" organised by Jason Chan, Matthew Whatman and Interact. A number of schools attended the festivities, with a spit roast bbq, fairy floss and a jumping castle, to keep them entertained.

Being part of Interact enables the student to develop his leadership and organisational skills. It also alerts him to the needs of the wider community, and therefore helping to equip him with the skills necessary for later life. A lot of fun is also had while being in Interact, with greater skills and friendships being developed along the way.

As 1999 approaches, we desperately need new students to join Interact and assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Next year, we plan to rebuild Interact and help a whole range of new charities in the process.

Thanks must go to Ms Blake, for again being the teacher liaison to Interact, to the Interact team and the whole school community.

Panavin Eammano
President



Front Row (L to R) I Yu, E Yap, P Eammano, D Fung, J Foster.

Back row (L to R) A Lau, B Davis, A McGuigan, S Kobayssi, J Polyhron, A Dawes, Ms T Blake.

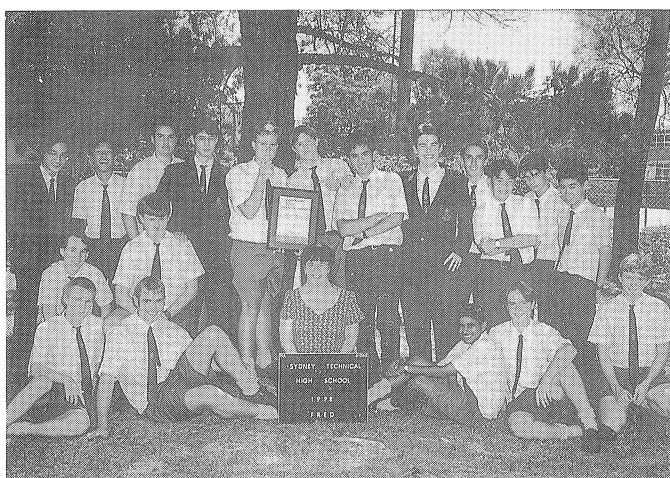
FRED

This year has seen a number of interesting developments for Sydney Tech's student newspaper, FRED. In December last year, FRED was awarded second best school newspaper in the secondary division of the Sydney Morning Herald School Newspaper awards. In 1998 we have tried to emulate this success by focusing on delivering a newspaper that covers both student issues and opinions.

In term 2, FRED received a fresh bunch of Year 10 journalists. Coupled with the existing Year 11 members, they have made an exciting and creative FRED team.

We would like to thank all teachers that have assisted in the production of FRED this year. We would especially like to thank Ms Peric for her constant guidance and general effort in helping the team produce FRED every term. Finally, we would like to wish the best to the incoming Editors for 1999. We hope that they can produce a newspaper which represents the students, and trust that they will uphold the great journalistic tradition that is FRED.

David Scamell & Ben Sutton
Editors



Front Row (L to R) C Box, C Smith, J Jack, L Horne, M Gupta, A Vinson, L Ysebaert.
Back Row (L to R) E Fong, G Lee-shoy, D Kell, B Galloway, D Scamell, B Sutton, H Leung, M Rossiter-Thornton, D Fisher, H Yong, G Vekiarellis, B Wong.

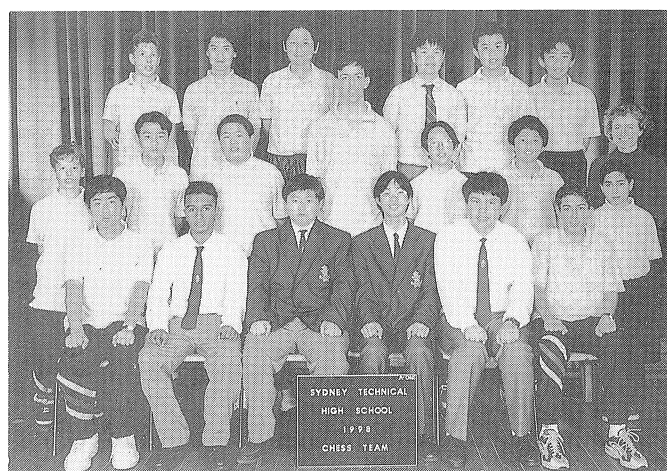
CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has had an active year. Lunchtime sessions at school were very well attended and a total of five teams participated in the NSW Secondary Schools Competition. All teams played enthusiastically with the Junior A and Intermediate A teams each winning their division. The Junior A team progressed to the quarter finals but despite a valiant effort, lost to the current Junior champions, Sydney Grammar. The Intermediate A team fought through to win second place in the Metropolitan East Competition, again only beaten by Sydney Grammar in the finals.

The Intermediate A's have now progressed to the semi-finals of the Regional Competition.

Congratulations to all the boys for their continued great efforts.

Ms B Engel
Chess Patron



Front Row (L to R) J Ang, A Hussain, B Lam, H Hon, J Zhang, M Moldrich.
Second Row (L to R) J Watson, M Gan, M Ho, S Roberts, B Xu, J Yuan, Ms Engel, A Youssef.
Back Row (L to R) R Watson, T Cheung, D Ho, A Lau, Y Chen, S Wong.

DEBATING

"What's our teamline going to be? Why do we always leave it to the last minute?"

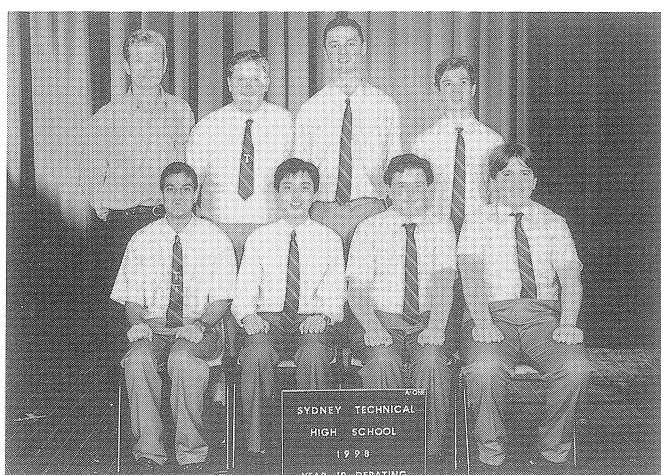
These statements were representative of the 1998 year 10 debating team's style of preparation. In the St George eisteddfod Debating Competition, the team consisting of James Foster, Nicholas Ralston, Justin Mining and John Eggins, made it to the quarter-finals, to only be denied victory by the adjudicator., THE DAUGHTER OF OUR OWN MRS GOLLEDGE!

And then in the Commonwealth Bank Debating Competition our team made up of James Foster, David Sampson, Justin Mining, Salman Ansari and John Eggins won the zone, on the way defeating Beverly Hills Girls, Kogarah High and Tempe High . We then proceeded to the quarter-finals, defeating Penshurst girls High School, proving *that we work better under pressure*. Our run came to an end on a sad and miserable day at Sydney Girls, where we once again met up with Mrs. Golledge's daughter, and we lost.

Despite bowing out in the regional semi-finals, the Year 10 team showed that they were admirable debaters in winning the zone pennant for the school. The team will be remembered for the stressed-out, no-nonsense attitude of James Foster, followed by the one-toned David Sampson and concluded by the "larger than life" Justin Mining. They were admirably assisted by the "cool and casual" team advisers, Salman Ansari and John Eggins.

Most importantly, thanks must go to Mr Butcher for his enlightening advice and his transportation of the team in his classic car of the 1960's.

James Foster and Justin Mining



Front row (l to R) S Gupta, D He, J Foster, N Ralston.

Back Row (L to R) Mr D Butcher, J Mining, J Eggins, D Sampson.

YEAR 12 DEBATING

Year 12 students involved in the Hume-Barbour/ESU Debating Competition were Cameron Smith, Jason Chan, James Yeomans, and Chris Box. The boys reached the semi-finals after winning the Zone Regional round.

Students involved in the Commonwealth Bank Competition were James Yeomans, Eden Fong and James Jack.

The boys didn't win the first round, although debating very well.

Mr K Thomas

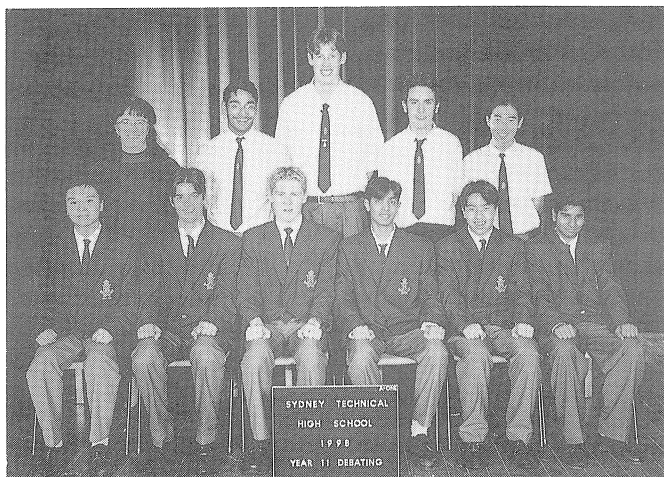


(L to R) Cameron Smith, Eden Fong, Chris Box, James Jack, James Yeomans, Jason Chan, Mrs J Haitidis

YEAR 11 DEBATING

A team from Year 11 participated in the Karl Cramp competition and the St George Eisteddford, both going to the end of the first round. The team members were Howard Yang, Ben Zhang, Warren Tegg, Kirit Kundu, Greg Vekiarellis, Brennan Wong and Mayank Gupta.

Ms M Peric



Year 11 Debating

Front Row (L to R) B Zhang, G Vekiarellis, W Tegg, T Bhindi, H Yang, M Gupta
Back Row (L to R) Ms M Peric K Kundu, B Lynam, D Fisher, B Wong.

ISCF

Every Friday lunchtime 25-30 intrepid boys meet in the depths of the TAS Building to investigate the reality of the other side of life. School is definitely about learning but what kind of learning goes on when the students are left to their own devices? These boys meet to study the bible and to apply its wisdom to modern life. Of the books of history the Bible is one of the most authenticated and studied volumes. It has lasted essentially unchanged since about the fourth century. Even though it has undergone many translations and reprints in this time it still stands firm as authentic to the earliest manuscripts.

For me, as the teacher in charge of the ISCF group, it is a constant source of encouragement to see the continuing stream of students that realise the need to have God as part of their lives. ISCF is a student lead group and many boys take part in encouraging their peers and sharing their faith with them. A number of people need mention in this regard; James Jack, Cameron Smith, Chris Box, Paul Gatt, Michael McLean, Daniel Morton; these students have put in many hours of preparation and thought for the various meetings. There has also been significant teacher involvement this year with Mr Ward, Mr Zietsch, Mr McLean, Mr Brett and Mr Tavender regularly taking part in the group. The lads appreciate and benefit from the involvement of all the teachers.

As the name implies there is also an Inter part to ISCF. Some of the inter school activities this year have been the regular breakfasts and the annual ISCF Leadership conference. We have enjoyed at least one breakfast per term with the other local schools. Real commitment was shown by the

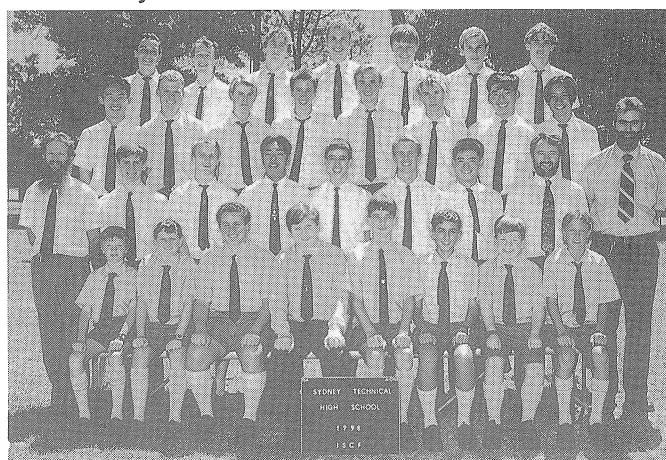
boys, especially in the winter months, to rise early enough to be there by 7am. We always ate well and enjoyed the talks, games and activities.

During the June holiday period Daniel Morton and Michael McLean attended one of the state-wide conferences run by Scripture Union. The conference was held at Richmond and was mainly attended by students from St George, Sutherland and South Coast regions. This time was spent learning leadership skills as well as enjoying the camp atmosphere.

Within the school the boys have been active at times raising money for TEAR fund. Two BBQs were held and were very successful in helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks needs to go to all the generous eaters who bought their lunch from us. We have also taken on the responsibility of sponsoring a World Vision child. The boys have been very generous in their regular giving to help this young boy.

Many things in this ever changing world remain unchanged, God remains unchanging in his love, mercy and justice. The Bible is the means by which we can find out about God and what he has done for us even though we have neglected him. It is a privilege that we esteem to be free in Australia to read the bible without fear, as many in other countries around the world have do do so in secret. I both invite and encourage all students to give some thought to visiting ISCF and investigating the reality of a book that has meant so much over so many years.

Martin Riley - ISCF Coordinator.



Front Row (L to R) K Greenwood, A Waters, C Marsden, S Farlow, D Burgess, M Moldrich, M Reid, T Petrie,.

2nd Row (L to R) Mr M Riley, M McLean, C Smith, E Yap, P Gatt, D Morton, H Shih, Mr L Zietsch, Mr P Ward.

3rd Row (L to R) H Widjaja, J Yeomans, N Parker, J Core, G Jacobs, R Kam, D Fung.

4th Row (L to R) P Ellerington, C Box, J Furey, L Horne, J Jack, A Thyrd, L Gerkens.

LITERATURE

The Works

Face to face. Eye to eye. Kristof was staring into the creature, intent on winning the duel. It hesitated, then blinked. Kristof had won. It was the cat who scurried away into the darkness first, leaving with it a trail of wet foot prints. The night was young but it had already rained violently that evening. The occasional flurry of water and distant rumbling served an ominous warning to those foolish enough to set foot outside. But Kristof was not concerned. The package had to be delivered tonight and he was already late. Besides, he needed the exercise.

Slipped under his armpit was the package - wet wrapping and all as Kristof ambled his way from the alley to the main street. The sudden flashes of fluorescent lightning sprung at Kristof, along with the extraordinary pace of the passing cars. He was in the main street all night. There was always an indescribable aura about the big city for Kristof. Especially the miles of rapidly blinking neon lights and the people with green sprouting hair.

For this night, however, Kristof would ignore it. He had more pressing issues to think about. He hesitated, thinking to himself what would happen if the package wasn't delivered. He grimaced at the very thought and continued at his lively pace through the main walkway up to the local cinemas. It was at this moment that the sweet smelling aroma of hotdogs filled Kristof's nostrils. The cold chill of night always brought out the best in hotdogs. He started to unconsciously salivate at the thought of a soft bun wrapped around a plump red sausage. It was becoming unbearable. He hadn't eaten since lunch and the stomach was growling. Only a few minutes he thought to himself - just for a quick bite The hotdog culprit was none other than Reg, a regular who always placed his hotdog carriage in front of the footpath so people would curse and mumble their way around.

"Hey mister, give me one with the works but no mustard." Kristof always wanted to say that. He had seen the movie stars do it and they always looked so cool.

"Huh? What did you say?" Reg was in the middle of a lousy night with hardly anyone buying a dog. Word had got around the "freshness" of his sausages were dubious to say the least. He was practically half asleep when Kristof approached.

"I said, one with the works but no mustard please."

"Uh, yeah. Sorry young chap - I was dozing off there."

"So I saw", replied Kristof bluntly.

Reg sprung into his well-honed hotdog serving groove. Kristof watched eagerly as the man piled helpings of onions onto the sausage bun and then topped it off with a swirl of tomato sauce. Might as well get rid of this week old sausage thought Reg. "Here you are young chap, that'll be one fifty".

Kristof searched impatiently for the few coins deep in his pockets and handed them over. The dog was his. He gave it a large bite, savouring the chunky meat and rich tomato sauce. Almost, instinctively, he glanced at his watch. It was a quarter to nine. He was late and he knew it. He thanked Reg and sped off in the direction of Regent Park, hotdog in one hand and package in the other. The buzz of the cinema was becoming fainter and fainter as Kristof made good time (according to him anyway). Stopping only at the traffic lights for a quiet breather *and* bite, he continued running and then slowed quickly as he neared the park. Kristof wasn't what you would call an athlete. His body certainly didn't look it. But he could run when needed to (even though it wasn't every often).

The next part of the journey Kristof disliked. Going through Regent Park wasn't a big hassle in itself, but it was so dark. Kristof wore glasses by necessity (he figured they didn't do anything for his sex appeal) so the lack of lights didn't help. He was sure one day someone would jump out of the obscenely large side bushes and attack him. Kristof cursed himself for thinking such unpleasant thoughts and quickly reassured himself he was going to be okay. Slowly and carefully, he trod onto the park walkway. He could hear himself breathe. It was chillingly quiet as his hotdog turned cold. He was being watched and it didn't feel comfortable.

No sooner did Kristof take his step that two men jumped out of the nearby bushes, one brandishing a knife and the other a baseball bat. Their intentions were pretty clear, for Kristof was already edging back slowly.

"Hey hey, what do we have here?" remarked the scrawny one.

"Looks like we got ourselves a nice fat one Meggs," answered the taller and obviously stronger one. He was twirling the knife around whilst Kristof was becoming hot under his collar. They had seen his package and wanted it. He was done for.

In an instant, Meggs was chasing Kristof who for the first time in his life was running like hell - pumping his stubby legs up and down. Meggs was within reach as Kristof struggled in the confusion of the surrounding trees. He lifted his bat and in

one cold swipe took the feet right under Kristof, sending him crashing to the pavement. There was a muffled cry as Meggs landed another blow to Kristof's head, killing him instantly. Blood gushed in all directions while it steadily seeped from Kristof's hair. The tall accomplice finally caught up and upon inspecting the scene, quickly persuaded Meggs to make a dash for it. But Meggs wasn't done yet. He methodically fingered Kristof's jacket revealing the wet package he was after. The pair then made a quick escape disappearing into the darkness. All that remained on the walkway was Kristof's body, lying silently in a sea of blood clutching a half eaten hotdog.

The murderous pair pulled up in a dark alley way. Meggs was eager to open the package and tore the wet wrapping off. It was a tall velvet coloured box. Meggs slowly opened it to uncover an unopened bottle of wine with the attached note, "Happy 70th Birthday Grandpa."

Dustin Yee Year 11.

Visiting My Father's Grave

In memory of my father: Martin LE (1949-98)

Being here is not as I hoped.
As I expected, he is not here.
Looking upon my father's grave
does not reveal him.

Even so, I am compelled to come.
For short spells of spells
Not for Naught.

In my dreams he visits.
Can I not visit him in his rest?
His first visits tormented.
Full of those, last dreadful days.

Lately, he is simply there.
Confident, Dependable, Caring
Slight smile, in one upturned corner
Lies a dimple.

I miss him.
Knowing I can go to him.
Now he comes to me,
Only sometimes.

Looking out from my father's grave
I see his father's grave.
A line connects us.

A waterfall of generations
Have descended to this place.
I am being pulled here.

What current is this that draws?

Brainwashing?
A waking spirit?
In youth there seems eternity; endless days
ahead.
Age brings shortness,
An awareness of these lines;
The tug from a flow too strong to fight.

I am now here by choice.
In youth the choice went unnoticed.
One day the choice will be gone.
I'll be here, as my father.

Strong river we're in.
At the source, calm pools.
At the precipice, deep currents.

At this place I seldom see
Only stones, grass, trees
And flowers.

There are these lines
Extending back;
Converging on history.
There is this river
Ever present; deep; rolling.
Call it destiny or, life or, death.

Lines extending back.
River rolling forward.
Like stories uniquely wrought
These lives from which we have been brought.

Joseph Le Year 11

HIM

It's always him and never me,
Him, him, always him.
Who gets served first at the dinner table,
him, him, always him.
Who gets A's all the time,
Him, him, always him.
Who hogs the bathroom for three hours?
Him, him, always him.
Who gets to watch what he wants to watch?
Him, him, always him.
Who gets first all the time?
Him, him, always him.
Who gets everything before me?
Him, him, always him.
Come to think of it,
I'm an only child.

Steven Watson 7W

A Guilty Passer-By

The doors of the bus opened with a hiss. I jumped out and starting running, my tie flapping against my shoulder and licking my face. As I ran, my breathing became short and shallow.

I clutched the gold coin in my fist. It would buy me ten sherbet sticks at the Mortdale Milkbar. I loved the way those sugar grains slid down the clear plastic and landed, fizzing, on my tongue.

I dashed past an old woman who was inching along the pavement, sidestepped a woman with a stroller and narrowly missed an incident with two shopping trolleys.

Suddenly, the traffic came to a standstill. There was a hold up at the entrance to the arcade, where four trolleys were trying to get out at once.

About a hundred metres ahead, an old woman in a wheelchair was playing a harmonica fastened to the side of the chair.

I squinted at the message on the front of her moneybox, even though I already knew what it said - "PLEASE HELP ME TO BUY A SPECIAL BED FOR MY BACK, I NEED \$2,000. YOUR DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED."

I guiltily looked down at my feet. They were shuffling forward, bringing me closer to her.

Guilt hung heavily in the pit of my stomach, making me feel as if I'd swallowed a large chunk of cement.

I was shuffling past her now, her harmonica fragging out long, sour notes, her hair hanging like greasy lengths of rope and swinging against her puffing cheeks, red with the effort of playing the harmonica.

Her clothes looked older than she did, odd bits and pieces that had been carefully collected and salvaged from a St Vincent de Paul outlet. Her hat looked like a tea cosy, and probably was at one point in time. Her dress was long and light blue with faded yellow flowers on it.

The guilt got heavier, and my stomach felt like it was somewhere near my knees. The metal coin felt very cold, even though my hands were sweating.

Then my hand seemed to have a life of its own; it reached up and pushed the coin into the moneybox. The sour notes stopped abruptly, and I looked up to see the woman smiling at me.

Immediately the feeling in my stomach melted away, and I smiled back. The feeling that he smile gave to me was better than a hundred sherbet sticks, and I was glad that I'd given her money.

At that moment the traffic cleared, and I walked away slowly.

The old woman started to play her harmonica again, but as I listened closely, the notes sounded different. They weren't sour anymore, they sounded almost joyful.

Mike Williams 8W.

Aircraft

Have you ever heard a plane?
Ear-piercing, engine-roaring, wheel-screeching.

Sandpaper

Have you ever felt sandpaper?
Skin-peeling, hand-stinging, finger-wrinkling.

Terry Hau 7W

My Bike

'Twas last Christmas,
That my parents,
The angels they are,
Bought me that bike,
That I wanted so

The bike was blue,
Sleek in design,
With 21 gears,
I showed delight,
I was happy to know it was mine.

Yet my bike now sits,
On the side of the house,
Rusted and tattered,
Broken and bruised,
Hoping I renew its life.

Yet, I don't.

Siddharth Gurjar 7W

'Final Solution'

"this is hell. Today, in our times, hell must be like this." Prima Levi.

Sara was born in Germany. She attended a local German primary school, spoke fluent German and had made friends with her German classmates....All in all her twelve year of life had been a most enjoyable experience. What made her different was that her parents were Jewish.

Sara was classified as a Jew.

Blessed with the genes of a Jew, Sara's appearance had the standard features. She had dark brown hair, black eyes, thick eyebrows and an aquiline nose. It was most attractive face, glowing with life and vitality. No one could resist her charm.

Sara, like all other Germans, absolutely adored the Fuhrer who was the founding father of the third Reich. In her mind he was the most gentle-hearted person in the world. His concern about the welfare of his people had led to the increase of their 'living space'. Under his supreme leadership Germany prospered, acquiring the much-needed land of Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Baltic States. The Fuhrer was a national hero.

A few months ago, Sara was visited by a few SS soldiers. They asked her and her parents to move to a nearby Jewish ghetto. The Fuhrer had plans for them.

'How fortunate it is to be relocated to a new, friendly environment,' thought Sara. All her life she had wanted to explore the surrounding villages and cities, to enhance her knowledge of the world. Now her family was given an opportunity that could not be refused. Feelings of joy and thrill commingled into one, flooding Sara's heart. Strangely enough, her parents did not share her sense of joy.

The condition inside the Jewish ghetto was not as comfortable as Sara had imagined, but she managed to convince herself that the gentle Fuhrer would never allow his fellow citizens to suffer. Supplies *must* be coming very soon.

They never came.

The winter set in. Sarah did not have enough clothes to keep her warm, did not have enough food to satisfy her hunger, and she was made to work fifteen hours everyday. But she still had hope and faith: the Fuhrer must be doing this for their own good. Could it be a test of their devotion and loyalty? Was the great leader trying to find

out his true supporters so that he could reward them with 'life-saving grace'?

Their loyalty was finally rewarded. All inhabitants of the ghetto were given a bright yellow badge in the shape of a six-pointed star, with the letter 'J' elegantly embroidered in the centre. Within two days every ghetto-dweller was wearing this so-called 'Star of David', proudly showing off this gift from the Fuhrer. Sara knew their faith would eventually pay off.

The ghetto was constantly under the protection of hundreds of SS men. They looked magnificent in their brown uniform, with the swastika attached to their shirtsleeves. What a shame that they did not have the privilege of wearing the Star of David. The SS was a source of inspiration to the people in the ghetto; they encouraged them to work harder so that through their hardship, they would find fulfilment in life. Laziness and sloth were unacceptable to the SS officers and they eagerly helped anyone who was reluctant to work. Sometimes they were forced to use violence and torture to 'correct' the not-so-diligent-workers- but it was for their own good. Sara worked extremely hard; even though she was immature in age, her strength was greatly admired by other workers. The Fuhrer hated indolence.

One day a few trucks gathered inside the ghetto. The SS soldiers asked Sara and the others to go in, saying that they would be transported to a more pleasant location. Sara was overcome with immense excitement. A most agreeable surprise! Stepping back into a truck, she noticed that some people had tears streaming down their cheeks. They must be the tears of joy.

Nearly sixty people were cramped into a truck but no one complained - there was room for everyone. A deadly silence filled the ghetto, suffocating and extinguishing all sounds. The SS soldiers remained behind; their job was complete. As Sara departed, one of the SS smiled eerily at her.

It was springtime. Sara could not believe that she had stayed in the ghetto for over five months- didn't time fly when someone was having a good time! The lilac flowers were in full bloom giving the air a most luscious scent. The sky was bright and not a cloud could be seen. Hanging like a crimson balloon, the sun was a halo of warmth and radiance. Sara could see a lake. Its water was clear and crisp, glittering in the sunlight like a clutter of small sapphire crystals.

'Oh, Look at that rainbow!' Sara exclaimed, joyously directing her finger towards the colourful arch. It was a most wonderful sight just like a bridge to heaven. Everything was so calm and quiet. A sparrow was patiently feeding her young

with worms and maggots. Lush green sprouts emerged from the soil like a sea turtle breaking out its egg. Nature was so full of life and energy.

Sara closed her eyes and prayed. She prayed for her parents and her loving friends. She also prayed for the Fuhrer: "Please protect him from foreign enemies, bless him - bless him...".

Her prayer was abruptly ended when the truck stopped. Sara's mother held her hand and led her out (Her mother was crying too!) The place was much bigger than the ghetto; its walls were over four metres tall with barbed wire fences. The SS officers were right: this was indisputably a more pleasant environment. Sara glanced sideways and observed a wooden sign with the word "AUSCHWITZ" written in bold, capital letters. Such a sweet-sounding name!

A handsome man by the name of Himmler came forward to extend his hospitality. 'Welcome to Auschwitz. I hope you all have a pleasant journey..err.. I am aware that you are all very tired and filthy. That is why we have gratefully prepared a special, yes very special, bath for you all. Please remove your clothing and anything of value and come this way.' He motioned them forward.

Sara's mind lit up at the thought of having a shower. She hoped she would never have to leave this fantastic place.

Eric Chan Year 11.

The Submarine

Like a shark it hunts
Silently it glides through the dark water
Stalking its victim
Its bow cutting through the water
Like a knife through warm butter
The sea pushing against its metal limbs.
It silently approaches its prey
Coming in for the kill.
The torpedo speeds through the water
Like a spear through the air.
A hit!
The target sinks into the bottom of the darkness
of the ocean,
The Hunter returns home victorious.

Stephen Wong 7W

THE DAY

The earth groaned and cracked as a humming accompanied the rising orchestra. People gathered around the cracking in the middle of the street. The humming was attracting them, luring

their souls to what appeared to be certain death, the hum possessing their bodies in such a manner they were unable to control their very own actions. Their bodies forcing themselves to move forward, the yearning to peer down the luminous crack growing over them, pulling them in, sucking at their very souls.

The earth gave another groan and a breaking sound as the crack in the ground grew wider, splitting the earth in half, allowing a light of such power to shine through and compete with the very sun itself, to blind the eager viewers.

The powerful yearning had ceased to possess them as the powerful light invaded their eyes with fire and pain causing those once eager viewers to cover their eyes in pain. Never before exposed to such an awful disease, this most contagious illness had never been suffered in the history of man-kind, never expected to infect average humans with such a powerful, painful illness, causing mayhem around them, fear to strike their hearts, to make them cower into meek children, the words civilised and sane losing meaning in people's minds.

The small cracking and groaning sound from the earth turned to screams of torture from the lungs of humans who had the unfortunate luck of being exposed to the most deadly infection ever.

Another crack widened only a few metres away from the first, its groaning unheard due to the overpowering screams of several unfortunate humans, only the first of many more. The competition for pitch has been tremendously won by the vocal cords of the agonised persons.

The cracks ceased to move, the moaning paused, the agonised screams of the people stopped too. The silence went on and lasted....then blast, came the sudden surprise. The hope for freedom from agony ceased to exist. The shrieks of terror re-invading the ears of others, the earth erupting, a lump growing in the centre of the road, a lump fearfully expanding, elevating from the earth, people not noticing the growing tower, screaming, some on their knees, covering their eyes with their hands soaked in blood. The light from the earth had poisoned their eyes, an illness never known existed that flowed through the air, invading people's eyes with endless pain. Through their screams of horror they did not succeed in receiving help, but began to cry, to cry blood. Blood was pouring out of their eyes, endless, painful shrieks followed. This led to insanity. People were blindly running up and down the street, attempting to shield their eyes, now blood holes with one hand, whilst feeling their way around with the other.

These eruptions of blood weren't the last of horrible things to coat the earth, but were only a first layer, for something worse was yet to smother the earth's face with itself.

"Bang!" came a sudden explosion, amazingly louder than the terrified shrieks, as the lump in the earth exploded, sending lava in every direction, bits of dirt and rock flung into the air. The lump in the earth had become a volcano as a hole substituted for the tip of the mountain, whilst bits of earth and lava flung into all directions. The eruption of lava from the new volcano began to pour out. The earth was vomiting, revealing its unwanted, disposable lava. It could not keep its fiery substance from crawling up through the cracks in the earth, from spreading all over the world, from destroying many innocent lives.....

"Bang!" "Bang!!" "Bang!!!" came the uproar of explosions of more lumps in the earth, the lava succeeding in invading the face of the earth, followed by more shrieks of terror from humans drowning in lava, losing their souls to the endless sea of death, the flood of the devil, the face of human extinction, the end of the world..... The cracks and lumps increased to an uncountable number at a tremendous rate. Hell had been introduced to earth. The day of the extinction of man, doomsday.....

As the face of death was seen by the earth it cried helplessly. The crying sound of billions and billions of people, as they died in agony and pain. Nothing, absolutely nothing could save the planet earth now. It was only a matter of time until the flood of the devil had succeeded in completely smothering the face of the earth.

As the shrieks of agonised humans continued in vein, the human race was welcomed by the dawn of a new era.....Life after death. As their lives on earth had ended the decision whether they deserved eternal paradise or endless agony was decided.

What remained of the earth was bare and blank. the extinction of all earth's creatures.

Zac Bazzi Year 7

Car

Have you ever seen a car?
Rubber-burning, crowd-pleasing, breath-taking.

James Pang 7W

Signs and Us

The traffic lights
Are all alike.
They disappear
And reappear
As if they are playing
Hide and seek with
Your own eyes.
They think it's fun.

The street signs
Are all alike
They tell you what to do
And where to go
But they trick us
And we don't realise
Until it's too late.
They think it's fun.

We people
Are all alike.
We tease others,
Thinking it's fun.
But let me tell you,
It hurts people
Emotionally.
It's not fun.

Rowan Ikin 7W

Self-Loving Humans

Elephants - they lumber down the streets,
Crushing cars, knocking over park seats.
Giraffes - they are as tall as a tree,
Even their babies outsize me!

Gorillas - they are big and hairy,
"They're sweet", I'm told, but damn they're scary.
Koalas - they're so cuddly and cute,
But beware those claws, 'cause their acute.

Meerkats - they stand tall, looking like a rat,
So little and lovable - reach out for a pat.
Tigers - they are fierce and strong,
they stick out their claws, they're so sharp and long!

But humans - we are such boring creatures,
Why have we no, natural features?
Have our horns and stripes been compromised
for a brain?
If so, how come there's no horns for the insane?

Andrew Vonthethoff Year 7W

In my Dying Moments

I must get it out. I must remind myself and tell the world about the unimaginable that I have done. I have suppressed this event from everybody for fifty-three years now, yet as I lie here amongst my dying moments, I must write about the thing that has plagued my mind.

I pray that the LORD may forgive me for what I have done.

It all began one unforgettable night in April 1945. I sucked at my flask to vacuum every last drop of liquor, looking like a baby sucking at its bottle.

I turned my head from the cover of safety to check if the spy was still there. I had barely turned my head when shots from the spy's gun rang through the air.

For four hours now I have been stuck on this roof top, seeking shelter. Every movement of mine being watched by an enemy spy, who sent piercing bullets in my direction every time I moved.

I haven't even been able to catch a glimpse of my secret admirer. All I saw was the silhouette of a man with a rifle, pointed in my direction, about 100 metres away.

The spy seemed to be standing on a wooden block across the street, covering the entrance to the underground base of the Nazi Army. My army.

'Why won't the other soldiers inside the underground base shoot him'? I wondered. "He's preventing me from entering the base!"

A lone spy, right in front, was shooting at me, preventing my entry into my own base, and none of my comrades were doing anything about it. I sighed at the situation.

I ended up in this situation after my military officer sent four other snipers, one of them my brother, and myself, to take a Polish General hostage. We were also told to keep an eye on, and to shoot anyone that lurked around the street or looked suspicious.

As the five of us snipers were on our way, an attack from a British fighter plane forced me to separate from my brother and the other three snipers.

I took refuge in this warehouse until the overhead raid was over, and when I thought it was safe again, I climbed onto the roof to make sure. This

was how I became trapped, as the spy must have seen me, and has kept any eye on me since.

As my food supply finished and everything seemed to be going wrong for me, it felt that the gloomy night too, was closing in on me, like a collapsing supernova star.

My mind got the feeling that everything was against me, and I realised that I must be going insane. As I reached inside my provisions bag to see if I had any more liquor, I felt something metallic and hard. I pulled out the object, and my heart jumped to my throat. 'I still have my pistol!' I said to myself happily, 'I can shoot the spy down!'

I contemplated what I should do. I didn't even know if there were any bullets in the pistol, and I wouldn't dare test to see if there was, in case that was the last.

'What if I missed?; I thought. The spy would definitely see me and shoot me. I realised that I must hit him on the first go. As I prepared myself for the crucial shot, another thought entered my mind.

'What if the spy was from my own army?' Maybe that is why he was standing in front of our underground base, and my army hadn't done anything.'

I thought about it for while, but realised that if it were someone from my army, he would know that I was sent as a sniper, and should leave me alone, but no, this man was attacking me, and so I gave myself the false confidence that this man was an enemy.

'I must shoot him,' I said to myself. I took a deep breath, said my prayers and asked the LORD for his help. With one quick motion, I turned, fired at the spy and then hid back for cover.

I stayed dormant for around five minutes, my heart beating like a drum. I then took the courage to look and see what happened, and I was overjoyed to see the spy lying face down on the floor.

'Dead!' I exclaimed. 'I have succeeded!' and I scampered down from the roof, and began my sprint to the entrance of my base. It was the longest run of my life, and I was afraid of being shot by a British soldier.

I finally reached the entrance of my base, when I decided to see who the spy was. I turned my head to see his body, blood surrounding every inch of it. In the dim light I saw that he was wearing a Nazi uniform, and I was shocked. I had killed a member of my own army. He thought I was an

enemy spy and tried to shoot me, and I thought
he was an enemy spy and shot him.

'Oh no! what have I done!' I said with remorse. I
reached for his head to see exactly who it was,
and as I turned his head over, I screamed, as I
saw the dead face of my own brother.

Salman Ansari Year 10

JOURNEYS

The journey of life
Can be cut short with a knife,
Or stretched over miles
Of tears and smiles.

And when in golden years
You'll look back over fears,
That you had as a child
But no longer seem wild.

And scratching your neck
You'll wonder, "Heck!
Where the struth
Went the rest of my youth?"

With college in the twenties
And the blur of my thirties,
From forty to fifty
Wasn't too nifty."

But you'll sit for a while
With a think and a smile,
And look through all the photos
Of yesteryear's 'no-no's'.

And then you will find
And have much peace of mind,
"This journey I've had
Really wasn't half bad!"

Mike Williams Year 8W

FURNITURE'S MISERY

The table sits there dead as a rock,
not stirring,
Was it ever alive?
When it was a tree did it feel?

Did the leather from the lounge come from a
smart cow?
Did it know it would be made into a seat?
As the lounge sits there old and soft,
Does it regret?

The bed,
does it sag at night?

as people lie in it?
Does the mattress wish it was back in on display?
In a shop where no-one sat on it?

No.

Andrew Vonthethoff Year 7W

JOURNEYS

*This poem received a Commended Award in
the Dorothea Mackellar National Poetry
Competition . Congratulations Ian.*

The alarm shattered the silence
He grimaced at the thought,
But forced himself to leave his warm shelter
To face another cold day.
A feigned smile as he walked out the door
into the brittle sunlight.
Footsteps traced across the lawn.
The Bus-Stop.
Small groups shuddered
and sheltered against each other
conserving heat.
He was alone
waiting for a bus
that never seemed to come.
He ignored their
stares of contempt,
passing comments,
He shrugged off their coldness.
The shape of his eyes,
earned their disrespect.
He couldn't penetrate their veil of hate.
Why did they make
his journey through life so hard?
The day passed
same as always.
As he sat at home,
He cried and made a
decision.
Slid the drawer open,
removed the old wooden box.
All that was left of his father,
A death side-by-side
Australians in Vietnam.
The snap of the latch.
Hinges creaking,
he prised open the lid.
Gripped the ice cold metal.
As he chambered the bullet,
clicked off the catch.
He knew that his journey was over.
The sharp crack
scattered the sleeping birds.

Ian van den Berg Year 11

Snakes and Ladders

Have you ever played snakes and ladders?
Square-moving, ladder-climbing, snake-sliding.

Tennis Ball

Flopping, dropping,
It goes back and forth like a rocking horse,
Whacked, then thwacked,
It travels at the speed of light,
Cracked and smacked,
It unsuccessfully tries to run from its evil racquet-
opponents,
Worn and torn,
It is an innocent convict being flogged,
Mobbed, lobbed,
Flying face first into the fence,
OUT!
Thank God the point is over.

Nitin Vengurlekat Year 7W

The Marathon

The heat bears down,
from the sun.
an agonising journey that must be won.

Sweat that perspires.
drenches us all.
the strongest survive, and the others will fall.

We have no weapons or armour.
to ward off the heat.
only endurance and courage, can conquer this
feat..

Step after step, numbly,
we push ahead,
hoping not to stop and fall, half-dead.

But the heat, exhaustion,
an invisible foe,
pushes us down, until, we droop low.

But not far ahead, I can see
the finish line,
but to us it is a holy shrine.

With the last ounce of energy I push ahead,
my muscles burn,
and my mind, starts to churn.

Dazed and exhausted, we
all grope forward,

but even the wind, can pushes us backwards.

Blinded by the sun, exhausted
by the heat,
we cross the line and feel...relief.
Derek Chee Yr 8W

TELEVISION

Day starts off with the button being pushed,
Channel 7 put on.
Agro appears,
so no more tears,
on the faces of Australia.

Kids leave home,
Go to school,
Mummy and Daddy watch videos,
Of weddings, parties and birthdays.

Afternoon pokes around the corner,
the Midday show switches on.
Bert Newton and hundreds of infomercials
flood the box.

Wheel of Fortune gets turned on.
Can I buy an 'E'.
Is there a 'G'.
Money won.

The night-time movie,
appears on the screen.
People with machine guns,
People dying.

The idiot box,
The screen,
All switched off.
Nothingness.

Mitchell Reid Year 7W

CHASING CLOUDS

I

All day I sit atop this tower,
And look towards those silky clouds
That dance across the sky.
We all come up here,
Once in a while,
To keep us going,
We sit and stare;
We stretch and squash them into dreams,
These figureless swirls of vapour we make firm
And look to them for inspiration.

They jump.
Tower to tower, they jump
With hopeful faces and outstretched arms,

Looking only to the clouds that float off in the distance.

But I can't help watching Icarus:
He jumps; he misses; he falls;
Torn screaming to the ground.
He smashes; he splatters; he ceases;
I watch him die...

II

*Every man sees a cloud up there
But no man sees the same.
Yet each man sees a cloud up there
And it's calling out his name.*

This song my mother sang me,
And by it I have slept and dreamt of those
Giggling clouds which frolic among the blue,
And beckon me to join them.

I will jump, I will jump.
My words become a tedious rhythm,
Each a hollow beat because
I always stop and think.

Goddamn thought!
The mind betrays the heart with it,
With cunning words and loathsome logic,
Men no longer *do*, for *thought!*
I think...

What if I miss?

The corpses on the concrete tug at my shirt.
It's a long way down, a long, **long** way down,
You only get one shot.
Better to live in vain than to never live at all,
The zombies' words foreboding and cold,
Their grip as icy as death.
I peer over the edge.
You don't want to die.
I don't want to die.

The corpses on the concrete tug at my shirt.
It's a long way down, a long, **long** way down,
You only get one shot.
Better to live in vain than to never live at all,
the zombies' words foreboding and cold,
Their grip as icy as death.
I peer over the edge.
You don't want to die.
I don't want to die.

III

I sit all day atop this tower,
Watching the clouds drift further and further away
Until they become nothing but blotches on a
barren murky canvas.

time killed Peter Pan and Time's killing me,
A pop poet recycling crap for some pseudo-
intellectual artist bastard-

Ahhhhh...

What shall I call this song?
This melody with ups and downs
That's always, **always** moving.
Watching Clouds, perhaps

*Watching Clouds, Watching Clouds
See them pass you by.
Watching Clouds, Watching Clouds,
Chase them and you'll die.*

Bitter words that sting my eyes:
Watching Clouds, Watching Clouds,
It's all I ever do.
I look at my withered hands and they're empty,
And I look towards those silky clouds
That dance across the sky,
And think
I don't want to die.
but maybe this is worse....

Bounding for the balcony , galloping with fury,
I leap!
Succeed or fail -- it doesn't matter,
It has begun...

Derek Loh Year 11

SPORTSMASTER'S REPORT

Another (hectic) year has almost been completed and it must be said that Sydney Tech has continued its dominance of Zone Sport and its high profile in CHS Sport. The first grade squash team made it to the final sixteen in the State Knockout only to be eliminated there by Maclean High, while the First Grade Soccer Team continued its outstanding run over the past five years by being Regional Champions and also into the final sixteen of the State. This means that since 1995 we have been placed 2nd, 2nd, 17th, 9th and 9th in this Statewide competition

Tech once again won all three Zone Carnivals and were well represented at CHS Carnivals. Mention should be made of the efforts of David Brett who won Gold at the CHS Carnival in Discus and of our open Cross Country Team of David O'Han, David Porter, Paul Ellerington and Geoff Egger who made it all the way to the CHS Championships. We also have an outstanding sportsman coming through the Junior School in Darren Yee, who was the Zone Age Champion in 14 years in all three carnivals- a brilliant effort.

Other details have been:

SUMMER SPORTS FINALISTS

Premiers

1st Grade Cricket
15 years Cricket
14A Cricket
13A Cricket
2nd Grade Basketball
15 years Basketball
1st Grade Squash
Junior A Waterpolo

Runners-Up

13B Cricket
14A Basketball
13A Basketball
15B Squash
Junior B Waterpolo
Junior A Table Tennis

WINTER SPORTS FINALISTS

Premiers

Open Softball
Junior B Softball
1st Grade Tennis
2nd Grade Tennis
14A Tennis
13A Tennis
C-Grade Table Tennis

Runners-Up

1st Grade Soccer
15 years Soccer
A Grade Table Tennis
B Grade Table Tennis
Junior A Softball

KNOCKOUT TEAMS

Our teams reached the following rounds of their Competitions:

Waterpolo (Juniors)	Round 3	
Cricket (1st Grade)	Round 2	
Cricket (Super 8's)	13A - 3rd	
	13B - 5th	
Waterpolo	Round 2	
Table Tennis	Round 1	
Volleyball	Round 2	
Basketball (Opens)	Round 2	
Soccer (under 15)	Round 2	
Soccer (opens)	Round 5 (final 16)	Regional Champions
Squash	Round 5 (final 16)	Regional Champions

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK:

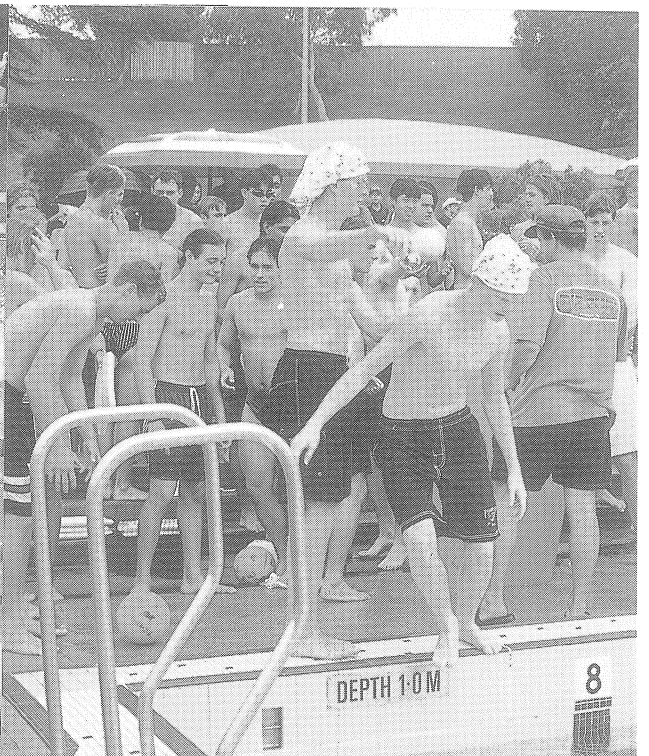
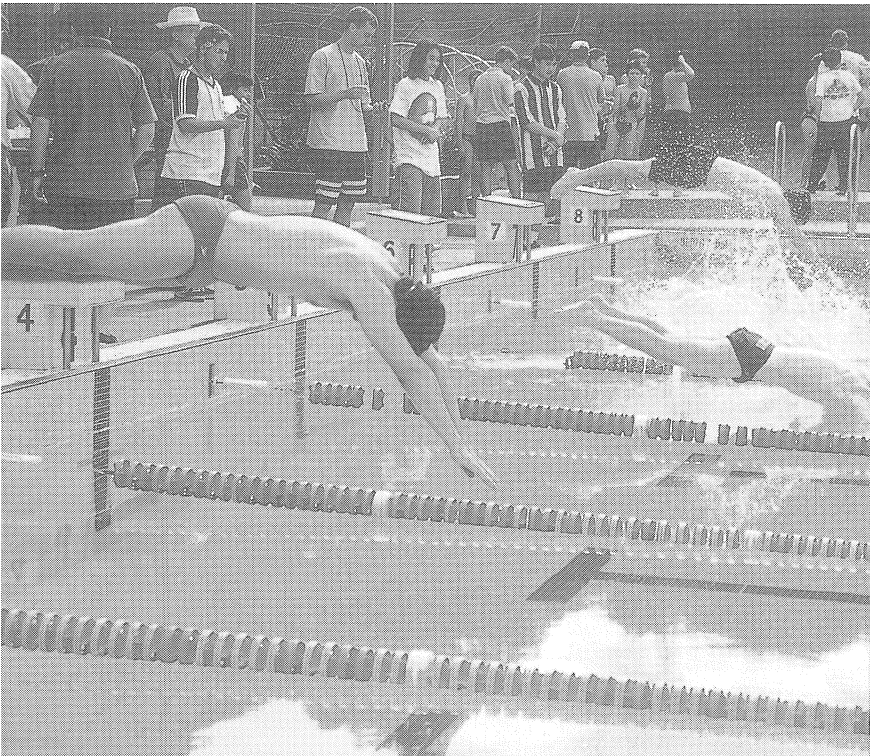
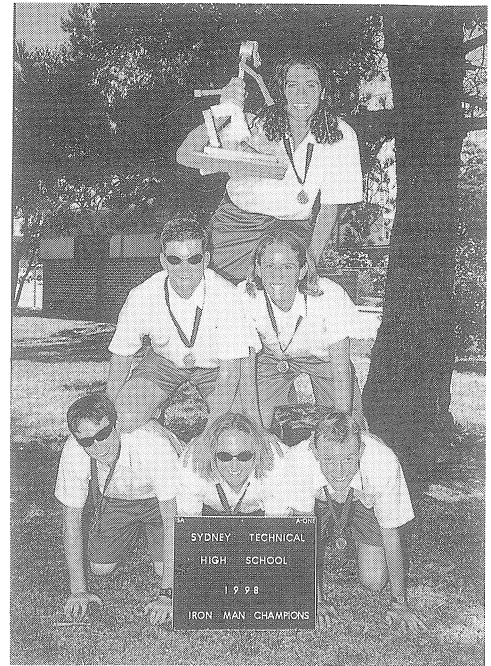
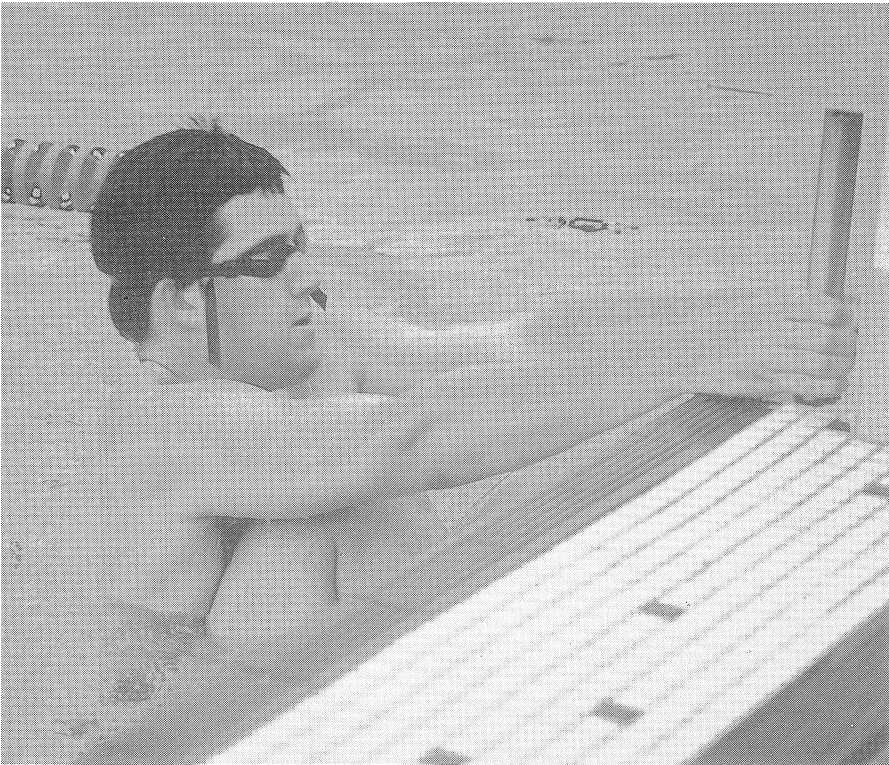
29/10/97	Jared Mok - 13 years A Cricket - took Hat Trick versus Belmore
5/11/97	Mark Edwards - 14A Softball v James Cook
12/11/97	Charles Wang - 14B Softball v James Cook
19/11/97	Ziad Abbas - 15 years Basketball
26/11/97	Bryan Johansson - 14A Basketball v Hurstville
3/12/97	Matthew Fowler - 13B Cricket v Hurstville
11/2/98 -	Michael Feening - 16 years Swimming Champion
18/2/98	Blake McKenzie - 15 years cricket v Hurstville
25/2/98	Vincent Ong - 1st Grade Cricket - HAT-TRICK v Canterbury
4/3/98	Aaretti Siitonen - 1st Grade Water Polo v James Cook
11/3/98	Darren Yee - New Zone 14 yrs 50m Swimming Record Robert Mitrevski - 14B Cricket v James Cook
18/3/98	Vincent Wendelin - Zone Open Swimming Champion
25/3/98	Vatsal Bhatt - 14 yrs Cricket - 4 wickets in 5 balls in Final v James Cook
6/5/98	Michael Manzouri - 15 Years Rugby League
13/5/98	Jason Weate - Zone 15 years Cross Country Champion
27/5/98	Brett Davis, Daniel Katsanos, King Sang Wong - Regional Squash
3/6/98	David Stone - Open Soccer v Heathcote
10/6/98	Daisuke Nakayama - Open Soccer v James Cook
17/6/98	David O'Han, Paul Ellerington, Geoff Egger, David Porter - Open Regional Cross Country
24/6/98	David Bakunowicz, Dareen Yee, - Zone Athletics
22/7/98	David Brett - New Zone Shot Put Record
29/7/98	James Adamo - 1st Grade Soccer v Taree
5/8/98	Matthew Tripodi - Zone Athletics
12/8/98	David Bakunowicz - 1st Regional Athletics Long Jump
19/8/98	David Scorzelli - 1st Regional Athletics 1500 metres
26/8/98	David Brett - 1st Regional Athletics Shot Put
2/9/98	Usman Rauf - Junior B Softball
9/9/98	David Brett - Gold Medallist - CHS Zathletics
16/9/98	Michael Feening - Open Softball

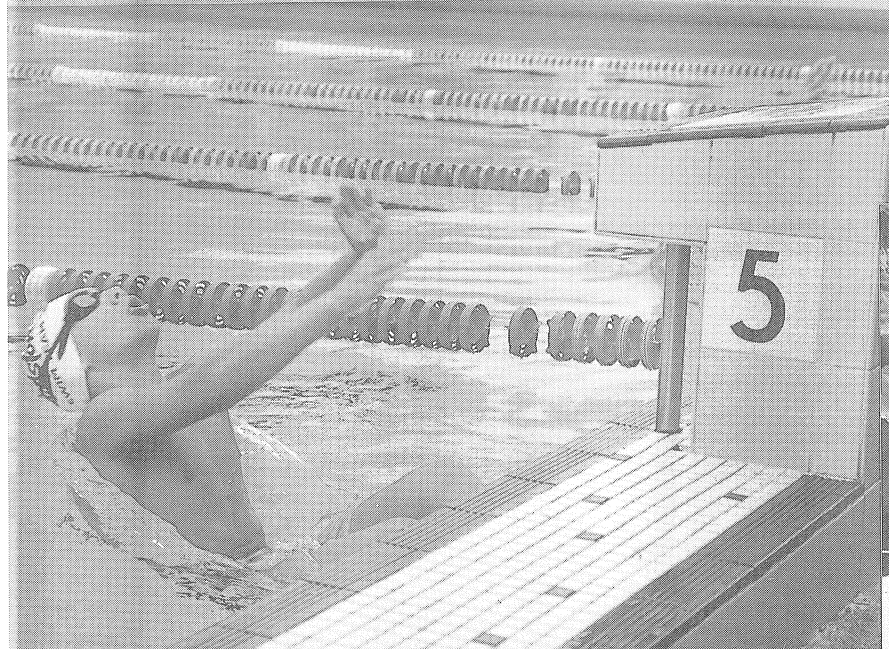
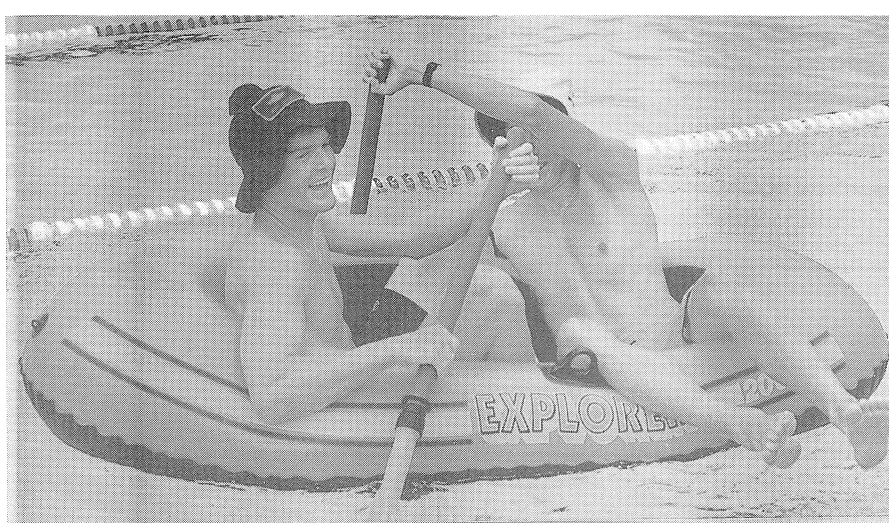


Commonwealth Bank Cup Team on Tour

SCHOOL AGE CHAMPIONS

Age	Swimming
12 years	Zac Bazzi
13 years	Matthew Thompson
14 years	Adam Shukor
15 years	Michael Thach
16 years	Michael Feening
Opens	Vincent Wendelin



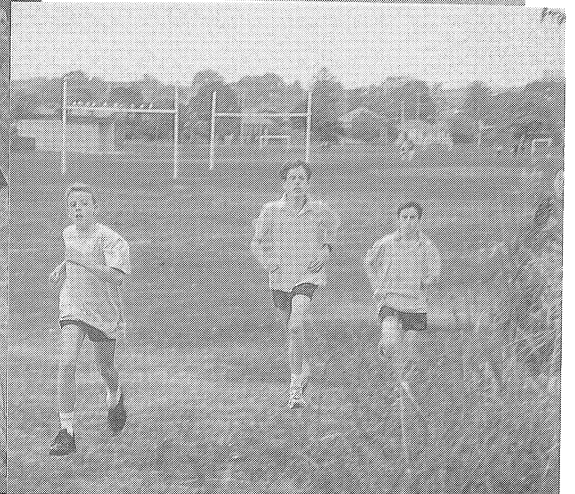
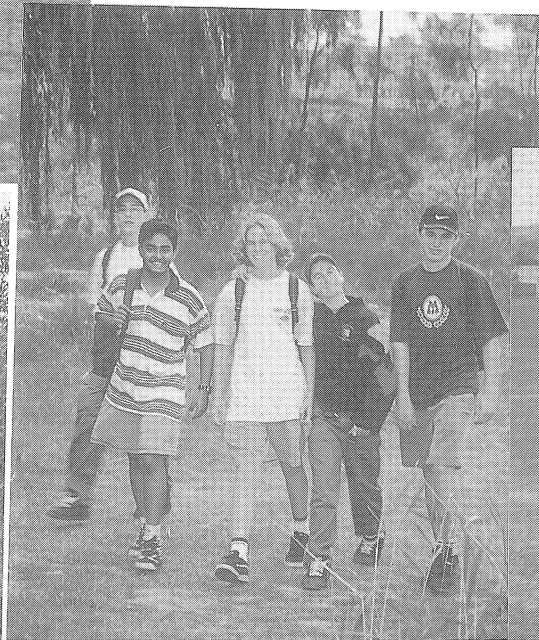
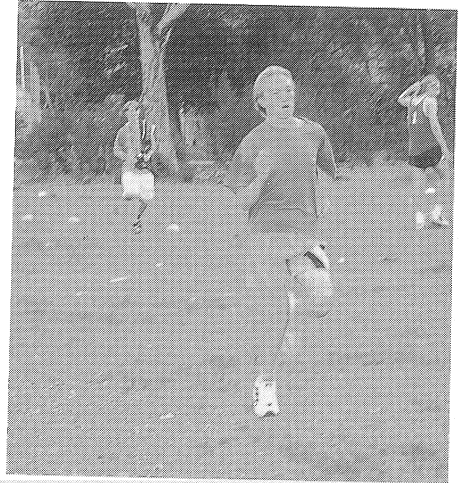
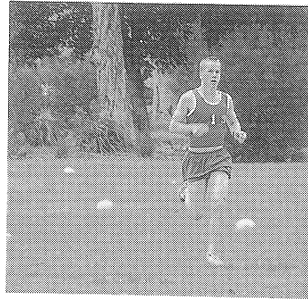
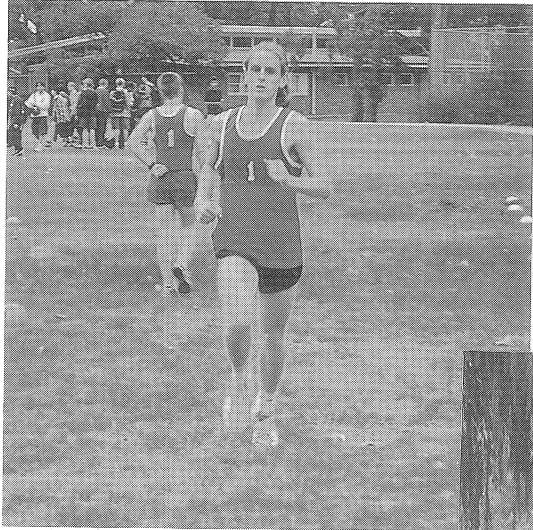


Age

12 Years
13 years
14 Years
15 Years
16 Years
Opens

Cross Country

Daniel Shute
Brett Kolodziej
Darren Yee
Mark Yee
David Scorzelli
Andrew Pidgeon

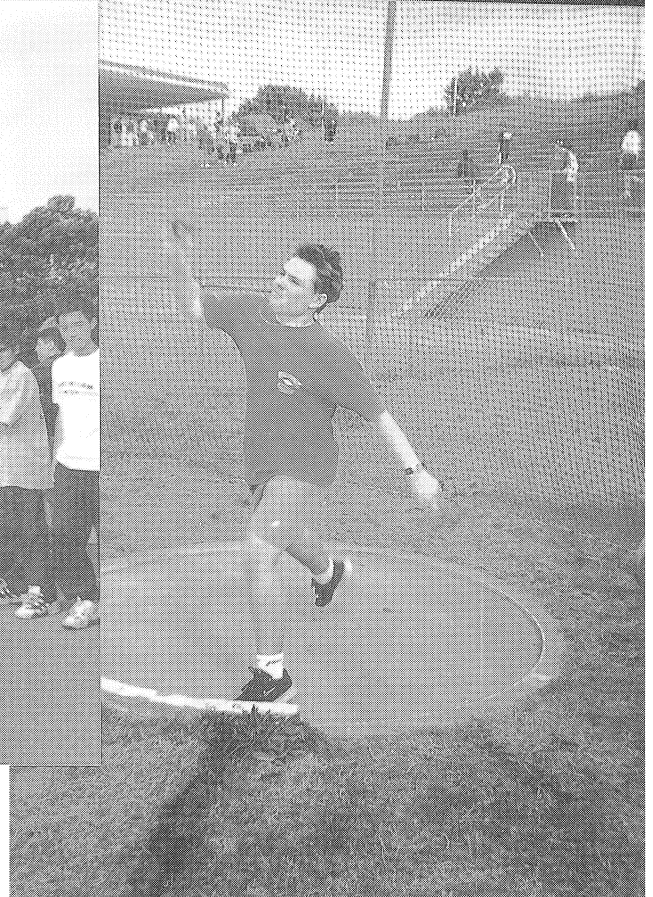
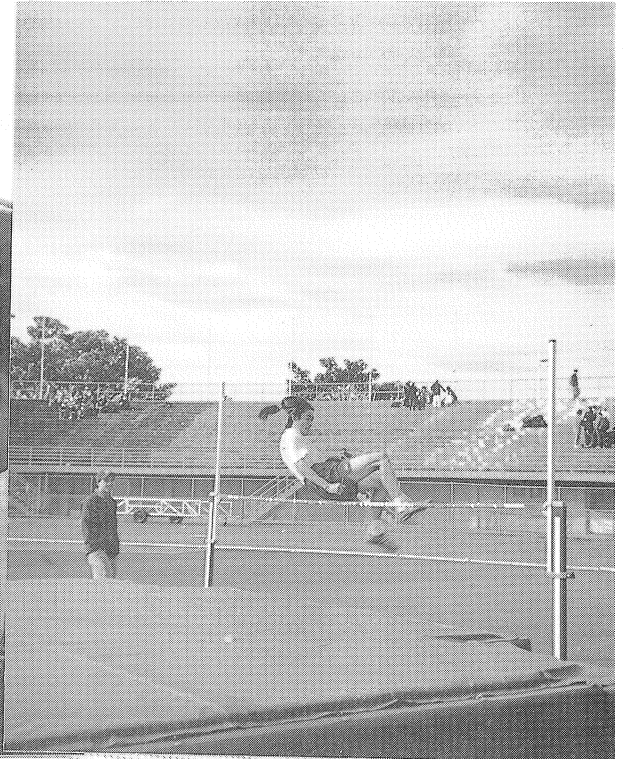


Age

Athletics

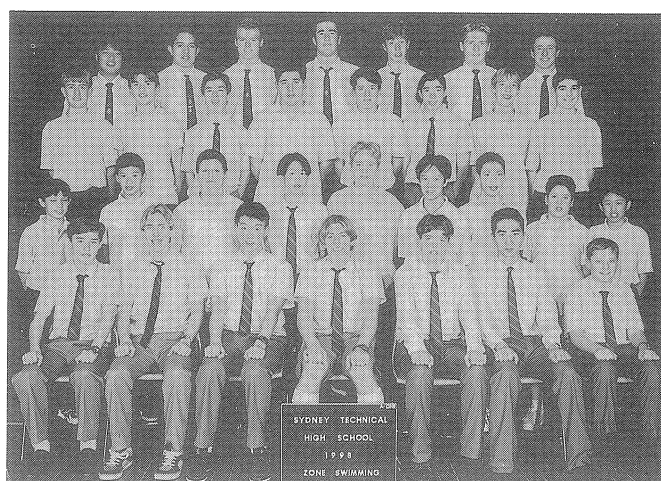
12 Years
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16 Years
Opens

Daniel Shute
David Bakunowicz
Darren Yee
Christian Lau
Jonathan Low
Daisuke Nakayama

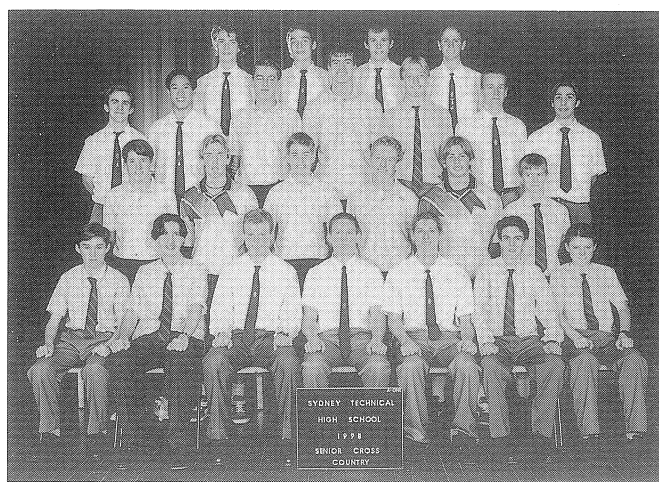
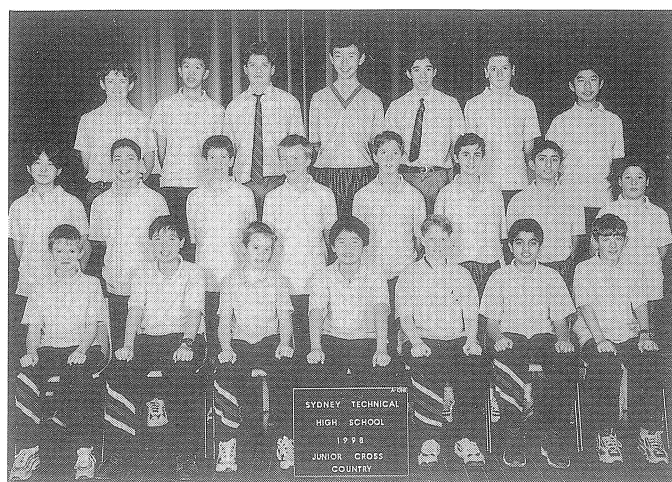


ZONE CARNIVAL POINTSCORES

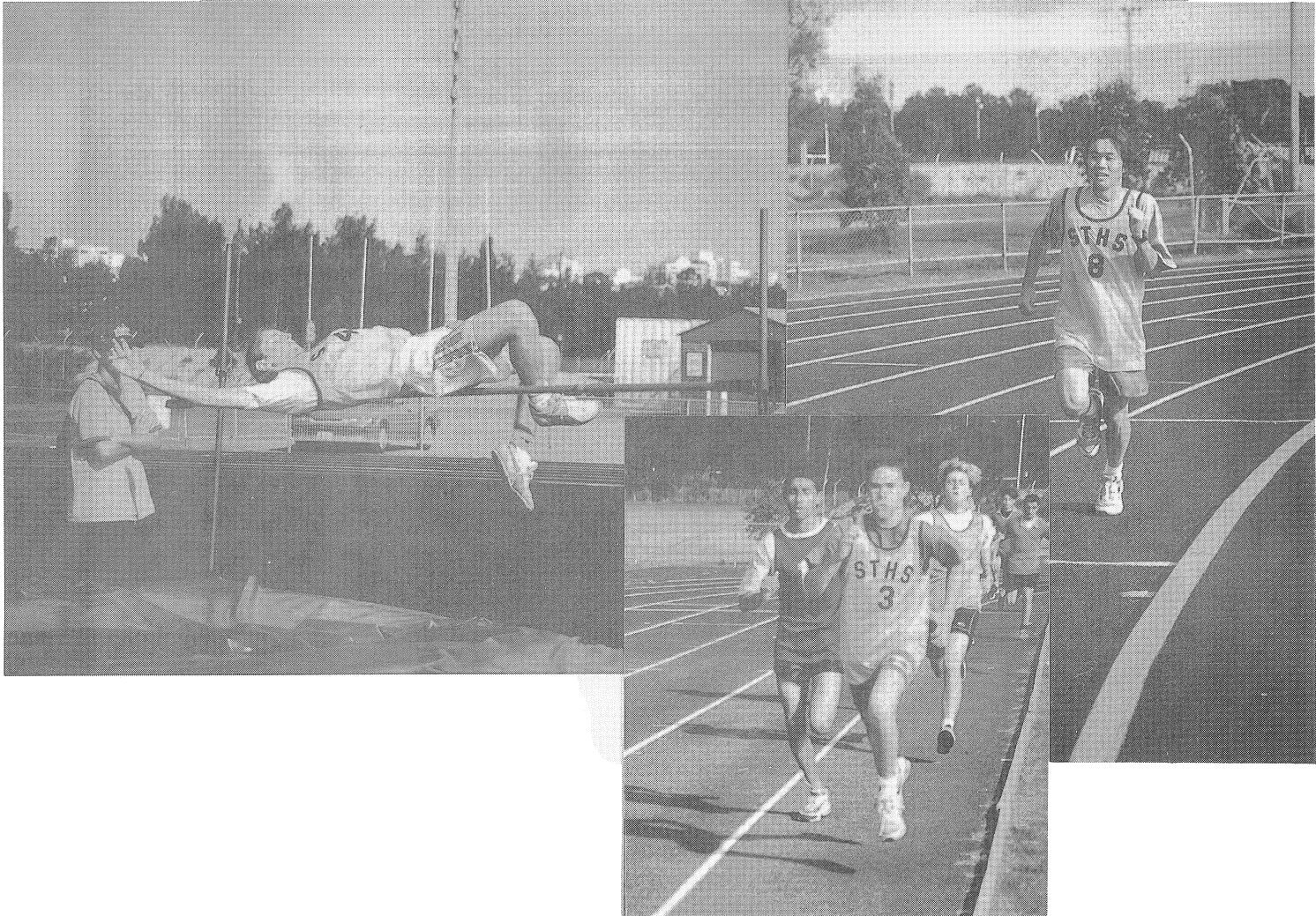
	Swimming	Posn
Sydney Tech	1170	1
Belmore	295	5
Canterbury	475	3
Hurstville	591	2
James Cook	409	4



	Cross Country	Posn
Sydney Tech	860	1
Belmore	1809	3
Canterbury	2555	5
Hurstville	1944	4
James Cook	1257	2



	Athletics	Posn
Sydney Tech	1295	1
Belmore	595	3
Canterbury	593	4
Hurstville	346	5
James Cook	862	2



ZONE AGE CHAMPIONS

	Swimming	Cross Country	Athletics
12 years	Zac Bazzi	Brett Kolodziej	David Bakunowicz Matthew Tripodi
13 years			
14 years	Darren Yee	Darren Yee	Darren Yee
15 years	Michael Feening	Jason Weate	
16 years		David Scorzelli	
Open	Vincent Wendelin		

NEW ZONE RECORDS-

Darren Yee (14 years) - 50 metres freestyle - 27.97 secs (last set 1989)
David Brett - 15 years Shot Put (last set 1982)

REGIONAL AGE CHAMPIONS

Cross Country: 16 Years - David Scorzelli
Open Team: David O'Han, David Porter, Geoff Egger, Paul Ellerington

ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

These boys represented the Wolli Zone at the Sydney East Regional Carnival in the sports mentioned:

Swimming	Vincent Wendelin, Geoff Egger, Warren Tegg, W.J Jong, David Chan, James Yeomans, Juno Uchiyama, Michael Feening, David Sampson, Daniel Coutts, Michael Thach, Mark Yee, Adam Shukor, George Ross, Imran Teo, Matthew Friedewald, Darren Yee, Tim Reid, Matthew Thompson, Lyndon Toh, Renault Phong, Andrew Low, Matthew Popplewell, Z. Bazzi, Matthew Townsley, Terry Tam, J. Liu, Peter Diakonikolis, B. Smith, C. Sergeant
Cross Country	Zac Bazzi, Daniel Shute, Brett Kolodziej, David Bakunowicz, Michael Georgeson, Abijhat Phatak, Darren Yee, Steven O'Keefe, G. King, Adam Culbert, A. Chandra, Matthew Croughton, Andrew Low, Steven Bakopanos, Jason Weate, Mark Yee, Joel Scott, George Ross, Brian Johannsen, Daniel McLoughlin, Adam McBarron, David Scorzelli, Drew Furey, Sam Mournehis, Robert Browning, Matthew Rochford, Keiran Thomas, David O'Han, David Porter, Paul Ellerington, Geoff Egger, Simon Turner, James Yeomans, James Furey, Panavin Eammano
Athletics	Yung Lee, James Park, Daniel Shute, David Bakunowicz, Matthew Tripodi, Peter Kailis, Brett Kolodziej, George Pavlakos, Matthew Thompson, Zac Bazzi, Adam Shukor, John Stafford, Darren Yee, James Lee, Adam Culbert, Charles Wang, Andrew Low, Willie Leung, Clement Lau, Phillip Kite, Jason Weate, Mark Yee, David Brett, George Ross, Chris Culjek, Adam Bongers, Adrian Ha, Jon Low, David Sampson, Justin Pearce, James Hopkins, Blake McKenzie, David Scorzelli, Drew Furey, Daniel McLaughlin, Kire Jordanoski, Daisuke Nakayama, David O'Han, Chris Choi, James Brooks, Simon Turner, Brendan Lynam, Anthony Adamo, Adnan Hussain, Vincent Wendelin.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The following boys were selected to represent the Sydney East Region at CHS Carnivals:

Athletics - David O'Han, Anthony Adamo, David Scorzelli, Jon Low, David Brett, Darren Yee, David Bakunowicz.

Swimming - Michael Thach, Darren Yee

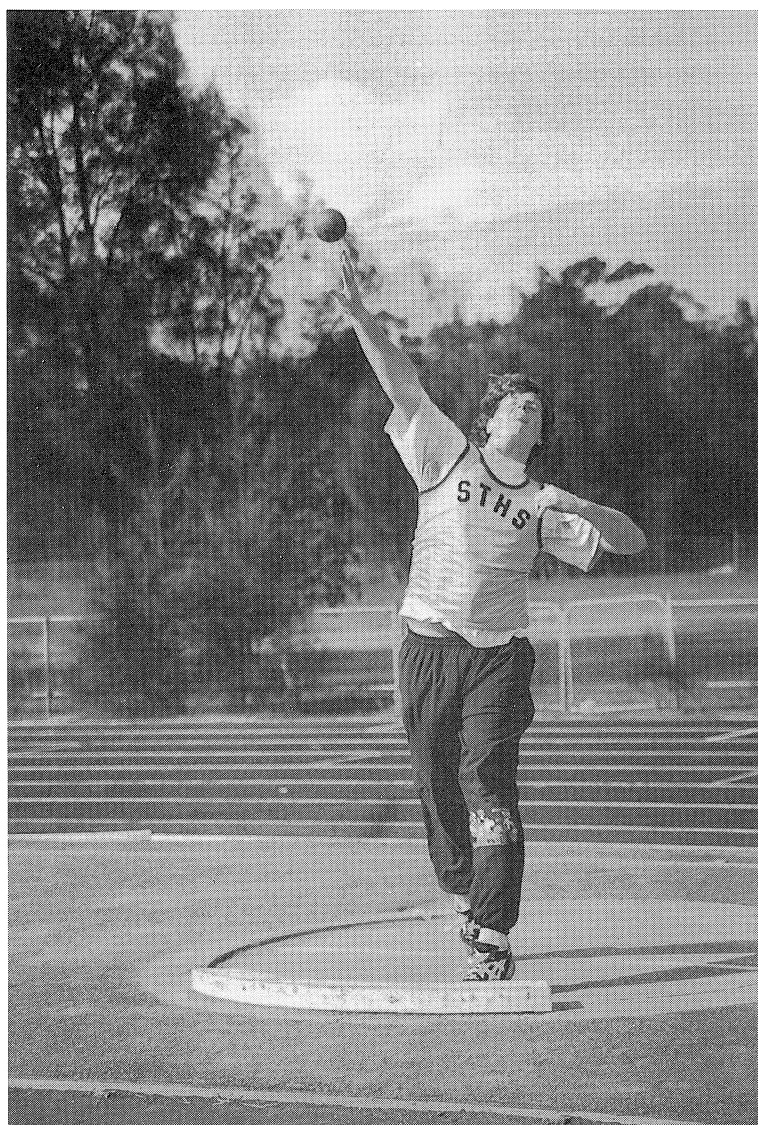
Cross Country: - Brett Kolodziej, Darren Yee, David Scorzelli, Drew Furey, David O'Han, David Porter, Paul Ellerington, Geoff Egger

Tennis - Jason Weate, Thomas Nguyen, Jon Tsiklas, Joseph Smith

Squash: Daniel Katsanos, King Sang Wong, Brett Davis

CHS REPRESENTATIVES

Athletics: David Brett



David Brett

WINNERS OF BEST AND FAIREST FOR GRADE TEAMS 1998/99

	Summer			Winter	
Cricket	1st grade A	Matthew Nelson	Soccer	1st grade A	Daisuke Nakayama
	1st grade B	Eric Liu		1st grade B	Murray Wilson
	15 years	Jon McInnes		15A	Aiden McBarron
	14 A	Nishant Parshottam		15B	Nishant Parshottam
	14B	Robert Mitrevski		14A	Glen Comerford
	13A	Andrew Low		14B	Mark Whitty
Basketball	13B	Matthew Fowler	Tennis	13A	Gokan Simsek
	1st grade	Sasha Vasilevski		13B	John Hilberts
	2nd grade	Aadesh Thakkar		1st Grade A	Salman Ansari
	15 years	Ziad Abbas		1st Grade B	Matthew Yee
	13A	James Hoarau		2nd Grade A	Laurence Ong
	13B	George Pavlakos		2nd Grade B	David Bao
Softball	Seniors	Byron Lewis	Golf	14A	Dominic Nguyen
	Juniors	Charles Wang		14B	Tameen Rahman
Touch Football	1st Grade	Kire Jordanoski		13A	Benjamin Ong
	14 years	Aidan McBarron		13B	Kyle Dickson
Squash	1st Grade A	King-Sang Wong			Brian Henson
	1st Grade B	Jonathan Vella	Rugby League	15 years	Benjamin O'Rourke
	Junior A	Michael Hanna			
Volleyball	Junior B	Justin Drinkwater		Seniors	Michael Feening
	1st Grade	Daisuke Nakayama	Softball	Junior A	Hiroaki Oka
	15 Years	Simon Cheung		Junior B	Matthew Popplewell
Waterpolo	1st Grade A	Vincent Wendelin	Table Tennis	Senior A	Ben Lam
	Junior A	Brett Giddings		Senior B	Jonathan Lo
	Junior B	Michael Thach		Junior A	Tae-Hee Jung
Table Tennis	Junior B			Junior B	Warren Ang
	Senior A	Dixon Kwan			
	Senior B	Dean Psarakis			
	Junior A	Kinson Cheung			
Golf	Junior B	Braydon Patterson			
		Matthew Thompson			
Cricketer Of The Year		Michael Murray			

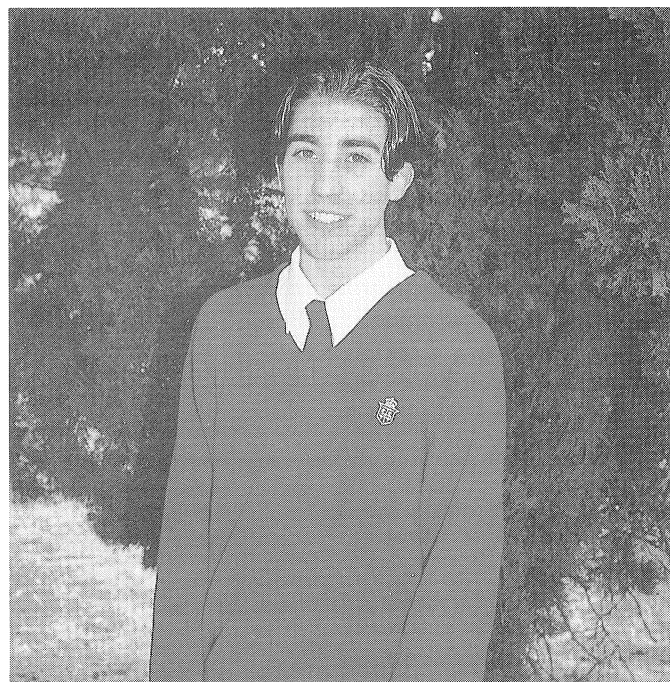
BLUES - 1998

Anthony Adamo	Soccer	David O'Han	Soccer
James Adamo	Soccer	David O'Han	Athletics
David Brett	Athletics	David Stone	Soccer
Emanuel Menegakis	Soccer	Simon Turner	Soccer
Daisuke Nakayama	Soccer	Vincent Wendelin	Swimming

PIERRE DE COURBETIN AWARD 1998

DAVID SCORZELLI

This award is made to students who have made positive contributions to their school in a range of sporting areas, and in particular in the fields of swimming, athletics or cross country. They should represent all that is good in these sports in respect of their demeanour and the pursuit of the Olympic Spirit-that success is in the participation rather than the mere winning. In all of these respects David Scorzelli is a worthy winner. David is an outstanding middle to long-distance runner, and is the current Regional Champion in both the 16 years 3000 metres and 1500 metres as well as cross country, and has been for many years. A capable soccer player, he represented the school in the first grade competition this year, and has a fine attitude towards all of his endeavours.



SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 1998

There were six main contenders for this year's award, all of whom made outstanding contributions to the sporting life of this school and all of whom have proven to be exemplary representatives of Sydney Tech. David Stone represented the school at Athletics, 1st Grade Cricket and 1st Grade Soccer, while Anthony Adamo reached CHS Standard in Athletics and was also a member of the 1st Grade Cricket and 1st Grade Soccer teams over many years. Vincent Wendelin was the sole swimmer in consideration. A representative at CHS Swimming Carnivals over five years, Vincent also made the Regional Athletics in field events and played Water Polo for the school over six years.

In any normal school situation, both Simon Turner and Daisuke Nakayama would have been standout winners of Sportsman of the Year awards. Daisuke was Captain of the 1st Grade Volleyball and has been voted Best Player in that team for the past two years. He is an exceptional Soccer player and won Player of the Year for 1st Grade Soccer in 1998. A capable Cross Country runner, he made Regional level for three years and in Athletics was the Open Age Champion for 1998. Simon Turner could consider himself unfortunate to have been in the same year as these others, for his credentials to be Sportsman Of The Year are top class. He represented the school to Regional standard for four years in both athletics and cross country, making the school team to the Zone on the other occasions in both. Simon always participated in the school's

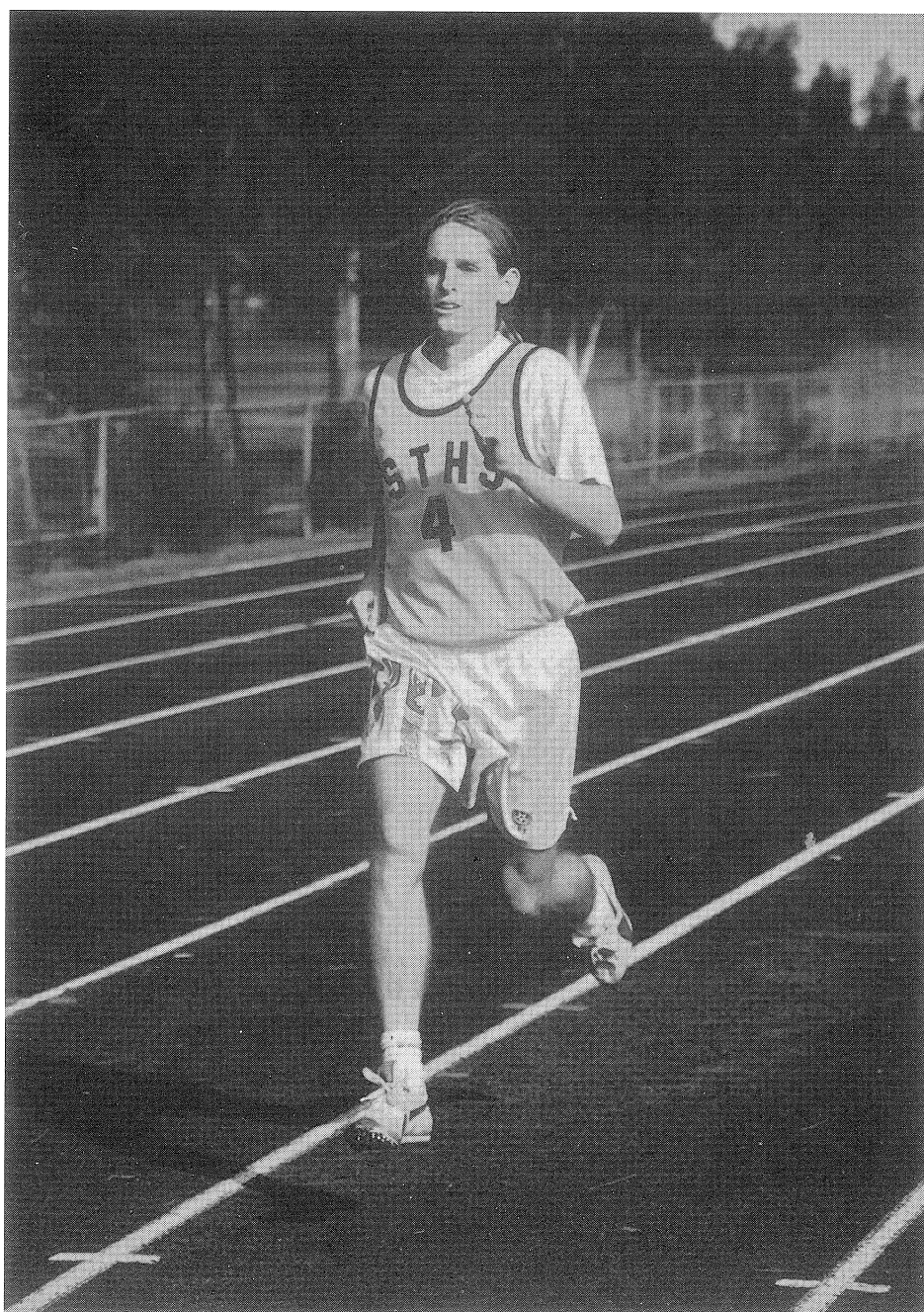
Swimming Carnival, and played grade sport for the School every year he attended, being a member of the 1st Grade Water Polo and 1st Grade Soccer teams over his final two years. A lad of remarkable "heart" and fitness, he is the ideal team member, a solid trainer and contributor.

However, despite the claims of these other five boys, there can be no denying the qualifications of this year's winner

DAVID O'HAN.

Quite simply, David O'Han represents all that sporting excellence in this school is about. A winner of the Pierre de Courbetin Award in 1997, David lists amongst his credentials as having played Grade Touch football, Grade Water Polo, and Grade Soccer, the last two at 1st Grade level. An accomplished runner, he made Regional level in athletics every year and repeated that effort in cross country. Over the past two years he competed in the 400 metres at the CHS Athletics and in 1998 was part of the Sydney East Schools Open Team at the CHS Cross Country at Eastern Creek. As Captain of the school 1st XI soccer team, he was a brilliant ambassador of the school, and made healthy contributions both on and off the field and on the training arena. He was Age Champion in his age group in athletics every year bar his last, Age Champion in Cross Country for three years and Zone Athletics Champion for two years. A dedicated lad, he has been able to successfully combine all of these sporting efforts with a top class academic career, and should serve as an example to all boys as a

person who has enjoyed a full life at Sydney Technical High School. Certainly it has been my privilege to have been actively involved with such a fine sportsman.



CRICKET OPEN A's

Premiers

This was another wonderful effort from a group of very good cricketers. The team remained undefeated in the local competition, but were unfortunate to meet Caringbah High School in Round 2 of the Davidson Shield Knockout; and even then we were one catch away from being winners of this game and probably therefore a fair way through in the competition. Still it was not to be. Matthew Nelson was a fine captain, batsman and (reluctant) bowler, and his contribution was paramount. Similarly James Adamo behind the stumps was neat and efficient and the opening bowling of his brother Anthony, hostile. Michael Murray made solid contributions all the time with both bat and ball (and even his fielding is improving), and he is to be congratulated on his winning of the Cricketer of the Year Incentive Award. Vincent Ong had the distinction of taking four wickets in four balls in a match against Belmore Boys High School and was rewarded for his efforts with a picture and story in the local Leader newspaper. Well done Vincent on his second hat-trick in as many years. Other boys played significant roles at various times, and in all made the season a very enjoyable experience.

Mr T. Trotman
Coach



Front Row (L to R) G Harper, A Hussain, J Adamo, M Nelson, M Thomas, J Yeomans, V Sastry
2nd Row (L to R) Mr T Trotman, Anthony Adamo, C Moustakas, B Thompson, D Stone, V Ong, M Murray.

OPEN B's GRADE CRICKET

The Open B Cricketers displayed confidence and team spirit throughout the season under their quiet unassuming captain, John Shineberg.

They defeated a line up of schools including James Cook. The Sydney Tech A Grade team was a little more challenging, however, Alex Ferguson bowled so many out it wasn't just a hat trick it was a rabbit out of a hat trick.

Eric Hui showed leadership and as a batsman strengthened morale especially when facing a spin bowler who was shooting balls at the wicket when runs were needed. Talking of wickets, Eric was faster than the speed of light as a wicket-keeper.

There would not be one player in the Open B who did not show outstanding ability during the matches in which they participated. They are to be congratulated for holding up when under pressure. It was a pleasure to watch them during every game - always impeccably attired and acting as sportsmen and gentlemen on the field. There were occasions when the opposition team was noisy and disruptive, however, the Sydney Tech Open B's maintained their decorum.

Our team lead the competition only to have victory snatched away from them in the last few matches. As a novice umpire I learned a great deal about the intricacies of cricket. It was heavy going to be out in the sun on those long hot summer afternoons but the boys determination kept me going. How did we lose it? There is always an element of risk in grabbing a quick run - but life without risk is desolate and empty and that is one description that does not befit the Open B's.

P. Alexander.

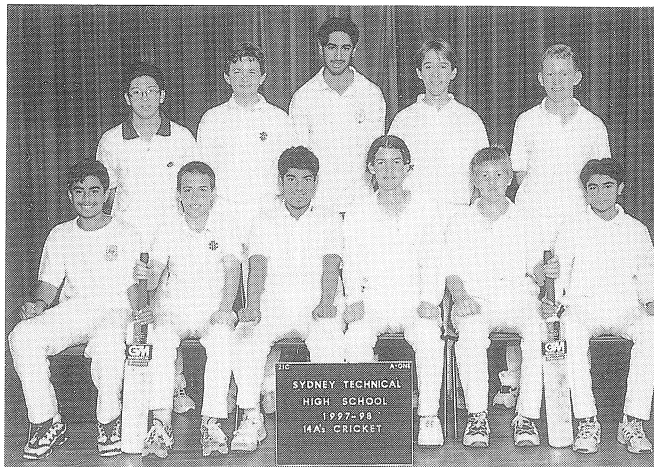


Front Row (L to R) D Karunaharan, E Hui, R Rajagopal, J Shineberg, B Kauffman, A Abel
Back Row (L to R) S Heimuli, A Ferguson, N Sritharan, A Kousik.

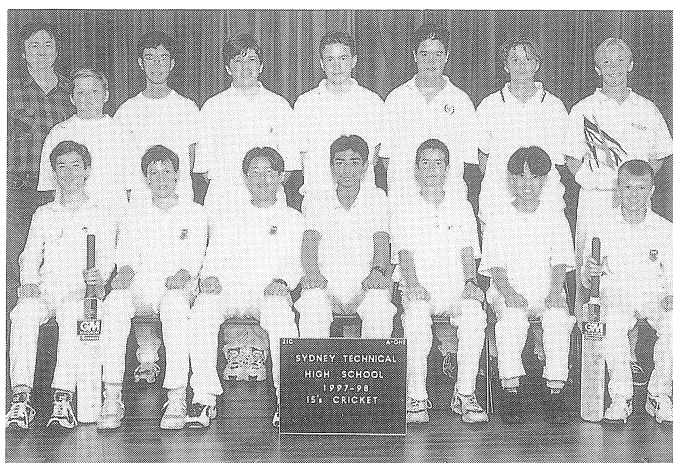
CRICKET 15 YEARS

Our under 15 cricket team had a very successful season. The basis of the team comprised of players from last years premiers, the U/14A team. It was pleasing to see that all players were enthusiastic and played the game with a sense of fair play. With captain elect, Salman Ansari, in charge and Jon McInnes his deputy each player was given a share of duties in bowling and batting. There were many notable performances throughout the season and all players are to be congratulated for their brilliant efforts.

In the final, the boys convincingly defeated James Cook for the second year running. James Cook were dismissed for 24 runs in 13 overs and our boys passed their score without loss in the 7th over.



Front Row: (L to R) D. Abeynaryama, B. O'Rourke, N. Parshottam, N. Brooker (C), J. Grimshaw, V. Bhatt.
Back Row: (L to R) M. Pham, D. Try, N. Koovarjee, L. Dale, R. Syme
Absent: Mr K. Short (coach), T. Rahman



Front Row (L to R) D Sampson, M Wilson, J Chan, S Ansari, J McInnes, D Ko, D McLoughlin.
Back Row (L to R) Mr V Popovich, A Skinner, J Pang, N Ralston, K Thomas, B McKenzie, G King, D Furey.

14A's GRADE CRICKET

Congratulations to 14A's on a great year captained by Neil Brooker. This team played with good spirit all through the year. They won the grand final convincingly over James Cook with all players contributing. Outstanding performances throughout the year were given by Nishant Parshottam and Neelan Koovarjee with ball, well supported by Vatsall Bhatt (hat trick in the final), Lewis Dale and Dylan Abey. Neil Brooker and Nishant were the dominant batsmen but were well supported particularly by Ben O'Rourke, Jarrod Grimshaw and Ross Syme.

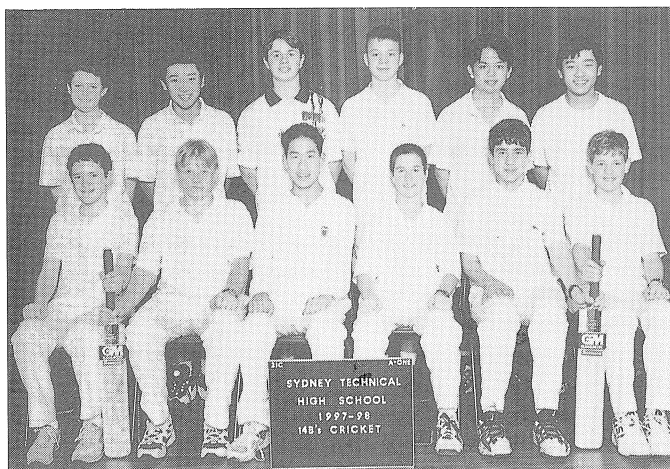
K. Short - Coach

14B's GRADE CRICKET

This year the 14B's cricket side competed against 4 teams which included James Cook, Belmore and Sydney Tech A. Although our season started quite well, teams slowly climbed up the ladder to place us third. As the season continued our team became more determined to make the finals. Being only two points behind Sydney Tech A we needed an outright victory against James Cook, an undefeated team so far in the comp. Because time limited us, our team could only post a win after getting them all out for 37. This was one of our best innings during the season after almost losing outright to James Cook in the first round. Although we didn't make the finals we couldn't have made it this far without the help of Mr Derwent and the team work of the players.

Special mention goes to Robert Mitrovski who bowled and batted at a high standard throughout the season, winning us a couple of close matches. Peter Tzanio was a brilliant fielder at point stopping many runs from hitting the boundary.

Adam Shukor & Michael Ings



Front Row (L to R) Josh Burg, Peter Cassidy, Adam Shukor, Michael Ings, Peter Tzanis, Tristan Cooper.

Back Row (L to R) Joel Scott, Clint To, Robert Mitrevski, David Micallef, Ronald Ho, Vince To.

13A's CRICKET

Once again Sydney Tech proved that they were too strong in this age division winning a hard fought final against Canterbury in miserable conditions.

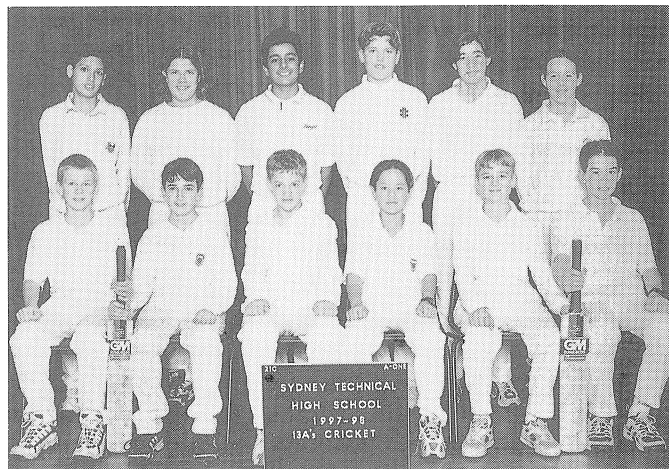
The strength of the team has been its depth in batting and bowling and its enthusiasm in the field. While other teams had individual players of excellent ability they lacked depth and even though they could win 20 - 25 over games, they were no match in longer over games.

There were numerous excellent performances both with bat and ball.

Andrew Low, Brian Henson, Jared Mok, Andrew Wright and Tim Dickson all bettered 40 while Jared Mok, Darren Yee and Brian Henson took 4 or more wickets in an innings.

Well done boys.

G. Hempel - Coach



Front Row: (L to R) Todd Thornborough, John Edwards, Tim Dickson, Jared Mok, Hugh Sangster, Brian Henson.

Back Row (L to R) Sven Lohman, Todd Sghabi, Usman Rauf, Andrew Low, Darren Yee, Andrew Wright.

13B's GRADE CRICKET

Five wins and one draw in the competition rounds ensured a good season for the team. The boys adjusted well to the super 8 format - eight players per team, sixteen overs for each side. Seven players were required to take turns at bowling and this put non bowlers under some pressure, as wides and no-balls were heavily penalised.

Choosing eight players from a pool of ten for each match was a difficult task and disappointing for the two reserves, as all were keen to participate. However, over the season, every team member got his chance to participate in at least three games.

All the boys are to be congratulated for their team work, enthusiasm and excellent 'sporting' behaviour, frequently under trying circumstances. While all team members pulled their weight and contributed to the success that the team enjoyed, special mentioned should be made of the consistent achievements of Matthew Fowler and Abhijit Phatak, with both bat and ball.

In the final against Canterbury High (a game which was extended to 24 overs per side) the boys fell short by just six runs. Captain, Andrew Beaven, deserves praise for his equanimity (in all circumstances) and leadership skills.

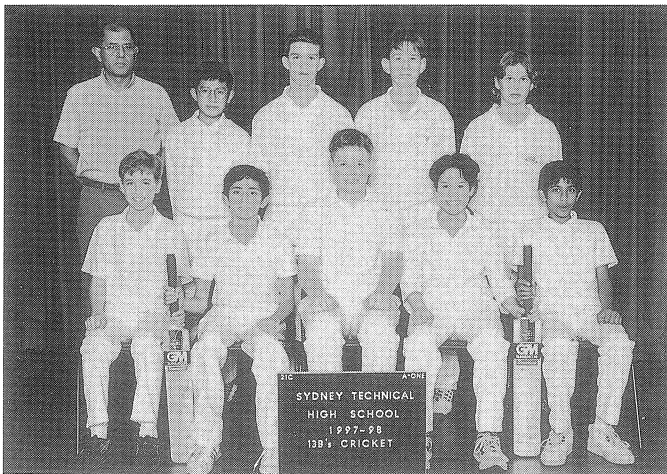
E. Landsberger - Coach

Captain's Report

The 13B's were a good team to captain. Choosing which players were 'off' for each match was a very difficult decision, especially in the finals where the two who were not included were very disappointed.

We were undefeated up to the finals with brilliant batting and bowling displayed all through the year. In the finals Canterbury were too good for use and we lost by five runs. Well done team!!

Andrew Beaven - Captain



Front Row: (L to R) Matthew Fowler, Abhijit Phatak, Andrew Beaven, Raymond Yeung, Jaikumar Thoguluva.

Back Row: (L to R) Mr E. Landsberger, Tawfiq Chowdhury, Matthew Tripodi, Jared Ambery, Samuel Clark.

1st GRADE SOCCER -

Regional Champions Commonwealth Bank Cup, Runners Up, Wolli Zone.

The end of the Zone Competition proved to be a nightmare for us as we were defeated in the Final of the Zone competition 1-0 after battling the last fifteen minutes of normal time plus all of the twenty minutes of extra time with nine players. The team none-the-less can consider it to be a successful campaign, being Regional Champions over the past two years, in making it to the final sixteen of the Commonwealth Bank Cup (which starts with over 300 teams), and in winning the Minor Premiership of the Zone, they showed their undoubted class. They have won the local competition four times out of six and in reality should have won this last one as well!! It would be

an error to pick out individuals as this was not the way the team trained or was structured, but it could not be denied that Daisuke Nakayama consistently over the past six years has been the stand out player, and I am sure that he has a big future in the game. Certainly this was an exceptional group of lads, the majority of whom had been together for six years. It is a tribute to their ongoing commitment to this school and to each other that seven of this squad plus three boys from Year 12 last year who made up this team are now playing Grade Soccer in State League. I doubt that I will again be associated with a group who gave such dedication to their work and in turn gave me such pleasure in being in their company.

Trevor Trotman
Coach



Front Row (L to R) D Nakayama, D O'Han (Capt), P Peters, J Adamo, A Papadopoulos, D Chang.
2nd Row (L to R) T Georgevski, B Giddings, E Menegakis, D Furey, S Turner, J Low, Mr T Trotman (coach).

Back Row (L to R) R Woelms, A Adamo, Z Kuzmanoski, D Stone, J Karpouzis, P Cooper.



SOCCKER OPEN B

The season opened with a hard fought 3-1 victory over Hurstville B's at Gannons Reserve. Playing against the A sides from Cook, Canterbury and our own school was always going to be an uphill battle. Although we suffered resounding defeats against all three, the team's spirit never wavered. Teamwork improved markedly during the season and our defence was bolstered with the return of Brett Giddings from "higher duties". We played three tight games against James Cook B's (twice) and Belmore where we lost once and played two draws. The game against Belmore particularly was a fun affair in the rain down at Carss Park. I was impressed by the team's attitude and good sportsmanship throughout the season - they definitely would win a fair play award. The team showed what school grade sport is all about: having fun with your team mates and trying your best. Well done.

Mr Sender
Coach



1st Row (L to R) D. Scorzelli, K Chirkoff, A Hussain, P Fung, S Hallahan, M Yee
2nd Row (L to R) D Bailey, B Giddings, M Wilson, D Coutts, D Sampson, Mr Sender (coach)
3rd Row (L to R) J Polyhron, S Braun, N Ralston.
Absent: N Brooker.

14B SOCCER

These young men took on a considerable task. There is no 14B competition. This is the second team from Sydney Tech in the sole 14yrs grade soccer competition. Naturally a couple of big losses were incurred.

However, a high standard of sportsmanship from Sydney Tech players was always maintained. Most players tried for all they were worth, all of the time. Well done to those young men.



Front Row (L to R) J Edwards, L Rogovoy, M Bari, T Sghabi, Q Tse, Y.S. Teoh, M Tai
Back Row (L to R) T chowdhury, M Hanna, R Perri, J Hee-Song, J Stafford, M Whitty, S Clark, Mr P Ward.

13A's GRADE SOCCER

It has been a good season so far, with Wednesday afternoons being spent in fine company. It has been enjoyable to see the enthusiasm of our team members, for playing creditable soccer - and at times showing some excellent skills. Happily there have been no injuries up-to-date and hopefully this will continue. It has been a great pity, that we have had so many washed-out games this year, due to inclement weather - and this has hampered our team development, through lack of familiarity and experience together on the field.

It will be interesting to see how we go in the semis and finals at the end of the season, as we have some very skillfull players - but we just need to 'tie our act together' a little more tightly.

Looking ahead, this team has a solid basis for playing very well in future years, as morale and enthusiasm are very high and everyone seems to really enjoy playing the game.

I must commend our players for excellent sportsmanship, at all times, on and off the field, and thanks to all the lads for coming together and forming our team.

Mr Edwards
Coach



Front Row: (L to R) Z Bazzi, D Jones, S Fanous, G Simsek, J Park, G Andronakis.

Back Row (L to R) Y Mavros, M Georgson, G Pavlakos, A Beaven, R Yeung, D Bakunowicz, Mr Edwards.

Absent: Y-H Lee.

13B's GRADE SOCCER

The weather reduced our season to five games resulting in two losses to James Cook, a win and a loss to Hurstville and a five-nil win against Canterbury.

Our best game was in the semi against Hurstville where we were ahead one-nil but were unable to hold on against a suspect 13B side.

The side always played with enthusiasm and most probably would have developed good team work but for the lack of games.

Mr G Hempel
Coach



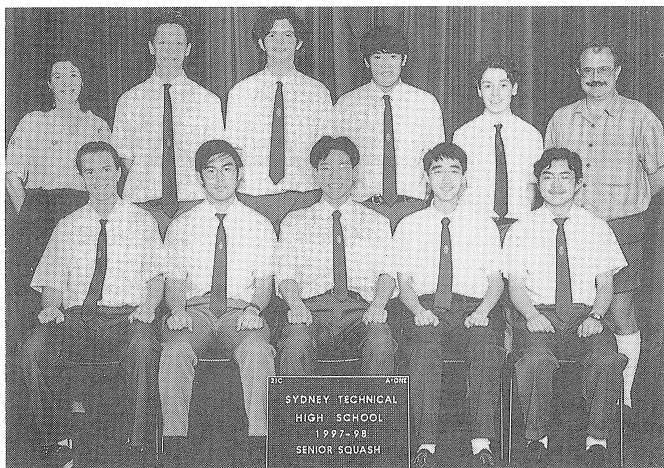
OPEN SQUASH

The A grade team went through the competition undefeated in the summer season.

The team members were Daniel Katsanos, King-Sang Wong, Brett Davis and Alan Tay. All team members were a credit to the school displaying exemplary sportsmanship on all occasions. They defeated Hurstville in the final.

This team with Brendan and Mitchell Smith also won the Regional final against Woolooware High. They then met an extremely strong Maclean High team from the North Coast who finally knocked them out of the CHS Competition.

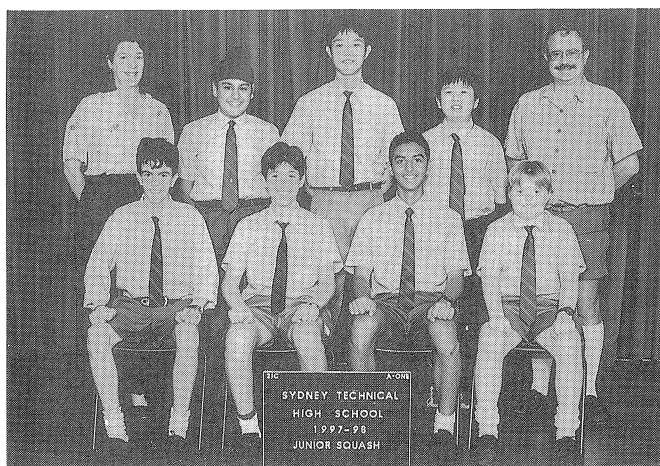
Congratulations must also go to Daniel Katsanos, King-Sang Wong and Brett Davis who were selected in the Regional team to compete in the State Championships.



(L to R) Back Row-Ms J Davis, S Greenup, J Vella, W Jong, B Davis, Mr J Simmonds
(L to R) Front Row - D Katsanos, V Trinh, A Tay, K S Wong, C Huynh.

JUNIOR SQUASH

My junior team was relatively new to squash with three Year 7 students helping us form two teams in the competition. The team made the semi-finals and were beaten by the other Sydney Tech team. They improved dramatically during the season and were also a credit to the school.

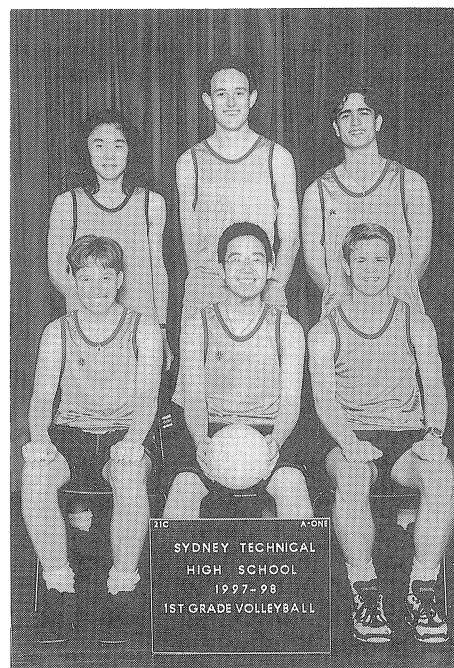


(L to R) Back Row Ms J Davis, J Sing, D Ng, Mr J Simmonds,
(L to R) Front Row M Rochford, M Meagher, A Baijan, T Clifton-Everest.

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Our team fought hard but struggled against Belmore and Canterbury. After easy wins against Hurstville and James Cook we went down against Belmore and Canterbury in tough three setters. The semi-final in particular against Belmore was a tight affair with our boys going down 2-1. It was pleasing to see the great sportsmanship throughout the competition and I am sure the team has happy memories of the great rallies they fought together.

Michal Sender
Coach



Front Row (L to R) D Cantor, D Chang, D Morton.
Back Row (L to R) D Nakayama, A Harfield, P Peters.
Absent: R Barket, M Bradley, P Chung.

SOFTBALL A

Grade softball has once again enjoyed considerable success at Sydney Technical High School. The competition for a place in the side was such, that a second team was formed for the '97/'98 season.

The 'A' side demonstrated considerable early potential, with a number of boys already having softball/baseball experience. They were able to help guide some of the talented newcomers to the game and forge an effective and competitive unit. Mark Edwards, Jim Harrison and Byron Lewis are to be commended for their senior leadership role and shared captaincy throughout the year.

Competitive and skilled opponents made for exciting games every week. Sydney Tech finished in first position, but only by a small margin and through some very narrow wins towards the end of the season. The semi-finals were always going to be a challenge.

Hurstville had been somewhat of a nemesis in previous rounds and the trend continued in the semis. They completed their first innings with eight runs, a margin which proved fatal by game's end. They added five more in the second, but our boys rallied and retrieved a difficult situation to an 11-13 deficit, *with* no outs. Hurstville then made some critical changes in pitching and fielding, making three successive outs without further addition to the score. they held their composure in a very tense situation and deserved their win.

I'd like to congratulate the 'A' team for their efforts throughout the year and the skill development so obvious in their many fine games. Well done!

P. Owens
Coach



Front Row: (L to RL Toh, D Ho, V Le, S O'Keefe, K Bowen.

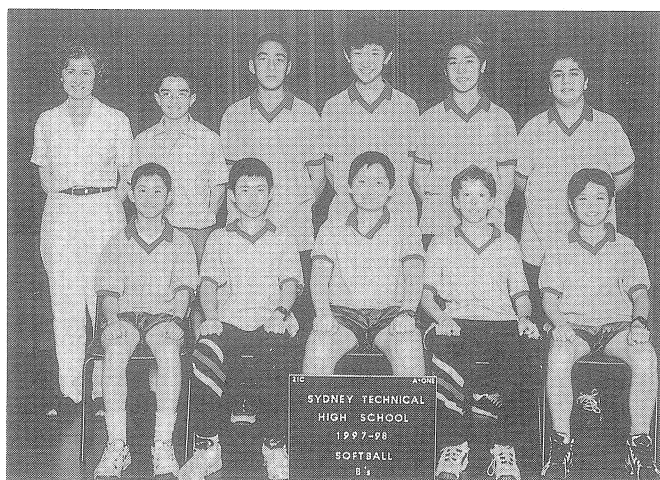
Back Row (L to R) Mr P Owens, M Moldrich, J Choi, J Harrison, M Edwards, B Lewis, M Williams.

SUMMER SOFTBALL B

The Tech High Softball B team were an enthusiastic and committed group who all improved their skills and knowledge of the game. The season held some great highlights, especially the co-operative fielding efforts of the team.

Congratulations to all the boys for their sportsmanship and high standard of representation. Special thanks to Mrs Watson for all her interest and time devoted to coaching.

Mrs B Engel - Coach



Front row (L to R) H Yuan, Y Chen, D Ho, R Watson, D Kwok.

Back Row (L to R) Ms B Engel, T Hunt, M Manzouri, C Wang, E Ng, M Hanna.

GRADE TOUCH FOOTBALL U/14

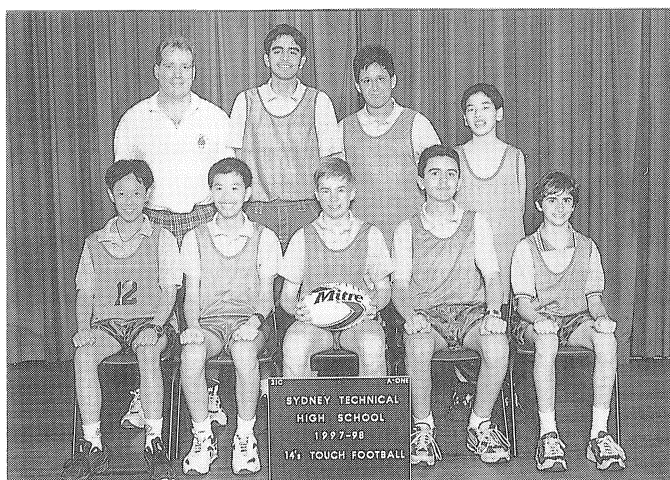
For a team with such little experience we have become a formidable opposition to more fancied sides.

The rate of improvement throughout the season was nothing short of phenomenal. We went from being easy beats, to a genuine semi final

contender, and in the games we lost the score could easily have been in our favour.

Playing as a team unit, our sportsmanship earned us respect from all teams. Our competitive spirit, combined with a good dose of humour, made this team an enjoyable one to coach.

P. Graham - Coach



Back Row: (L to R) Mr P Graham, N. Sharma, I. Alam, G. Siu

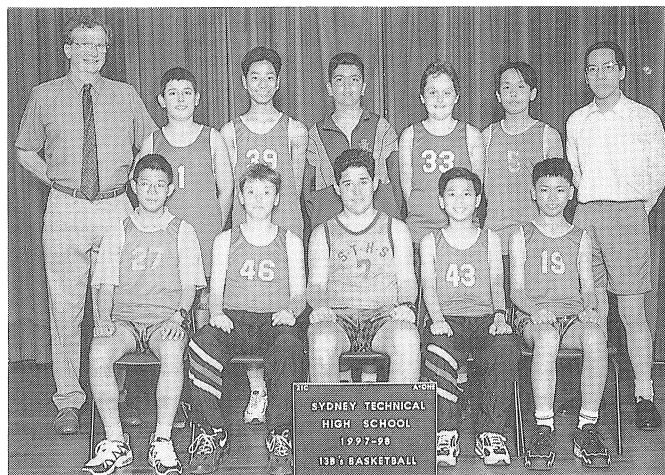
Front Row: (L to R) R. Phong, W. Leong, A. McBarron, N. Lazarou, S. Bakopanos

Absent: L. Tse, J. Wu, C. Hope, J. Oka

BASKETBALL 13B

The 13B's basketball team enjoyed a very thrilling and competitive season all round, with very tough competition coming from teams such as James Cook and Canterbury. The team was a very promising one throughout the whole season and showed potential throughout the two terms, assisted with some brilliant offensive and defensive plays from Ramesh Rajalingam and Jonathan Lim. The overwhelming and exemplary energy and attitude displayed by Douglas Yo in each game was amazing. The team from time to time experienced many losses in a row, but due to their brilliant attitude towards each game they were successful in winning a very tough semi final and gained a place in the final against Canterbury. Unfortunately they did not win, but it was a brilliant season no doubt, and provided invaluable experience for the whole team.

Albin Cheng



Front Row (L to R) Q Tse, L Mikhailov, G Pavlakos, Y Teoh, R Tang.

Back Row (L to R) Mr B Cranston, G Erisir, E Jo, A Yazbeck, A Byrne, T Nguyen, A cheng.

OPEN A 1 TENNIS

It's a yellow bird! It's a plane! A flying saucer?

No, its a zooming ace served up by Sydney Tech's 1st Grade Tennis Team. This years 1st Grade A Tennis Team consisting of Jason Weate, Gary Cheung, Adam McGuigan, Salamn Ansari and Justin Chung-Gon proved to be a fabulous combination, showing outstanding spirit, ability and tennis finesse.

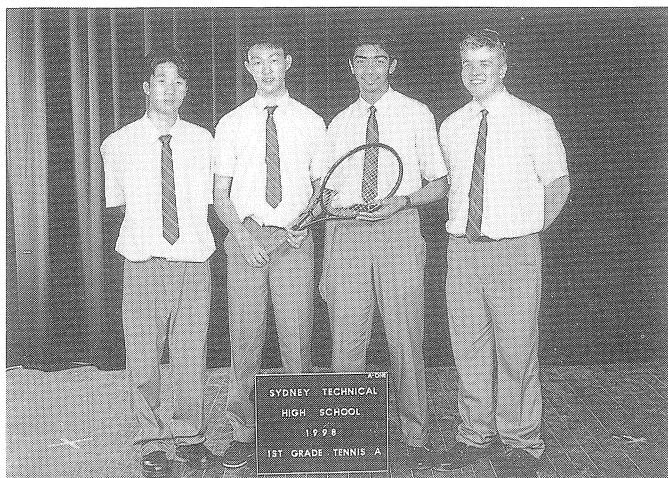
The team, dominated by Jason's super serves, Gary's great forehand, Adam's return of serve, Salman's volleying ability and Justin's foolproof backhand drop shot, proved to be unbeatable to all but Canterbury Boys High School. In our first encounter against Canterbury, the battle lines had been drawn at three sets all, both teams awaiting to know the victor.

Canterbury boys went through, winning by three games, robbing us of the Minor Premiership position and forcing Tech to play a semi-final against third placed James Cook.

Again the team's fighting spirit and determination proved to be the deciding factor, Tech winning five sets to one, as we marched off again to Illawarra to play the final against Canterbury.

On a overcast day, where the clouds blanketed the sky, the final was played. Tech was nervous, but fired up for a close encounter. It proved to be one. The sets were locked at three a piece, but this time Tech triumphed, winning 22-18 on games and giving us the premiership. Of course

credit must be given to Mrs Hinde for her supervision and support through the tennis season.
Salman Ansari.



(L to R) G Cheung, J Chung-Gon, S Ansari, A McGuigan.
Absent: J Weate

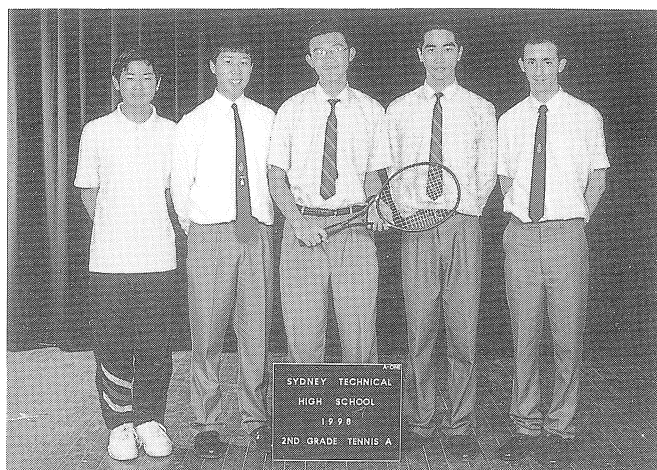
OPEN B1 TENNIS

The Open B1's had a really great season this year. We went through the season undefeated and in the process, we became Minor Premiers. Most games were played and won with relative ease with the whole team being committed and organised unlike many of our opponents. In the grand final against Canterbury, the rain held off to make for a pleasant day of tennis. The wind however, was in our favour when many shots above our opponents heads had dropped aimlessly onto the court. At the end of the day, we only won 4 out of 6 matches but that was enough for us to win the finals, much to our relief. Even though we had won our matches, our whole team including Mrs Hinde agreed that our opponents had played well and with good sportsmanship.

Overall, this had been a great and an enjoyable season and I would like to congratulate my team for playing brilliantly and displaying positive attitudes both on and off the tennis courts.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Hinde for supporting and encouraging our team throughout the year. Without her, we might not have the courage to play and win in the finals as we, once again, did this year.

Michael Thach and Lawrence Ong.

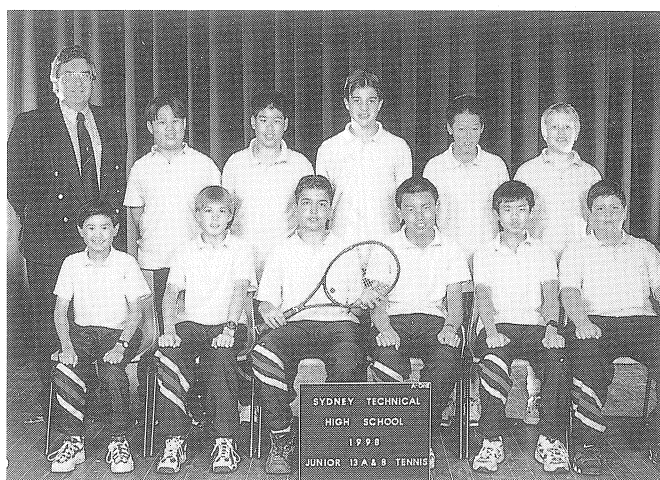


(L to R) J Ang, L Ong, E Gan, M Thach, B Jones.

GRADE TENNIS 13A's and 13B's

Each year there are many students who try out for placement in our school tennis teams. Twelve students were selected and ranked to make up two teams for the 13 years division. Competition has strengthened throughout the season and it is pleasing to see the improvement in skill and court awareness. As always the members of our tennis teams are encouraged and expected to demonstrate the highest standards of sportmanship. Our players this year have maintained this tradition and represented the school with distinction.

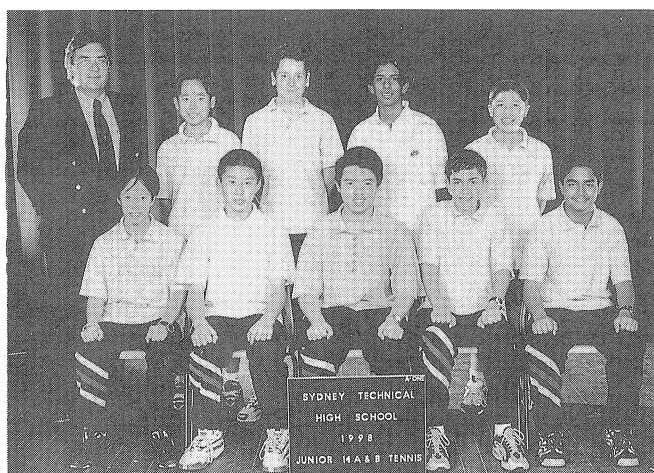
The 13A team is placed first in the competition and the 13B team is placed second.



1st Row (L to R) S Koh, M Wilson, A Yazbeck, A Cen, K Hau.
 2nd Row (L to R) Mr D Towner, N Tan, P Kailis, B Ong, K Dickson.
 Absent: Ms J Wright.

GRADE TENNIS 14A'S & 14B'S

The 14A & B Teams have experienced some very challenging competition this year particularly against Hurstville BHS and Canterbury BHS. There have been some excellent matches where skill, patience and tactical awareness have been thoroughly tested. The team members at this stage of their development are showing a strengthening awareness of court craft. The 14A team is leading the competition and the 14B team is well placed to play them in the final. It is good to see our students support each other and work together. It is good to see the teams oppose others and demonstrate strong sportsmanship.



1st Row (L to R) R Phong, Z Ni, A Tiong, M Moldrich, T Rahman.
 2nd Row (L to R) Mr D Towner, B Hung, A Culbert.
 Absent: Ms J Wright

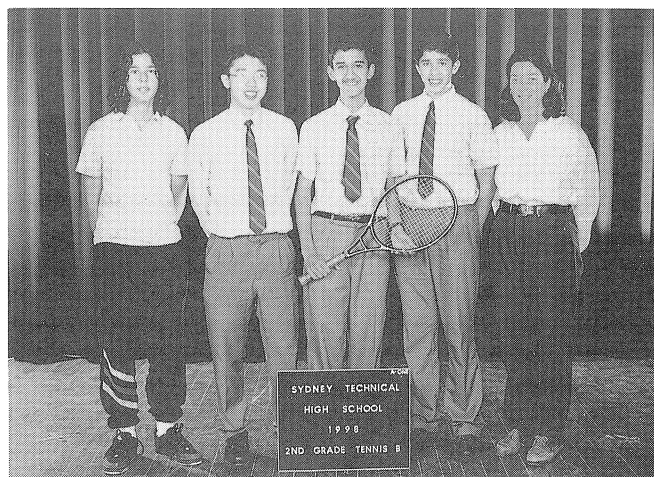
1ST & 2ND B GRADE TENNIS

The 1st Grade team made it to the semi-finals and were defeated by Canterbury, one of the strongest teams in 1st Grade. They were a very competent and enthusiastic group of tennis players who displayed excellent sportsmanship on all occasions.

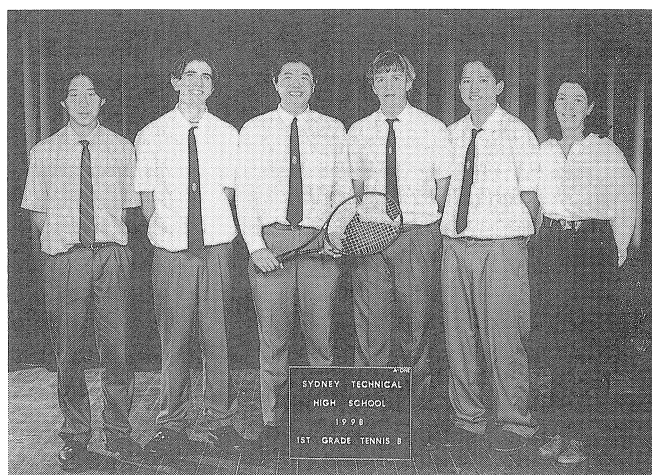
The 2nd Grade team had a very disruptive season due to the fact that some of the other

schools did not have a second grade team and because of the number of wet Wednesdays when sport was cancelled. They were also an enthusiastic team who displayed excellent sportsmanship and always played to the best of their ability.

Both teams were a credit to the school.



(L to R) G Creighton, E Wong, S Aggarwal, R Gurjar, Ms J Davis.

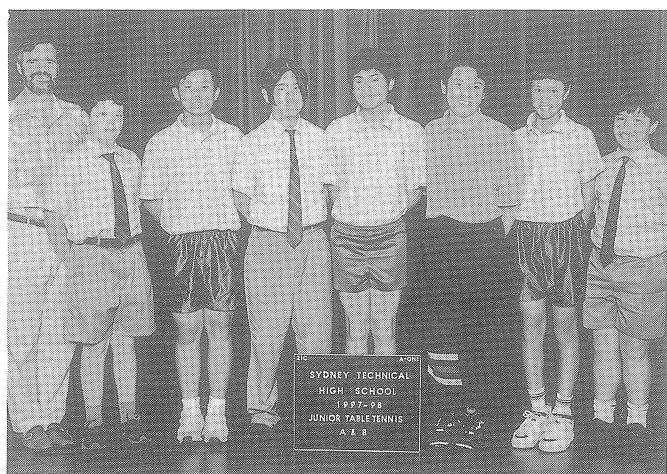


(L to R) J Au, D Lawrance, M Yee, G King, E Hall
 Ms J Davis

TABLE TENNIS - Junior A & B (Summer)

The Junior B team reached the semi finals but were defeated by Canterbury who went on to beat the Junior A team in the final. Josan Ang showed great skill and improvement during the competition.

Mr G, Hughes & Mr B. Reynolds-
 Coaches

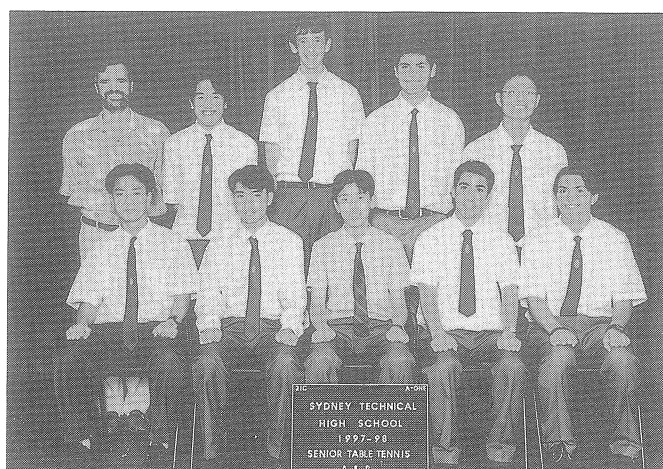


(L to R) Mr G Hughes, Braydon Patterson, Lawrence Puang, Terry Kim, Josan Ang, Avan Tiong, Dominic Nguyen, Robert Marshall.
Absent: Tim Chan, Kinson Cheung

TABLE TENNIS - Senior A & B (Summer)

Neither senior team made the semi finals thanks to a valiant effort from the B team who won 4-3 against the A's in the last round thus preventing the A's from making fourth place. At all three games, Howard Yang produced some top class play to take the deciding game for the B's in a tense tussle.

Mr G. Hughes & Mr B Reynolds
Coaches

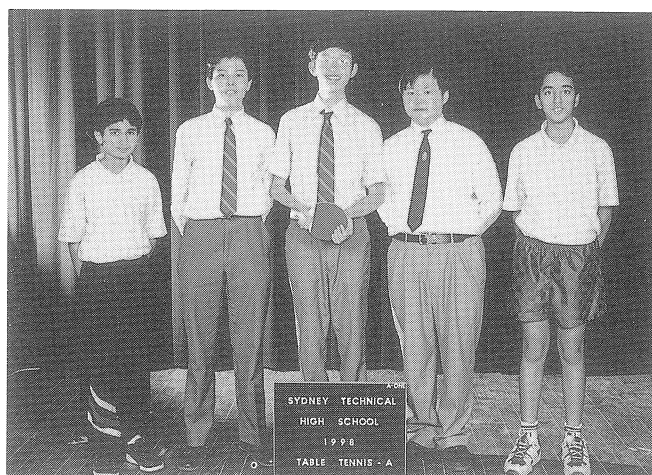


Front Row: (L to R) Mr G Hughes, Howard Yang, Jon Molyneaux, Dean Psarakis, Steven song, Joseph Lee.
Back Row: (L to R) Ting Lui, Henrey Kim, David Scorzelli, John Theodoropoulos. Absent Dixon Kwan.

TABLE TENNIS - A (Winter)

The competition was marred by numerous wet sports days with only 60% of games played. The team knocked out James Cook in the semi before facing giant-killing Canterbury in the final. Harley and Ben saw the team off to a flying start winning the 1/2 doubles but then Canterbury surged back to win the day 4-1.

Mr G Hughes
Coach

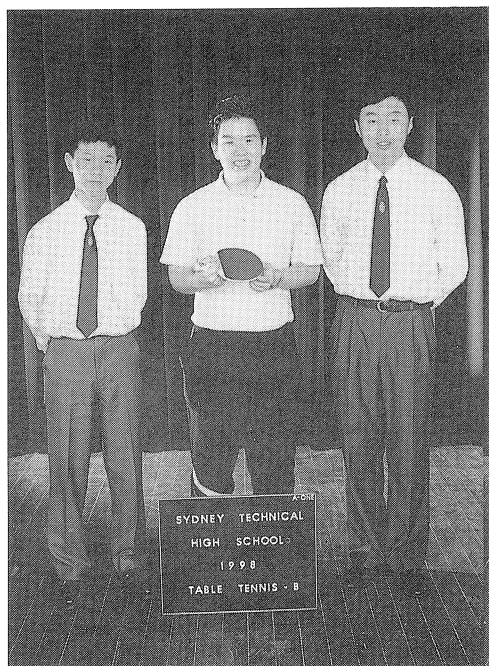


(L to R) N Vengurlekar, D He, H Peng, B Lam, S Chellappa.

TABLE TENNIS - B (Winter)

The team really enjoyed playing with numerous combinations of doubles partners tried out and some found wanting. Everybody played with a good spirit thus resulting in the Minor Premiership. Canterbury were the grand final opponents and despite some close games, Tech were defeated 4-0. Well done to all the players.

Mr G Hughes
Coach

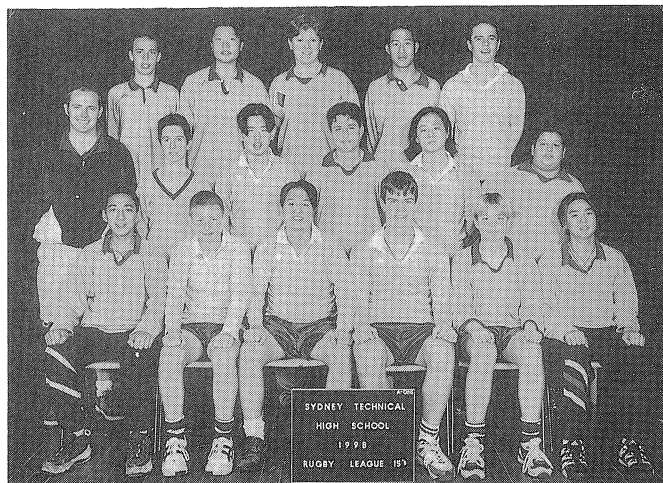


(L to R) J Lo, M Chang, W J Jiong.
Absent: N Lazarou, K Kundu.

RUGBY LEAGUE UNDER 15's

The 1998 season for the 15's Rugby League was one of encouragement and promise. The season started in fine style with an impressive win over Hurstville. However, after a series of wet weather and injuries, the team suffered a loss to James Cook and a narrow defeat to the highly fancied Canterbury Boys. Despite a draw with Hurstville the side unluckily missed the finals. The outstanding player was undoubtedly Ben Vinson with other good performances from captain Ben O'Rourke, Chris Huang and Joseph Choi. This season proved to be one of missed opportunities and the side looks forward to a more successful 1999.

Michael Hanna.



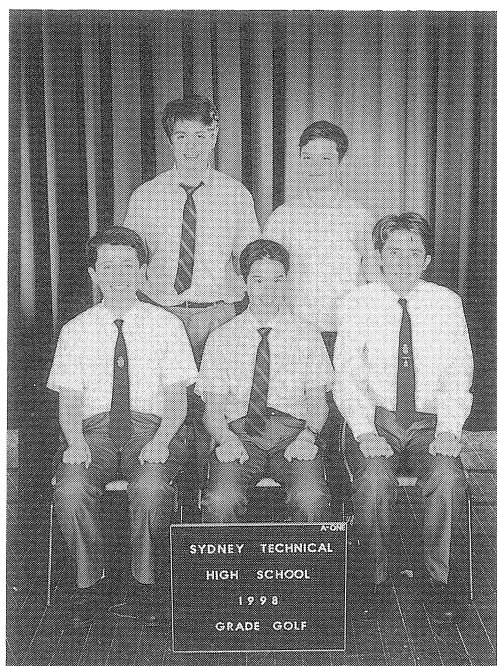
Front row (L to R) M Manzouri, J Davies, K Kim, B Johansson, D Micallef, J Lim.
2nd Row (L to R) M Ings, T Kim, M Hanna, J Choi, C Hope.
Back Row (L to R) B O'Rourke, G Leong, S Farlow, A Shukor, B Vinson.

OPEN GRADE GOLF

The Open Grade Golf Team of Cameron Gardiner (Yr11), Stuart Thickett (Yr11), Matthew Thompson (Yr10), Brian Henson (Yr8) and Kevin Bowen (Yr8) enjoyed a rewarding season reaching the final against James Cook (2) where they finished Runners-Up. The final was played at The Coast Golf Club over 18 holes.

All boys are to be congratulated for their efforts and their sportsmanship during the season.

Mr C Raptis
Coach



Front Row (L to R) S Thickett, B Henson, C Gardiner.
Back Row (L to R) M Thompson, K Bowen.

OPEN GRADE SOFTBALL

Open grade softball ran as a competitive sport for the first time this year. It replaced the open baseball competition and builds upon the strong tradition of softball teams in the junior school. Sydney Tech has consistently enjoyed an excellent record and reputation in this sport.

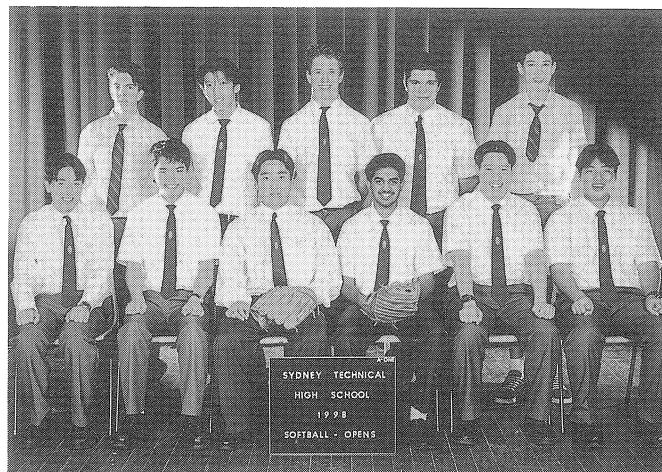
I approached the trials with some apprehension, unaware of the response senior softball would generate. My concerns were quickly allayed as I surveyed the enthusiastic group before me. One, two three.....ten. Yep, trial over and training could now begin. As I soon discovered though, the number who attended the trial belied the skill and enthusiasm these boys would bring to the sport.

Approximately half the team had some level of previous diamond sport experience and with a little training and a few games, were able to support the rapidly developing skills of the remaining team members. The boys comfortably won their first game and with but one exception, continued this trend throughout the season.

James Cook was our final's opponent and began well, hitting in four runs. Tech responded with three, but looked decidedly nervous early in the encounter. Confidence levels quickly rose as James Cook was held to a single run in the second innings, with accurate pitching and tight fielding reversing the opposition's momentum. Our second innings at bat started similarly to the first, but a seven run two-dead rally virtually sealed the fate of the game in Tech's favour; 14-7 the final score.

I would like to make special mention of team captain Michael Feening whose personable nature and leadership by example did much to secure success throughout the competition. Congratulations to all the boys on their team spirit and sportsmanship. A most deserving and commendable group of young men.

Mr P Owens- Coach



Front Row (L to R) H Yang, D Choo, J Lim, V Sastry, E Lin, J Uchiyama
Back Row (L to R) M Rochford, F Chau, M Feening, I Barannikow, M Meagher.

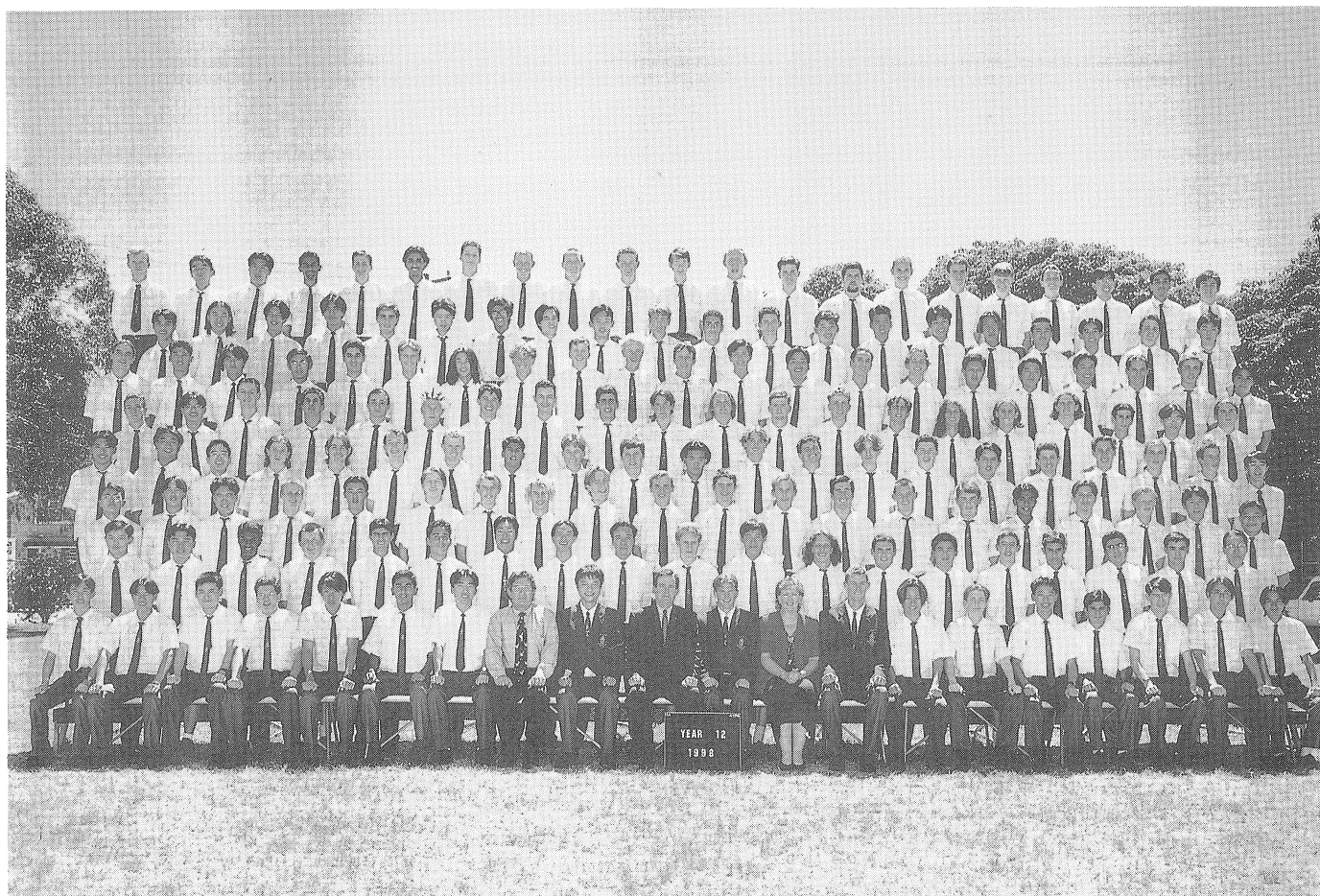
15A SOCCER

The 15A Soccer team had considerable success making it to the final which they lost to James Cook 6-1. The season itself was unfortunately marred with washed out games. In fact some schools we did not play until the final round. Overall, everybody put in their best performance and should be pleased with their runners up placing.

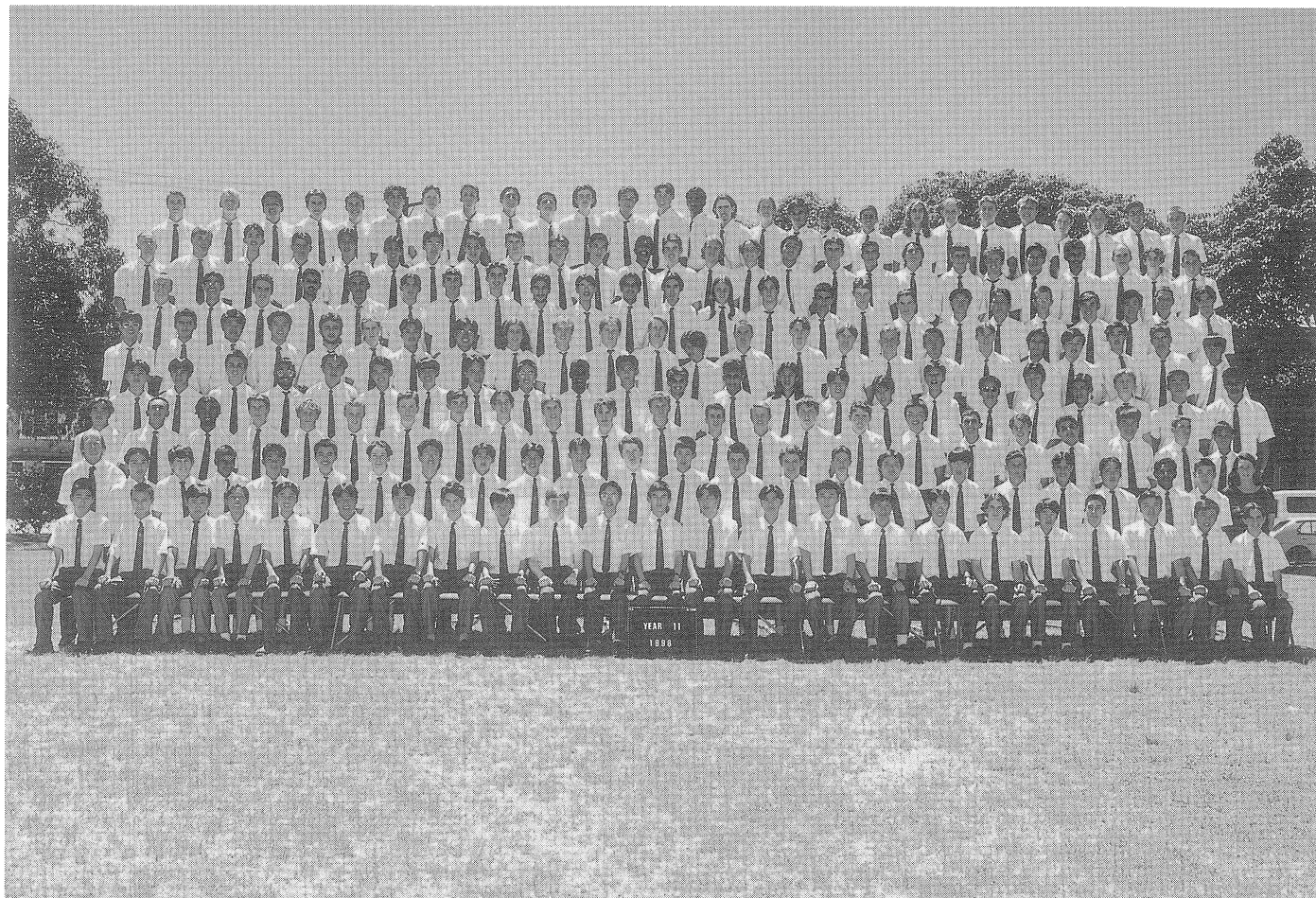
Mr V Popovich - Coach



Front Row (L to R) J Soctt, G Swainson, D Sleiman, A McBarron, D McLoughlin.
Back Row (L to R) W Leong, N Koovarjee, P Zoing, B Griffiths.
Absent: R Mitrevski, J Harrison, R Ramirez.

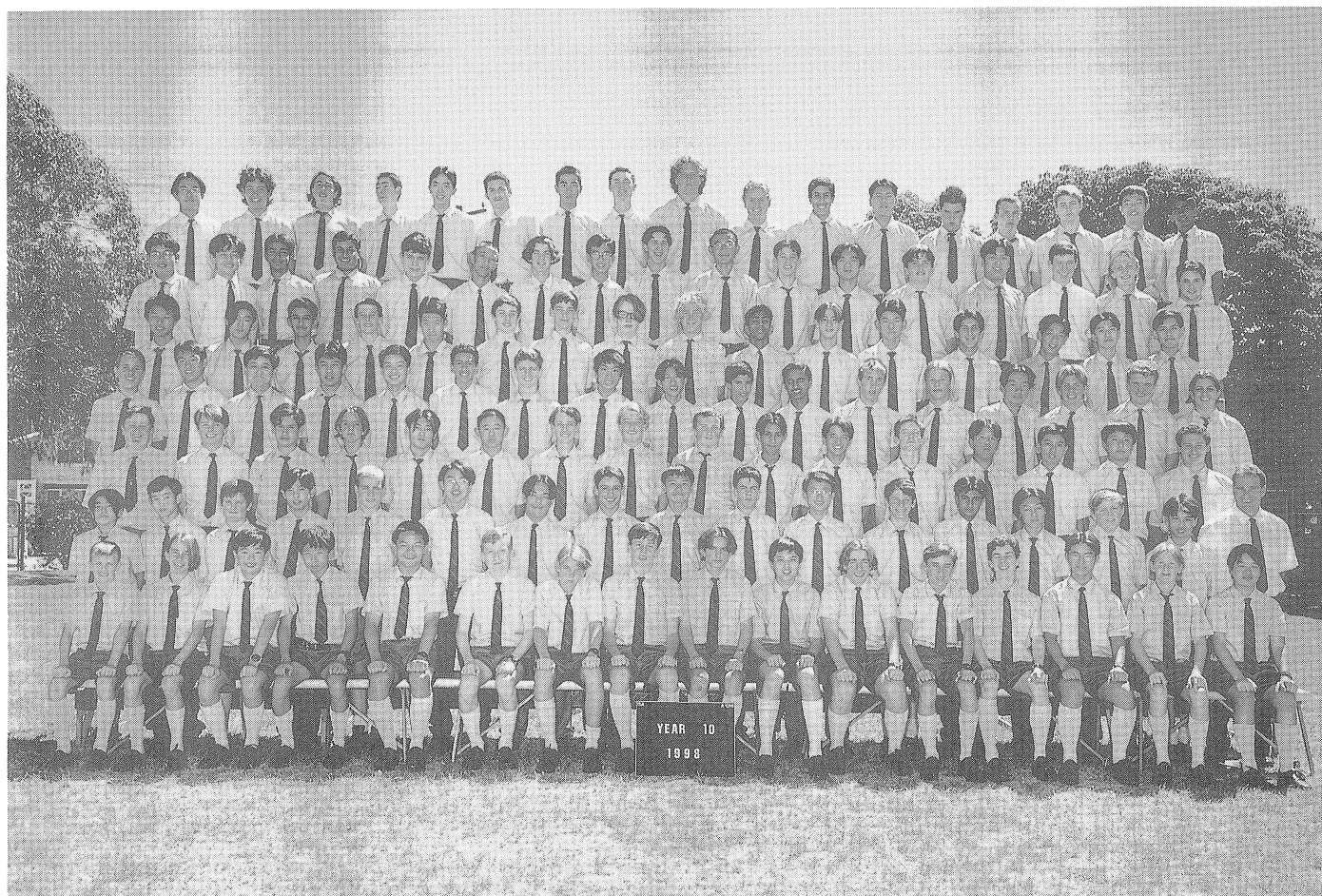


- 1st Row: J Cheung, W Ang, H Shih, G Pereira, W Yiu, A Kousik, T Sio, Mr D Towner (Year Adviser)
J Chan, Mr J Quill (Principal), M Whatman, Ms L Irvine (Deputy Principal), D Stone,
D Fung, J Tyler, R Kuo, A Tappoo, B Galloway, D Chan, K Liu.
- 2nd Row: W Chao, P Chung, R Rajagopal, D Ferguson, K Jordanoski, S Papadolias, E Yap, K Ong,
K Lam, M Hedges, D Trinh, A Siitonen, I Shrayer, F Lee, P Gatt, J Vengurlekar, A Thakkar,
G Harper, A Cheng.
- 3rd Row: C Huynh, E Quach, J Teh, C Smith, B Ng, R Hunt, N Parker, G Jacobs, J Furey, J Core,
M Stanbury, A Thyrd, B Wendelin, P Williams, N Campbell, A Abel, P De Gunst, R Woelms
S Siu, H Vong.
- 4th Row: J Lou, C Kim, D Chang, A Baran, J Hallihan, C Box, J Yeomans, A Das, D Cantor,
E Iwasenko, J Pham, L Gerkens, B Shirlaw, M Carpena, J Brooks, D Chan, J Smith,
J Karpouzis, J Matthews, G Egger, K Wong.
- 5th Row: J Tsougranis, D Siu, Z Kuzmanoski, T Georgievski, E Menegakis, J Parry, C Sutherland,
A Smith, C Moustakas, C Grimison, M Thomas, D Weekes, M Bradley, P Peters, S. Turner,
D O'Han, R Barker, M Sellars, M Liu, P Doenau.
- 6th Row: A Adamo, C Choi, D Tang, V Trinh, S Marigliano, P Cooper, D Nakayama, J Trezise,
M Murray, M Kelly, S Rees, V Ong, E Lee, S Vasilevski, D Katsanos, S Li, L Lee,
P Eammano, J Adamo, T Ross, K Lam.
- 7th Row: P Vu, D Lau, M Chow, A Kha, O Tlais, J Hwang, N Hussain, E Fong, H Widjaya,
N Vonhuben, C Papadolias, J Tsiklas, R Kam, J Halim, W Jong, H Lau, D Chung, J Lau,
T Fisher, M Leong.
- 8th Row: N Brown, Y Lu, M Kim, J David, P Artale, N Sritharan, S Vasta, M Nelson, B Thompson,
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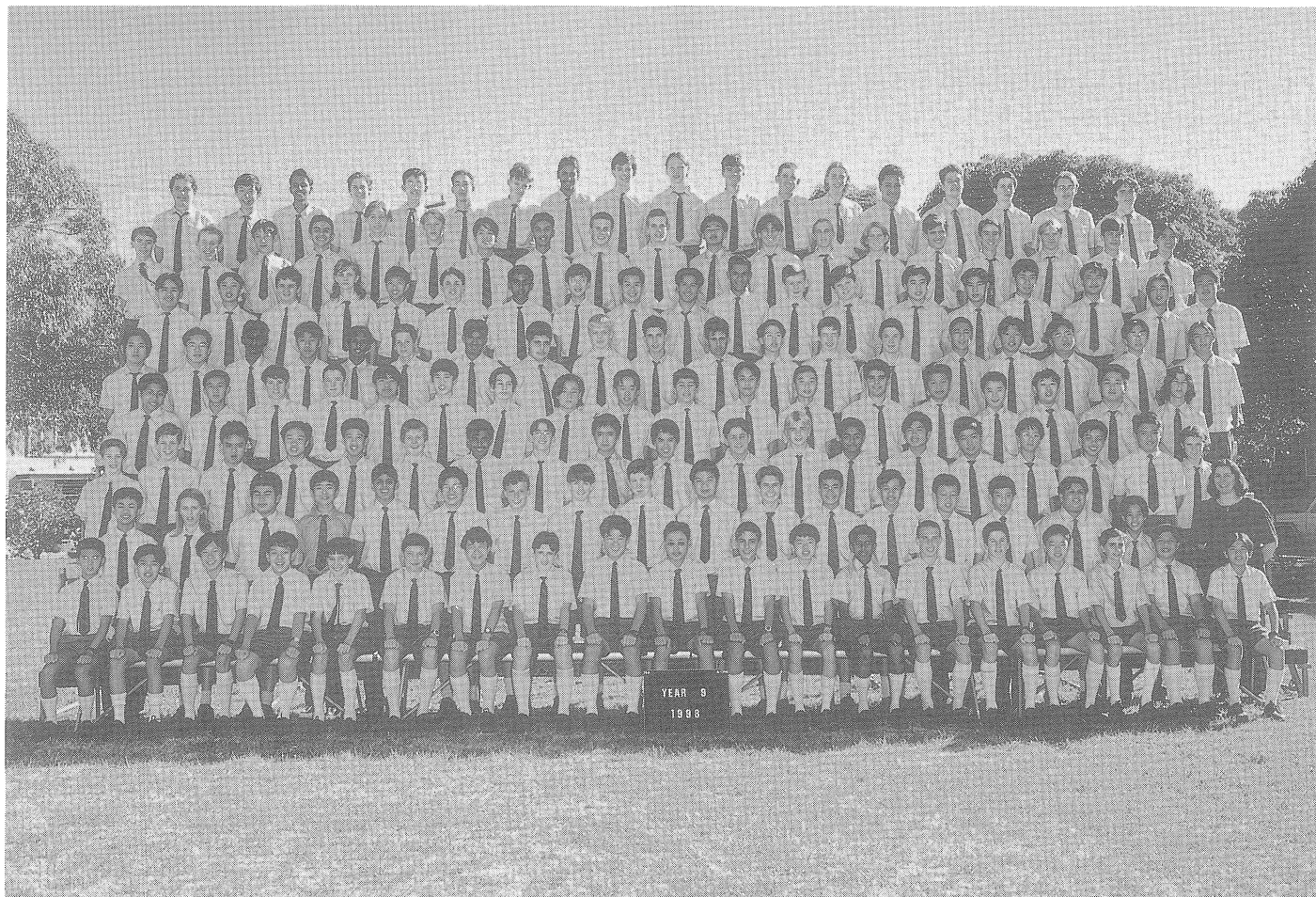
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- 2nd Row: Mr T Trotman (Year Adviser), I Wong, E Yaka, M Gupta, J Battung, T Tam, B Davis, S Song, C Chong, C Lumbewe, J Chung, S Thickett, S Wong, I Barannikow, R Aplin, J McInnes, B Lam, S Lim, A Lisle, J Galloway, J Lim, R Jeyanandarajah, J Lo, Ms J Davis (Year Adviser)
- 3rd Row: J Sutanto, B Marcos, A Hussain, B Kauffman, S Mournehis, I Van Den Berg, K Thomas, P Cermak, S Mano, M Head, P Harding, G King, P Oscuro, D Morton, A Ost, J Matthews, J Yee, A Labbad, C Harward, G Farah, J Zhang, A Paras, J Wu.
- 4th Row: A Woo, A Cembrano, B Reeves, K Kundu, J Nguyen, D Choo, T Lui, D Leong, J Chan, D Gurram, E Hui, V Sastry, D Karunaharan, E Dycueco, E Lin, F Chau, D Chung, K Wong, C Tran, T Huynh, L Ysebaert, K Wei, S Heimuli.
- 5th Row: H Hon, T Girgis, M Yee, A Wong, B Nikolov, N Slowiaczek, J Le, A Yick, S Hodge, M Dale, W Tegg, P Gould, P Fung, D Kell, D Plunkett, B Sutton, D Scamell, F Chan, C Gerrard, J Pham, W Jiang, P Tang, A Ferguson, L. Ong.
- 6th Row: A Pidgeon, W Sum, D Fisher, T Hassan, A Papadopoulos, S Trajkovski, P Mystriotis, D Papadopoulos, H Sadek, M Ho, C Gilhooly, M Lehmann, R Crawford, S Taylor, R Shakir, M Crynes, L Thomas, J Low, E Hall, B Jones, M Krajewski, S Theresia, S Gosarevski, N Gacom.
- 7th Row: G McCawley, A Steinhoff, N Tan, A Johnston, P Kang, T Bhindi, K Leung, P Chung, S Holm, G Vekiarellis, L Ng, J Yogaranpan, M Rossiter-Thornton, E Macbeth, A Vinson, D Kwan, P Baker, D Habib, J Theodoropoulos, D Psarakis, M Feening, K Chiu, N Chowdhury, J Neal, N Culkin, J Pearce.
- 8th Row: A Brugger, R Smith, L Van Mai, C Gardiner, A Ashton, J Shineberg, T Robinson, J Zacaropoulos, A Reynolds, Z Abbas, J Vella, D Williams, B Lynam, F Rahman, P Hindmarch, A Childs, H Leung, A Khouri, A Nasreddine, G Lysenko, R Campbell, D Waugh, J Pepping, A Reynolds, S Greenup, B Nourbehesht, L Van.
- Absent D Lawrance, Q Luu, M Stanbury, B Harris.

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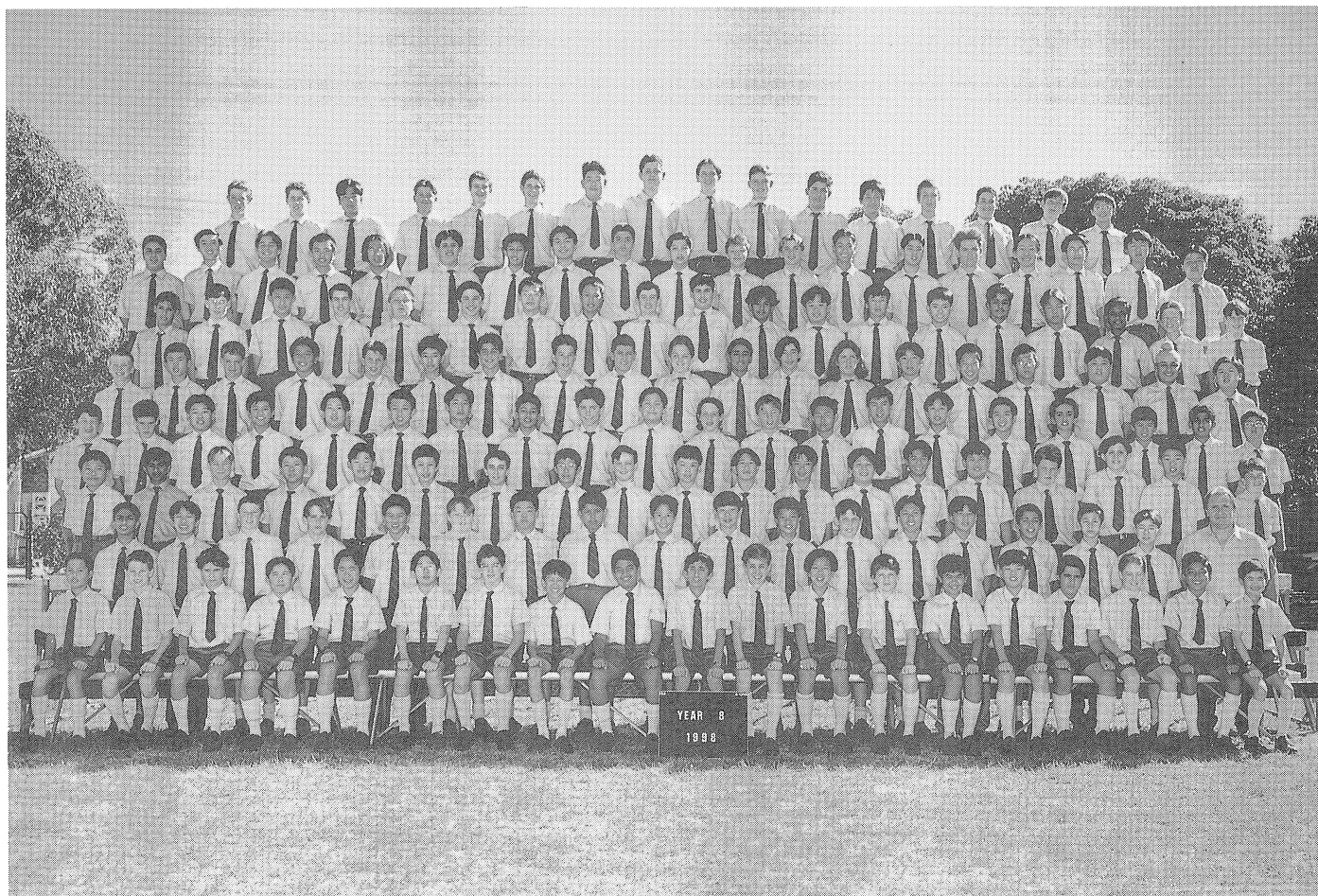
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- 2nd Row:** F Pak, B Kim, L Wells, H Choy, S Plotek, E Wong, S Nham, J Weate, H Cheng, M Rochford, C Cai, M Kasavetis, V Bhatt, J (Cy) Chan, A Skinner, D Ko, Mr P Graham (Year Adviser).
- 3rd Row:** J Mining, M Thompson, C Hartley, M Flanagan, B Chang, D Liu, K Chirkoff, D Bessell, S Hallahan, K Ansari, P Marshall, A Dawes, J Chan, S Cheung, D Bao, C Marsden.
- 4th Row:** S Wilson, J Chung-Gon, D Zhang, O Guan, J Son, T Karas, M Hedges, C Yuen, R Lim, R Gurjar, A Singh, D Coutts, P Kite, I Yu, B Giddings, A McGuigan, J Polyhron.
- 5th Row:** C Zheng, T Cho, S Aggarwal, M Wilson, G Cheung, K Hough, D Burgess, M Han, C Rhodes, D Pathmatheva, W Choi, H Kim, A Rose, H Nguyen, H Kim, K Ip.
- 6th Row:** G Li, B Yau, S Ansari, P Kamalakkannan, S John, A Ha, N Brooker, J Pang, R Browning, E Gan, M Meagher, B Tan, N Ralston, H Fan, S Brown, D Furey, A Kalogeropoulos.
- 7th Row:** M Tsang, A Montgomery, S Braun, B Ahrens, A Ip, S Kobayssi, M thach, J Eggins, D Brett, J Drinkwater, G Hanna, C Huang, B McKenzie, J Hopkins, R Krix, B Lee, S Murugesan.
- Absent:** S Byrnes, S Gupta, M Humphries

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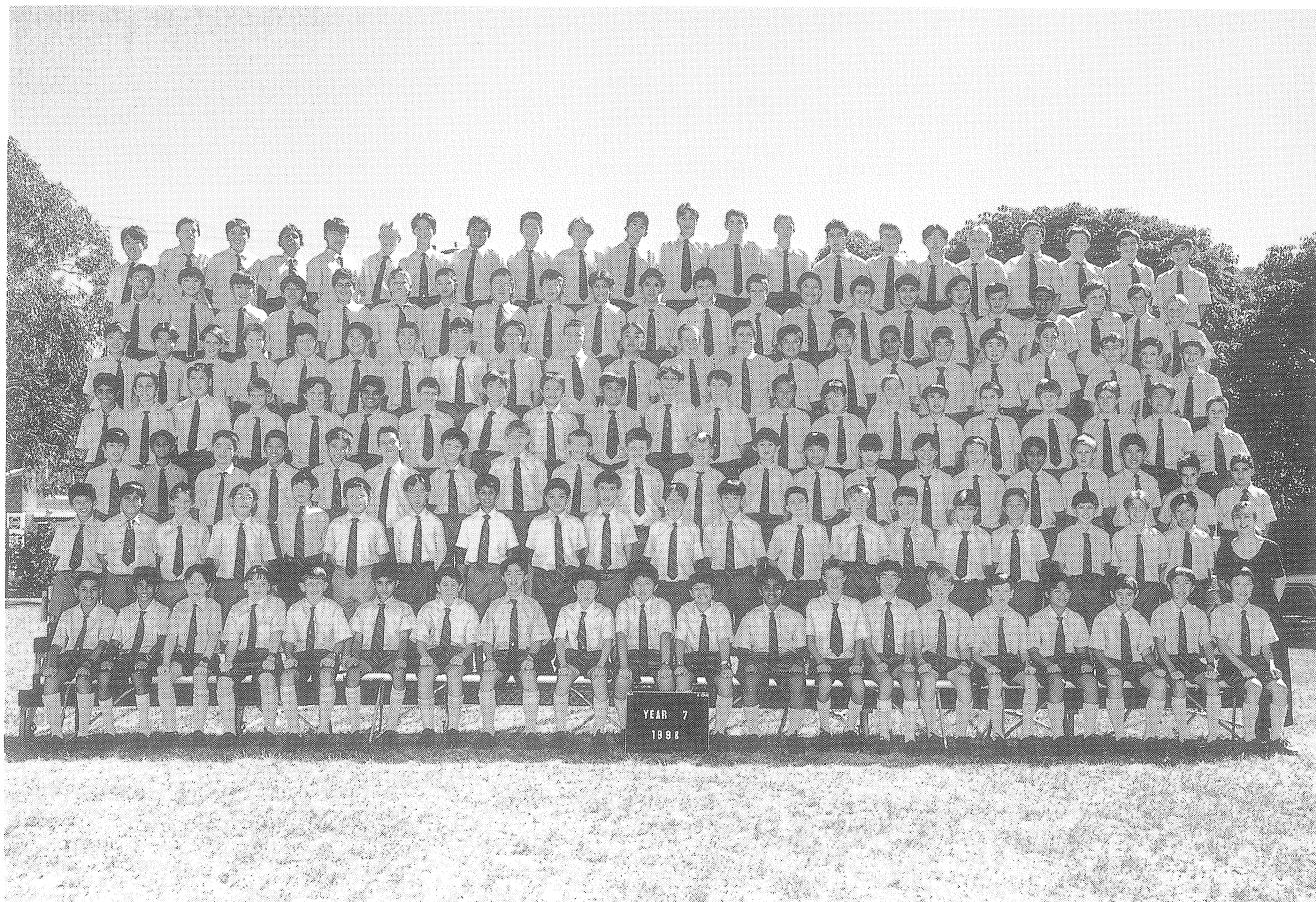
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- 2nd Row: V Luu, J Toth, A Phan, R Yin, T Sathe, M Pham, S O'Keefe, C Cukljek, G Comerford, C Wang, C Geras, I Pang, A Soo, L Jiang, C Thoo, C Hope, D Dinh, Ms. T Blake (Year Adviser).
- 3rd Row: C Howes, T Cooper, R Ho, A Chan, S Ma, J Grimshaw, D Abeynarayana, G Swainson, E Ngo, T Cheng, M Hanna, M Papadopoulos, T Rahman, J Ang, A Huang, S Mak, A Jean, A Tiong, J Scott.
- 4th Row: R Ong, M Tran, G Ross, J Burg, D Loh, M Chu, R Ramirez, J Choi, P Nam, M Costa, D Yang, Q Chan, D Sleiman, M Zheng, Y Chen, C Choi, T Chung, G Creighton.
- 5th Row: T Kim, K Wong, R Rajalingam, J Au, T Pather, A Culbert, N Parshottam, C Papadopoulos, D Micallef, E Pavlakos, I Alam, E Li, A McBarron, H Shepherd, M Manzouri, G Leong, N Tran, H Oka, J Lim.
- 6th Row: M Nguyen, C Kwok, D Try, D Wallace, W Leong, R Mitrevski, S Krishnamoorthy, W Chen, M Chang, H To, P Zoing, J Davies, S Farlow, M Sun, E Ng, P Tsai, A Liu, J Wu, W. Chan.
- 7th Row: M Croughton, R Syme, J Hee-Song, N Lazarou, A Bastow, J Harrison, K Kim, A Baijan, B North, A Hadley, B Wu, M Lutkajtis, B Griffiths, A White, P Chappelow, L Dale, P. Cassidy, P Tzanis, D. Vo,
- 8th Row: M Edwards, C Wang, N Sharma, P Marlow, H Peng, A Shukor, A Bongers, N Koovarjee, S Roberts, T Jattke, B Johansson, S Toms, M Smith, A Laungaue, G Sarris, V Grujic, M Splittgerber, B Vinson.
- Absent: M Friedewald, C Lau.

Year 8



- 1st Row:** J Mok, J Hoarau, S Johnson, A Conceicao, B Hung, B Xu, T Hunt, K Ma, P Narayan, A Phatak, M Fowler, J Chan, L Rossiter, J Ming, T Jung, L Tratras, D Bakunowicz, G Castillo, S Koh.
- 2nd Row:** M Gerges, J Zhang, D Corbin, T Byrne, D Kwok, T Clifton-Everest, L Hwang, A Chakraborty, R Yeung, K Fong, S Tan, A Rees, D Ta, S Chun, A Morton, H Yuan, D Chee, Mr C Raptis (Year Adviser).
- 3rd Row:** I Chik, J Thoguluva, H Sangster, M Lam, M Kim, S Leung, J Edwards, T Chowdhury, K Bowen, A Chan, L Toh, Q Nguyen, K Cheung, J Do, E Koh, J Cook, J Eves, D Dang, D Samra.
- 4th Row:** B Patterson, B Kolodziej, V Tjong, J Ang, K Xue, J Wu, F Lau, A Bari, M Marroquin-Harris, D Ho, A Wright, P Levy, G Pang, M Cheung, M Tai, Y Teoh, N Kalaitidis, I Teo, S Nadimpalli, Y Huang.
- 5th Row:** T Thornborough, K Hau, T Dickson, T Ly, S Clark, P Zheng, P Kailis, B Henson, G Erisir, A Byrne, S Chellappa, D Yee, T Sghabi, V Le, J Fan, Q Tse, C Tang, J Singh, D. Ng.
- 6th Row:** S Lohmann, M Whitty, Z Ni, J Fowler, A Gauja, L Rogovoy, R Cheng, D Nguyen, B Ikin, L Mixios, P Murthy, H Yau, J Lee, R Tang, U Rauf, L Puang, M Zaman, R Watson, D Webster.
- 7th Row:** M Hanna, M Yan, M Williams, A Chen, T Chan, A Meola, D Dang, C Lin, A Yazbeck, P Bui, L Mikhailov, T Reid, E Jo, A Lee, J Stafford, B Hu, Y Jin, S Zeng, K Mew.
- 8th Row:** M Thompson, B Lewis, B Chan, A Low, M Tripodi, D Kilroy, S Yang, D De Abreu, M Simpson, A Beaven, G Pavlakos, N Wong, D McKenzie, R Perri, J Ambery, E Lee.
- Absent -** A Levinsky, D Samra.

Year 7



- 1st Row:** M Haque, S Saha, A Randall, A Doenau, Y Mavros, N Vengurlekar, B Green, O Quach, B Wong, J Yuan, J Wu, D Rohan, T Petrie, B Lau, C Dickson, R Ikin, T Nguyen, E Connerton, E Ho, J Chen.
- 2nd Row:** T Tan, S Kumar, S Watson, W Ang, B Tan, J Pang, D Chan, A Philip, P Phung, I Wong, J Hilberts, J Park, C Marciniak, A Phillips, J Wong, M Burness, C Mui, M Townsley, J Watson, B Sjahalam, Ms J Haitidis (Year Adviser).
- 3rd Row:** W Le, S Rajan, S Wang, K Kamoshida, G Young, G Andrianakos, Y Huang, H Westlake, W Godfrey, M Reid, A Dunkerley, J Ma, J Jang, T Lin, Y Lee, A Errington, P Surindrawarige, D Shute, R Lee, S Gimenez, A Youssef.
- 4th Row:** S Mahajan, G Lazarou, J Lim, A Vonhethoff, K Greenwood, R Ghosh, A Waters, K Wong, J Zhang, R Wong, N Namini, V Elissavettchenko, B Ong, S Zhang, A MacAskill, T Hau, S Pugliese, S Donohue, D Jones, J Oka, T Birkett.
- 5th Row:** A Chan, M Gan, C Williams, D Burdon, O Chiu, T Lim, M Wilson, P Hudson, A Haken, A Capuzza, A Lee, N Hodges, C Salib, M Chen, J Fung, V Kavattur, N Tan, M Ho, Z Bazzi, A Zubic, R Sollazzo, A Lee.
- 6th Row:** E Tran, P Xing, J Sze, L Li, S Fanous, D Leso, D Ma, C Ang, J Chew, S Gurjar, S Wong, T Reeks, B Taylor, T Wang, G Simsek, N Khaled, A Yong, J McComb, M Sharma, W Turner, M Georgeson, M Popplewell.
- 7th Row:** S Lee, A Micallef, R Doyle, J Gorrepati, W Suh, S Landon-Jones, J Luo, S Pasupathy, D Wang, J Marquet, D Hong, M Salece, C Sergeant, C Bickerton, S Volonakis, P Diakonikolis, J Gong, B Smith, J Myint, B Goodsell, S Janssen, M Wong.
- Absent:** T Russell, M Taylor, G Young

IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

YEAR TWELVE

R Barker	W Simmonds (G/Father)	1935 - 37
D Porter	D Noble (G/Father)	1935 - 36
J Yeomans	L Yeomans	1960 - 65

YEAR ELEVEN

M Dale	R Dale	1963 - 66
S Hodge	R Hodge	1964 - 69
L Thomas	H Marshall (G/Father)	1938 - 39

YEAR TEN

B Jones	H Jones	1964 - 69
P Kite	M Kite	1963 - 68
C Porter	D Noble	1935 - 36
N Ralston	B Ralston	1965 - 70

YEAR NINE

P Cassidy	C Cassidy	1969 - 74
T Cooper	B Cooper	1966 - 71
L Dale	R Dale	1963 - 66

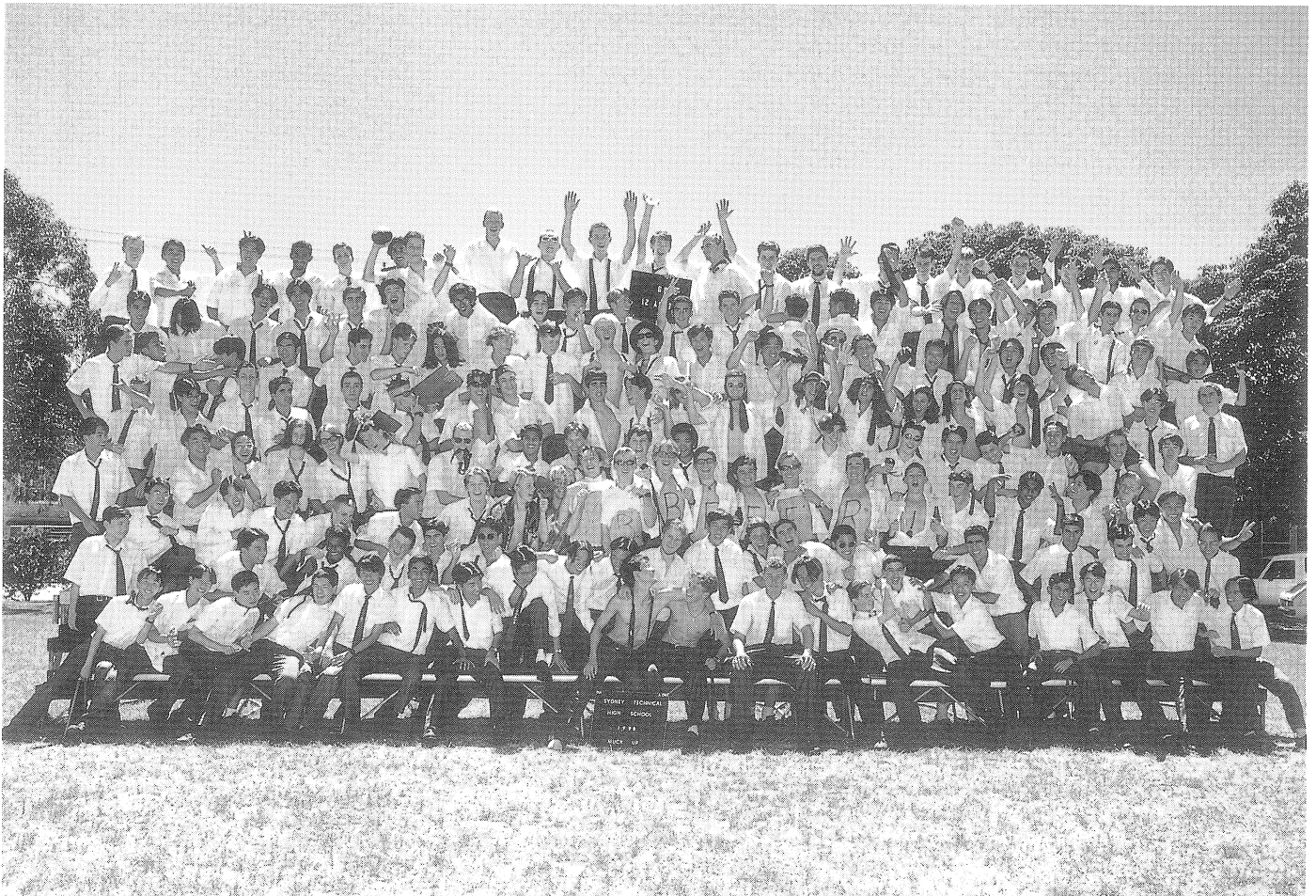
YEAR EIGHT

J Edwards	J Edwards	1964 - 67
S Koh	K B Koh	1975 - 76
A Low	M Low	1963 - 66
	D Garske (G/Father)	1939 - 43

YEAR SEVEN

K Dickson	B Dickson	1969 - 74
	D Dickson (G/Father)	1941 - 42
	F Emms (G/Father)	1926 - ?
K Greenwood	W Greenwood	1970 - 75
T Reeks	G Reeks	1968 - 73
A Vonthehoff	M Wilmot	1931 - 32
A Phillips	W Phillips	1955 - 59
J McComb	L McComb	1958 - 63

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