# SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



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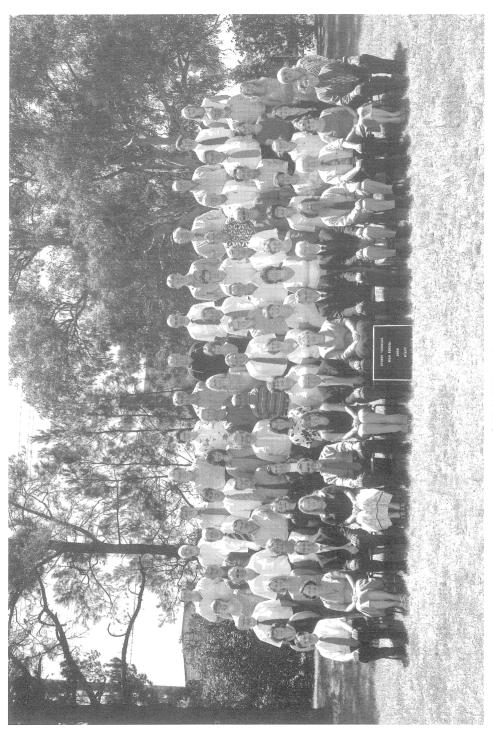
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Year 10 - T Blake

Year 8 – N Melvin

Year 11 - N Stokes Year 12 - P Abson

Year 9 - P Graham



### Special Prizes for 2005

**Turner Prize** Wykeham Prize Caltex Best All Rounder Award for 2005 Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment Principal's Prize for Senior Leadership Principal's Prize for Junior Leadership Deputy Principals' Prize for Contribution to School Life (Senior) Deputy Principals' Prize for Contribution to School Life (Junior) Rockdale Mayoral Senior Prize Rockdale Mavoral Junior Prize Public Speaking Champion Senior Public Speaking Champion Year 10 Public Speaking Champion Year 9 Public Speaking Champion Year 8 Public Speaking Champion Year 7 The Jelks Scholarships for Musical Performance

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 Norman Harding Prize for Senior Artmaking The 2005 Sydney Technical High School Creative Scholar (Endowed by Prof. M Khadra) RACI Chemistry Plaque for Excellence Academic Medal for Physics and Chemistry

Ann Stanford Science Research Medal

Daniel Fernandes Mitchell Lee Peter Xie Justin Penafiel Imteaz Ahamed John Chalouhi Julian Ngo

#### Aaron Ngan

Harry Xiao James Diment Imteaz Ahamed Wayne Aguiar Matthew Day Laltaksh Wangoo Max Kiefel Jason Smith Daniel Kim Timothy Duona Sebastian Zentilomo Jason Smith Dean Kaladelfos Elliot Vontethoff Paul Wallace Julian Ngo

Kim Zhou Kim Zhou Kurt Forrester



#### YEAR 12

H Brown Prize for Dux of School

2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 12

3<sup>rd</sup> In Year 12

Roy Stanhope University Scholarship
George Keys Prize for English Extension 2
English Extension 1 Prize
English 2 Unit Advanced Prize
English 2 Unit Standard Prize
Norman Marks Prize for Chemistry
William Pillans Prize for Biology Chri
Stanhope Prize for Physics
Visual Arts Prize
Music Course 1 Prize

Music Course 2 Prize

Music Extension Prize

Leo McKern Memorial Drama Prize OBU Prize for Mathematics Extension 2 Kostia Lubarsky Harry Xiao Joe Jin Simon Chiu William Chen Peter Pavlakis Peter Pavlakis Jonathon Hua Kim Zhou stopher Wu Kim Zhou Joe Jin Samuel Burtt aeq Joshua Scott aeg Julian Ngo aeq Andrew Wibawa aeg Julian Ngo aeg Andrew Wibawa aeg Steven Zographakis Anthony Hough aea Kostia Lubarsky aeg Harry Xiao aeq



#### Year 12 Prizes Continued

Mathematics Extension 1 Prize Mathematics 2 Unit Prize

George Keys Prize for Modern History

**Ancient History Prize** 

Extension History Prize Engineering Studies Prize Design and Technology Prize

Software Design and Development Prize Information Processes & Technology Prize Rupert Markham Prize for French Continuers

Prize for German Beginners

Prize for German Continuers Japanese Continuers Prize Japanese Extension Prize

Cyril Lake Prize for Economics OBU Prize for Geography Business Studies Prize

Owen Hodge Lawyers Legal Studies Prize

Studies of Religion 1 Unit
Maxwell Howell Prize for Senior PD/H/PE

Peter Mikhail
Hua Huang
Kostia Lubarsky
Luke Hamblen aeq
Terence Kwong aeq
Padraic Wood
Kim Zhou
Tom Wheeler
Michael Rose
Edmund Li
David Otto

Daniel Fernandes aeq Dean Kaladelfos aeq

Joshua Scott
Petros Darnakis
Bryan Dai aeq
Petros Darnakis aeq
Kostia Lubarsky
Elliot Vonthethoff
Gregory Psarakis aeq
Karthik Venkatesh aeq
Hua Huang aeq

Steven Zographakis aeq

Scott Robertson Padraic Wood



#### School Medallion Winners

Richard Chung, Daniel Fernandes, Anthony Hough, Sameer Karve, Kostia Lubarsky, Stephen Mak, Peter Pavlakis, Justin Penafiel,

Bennett Piamchaliaw, Greg Psarakis, Nicholas Ps omas, Nathan Quan, Edmund Tse, Elliot Vonthethoff, Christopher Wu, Timothy Wu, Winston Yang, Ming Yuen, Kim Zhou, Steven Zographakis

#### YEAR 11

Edward Lee Memorial Prize for Dux of Year 11 Eugene Kamenka Prize for Advanced English English Extension 1 Prize

Chemistry Prize Physics Prize Biology Prize

Mathematics Extension 1 Prize Mathematics 2 Unit Prize Economics Prize

Business Studies Prize

Tom Kistle Modern History Prize Helen Emanuele Ancient History Prize

Personal Development/Health/PE Prize Kwan Hee Lee Prize for Engineering Studies

French Continuers Prize
Japanese Continuers Prize

Visual Arts Prize Music Course 1Prize Music Course 2 Prize Drama Prize

Owen Hodge Lawyers Legal Studies Prize

Design and Technology Prize

Software Design and Development Prize Information Processes & Technology Prize

Information Technology Prize

Photography Prize Psychology Prize Wilson Fung
James Chen
Stephen Tan aeq
James Ward aeq
Ying Chan
Imran Haque
Timothy Yip
Ying Yeung Chan
Ezra James
Khusheev Singh
Nathan Low
Imran Haque
James Ward aeq

James Ward aeq Christopher Nillsen aeq Alexander Stamenkovic Kurt Forrester

Antoine Rosse
Yuto Nakayama
Leon Tam
Andrew Murray
Nicholas Cassim
Craig Mattern
Rahul Sardana
Thomas Keeley-Reid
Andrew Lilley
Samuel Guirgis
Henry Ngo
Timothy Duong
Mohammed Aftab

















#### School Medallion Winners

Cameron Bell, Kenrick Blaker, Timothy Duong (2 medallions), Sam Guirguis, Imran Haque, Scott Janssen, Nathan Low, Craig Mattern, Andrew Murray, Minh Phan, Scott Robertson, Shiv Sivakumar, Jason Smith, James Ward

#### YEAR 10

University of Sydney Prize for Academic Achievement and Dux of Year 10 Pok Fai Wong UTS Sydney Faculty of Engineering Prize Gregory Chin Yasutoshi Park Japanese Prize German Prize Jacob Todd Visual Arts Prize Pok Fai Wong Drama Prize Jacob Todd Music Prize Johnson Nguyen PD/Health/PE Prize Mitchell Lee Adrien Lalchere **Human Movement Prize** Pok Fai Wong J W Farley Prize for English Science Prize Pok Fai Wong Mathematics Prize Pok Fai Wong

A Jenkins Memorial Prize for Most Improved in

Mathematics Commerce Prize Geography Prize

J W Farley Prize for Australian History

World History Prize
Technics Wood Prize
Technics Electronics Prize
Technical Drawing Prize
Technics Metal Prize
Computer Studies Prize
ASI Prize (Computing)

McKern Prize for Excellence in Technical Drawing Schlenker Prize for Excellence in Industrial Arts Chaoyang Zeng
Bijoy Joseph
Bijoy Joseph
Mohammad Iqbal
Mitchell Lee
Anthony Waters
Edmund Li
Sunny Jong
Jacky Li
Tim James
Chetan Koniki
Jaryd Carolin

Wayne Aguiar

Acharya Barathan Samuel Heath

School Medallion Winners

Jaryd Carolin, Sunny Jong, Bijoy Joseph, Alan Lam, Aaron Ngan

#### YEAR 9

Arthur Buchan Prize for Dux of Year 9 English Prize Science Prize Mathematics Prize

Visual Arts Prize Music Prize Drama Prize PD/PE/Health Prize Human Movement Prize

Geography Prize
Commerce Prize
Australian History Prize
World History Prize
Industrial Technology Timber Prize
Industrial Technology Metal Prize
Industrial Technology Electronics Prize
Graphics Technology Prize
Information and Software Technology Prize
French Prize
Japanese Prize

Paul Cheung Liem Dang aeq Kian Hoe Ng aeg Jimmy He Desmond Tan Francis Zhou Robert D'Angelo Bruce Yeung aeq Daniel Yeung aeq Acharya Barathan Andrew Ta Acharya Barathan Adam Christie Marcus Low Christopher Stebbings Allan Almeida Desmond Tan Abraham Kazzaz Francis Zhou Edward Son

#### School Medallion Winners

Acharya Barathan, Dominic Cheung, Adam Christie, Jimmy He, Sam Heath, Anosh Sivashanmugarajah, Desmond Tan, Daniel Yeung, Francis Zhou

#### YEAR 8 2005

PARENTS & CITIZENS PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

#### YEAR 7 2005

PARENTS & CITIZENS PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



#### 8 Howel

Paul Hammell Jesse Hanna James Kirkpatrick Ivan Lee Antoine Rosse

#### 7 Sydney

Daniel Cung Samuel Gill Kenneth Lam Timothy Murray Rick Trinh



#### 8 James

Edward Li Sherwin Li Haris Mustafa Brian So Vincent Tran

#### 7 Technical

Qingyuan Han Nicholas Rokkas Sin Ho Tam Tony Truong



Chun Wong



#### 8 Konrads

Alex Gurman Andrew Lai Eric Pan Brian Ta Laltaksh Wangoo

#### 7 Ultimo

Arsany Attia Kai-Jun Cheah Wei Fang Nicholas Funai Alexander Lazarou Edwin Zhang



#### 8 McKern

**Robert Anderson** Mitchell Brown John Le Noel Mason Rajan Rehan

#### 7 Paddington

William Chau **Lewis Cowper** Neil Sura



Kyphong Nguyen Matthew Nguyen



#### 8.Smith

Antu Adhikari Saad Bin-Kalam Austin Ko Peter Nguyen Harmeet Singh

#### 7 Bexley

Aaron Abundo Henry Chen Joseph O'Gara Brett Power Anubhay Verma









#### **SPEECH NIGHT**

Speech night celebrates the achievements of our students and gives parents and staff the opportunity to applaud outstanding effort and scholarship. On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2006 we welcomed Dr John Morrison, Tech Graduate 1948, former High School Principal and current Tech official historian, who gave the address and presented special prizes.



The school congratulated Year 12 on their success in the HSC and noted in particular Kostia Lubarsky (pictured at left), Dux of the school, who scored a UAI of 100. Kostia was followed closely by Harry Xiao, second in year 12 and Joe Jin, third in year 12.

A remarkable 11 students scored over 99 and 92 students achieved a UAI in excess of 90. Congratulations to all students on their academic success.

Prizes on the night were presented by a number of special guests.

Dr William Porges, Principal St Andrews College, University of Sydney Professor Guang Hong, University of Technology, Sydney Councillor Awada, Rockdale City Council Kathy Andrianakos, President Parents and Citizens Association 2005 Sharon Keevers, President Music Support Group 2005 Daniel Fernandes, School Captain 2005

#### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISIT**

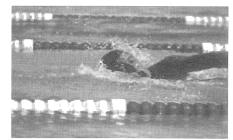
Late in term three we were visited by our Regional Director Dr Phil Lambert and School Education Director Di Barry. Both left the school very favourably impressed with the quality of our boys.



(L-R) Dr Phil Lambert (Sydney Region Director), Greg McNaught (R/Principal), Dianne Barry (School Education Director)



## SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND



The students and staff of Sydney Technical High School wish to thank all those who have donated to our school Building Fund for the repair and restoration of the swimming pool. In particular we would like to recognize the following:

	Swimmer level	\$130.00 +
Anonymous Ms T Chau	Family of student Yr 8 Benjamin Chau Yr 10	

Trainer level	\$250.00 +	

High diver level	\$500.00

	Squad leader level	\$750.00 <b>+</b>
Anonymous	Family of student Yr 9	

## **CELEBRATING MILESTONES 1956-2006**

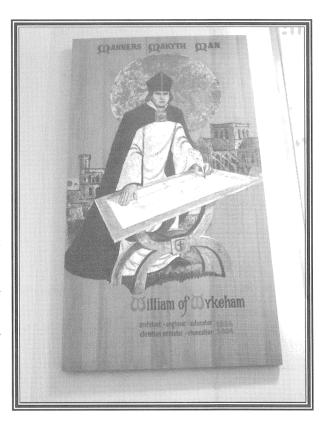
The school recognises the importance of maintaining connections with past students and celebrating the history of the school stretching back to 1911. Ex-students are excellent role models for our current students and the school's history is further enriched. In recent years we have played an active role in old boys' functions, attending annual reunions and inviting many ex-students to official school functions.

The year 2006 marks fifty years of Sydney Technical High School on this site at Bexley. It has been a year of celebration and recognition of the progress of the school as a lighthouse of academic excellence in public education. The first task was to re-organise the archives so that photos and information could be found easily. Ms Reilly and Mr Heath led a team of year nine students in transforming the mass of information into a user-friendly historical collection, accessible by students and ex-students.

#### The Permanent Collections

The permanent collections on display have been expanded so that there are now five: the Ultimo 1911-1925 Collection, the Paddington 1926-1956 Collection, the Bexley Foundations 1956-1962 Collection, the new Bexley 1960s Collection of student life at Tech High and the Hall of Fame now expanded to sixteen photos of successful old boys. This year we added Dr John Morrison (1948, education), Dr Clinton Free (1993, Rhodes scholar, business), Prof Philip Sullivan (1954, aeronautics), Prof Michael Brisk (1955, engineering), Dave Rogers (1960, Air Vice-Marshal) and John Charter (1953, musician). In addition, there are now three staff collections in the common room: the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, three photos of staff in 1914, 1934 and 1951, and the staff since 1990. The gym foyer has two Roll of Honour boards so two photos of the Air Corps and Empire Day have been placed near them. All these help to show students, staff, parents and visitors the great traditions of our school.

After many years absence the painting of William of Wykham has been rehung in the stairwell of A block so that the school community can be reminded of the origins of the motto that "Manners Makyth Man". The house shields have been attached to the walls of the gym, along with the house flags. Year twelve have donated a house score board which has been placed in the A block foyer.



#### Reunions

Three reunions were held during 2006. The first year class of 1956 (Leaving 1960) held their fiftieth reunion in February in the common room and donated the third HSC honour board which is now located in the A block foyer. The leaving class of 1956 also held their fiftieth reunion at the Bowlers Club of N.S.W. in November. They were the largest year group represented at the September anniversary celebrations at the school. The leaving class of 1946 held their sixtieth reunion in July at the Mandarin Club, attended by thirty old boys aged 75-76. The 1946 school captain attended from Chicago and then came out to visit the school. Sam Dando, Deputy Principal, represented the school at the function and addressed the group on "Your school - still in good hands". The class of 1955 also had their fiftieth celebration last November.



#### **Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations**

At the fiftieth anniversary celebration at the school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, over one hundred visiting old boys were impressed with the visible representation of the history of their school. The History Faculty and year 9 students, assisted by many staff, prepared an impressive exhibition in the gymnasium of many aspects of school life since 1956. The student assembly in the morning and the old boys' assembly in the afternoon viewed a presentation of highlights of the school then and now, along with addresses by the school captain 1956 Les Baker and the school captain 2006 Andrew Lilley. It was another opportunity for our visitors to hear our concert band and sing the school song with gusto.



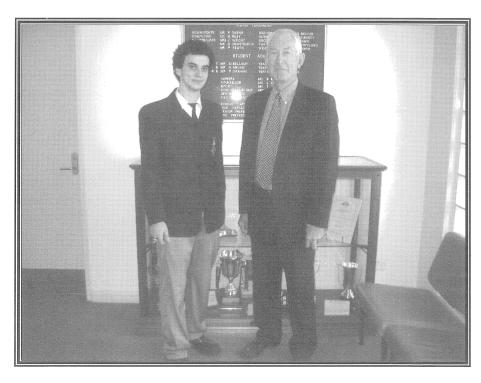


#### Website

This significant year also gave opportunity the reconstruct the school website with more detailed, useful information and many more recent photos. The feedback has been that it is impressive and perhaps one of the best selective high school sites there is. There are two main sections accessible from the front page: the school site and the old boys' site. Both sections are maintained by school staff (Mr Riley, Mrs Brown and Mr Dando) and the webmaster.

The website can be found at www.sths.nsw.edu.au

Sam Dando Deputy Principal

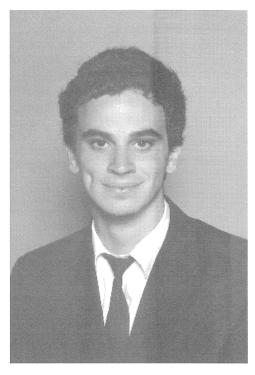


#### **SCHOOL CAPTAIN**

As Year 12 prepares to depart the school, we are greeted with the same nostalgic pensiveness of those before us. The ethos of Tech is grounded in the privilege of being part of a body of students drawn from diverse cultural and social backgrounds, united in ability and ambition to achieve across all areas. Our fondness of it emanates from the unique atmosphere of its daily life, with its good-humoured attitudes and a glowing school spirit shared among students and teachers alike.

To those with the familiar comforts of school days still to come, use your surroundings to your utmost advantage. Enjoy the well-rounded school life the school has to offer, extend its traditions and uphold its culture. The benefits you gain will surpass the school's short term academic benefits and will provide you with a willingness to broaden your experiences, an ability to mingle and relate with a diverse range of people and attitudes, and a disposition to approach your encounters in life with a Tech humour and motto.

The departing Year 12 cohort had the privilege of celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school at the Bexley site. However we soon realised one could argue that very little has changed by this date. The same values of the school have crossed both generation and location, producing socially responsible, self-aware, good humoured and educated young men. In 1956, a message was left from one of the departing old boys:



"You must not relax because of these advantages. In one respect in particular, your new school remains different from other new schools. You do not have to build up prestige and tradition; they were built up for you by past students at the "Old Tech" at Paddington. So regardless of the glamour attached to your new buildings, you must not rest on your laurels, but strive to uphold established traditions."

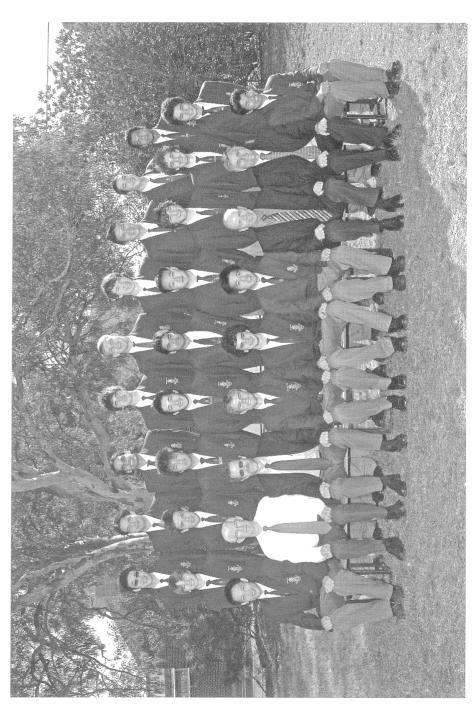
At the very least, we can be assured that while the "glamour" of the buildings may have faded, the ethos of its students has not.

Sydney Tech, we wish you both a Happy Birthday and a very fond farewell.

#### Andrew Lilley



Time has passed, the trees have grown..but the values at STHS are still the same



Front Row: (L to R) I Wu, Mr G McLean (Prefects Master), Mr P Heath (Relieving Deputy Principal), S Robertson (Vice Captain), A Lilley (Captain), S Tan, Mr G McNaught (Relieving Principal), Mr S Dando (Deputy Principal), B Joseph 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: (L to R) J Todd, N Cassim, A Luc, S Morvillo, I Haque, T Gu, A Momi, A Stamenkovic, N Low 3<sup>nd</sup> Row: (L to R) T Duong, M Lee, E James, M Hunter, S Janssen, J Diment, J Hong, K Blaker, W Aguiar J McKinnon

#### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT STAFF

School Administrative staff does a lot for public education but the extent of the services we offer the school is not fully known. We provide assistance to the school community through the promotion of the school and its facilities, events management such as Entertainment Book fundraising, advertising and publications as well as many others. As well, we support the students through important services such as first aid.

To assist us in providing these services and to further our skills the staff have undertaken a variety of professional development courses this year. Some of these were -

DET Traineeships – Certificate III of two years duration Microsoft Excel Basic Asthma Emergency Training Senior First Aid Smartbuy Purchasing New Employees Induction Course

We congratulate Narelle Jansson who was successful at merit selection and was appointed permanently in June. Narelle has been working with us as a casual and is a welcome addition to our staff.

Vicki Manners School Administrative Manager



Front Row (L-R) J Hope, C Ross, V Manners, D Brown Back Row (L-R) S Lepherd, I Farrell, S Porter, M Reilly

#### **ENGLISH**

A journey. (It feels more like an odyssey. One of those epic struggles that evolves through a mythological narrative.)

#### The past.

2005 was a year of phenomenal HSC results. In Extension 2 English 100% of our candidates achieved results in the top two bands compared to 80% of the state. Nine of our candidates in this course composed works which achieved results of 45 and above out of the maximum 50. Samuel Burtt, William Chen, Dean Kaladelfos, Terence Kwong, David Otto, Peter Pavlakis, Justin Penafiel, Elliot Vonthethoff and Padraic Wood all composed short stories, (if you call 8,000 words short!), which were recognised by HSC markers as being highly original and sustained, communicating ideas with flair and demonstrating highly effective manipulation of language. In Extension 1 English 93% of our candidates achieved in the top two bands compared to 85% in the state. 84% of our Advanced English candidates achieved results in the top two bands compared to 46% of the state. In Standard English we had two candidates who achieved results above the ceiling of Band 4, (an exceptional result for the two students involved), and 97% in the top two bands below this imaginary cap compared to 77% in the state. Congratulations to the students for their outstanding efforts and to the English faculty whose commitment to our students is invaluable.

Congratulation must also go to our Drama HSC candidates whose group performances were intelligent, inventive and articulate, integrating theory and practice to deliver their ideas. Their major individual projects ranged from poignant individual performances, to videos and even complicated and original stage designs. 99% of our students achieved results in the top 3 bands compared to 71% of the state. Once again congratulations to the students involved and to Ms Haitidis without whom they would have been a cast without a director.

The School Certificate Literacy test (2005) results were also worthy of publicity. 84% of our candidates achieved results in the top two performance bands compared with 29% in the state. Our structured programs, assessment for learning strategies and our focus throughout Stages 4 -5 on literacy, are having a significant influence on the achievement of such fine results.

#### The present.

An English classroom no longer exists as an isolated enclave of literature. Today's English classroom is very different...it is eclectic. We draw from literature, media, art, music and many other culturally significant areas to engage with texts which enrich and broaden our social narrative. The English class room encourages interpretation, synthesis of ideas, originality, and effective manipulation of language and technical skills to create meaningful communication.

As Barthe wrote, the author is dead! The meaning constructed from a text, (written or semiotic), is created individually through the responder's own socio-cultural context. The text, according to Barthe, is no more than a series of marks on the page, from which we make meaning. In an environment such as ours, an environment filled to the brim with alert and insightful minds, being challenged to create meaning is a productive experience. The texts we interact with in the English classroom are no longer defined by the terms novel, play and poem. In any English classroom students interact with films, picture books, print media products including newspapers and magazines, non-fiction texts, artworks, musical compositions and websites. In any English classroom the work book and the pen are no longer the tools of the trade. Laptops, digital projectors, video cameras, CD players, televisions connected to VHS and DVD players are intrinsic to the delivery of mandatory syllabus content and to the experiences we provide for our students.

Our commitment to providing external experiences has also continued. Throughout this year students have attended a variety of theatrical productions which have supported the learning experiences within the classroom. Year 7 enjoyed a dynamic performance of *Two Weeks with the Queen* (Riverside Theatre, Parramatta), Year 8 watched Shakespeare come to life in *The Merchant of Venice* (Riverside Theatre, Parramatta), Year 9 saw *Hoods* at the Opera House where Year 10 also enjoyed an interesting interpretation of *Romeo and Juliet*. Groups of students (Yrs 9 to 12 Drama elective classes) have also seen performances of *The History Boys, A Hard God* and *Mother Courage*.

We have also continued to involve our students in other extracurricular pursuits. Our debating and public speaking initiatives, on school and state wide levels, have continued to flourish, providing exceptional opportunities for all involved. Reports on our endeavours in these areas appear later in this journal. In the University of New South Wales 2006 Writing Competition, a challenging competition for talented students, we also achieved some outstanding results. 74% of our students who entered achieved outstanding results recognised by Certificates of Credit, Distinction or High Distinction. Very special congratulations to two Year 7 high achievers, Asif Jalal and Terence Kwok who achieved High Distinctions recognising their exceptional writing talents at such an early stage. This may have identified the first two Extension 2 English students in 2011!

Earlier this year we said goodbye to Annette Harrison. Annette's dedication was inspirational and she will be missed, however, we are certain that she is thoroughly enjoying her retirement. A loss is often balanced by a gain. Our gain is in the form of Mairi Contos, who joined our faculty at the beginning of Term 2. Her experience and insights are valuable assets that will further enrich our talented faculty.

We are a talented and gifted faculty. Our experiences equate to the mythological odyssey, and along with our students and the supportive school community, we are heroes in an epic narrative. We have conquered mythological monsters (new 7-10 syllabuses), overcome the Cyclops (narrow-minded views of texts in the *old* HSC), and we are navigating our course through continents and atolls, (metaphors for texts), through which we are constructing the meaning of our existence.

It has been a great year!

Debbie Demetriadis Head Teacher

#### **MATHEMATICS**

This year we were fortunate to obtain the services of Ms Ziaziaris and Ms Mikl, two very competent and experienced teachers who have been of great assistance to the Mathematics Department. Every year, there are more periods to be taught in mathematics than there are available mathematics teachers and up until now, these extra periods were taught by available teachers from other faculties who may not have had specific training to teach mathematics. Having Ms Ziaziaris teaching every Thursday has enabled us this year to cover those extra periods with a fully trained mathematics teacher which has been of great benefit to our students.

Miss Berios decided to take a break from teaching for second semester this year and was very anxious that her classes should be taught by an experienced teacher familiar with the senior courses. She was very happy to learn that Ms Mikl was available to take over and her students would be well looked after.

Sadly, our team of senior students was not able to win the University of Canberra's Mathematics Day Trophy. However, they did perform well in addition to submitting an excellent entry in the poster competition. There's more news of this in a separate report. I would like to congratulate the Mathematics Day team for their fine effort.

Again, our students performed very well in the 2005 Australian Mathematics Competition. Our results were a slight improvement on the 2004 results with 2 students gaining cash prizes and almost half of all participants (44%) gaining distinction awards (top 30% of the State) or better! Prize winners were: Kevin Lam (Year7) and Steven Faulkner (Year 10). Congratulations to these boys. This year, Steven has been invited to apply for the 2007 National Mathematics Summer School which is held annually at the Australian National University. Steven has impressed those who watch the Maths Competition results for potential candidates for the International Mathematics Olympiad Team. Kevin has been invited by the Olympiad Committee to join the NSW junior correspondence program to prepare for possible Olympiad representation in the future. We wish both these boys well.

Our H.S.C. results for 2005 were most pleasing with the Extension 2 results probably being the best this decade. Over 93% of our students were placed in the top two bands in the Extension 2 course. The percentages in the top two bands for the other courses were: 90% (Extension 1) and 72% (2 Unit), both excellent results. For most of our boys, mathematics still remains their best subject.

Our top HSC students were Anthony Hough, Kostia Lubarsky and Harry Xiao (Extension 2), Peter Mikhail (Extension 1) and Hua Huang (2 Unit). These wonderful results are a tribute to the hard work of our students and the dedication of the Maths staff and should encourage all students to work hard and not give up; excellent HSC results are not beyond your reach.

To our departing Year 12, may I extend the best wishes of the Maths staff for a happy future.

G R McLean Head Teacher

#### **CANBERRA MATHS DAY**

It was my pleasure to accompany the 5 boys to the annual Canberra Maths Day this year held at the ANU. The brand new Tarago made the drive a pleasurable one, as did getting to know the five boys, as none were from my class. We stopped at Parliament House to witness some light entertainment from our Federal politicians and then checked in to our hostel accommodation. For dinner the boys convinced me to have my first ever Subway roll and I was not disappointed.

As always, our team represented our school admirably but did not quite manage to achieve a place - the competition as always was very hot. Their poster in particular was an excellent effort.

The smooth drive back capped off a fun couple of days and congratulations once again to our boys for representing our school with pride.

Mr M Sender Teacher in Charge

This year, Tech's pseudo-bright-minded team of mathematicians consisted of Ying Chan, Timothy Duong. Minh Phan, Bruce Wu, and Timothy Yip. Particularly disgruntled that regulations forbade Paul Cheung to lend his genius to us, the team's spirits gradually rose after immersing ourselves in video games (after checking into the Youth Hostel)!

We faced our first challenge on Friday morning - to get out of bed, swiftly clean up the mess we had made the previous night, and face a frosty and uninviting Canberra morning!

During the registration phase, we attempted to psyche out the participants from other schools, by openly demonstrating our ability to speed solve the Rubik's cube. It was most amusing to note some of the reactions received! The mathematical challenges stretched beyond conventional HSC problems, requiring eccentric thinking, occasional ingenuity, but most importantly, the ability to work as a team to solve problems. The mind-bending challenges of the Swiss Contest and Problem Solving events, compounded with the fastpaced and exciting nature of the "Cross Competition" and Group Relay rendered us completely brain-dead and exhausted by the day's end. Following this was a lengthy presentation, which involved the dissemination of various ANU propaganda articles! To make up for lost time, we made a hasty departure once the talks were through.

All in all, participating in the Canberra Maths day was a most enjoyable experience for us all. The team wishes to thank not only the school for providing the opportunity to participate in such an event, but particularly Mr Sender, who volunteered to look after us in Canberra – and made it enjoyable. Thank you for the incredible experience and memories!!

#### Minh Phan



(L-R) M Phan, B Wu, T Duong, T Yip, Y Chan, Mr M Sender

#### SCIENCE

2006 has been a stable year in terms of staffing within the Science faculty. We have been fortunate to secure the services of Mrs A Kan and Mr M Bassoum to replace staff on long service leave. In these days of severe shortages of qualified casual science teachers we have been fortunate to have these teachers at our school.

The 2005 HSC results in Science subjects continue to demonstrate the excellence of our students compared with state averages. Congratulations to the Science staff for all their hard work which has strongly contributed towards these excellent results. Congratulations to **Kim Zhou** who came second in the state in Physics and to **Kostia Lubarsky** who was placed fourth in the state in Physics. 70% of our Physics students, 64% of our Chemistry students and 44 % of our Biology students achieved marks over 80 (Band 5 and 6).

Tech students continue to perform exceptionally well in the School Certificate Examination. In 2006, 41.1% of students in Year 10 were awarded Band 6. A further 46.4% of Tech students achieved Band 5. Well done Year 10, 2005.

Year 10 students showed considerable originality in their choice and execution of a Science research project. The winner of the research medal for 2006 will be decided later in the year. The 2005 Year 10 research Science winner was Kurt Forrester for his project on the variables that affect the viscosity of water. He was presented with his research medallion at Speech Night earlier this year.

Ying Chan of Year 12 has had a very successful year. Ying achieved the great distinction of representing Australia at the International Chemistry Olympiad in South Korea in July. Ying was awarded a silver medal for his performance. The Australian team won two silver medals and two bronze medals. Congratulations Ying on a superb result. Ying's report on his experiences appears at the end of this Science report. Ying is also to be congratulated on receiving a High Distinction and Plaque for the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. This plaque is awarded to students placed in the top 800 (out of 113,000 students) in Australia. The following students also received High Distinctions:

Year 12 Ying Chan; Timothy Duong; Wilson Fung; Imran Haque; Bruce Wu; Tim Yip

**Year 11** Leslie Wong; Bo Chen; Josip Devcic; Kurt Forrester; Rajesh Gounder; Christopher Nguyen;

Year 10 George Issa; Nelvin Tam

Year 9 Antoine Rosse

Year 8 Tristan Tam

Congratulations to Bruce Wu, Wilson Fung and Tim Yip of Year 12 for gaining a place in the finals of the **Titration Competition**. In the finals Tim received a gold medal and Wilson and Bruce both achieved a silver. Congratulations to the team who were placed 12<sup>th</sup>.

Once again students at Tech High have performed with excellence in the 2006 **Australasian Science Competition**. 34 High Distinction Certificates, 115 Distinction Certificates and 115 Credit Certificates were awarded to Tech students. Congratulations to the following students who gained High Distinctions in the Australasian Science Competition:

Year 12 Timothy Duong, Craig Mattern

Year 11 Josip Devcic, Andy Wong, Bijoy Joseph, Leslie Wong

Year 10 Paul Cheung; George Issa, Nelvin Tam

Year 9 Andrew Lai, Peter Nguyen, Eric Pan, Brian Ta, Thomas Campbell,

Year 8 Richy Han, Max Keatinge, Chris Sharples, Geoffrey Chen, Henry Chen, Kevin Lam, Mukhlis Mah, Tristan Tam, Edwin Zhang

Year 7 Harrison Burrows, Craig Yang, Ike Yuan, Douglas Chan, Prashan Prabaharan, Tyrone Liang, Imraan Matthews, Peter Nguyen, Brian Tam, Alex Tsathas, Joel Yakoubi

6 High Distinctions, 47 distinctions and 56 credits were awarded to Tech participants in the **Rio Tinto Big Science Competition**. Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Distinctions.

Year 10 Andrew Ta, David Luo, Arden Burrell, Hanning Zhang

Year 9 Andrew Lai

Year 8 Tristan Tam

Thank you to the hard working science teachers for their commitment to Science education at Tech.

Geoffrey Thickett Head Teacher

#### Memories of IChO 2006

#### 38<sup>th</sup> International Chemistry Olympiad 2006 (Gyeongsan, Korea)

The beginning of this story did not start on Day One. In fact, it started one whole year ago from an NQE paper (along with Physics and Biology). The invitation came two months later, and after ten different practical lab exercises, a gruelling 14 day (four x 2 hour lectures per day) non-stop cramming of a 1<sup>st</sup> year university chemistry course, and two 3 hour theoretical papers, the top four were selected to represent Australia in the International Chemistry Olympiad which was held in a small town in South Korea, Gyeongsan this year.

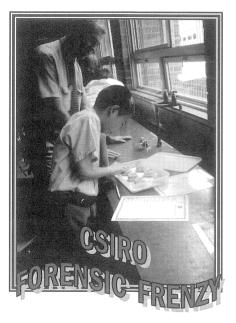
Following a week of training in Easter and another during the July holidays, we as a team were ready and set off for Korea (both academically and psychologically), along with Mark (our leader) and two of our mentors. Greeted like VIPs once we landed on Korean soil, we had a sorrowful parting with our mentors as we joined our friendly guide at Yeungnam University; whilst they set off to translate our papers into Aussie English for easy understanding.

Our practical exams and theory papers were slotted unknowingly into our relaxing 10 day "experience Korea" schedule, including various sightseeing excursions, live performances, tours, amusement and water parks, opening and closing ceremonies ... just like what you would expect for an International Olympics for the Chemists, not to mention the typhoon – a farewell present on the last day, added as a final touch to the Closing Ceremony. Despite the fact that it was rainy every time we had an outdoor excursion (whilst it was bright and sunny on the boring tours of industrial complexes), we had a great time, even though it meant that some had to be cancelled or postponed, leaving us stranded in the college (though they were kind enough to leave behind a large supply of food and drinks). Although the topic of chemistry became a taboo subject of discussion, the people you meet become everlasting friends, and the bonds you make become eternal friendships.

On a last note, I would strongly recommend students who have a passion for science or those who simply wish to experience such a magnificent event and are willing to put in the hard work, to give it their best shot, as the rewards for your efforts are clearly paid off: the blazer (complete with pin and tie!), the people you meet, the souvenirs, the medal, and most importantly, the fun and experience you would always treasure as one of the most memorable moments in your life!



Ying Yeung Chan



Ying Yeung Chan - (Silver medal- International Chemistry Olympiad, 2006)





#### **HISTORY**

This year has been a memorable one for Sydney Tech as it celebrated 50 years on the Bexley site. The History Department made a significant contribution to the anniversary celebrations on 11 September by creating, with the help of the Art Department and a small team of Year 9 students, an extensive display from those early years. This was complemented by a special presentation, produced by Laltaksh Wangoo and Cameron Roberts, to commemorate the occasion for the Old Boys' assembly.

The History Faculty at Sydney Tech has long encouraged students to take an interest in the school's history and heritage spanning 90 years from 1911, and three sites, from its foundation in Ultimo, to Paddington and finally to its current site in Bexley. Part of every Year 7 History student's experience in the school is to do some real hands on history by investigating the school's past through a wide range of sources varying from honour boards, to class photographs and old journals. By 'doing' history in this way students gain an appreciation not only of how historians work, but also what it means to be a student at a school with such long history and proud tradition.



Francis Zhou, Matthew Day and Amir Mahmoud
Anzac Day

The other commemoration in which the History faculty made a significant contribution to this year was the annual Anzac Day commemoration in April when we remembered the Battle of Long Tan which occurred on 18 August 1966. On that day, 40 years ago this year, 100 Australians were attacked by 1500 Viet Cong guerrillas in a rubber plantation at Long Tan in Vietnam. It was one of the major engagements by Australian troops in the Vietnam War. Both Australian and New Zealanders fought side by side against an enemy with superior numbers and under atrocious conditions. They not only survived but prevailed. A small team of Year 10 students consisting of Matthew Day, Francis Zhou and Amir Mahmoud, re-enacted the events accompanied by a power point presentation in a moving and memorable experience.

Last year's HSC results were especially pleasing. The Ancient History results continue to be amongst the best in the school and some of the best on record for this subject with 100% of students gaining the top two bands with 64% achieving Band 6. Congratulations especially to Terence Kwong who duxed with a mark of 99. Congratulations also go to Kostia Lubarsky in Modern History, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state with 98%, while 65% of students achieved either Band 5 or 6. In History Extension Paddy Wood duxed with 48/50 and 64% of students achieved in the top two bands. Legal Studies similarly had 65% in the top two bands with Hua Huang duxing with 92. In Studies of Religion, which was an accelerated course for many of the students, 100% gained Band 5 and 6. Equal duxes with 46/50 were Scott Robertson and Thomas Xu. Congratulations to all these students.

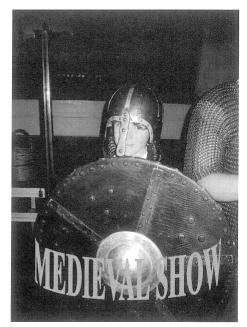
In the 2005 School Certificate History Test results were a significant improvement with 87% of students achieving scores in Bands 5 and 6, up from 78% in 2004. This compares very favourably with the state average of 30% in the top two bands. Congratulations go to our top performers, Mohammed Iqbal, Jacob Todd and Leslie Wong.

Year 10 History students have also gained outstanding results in the History Teachers' Association (HTA) History Competition. Last year, in the inaugural year of the competition, James Diment, came equal first with eight other students across the state. 70% of our students gained either a Distinction or High Distinction. This year our students have performed even better with 80% achieving the top two bands. One student, Todd De Silva, gained a perfect score of 50/50 while Sam Heath and Nicholas Huang were equal second in the Year with 47.

In 2005, we also had success in the HTA HSC History Extension Project competition. Two students, Paddy Wood and Pawel Kidon, were highly commended for their projects which is quite an achievement in this highly prestigious state wide competition with the judges commenting that it was quite exceptional to have two students from the same school being commended. Students researched and presented their project on a topic of their own choice. Paddy's project was on the Great Irish Famine of 1845-1851 and Pawel's dealt with the Katyn Forest Massacre of WWII.

Last year we were successful in winning the regional Les Gordon History Debating competition, the first time since we entered the competition in the early 1980's. The successful team consisted of James Diment, Bijoy Joseph, Wayne Aguiar and Clement Chew (see photo) Flushed with this success we had high hopes for out team this year though despite admirable efforts the team was unable to gain a place in the quarter finals. Nevertheless, the team performed very well debating such topics as: 'That a legitimate government should never be dismissed' and 'That multiculturalism has not worked'. Thanks to the team of Matt Day, George Issa, Steve Trinh and Elisha Edwin for their efforts and especially to coach, Mr Short for his expertise and commitment to history debating.





This year we represented Germany in the MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) and our team of, Bijoy Joseph, James Diment and Anuk Walgamage, led by coach Mr Lyons and chauffeured by Mr Landsberger, put in a sterling effort in the competition held in the Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong. The team argued strongly with good use of history and humour but were overcome by schools who placed more emphasis on costumes and gimmicks than on the preparation of their speeches.

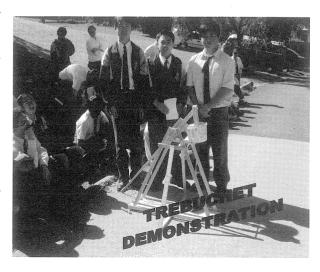
Using a variety of costumes, weapons and armour and utilizing visual, auditory and tactile role play, Year 8 were given an insight into the life, culture and artifacts from the Middle Ages, in this year's Medieval show. The presenter, Tom Newell, utilized the talents of many students, who were encouraged to actively participate in such recreations as the Battle of Hastings, using replica weapons and armour of the time (see photo).

The two Year 9 World History classes visited the Sydney Jewish Museum as part of their genocide study on the Holocaust. Students were guided through the exhibition by original survivors of the Holocaust which is always a sobering and moving experience.

They also engaged in a case study based on the excavations conducted at the village of Serniki in the Ukraine where atrocities against Jewish inhabitants were perpetrated. This was of particular interest as Australian archaeologists and historians have been part of the team whose findings were used in the Australian War Crimes Trial conducted in South Australia in 1991-1993. The museum staff were impressed, as always, by the interest and engagement shown by our boys and the range and depth of the questions they asked.

Legal Studies students in Mr Derwent's and Mr McLelland's Year 11 classes gained first hand experience of the Legal system by visiting the Downing Centre District Court where a court officer explained how the court system operated and witnessed a trial first hand. They also visited the Justice and Police Museum where they observed a range of weapons and a exhibits of the history of the police force. They also participated in their own mock criminal trial.

Thanks once again for the privilege of teaching such bright and lively minds and particularly for leading a dedicated and professional staff of regulars consisting of Mr Derwent, Mr Landsberger and Mr Short. It has been great to have on board Mr McLelland and Mr Bellamy again this year and to welcome Ms Garrett and Mr Lyons, who has occupied our fifth spot in the staffroom. They have been a valuable asset to the staff this year.



Peter Heath Head Teacher

#### SOCIAL SCIENCE

Joy Davis

This year has seen the introduction of new courses in Year 10 Commerce and Geography and in Year 8 Geography. The Social Science faculty has been working hard to develop new resources that provide intellectual quality in programming and extension/extra curricula activities for the students. Professional development activities have been on going throughout the year to enhance the skills of the staff to ensure successful implementation of the new syllabi.

The 2005 Social Science **HSC results** were extremely pleasing with some outstanding individual performances. **Business Studies** students achieved an average mark of 82.88 which was 13.88 above state average. **84.2%** achieved band 5 or 6 in the subject compared to only **23.94%** state wide. These were the best results since the introduction of the new HSC course. In **Economics Kostia Lubarsky** was placed **first in the state** and **Joe Jin** achieved **8**<sup>th</sup> place in the state. The **Geography** results were also the best since the introduction of the new HSC with an average mark of 86.05 which was 11.13 above state average. **100%** of Geography students were placed **in the top two bands (5&6).** The **School Certificate results** were consistent with 2004 with 89% achieving bands 5 and 6 compared to only 27% state wide.

The results of the Australian Geography competition were again extremely pleasing. Students placed in the top 2% of Australia include Bijoy Joseph, James Diment and William Tam in the senior division and Rohan Spencer and Laltaksh Wangoo in the intermediate division. Congratulations gentlemen! Geography students are also involved in the Sustainable Living Project run by the University of NSW. This competition challenges students to develop creative and practical solutions to real world environmental problems on a local, national and international scale. Last year we had a number of finalists and hope to better that success this year.

Year 9 Commerce students at present are taking part in the ASX Share market game which is a simulation of the real world trading of shares run on the Australian Stock Exchange website.

For the second year running our school took part in the Financial Literacy Assessment, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank Foundation, which provides valuable feedback on many life skills regarding the commercial world. This is an across the curriculum assessment for year 9 and 10 where students draw on skills and knowledge from a number of areas. Todd Da Silva of Year 10 was a medallist in this year's assessment. Medals are awarded to students who have come first in Australia and this is a substantial achievement.

The results of the PwC Australian Economics and Business Studies competition were again very pleasing. Congratulations to Sameed Wahid, Anuk Walgamage and Anthony Lam who were placed in the top 1% and will receive their certificates and monetary prizes at a special presentation ceremony at the University of NSW on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Other students that performed in the top 5% were Ben Morrison, Shivantha Sivakumar, Kaushik Kundu, Khusheev Singh and Adam Zhuang.

The school has been fortunate enough to be selected in an innovative program run by local councils. A Year 9 Geography class will represent and work with Rockdale Council in the Adopt a School Environmental Leadership program. This class will investigate environmental issues in the school and design an action plan to bring about change. They will also be hosting a student environmental forum in December for all schools in the region. This is an interdisciplinary project that will provide many opportunities to develop leadership.

Finally, I would like to thank the Social Science Staff for their support, professionalism and dedication to providing valuable learning experiences for the students.

Head Teacher

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#### **CREATIVE ARTS/LANGUAGES**

The realisation of creative possibility has been a hallmark of the 2006 school year in our faculty as classes engaged in new programs of work and teachers planned and organised the many faculty activities that take place throughout the year. These excursions, competitions, rehearsals, workshops, exhibitions, performances and cultural exchanges enhance the enjoyment of learning in Languages, Music and Visual Arts and provide students with social and developmental opportunities beyond the classroom.

We welcomed Ms Rachel Alexandra, an experienced art educator and practising artist with expertise in photography and painting. She replaced Mrs Nelson who was on leave for Term 1. Other faculty staff were unchanged which happily provided stability and continuity to the year. Ms Abson coordinated Language activities again this year, including trialling the Australian Language Certificate through Japanese classes, supervising visiting Japanese assistants throughout the year and managing the Nanzan exchange, which was a great success in August.

Our Music department complemented its classroom teaching program with a flourish of performances including school assemblies to encourage our new Year 7 students, Year 6 Open Day, Speech night and of course Musicale. Mr Towner, who coordinates the performing ensembles program, provides a full rehearsal schedule for our eager young musicians.

The Visual Arts department extended its studio program with gallery visits. Students in elective classes visited several exhibitions, including *Sculpture By The Sea, Artexpress* and the 2006 *Archibald* at the Art Gallery of NSW. At the Museum of Contemporary Art students were challenged by the prolific work of contemporary sculptors Edward and Nancy Kienholz and photographer Jackie Redgate, while Photography students revelled in an opportunity to photograph animals in the ever enjoyable Taronga Zoo.

Congratulations are extended to our clever Year 12 2005 students for their superlative performances at the HSC. Many students in LOTE, Music and Visual Arts received marks well above state average, with all Music students in the top band and all in Visual Arts achieving results in the top two bands. Of particular note is Music 1 student Joshua Scott, whose performance was nominated for *Encore* – a program of exceptional pieces from the HSC performed in March at the Opera House. Also due our recognition are two Visual Arts students who were preselected for *Artexpress* – Peter Xie and Joe Jin. Joe Jin's painting 'In Caravaggio's Shadow' was exhibited in David Jones city store during January. Well done everyone!

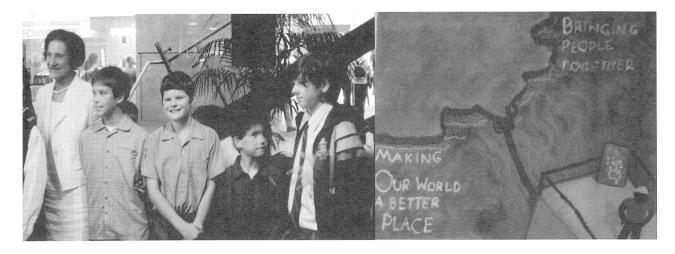


#### **VISUAL ARTS**

The Visual Arts department held several gallery visits throughout the year to supplement classroom work. Students in Years 9,10, 11 and 12 have visited *Artexpress*, the Archibald and Sculpture By The Sea at Bondi. Thanks must go to Ms Blake and Ms Nelson for coordinating these events.

Four students from Year 12 successfully completed the National Art School HSC extension courses. They were Situo Wang, Paul Wallace and Allan Ha who completed a drawing/painting discipline in the Intensive Studio Practice Course and Lawrence Wang who attended the Intensive Critical/Historical Study course. These 3 unit courses help to develop useful HSC skills.

Several students from Years 9 and 10 were successful in a number of programs and competitions for gifted young artists. To be selected for these programs or create work skilled enough to reach finalist stage in a competitive exhibition is a great achievement in itself, but these students also demonstrate their ability and their capacity for intellectual risk taking by having their work exhibited for public scrutiny. Year 9 elective Visual Arts students designed posters for the Harmony Day competition. Following on from our success last year, I am pleased to advise that **Paul Hammell** was a regional winner for 2006. Her excellency, Governor of NSW, Marie Bashir AC, presented Paul with his certificate and prize cheque at a ceremony at the Town Hall on 21 March, 2006. See below.



Four of our clever student artists have attended the annual "Sydney Rocks On" workshops. This is a special project targeted at talented Year 10 Visual Arts students, and our students were selected on the merit of their school artmaking. The workshops combine an appreciation of the role of heritage in shaping the environmental amenity of our city, as well as developing artistic skills in a challenging and competitive environment. Congratulations to our participants for their selection, participation, and to some for earning highly commended awards in their media area. They were **Sam Heath - Sculpture**, **Jimmy He - commended in painting**, **Daniel Yeung - commended in sculpture and Desmond Tan - painting**.



Desmond, Sam and Daniel at Customs House Jimmy's painting 'Present in the Past'

Finally, I would like to thank the Creative Arts/LOTE staff for their support, professionalism and enthusiasm.

Joanna Wright Head Teacher

#### LANGUAGES

While the Languages staff of Mr Brian Reynolds, Ms Pam Abson and part time teacher Ms Kim Cross remained the same for 2006, we unfortunately saw the departure of Ms Annette Harrison from the English faculty, who had been assisting with the teaching of Year 8 Japanese. However, in Term 2 we happily welcomed Mrs Mairi Contos to the Language faculty. Although an English teacher, Mrs Contos willingly took on some of the Japanese load and worked very hard with the boys, introducing them to many exciting and interesting aspects of Japanese culture and history. In Term 3 Mrs Jan Webster also replaced Ms Cross who was on leave.

This year, Year 12 students sat for the HSC in Japanese Continuers, Japanese Extension, French Continuers and for the first time, French Extension. We also had two accelerated students, Antoine Rosse of Year 9 and Yuto Nakayama of Year 11, who also completed their HSC in French and Japanese respectively. The speaking exams for languages were conducted during Term 3 and by the hard work and dedication shown toward their preparation, I have no doubt we will see some very pleasing results. We wish the boys all the best for a successful future after the HSC.

The 2005 HSC results were quite pleasing with 57% of Language students achieving in the top two bands. Special mention should be made of the boys who came first in the school assessment and received the top band in the HSC: Dean Kaladelfos (German beginners), Joshua Scott (German Continuers), Petros Darnakis (Japanese Continuers/Japanese Extension) and Bryan Dai (Japanese Extension).

All students studying German and Japanese in Years 9 and 11 sat for the Australian Language Certificates in early August and we once again await some very pleasing results. Students who were placed in the top 10% of all students taking part in reading and/or listening included: Archi Barathan, Noel Char Kee Chung, Francis Zhou (Beginners Certificate). Ying Chan, Wilson Fung, Yuto Nakayama, Tim Yip, Gulrez Khan, Antoine Rosse, James Ward (Intermediate Certificate).

Scott Janssen of Year 12 won a scholarship to Germany and spent two months experiencing the different culture while undertaking further study of the language between November 2005 and January this year. Through the same scholarship program, The Society for Australian-German Student Exchange, one of our Year 11 German students this year, Toby Beckman, has also been awarded a scholarship to Germany at the end of the year. Yuto Nakayama also spent time in Germany through a scholarship he won earlier this year.

The Nanzan home-stay program ran for the third year and once again it proved to be a great experience for the school as well as the students and families who were involved. We hosted six boys for sixteen days, providing them with the opportunity to attend an Australian school while living with an Australian family and experiencing a very different lifestyle. The farewell party saw the boys try their hand at rolling sushi as well as participating in a few traditional Japanese games. A very big thank you to the following boys and their families who so kindly took the Nanzan students into their homes and showed them an unforgettable time: Damien Chok, Pit Wai Low, Tom Liu (Yr 8), Garmon Weng (Yr 10), Phillip Lay, Mark Xie (Yr 12), Mr Butcher (English faculty).

Apart from their language study, students have been involved in a number of cultural activities and excursions: restaurant visits for Japanese and French classes, cooking days at school, calligraphy and origami lessons for Year 8 Japanese. The Year 10 French class also attended a French language day held at Macquarie University where they participated in a number of different language activities and presented a French song at the end of the day. By all accounts it was a great day and very productive.

I want to thank all the language staff for their hard work this year and for their great efforts in making language learning an enjoyable and rewarding experience for our students.

Pam Abson Languages Co-ordinator

#### MUSIC

#### **CURRICULUM MUSIC**

Throughout the year it is most rewarding to witness the improvements in musical literacy as the Year 7 and Year 8 classes proceed through the learning activities in the compulsory music course in the Junior School. It is even more pleasing to be provided with enough evidence that shows that almost all students appear to enjoy the experience.

Although some boys in later years report back that the keyboard tests were somewhat traumatic it has also been evident that non-piano players get a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure from overcoming the barriers and solving the problems associated with keyboard performance. As well as achieving in the performance arena our students ALL discover aspects of the musical art form, develop their ability to problem solve and create in sound through musical composition. One also feels confident that lives are enriched through listening skill development. These skills and experiences for life are what EVERY student should gain from music classes in Years 7 and 8. This is fundamental to the Music Programs of Sydney Technical High School.

Our "elective" classes from Year 9 onward give the beginning music student and those with more experience an opportunity to discover more, learn more and achieve more in a mutually supportive learning environment. The boys in these classes are even more enthusiastic and adventurous in the pursuit of learning and are given every encouragement to explore their abilities and the learning of new things. While we have some students who amaze because of their highly developed musicality as a result of years of musical endeavour it is just as impressive for all students to successfully compose a small "Classical" style string quartet and a "Rock" style instrumental/vocal piece.

The Year 12 students this year have been a wonderful group of young men who have grasped the learning opportunities provided at this school and achieved to a very high level. Through their involvement in music they have gained much which should be of value to them throughout their lives. Some of these boys were able to contribute substantially to the musical life of the school, the wider community and to other students through their involvement in the Performing Ensembles Program. In 2006 the Year 12 class have been performers on either guitar, piano, trumpet or trombone. They have been composers of piano solos, an oboe and piano duet, a string quartet, a brass and percussion ensemble, jazz and rock ensembles and a film orchestra composition. A relaxed evening of performances was held in the auditorium as a preparation of the students for their HSC performance examinations. These examinations are held toward the end of Term 3. The class of 2006 were Matthew Gibson, and Derek Zhu who studied the Music 1 course; Nicholas Cassim, Yuan Lee, and Keith Tang who studied the Music 2 course and Blake Robertson-Hall and Jason Smith who studied Music 2 and the Extension course.

The Music Staff congratulate these students on their success and achievements and wish them the very best for their HSC and their futures. Further to this they are to be congratulated on being such fine representatives of and ambassadors for the school.

#### CO-CURRICULUM MUSIC - THE PERFORMING ENSEMBLES PROGRAM

Sydney Technical High School continues to provide this program which allows students to participate in one or more of our performing ensembles. This program gives the students the opportunity to develop their practical performing skill on the instruments they play in an ensemble which works through co-operation, direction, support and hard work. The program provides for the school and its students an avenue for endeavour facilitating excellent achievement. Sydney Technical High School has long been a "beacon" for how to achieve excellence through music ensembles and the training of students in these ensembles.

All ensembles have demonstrated profound development in skill and teamwork. Students through their participation have learnt a great deal about musical performance and themselves - their strengths and abilities, support of others and the worth of cohesive effort. This year has been outstanding for the ensemble members' display of positive attitudes and mutual support to all ensembles. The final concert at the "Band Camp" (which more appropriately should probably be called "Ensembles Camp") was a wonderful example of all ensembles working together.

The "Band Camp" was probably our most successful yet – so much seemed to be achieved and enjoyed. The dramatic improvement in learning rate and depth of learning on their own would be justification enough for this activity. The boys however were extremely fortunate to have the assistance not only of their regular conductors but also a team of outstanding professional and semi-professional musicians and tutors. One conductor was known to say how he almost felt guilty asking the boys to strive harder to achieve just that little bit better as already they were working and rehearsing so diligently. Such was the motivation and desire for success by the boys that the conductor was far from disappointed and made to feel extremely proud of the students.

It is a fantastic thing to see the "re-birth" of the String Ensemble. This group made a tremendous contribution at the Band Camp and at *Musicale 2006*. It continues to make excellent progress through its weekly rehearsals under the direction of Ms Madison Shakespeare. All the conductors and tutors are congratulated and thanked for their contribution in training the performing ensembles:

Junior Concert Band (our beginners) - Mr Jacob Nicholls Stage Band - Mr Stuart Collidge

String Ensemble - Ms Madison Shakespeare

Intermediate Concert Band - Mr Doug Towner Concert Band - Mr Doug Towner

Students each year ask to represent the school and be nominated for audition for placement in the *Performing Arts Unit* performing ensembles and this year both Antoine (Year 9) and Raphael (Year 7) Rosse were successful. These talented boys are our representatives in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Symphony Orchestra.

Four of our Year 7 students were also successful in auditions for the Years 5 to 7 Regional Band Camp and Regional Festival. Bowen Fox, Garston Liang, John Martin and Kieran Seed would have certainly enjoyed their performance with the Regional Band (under the direction of Mr Paul Owens) in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. Our school was able to assist this program through the provision of equipment and the auditorium for rehearsals.

The second year of providing small scholarships under the *Bill Jelks Awards for Musical Performance* saw two very worthy winners receiving their awards at *Speech Night*. The awards this year went to Jason Smith of Year 12 (trombone) and Daniel Kim of Year 11 (piano). Congratulations are extended to these fine musicians.

The music calendar is certainly a very busy one and this year's performing highlights for the ensembles have been:

- 1. Annual Speech & Presentation Evening
- 2. Engadine Music Bandfest
- 3. Musicale 2006
- 4. Anzac Commemoration Assembly
- 5. Junior Band Graduation Concert
- 6. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- 7. Summer Ensembles Festival
- 8. Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Particular mention should be made of the Year 12 students who have participated in the *Performing Ensembles Program* all through their time here at Sydney Technical High School. Mr Towner and Mr Owens have admired these boys for their outstanding spirit, contribution, co-operation and leadership within the program. They have been positive and supportive and a wonderful example to all other students in the programs of the Music Department. We will miss them but we're confident that the excellence they have displayed at school will only serve to assist them in further challenges beyond the school.

Stefan Morvillo, Blake Robertson-Hall, Julien Seno, Jason Smith and James Ward - thank you and well done!

#### MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

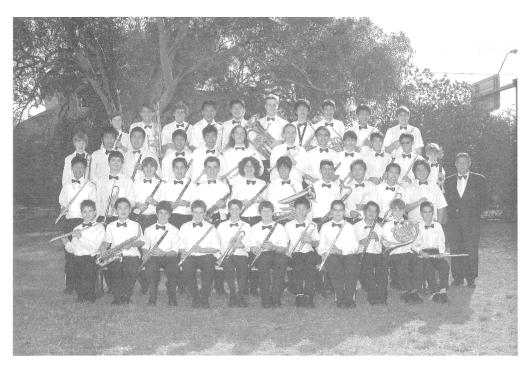
This small "band" of dedicated parents continues to provide a wealth of assistance to the Music Department and its staff. Although small in the number of members the contribution that the *Music Support Group* makes is far from insignificant. Through the provision of time, expertise, fundraising, organisation and moral support our parent group has assisted in so many practical ways. The provision of funds has allowed for the subsidising of all students who attend the Band Camp and the successful staging of each annual *Musicale*. The transport of the bands and the equipment is also largely supported by *Music Support Group* funds. This year, through the organisation of the group, there have been a number of "working bees" involving more parents of our band students. This sort of assistance is invaluable support to the music staff and it is also an unending need. More of these events will be planned for over the next year.

Congratulations and sincere thanks are extended to the members of the *Music Support Group*. Our particular thanks go to the Executive of the group:

Sharon Keevers - President Richard Szczepanski - Secretary Neil Hunter - Treasurer

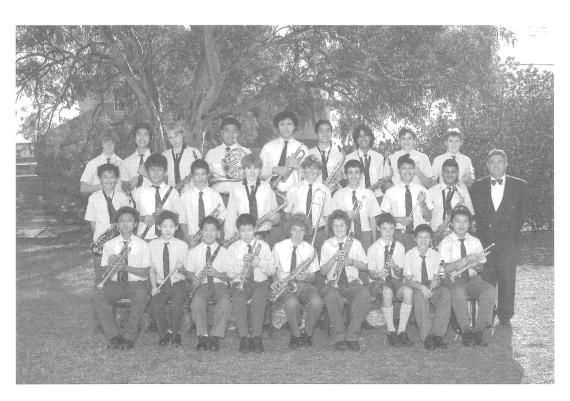
Doug Towner and Paul Owens Music Department

#### **CONCERT BAND**



Front Row (L-R) J Martin, B Mew, A Tsathas, H Caines, A Rosse, B Fox, D Lau, J Davies, D Dinh, R Rosse, M Duong Second Row R Szeto, K Seed, J Todd, A Jacobs, S Gill S Heath, S Tan, J Poole, A Fong, K Man, G Chin, Mr D Towner Third Row A Solomon, M Lin, A Yuen, J Chan, M Au, M Day, B Robertson-Hall, J He, J Hanna, V Chang, K Chang, A Walker Fourth Row T Murray, J Smith, J Ward, J Wong, V Xiong, J Peacock, S Niu, L Szczepanski, Q Wong, J Smith Absent: A DeMayo, N Woods

#### **INTERMEDIATE BAND**



Front Row (L-R) A Noh, W Gaintsev, J Li, W H Chen, E Vallis, M Kiefel, T Rusbatch, M Chiam, W Lo Middle Row: D Stewart, J Yang, J Lim, D Fogarty, M Keatinge, C Reskallah, G Ng, B Genday, Mr D Towner (Conductor) Back Row: L Cooper, J Gim, E Fastovski, S Wong, J Taurail, C Strong, J Mohammed-Rahim, T Campbell, T Gallagher Absent: K Lam, A Pan, N Chau

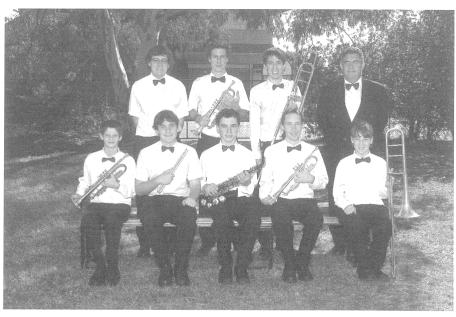


#### **JUNIOR BAND**

Front Row (L-R) S Verma, T Liu, D Chiew, P Prabaharan, B Wang, D Chan Back Row (L-R) A Rorris, J Jang, S Grennan, S Smith, E Lu, Mr D Towner Absent: D Cheung, N Smith, K Jin

#### STAGE BAND

Front Row (L-R) a Rosse, J Smith, S Gill, B Robertson-Hall, R Rosse Back Row (L-R) J Ward, J Seno, J Smith, Mr D Towner Absent: Conductor Mr S Collidge, S Morvillo, N Woods





#### STRING ENSEMBLE

Front Row (L-R) c Lyons, M Huynh, D Kim, A Verma, F Huang Back Row (L-R) Mr D Towner, J Ho Chin, A Lai, T Brewer Absent: Conductor Madison Shakespeare, J Koo

#### PD/H/PE & CAREERS FACULTY

As relieving Head Teacher of this department it is indeed an honour to submit this brief report of the achievements of one of the faculties whom we consider has the most personal contact with the students of this school. The PE staff remained as they were last year following the retirement of Jorge Diaz, whose replacement Rod Carter has brought an immense amount of experience to the already "well oiled" machine. In addition the staffroom of the PE department has been upgraded to include extra storage room and the roof soundproofed to at least diminish the thunderous noise made when boys are playing in the gymnasium above.

In the senior school, students have undertaken courses in PD which have included work units in sports medicine and health and fitness and which have included field trips and outdoors excursions. In addition about a dozen boys from the HSC class attended a CPR and first aid course conducted at the Sydney University and gained their qualifications.

In the junior school, elective courses have been expanded to include visits to Hurstville Primary to coach groups of primary students in various sports and to apply the principles of coaching presented in their course. As usual, our boys have been great ambassadors for this school and their visits have been greeted with great enthusiasm (probably as much by the teachers as the students). These elective courses provide students with a deep insight into the activities of the human body involved in exercise and into the structure of exercise programs themselves. Their popularity continues to rise.

Careers continues to be a valuable part of the curriculum for years 10 to 12.

T Trotman Relieving Head Teacher

#### **CARFERS – 2005 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS**

Following receipt of the Higher School Certificate results and university offers, all students were successful tracked to determine their post school destinations. As the UAI of students is no longer reported to schools, our students agree to disclose the UAI to help us keep on going records.

In the 2005 HSC, Sydney Technical High School had 8% of students with UAI's of 99+, 35% 95+, 61% 90+, 81% 80+ and 92% 70+

Our top scoring students with UAI's of 99 or more were: Kostia Lubarsky, Harry Xiao, Joe Jin, Terence Kwong, Timothy Wu, Kim Zhou, Steven Zographakis, William Chen, Daniel Fernandez, Anthony Hough and Soni Archit.

#### % of students gaining a university offer.

2001 90% 2002 87% 2003 92% 2004 93% 2005 95%

Brett Mulholland Careers Adviser

#### TECHNOLOGICAL AND APPLIED STUDIES

This has been an exciting year both for the faculty and me. Being my first year at Tech, 2006 was a time to familiarise myself with how the faculty functions while maintaining the good work that was already being done. Tech students have once again done well in the 2005 HSC results in Engineering Studies and Design and Technology.

In Engineering Studies we attained the second and third positions in the state. This is an outstanding achievement for both the students and the teacher, Mr Simmonds. The mean of Engineering Studies at Sydney Technical High School was 11.86 marks higher than the state mean; a significant achievement. Additionally I should mention that almost 50% of students attained a band 6 in Engineering Studies. This is further evidence that Engineering Studies is an HSC course which delivers great results at Tech High. In Design and Technology I was equally impressed with all students performing well above the state mean. Our Design and Technology students managed to gain a mean that was 12.5 above the state mean.

The Industrial Arts faculty was once again pleased to allow gifted students to accelerate in a number of subjects. In Year 10 we have Jimmy He, George Issa, Desmond Tan and Steve Trinh accelerated into the Year 11 Engineering Studies course. While Year 11 students Toby Beckmann, Kurt Forrester and Adnan Sufian are completing the Year 12 Engineering Studies course. We also have three Year 10 students accelerating into Year 11 Design and Technology: Archi Barathan, Shane Drinkwater and Marcus Low.

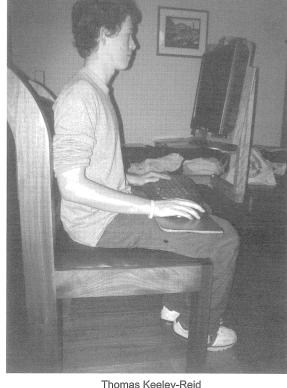
In addition to the standard pattern of subjects offered to Year 8 students for their Year 9 elective courses in 2007 we also offered Industrial Technology – Engineering. This course has proved immensely popular with two thirds of Year 8 students selecting the course as an elective for next Year. Industrial Technology-Engineering is a course perfectly tailored to the students at Tech High. Here students will learn to apply science and mathematics principles to the world of engineering through a variety of projects involving catapults, rockets and robotics. We look forward to delivering this exciting course in 2007.

The Electronics teachers in the faculty have also been excited to be investigating and trialling the use of PICAXE programmable integrated circuits with the Year 9 students. This form of electronics integrates computers with microelectronics, in projects that allow students to vary the operation of their electronic circuit through BASIC programming. This form of advanced electronics is well suited to the boys at Tech High.

The Industrial Arts Faculty also recently purchased a vacuum former to complement the already long list of machinery available to technology based courses. This allows us as a faculty to expose students to an industrial style polymer forming process that should enhance their experiences in Industrial Arts courses.

The Industrial Arts and Computing faculties have continued to work together with a high level of collaboration to form a successful TAS Faculty at Tech High. The team has worked together to ensure high academic standards and relevant learning experiences are being implemented in the TAS Faculty. Focussed and realistic design challenges are used in a variety of courses and students are given the opportunity to use their high academic skills to solve hands-on problems.

I would like publicly to thank all the members of the TAS faculty as a whole encompassing both Industrial Arts and Computing. Mr Riley, Mr Cooper, Mr Coulston, Mr Edwards, Mr Gowan, Mr Graham, Mr Simmonds and Mr Stokes have assisted me greatly in getting to know Tech High and I look forward to working with them next year to continue providing academic challenges through the hands-on real life activities that the Tech High boys undertake in the Industrial Arts courses.



Senior D & T Major Project

P Copeland Head Teacher

#### **COMPUTING STUDIES**

2006 has been a busy year in the Computing Studies faculty. This year there has been a great interest in the Junior Information and Software Technology course. One of the projects we did with the year 9 class was a photographic essay of their memories of camp. This was a great exercise for the boys with some very creative and some very satirical memories of the time away on camp. In year 10 the boys learnt a lot from the project focussing on designing web pages. The feedback from a recent survey of the year 10 boys was that we are achieving some valuable experiences for them and that they are finding the work both challenging and rewarding.

The senior courses continue to give the boys plenty to think about. Good results in the HSC were achieved in 2005 yet again with most of the boys achieving bands 5 and 6 (both IPT and SDD).

The program of acceleration in Years 9 and 10 continues to fill a need, and the boys are enjoying the extra challenges involved in the senior work. A varied curriculum combined with a flexible delivery means that more students will find something that meets their computing needs.

The Software Design and Development class produced a full range of very professional major projects this year. One was a UAI estimator which when we searched for similar products on the internet is available as a commercial item. Some of the others were a Café cash register system, a tennis court booking organiser, a Maths and logic game/speed testing programme, a graphing calculator... So well done to those young software developers who have already reached a standard of commercial excellence.

At times we struggle to maintain the nexus between the needs and wants of the students and the reality of the physical, time and teaching constraints. I feel that this is in a large part due to the hands-on nature of all our teaching and use of computers in this faculty and across the whole range of curriculum. The avid interest the students continue to have in studying computing technology and its effect on the world in which we currently live is one of the demanding aspects yet most exciting parts of working at Sydney Tech.

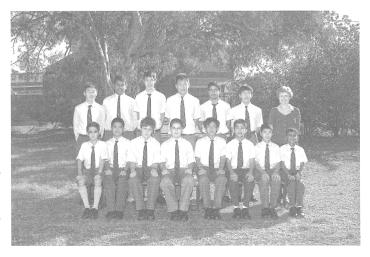
Martin Riley Head Teacher

#### **CHESS**

The 2006 Secondary Schools Chess Competition proved to be a great challenge. STHS entered five teams; four junior and one intermediate. Each team experienced their share of highs and lows playing many interesting games against opposing schools from the region. The enthusiasm for the game and the great teamwork and cooperation were a credit to the boys.

Particular thanks must go to those parents of boys in Years 7 and 8 who generously gave their time to drive teams to and from 'away' venues. Many thanks also to the Library staff for hosting chess playing in the Library at lunchtime throughout the year.

Bronia Engel Chess Coordinator



Top (L to R) E Zhang, V Raman, L Szczepanski, J Wong, L Wangoo, R Ren Bottom (L to R) M Duong, T Tam, J Horsburgh, J Davies, M Mah, B Tam, F Huang, M Udaiyappan

#### CANTEEN

#### **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AT BEXLEY**

The canteen has experienced some problems with our warming oven recently. We have been investigating repair versus replacement. Whilst investigating the history of the canteen I was perusing an old cash book, which showed that back in 1959 (almost 50 years ago) the Ladies Auxiliary bought a new oven for £1.10.00 the current replacement value is over \$700.00.

The overwhelming best seller back "in the old days" was the humble meat pie. Students' comments were constantly requesting more and bigger pies.



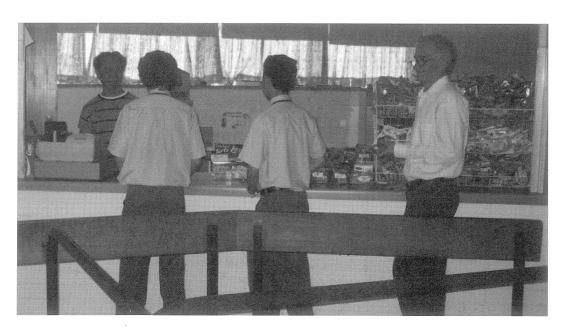
Tuck Shop 1961

Oh! How things change.

It is hoped that the canteen continues to expand and prosper over the next half century. Sofi, John and I wish all the year 12 students every success for the future and we wish them the best in their endeavours with the HSC.

A very big thank you to all our volunteers and we hope you have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Best wishes, Irene Shute Canteen Supervisor



Canteen 2006

#### LIBRARY

The library at Sydney Tech is a busy place. From 8 a.m. each day students are engaged in research, recreational reading, borrowing, preparing assignments, group work, debate preparation, study, chess and occasionally in examinations and presentations. On an average day we have well over 400 entries to the library.

This year we have begun some upgrades and reorganisation of library resources. New chairs, repainting and a lighting refurbishment will begin to brighten and modernise the building.

The large collection of books is in the process of being "weeded" so that books that are obsolete and damaged beyond repair are removed and any that may be useful for beginning readers are sent to schools in developing nations. Shelves are being clearly labelled and books constantly repaired. This is making our collection a leaner, cleaner, attractive and accessible resource. New books, encyclopaedias and journals are being constantly acquired to support both the academic and recreational endeavours of the students.

In addition to a multitude of regular tasks, our library assistant Ms Reilly has been busy sorting, reorganising and conserving the large school archives collection with the valuable help of some keen year 9 students, Laltaksh Wangoo, Cameron Roberts, Trent Howell, James Kirkpatrick, Nick Karvountzis, and Mitchell Brown. The archives were used to make a very interesting presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations this year. New additions are also constantly made to the archives as Old Boys and their families send in useful material. More recent items of interest such as articles from newspapers that record school events and achievements are also included.

During term four the library will be used for the year 8 Interdisciplinary Project which this year will target the use of water resources. Students should find much to satisfy their research needs on this important topic. I would like to thank our library assistants, Ms. Reilly and Mrs. Farrell for their helpfulness to myself, students and staff and their assistance in maintaining the library as a valuable resource for the school community.

M Kibbey Teacher Librarian

#### PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Throughout 2006 the monthly meetings of the P & C have continued to be a forum where the interests of the school have been promoted by close co-operation between parents, students, and teaching staff. At every meeting a great deal of useful information was presented by the Executive Ms Lynne Irvine, Mr Greg McNaught, Mr Sam Dando and Mr Paul Owens.

Through the generous support of parents this year the P & C has contributed funds to the Year 7 Welcome BBQ, Speech Day prizes, window tinting for classrooms, computer technology and network support and the new shade sails.

Some of our achievements include a successful Year 7 Welcome BBQ, as well as forming a Road and Traffic Safety Committee whose inspection produced many recommendations to council and the RTA. Negotiations continue with Veolia Bus Company to maximize the safety of our students.

We wish to thank St George Girls' High School for hosting the annual joint meeting where an informative lecture was given by Rosalind Walsh on "How parents can help gifted students through adolescence".

I wish to thank the 2006 team for their dedication and assistance. They are Athena Rokkas and Denis McCheane (Vice Presidents), Koert Musters (Secretary), Jo McCheane (Treasurer) and Janet Chirkoff (Finance & Selection Committees). I encourage all parents to be involved in some way with their school and P & C as the benefits are rewarding to all.

As the year comes to a close, on behalf of the committee I want to extend our best wishes to Year 10 and Year 12 for their final exams and congratulate the executive and staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our sons.

Irene Cassim (President)

### WELFARE

In maintaining all existing welfare programs and introducing some new initiatives the school has continued to place considerable emphasis on the welfare of students during 2006. Once again there has been extensive staff involvement in ensuring that all students have been given the opportunity to achieve their personal goals in a supportive school environment. The welfare team including the year advisers, relieving school counsellor, senior mentor and head teacher welfare have been greatly assisted by interested staff who volunteered to assist with programs that help improve the welfare of our students. Assistance has been rendered in terms of supporting students with individual problems and through programs aimed at equipping students to become effective school citizens in both their academic and extra curricula pursuits.

Proactive programs have been organised on a year basis and generally target identified areas of concern. The main programs and the focus area addressed are outlined below.

Year 7, Year Adviser Mr. Michael Bellamy: transition program, Year 7 camp (relationships, team building, study skills, anti-bullying workshops), Peer Support. A 2006 initiative saw Year 11 peer support leaders spend a day at the Year 7 camp where they worked through several units from the program.

Year 8 Year adviser Mr. Neil Melvin: Improved Communication (writing and study skills)

Year 9 Year Adviser Mr. Paul Graham: Year 9 study skills day (learning styles, goal setting, study methods, first aid), Year 9 camp (relationships, team building)

Year 10 Year Adviser Ms. Tina Blake: Elevate education (study skills, time management), Peer Support Leader Training in Term 4, mentoring for selected students

Year 11 Year Adviser Mr. Nick Stokes: Year 11 camp ('Crossroads' drug education, relationships, homophobia), 'Academy Of Excellence' seminar (goal setting, motivation), Peer Support leaders, mentoring for selected students

Year 12 Year Adviser Ms. Pam Abson: interview skills and scholarship applications, 'Academy Of Excellence' seminar (motivation, goal setting), mentoring for selected students and 'Surviving The HSC' seminars. Due to student interest in previous years the interview skills seminars were expanded in 2006 to include presentations from three universities. It is intended that these sessions will be further developed to include a greater number of tertiary institutions and a wider variety of faculties.

I would like to express my appreciation of the hard work put in by Ms Lana Cristofoletti (relieving School Counsellor), Mr. Alan Gowan (senior mentor) and the Year Advisers during the year. In many cases it is only individual students who are aware of the efforts made to help them manage a problem in confidence. To all of the other staff who have supported the welfare team by volunteering to attend camps, running seminars, mentoring students, helping students with concerns or just 'helping out', the welfare team is very grateful. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fine work done by Ms. Abson when relieving as Head Teacher welfare during Term four in 2005. Thanks, Pam.

Neville Roper Head Teacher



STAFF WELFARE TEAM

### INTERACT

Interact has expanded in 2006 with a focus on getting out into the school community and the local community to raise the awareness of issues that really count. Issues such as third world poverty, cancer research and food for starving children.

Year after year Interact has tackled these broad issues and its success can only be attributed to the Tech spirit that endures timelessly. It is this willingness of the school community to influence these important issues, not only through monetary contribution but also through contributions of time and volunteer effort, that has helped Interact raise \$15,000 in 2006.

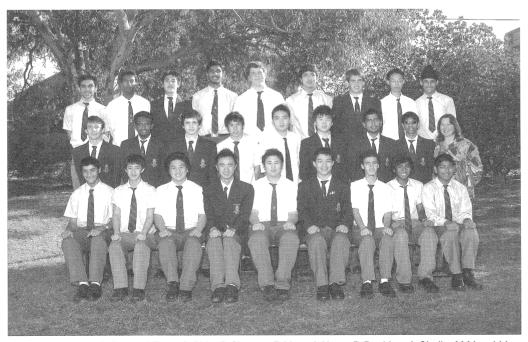
Worthy causes that we support include the Starlight Foundation which grants wishes to sick children in hospitals, the Bandaged Bear appeal which helps fund research at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, the Cancer Council who research into various forms of cancer trying to find a cure, World Vision supporting those in third world countries and many more. Also supported is Red Nose Day, Heartland – Food for Everyone, CareFlight, CANTEEN Bandanna Day, and also our World Vision Sponsor Child.

Interact not only supports these causes, but it also promotes valuable skills such as leadership, communication and organisational skills. Practical experience in these skills as well as the opportunity to attend various activities such as the World Vision Global Leadership Convention create a unique environment that allows members to be involved with likeminded students both from Tech and also from the wider community.

All of these things that Interact does would not be possible without the dedication of Ms Blake. Ms Blake's continued wonderful efforts have kept Interact afloat. She is the true heart of the organisation and has been as long as we all can remember. We would also like to extend our thanks to the office staff for their assistance with our fundraising activities.

Interact members are all volunteers who are not obliged to help out at each or every event, but it is that Tech spirit that brings them back time after time. A big thanks goes out to all of the dedicated members who show up to help. Interact is open to anyone. Will you step forward to make a difference in what really matters?

Aaron Ngan Year 11



Front Row (L-R) S Gupta, J Tran, G Chin, B Cheung, B Liew, A Ngan, D Davidov, A Challa, M Muzahid Middle Row (L-R) T Gibson, A Sufian, U Chouster, D Yeung, D Law, N Chan, A Walgamage Back Row (L-R) G Issa, C Koniki, V Teng, A Barathan, A Mujala, A Almeida, T Shepherd

### SRC REPORT

This year's Student Representative Council (SRC) was selected in term four last year. The successful candidates were elected by their fellow students after being nominated and participating in a ballot.

Soon after their induction, in early February, the students were organising a dance with St George Girls High School. The dance had a fancy dress theme which saw some of the senior students demonstrate their flamboyant style. The sale of glow sticks at the dance was a huge success, raising extra funds and adding to the atmosphere of the night.

In March the SRC participated in the Clean-Up Australia Day where the students cleaned up the school grounds, particularly along the boundaries exposed to the view of the public. Many bags of rubbish were removed by the end of the day.

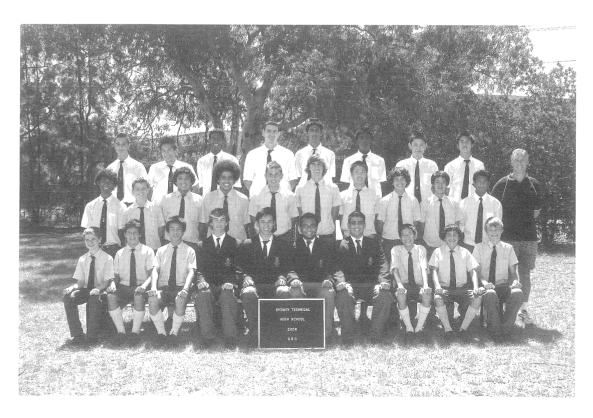
The SRC played an important role at the school cross-country in April. After running or walking the tortuous course students and staff were treated to a BBQ and a can of drink compliments of the SRC. Some of the year 12 students treated themselves to several sausages and cans of drink. A word of advice for some of the senior students for next year; if you are going to try and sneak back for a second or third helping, wipe the sauce from the corner of your mouth!

The big event of the year was SRC week. The week commenced with a Pizza Day which saw shares in Pizza Hut skyrocket. A special thanks to Allan Lam who assisted the SRC in the organisation of the day. Also conducted during the week were a Fashion Parade and Talent Quest. The talent quest gave some of our students the opportunity to demonstrate their outstanding musical skills. This was appreciated by both students and staff who attended in large numbers.

The SRC have been active in providing funds for students who represent the state in sport, as well as giving a donation for four terminally ill children to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual World Festival of Magic performed at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre.

I would like to thank all the students on the SRC, but in particular the President Sakib Hamid for his contribution. Finally to the members of staff who have given up time to support and attend SRC functions many thanks on behalf of myself and the numerous students who have benefited.

Rod Carter SRC Adviser



### I.S.C.F

Manners Makyth Man
To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.

According to Wikipedia "a **motto** is a <u>phrase</u> or a short list of <u>words</u> meant formally to describe the general motivation or intention of an entity, social group, or organization."

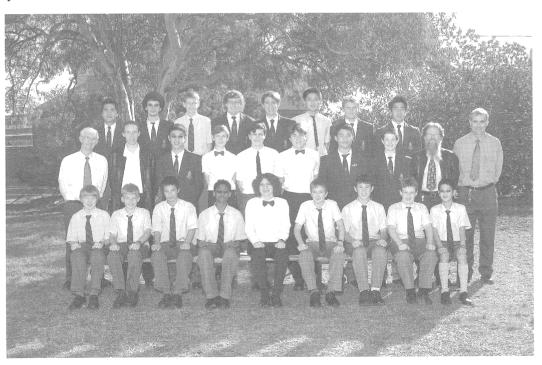
ISCF is not a place for Christians (only), it is not a place for nerds (only), it is not a place for bad people (only). ISCF is a place for all of us who are interested in asking some of the bigger questions about life and seeing what the Bible has to say. Our main focus lies in Jesus and the facts that surround Him and the claims He made about life, the universe and everything.

Welcome to James Pelling as the Special Religious Education teacher for Sydney Tech and Hurstville Boys. James has taken over from Dan Hardey who was a big part of ISCF over recent years. James has become a part of the school very quickly and I think is enjoying the role of running the regular scripture seminars as well as the running of ISCF on a weekly basis.

This year in ISCF we have had a variety of meetings. We have had meetings that are just a Bible study and we have had guest speakers who have told us about their journeys and their struggles. One of the special focuses we have had this term is a series called "You Asked For It". Early on in the year the boys surveyed many of the school students to determine what topics they would be interested to talk about. This has been a lively set of topics and has had a lot of interest from students that are not the regular ISCF crowd. This has culminated in a talk on Science and The Bible held in the common room where over 100 students attended. Thanks to James Pelling for organising this.

Thanks to all the boys who have helped lead various events and have provided endless amounts of encouragement and inspiration. Farewell to the Year 12 boys, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. As we approach Christmas time may I just encourage you to think this year about Jesus, the man whose birthday we are remembering, and the historical fact regarding his life and the claims he made about himself.

### Martin Riley



Front Row (L-R) A Solomon, H Burrows, J Lim, J Wijesekera, S Heath, R Spencer, H Caines, M Duong Middle Row (L-R) Mr G McLean, B Robertson-Hall, T Duong, T Murray, A Murray, J Smith, A Ngan, D Simmonds, Mr M Riley, Mr P Ward

Back Row (L-R) R White, A Lilley, J Black, J Ward, J Smith, I Lee, S Robinson, S Tan



The LINKS 2005 program began on Wednesday 19th October, when Year 5 attended Sydney Tech for one of our famous sausage sizzles before an afternoon orientation program. This session involved 24 of our talented Year 9 students leading "getting to know you" games and conducting tours of the school to familiarise students with the diversity of specific classroom spaces they would be working in over the following three weeks. Our students and teachers delivered extension activities to Year 5 in six different subject fields, providing an experience of specialised high school facilities, and a taste of life and learning in a great secondary campus like Sydney Tech.

Changes for 2005 included an increase in the number of Links tutors from 12 to 24. This was in response to student interest and to avail more students of leadership training early in their school career. Previous tutors joined Mrs Wright and Ms Abson in detailing the nature of leadership and the realities of managing large numbers of young students. This was a highly successful innovation and the program was presented to the District Principals Conference as an exemplar model for student leadership development.

J Wright

### 2005 Year 9 Links Tutors

Japanese
1.Nelvin TAM
2.Edward SON
3.Sabiq TAN
4.Kelvin MAN

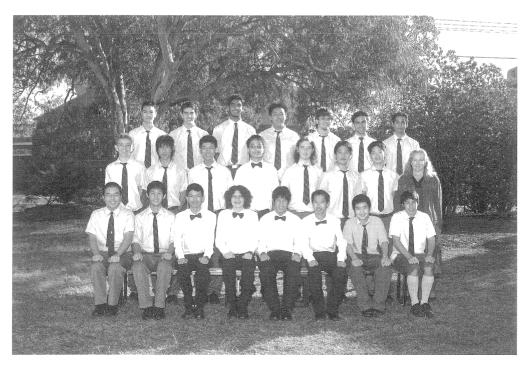
Science
1.Archie BARATHAN
2.George ISSA
3.Chris STEBBINGS
4.Daniel YEUNG

TAS
1.Aaron CHARLTON
2.Eric YAP
3.Steve TRINH
4.Nathan CHIU

Music
1.Desmond TAN
2.Roman PILLAY
3.Dominic CHEUNG
4.Jackie CHAN

Photography
1.Jimmy HE
2.Jared POOLE
3.Edwin YEUNG
4.Daniel PERKOVIC

History
1.Matt DAY
2.Blake JONES
3.Adam CHRISTIE
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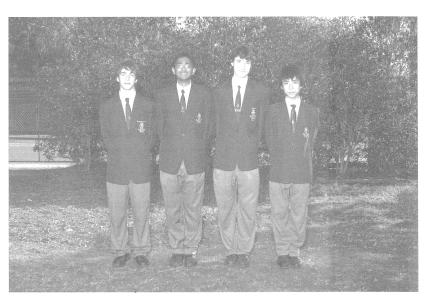


### **DEBATING**

### **YEAR 12**

We entered two competitions in 2006 with completely different teams. The UTS Debating Competition was a one day round robin and Andrew Lilley, Stephen Tan, Morgan Hunter and Scott Robertson competed against selective and private schools in this elite event. Unfortunately, they only won one of their three debates. I would like to thank Andrew, Stephen and Morgan for their fantastic participation in debating over many years.

The boys felt that their H.S.C. studies, prefect and extra-curricula commitments were too much for them to enter the long grind which is the Premiers Debating (old Commonwealth Bank Senior) Series. As is turned out, it was a wise decision, as a three-way tie occurred between us and the two



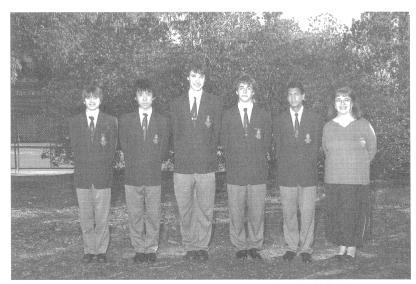
(L-R) L Bacon G Khan, J Diment, J Cheong Absent: S Wahid

Sydney Girls' High teams and further rounds were required to decide the zone winner. The Sydney Girls B team ultimately proved superior. Year 12's Sameed Wahid was joined by Year 11 students James Diment, Luke Bacon and Justin Cheong and they performed admirably against more experienced opposition. They should go one step further in 2007.

N.Melvin (Coach)

### **YEAR 11**

The Year 11 debaters kicked off this year's season with the UTS Registrar's Cup. In an unpleasant shock for our rusty boys, we immediately found ourselves matched against the cerebral might of James Ruse. In a debate most memorable for James Ruse's second speaker shouting "Ridiculous!" at the top of his lungs, we lost narrowly. managed a victory later that day, courtesy of a bulletproof model invested by third speaker Luke Bacon. We then went on to the Karl Cramp competition, winning our first round against Oatley Campus A despite early confusion regarding the opposition's definition.



(L-R)  $\,$  J Todd, J Cheong, J Diment, L Bacon, W Aguiar, Ms M Peric

In our next debate, a tussle over TV show, *Big Brother*, against Kogarah High, fourth speaker and recent recruit Jacob Todd shone with his knowledge of the topic. After a forfeit from Oatley Campus B, we found ourselves Zone Champions and pitted against the old enemy, Sydney Boys. We thought we had won this infamous grudge match after first speaker Justin Cheong set up a typically meticulous case. Unfortunately, the adjudicator saw differently and we were left to manfully bite back the tears, congratulate the opposition and drown our sorrows in orange juice.

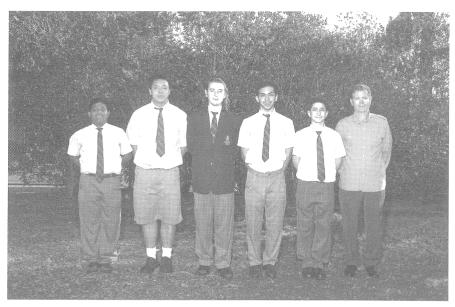
Until next year - James Diment, Second Speaker

STHS returned to the winners circle this year with excellent performances from the team of George Issa, Steve Trinh, Amir Mahmoud and Elisha Edwin.

As Zone winners we progressed to the inter-zone matches defeating Kingsgrove, then Newtown Performing Arts in the Sydney Region Quarter Final and then we faced Sydney Girls' in the regional semi.

We put up a strong performance against a formidable team, losing a very close decision.

The boys are to be congratulated for their efforts and participation in other competitions also, such as The Institute University and Macquarie Uni.



(L-R) A Sivashanmugarajah, S Trinh, M Day, G Issa, A Mahmoud, Mr D Butcher Absent: E Edwin

Next year will be a big year for us I'm sure.

Mr D Butcher

### YEAR 9

Year 9 Debating Team members include Nicholas Karvountzis, Noel Mason, Moyukh Muzahid, Cameron Roberts and Laltaksh Wangoo. This team successfully competed in the Hurlstone Agricultural College (Janene Best Selective School) Competition bringing home the cup in 2005. This was quite an achievement as our school has been entering every year for thirteen years. Whilst our teams have several times made the finals, this was our first win.

During 2006 our team entered the "Premier Debating Competition" and gained the opportunity to be



(L-R) C Roberts, N Karvountzis, M Muzahid, N Mason, Ms L Grey Absent: L Wangoo

regional finalists. The competition for this event was our own Year 10 Premier's Debating Team. This was a challenging competition, with the year 10 team being the winners.

Our team members are very keen. Their interaction has at all times been cooperative and at times dynamic. It is unfortunate that during this year there were not as many opportunities for them to stretch themselves as there were in year 8.

Ms L Grey

### Premier's Debating Challenge

It has been a very exciting and productive year for Year 8 Debating! The enthusiasm and commitment of **Max Kiefel, Nicholas Rokkas, Rick Trinh and Chun Wong** have been admirable. With each debate they have rotated the various speaker roles while Chun has been a stalwart Team Advisor. Through their team effort and determination they have qualified for the Interzone Quarter—Finals after winning the three rounds of the Zone debate and then the Interzone Fourth Round.

They defeated James Cook High School in Round One, Kogarah High School in Round Two, and Sydney Tech's own valiant Year 7 Debating Team in Round Three. Their Fourth Round was against Newtown Performing Arts High School and it was a very close and interesting debate on the topic that "Music is a bad influence on today's society."

Our team had the affirmative case to prove and they did so with great use of examples to justify their team line and persuade the audience that they had the more powerful case.

The team is now waiting with anticipation to hear who their next Debating adversaries will be for the Quarter Finals. It would be wonderful for them to finish the year with a place in the Grand Final.

It has been a pleasure coaching such a dedicated and talented team. On behalf of the team and myself I would like to thank Kenneth Lam who stepped in as Team Advisor for one round. He and the tireless Nicholas Kadiev performed excellent Chairing and Timekeeping duties. Thank you also to Johnathan Ahladiotis and Alex Lazarou for their help at the start of the competition.

Good luck for their final rounds! Their wonderful participation and achievements so far are a credit to them and the school.

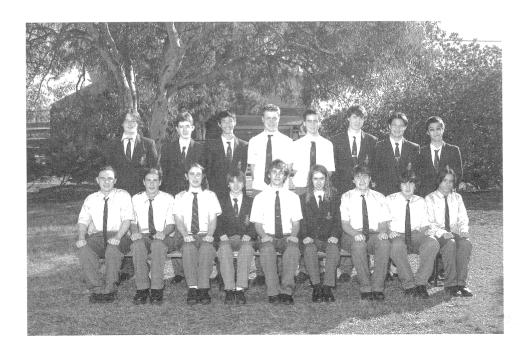
Ms M Contos Debating Coach

### YEAR 7

A very talented new team consisting of Alex Tsathas, Hamza Hamwi, Douglas Chan, Mark Raikhman and Alvi Ahmed impressed with their first representative debates for the school. I look forward to further competitions as these boys show a lot of promise.

Mr D Butcher

### **FRED**



### HISTORY



## SOCIAL SCIENCE





### Celebrating 50 Years at Bexley in 2006

This year marks Sydney Technical High School's 50th year at Bexley. The Sydney Tech Photo Competition has been organised to celebrate this event and document life at Sydney Tech in 2006.

### **Competition Criteria**

Capture the spirit of 'Tech' in 2006 – what you enjoy about your school. Ideas could include friends, teachers, sense of community, subjects/ extracurricular/ sport/ camps/ excursions/ physical environment – learning spaces/ structures/ colours/ textures/ lighting. Images can be humorous, solemn or quirky.

### The Results

The boys submitted some interesting aspects of the school at its 50 year mark at Bexley. Thanks must go to our sponsors, *Fotoriesel* photographic supplies, and *Art Business* art supplies for their generous support and to the Visual Arts/Photography teachers for coordinating the competition. Particular mention must go to Ms Dash, our teaching intern, for compiling the catalogue. Congratulations to *Andrew Yuen of Year 9* for his winning entry *'Luminous Library Lights'*. A selection of winning entries in the four divisions appears below.



Douglas Chan

Late for Class!!

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
7R1





Andrew Solomon

Stairway to History

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
7R5





Andrew Yuen

Luminous Library Lights

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

9R6





Alan Lau

Musicians To Be

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
9R4



Timothy Duong
The School Pool in '06
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
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Aaron Ngan Yet Another Beautiful Day

BLACK & WHITE FILM PHOTOGRAPHY 11R4



Ms. Julie Carrington
Carnival Capers

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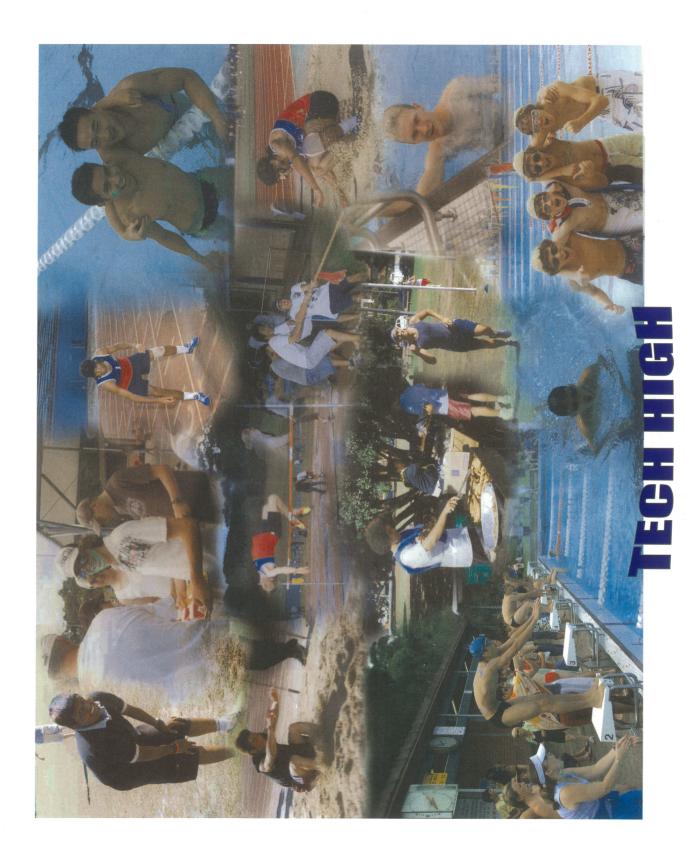


**Dr Geoff Thickett** 

The Ups and Downs of Chemistry

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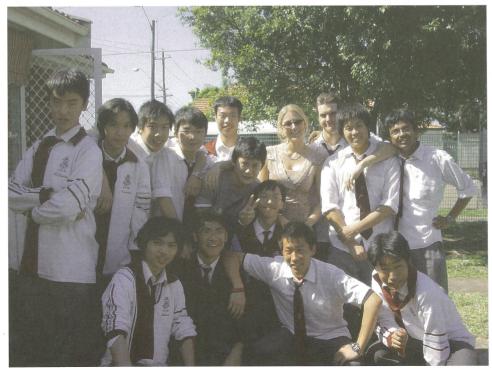


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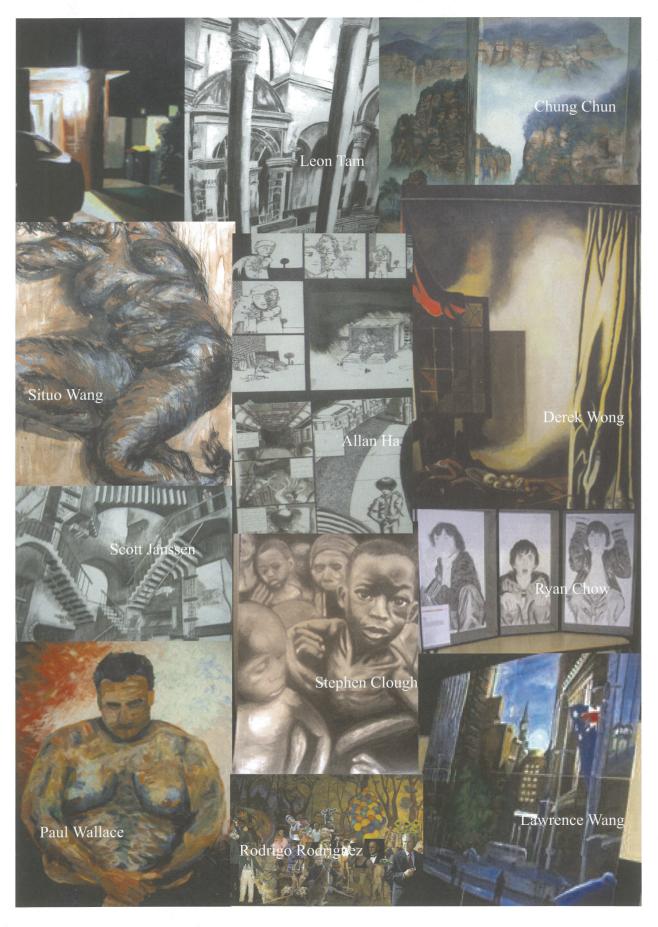








# YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS







Yang Cao



Steven Cao



Patrick Fong



Michael Zhang



Shaun McCheane

**Andrew Murray** 



**Colin Liew** 





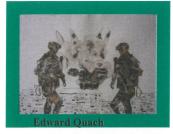
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**Lionel Puang** 

# Year 10 Visual Arts

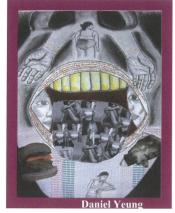




















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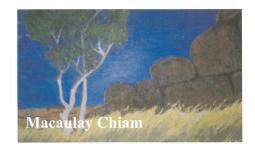


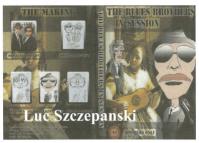




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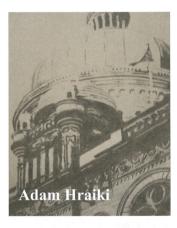




























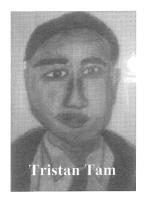








# Year 8 Visual Arts





























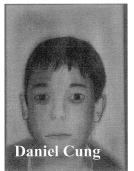
























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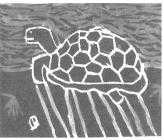


Anosh Kanagaratnam 7T



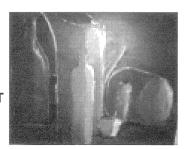
**Alex Rorris** 

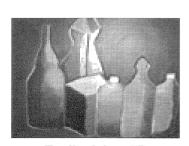




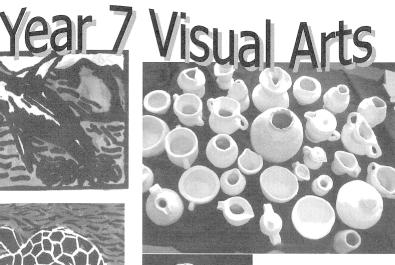








Tanjim Islam 7B



Year 7 Ceramic Coil Pots and Animals

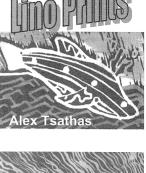








Raphael Rosse 7P









Tom Banh



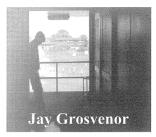






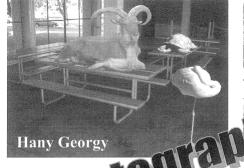


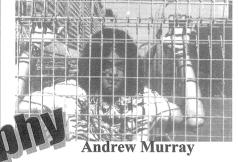


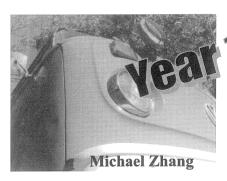




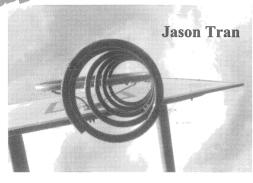


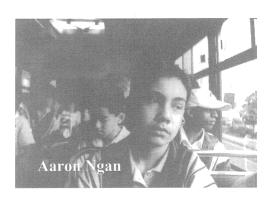




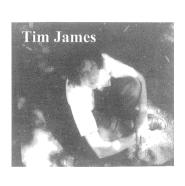






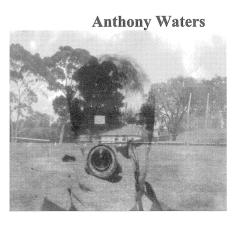
















It's hard to believe that it's now time to say goodbye and for each of you, time to move on to another adventure and new challenges. It only seems like yesterday that you arrived at school for your first day, all nervous, dressed immaculately and not knowing what high school would be like. Now, six years later, you have that answer and hopefully, many great memories to take with you from your time at Tech.

Six years has seen many changes to not only the group, but of course to each individual. We have had many students move on to different schools and of course have welcomed many new boys into our year. We managed to survive three camps, work through many study skills sessions, achieve some very impressive results in the School Certificate and of course the final challenge, the HSC.

This year especially has been a very busy one. There has been the serious side of things, like trial exams, scholarship applications for many of you and generally working hard toward achieving the best possible results for the HSC. Yet this year has also been filled with many fun activities that you all enthusiastically participated in – the swimming carnival and bbq's, your final school dance, trivia night, the muck up photos and of course our last day breakfast, graduation assembly and luncheon.

It is important to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of a number of boys who have spent so much time in making sure that the final terms at school were enjoyable and memorable for each and every one of you. Special mention needs to go to the jersey committee, the year book committee, the formal committee, the video producers and trivia night organisers. A very special thank you must go to Andrew Lilley, Scott Robertson and Stephen Tan who have given so much of their time to ensure the success of all events and whose number one priority was always the year group.

In everything that we have done as a group, you displayed maturity, exceptional manners, represented yourselves with pride and upheld the school's good name and traditions. I would hear nothing but praise for the way you would conduct yourselves and was always complimented on the 'great bunch of boys' that we had.

You have given me so many memories that I will never forget. Nothing could ever replace the time I have spent working with you all these past six years. I thank you for giving me that chance to enjoy the experience and everything that I have gained professionally but mostly personally.

I wish every single one of you the very best for not only the HSC but for your future, whatever that may bring.

Love and best wishes,

Pam Abson Year Adviser





























Jason Gregory-Jones Thomas Keeley-Reid Rakesh Murugan Aristos Tzortzis Sawrence Wang Khusheev Singh Muneeb Aftab Craig Mattern Harsha Suresh Andrew Lilley William Tang Alen Brodaric Robert White Hussein Diab Timothy Low Starence Pho Soner Sahan Simon Fung James Chen Phillip Lay Samuel Lee Ying Chan Sujie Huo Roge Kuo Allan Ha Neff Hon Rodrigo Rodriguez Charles Mangura David Simmonds Matthew Gibson Tammam Abbas Andrew Murray Kaushik Kundu Morgan Hunter Kenrick Blaker William Webb Andrew Chen Ram Karthik. Nathan Low Paul Wallace Benson Law Chung Chan Charlie Dao Adam Lilley Anthony Tse Timothy Lip William Fu Minh Phan Keith Tang Kjeran He James Lee Alan Guo Greg Sun Sum Wu

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### YEAR 11 CROSSROADS CAMP

This year's Year 11 camp was held at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre in Term 2, Week 4. The camp was organised in order to complete the Crossroads program, however, there were also some recreational activities included to make the camp more fun and enjoyable.

On the first day we all met on the back oval and boarded the three coaches to travel to the camp venue. As we arrived through the main gates those who were Manly fans were fortunate to see their first grade team training on one of the front ovals.

After unloading the buses we all gathered as a year group and were introduced to the camp instructors who gave us a brief overview of the rules and program of activities that would run over the three days. Next we were allowed to collect our luggage and settle into our luxurious cabins which contained a lounge room, cable television, tea and coffee facilities and for some lucky students even a bar fridge which was quite a change from our Year 9 camp. After lunch on the first day we were placed into eight groups in which we completed all our activities and seminars over the 3 days. Each group began their first activity which comprised of either Dark water canoes, Raft building, High ropes, Archery, Relationships or Drug awareness seminars. Each group would eventually get to complete all these activities over the duration of our stay.

During the evening of our first night we had a guest speaker Brent Williams give a motivational talk about a range of different issues related to planning for the H.S.C and life after this. Brent's talk was cut short in order for the origin fans to view the State of Origin on the big screen in the main hall. Unfortunately the camp instructors were unable to get television coverage for us on the Wednesday night after a lightning strike the previous night. A last minute decision was made to have a games night where Risk and Texas Holdem seemed to be the most popular games played. Credit goes to all of Year 11 for their understanding on this night. Luckily there was a replay on Pay TV which students could watch after the games night came to an end.

There were some very tired and weary looking students on the second day of camp with some students having stayed up all night. Day two comprised of more activities and at night we had the option of participating in a trivia quiz or watching the Soccer game with Australia vs Greece. The atmosphere was fantastic among students with everyone standing up and singing their team's national anthem. There was even a little wave happening whilst we watched the match.



On the third day we had to clean up our cabins and then participate in an activity called Team Challenge. The aim of this activity was to combine all the activities we had completed over the past two days plus a few extras and finish them in the shortest possible time. Another requirement was that the entire group had to hold onto a length of rope or they would be disqualified. At the end of this activity when all groups had completed the challenges the camp staff ran 'Kangaroo Court' which as the name suggests was a court room whereby each team had the opportunity to accuse and defend allegations of cheating or misconduct encountered during the team challenge activity. If a team was found to be guilty then time would be added on. The most memorable moments during 'Kangaroo Court' were the well thought out cases put forward by James Diment and Liam Dodds who convinced the judges to take time off some groups and the chanting by Arunn's team.

Overall the camp was quite a success. The feeling I get from most of the year group was that everyone had a great time with the exception of the camp food. Special thanks goes to Mr Roper for his time and effort put into the drug awareness seminar and to Mr Reynolds, Mr Werner, Mr Gowan, Mr Riley, Mr Mulholland, Mr Lyons, Ms Abson, and Ms Blake for their time and contribution.

Thanks for a great year guys,

Mr. Stokes (Year 11 Adviser)



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Once upon a time, its seems like only yesterday that our whole grade arrived at what originally seemed to be an alien environment. After several years, we are already preparing ourselves for the school certificate. This past year has been pretty hectic for the whole lot of us, but in between these hectic times, there were also times of fun, laughter and enjoyment.

In term one we all looked forward to the delights of work experience. Many year 10s picked a wide variety of occupations. The one-week experience was a very rewarding one and many things were learnt. One thing in particular was advice from those employers, who were quite funny, but really, it taught us what to expect after school life.

Indeed, year ten were well-represented in the public eye when several of them made the stage with their Harmony Day performance at Sydney Town Hall, titled 'Who the Bloody Hell are We?' It highlighted the issues of racism, immigration and multiculturalism in modern society in Australia. Congratulations to Simon Wynn, Amir Mahmoud, Matt Day, Daniel Papps, Nick Hallasso, and Pete Mulheron, and Francis Zhou, who participated in the performance.

However, there are the dreaded upcoming trials and School Certificate exams. Attitudes are mixed and everyone has there own way of dealing with exams but the question that seems to be on everyone's lips is 'When will all this be over?', with the obvious answer being NEVER as there is the HSC also in the not too distant future!

Apart from these exams, which everyone undeniably loves (note the sarcasm), there were definitely 'funner' events occurring throughout the year (blame Keats for our bad grammatical wrongnesses). We participated in a variety of excursions, such as the geography excursion to Cronulla, and must admit it was a very memorable experience when the whole grade exited the bus and almost died of pneumonia from the pouring rain. What was worse was that there was nowhere for us to shelter. The grade also attended a modern rendition of the classic Shakespeare story, *Romeo and Juliet* at the Sydney Opera House. Elective based excursions included the visual arts students attending the *Sculpture by the Sea* exhibition at Bondi and Tamarama beaches, and the French students attended the French International Day at Macquarie University, and these excursions were all an enjoyable break from the repeated cyclic routine of school.

Lastly, some students should be commended for their hard efforts as accelerated students, especially the students who have completed IPT for the HSC and for their extra study and efforts throughout the year.

So...what do the next two years bring? Well, we'll just have to wait and find out. Year 10 Students

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Arden Burrell
Aaron Charlton
Nathan Chiu
Todd Da Silva
Matthew Dwyer
George Gleeson
Jimmy He
Monir Joarder
Alvin Kho
Pat Lai
Stephen Lew
Ivan Luburic
Leith Mcdonald
Bill Ng
Daniel Papps
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Sam Shedden
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Elisha Edwin
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Sam Heath
Blake Jones
Jeremy Khoh
David Lam
Quentin Li
Richard Lund
Geordie Mcsullea
Kevin Ng Alias Wong
Daniel Perkovic
Derek Quan
Anosh
Sivashanmugarajah
Ryan Szeto
William Ton-That
Raymond Tsang
Garmon Weng
Bruce Yeung
Andy Zhang

Allan Almeida
Michael Barker
Jacky Chan
Michael Chea
Jacharng Chong
Robert D'Angelo
Dylan Falconer
Shashank Gupta
Josh Hill
Matt Jones
Anuj Kumar
Kevin Lau
Jack Lin
David Luo
Frank Miao
Jackson Ngo
Roman Pillay
Akram Rizk
Jordan Smith
Andrew Ta
David Tran

Dong Uong

Stephen Wong

Daniel Yeung

Hanning Zhang

Matthew Au Jackson Belcastro
Jackson Beleastro
Philip Chen
Adam Christie
Matt Day
Simon Farah
Nicholas Hallasso
Steven Ho
Ushan Kalugalage
Ware Kuo
Josh Lauer
Jonathan Lin
Amir Mahmoud
Vincent Mu
Huy Nguyen
Jared Poole
William Rusbatch
Edward Son
Nelvin Tam
Johnny Tran

Francis Viray

Edwin Yeung

Roger Zhang

Ken Woon

Matthew Hare
Nicholas Huang
Bond Kam
Shale Kuzmanovski
Christopher Lee
Marcus Low
Kelvin Man
Pete Mulheron
Sean Niu
Dimitri Prodromou
Atinder Sanghera
Huyn Song
Desmond Tan
Danny Trieu
Jonathan Vo
Simon Wynn
William Yi
Garson Zhong

Henry Avila-Luvsangenden

Matt Bineth

Kevin Chang

Johnson Chu

Kevin Fong

Dominic Cheung

Jaskirat Dhingra

Rabi Ayoubi
Andrew Bull
Noel Char Kee Chung
Paul Cheung
Peter Cook-O'Neill
Shane Drinkwater
Mitchell Fripp
Nicholas Hartigan
George Issa
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This year has proved to be a significant one as the boys are fast approaching the halfway mark of their time at Sydney Technical High School. I am sure most parents can clearly remember that first assembly in the auditorium, it only seems like yesterday.

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From a positive perspective, I was suitably impressed with the growing number of boys making their mark in our school. We were represented in many academic and sporting pursuits, as well as other particular fields of interest, for which all achievers should be rightfully proud of themselves. As I have done on many previous occasions, I implore all members of the year group to challenge their perceived potential. There are many opportunities to show your talents in our school, and you all have the ability to shine in areas of your choosing.

The immature behaviour that unfairly plagued earlier years is receding, which indicates the year group is thankfully maturing and realising there is more to life. My main concerns now lay with poor study habits, which may not seem harmful now, but will arrive with a vengeance in the senior years.

On this note, Year 9 attended a study skills day at Ramsgate R.S.L. Memorial Club. The day involved various topics covering time management, goal setting, study skills and basic first aid. Being off-site proved to be beneficial in a number of ways, it gave the boys a rare chance to represent the school in front of the public as a year group, and to provide a more relaxed and different setting to what we experience during the week. It also provided the boys with an insight as to the amounts of organisation involved in setting up such events, particularly the upcoming school camp. I am pleased to report that all boys did the school and, most importantly, themselves proud.

I would like to finish by reminding all boys just how short their remaining time is at Tech High. As I alluded to earlier, the halfway mark is upon us, which in some cases can be cause for celebration. If you thought the first half flew by, remember that in the second half, you encounter two school camps, the School Certificate, work experience, numerous excursions and, of course, the Higher School Certificate. While this may seem like an eternity, I sincerely hope that all boys realise they have a shrinking window of opportunity if they plan to achieve the goals they set themselves. Remember the cliché: It's later than you think.

Mr.P.Graham. Year 9 Adviser.

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Mustapha Dahoud	Andrew Davis	David Do	Anthony Douskou	Lawrence Duong	Joshua Duque
François Fajilan	Phillip Faraj	Diego Funai	Kevin Fung	Fady Georgy	Ryan Giles
Jonathan Gounaris	Steven Green	Cris Gudas	Alex Gurman	Charles Ha	Paul Hammell
Jesse Hanna	Samiul Haque	Simon Hardy	Justin Hazelton	Miles Hellyer	Jerome Herren
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James Kirkpatrick	Max Kite	Austin Ko	Joseph Koo	Andrew Lai	Alan Lau
Derek Lau	Johnny Le	Nigel Le	Christopher Lee	Ivan Lee	Raymond Lee
Edward Li	Sherwin Li	Young Li	Jeffrey Loong	Anthony Lu	Andy Luong
Samuel Ly	Andy Mai	Noel Mason	Ben Middleton	Jaan Mohammed- Rahim	Meqdad Monayem
Haris Mustafa	Moyukh Muzahid	Gavin Ng	Jason Nguyen	Lawrence Nguven	Peter Nguyen
David Ouch	Eric Pan	Phillip Pham	James Phu	Tolik Plotnik	Rajan Rehan
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Luc Szczepanski	Brian Ta	Junior Taurail	William Thai	Anh Tran	Dominic Tran
Vincent Tran	Paul Tunbridge	Evan Vallis	Laltaksh Wangoo	Jason Wijesekera	Jason Wong
Nicholas Wong	Qin Wong	Nathan Woods	Adrien Wu	Alexander Wu	Kelvin Wu
Simon Xing	Tim Yang	Martin Yoon	Andrew Yuen	Daniel Zhang	Terrence Zheng



Year 8 has consolidated the skills they learnt in their introductory year while increasing their maturity levels and developing group dynamics.

At the end of year 7, the group participated in a Gala Day at Gardner Park. Boys were able to play cricket, softball, captain/tunnel ball and undertake treasure hunts where working effectively in groups was necessary. Bevan He showed an uncanny ability to deconstruct the most difficult clues to win the treasure hunt. The boys participated in their House groups, leading into the final event, the tug-o-war. Gotto House overpowered their opponents to win and equal Broome as Gala Day House Champions.

Arun Ghosh was our first new admission to the Year group at the start of 2006 and he quickly adjusted to his new environment due to the friendly welcome he received from the group. Welcome, Arun!

Highlights for the year included: Chun Wong, Nicholas Rokkas, Rick Trinh and Max Kiefel winning the Premiers Debating Competition – zone level and interzone finalists at the time of this journal report being written (they are yet to be defeated!), Rick Trinh representing Hurstville Municipality in Japan for the Goodwill Games in swimming and Nibir Kader showing leadership skills in captaining both the 14 years cricket and 13 years rugby league teams, including leading the first Sydney Tech. rugby league team into a grand final in decades.

Bryan Lam, Chris Lyons, Lewis Cowper, William Chau and Karwin Rogers showed maturity and leadership abilities by performing roles as SRC members in organisation of SRC events including Fashion Day, school dances and Mufti events.

The Year 8 group will again be participating in a Gala Day-type event in Term 4 to aid them in team-building, group work and lateral thinking skills, which will lead on to the study skills program and camp in Year 9.

N.Melvin Year Adviser

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### YEAR 7

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Alvi Ahmed	Ananthan Ambikairajah	Ricardo Arditti	Anhar Baloch	Tom Banh	Steven Banos
Anindya Bhattacharjee	Harrison Burrows	Andrew Chan	Andrew Ka Hei Chan	Dominic Chan	Douglas Chan
Matthew Chan	Adam Cheng	Derek Cheung	Daniel Chiew	Naveed Chowdhury	Aaron Choy
Matthew Cooper	Julian Davies	Andrew Demayo	James Dickson	Matthew Duong	Stanislav Dzyuba
Samuel Elnajar	Julian Foster-Pullman	Bowen Fox	Vincent Fu	Thomas Giles	Samuel Grennan
Andrew Ha	Hamza Hamwi	Sheikh Haque	Jason Harris	Calvin He	Xingyun He
Kieran Hoare	Md Hoque	James Horsburgh	Andy Huang	Derrick Huang	Furian Huang
Minh Huynh	Tanjim Islam	Sharif Issa	Asif Jalal	James Jang	Gorden Jiang
Kevin Jin	Michael Jung	Anosh Kanagaratnam	Evren Korkusuz	Johnny Ku	Samed Kuscu
Elliot Kwan	Terrence Kwok	Andrew La	Duy Le	Emerson Lee	Jason Lee
Victor Lee	Nick Li	Garston Liang	Zhao Liang	Jeremy Lim	Anthony Lin
Han Liu	Tony Liu	Marcus Lo Russo	Blair Lord	Edward Lu	Ellison Luk
Kevin Luong	John Martin	Imraan Matthews	Aquib Mehdad	Bryan Mew	Nathaniel Musters
Don Ngo	Andrew Nguyen	Hoang Nguyen	Joshua Nguyen	Peter Nguyen	Quan Nguyen
Simon Nguyen	Vietnam Nguyen	Peter Nicholas	Ryan Pearson	Felix Phu	Mark Phung
William Phung	Prashan Prabaharan	Jason Qian	Marco Quan	Aabir Quazi	Vangel Radev
Mark Raikhman	Ray Ren	Charbel Rezcallah	Kevin Rondo	Alexander Rorris	Raphael Rosse
David Rowley	Thomas Rusbatch	Tony San	Kieran Seed	Ming Si	Ravi Singh
Amir Sirder	Nathan Smith	Sean Smith	Andrew Solomon	Jinsun Song	Daniel Stewart
Tim Su	William Su	Feras Suwan	Brian Tam	Robert Tan	Anthony Tang
Kerry Tang	Calvin Tran	Joseph Tran	Peter Tran	Jeffrey Truong	Alexandros Tsathas
George Tsihlis	Paul Tsihlis	Muthu Udaiyappan	Vijayaraghavan Vaidyanathan	Sahil Verma	Adrian Walker
Bayee Wang	David Wang	Richard Wang	Aaron Wilson	Benjamin Wong	Allan Xie
Steve Xie	Yun Xu	Joel Yakoubi	Craig Yang	James Yang	Jonathan Yau
Angus Yong	Ike Yuan	Tazvir Zaman	Gary Zhang	William Zhang	Jiahuan Zhou

It is amazing to see how Year 7 have settled into high school life. I remember addressing the first assembly at the beginning of the year when 150 nervous students looked up at me on stage, eager to begin their high school adventure. There were new people to meet, new subjects to study and a whole new school to get to know. Apart from that, they now had to know the names of nine different teachers and the subjects taught by those teachers.

Looking back over 2006, the boys have had so many different experiences. At the beginning of the year they participated in the Peer Support Program which is led by a group of Year 11 students. This program has been running for a number of years and it is designed to make the transition into high school easier for the boys.

In Week 5, the boys travelled to Vision Valley for the Year 7 camp. For the first time, their Year 11 Peer Support leaders also attended on the Tuesday and it was good to see both year 7 and Year 11 mixing so well in an environment well away from school. At camp, the boys participated in activities such as horse riding, canoeing, orienteering, archery and water-sliding, as well as attending seminars on anti-bullying and study skills. It was pleasing to see that all boys were active participants in the camp and that a good time was had by all.

During the year, the boys participated in the house points system and this was highlighted by the Winter House Soccer Tournament which was won by McKinnon who were led by Ryan Pearson. Another highlight of the year was the selection into the Primary Schools Ensemble of Keiran Seed, Garston Liang, Bowen Fox and John Martin who performed on stage at the Opera House in September.

The year group have been very keen participants in the school's merit system with several students already receiving Gold Awards at school assemblies and it is pleasing to see the number of Silver Awards which I have had to present over the year. There have been so many success stories this year in academic, sport and artistic areas by the year group.

I look forward to working with the boys over the remaining five years of their Tech Life. This year has been fantastic and next year is looking as though it will be just as good. See you in 2007.

Michael Bellamy Year Adviser

### **SPORT**

It has long been a belief of mine that sporting ability and intelligence go hand in hand. This is continually shown within our Zone, and our winning of Champion School in Winter Sport this year makes it 3 years out of the 4 in which it has been awarded and is added to the winning in Summer 2005/6 of our 4<sup>th</sup> successive Summer title. In addition to these achievements must be the successful defence of our Championships in Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country, making us the only Boys school to have won these awards since the Zone's inception in 2001.

And why do we have such success? Ability? Undoubtedly. Intelligence? In abundance. Competitiveness? Definitely. But also the "uncoachable" attributes: a high degree of sportsmanship, a strong adherence to the principles of teamwork and high levels of participation. We possess no better sportsmen than a lot of other schools, but Tech boys possess fantastic attitudes, and our rates of participation in all aspects of sporting life are extremely high. In summer we fielded 41 grade teams, while in winter this rose to 42 teams. Congratulations to all boys involved: from the opening batsman in first grade cricket, to the point-guard in Year 7 House Basketball – you have all made important contributions.

Following is a summation of the year's progress to date.

### SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR The Professor Max Howell Award

This is the highest sporting accolade that Sydney Tech can give. It is given to a boy who has continually over his School career given tremendous dedication to the School's sporting endeavours, and who has represented at high levels.

In 2006 this award goes to:

### **EZRA JAMES**



Ezra is possibly the most naturally gifted sportsman who has come through this school for a long time. A talented tennis player, he represented the School at first grade level while still in year 9, but then turned his attention from year 11 onwards to soccer where he played the last two years in first grade. In Summer he played Touch where he again played first grade.

Yet it is in Cross Country and Athletics where Ezra really shines. A tremendously talented runner over all distances, he has capped off 2006 with being Age Champion in both Athletics and Cross Country for both the school and the Zone, and progressed to the CHS Carnivals in both sports, finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the Cross Country, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400m, 5<sup>th</sup>. in the 800 m and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 4 x 400m relay.

Ezra typifies every Sydney Tech Sportsman of the Year – he is determined yet humble and a true sportsman in every sense of that word.

### PIERRE de COURBETIN AWARD

Awarded by the Olympic Foundation and given in honour of Baron de Courbetin, founder of the Modern Olympics, this award is conferred to a sportsman who has given outstanding service to the School in sport in general but in particular to one or more of the three Olympic disciplines of Cross Country, Swimming or Athletics. Few are given out in the State each year, and only one can be given by each School each year and must go to a senior student, who truly represents the Olympic ideals of competition and sportsmanship of the highest order.

In 2006 this award goes to:

### **KURT FORRESTER**

An outstanding swimmer, Kurt is also a more than competent Cross Country athlete, having represented the school and zone every year, representing the region at the CHS Carnival in 2005. Although restricted in his ability to participate in contact sports due to a serious medical condition, Kurt has played grade Table Tennis for the school every year since year 7 and has also played in the knockout lawn bowls side. In Athletics he has twice represented the school at the Zone carnival and made the regional carnival on another occasion.

But it is in swimming in which he has made his mark. For each year of his school career, Kurt has represented the school and zone and swum for the Region at the CHS titles. He has been school age



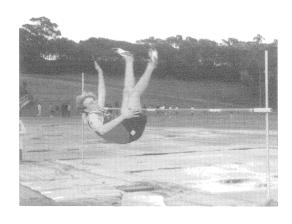
swimming champion each year with the exception of 2005 when an operation prevented his attending our carnival. So in that year.....he then went on to the Zone carnival as an invited competitor where he took out the Zone Age Champion Award, a feat he replicated this year.

Of outstanding character, Kurt is also a great scholar and a school prefect.

### ST GEORGE DRAGONS MEDAL

The inaugural award of an Annual presentation to be given by St George Illawarra Rugby League Club to recognise contribution by a Sportsman in High Schools. Due to his ongoing support of Rugby League within this school and his outstanding success in Athletics (notably High Jump) the award has been given this year to:

### **CRAIG MATTERN**



### **BLUES 2006**

These boys have been awarded School Blues. This means they have excelled in the areas in which they have been honoured, and have both given continued service and earned considerable high level success. This normally means representation at CHS level in their chosen Sports. I commend them to you as wonderful ambassadors for the School and exceptional sportsmen, in all senses of that word.

Craig Mattern Athletics
Shiv Sivakumar Athletics Cross Country
E zra James Athletics Cross Country
Alex Stamekovic Athletics
Nathan Low Swimming
Matthew Gibson Cricket

### **ZONE BLUES:**

Awarded by the St George Zone SSSA in recognition of continued and successful representation of the Zone in nominated sports.

Craig Mattern Athletics
Shiv Sivakumar Athletics Cross Country
Ezra James Athletics Cross Country
Nathan Low Swimming

### **SUMMER SPORT**

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Most summer sport has not concluded at this point, but several Open Grade Competitions have finished and it is pleasing to report these successes:

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2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Basketball (No 2 team )	Open B Table Tennis
1 <sup>st</sup> grade cricket	1 <sup>st</sup> grade Volleyball

### **WINTER SPORT**

Premiers	Runners-Up
Hockey 1st grade Soccer A grade squash Open B1 Tennis 15A Tennis 13A Tennis 14B Table Tennis Open A Baseball	13 years Rugby League 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade White Soccer B grade squash Open A2 Tennis 14A Tennis 14B Tennis 14A table Tennis Open A1 Table Tennis 14C Table Tennis 14D Table Tennis
14B Table Tennis	14A table Tennis Open A1 Table Tennis 14C Table Tennis

### **CARNIVALS**

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS 2006**

Turner	Williams	McMullen	McKinnon	Broome	Gotto
B. Charles	T. Gu	G. Khan	J. McKinnon	D. Simmonds	M. Wang
M. Antonelli	A. Jegatheeswaran	A. Lalchere	A. Murray	V. Teng	J. Vallis
N. Aftab	S. Drinkwater	G. Issa	D. Papps	C. Tomic	B. Yeung

### **HOUSE POINTSCORES**

House	Athle tics Points	Position	Cross Country	Position	Swimming Points	Position	TOTAL Points	Position
Turner Williams McKinnon Gotto McMullen Broome	344 303 363 328 344 211	2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	286 273 214 202 214 190	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	241 261 161 206 140 186	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>	871 837 738 736 698 587	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>

### **SCHOOL AGE CHAMPIONS**

Age	Athletics	Cross Country	Swimming
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12 13 14	Prashan Prabaharan Chun Wong Jason Nguyen	Ricardo Arditti James Dickson Evan Vallis	Ricardo Arditti Chun Wong (Rick Trinh (Jesse Hanna
15 16	Harmeet Singh (Dong Uong (Shane Drinkwater	Justin Hazelton Marcus Low	Steve Trinh Marcus Low
Opens	Ezra James	Ezra James	Kurt Forrester

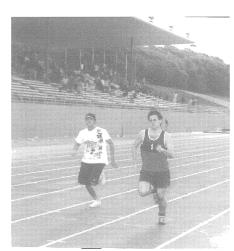
### **ZONE AGE CHAMPIONS**

ATHLETICS		CROSS COUNTRY	SWIMMING
Jason Nguyen Ezra James	14 yrs Open	Marcus Low 16 yrs Ezra James 18 yrs 16 yrs team Open team	Ricardo Arditti 12 yrs Marcus Low 16 yrs Kurt Forrester Open

### **ZONE ATHLETICS RECORDS SET 2006**

EZRA JAMES - Open 1500 m - 4:14.58 Open 800m - 2:06.75

LEWIS COWPER - 14 yrs High Jump - 1.61 m



### **ZONE REPRESENTATIVES**

These boys went on to represent the St George SSSA Zone at Regional Carnivals:

### **Athletics**

Ricardo Arditti Ani Bhattacharjee Rilev Blair Abinav Challa Andy Chen Gary Cheung Naveed Chowdhury Naveed Chowdhury Lewis Cowper Lawson Cullen Dmitri Davidov Anthony Douskou **Shane Drinkwater** Matthew Dwyer Staz Dyzuba Jonathan Gounaris Justin Hazelton Jerome Herren Gary Ho Ezra James Nibir Kader Max Kite Brian Lam Marcus LoRusso

Ivan Luburic
Craig Mattern
Edmond Mazid
Joshua McKinnon
Adam Momi
Phi Ngo
Jason Nguyen
Roman Pillay
Prashan Prabaharan
Prashan Prabaharan
Marco Quan

Rajan Rehan
Ray Sedrak
Joonho Shin
Harmeet Singh
Shiv Sivakumar
Alex Stamenkovic
Mitchell Terry
Steve Trinh
Dong Uong
John Vallis
Laltaksh Wangoo
Chun Wong
Martin Wong
Vincent Wong
Allan Xie





### **Cross Country**

Marcus Low

Ricardo Arditti Andrew Bull Lewis Cowper James Dickson Anthony Douskou Shane Drinkwater Justin Hazelton Ezra James Marcus Low Prashan Prabaharan Ray Sedrak John Vallis Evan Vallis Adrian Walker



### **Swimmimg**

Michael Antonelli Ricardo Arditti Anindya Bhattacharjee Anthony Douskou Shane Drinkwater Adam Fong Kurt Forrester Tony Gu Jesse Hanna Blake Jones Michael Jung Simon Kim Marcus LoRusso
Marcus Low
Nathan Low
Ellison Luk
Vangel Radev
Raphael Rosse
Rick Trinh
SteveTrinh
John Vallis
Evan Vallis
Chun Wong
Martin Wong





#### **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

These boys went on to represent Sydney East Region at the CHS Carnival:

Marcus Low	Cross Country	Lewis Cowper	Athletics
Shane Drinkwater	Cross Country	Shane Drinkwater	Athletics
Ray Sedrak	Cross Country	Matthew Dwyer	Athletics
John Vallis	Cross Country	Ezra James	Athletics
Ezra James	Cross Country	Marcus Low	Athletics
Ricardo Arditti	Swimming	Adam Momi	Athletics
Kurt Forrester	Swimming	Roman Pillay	Athletics
Marcus Low	Swimming	Shiv Sivakumar	Athletics
Steve Trinh	Swimming	Edmond Mazid	Athletics
Michael Antonelli	Swimming	Mitchell Terry	Athletics
Shane Drinkwater	Swimming	Vincent Wong	Athletics
John Vallis	Swimming	Craig Mattern	Athletics
Ashley Polverino	Lawn Bowls	Alex Stamenkovic	Athletics
Anthony Waters	Lawn Bowls	Geordie McSullea	Rugby Union
Damien Shiels Lord	Lawn Bowls	Andrew Woods	Baseball

### SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK and TEAM OF THE WEEK

(Since last Journal)

<b>2005</b> 9/11/05 16/11 23/11	<b>Sportsman</b> Laltaksh Wangoo Robert Lund William Lam	3 <sup>rd</sup> Blue Cricket 2 <sup>nd</sup> Blue Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> gde Cricket	<b>Team</b> 15B Basketball 13A Basketball Open A Touch
2006			
22/2	Anuk Walgamage	2 <sup>nd</sup> gde Cricket	15B Basketball
1/3	Michael Tjaja	2A Basketball	14 Baseball
15/3	Adrian Duong	13A Basketball	KO Basketball
22/3	Ben Chau	2B Basketball	Open Squash
22/0	Kurt Forrester		open oquan.
29/3	Marcus Low Ricardo Arditti	Swimming	Junior Water Polo
3/5	Aaaron Charlton	2 <sup>nd</sup> gde Soccer	13B2 Soccer
10/5	Nabeil Allam	KO Basketball	KO Lawn Bowls
17/5	Lawson Cullen	15 years Soccer	1 <sup>st</sup> grade Rugby League
24/5	Marcus Low	Cross Country	13 years Rugby League
31/5			Open B Baseball
14/6	Robert White	Baseball	14 years Rugby League
2/8	Lewis Cowper	Athletics	Open A Table Tennis
9/8	Alex Stamenkovic	Athletics	14 Years AFL
16/8	Ezra James		14A Softball
	Shiv Sivakumar	Athletics	15A Soccer
	Adam Momi		
	Alex Stamenkovic		0 54 = :
23/8	0 " 0 1 1	4st L O	Open B1 Tennis
30/8	Scott Robertson	1 <sup>st</sup> gde Soccer	Grade Squash
7/9	Ben Chau	1 B Basketball	14 A Touch
14/9	Ezra James	Athletics	1 <sup>st</sup> B Basketball
20/9	Anhar Baloch Matthew Gibson	13B Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> gde Cricket	
27/9	William Lam	1 <sup>st</sup> gde Cricket	2 <sup>nd</sup> B Basketball
			13 B Basketball





#### Winners of Best and Fairest for Winter Grade Teams 2006

(Summer is not complete – details in next year's Journal)

Soccer	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade B 15A 15B1 15B2 14B 13A 13B1 13B2	George Sclavos Shane Drinkwater Aaron Charlton Matthew Hillman David Szanto Fady Georgy Edwin Zhang Marcus LoRusso James Jang Robert Tan
Rugby League	Open 14 yrs 13 yrs	Ryan Chow Karwin Rogers Bryan Lam
Tennis	Open A1 Open A2 Open B1 Open B2 15A 15B1 15B2 14A 14B1 14B2 13A 13B1	Aaron Ngan Daniel Yeung Nicholas Hartigan Tom Gibson Justin Hazelton David Batar Christopher Johns Sam Gill Not awarded Mukhlis Mah Bowen Fox Not awarded Kieran Hoare
Softball	Junior	Adrian Duong
Baseball	Open A Open B	Kenrick Blaker Wayne Aguiar
Table Tennis	A1 A2 B1 B2 14A 14B 14C	Brian So Alex Wu Patrick Fong John Le Neil Sura Hallard Caines Derek Cheung Muthu Udaiypan
Hockey		David Simmonds
Squash	A grade B grade	William Ton-That Henry Chen
A.F.L.	Under 14	Nick Karvountzis

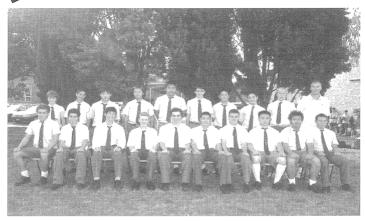








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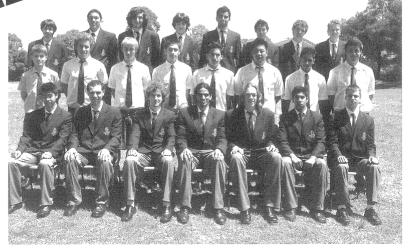




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#### SUMMER SPORT

AT THIS STAGE SUMMER SPORT IS STILL IN PROGRESS AND THESE REPORTS MAY NOT INDICATE ENTIRE SEASON RESULTS

#### **BASEBALL - 14s**

At the time of going to Press, the baseball season is not yet quite finished, however, the way things are going generally, we can optimistically look forward to a successful conclusion in this year's Finals. Morale is presently extremely high, as we have yet to lose or draw a game and the other teams appear rather demoralised, whenever they meet us.

This may because we have unquestionably the best pitcher in the business - Adam FONG - who is so talented and experienced, that the other batters stand little chance of survival. As if this wasn't good enough, we also happen to have a talented and experienced catcher in John GIM, who doesn't let much get by. Adding to the team is Harrison BURROWS, who shows excellent prospects for the future and also doubles up as catcher- and there is Eco LIM, who adds to the pitching line-up. We now have the Rosse twins, with big brother Antoine showing 'Riff-Raff' the new ropes, and 'Dougie' CHAN the short-stop, trying to take over the (Yuto Nakayama) Crazy Kamikaze runner title.

The remainder of the team -James YANG, David CHA, Ernest HUNG, Simon XING and Johnny KU don't always have much to do out in the field and may even be bored at times, but noticeably they add their weight to the confident batting line-up where it counts and bat in the runs and runners, so that we come away regularly the victors.

It is always a real pleasure to spend Wednesday afternoon in the company of such enjoyable characters. Gentlemen, let's try and keep it going to the end of the season. Well done.

#### Mr P Edwards



Front Row (L-R) J Gim, J Yang, A Fong, S Xing, A Rosse Back Row (L-R) Mr P Edwards, H Burrows, D Chan, R Rosse, E Lim

Absent: E Hung, J Ku, D Cha

#### BASKETBALL - 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE MAROON AND 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE MAROON

It was a good year for Tech basketball with both open A teams making the Zone competition final and a combined open team winning the Regional level of the Shell cup knockout competition.

The 1<sup>ST</sup> A (Maroon) team had a very successful season going through the regular season undefeated and then winning the final against the 1<sup>st</sup> Blue team.

On a day when everything seemed to click into place special mention must go to Jason Koo and Niksa Stanisic who didn't seem to miss a shot.

It was a fitting finish for a team that has trained and played together for several seasons. A final farewell to the YR 12 boys Nabeel, Galen, Situo, Jason and Soner who have represented the school with commitment and dedication.

#### Mr P Werner



(L-R) L Bacon, G McSullea, N Stanisic, S Sahan, P Jang, Mr P Werner Absent: S Wang, J Koo, G Lewis, N Allam



Front Row (L-R) C Lieu, B Cheung, M Tjaja, V Teng, Mr P Werner Back Row (L-R) U Chouster, D Davidov, A El Khoury, M Nguyen

#### BASKETBALL – 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE BLUE RUNNER UP 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE BLUE PREMIERS

What a tremendous year. With an inexperienced group of 18 boys, mostly only year 10, and selected as the second teams for our school, we managed to win the second grade competition and contest the first grade final against our No. 1 team who proved vastly superior on the day. This speaks volumes for both the talent available at this school in Basketball, and the dedication and commitment of this group of lads. Indeed it was this sense of character and competitiveness which saw the second grade successful over a much bigger opposition.

Congratulations must go to all boys on making two Finals out of two. It was not what we expected when we entered these competitions to "make up the numbers". A good year for all, particularly given the two serious long term injuries to key first graders which occurred during the year, but fine individual years for Jay Chong, Matthew Bineth, Ware Kuo and Ben Chau who, despite their relatively small statures, more than made up for it by bigger than normal "hearts". These teams were a pleasure to coach in all respects.





Front Row (L-R) A Barathan, K Ng, T Abdelkadar, M Bineth (Captain), A Mujala, R Pillay Middle Row (L-R) Mr Trotman, W Kuo, B Yeung, G Wang, V Lau, J Chong, J Tran Back Row (L-R) E Quach, B Chau, R Zhang, A Kho, L Dang

#### BASKETBALL - 15A AND 15B

Both teams have had sensational seasons to date and are undefeated after eight rounds. The 15A's have 354 for and 119 against whilst the 15B's have 384 for and 78 against. All players always give 100% on court and constantly impress me with their skills and mobility. Particularly dashing as he steams down the court and laying up is the new look Ushan.

Mr S Parrish



15A's
Front Row (L-R) J Kirkpatrick, I Lee, F Georgy, R Rehan,
J Nguyen
Back Row (L-R) Mr S Parrish, F Viray, D Szanto, T Campbell
Absent: U Kaluqalaqe



15B's
Front Row (L-R) K Wu, J Koo, D Zhang, N Karvountzis,
F Fajilan
Back Row (L-R) Mr S Parrish, G Cheung, P Faraj, C Roberts,
N Char Kee Chung

#### BASKETBALL - 14A AND 14B

**14A** - A keen and talented group of boys have helped this team to some impressive victories so far this season. The size of Steve Trinh and the speed and skills of Kevin, Miles, Gary, David and the rest of the boys will be valuable in the finals. They are commended for maintaining the Tech High sense of fair play and sportsmanship.

#### Mr D Butcher



Front Row (L-R) K Hodgson, M Helyer, D Do, E Pan, Z Deen Back Row (L-R) Mr D Butcher, H Georgy Absent: S Trinh, G Ho

14B - This is a talented team that is beginning to score some impressive victories. Max is dominating the basket in defence and "Fast Eddy", Joshua and the boys are moving the ball well. The mercurial skills of the "mini-men" Terence and Macauley always entertain the spectators. I look forward to the finals where their good-sportsmanship will, no doubt, be on display.

#### Mr D Butcher



Front Row (L-R) M Chiam, A Wu, L Duong, M Kite, C Johns Back Row (L-R) Mr D Butcher, J Duque, G Ho, T Zhang, H Georgy

#### BASKETBALL - 13A AND 13B

The under 13A Basketball team has had a success campaign at this stage of the season. The team are running first on the ladder with only one defeat, to Peakhurst High, leading into the finals. The team struggled early in the season as the majority of the boys were representing the school in basketball for the first time.

The team has improved due to: (1) each individual player developing his skills to a higher standard and (2) all players understanding team tactics and the style of game we wish to play.

Special mention to Phillip Zhong, whose work under the basket has been outstanding all season and Adrian Duong who led our goal scoring in most matches. We anticipate a very close final series, with Peakhurst and James Cook looming as our major threats.

#### Mr R Carter



Front Row (L-R) A Duong, A Chen M Chakravarthy, P Zhong Back Row (L-R) T Tam, T Truong, S Dzyuba, Mr R Carter

The players in the under 13B Basketball team are all year 7 boys. Although lacking experience they have not been intimidated and played with tremendous enthusiasm. At present they are undefeated and sitting on top of the ladder.

The 13Bs have proved themselves to be a strong defensive team. They have restricted the opposition scoring baskets and then scored themselves, with a fast break from defence. With Nathaniel Musters making good use of his height the team has been able to dominate both offensive and defensive rebounds. While the smaller players, lead by Calvin He, have used their pace to receive the ball and score.

The 13Bs are the strongest team in the competition, leading into the finals. Hopefully they can continual to improve and develop and not be overwhelmed by the last few games of the season.

#### Mr R Carter



Front Row (L-R) G Liang, N Musters, G Jiang, J Lim, Mr R Carter Back Row (L-R) C He, B Mew, A DeMayo, J Zhou, J Nguyen, A Tang

#### CRICKET - 1st GRADE - PREMIERS

First Grade cricket has suffered from rain interruptions which have left three games incomplete. Sydney Tech has finished first after the competition rounds with good wins over Hurstville, James Cook and Belmore.

Under the leadership of Matthew Gibson the team has displayed excellent cohesion in the field and focused well on the important skills in both batting and bowling departments. As a result the boys have enjoyed their games and developed a good spirit.

Individual performances have nevertheless been outstanding on occasions when required. Matt Gibson, Avinash Singh and Ben Newsom have batted destructively with Matt's 97 not out against Belmore a highlight.

William Lam has impressed everyone with his wonderful, and to opponents devastating four over spells including best figures of 6 for 4 against Kingsgrove and 5 for 11 against Belmore. Good luck to Kenrick, Willie and Matt in their exams.

#### Mr K Short (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) J Hossein, B Newsome, M Gibson (Captain), A Lalchere, W Lam, K Blaker Back Row (L-R) Mr K Short (Manager), T Lay, S McCheane, A Singh, B Joseph

#### CRICKET - 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

These fine young men played their cricket with skill, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. All the team members played with commitment, for the sake of each other. They were very ably led by Adnan Sufian. He led by example, commanding not demanding respect. It was my pleasure to be their manager for 2006.

#### Mr P Ward



Front Row (L-R) E Edwin, C Koniki, W Aguiar, A Sufian, T Shepherd, M Iqbal Back Row (L-R) Mr P Ward, S Jong, S Gupta, D Truong, A Walgamage, N Aftab

#### CRICKET - 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE MAROON

The boys were one of two STHS teams in the U15 competition. They had a number of tight, absorbing games that were nail-biters to the end, as well as a couple of comprehensive wins,

including a victory inside the first week of play against arch rivals STHS Blue.

At the time of writing the season is still under way, and we are hopeful of participating in the finals. Keep up the effort boys!

#### Mr J Lyons (coach)



Front Row (L-R) H Singh, L Cullen, A Imtiaz, P Jarruwattanap, R Anderson Back Row (L-R) J Herren, K Cheah, J Stamenkovic, J Karim, A Arif, A Hraiki

Absent: J Taurail. R Kar

#### CRICKET - 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE BLUE

A somewhat disappointing season. There are a number of very capable players, but we have not been able to convert our efforts into victories.

Individuals deserving mention for their consistent efforts include Laltaksh Wangoo, Nayeem Chowdhury and Andrew Yuen. Luke Szczepanski, who is new to cricket, has shaped up very well and shows promise.

#### Mr E Landsberger (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) N Chowdhury, G Kim, J Hazelton, M Bhuiyan, L Szczepanski
Back Row (L-R) D Cui, A Yuen, R Singh, S Haque, A Lau,
Mr E Landsberger (manager)
Absent: J Billiris, L Wangoo, A Adhkara

#### **CRICKET - UNDER 14**

At the time of writing this journal report, the 14s had won their two completed games and have been in a superior position in the other two which were unfortunately abandoned due to rain.

Karwin Rogers hasn't been dismissed yet and has grown in maturity as a batsman since being moved into the middle order. Joey O'Gara's looping legspin has confused many opponents and he is currently our leading wicket taker. Omkar Sane & Sam Gill have batted with ingenuity, Nitin Narasimhan has bowled accurately while Nibir Kader has captained the team admirably.

Good luck for the remainder of the season, boys.

Mr N Melvin (coach)



Front Row (L-R) N Sura, R Rahman, K Rogers, N Kader, S Hor, S Gill, K Cheng, Back Row (L-R) Mr N Melvin (coach), N Narasimhan, H Caines, J O'Gara, O Sane, A Mukherjee, S Madiwale Absent: T Gallagher

#### CRICKET - 13A

At this stage of the season we are undefeated. The first game against Hurstville resulted in an easy win with the wickets being evenly shared and James Horsburgh 15no helping us pass the score with only 1 wicket down.

Against Kingsgrove James Dickson 40 retired starred with the bat while Anindya Bhattacharjee with 3 for 9 was the best of the bowlers.

The next game against James Cook was reduced to a one day match where accurate bowling and good fielding helped us win.

If we continue to play in this fashion we should make the final.

Mr G Hempel (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) N Chowdhury, P Prabaharan, D Rowley, A Bhattacharjee, J Foster-Pullman, J Horsburgh, I Hoque Back Row (L-R) Mr Hempel, P Tran, J Dickson, F Suwan, P Tsihlis, S Banos, A Kanagaratnam

#### CRICKET - 13B

Our greatest asset is our enthusiasm, The boys love their cricket and this makes for an enjoyable Wednesday afternoon. There have been some fine performances throughout the year. Our most consistent bowler has been Muthu, who has taken some important wickets and is very economical. Our great white hope is Anhar, in his first match after completing Learn to Swim, he earned the amazing figures of 5-8 (including a hat-trick). Our most consistent batsmen have been Marcus and Andrew, although Nazif scored a well compiled 20 runs against Kogarah. Our most spectacular performance goes to "Samee Sundree" who scored 32 runs out of a total of 57.

#### Mr M Hewett



Front Row (L-R) N Haque, R Singh, E Lu, M LoRusso, V Radev, A Ha Back Row (L-R) M Udaiyappan, D Cheung, G Tsihlis, A Ambikairajah, A Jalal, A Mehdad, S Verma Absent: A Baloch

#### MINI SOCCER - 14A

It has been an honour to captain a team full of talent, skill and commitment to teamwork. I would like to give recognition to our vice captain Brett Power, our line of defence: Kevin Song, Andy Chen, Joon Ho Shin, our play makers: Jonathan Ahladiotis, Arsany Attia, Tim brewer and last, but not least our best keeper, Max Kiefel.

We were not the strongest team out there but we always tried our hardest as we were keen to enjoy ourselves and give the opposition a good game.

Even through our ups and downs, we still managed to stand tall and play together as a proud Tech team. We would like to thank Mr Derwent as coach because without him, our team would not be a team.

Tom Tran Captain 14A Mini Soccer



Front Row (L-R A Chen, A Attia, T Tran, J Shin, T Brewer Back Row (L-R) ) Mr B Derwent, B Powers, J Ahladiotis, M Kiefel, K Jong

#### MINI SOCCER - 14B

The 14B Mini Soccer team was full of inexperienced players and for some it was their first time playing soccer. The B's needed a bit of improvement. Every game they tried to play a good game and they enjoyed the sport even when they lost. Every week each and every one in the team gained more experience, skills and improved the game play. When we lost we showed good sportsmanship and congratulated the other team when they won. The team has greatly improved its skills, tactics and school spirit which often gave it victory.

The Captain Alvin Noh and Vice Captain Henry Dinh have pushed the team to make it a great team. Forwards Chris Lyons and Henry Nguyen have been excellent all round. Our midfield was James Lin, Alvyn Noh and Steve Tran and they contributed greatly to defence. Henry Nguyen, Charlie Han, Nathan Han and our goalkeeper Michael Tran saved us from many of the opposition's chances. They were a strong defence.

We would all like to thank Mr Derwent for his support over the season

Alvin Noh Captain 14B Mini Soccer



Front Row (L-R) C Han, H Dinh, A Noh, S Tran, M Tran Back Row (L-R) Mr B Derwent, N Han, C Lyons, H Nguyen, J Lim

#### MINI SOCCER - 13A

The 13A team captained by Sam Grennan, has come up against some tough competition so far, but has certainly not been disgraced, with most games having close scores.

The boys play seriously and with lots of enthusiasm and are to be congratulated on their good sportsmanship.

Mr B Reynolds Coach



Front Row (L-R) A Tsathas, D Stewart, S Grennan, A Solomon, Mr B Reynolds Back Row (L-R) A Huang, A Ahmed, A Rorris, E Kwan Absent: R Arditti

#### MINI SOCCER - 13B

The 13B team, captained by James Jang, has been quite successful so far, with only one loss and several draws.

The boys will participate with great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship and should continue to do well in the competition.

Mr B Reynolds Coach



Front Row (L-R) A Nguyen, T Rusbatch, J Jang, S Smith, Mr B Reynolds
Back Row (L-R) A La, J Tran, V Fu, C Tran, B Wang

#### SQUASH - OPEN A AND OPEN B

At the resumption of summer sport both the A and B teams are well in contention for the semi finals. This is an excellent result as both teams are comprised of players with little or no squash background experience.

All the team members have undertaken their refereeing responsibilities with enthusiasm.

All the team members deserve to be congratulated on their teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season, both of which were outstanding.

Mr J Simmonds



M Hillman
Back Row (L-R) Mr J Simmonds, B Ng, F Wang, A Ong,
W Ton-That, A Davis

# TABLE TENNIS – OPEN A1 & OPEN B1 (RUNNER-UP)

Open A1 and B1 table tennis had a great year this year making the semi-finals and finals respectively. They displayed sportsmanship and a sense of fun throughout the series. I would like to especially thank our year 12 players Minh, Anthony, Cameron, Chun-kei and Vu for turning up week after week. Congratulations to Cameron for his extra effort in the final weeks.

I know the year 11 players Hai, Aaron, Martin, Kurt, Jay and Wingon will continue the tradition set by you next year. Congratulations again to all players.

#### Ms J Goodman



Front Row (L-R) V Do, J Lee, W Sun, K Forrester, M Phan, Miss J Goodman
Back Row (L-R) A Tse, H Au, M Mock, C Wong, C Bell,
A Naan

#### TABLE TENNIS - OPEN C & OPEN D

**Open C -** With several experienced team members the C team has won 7 out of 7 matches. Well done to Vishal, Young, Jimmy, Adam and Kevin.

**Open D** – The team made a great start with 7-0 wins over Kingsgrove North and Blakehurst and as of round 7 are undefeated. Well done to Benny, Anoj, Alvin and Brian.



Front Row (L-R) J He, V Pandit, K Fong, W Y Li Back Row (L-R) A Kumar, A Nelson, A Kim

#### TABLE TENNIS – 14A & 14B

Ever since beginning our season in Term 1 the two teams have played consistently well against less experienced teams with 14 wins so far and only 2 losses. We have had fun along the way, playing many adrenalin-pumping matches. Our team has also shown great sportsmanship throughout the season. Our highlights were playing the 'Cookies', 'Blakeys' and the 'Hurstys'.

Wai Low and Alex Lazarou



Front Row (L-R)` E Li, W Lo, P Low, P Low, A Lazarou Back Row (L-R) K Yao, E Zhang, M Mah, V Che, G Zhou

#### TABLE TENNIS - 14C AND 14D

These two teams have had mixed results over the summer season. The 14C team had good wins over James Cook and Belmore but were narrowly defeated by Kingsgrove North and Kogarah.

The 14D team had three wins including a convincing win over Kingsgrove North and two losses. Both teams are to be congratulated on their keenness and sportsmanship.

#### Mrs A Gollege



Front Row 14C (L-R) T Liu, Q Xu, V Lee K Goldeli, R Wang, Ms A Golledge Back Row 14D (L-R) M Duong, D Chiew, W Phung, B Tam, T Kwok

#### TOUCH - OPEN A

The 2006 season has been an enjoyable one. The team has remained competitive throughout the season and reached the semi-finals. Hopefully the combination of enthusiasm and talent will inspire more victories in the second half of the competition. Fine wins were achieved by the boys brought about by committed effort in defence and a willingness to throw the ball around in attack. The team has always displayed great sportsmanship on and off the field.

Mr A Gowan



Front Row (L-R) J Vu, C Oliveira, L Michaels, J Chalouhi, J Vallis, S Cao Back Row (L-R) Mr A Gowan, Mark Zada, S Robertson, G Sclavos, Matt Zada, B Li

#### TOUCH - OPEN B

The Open B Touch football team this year was a very fast and talented group of players. The season began with some mixed results as we won 3 games and lost 3 in the first term of the competition. The games were quite close each week and those schools that defeated us usually only won by 1 or 2 tries. When the competition resumed in term 4 our team had improved remarkably as we started to have some wins against those teams that defeated us in the first round.

Memorable performances came from Anthony Douskou who would often set up great plays each week and some outstanding games played by Peter Petrohilos, Phillip Kim, Wilson Kuok, Han Liu, Hans Luo and Vincent Wong who were awarded man of the match during the season. The rest of the players comprising of Todd Da Silva, Joshua Song, Derek Truong and Christian Ong also played a significant role in the team.

Thanks boys for a great season of touch football. I was particularly impressed with your conduct and sportsmanship towards the opposing teams each week.

Mr N Stokes - Coach



Front Row (L-R) W Kuok, P Petrohilos, A Douskou, T Da Silva, H Luo, J Song Back Row (L-R) D Truong, B Liu, V Wong, P Kim, C Ong, Coach - Mr N Stokes

#### TOUCH - 14A

As I write this report, we are about to begin the second half of this year's summer competition. In the first four rounds of the competition, we had two tight loses to Kingsgrove and James Cook, before faltering against Belmore. However the boys' skills have increased steadily throughout the season as they get to learn the intricacies and tactics of the game.

I look forward to the remainder of the season and I hope that we get to have some wins before the season ends. Thanks for your efforts through the season.

Mr M Bellamy - coach



Front Row (L-R) W Chau, M Asis, L Cowper, K Nguyen, M Quan, K Quach Back Row (L-R) B Lam, P Ngo, Mr M Bellamy, M Jung, S Vu

#### VOLLEYBALL - OPEN A - RUNNERS-UP

The boys have had a very successful season making the finals. This was an impressive performance by both teams with our opposition coming out on top by just a few points. Amir Mahmoud and Francis Zhou have shown great leadership throughout the year organising the team members in training and match play and contributing with outstanding play of their own. Well done boys. Other fine efforts include Bond's fantastic spiking and Johnson's athletic action on court.

Looking forward to the next round of games where the best is yet to come. Good luck in next years State KO.

Mr G Cooper



Front (L-R) Q Li, T Beckman, F Zhou (C)), D Vong, R D'Angelo Back Row (L-R) C Tomic, B Kam, A Mahmoud, J Chu

#### VOLLEYBALL - OPEN B BLUE

The team members are all in year 10 and have all played volleyball before. They are very enthusiastic with excellent team mateship.

Michael is captain and always leads by example. Chris and Nelvin are always there to play their best. Kevin is a demon server while Nicholas never rests on the court. Garson and Andy add some magical unpredictability to our play. Kelvin and Derek are the quiet achievers who you can always depend on.

The team is playing very well with the potential and talent to achieve great things next season.

#### Mr B Cranston



Front Row (L-R) K Lau, A Zhang, M Chea, N Huang, N Tam

Back Row (L-R) C Lee, K Man, G Zhong, Mr B Cranston Absent D Quan

#### VOLLEYBALL - OPEN B MAROON

This summer season found me coaching volleyball, for which, I must admit, I lacked experience.

For this reason, I am extremely grateful for the leadership shown by the group, in organising lunchtime training sessions, and for their positive approach to almost everything.

On the surface, we have lost more games than we won, but this statistic does not show the individual improvements made, and how they all became better team players. As a result, we are finishing the season in strong fashion, but unfortunately have given the competition too much of a start. Maybe we can run them down when it matters.

My thanks go to all boys for trying their best, and for often putting the team needs before their own. It certainly has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Mr P Graham



Front Row (L-R) J Devcic, J Vincent, K Woon, S Lam Back Row (L-R) N Chiu, S Faraj, G Weng, E Li, Mr P Graham Absent: C Wong

#### **VOLLEYBALL - 14A**

It is a real pleasure to coach these young volleyball players as they are so enthusiastic and intent on developing their skills further. It is also very pleasing to see them be so supporting of each other particularly to the two Year 7 boys in the team. Almost always the matches are closely contested and at this stage it seems likely that the boys will be contesting in the finals.

Each week provides us with some excellent matches where it is usual to see a number of players demonstrate improving skills and knowledge of the game.

#### D Towner (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) H Mustafa, A Sara, V Chang (Captain), J Mohammed-Rahim, S Wong Back Row (L-R) D Funai, J Harris, C Sharples, M Chan, D Singh

#### WATER POLO - OPEN A

The enthusiastic group of 17 senior players and 10 juniors are as keen as ever to play this great game and have fun at the same time.

Although inter-school competition has virtually diminished over the last two years, our boys keep playing very competitive games against each other.

This is resulting in a noticeable improvement in their skills and technique which will be a huge benefit to them when the inter-school knockout competitions start.

However, the game is not only about individual skills but forging teamwork and commitment, values in which our school has a proud tradition. This current crop of players is well on the way to maintaining this tradition.

I would like to thank the boys for persisting with this sport and making it a very enjoyable one for me to co-ordinate.

#### Mr M Sender



Front Row (L-R) M Dwyer, S Lew, I Luburic, M Low, S Trinkh, H Avila Back Row (L-R) D Yeung, D Prodromou, A Burrell, A Bull, Mr M Sender (coach)

#### WATER POLO - JUNIOR A



Front Row (L-R) N Woods, H Peng, R Giles, N Chau, K Seed Back Row (L-R) K Tang, C Wong, J Le, A Sehic, Mr M Sender (coach)

#### WINTER SPORT

#### AUSSIE RULES - 14A & 14B

With 29 boys signing on to play Australian Rules football Sydney Tech entered two teams in the U14 AFL 12-a-side competition. This is the first time AFL has been a grade sport in the St George Secondary School Association. The majority of the boys in the Sydney Tech teams, and all teams competing, had never played AFL before. The first two weeks of grade sport was taken up teaching the participants the skills and rules of the game. With both teams playing in the same 8 team competition the talent was evenly divided through the two teams. The teams were named Tech Swans and the Tech Magpies.

At first the matches were played on a quarter of a full size field, at Olds Park. As the players kicked the ball longer and their skills became more proficient, matches were played on half a full size field. The larger grounds suited our physically smaller but quicker teams.

Both teams were competitive with the Magpies reaching the Grand Final after defeating Blakehurst in the semi-final. The Grand Final was played against Peakhurst High. It was a low scoring game but contained a high standard of AFL skills. Sydney Tech was trailing Peakhurst by only 4 points with less than a minute of match time left. A goal was scored, but unfortunately for Sydney Tech it was kicked by Peakhurst who won the match. The final score was Peakhurst 3-2-20 to Sydney Tech 3-4-10.

All boys who took place in the competition were given an AFL ball after the home and away series.

Mr R Carter



Front Row (L-R) K Hodgson, T Tran, N Karvountzis, Mr R Carter, S Haque, J H Shin, J O'Gara, L Cowper Middle Row (L-R) D Wang, M Kiefel, T Brewer, M Chakravarthy, N Musters, R Trinh, J Lim, S Issa, W Chau Back Row (L-R) V Fu, C Lyons, K Tang, D Rowley, H Burrows, A Xie, A Solomon, S Madiwale, A Sirder

#### **BASEBALL - OPEN A - PREMIERS**

Our Open 'A' baseball team started the season with a distinct advantage over the opposition, and we used this superiority to full effect throughout the competition.

We were captained by Kenrick, who admirably led us both on and off the field. Having William and Anthony kindly volunteer their services, gave us the necessary experience for the younger players to look up to. Adam proved to be the dominant pitcher of the competition, capably assisted by Yuto behind the plate. Shaun proved to be a home run specialist, and Chetan, and James had many memorable batting moments. Francis locked down short stop, and I was particularly impressed with the selflessness Sherman displayed during games, often taking himself off the field so the reserve could get some game time.

Going into the finals series undefeated proved to be an enormous burden on the team, with the opposing teams literally throwing everything at us. We were thoroughly tested in both finals matches, but ultimately triumphed, finishing the season as deserved undefeated premiers. I was lucky enough to be the coach of this fine team of men.

#### Mr P Graham



Front Row (L-R) S Lam, W Lam, K Blaker, Y Nakayama, C Koniki Absent: S McCheane Back Row (L-R) Mr P Graham, A Fong, F Viray, J Ocsona

#### BASEBALL - OPEN B

These boys played with tenacity and grace all season. They overcame all opposition with the exception of the formidable STHS Open A side during the regular season. The semi was a very tight contest, and despite a fine team effort, Blakehurst got the runs at the bottom of the final innings.

This was a delightful group of young men who were supportive of each other, competitive yet sporting, and displayed leadership and strength in celebrating the successes and commiserating the disappointments of their team mates throughout the season. I hope to see you all next season.

#### Mr J Lyons (coach)



Front Row (L-R) R White, W Aguiar, E Edwin Back Row (L-R) M Iqbal, R Young, S Lew, A Sufian

#### **HOCKEY - PREMIERS**

The open grade hockey team has enjoyed a great season this year. With additional senior students, Andrew Woods playing as a formidable back and Andrew Murray taking over the keeper's role, the team was undefeated and won the competition.

David Simmonds as captain and No 1 Striker helped coordinate the team and helped all the boys improve their knowledge and skills. Congratulations to all students in the team, you have done yourselves proud.

#### Mr B Mulholland



Front Row (L-R) R Singh, R Stewart, D Simmonds, P Farrell, A El Khouri, S Grennan Back Row (L-R) A Murray, K Banos, P Francis, C Muir, A Burrell, Mr B Mulholland

#### **LAWN BOWLS**

This team was entered in the CHS Knockout and was successful in becoming Regional Champions. In the final round of 16 in the State Championships the boys tried hard but were unsuccessful. These lads represented Sydney East as the Regional team.

#### Mr B Connor



(L-R) Mr B Connor, A Polverino, A Waters, D Shiels-Lord

#### RUGBY LEAGUE - 1ST GRADE

First Grade Rugby League had a season that was not hugely successful results-wise, but they were competitive in each game they played. Considering the team's lack of weekend rugby league experience, they made pleasing progress throughout the year.

Our best win was a 20-12 victory over Kingsgrove. Our best effort was a 20-16 loss to Canterbury. We led all the way, but with only one reserve on the day, the boys ran out of steam. The Best and Fairest award went to Luke Camilleri for his enthusiasm and willingness to do the hard work.

#### Mr M Hewett



Front Row (L-R) J Hong, J Vallis, G McSullea, R Chow (captain), A Mujala, B Newsom, A Jegatheeswaran Middle Row (L-R) Mr M Hewett, D Uong, L Camilleri, H Georgy, S Cao, S Trinh, H Luo, P Petrohilos, W Kwok Back Row (L-R) J Song, C Ong, J Vincent, J Vu, B Li, D Truong, H Liu Absent: C Mattern

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE - 14 YEARS**

The 14 years Rugby League team had an unpredictable season. After a slow start we finally strung together a few good wins but unfortunately the season ended how it began.

Like all Tech rugby league teams it often seemed like we were wrestling a gorilla but to the boy's credit we always had a go and never lost our sense of fair play and sportsmanship.

Special mention must go to Karwin Rogers, Gabriel Kim, John Billiris, Andrew Davis, Nayeem Chowdhury and Anthony Sara for the improvement and dedication they displayed this year.

Hopefully next year we regroup and play with a little more consistency.

Mr P Werner



Front Row (L-R) P Jaruwattanap, Z Tayeb, A Sara, A Tran, A Davis, N Chowdhury, R Rahman Middle Row (L-R) J Herren, K Song, N Le, M Bhuiyan, M Kite, A Hraiki, G Kim S Hor, Mr P Werner Back Row (L-R) A Noh, S Green J Billiris, M Wong, T Islam, K Kim, K Quach, D Funai

# RUGBY LEAGUE - 13 YEARS - MINOR PREMIERS & RUNNERS UP

It has been decades since a Sydney Tech rugby league team made a grand final, but that was the case in 2006 as the Under 13s went tantalisingly close to achieving the incredible.

The season began with a succession of close victories, thanks partly to captain Nibir Kader's accurate goalkicking. Then a series of washed out games, followed by just one loss (after fulltime) to Canterbury and the preliminary season had been completed with 8 victories from 9 games. Sydney Tech was minor premiers!!

The semi-final was very tense against Belmore. Eco Lim proved the hero with two late tries which gave us a 20-18 victory and a place in the grand final. The boys were giving away size to a hefty

James Cook team who'd won the St George Knock Out and were favourites to win. The rain teamed down and the boys were valiant as they clawed their way to a 16-16 draw at fulltime. However, James Cook scored twice in extra time and the season had slipped away in the rain and mud of Begnal Field.

Bryan Lam's incredible energy and strength in attack and defence defied his light bodyweight. He was best and fairest for the season and also our leading try-scorer. Riley Blair and James Dickson proved to be an organised halfback combination and they tackled well too. Nibir's captaincy, goalkicking and running in general play were exemplary. Year 7 props Stanislav Dzyuba and Samuel Elnajar ran bravely at huge opponents and neither missed a game all year. Other solid performers included Scott Vu, Kevin Nauven. Eco Lim and Michael Congratulations boys - it was heartbreaking at the end but hopefully KFC made up a little for it.

Mr N Melvin (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) K Nguyen, M Jung, P Kanitkar, B Lam, S Elnajar, N Kader (captain), R Blair, K Truong, E Lim Back Row (L-R) Mr N Melvin (coach), M Cooper, D Cha, J Dickson, S Kuscu, S Dzyuba, S Vu, N Smith, T Shepherd (assistant coach) Absent: H Nguyen, G Jiang, C Yang, F Suwan

#### SOCCER – 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE - PREMIERS

The regaining of this prestigious trophy, last won two years ago and now captured for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in its 6 years of operation, was a lot easier than expected. Little resistance was felt in the Final where a convincing 4-0 result saw us home.

The boys were a most cohesive unit, led by the organisational ability of George Sclavos and the support of Landis Michaels with his toughness and the magic skills of Ezra James – a midfield not to be outplayed in any game. A find for the year was John Chalouhi in goals who pulled off a number of important saves, particularly in the semi-final and whose improvement was most marked. Good support was offered by all other players, who had their "moments in the sun"- too numerous to mention here. This was a fine side to coach and look after.

They were true gentlemen at all times in addition to being the superior soccer team in the competition. Their attitude to and attendance at weekly training sessions could not be faulted.

The only sad feature is the year 12 boys who are leaving us — Scott Janssen, Scott Robertson, Morgan Hunter, Shiv Sivakumar and Ezra James. Your contribution to the School has been enormous.

#### Mr T Trotman



Front Row (L-R) M Hunter, R Sedrak, S Janssen, S Robertson (C), J Chalouhi, I Luburic, A Douskou Absent: S Sivakumar Back Row (L-R) Mr T Trotman, A Momi, V wONG, L Michaels, C Oliviera, E James, S Faulkner, G Sclavos, R D'Angelo

#### SOCCER – 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WHITE RUNNERS – UP

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade White team this year was a very strong and competitive side. We were fortunate to have many experienced players who had played in last year's Open's competition.

The boys had some great matches throughout the season with the most memorable ones being played against Hurstville and STHS 'Blues'. Hurstville beat us in the first round 4-0 but we gave them a huge shock in round 2 by defeating them 3-1. The three games against STHS 'Blues' were also very competitive and entertaining. We had 2 wins and a losS to them during the season. The boys successfully made it to the finals after defeating Canterbury 2-0 in the semi-final. On final day however, we were not as determined and aggressive as Peakhurst who took out the Premiership.

Overall it was a fantastic achievement to finish runners up in a very close competition and you all should be very proud of your efforts. Special mention goes to Nathan Tran of YR12 for playing in the side in his last year at Tech. Nathan played quite hard up in the forwards each week. Thanks to Michael Tjaja for captaining the side and for his assistance with managing the team.

Mr. N. Stokes (Coach)



Front Row (L-R)M Zada, S Drinkwater, M Antonelli, S Mansy, M Tjaja, J Devcic, N Tran, D Nikolic, M Zada Back Row (L-R) D Davidov, B Joseph, Y Chouster, Mr N Stokes, M Dwyer, J Lescove, D Prodromou

#### SOCCER - 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE BLUE

Following school trials, this team started the interschool grade competition as the "runner up" Tech team. Early results were not encouraging. However, from the outset, it was clear that some players were always passionate about their football, regardless of the result.

After a couple of games, the level of teamwork and commitment had risen significantly so that all the remaining games were hotly contested. By the end of the season, there was a string of victories and draws, including a victory over the "other" Tech team. This was a moment to be savoured.

The improvement came from the commitment by team members to each other. They were led by example from their inspirational captain and goalkeeper, Aaron Charlton, He put his body on the line whenever needed and he has earned the best and fairest award. For all in the team, the experience was a marvellous life lesson well learned.

#### Mr P Ward



Front Row (L-R) M Mock, N Halasso, A Charlton (C), T da Silva, B Cheung, J Carolin Back Row (L-R) Mr P Ward, P Comino, C Tomic, B Chau, W On Sun, G Issa, R Lund Absent: A Rizk

#### SOCCER - 15A

All boys are noticeably stronger and faster this year – the pace of the games and commitment in the tackles is now closer to that of men than boys. The season began with convincing wins against Blakehurst and Kingsgrove Nth.

Against Kogarah we came away with an exciting last second draw and lost to a very good James Cook team one week later. With the World Cup in full swing, enthusiasm was at an all-time high but unfortunately many games were lost due to persistent rain.

We needed to defeat a much improved Belmore side to cement our semi final spot and with typical Tech discipline and skill, came away with a 2-0 win.

Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> meant we came up against the Minor Premiers Kingsgrove in an elimination semi final. An unlucky own goal saw us defeated 2-1

Alas 2006 was not our year but the boys showed much promise for the future campaign and can hopefully snatch another premiership before they leave so I can add to my pennant collection in Room 9.

#### STOP PRESS:

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September the boys defeated Cronulla High 2-1 in Round 5 of the Turner PlaTe State Knockout.

In blistery conditions, the boys showed tremendous spirit to come back from a 1-0 deficit to and hold out numerous attacks in the second half. This was certainly a team effort which overcame some skilful individuals. Congratulations!

#### M.Sender (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) L Cullen, A Douskou, I Lee, P Faraj, R Rehan, C Strong, Mr M Sender Back Row (L-R) M Hillman, D Chiu, G Cheung, J Stamenkovic, K Cheah, S Tan, L Cooper, E Vallis

#### SOCCER - 15B MAROON

We started out this season with high hopes and enthusiasm, but didn't quite get the results that were in line with expectations. All sorts of little things like not really having an experienced resident goalie, a lack of cohesion amongst our defenders and too many wet Wednesdays (where we couldn't find one day for a practice session), helped our slow progress on the ladder.

However, when we did manage a couple of practice sessions, the improvement was quite dramatic with the Team coordination, and the Maroons started to look threatening- but this was now getting towards the end of the season. At least we can say that you never gave up and some of the members who kept coming to practice at lunchtime really started looking impressive on the field, and the team was becoming much stronger.

I feel that congratulations are in order for the way this season was finished, and it felt good to see many players realising that they were better players than they first thought. In fact, the team looked so strong at the finish, that I know we could have finally beaten 'The Gowan Blues' convincingly. Well done lads,

#### Mr P Edwards



Front Row (L-R) S Bin-Kalam, B Ta, D Szanto (Captain), P Pham, G Ng Back Row (L-R) Mr Edwards, M Chiam, G Ho, C Roberts, H Singh, B Middleton Absent: D Ouch, N Wong, D Zhang, T Zheng

#### SOCCER - 15B BLUE

The team showed great potential and enthusiasm. We started the season strongly winning many close games. Throughout the season we improved our skills. When the boys got control of the ball and looked for the pass they were dangerous. We probably didn't capitalize enough on our chances. We made the semis against James Cook but struggled to field a competitive team through absences. This was an unfortunate way to finish the season. Congratulations on the manner the boys played throughout the season. The coach's award went to Fady Georgy.

Mr A Gowan (coach)



Front Row (L-R) C Gudas, F Fajilan, T Campbell, J Gounaris, J Kirkpatrick, F Georgy Back Row (L-R) M Yoon, A Sehic, L Szcsepanski, N Shariful, L Wangoo, V Chang, A Arif Absent: J Belcastro

#### SOCCER - 14B

Although it was not the most successful season, the boys always played with a positive attitude. The teamwork improved during the season and we were unlucky not to win a couple of games. Andy up front and Phillip with those great headers were the pick of the players.

#### Mr G Hempel



Front Row (L-R) Mr G Hempel, J Zhou, A Liu, M Lin, E Zhang, P Zhong Back Row (L-R) J Michelsen, N Han, E Li, W Thai, W Liu, J Li

#### SOCCER - 13A

13A soccer team showed a lot of promise winning three games with two draws and five losses (four of these losses were by a solitary goal). In ten games they scored nineteen goals with sixteen against. All students showed a lot of enthusiasm and good sportsmanship throughout the season. Standout players were Marcus Lo Russo, Johnathon Ahladiotis and Ricardo Arditti.

#### Mr T Hayes



Front Row (L-R) M Lo Russo, A Bhattacharje, A Rorris, J Ahladiotis, A Lazarou, A Ha Back Row (L-R) A Huang, A Walker, R Arditti, A Tsathas, A Chen, A Attia, T Rusbatch, C He, Mr T Hayes

#### SOCCER - 13B BLUE

The boys enjoyed a competitive season where most games were very close in score and challenging in nature. The season was interrupted by many rained out weeks but this did not stop the boys becoming a real team and playing together consistently and throughout their matches.

We did not make the semis missing out on a count back, but the team should be congratulated on their overall performance this year and should look forward to competing again next year. Well done boys.

#### Mr G Cooper



Front Row (L-R) A Ahmed, A Wilson, F Huang, G Simeonov, P D Le, J Jang, J Lim Back Row (L-R) H Dinh, M Huynh, C Han, Mr G Cooper, K Luong, A Jalal, D Huang, A Choy Absent: J Song

#### SOCCER - 13B MAROON

The 13B Maroon soccer team enjoyed a very keen and competitive competition season. The team enjoyed a good deal of success finishing on second place after the preliminary rounds. The semi-finals saw us drawn against third placed Hurstville. In playing at Hurstville High School in front of a hostile crowd the boys performed in a very determined manner. Despite being on the wrong side of a 3-1 score line the whole team played to the best of their ability.

All the team members deserve to be congratulated on their teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season, both of which were outstanding.

Mr J Simmonds



Front Row (L-R) S Nguyen, S Verma, A Nguyen, P Tsihlis, D Stewart, M Phung
Back Row (L-R) Mr Simmonds, R Tan, E Lu, G Tsihlis,
R Singh, J Foster-Pullman, B Wang, M Raikhman
Absent: I Matthews, E Kwan, E Dokos

#### **SOFTBALL**

This year's team consisted of a mixture of year 9, 8 and 7 boys. From year 9 was Noel Mason who was one of our captains. The year 8 players were Phi Ngo, Mark Chen, Benny Chen, Anubhav Verma and Adrian Duong (co-captain). The year 7 contingent was Naveed Chowdhury, Hamza Hamwi, Joshua Nguyen, Anthony Tang and Aabir Quazi. Our Coach was Mr Short.

Noel Mason was an outstanding contributor to the team. He acted as an assistant coach and steered the team to several victories. Phi, Anubhav and Adrian showed experience and leadership.

Although the team did not make the final we finished third as a result of winning our fair share of games.

A Tang, N Chowdhury, and H Hamwi



Front Row (L-R) B Chen, H Hamwi, A Tang, A Duong, Mr K Short Back Row (L-R) N Mason, P Ngo, A Quazi, J Nguyen, M Chen Absent: A Verma, N Chowdhury

#### SQUASH – A GRADE (PREMIERS) & B GRADE (RUNNERS-UP)

The A team finished as undefeated premiers. An outstanding result from a team made up mainly of year 10 and 11 boys.

The B team, consisted mainly of year 7 students. They were minor premiers but were beaten by Year 11 students in the final.

The members of both deserve to be congratulated on their teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the season which were outstanding. They also undertook and carried out their umpiring duties with enthusiasm and confidence.

Well done boys!

Mrs J Carrington



Front Row (L-R) (**B team)** H Peng Liu, V Lee, P Nguyen, H Chen Back Row (L-R) Mrs J Carrington (**A team)** W Ton-That, A Ong, P Kim, B Ng

## TABLE TENNIS - OPEN A1 - RUNNERS-UP & OPEN B1

A terrific season for our table tennis teams. Both the A's and the B's played their hearts out each week and showed the other schools what teamwork can accomplish.

The A's made it to the finals but unfortunately Blakehurst were the better team on the day, even though they had the B's cheering them on.

Patrick Fong (A) and Brian So were voted best and fairest, though I believe <u>all</u> the boys deserved this title.

Wendy Newett



Front Row (L-R) **A1 GRADE** A Wong, P Fong, J Luo, S Chung, A Wu

Back Row (L-R) **B1 GRADE** J Cheong, A Lai, B So, E Pan, R San, Wendy Newett

# TABLE TENNIS – OPEN A2 & OPEN B2

The boys in the A2 team came up against some tough opposition this season resulting in two wins and ten losses.

The B2 team played competitively with some close results. The season finished with four wins and five losses.

Both teams put in a lot of effort and have further honed their skills.

#### Mr Hughes



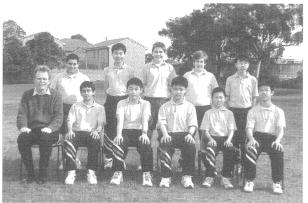
Front (L-R) A2 TEAM A Yuen, A Wu, Z Wang, P Chan Back (L-R) B2 TEAM A Ta, E Yap, J Le, J Nguyen Absent: S Luk, G Wang

# TABLE TENNIS – 14A – RUNNERS-UP & 14B - PREMIERS

The 14A team played well throughout the season, remaining undefeated until the final, where they met a much improved Blakehurst who won 4-2. The boys are to be congratulated on their good sportsmanship and dedication to the game.

The 14B team performed extremely well throughout the competition. They met Blakehurst in the final and won convincingly 5-1. Congratulations on a fine effort and on the good sportsmanship displayed at all times.

B Reynolds - Coach



Front Row (L-R) **14A TEAM** Mr B Reynolds, N Sura, P Yang, G Ou, A Fang, K Lam (14A)
Back Row (L-R) **14B TEAM** A Rizkalla, B He, T Gallagher, H Caines, A Pan (14B)

# TABLE TENNIS – 14C RUNNERS-UP & 14D RUNNERS-UP

This year's **14C**s table tennis was a big success. The team consisted of Jiahuan, Derek, James, Tyrone, Bryan and of course, Mr. Derwent. The team was successful throughout all the games but unfortunately lost to Hurstville Boys' in the finals.

Everyone on the team fought hard to enter the finals.

We got there through team work and effort. Everyone put in their own contribution. Table tennis proved to be a very enjoyable sport. Thanks to Mr. Derwent for his support and encouragement.

Jiahuan Zhou and Derek Cheung

The **14 D** team played a total of ten games against four school which included Kingsgrove North, Blaekhurst, Hurstville and Belmore High Schools. We were quite successful in our matches, and made it all the way to the Grand Final. We were defeated only two times in the entire season, by the same team both times. Hurstville had been almost undefeated for the whole season.

We defeated Kingsgrove North twice, likewise with Belmore and Blakehurst. We defeated Hurstville Boys twice and because of this we reached the semi-finals. Hurstville Boys were the Minor Premiers so they automatically reached the finals. However, we had to play Kingsgrove North to see who else would make the final. The final score was 5-2.

The final match was between Sydney Technical High School and Hurstville Boys at the Sydney Tech Gymnasium. Though we fought hard we still lost the match 4-2.

The whole team would like to thank Mr Derwent for his assistance and support.

Tom Giles and Roy Ren



Front Row (L-R) **14D TEAM** Mr B Derwent, T Giles, I Haque, R Ren, M Udaiypan
Back Row (L-R) **14C TEAM** T Liang, J Zhou, J Horsborough, D Cheung, B Mew
Absent: Andrew DeMayo

# TENNIS – OPEN A1 & OPEN B1 - PREMIERS

The A1 Team led by Aaron Ngan and ably supported by Colin Liu, Matt Lee and Vincent Teng played some excellent tennis this year. Whilst they were narrowly defeated in the semis they should be proud of how they maintained the Tech High tradition of good sportsmanship.

The talented **B1** team consisting of Nick Hartigan, Vishal Pandit, Anuj Kumar and Kevin Lam played a consistently high standard of tennis to win their Zone competition. With broad smiles on their faces they demolished the opposition to hold the Tech High flag aloft again.

#### Mr D Butcher



Front Row (L-R) **OPEN A1** C Liu, A Ngan, V Teng, M Lee Back Row (L-R) **OPEN B1** N Hartigan, K Lam, Mr D Butcher, V Pandit. A Kumar

#### TENNIS – OPEN A2 – RUNNERS-UP & OPEN B2

The open A2 tennis team had a successful season making the semi finals after 4 wins and 3 losses. They won their semi final against James Cook 4

sets to 2 before losing the final to a very strong Kingsgrove team. The boys were enthusiastic and committed to every game and showed great sportsmanship at all times.

The open **B2** tennis team had an enjoyable season making the semi finals with 2 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses and a number of byes and washouts. Unfortuately, the team was beaten in the semi finals by the STHS open B1 team but all the team members enjoyed the season and played each game with enthusiasm.

#### Mr G Palmer



Front Row (L-R) **Open A2** D Yeung, S Gupta, Mr G Palmer, J Dhingra, D Truong
Back Row (L-R) **OPEN B2** C Selvaraj, J Li, L Gaica,
A Lalchere, T Gibson
Absent: A Sivashanmugarajah

#### TENNIS – JUNIOR A 15A - PREMIERS

This team performed strongly throughout the year with determination and playing excellent sportsmanship and at the end of the season they were the Minor Premiers. In the Grand Finals the boys played a strong team from Kingsgrove North HS and some excellent tennis was played. The boys were successful in defeating Kingsgrove North, four sets to two sets and it was even more pleasing to see the match played with fine sportsmanship. An excellent season congratulations to the players.

#### 14A - RUNNERS-UP

The boys are to be congratulated on their fine achievement throughout the competition. This team were Minor Premiers but faced a team from James Cook BHS in the Grand Finals who were just too good for us on the day. James Cook BHS defeated our boys four sets to two sets in some very competitive sets. It was very pleasing to see these students play throughout the season with such good spirit and excellent sportsmanship.

#### 13A - PREMIERS

Our 13A's team provide us with considerable promise and strength for future years. These boys through the whole season played with strong focus and tenacity. They were consistent and determined in the way they played the game but were always well mannered and respectful of their opposition. This was a strong team who also finished as Minor Premiers and went on to win in the Grand Finals.

Well done boys.

Mr D Towner (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) **15A** Mr D Towner, T Belovai, J Loong, D Tran, V Tran, Q Wong
Middle Row (L-R) **14A** A Ko, J Wu, S Gill, K Cheng, T Murray

Middle Row (L-R) **14A** A Ko, J Wu, S Gill, K Cheng, T Murray Back Row (L-R) **13A** A Ambikairajah, B Fox, S Smith, G Liang, T Kwok

Absent: J Hazelton, M Tran

#### **TENNIS - JUNIOR B1**

These three teams played very well throughout the tournament.

14B1 grade was narrowly beaten by the 14B2 grade of STHS in the semi-final.

The 13B1 and 15B1 grades went into the finals, encountering James Cook.

It was great to see the variety of strokes tactfully executed. Rallies were often long, with a combination of baseline strokes, valleys and lobs.

Both the 13B1 and 15B1 teams put up a great challenge against the bigger James Cook's opponents, but our boys lost to the better teams of the day.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the grade tennis tournament. All were highly recommended for their enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship.

Mr J Lin



Front Row (L-R) **13B** M Si, J Tran, J Yang, J Lee, P Tran, D Ngo

Middle Row (L-R)14B D Fogarty, W Ling, N Funai, K Lai, R Lee Back Row (L-R) 15B A Yuen, D Baker, C Tran

#### TENNIS – JUNIOR B2 13B2 – PREMIERS 14B2 – RUNNERS-UP

All three teams played well this season with the 13B's going on to win the final. It was pleasing to see some year 7's in the team for a first time experience of grade sport.

The 14B team was only defeated in the final by a strong James Cook team and the 15B team made it to the semi-finals. Well done to both teams.

All students gained valuable experience by competing in grade sport. Excellent sportsmanship was displayed in both win and defeat.

Mrs P Mikl



Front Row (L-R) **15B2** A Chan, D Cha, J Duque, R Siou Cam San

Middle Row (L-R) **14B2** A Kwan, L C Lee, M Mah, C Wong Back Row (L-R) **13B2** B Wong, K Hoare, Q Xu, A Kanagaratnam

