

SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



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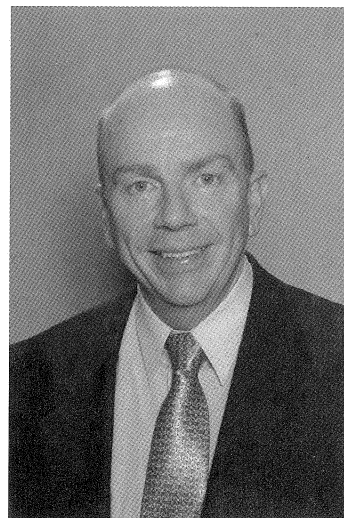
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lynne Irvine, our Principal of five years, left the school at the end of the first week of term one. Lynne accepted a position as School Education Director of Port Hacking. Her promotion was in some way recognition of her outstanding contribution to the school over the last ten years, five as Deputy and five as Principal.

The school has continued its strong academic tradition in 2007. The vast majority of our students proceeded directly to university. Ninety-eight percent of Year 12 were offered places in university, consistent with previous years. The most popular tertiary courses continue to be in the following areas: applied sciences, engineering, commerce, business and economics. This year the most popular destination was UNSW with over seventy students enrolling in courses, followed by Sydney University then the University of Technology Sydney.

The school continues to dominate our zone sporting competitions. We are zone champions in swimming and athletics as well as premiers in a number of summer and winter sports. Much of our success can be attributed to the high participation rates of our students in sport. Contrary to the popular misconception about selective schools, many of our students are keen participants in weekly sporting fixtures.

We have continued to focus our efforts on continuous improvement. This year we have contracted two consultants to work with us. The first on developing a faculty review process and the second to work with a group of teachers who are exploring ways to address the issue of gifted underachievement.



My thanks to the teaching and ancillary staff for their efforts in providing a quality educational experience for your sons throughout the year.

At the beginning of term three we were pleased to welcome Ms Jacqueline Lyons to the school as our new Principal. Jacqueline brings to the school a wealth of experience in educational leadership.

Greg McNaught
Acting Principal



I should like to thank the community for their warm welcome to the school. I was fortunate to arrive in time to celebrate Year 12 final major works and to participate in the emotional activities which ended their formal schooling. In my first few weeks as I met parents and staff and students, I certainly wished that I was endowed with a photographic memory!

The executive conference, held at Mount Victoria helped me understand the current learning programs at the school, and plan our 2008 focus. Our future agenda includes revisiting school values, leadership programs for staff and students, literacy and programs for Gifted underachievers.

The school has undergone an audit of the technology infrastructure from Sydney Region consultants, and plans are underway to improve aspects of our school infrastructure in 2008. Many challenges are posed by the need for 'connected classrooms' and changes to quality teaching and learning delivery.

I am very excited by the potential of our dedicated staff and gifted students to build on past achievements and propel the school into the future. I believe that we will be able to develop young scholars who are innovative, creative and forward thinking in the years to come. I look forward to sharing this educational future with you.

Jacqueline Lyons
Principal

THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"They just don't seem to listen!"

"Are you listening to me or are you off with the fairies?"

"Sorry, I wasn't listening."

It's the age-old problem. People just don't seem to be listening when we want them to pay attention to what we have to say.

Teenage boys, according to parents and teachers, just don't seem to have developed listening skills in adolescence, much to everyone's frustration. Educators and psychologists suspect a myriad of reasons – computer games, television, i-pods – all linked to the short grab of attention rather than sustained concentration. How often do we speak but they're not listening?

Listening is not an automatic skill which comes with age. It is acquired through diligent attention. In fact, listening has five stages in the process – hearing, paying attention to what you hear, understanding it, responding and then remembering. Who would have thought that

listening was so difficult or involved and so much effort? Perhaps that's the problem.

My message this year is to make an effort to listen. Did you notice that the six letters in "listen" are the same six letters as appear in "silent"? Think about the implication. We often aren't listening because our attention is elsewhere, often while we are talking. We should be listening with our minds and our hearts.

Then we will develop to the full maturity to which we all aspire in this school – a learning community which has as its first essential step the ability to listen to each other.

Sam Dando
Deputy Principal



STAFF – 2007



Front Row: C. Ross, D. Demetriadis, G. Cooper, J. Davis, P. Heath, P. Copeland, G. McNaught, S. Dando, G. McLean, J. Wright, G. Thickett, D. Brown, T. Trotman, N. Roper
 2nd Row: W. Newett, J. Goodman, M. Berios, J. Hailidis, S. Lephed, S. Porter, I. Farrell, W. Greene, M. Sheens, M. Peric, T. Blake, L. Grey, L. Turnbull, M. Contos
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 Back Row: M. Hewett, D. Towner, M. Bellamy, N. Stokes, A. Golledge, M. Sender, R. Carter, P. Ward, B. Reynolds, B. Cranston, G. Palmer, J. Kelso, J. Samuel

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: G. W. McNAUGHT B.Comm. Dip.Ed. M Ed. Admin

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B Reynolds B.A. Dip. Ed
D Towner Dip.Mus.Ed.A.Mus.A

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SASS

V Manners (Admin Manager) JP
S Blomfield
D Brown
S Collins
I Farrell
G Gunasekaran
G Giardullo
S Lephherd
W Millar
S Porter
M Reilly
C Ross
R Huntington

CANTEEN

I Shute
J Tran
S Kipriotis

YEAR ADVISERS

Year 7 – M. Hewett
Year 8 – M. Bellamy
Year 9 – N. Melvin

Year 10 – P. Graham
Year 11 – T. Blake
Year 12 – N. Stokes

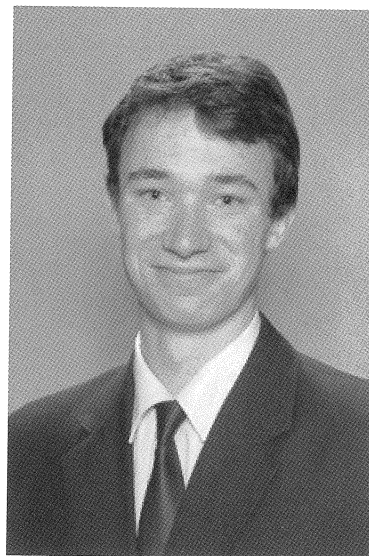
SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Reading over the past captains' reports it seems to me that leaving Sydney Tech has always been bittersweet for the departing Year twelve. On one hand, we will be sorry to leave the school that has taught us so much about the world and about ourselves. If it is with great nostalgia and sentimentality that we finally leave these halls, then it is a feeling born of the fondness we feel for the school and for each other.

However, we shouldn't feel too sad. After all, when you think carefully, the entire purpose of going to high school is to leave it. Of course, it is not the physical act of leaving that matters, it is the impression that the school makes on us before we leave. Although we often poke fun at some of the school's crustier traditions, I can speak with confidence when I say that I for one am a more tolerant, better-rounded and more socially-aware person than I was when I arrived here in year seven.

We will always remember the times we had at Sydney Tech and the spirit within our year and our school that grew as we progressed through the years. We first encountered this spirit in year seven, and things came full circle in year twelve when we were the ones making year sevens run around the DT block on Melbourne Cup Day, rather than the ones doing the running. It is this willingness to have fun and to laugh at our own expense that has made our time here so enjoyable.

To those of you reading this in 2017, I hereby predict the price of gold to be \$1000/ounce and the St. George Illawarra Dragons to win the NRL premiership.



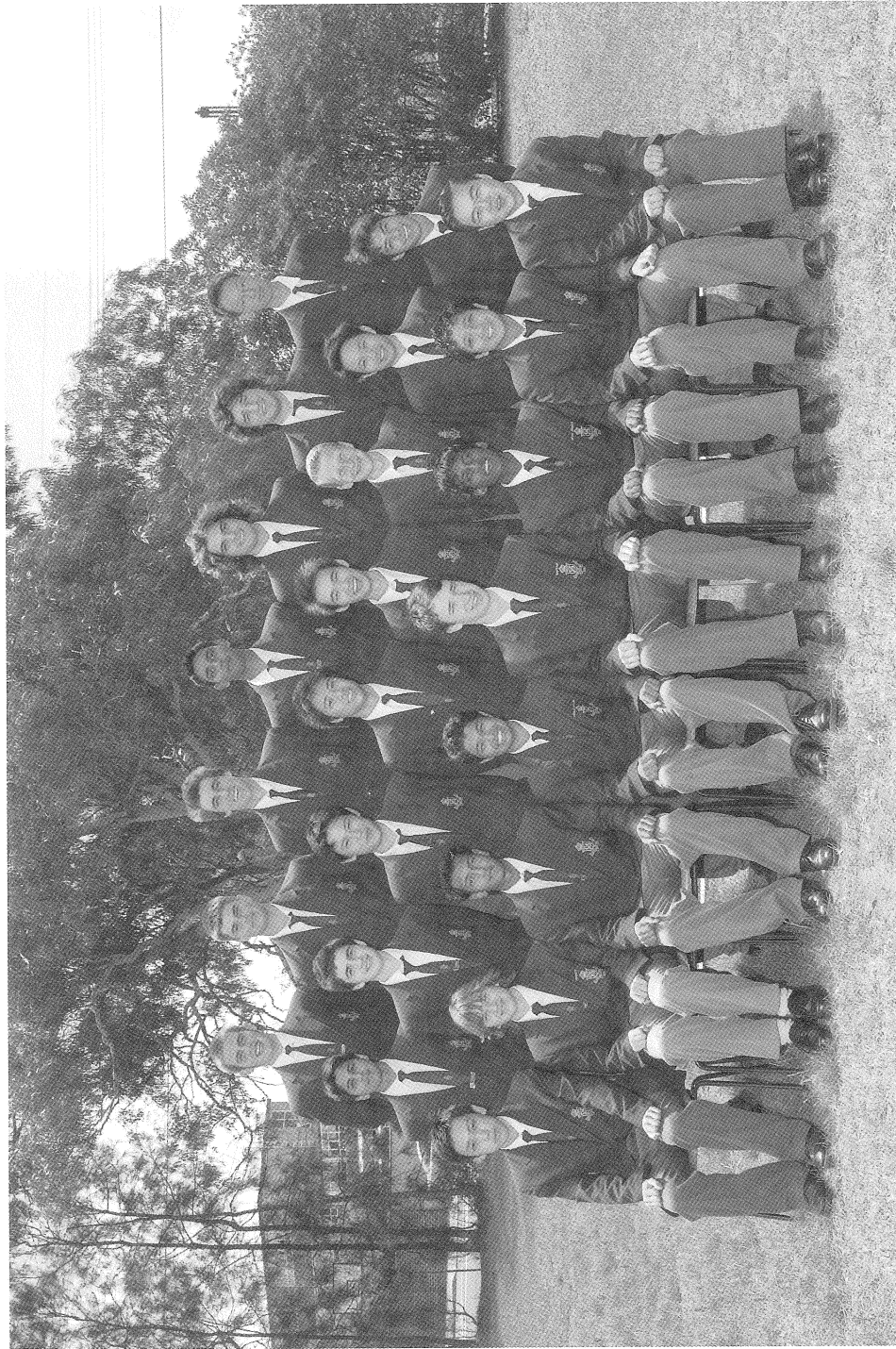
On behalf of year twelve I would like to thank the teachers for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty in guiding us through these formative years of our lives. You have taught us not to accept the world around us as it appears, but to question and challenge stereotypes. You have inspired in us a passion for lifelong learning.

To my classmates, I wish you friendship, wisdom and joy for the future and I am sure that you will find happiness whichever road you take in life. I would like to thank you for the affectionate memories you have given me and urge you to keep in contact with one and other in our lives after school. I look forward to seeing you all at the centenary celebrations in 2011. To those students still at Sydney Tech, remember to have fun and enjoy your time here as I have done, but make the most of the great privilege it is to attend this school.

Finally, thank you all for the opportunity to be school captain this part year, it has been an honour to lead such a fine group of young men.

James Diment
School Captain

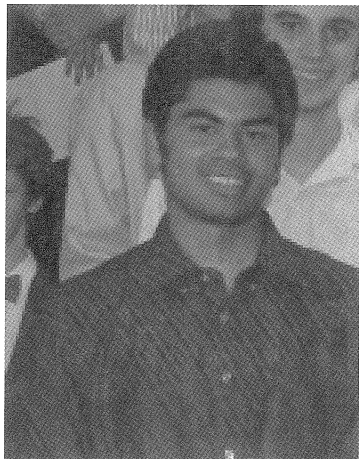
PREFECTS - 2007



Front Row: Sunny Jong, Jacob Todd, Wayne Aguiar, Bijoy Joseph (Vice Captain), James Diment (Captain), Arunn Jegatheeswaran (Senior Prefect), Francis Zhou, Desmond Tan
 Second Row: Christopher Selvaraj, Yuri Chouster, Yuto Nakayama, Dong Ung, Colin Lieu, Kurt Forrester, Edmund Li, Daniel Yeung
 Third Row: Thomas Shepherd, Ben Newsom, Simon Wynn, Archi Barathan, Andrew Murray, Adam Momi, Sherman Lam

SPEECH NIGHT

Speech night celebrates the achievements of our students and gives parents and staff the opportunity to applaud outstanding effort and scholarship. On 9th March 2007 we welcomed Dr David Roffe, Principal of Engadine Public School who gave the address and presented special prizes.



The school congratulated Year 12 on their success in the HSC and noted in particular Imran Haque (pictured at left), Dux of the school, who scored a UAI of 99.95. Imran was followed closely by Ying Chan, Timothy Duong, Andrew Lilley and Wilson Fung who were equal second in year 12.

A remarkable 19 students scored over 98 and 94 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:

Mr Brad Hall, Development Manager University of New South Wales
Ms Janice Loftus, Senior Lecturer Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney, Irene Cassim, President Parents and Citizens Association 2006, Sharon Keevers, President Music Support Group 2005, Andrew Lilley, School Captain 2005.

CAREERS – 2006 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 2006 HSC, Sydney Technical High School had 6% of students with UAI's of 99+, 28% gained 95+, 56% 90+, 79% 80+ and 89% 70+

Our top scoring students with UAI's of 99 or more were: Imran Haque, Ying Chan, Timothy Duong, Wilson Fung, Andrew Lilley, Minh Phan, Timothy Yip, Kieren He, Nicholas Cassim and Tammam Abbas.

% of students gaining a university offer.

2001	90%
2002	87%
2003	92%
2004	93%
2005	95%
2006	94%

Brett Mulholland
Careers Adviser



Special Prizes for 2006

Turner Prize	Andrew Lilley
Wykeham Prize	Francis Zhou
Caltex Best All Rounder Award for 2006	Nicholas Cassim
Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment	Stephen Tan
Principal's Prize for Senior Leadership	Scott Robinson
Principal's Prize for Junior Leadership	Daniel Yeung
Deputy Principals' Prize for Contribution to School Life (Senior)	James Ward
Deputy Principals' Prize for Contribution to School Life (Junior)	Simon Wynn
Interact Prize	Aaron Ngan
Rockdale Mayoral Senior Prize	Timothy Duong
Rockdale Mayoral Junior Prize	Archarya Barathan
Public Speaking Champion Year 10	Matthew Day
Public Speaking Champion Year 9	Nicholas Karvountzis
Public Speaking Champion Year 8	Max Kiefel
Public Speaking Champion Year 7	Kieran Seed
The Jelks Scholarships for Musical Performance	Desmond Tan Andy Lai & Andy Lau
OBU Music Trophy Diligence & Application in Band	Joshua Peacock
OBU Music Trophy	
Most Improved Instrumentalist	Jacob Todd
Class of '62 Award	
Bandsman of the Year	Blake Robertson-Hall
Angelo Amante Memorial Prize for Service to the School through Music	Jason Smith & James Ward
The Norman Harding Prize for Senior Artmaking	
The Khadra Prize for Academic Excellence including Creative and/or Performing Arts	Andrew Lai
RACI Chemistry Plaque for Excellence	Scott Janssen
Academic Medal for Chemistry	
Ann Stanford Science Research Medal	Ying Chan
The Max Howell Award Sportsman of the Year	Ying Chan
	Arden Burrell
	Ezra James

Academic Prizes for 2006

YEAR 12

H Brown Prize for Dux of School	Imran Haque
Equal 2 nd in Year 12	Ying Chan
	Timothy Duong
	Andrew Lilley
	Wilson Fung
Roy Stanhope University Scholarship	Imran Haque
George Keys Prize for English Extension 2	Stephen Tan
English Extension 1 Prize	Andrew Lilley
English 2 Unit Advanced Prize	Michael Huang
English 2 Unit Standard Prize	Ying Chan
Norman Marks Prize for Chemistry	Timothy Duong
	Wilson Fung
William Pillans Prize for Biology	Timothy Yip
	Situo Wang

Year 12 Prizes Continued

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 1

Mathematics Extension 2 Prize

Mathematics 2 Unit Prize

Mathematics General 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

French Extension Prize

Japanese Continuers Prize

Japanese Extension Prize

Cyril Lake Prize for Economics

Business Studies Prize

Owen Hodge Legal Studies Prize

Maxwell Howell Prize for Senior PD/H/PE

Imran Haque

Phillip Lay

Derek Zhu

Nicholas Cassim

Blake Robertson-Hall

Jason Smith

Craig Mattern

Nicholas Cassim

Phillip Lay

Craig Mattern

Imran Haque

Tony Gu

Adam Zhuang

Robert Lay

Imran Haque

Mitchell Lee

Stephen Tan

Kurt Forrester

Adnan Sufian

Thomas Keeley-Reid

Andrew Lilley

Samuel Guirgis

Antoine Rosse

Timothy Yip

Andrew Lilley

Khusheev Singh

Nicholas Galanopoulos

Robert Lund

Khusheev Singh

Nicholas Galanopoulos

John Vallis

School Medallion Winners (Year 12)

Wilson Fung, Andrew Lilley, James Ward, Bruce Wu.

Year 11

Edward Lee Memorial Prize for Dux of Year 11

The UNSW Senior Mathematics Extension 1 Prize

UNSW Computing Prize

Eugene Kamenka Prize for Advanced English

English Extension 1 Prize

Chemistry Prize

Physics Prize

Biology Prize

Mathematics 2 Unit Prize

Economics Prize

Business Studies Prize

Tom Kistle Modern History Prize

Helen Emanuele Ancient History Prize

Geography 2 Unit Prize

Personal Development/Health/PE Prize

Kwan Hee Lee Prize for Engineering Studies

Pok Fai Wong

Pok Fai Wong

Nic Zhu

Niksa Stanisic

James Diment

Mitchell Lee

Pok Fai Wong

Pok Fai Wong

Alistair Liong

Mohammad Iqbal

Niksa Stanisic

James Diment

Paul Farrel

Joshua Kwong

James Diment

Adrien Lalchere

Jaryd Carolin

Jacob Todd

Isaac Kang

Colin Lieu

German Continuers Prize
 Japanese Continuers Prize
 Visual Arts Prize
 Music Course 2 Prize
 Music Course 1 Prize
 Owen Hodge & Son Legal Studies Prize
 Design and Technology Prize
 Software Design and Development Prize
 Information Processes & Technology Prize
 Information Technology Prize

Daniel Kim
 Jacob Lescove- Uduwalage
 James Diment
 Edmund Li
 Sunny Jong
 Nick Zhu
 Nick Zhu
 Clay Muir
 Deniz Kilic
 Bijoy Joseph

School Medallion Winners (Year 11)

Toby Beckman, Yuri Chouster, Kurt Forrester, John Vallis, Pok Fai Wong

YEAR 10

University of Sydney Prize for Academic
 Achievement and Dux of Year 10
 Japanese Prize
 German Prize
 Visual Arts Prize
 Music Prize
 PD/Health/PE Prize
 Human Movement Prize
 J W Farley Prize for English
 Science Prize
 Mathematics Prize
 A Jenkins Memorial Prize for Most Improved in
 Mathematics
 Commerce Prize
 Geography Prize
 J W Farley Prize for Australian History
 World History Prize
 Industrial Technology Timber Prize
 Industrial Technology Electronics Prize
 Graphics Technolgoy Prize
 Information and Software Technology Prize
 McKern Prize for Excellence in Graphics
 Schlenker Prize for Excellence in Industrial Arts

Jimmy He
 Nelvin Tam
 Francis Zhou
 Samuel Health
 Jordan Smith
 Anosh Sivashanmugarajah
 Daniel Yeung
 Adam Christie & Samuel Heath
 Paul Cheung
 George Issa

Jacky Chan
 Anuj Kumar
 Jimmy He
 Archarya Barathan
 Adam Christie
 Anuj Kumar & Dong Uong
 Jared Poole
 Dong Uong
 Abraham Kazzaz
 Samuel Heath
 Geordie McSullea

School Medallion Winners (Year 10)

Archarya Barathan, Roman Pillay

YEAR 9

Arthur Buchan Prize for Dux of Year 9
 English Prize
 Science Prize
 Mathematics Prize
 Visual Arts Prize
 Music Prize
 PD/PE/Health Prize
 Human Movement Prize
 Geography Prize
 Commerce Prize
 Australian History Prize
 World History Prize
 Industrial Technology Timber Prize
 Industrial Technology Electronics Prize
 Graphics Technology Prize
 Information and Software Technology Prize

Laltaksh Wangoo
 Antu Adhikari and Laltaksh Wangoo
 Laltaksh Wangoo
 Brian Ta
 Nicholas Karvountzis & Paul Hammell
 Antoine Rosse
 James Kirkpatrick & Luc Szczepanski
 James Kirkpatrick
 Laltaksh Wangoo
 Brian Ta
 Laltaksh Wangoo, Jesse Hanna & Sherwin Li
 Laltaksh Wangoo
 Alexander Wu
 Antoine Rosse
 Ravneet Singh
 Ravneet Singh

YEAR 9 Continued

French Prize
Japanese Prize

Jesse Hanna
Edward Li

SCHOOL MEDALLION WINNERS (YEAR 9)

Laltaksh Wangoo

YEAR 8 2005

PARENTS & CITIZENS PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

8 Howel

Daniel Chung
Timothy Chandra
Nicholas Rokkas
Henry Chen
Rick Trinh

8 James

Tristan Tam
Edwin Zhang
Wilson Ling
William Chau
Arsany Attia
Alex Fang

8 Konrads

Richy Han
Kevin Lam
Adam Fong
Anubhav Verma
Kevin Truong

8 McKern

Mukhlis Mah
Max Kiefel
Henry Dinh
Alexander Lazarou
Kai-Jun Cheah

8 Smith

Omkar Sane
Colin Huang
Kevin Yao
Martin Huang
James Lim

YEAR 7 2005

PARENTS & CITIZENS PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

7 Sydney

Alexandros Tsathos
Andrew Solomon
Harrison Burrows
Asif Jalal
Jeremy Lim

7 Technical

Matthew Duong
Adam Cheng
Brian Tam
Tom Banh
Kieran Seed

7 Ultimo

James Yang
Peter Tran
Aaron Choy
Daniel Chiew
Peter Nguyen

7 Paddington

Paul Tsihlis
James Dickson
Charbel Rezcallah
Steven Banos
Bryan Mew

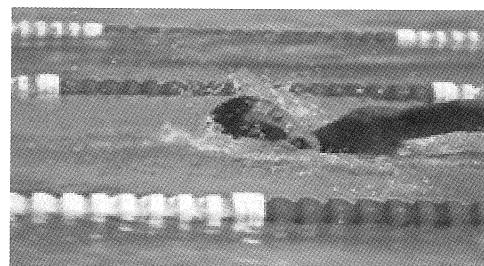
7 Bexley

Hamza Hamwi
Feras Suwan
Alvi Ahmed
Naveed Chowdury
Intisar Hoque

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
Mr and Mrs Wong
Anonymous
Anonymous

Family of student Yr 12
Lesley Wong Yr 12
Family of student Yr 8
Family of student Yr 7



Trainer level

\$250.00 +

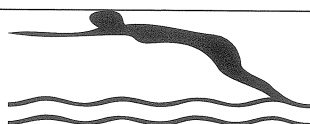
Anonymous

Family of Yr 10 student



High diver level

\$500.00



Squad leader level

\$750.00 +

Anonymous

Family of student Yr 9

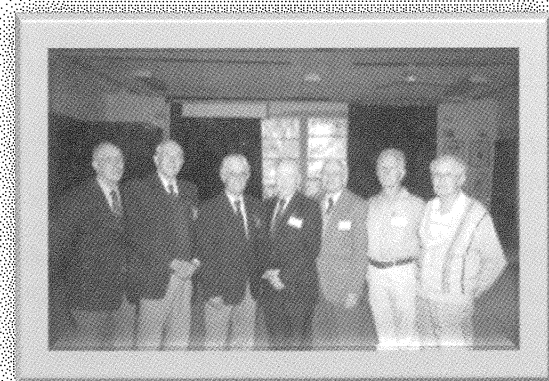
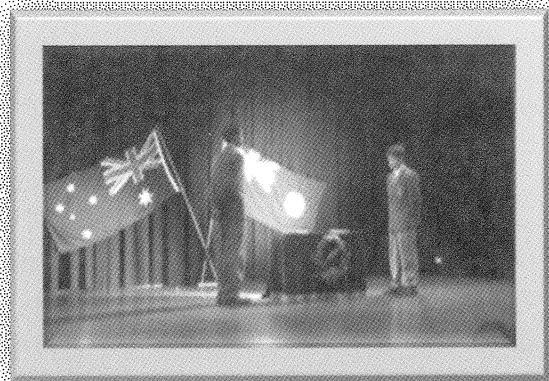
SCHOOL BENEFACTORS 2007

Mr. Allan Parkes ex student 1955-1957 donation of \$1500 to Paul Cheung Year 11 for The Australian and Science Innovations Physics School.

Professor Eric Daniels ex student 1936-1940 donation of \$500 to Paul Cheung Year 11 for 2007 Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee School of Excellence.

Anzac day Service

2007



Anzac Day Service 2007

In Flanders Fields: Passchendaele, 1917 90 Years On

*"I died in hell, they called it Passchendaele".....
Siegfried Sassoon*

In the Australian experience of war, no year has been more tragic than 1917. It was a year that ended much as it had begun... with the diggers bogged in the muddy trenches of the Western Front. After three years of fighting in France and Belgium the Anzacs fought battles at Bullecourt, Messines and in the Third Battle of Ypres. The culmination of fighting was the attempt to take a village whose name – "Passchendaele" – would invoke painful memories of suffering and grief for a whole generation. This year's Anzac Day Ceremony commemorated the 90th anniversary of the battles of 1917. The presentation honoured the service, courage and sacrifice of Australian soldiers depicted through photographs, letters, diaries and through poetry.



Passchendaele or the Third Battle of Ypres was the major British offensive in Flanders in 1917. It was fought by British, Anzac, Canadian and South African soldiers against the German army for the control of Passchendaele near the Belgian town of Ypres, but known as 'Wipers' to Australians. The British plan was to break through the strongly fortified German defences of the Hindenburg Line, enclosing the Ypres salient, a protruding bulge in the British front line, and to sweep through to the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast.

The land on which the battle took place was largely reclaimed marshland, swampy even without rain. The heavy British bombardment tore up the surface of the land, and heavy rain from August onwards produced an impassable terrain of deep 'liquid mud', in which an unknown number of soldiers drowned. Even the newly-developed tanks bogged down. The Germans were well-entrenched, with concrete pill-boxes which the initial bombardment had not destroyed.

The battle comprised of a series of limited and costly offensives, often undertaken in the most difficult of waterlogged conditions - a consequence of frequent periods of rain and the destruction of the Flanders' lowlands drainage systems by intense artillery bombardment. Passchendaele was broken into smaller actions. All five Australian divisions were involved in the attacks at Menin Road, Polygon Wood and Broodseinde.

The aim was to capture the village of Passchendaele which meant numerous fortified ridges along the way needed to be taken also. The ridges were strewn with concrete pill-boxes, had a 100 metre wide strip of barbed wire and trenches. It formed the best built-out resistance line of the Germans. Supported in the rear by heavy artillery and protected by impenetrable swamps it was thought to be invulnerable. As the opportunity for breakthrough receded, Douglas Haig still saw virtue in maintaining the offensives, hoping in the process to drain German manpower through attrition. After three months of heavy fighting the Canadians finally took Passchendaele on the 6 November, ending the battle.

Passchendaele was known for its atrocious conditions and it was a tribute to those who fought at this place. This is one of the reasons why it has been declared the finest feat of the war. The costly offensives, ending with the capture of Passchendaele village, merely widened the Ypres salient by a few kilometres. In the history of warfare the term 'Passchendaele' has become a symbol of the extreme brutality of early mechanised warfare.

During the years that followed the Great War the beautiful city of Ypres, including its magnificent fifteenth century Cloth Hall, was rebuilt. At the entrance to the town a huge memorial to the dead – the Menin Gate – was constructed. Every evening at 8 pm all traffic is stopped and buglers in white gloves play *The Last Post*.

Thanks to our excellent Year 10 History presenters, Cameron Roberts, Nicholas Karvountzis and Laltaksh Wangoo, Mr Ward for his organization and Mr Towner and the concert band for their musical performances. Thanks also to all those who participated, all those behind the scenes and all the Old Boys who came along to remember this special occasion together.

Peter Heath
Head Teacher History

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT STAFF

This year again brought changes to our staff in the office; firstly we farewelled Lynne Irvine our principal with a well attended social function. Lynne will be missed for her special ways of keeping us on track.

The photo below shows our staff at the start of the year, we were very lucky to have four highly regarded relief staff filling positions with three staff on leave and one vacant position at the commencement of the year. We gradually celebrated with them as they all gained permanent positions, unfortunately for Sydney Tech it was appointments at other schools.

Jacqui Hope retired at the start of term three and we wish her many happy years of grand parenting and enjoying the leisurely life. Jacqui is the voice of Sydney Tech that you hear on the school phone system.

As the year progressed appointments to the staff occurred. Gandhi Gunasekaran was appointed term 2 transferring from Wattle Grove PS and Grace Giardullo from term 4 coming to us from Woolaware HS. Both Gandhi & Grace had worked at Sydney Tech previously and we were extremely pleased to be able to have them return to us permanently.

The SAS staff has also welcomed Jacqueline Lyons our new principal and hope that Jacqueline will enjoy our company over the coming years. The photo at right is of the staff during our "Celebrating SASS Recognition Week" morning tea that was provided for us by Jacqueline. The staff received a lovely surprise when arriving in the library to see such a sumptuous and plentiful array of food.

I would like to thank all families who supported the "Entertainment Book" fundraising which assists with providing much need equipment for the school and hope that you will support this initiative again next year.

Vicki Manners
School Administrative Manager



Front Row (L-R) I Farrell, C Ross, D Brown, M Reilly, S Porter, S Lepherd
Back Row (L-R) W Green, K Halbert, V Neskovski , G Giardullo

ENGLISH

When students enter Tech they are little boys who may feel some anxiety about navigating the corridors, may be tentative about the size of the bigger boys, and initially may find a thirty six period fortnightly time table daunting. When students leave Tech they are confident, articulate and purposive young men. Through their six years at Tech there is an amazing metamorphosis supported by the cultivation of a strong sense of belonging. At Tech, we foster a sense of belonging in terms of experiences and notions of identity, relationships, acceptance and understanding. We share a context which values the individual and the contribution the individual can make to the enrichment of our social milieu. We belong to a community which values learning and supports student endeavours in a variety of intellectual disciplines and which collectively applauds and recognises individual and community achievements. With such commitment to supporting each other manifested within the school community, then it is no surprise that a young man who leaves Tech at the end of Year 12 is well prepared for his future as an active and articulate member of society.

2006 was another year of significant individual and group achievements. The majority of our HSC candidates achieved results well above state average as did the students who participated in the School Certificate Literacy examination. Teaching and learning practices, the intellectual quality of the content and the challenges presented in our programs, our commitment to assessment for learning, our endeavours to ensure a quality learning environment and the significance of our course content to the growth of creative and critical thinkers, ensure that our students meet the challenges presented in state wide testing. Their individual results and the quantitative data available on their results as a cohort are indicative of their engagement at a highly active level along a continuum which informs and directs their lives once they graduate from Tech.



Co- curricular experiences which support and authenticate classroom learning have continued to enrich our programs in both English and Drama. Throughout the year students have attended productions of *Ruby Moon*, *Exit the King*, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, *Australia Versus South Africa*, *Macbeth*, *Don's Party* and *The Tempest*. Drama students have also participated in workshops at The Sydney Theatre Company and with NIDA. Australian author Phillip Gwynne has addressed Year 10 and shared with them rich insights about the context of his work and how a writer composes original fiction. Year 8 have experienced the hero's journey through film with the assistance of The Filmmaker's Tools and two Year 8 classes were substantially informed by their visit to the Jewish Museum which supported their study of a non-fiction text based on World War II.

Our students have also participated in numerous initiatives at local and state wide levels. James Diment's and Matthew Day's excellent public speaking skills were recognised locally, with James eventually named the winner of the Voice of Youth in the Oatley RSL zone. During National

Literacy and Numeracy Week eight talented wordsmiths participated in the Scrabble-a-Thon challenge. Paul Hammell and Jesse Hanna were the overall Sydney Region winners in Stage 5 and Mark Raikhman and Alex Tsathas were the Sydney Region winners in Stage 4. Their marvellous results were highly commended by Dr Phil Lambert, Regional Director, and the boys received monetary and book prizes. Year 9 students were once again participants in the Mosaic Fusion Program, organised by the University of NSW, about culture, identity and encouraging tolerance. Group leaders from the university have selected Max Kiefel to be the Master of Ceremonies at the launch of the compilation of student writing, which is the final product of this enriching program. Our Harmony Day presentation performance at the Sydney Town Hall, a biting and entertaining satire on Australia's immigration policy, also evolved from the Mosaic program.

Our internal Public Speaking Competition continues to identify talented orators and encourages student voices to articulate their ideas in a public forum. With every student in Years 7-10 participating, the competition provides an avenue for all students to develop and improve their oral communication skills. The winners in 2006 were Matthew Day (Yr 10), Nicholas Karvountzis (Yr9), Max Kiefel (Yr 8) and Kieran Seed (Yr 7). We look forward to this year's finals where we will once again be engaged by the talented speakers in our school.

English Continued

The facilitation of learning, through quality program delivery, opportunities for critical and creative expression and a host of co-curricular enrichment activities, is made possible by the dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm of a dedicated faculty. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for another stimulating year.

Sharing experiences, sharing knowledge and recognising individual and community achievements are outstanding features of Tech, which promote shared visions and values. As such, all members of the Tech community, students, staff, parents and other friends, belong to a network which is supportive and informative and which promotes lifelong learning.

Debbie Demetriadis
Head Teacher



Year 9 visit to NIDA for Macbeth Performance

MATHEMATICS

It has been steady progress for the Mathematics Department over the last twelve months and we have been very pleased to see our students continue to achieve excellent results in many different areas. There has been a small change in the Mathematics staff this year: Ms Berios has left us for a time, taking maternity leave. Our best wishes go with her as we anticipate the happy arrival of her first child. Ms Mikl once again is a very welcome replacement for the position vacated by Ms Berios. The next few years are also shaping up to be a challenge as we bring about the introduction of a new syllabus in Years 11 and 12.

Over the last twelve months, our students have again produced excellent results. In the 2006 HSC, results were very impressive; the percentage of our students in the highest 2 bands of each course was approximately 70% for 2 Unit, 88% for Ext 1, 94% for Ext 2 – a wonderful result. The School Certificate results were great too – almost 95% of our students were placed in the two top bands! Congratulations to all our hard working students and also to the hard working Mathematics staff. Our top HSC students were Robert Lay (2 Unit General), Tony Gu & Adam Zhuang (2 Unit), Nicholas Cassim, Phillip Lay & Craig Mattern (Ext 1) and Imran Haque (Ext 2). George Issa once again excelled, being our top Year 10 Mathematics student while Jacky Chan was most improved.

In the Australian Mathematics Competition (2006), almost half (45%) of our boys gained a Distinction or better, with five students winning prizes (that's the top 0.3% of the state).

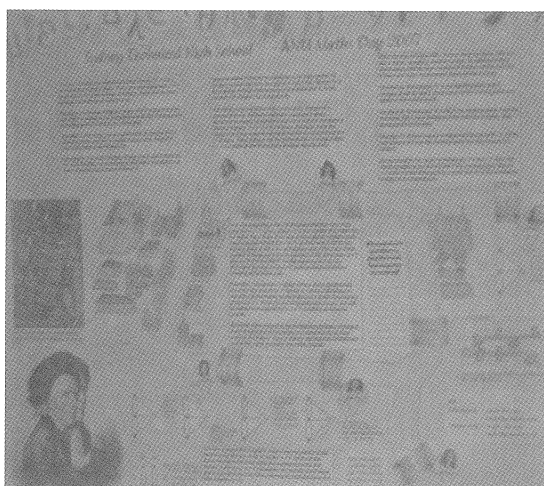
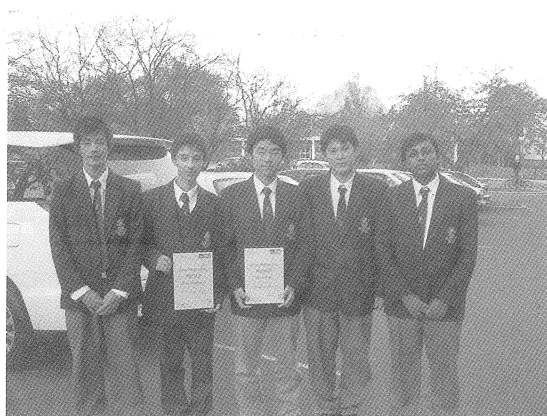
Our team of senior students (Leslie Wong, Jacky Li, Yuto Nakayama, Andy Lai and Rajesh Gounder) again participated in the prestigious Canberra Mathematics Day at the Australian National University. By coming third (again!), they maintained our status as a leading Sydney school in Mathematics. Leslie Wong's wonderful poster, submitted in the poster competition solving a problem in networking, was awarded the prize for best graphics (even though we think it should have also won best mathematics!). I would like to congratulate the Mathematics Day team for their fine effort.

It is pleasing to see the enthusiasm with which most of our students (particularly the seniors) are engaging with Mathematics. For most students at the HSC, this subject continues to be their best subject and the way our students are enrolling in the extra curricular competitions and extension programs in increasing numbers is very gratifying and a testament to the quality of our students and the quality of their mathematics teachers.

G R McLean
Head Teacher Mathematics

CANBERRA MATHS DAY

The team comprising students chosen from across the three extension 2 classes journeyed down to Canberra again this year to contest the annual Canberra Maths Day Challenge and left with two trophies to their name – one for the best poster depicting the solution to the famous Konisburg Bridges problem, and the other for being third overall in the main schools competition. The majority of the credit for the former must go to Lesley Wong, whose outstanding work was a revelation, both for its artistic merit and its mathematical content. The group as a whole – Lesley, Andy Lai, Jacky Li, Rajesh Gounder and Yuto Nakayama – fully deserve the accolades received for the other prize. They demonstrated real mathematical ability as well as good insight and sharpness of mind.

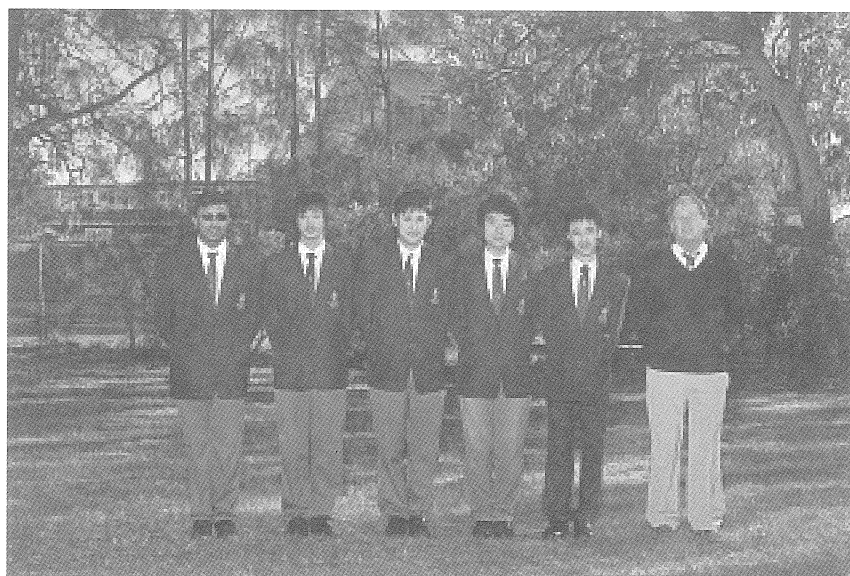


After a slow start, in the first contest which saw Tech lying fourth last out of some 20 High schools and colleges (how embarrassing!), the boys picked up during the other challenges presented to be a real chance for the major award, but the start given was just too great.

Congratulations to all boys. Their demeanour and manners towards the organizers brought only praise to the school, and it was a proud teacher who drove them back to Sydney late on Friday. My only regrets were that their choice of Chinese restaurants was not up to their competition status, and that Andy Lai picked on these two days to develop consistent nose bleeds, both severely testing my weak stomach.

It was a pleasure to have provided these boys with this opportunity which I hope will leave them with many fond memories.

Mr. T. Trotman
Canberra Maths Day Co-Ordinator



SCIENCE

In 2007 the Science Faculty has been fortunate to secure the services of Mr M. Barsoum and Ms A. Ung to replace Mrs Saadeh who has been on leave all year. Mr Barsoum has since secured a permanent teaching position at Randwick. We wish him well in his new school. I would like to thank Mrs Soon Tee Lephherd and Mrs Shirley Bloomfield for their hard work in running and organising the science laboratories throughout the year. The job of a science teacher is made so much easier because of their hard work and dedication.

The 2006 HSC results in physics, chemistry and biology showed continued excellence compared with state averages. 68% of our Physics students, 51% of our Chemistry students and 80% of our Biology students achieved marks over 80 (Band 5 + Band 6). The following students scored an outstanding Band 6 (90+):

Physics: Tammam Abbas; Nicholas Cassim ; Ying Chan ; Brendan Charles ; Timothy Duong; Wilson Fung; Morgan Gardiner; Imran Haque; Kieran He; Raymond Leung ; Andrew Lilley; Jonathan Lim; Nathan Low; Rowan Ma; Craig Mattern ; Ben Morrison ; Minh Phan ; Julien Seno ; Ike Wu

Chemistry : Tammam Abbas; Nicholas Cassim; Ying Chan; Timothy Duong; Wilson Fung; Imran Haque; Adam Luc; Rowan Ma; Craig Mattern; Ben Morrison; Minh Phan; Talib Tirmizi; Thomas Wu; Timothy Yip

Biology: Muhammad Aftab; Adam Luc; Timothy Yip

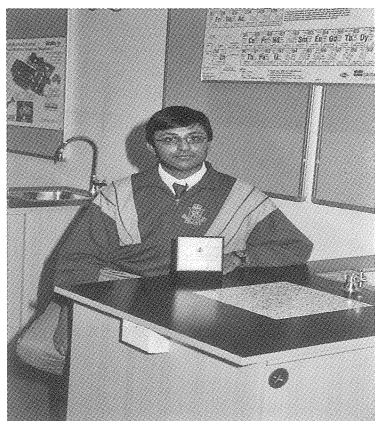
Tech students continue to perform highly in the **School Certificate Examination in 2006**. 23.3% of students were awarded band 6 (90-100) and 60.0% of students achieved band 5 (80-90). These results compare very favourably to the state results (Band 6 = 4.6%; Band 5 = 24.9%). The following students achieved the first ten places in the year in 2006:

Andrew Ta; Nelvin Tam; Edward Quach; Matthew Au; Jimmy He; Abraham Kazzaz; Roman Pillay; Christopher Stebbings; James Truong; Daniel Yeung. Well done Year 10, 2006.

The winner of the **Year 10 Science Research Medal** for 2007 will be decided later in the year. The 2006 Year 10 research science winner was **Arden Burrell**. He was presented with his research medallion at Speech Night earlier this year.

Congratulations to **Bo Chen, Jia Lin Luo** and **Andy Wong** of Year 12 for gaining a third place in the regional finals of the **Titration Competition**. Congratulations also to **Deniz Kilic** who achieved the highest individual score in the regional competition held at Sydney University. The high placement of Bo, Jia Lin and Andy's team lead to an invitation to the finals of this competition which was held in September at the University of NSW. Congratulations to Bo and Andy for winning a gold medal and Jia Lin for winning a silver.

Congratulations to **Pok Fai (Leslie) Wong (Year 12)** (*photo right*) Dux of Chemistry, Physics and Biology and on being placed fifth in Australia in the Biology Olympiad final selection assessments held in Canberra. Unfortunately, Leslie missed out by one place in representing Australia in the final overseas.



Rajesh Gounder (Year 12) (*photo left*) and **Paul Cheung** (Year 11) were also selected to attend the Chemistry Olympiad Scholars training camp in Canberra over the January Vacation. Although they did not make the final selection cut-off, they both performed exceptionally well in this highly competitive environment.

This year a small group of Year 11 students have elected to spend one lunch time each week in studying university level chemistry in preparation for this year's Chemistry Olympiad preliminary exam later in the year. The topics covered are outside the content of the HSC or Preliminary courses in Chemistry and these talented and hard working students are to be congratulated for their willingness to tackle more advanced studies.

Tech High students have performed with excellence in the 2007 **Australasian Science Competition**. 11 high distinction certificates, 56 distinction certificates and 59 credit certificates were awarded to Tech students. Congratulations to the following students who gained high distinctions in the Australasian Science Competition.

Year 12: Kurt Forrester ; Bijoy Joseph; Pok Fai Wong

Year 11: Paul Cheung

Year 9: Geoffrey Chen; Richy Han ; Kevin Lam ; Mukhlis Mah ; Tristan Tam

Year 8: Harrison Burrows

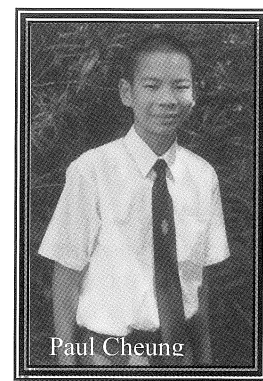
Year 7: Samson Ng

Five high distinctions, 31 distinctions and 47 credits were awarded to Tech participants in the **Rio Tinto Big Science Competition**. Congratulations to the following students who achieved high distinctions.

Year 11: Paul Cheung

Year 9: Anubhav Verma, Kevin Lam, Muklis Mah

Year 8: Alex Tsathas

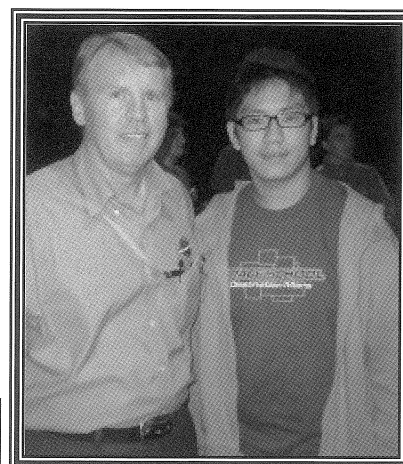


Paul Cheung

NASA ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On 7 October, Year 9 student, Chun Hung Wong embarked on a trip to America with fourteen other Year 11 and 12 students from around Australia to participate in an Engineering School/Challenge organised by NASA. The twelve day trip to Houston, Texas consisted of a VIP tour of the Johnson Space Centre, a five day engineering challenge, a visit to the Challenger Learning Centre and George Observatory, and lectures from NASA personnel and astronauts.

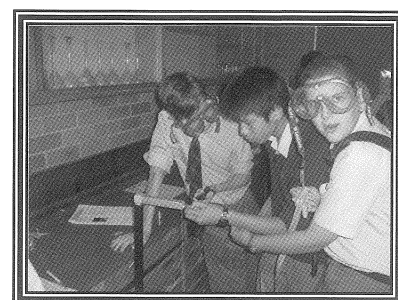
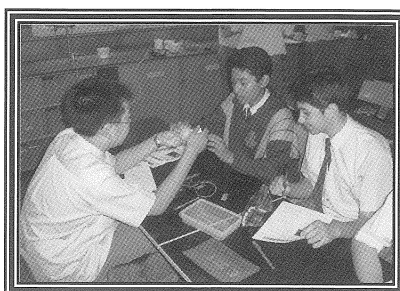
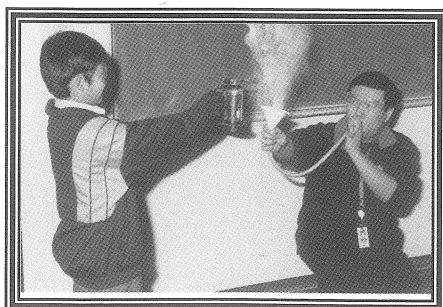
Year 9 student, Chun Hung Wong pictured with NASA Astronaut, Andy Thomas



The last eight years have seen many changes in the science curriculum from Years 7 to 12. The science staff has successfully managed the task of creating a challenging and supportive learning environment for Tech High students. This success has been demonstrated by the high achievements of our students in the competitive science examinations and competitions as well as their choices for future careers in scientific fields. Conversely it would be true to say that an increasingly larger number of highly talented science students are not pursuing future science and engineering careers and turning instead to legal, actuarial and business vocations. It will be interesting to observe whether this trend continues into the next decade of the twenty-first century and whether Australia will experience a brain drain from scientific disciplines.

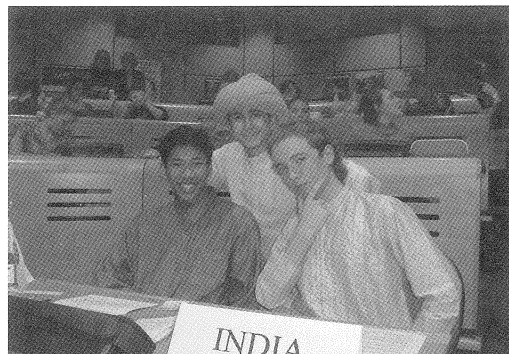
Geoffrey Thickett
Head Teacher Science

CSIRO INCURSIONS



HISTORY

What is it about the number seven in Australian history? This year celebrates so many significant anniversaries in Australian history associated with this number. For example, it's the 100th anniversary of the Harvester judgment which established the concept of a minimum (basic) wage, the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the 40th anniversary of the last man hanged in Australia, Ronald Ryan; the formation of the Democrats by Don Chip, and, more importantly, the successful referendum to recognize Aboriginal people as citizens. Also, twenty years ago this year, Vietnam Vets were finally given a welcome home parade, and ten years ago the 'Bringing them Home' report relating the stories of the forced removal of Aboriginal children, was published.



Andrew Ta, Amer Mahmoud and
Matthew Day representing India in MUNA 07

Closer to home, the school's Anzac Day ceremony organized by the History and Creative Arts Faculties commemorated the 90th anniversary of the battle of Australia's involvement at Passchendael on the Western Front in World War 1 in 1917. In the Australian experience of war, no year has been more tragic than 1917. Old Boys of the school were part of the audience who witnessed a presentation by Cameron Roberts, Nicholas Karvountzis and Laltaksh Wangoo of the events of that battle to the music of 'Lacrimosa' from Mozart's 'Requiem'

In the History faculty itself, this year we gained a new member of staff, bringing our number now to five. We are very fortunate to have Ms Olsen join us from Thomas Reddell High School. She has expertise in Legal Studies, History and Commerce and has already proven to be an invaluable member of our department. We welcome her to the History faculty and look forward to working with her in the future.

2006 brought some pleasing results as always. Congratulations to the Class of 2006 for achieving some outstanding results in the HSC! In Modern History, 63% of students achieved results in both bands 5 and 6 with all students gaining results in the top three bands. Imran Haque duxed with an 95%. In Ancient History, Mitchell Lee, an accelerated Year 11 student, topped the HSC with 89%. In the past three years 100% of Ancient History students have gained either band 5 or 6. In History Extension, 56% of students achieved the top two bands with Stephen Tan duxing the course with 45/50. In Legal Studies, Nicholas Galanopoulos, topped and 67% achieved Band 5 and 6. Congratulations also go to three Year 10 students who topped the state in 2006. Todd Da Silva, gained equal first place in the History Competition run by the History Teachers' Association of NSW which is an outstanding result. It is also the second year in a row that one of our students has come equal first in this competition. In addition, Jimmy He and Sam Heath of Year 10 both scored 100% in the 2006 Australian History School Certificate test. These are the highest individual results we have had in this exam and a remarkable achievement!

In the Year 10 Les Gordon History Debating competition, this year's team consisting of Nick Karvountzis, Cameron Roberts, Moyuk Muzahid and Nathan Chau and ably coached by Mr Short, have made a clean sweep winning all three rounds of the zone against Moorfields Girls, Wiley Park and Penshurst Girls on topics such as, 'That Australia has lacked great leaders' and 'That we need the Anzac legend.' We wish them luck in the final rounds of the competition.

This year our history students have made an outstanding contribution two Model United Nations events. The first, the Model United Nations is an annual event held in the Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong and this year our team was representing India. Dressed in Indian clothing (thanks to students who had loaned them) they effectively represented India's position on a range of global arguments. Congratulations to Andrew Ta, Amer Mahmoud and Matthew Day for their outstanding contribution and to Ms Olsen their coach and chauffeur (see photos). We also entered two teams in the Sydney University Schools' Model United Nations competition this year for the first time. Nathan Chau and Cameron Roberts from Year 10 and George Issa and Steve Trinh represented China as they spent the day debating a range of General Assembly resolutions and Security Council reform with students from other selective and private schools.

Another highlight of the year is the success of our Year 9 students in the inaugural National Trust Schools Competition this year. Nicholas Rokkas won his age group in this state wide competition in an essay on Australia at the time of Federation entitled, 'One People, One Flag, One Destiny'. Daniel Cung, Max Kieffel and Jonathan Vavouris gained highly commended or commended for their efforts. Special thanks go to Mr Landsberger for all his support and encouragement in this competition.

Other highlights included our excursion/incursion program which enriches classroom experiences. Year 9 World History and Mr Derwent visited the Sydney Jewish Museum where they were briefed by a survivor of the Holocaust, Ruth, whose family was hidden by farmers in north eastern Europe. Students found the experience of visiting the museum deeply moving. Once again Year 11 Legal Studies visited the Law Courts with Mr Derwent and Ms Olsen. One of the most interesting cases was one which involved the importation of a huge quantity of amphetamines from the Netherlands which had been hidden in an oven. The witnesses had served time for similar offences previously.

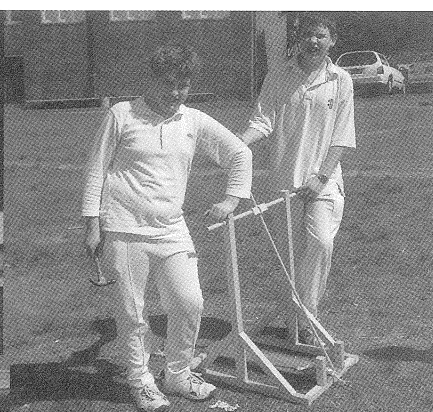
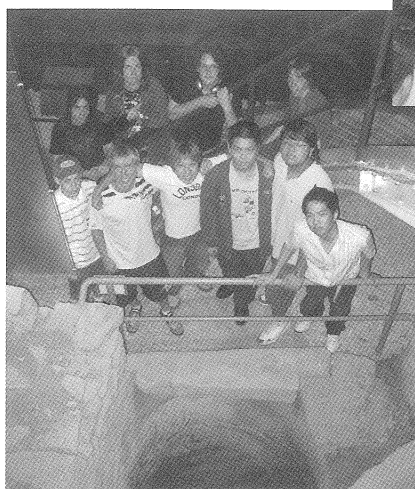


Year 11 Ancient History visited The Rocks in an investigation of the archaeology of the area jointly run by Sydney Learning Adventures and the Historic Houses Trust. This was a fascinating day in which we investigated the historical archaeology of the area gaining some valuable hands on experience of real artefacts and tours of the recently excavated Parbury ruins, Sussanah Place and the Cumberland Place dig. Year 8 also had their traditional Medieval Day in which they experienced the wonders and delights of the middle ages. Congratulations to Mr Derwent who co-authored a new HSC Legal Studies course book published this year. He also wrote its companion website. Justice Kirby of the High Court, after receiving a copy of the book, said he was 'proud' to have his name in the forward.

Thanks again for a thoroughly rewarding year to the students we teach for making the learning journey with us such a rewarding one. Thanks also to my staff Mr Landsberger, Mr Derwent, Mr Short and Ms Olsen; and also to Ms Garrett and Ms Newett who worked with us this year. Their extraordinary expertise, commitment and professionalism make them a pleasure to work with.

Peter Heath
Head Teacher History

Photos: History in Action 07
Archaeology in The Rocks, MUNA,
Medieval Day
and trebuchets



SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Social Science Faculty has again this year provided learning opportunities that integrated intellectual quality and connectedness to the real world. The very nature of Geography, Commerce, Economics and Business Studies allows students to apply school knowledge in real-life contexts. Students have participated in and performed extremely well in all aspects of the Social Sciences over the last year.

Both the HSC and SC results were extremely good. In Business Studies our students achieved an average mark of 81.95 which was 10.80 above state average and 70% were placed in the top two bands with a mark of more than 80. The outstanding performances were from Khusheev Singh, Ike Wu, Kieran He and William Tang. In Economics the average mark was 81.57 with 67% in bands 5 & 6. The outstanding results were achieved by Andrew Lilley, Ike Wu, Luke Camilleri, Adam Zhang, Ben Morrison, Khusheev Singh, Sameed Wahid, Nicholas Pavitt and Minh Phan.

The School Certificate results were extremely pleasing in Geography with 89% achieving bands 5 & 6. In total 79 out of the 150 students achieved a mark of more than 90 (band 6). All students achieved a mark greater than 73.

At the end of last year a team of four Year 11 Geography students entered an Envirothon competition which involved a full day of fieldwork activities in the Royal National Park and a presentation of results. Our students were successful in winning the Regional competition. They then went on to compete against all other regional champions in the state and this was held in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. Congratulations to James Diment, Bijoy Joseph, William Tam and Robert Young **-STATE ENVIROTHON WINNERS** –the first time a Sydney Region school has ever won this competition!

During semester 2 last year a group of Year 9 Geography students took part in an environmental Leadership Program that involved investigating the school's waste management and level of biodiversity. They put together an action plan and presentation for other schools in the region at Rockdale Town Hall. Congratulations to all involved particularly Nick Karvountzis, Cameron Roberts, Junior Taurail, Laltaksh Wangoo, Nicholas Carydis and Luc Szczepanski. This year the school has continued to create change to achieve better environmental outcomes by undertaking some of the recommendations of this group. This year the results of the Australian Geography Competition were again extremely pleasing. The outstanding result was from **Bijoy Joseph -second in NSW** in the senior division. Congratulations Bijoy! Fifty four students received a High Distinction in this competition – a very commendable effort. The students who achieved the highest scores were Bijoy Joseph, James Diment, William Tam and Arden Burrell in the senior division and Brian Ta, Haris Mustafa, Mukhlis Mah and Raymond Lee in the intermediate division. Congratulations also to Nick Karvountzis, Cameron Roberts and Laltaksh Wangoo in year 10 Geography who won their debate in the Democracy week debates at State Parliament House.

In the Economics competition George Issa, Andy Wong, Wing On Sun and Anuk Walgamage achieved results in the top percentiles and in the Business Studies competition Wing On Sun and Anuk Walgamage also achieved the best results. Anuk was placed in the top 1 % of students in Australia and New Zealand and was a monetary prize winner.

Finally, I would like to thank the Social Science Staff for their support and their dedication to providing quality learning experiences in the classroom and through extra-curricula activities.

Joy Davis
Head Teacher



CREATIVE ARTS/LANGUAGES

As teachers of highly specialised subjects, we know that the arts not only delight students but are also intellectual disciplines of substance. The language, musical and visual arts involve the use of complex symbols to communicate and it is necessary to gain literacy with these symbol systems to attain competency and then expertise. To better understand the ways that students gain meaning and knowledge from our subjects we embarked on a Faculty Review of *Teaching Electives*. This school research project involved teachers from our faculty working with an education consultant to examine best practice criteria, intellectual challenge and student engagement with learning in art, music and language.

With this focus in our teaching as students progress through the school, it is increasingly important for classroom activity to be authenticated through co-curricular experiences. These include the excursions, competitions, rehearsals, workshops, performances, exhibitions and cultural exchanges detailed in the following reports. The learning and enjoyment embedded in these experiences build memories for the students and makes many adults wish they were back at school.

Congratulations are extended to those students who have recently left school. Our 2006 HSC students produced some outstanding performances in LOTE, Music and Visual Arts, with most students achieving results in the top two bands. Of particular note is Year 8 accelerated French student **Antoine Rosse**, whose performance in both the Continuers and Extension courses placed him near the top of the state. **Blake Robertson-Hall** and **Jason Smith** achieved top band results in Music Extension and three Visual Arts students were preselected for *Artexpress* – **Scott Janssen**, **Derek Wong** and **Chung Chan**.

This year we welcomed Mr Gary Smith and then Mr Clive Martin to our Music department, who replaced Mr Paul Owens while he relieved as Deputy Principal for first semester. Our Music department enjoyed the input of these two accomplished practitioners who assisted Mr Doug Towner in the organisation of performance opportunities at various assemblies and ceremonial occasions, band festivals and our in-school concerts, *Musicale* and *Summer Ensembles*. There were stellar individual performances such as **Daniel Kim** of Year 12 – state finalist in the Yamaha piano competition and winner of the Roger Woodward scholarship for piano performance. **Desmond Tan**, Year 11, was runner up. **Cameron Roberts** Year 10, was a finalist in the 2007 Sutherland Shire and St George Youth Music Awards playing electric guitar. Together with Band Camp and a strong complementary curriculum program our students are provided with exemplary musical experience.

Ms Abson, in conjunction with Mr Reynolds and Ms Cross delivered another year of exciting learning and cultural exchange in French, German and Japanese. Term Three saw the return of the Nanzan Boys High School, whose students were hosted by Tech. families. This was a great cultural opportunity for Language students and thoroughly enjoyed by all. **Victor Lee** of Year 8 and **Kelvin Man** from Year 11 joined the Greensleeves cultural exchange to **Shiroishi** city and Tokyo in Japan during the July school holidays. **Shiroishi**, north of Tokyo is sister city to Hurstville and this tour was promoted in conjunction with them. Language teacher Kim Cross was a supervising teacher on a joint schools study tour to New Caledonia in the holidays accompanying **Jesse Hanna** and **William Thai** from Year 10. The boys had a two week homestay in Noumea including tours to cultural attractions and attendance at the French speaking school.

VISUAL ARTS

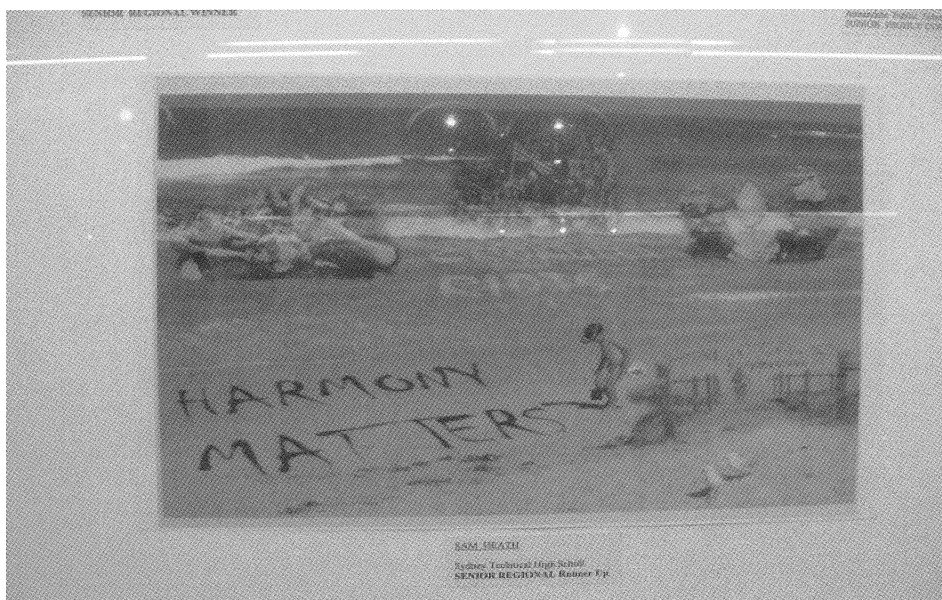
The Visual Arts department, Ms Tina Blake, Mrs Dawn Nelson and myself, organised several artmaking fieldtrips and theory based gallery visits through the year. Students in Years 9, 11 and 12 went to *Artexpress* at the College of Fine Arts and the Art Gallery of NSW, also visiting the Tezuka exhibition, where contemporary manga cartooning and anime video were on display. Years 10, 11 and 12 visited the Archibald exhibition, Year 11 Art and Photography students went to Taronga Zoo while Year 9 Visual Arts discovered the joys of photographing the annual Sculpture by the Sea exhibition on the coastal walk between Bronte and Bondi and Plein Air painting and drawing on a Bundeena fieldtrip.

Year 12 students at Artexpress



Samuel Heath of Year 11 was a regional runner up in the 2007 Harmony Day Poster Competition. The competition was jointly organised by the Education Taskforce of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission and the Chinese Australian Forum. Sam was awarded his certificate at a ceremony at Customs House in March and his work appears below.

Four of our student artists attended the annual "Sydney Rocks On" workshops in late March. 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 setting.



Congratulations to our participants, **Nick Karvountzis**, **Paul Hammell** and **Junior Taurail** for their participation, and to **Eric Pan** for his highly commended award.

Michael Zhang of Year 12 came 4th in state photographic competition Generation Next and had his work exhibited at Bondi Pavilion in June. He developed his passion for photography into an HSC body of work, an example of which appears below from his selection entitled "6.58 All stops!"



Of course, these opportunities for creative expression and performance cannot occur without the expert teachers who facilitate this learning. I would like to thank the Creative Arts/LOTE staff for their cooperation, professionalism and tireless enthusiasm.

Joanna Wright
Head Teacher

LANGUAGES

The Languages Department remained the same this year with Mr Brian Reynolds and Ms Kim Cross running all German and French courses within the school and Ms Pam Abson teaching all Japanese courses. There were also three Practicum Teachers from UTS and UNSW in Terms 2 and 3, who assisted the Japanese classes in their learning of not only the language but of the culture as well. It is an invaluable experience to have a native speaker in the classroom and I am sure that our students made the most of the opportunity presented to enhance their language skills.

This year we had students sitting for the HSC in Japanese Continuers, Japanese Extension, German Beginners, German Continuers and for the first time, German Extension. We also had one student studying through the Open High School to complete his HSC in the Russian Background Speakers course. The speaking exams for languages were conducted during Term 3, and by the hard work and dedication that were 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 2006 HSC results were very pleasing with nearly all students improving on their school assessment mark. Special mention should be made of Timothy Yip who was the dux of Japanese Continuers and Extension, as well as Antoine Rosse, a Year 9 student who was accelerated into the HSC course, who was the dux for both the French Continuers and Extension courses. The following students also achieved a Band 6: Ying Chan, Wilson Fung, Phillip Lay, Yuto Nakayama.

All students studying languages in years 9 and 11 sat for the Australian Language Certificates in early August and we once again await some very pleasing results. In last year's competition, our school achieved well above the average in both skills sections in Japanese and French. Students who were placed in the top 10% of all students taking part across Australia in reading and/or listening included: Adam Chan, Paul Chan, Edward Li, Brian So, Diego Funai, Jesse Hanna, Jerome Herren (Beginners Certificate), Alex Zhou, Isaac Kang, Sidney Luk, Yasutoshi Park (Intermediate Certificate).

Toby Beckman of Year 12 won a scholarship to Germany through the Society for Australian –German Student Exchange program and spent two months experiencing the different culture while undertaking further study of the language between November 2006 and January this year.

The Nanzan home-stay program ran for the fourth 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 eight 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. At the farewell party we were privileged to listen to one of the Nanzan students sing a traditional Japanese, the group perform a traditional Japanese dance, as well as the boys try their hand at cooking a Japanese BBQ and participating in some 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 a unique and unforgettable time: Raymond Hayler, Mark Hobday (Yr 7), Andrew DeMayo, Julian Foster-Pullman, Victor Lee, John Martin (Yr 8), Pit Wai Low (Yr 9), Mr Butcher (English Faculty).

Apart from continuing with their language study, students have been involved in many cultural experiences and excursions: restaurant visits for Japanese and French classes, cooking days at school, calligraphy and origami lessons for Year 8 Japanese and the Year 8 French classes saw a theatrical performance of The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

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 Department

MUSIC

CURRICULUM MUSIC

Whether highly experienced or enjoying regular music classes for the first time, students in Years 7 and 8 (Stage 4) have continued to actively experience music making in all its forms: composing, performing, and listening. In this way every boy at Tech has gained understanding across a range of musical styles by 'doing' and by using what they have learned to create unique contributions to musical repertoire!

The talented elective music students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have also been given many opportunities to extend their knowledge and skills; they have not disappointed! These musos have developed significant performance skills and produced original compositions of greater depth and originality, all of which make for very engaging listening. Moreover, they have become familiar with major works from the time of Bach through to some of the more challenging and eclectic repertoire indicative of the last fifty years. These classes also include accelerated students who are to be commended for their application, maturity and fine achievements.

Once again we have witnessed a highly dedicated and capable group of Year 12 students complete their rigorous and demanding HSC courses (Music 1, Music 2, and Extension). These boys are not only to be congratulated on the impressive standard of major works generated this year, but also on the many personal qualities they have needed to survive a year in which there were many competing pressures. We also commend these young men on their creative integrity: a passion to pursue projects that as part of the creative process – compositions, repertoire, and essays – remain true to their interests and beliefs. Who will forget the mesmeric patterns of *Tatlin's Tower* (Luke Bacon), the sheer audacity of *Noise Music* (Liam Dodds), the crafted beauty of the *Enchanted Nymph* (Daniel Kim), the wistful grace of *Windy* (Andy Lai), the throbbing trance-like strains of *Bi-Polar* (Jacob Lescove-Uduwalage), and the exquisite dialogues of *Lizard Dance* (Johnson Nguyen)... just to name a few. Many of the students' works aesthetically and conceptually challenged both the boys and the appreciative audiences fortunate enough to hear them. Bravo Bravissimo the class of 2007!

As in previous years the master class program provided our senior students with some wonderful opportunities to extend their skills and redirect their interests in new directions. Our guest composer for 2007 was Matthew Orlovich, an old boy and one of Australia's pre-eminent composers. Matthew worked with both Years 11 and 12 earlier in the year, helping them to better understand the composition process and to open their ears to the innovative approaches of contemporary composition. This was followed by a one-on-one session with Year 12 students, which offered quality feedback on works in progress and helped these students further refine their works. A related session involved senior classes working with Ray Partridge, an expert in the applications of music hardware and software technologies. He workshopped with these students in ways that enable them to best exploit the necessary tools to bring their musical works to fruition. To complete this year's master class sessions, students were assessed and advised during the Trial Exams by two highly experienced markers (Nancy Morvillo and Antony Gullick) who provided each student with expert comment and feedback on all HSC performances and major works. All these sessions were highly valuable, contributing a level of expertise to help elevate skills and to supplement work in class.

CO-CURRICULUM MUSIC – THE PERFORMING ENSEMBLES PROGRAM

The Music Department continues to provide extension and education enrichment opportunities through the "Performing Ensembles Program". Each year many of our students access learning and performing opportunities through participation in our ensembles which for 2007 have been:

1. The Beginners Band (also known as the Junior concert Band)
2. The Intermediate Concert Band
3. The Concert Band
4. The Stage Band
5. The String Ensemble

The Year 7 students in the **Junior Concert Band** are making progress under the direction of Mr. Jacob Nicholls and are to be congratulated for their application and effort. Each Friday afternoon Room 42 reverberates to the sounds of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

The year the **Intermediate Concert Band** has again provided advancing instrumentalists for placement in the Concert Band. I'm absolutely delighted with the rapid development of skill and musicality of the members of the 2007 Intermediate Concert Band since the beginning of Term 2.

These boys have worked hard, rehearsed well and performed well throughout the year. This year the ensemble “carried the torch” of school representation at the *Engadine Music Bandfest* where they performed with distinction earning a “Gold Award”.

The **Concert Band** consisting of some 45 players this year have again provided the school with a performing ensemble of excellence. To be part of this ensemble requires commitment and dedication and a love of music making. While the work is hard, the results are always excellent. The music that the Concert Band learns and performs is widely varied, demanding a breadth of musical understanding and is always aimed at developing the whole range of individual performance skill and ensemble awareness and cohesion. While this can be a challenge to some young instrumentalists it is always pleasing to see the boys making the effort and becoming better musicians because of the experience. Each year the Concert Band excels in performance at various high-profile events like the annual *Speech and Presentation Night*, the *Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony*, the annual *Musicale*, and of course the *Summer Ensembles Festival* held toward the end of the year.

The **Stage Band** has made outstanding progress this year considering the impact of departing Year 12 students from the previous year and the difficulties always inherent in finding just the right person to lead and direct any performing ensemble. We are indeed fortunate to gain the services and expertise of Mr. Dave Panichi who has taken up the conducting and training of the Stage Band this year. The students are certainly benefiting from the musical challenges Dave provides for them. This ensemble gives students the opportunity to discover and extend their musical skills further – often in a soloistic manner. The boys in this band are often faced with the demands of more individual responsibility, not just in musical ways, and it is always with a great sense of pride that we witness their efforts and achievements. Outstanding performances have been presented at *Speech and Presentation Night*, the *Musicale*, and the Year 12 Farewell assembly.

Under the direction of Madison Shakespeare the **String Ensemble** has developed both in number and musical skill. Each Thursday afternoon the Auditorium is the venue for rehearsals where you will hear the sound of strings working on compositions by Purcell, Mozart and other “Art Music” composers as well as compositions from 20th Century stage musicals. Again, variety of musical styles provides instrumental performers with a variety of challenges which of course increases musical understanding. The boys in the String Ensemble are to be commended for their efforts in rehearsal and performance. The annual *Musicale* saw the presentation of an excellent performance and the group continues in it preparation for the *Summer Ensembles Festival*.

The **Band Camp** was again a great success this year where much was learnt and enjoyed. Through intensive rehearsals, recreational activities and mutual support the whole Performing Ensembles Program and each student has benefited.

To our Year 12 students leaving the school and the performing ensembles this year – congratulations, thank you and best wishes for the HSC and the future. You should be proud of your participation in, contribution to and learning through the performing ensembles program here at Sydney Technical High School. The Music Department staff is certainly proud of you, congratulate you and wish you well.

Concert Band:	Greg Chin, Joshua Peacock, Jacob Todd, Luke Bacon, Liam Dodds
Stage Band:	Johnson Nguyen
String Ensemble:	Daniel Kim, Andy Lai, Aaron Ngan

We congratulate also those boys who have sought nomination from the Music Department and earned positions in the performing ensembles of the State Performing Arts Unit.

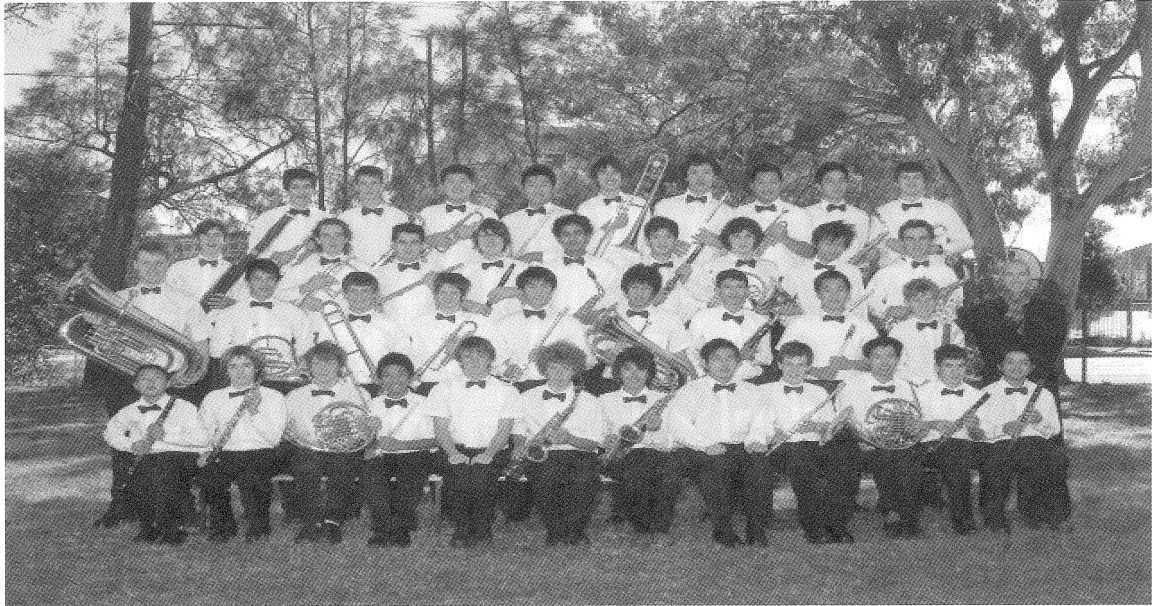
Antoinne Rosse (Wind Ensemble), Raphael Rosse (Wind Ensemble and Orchestra), Kieran Seed (Marching Band), Toby Beckman and Chun Wong (Singers).

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

The Music Support Group continues to provide valuable assistance to the Music Department. Thank you to those parents who have voluntarily given of their time and skill in support of their sons at this school. Help has been forthcoming at working bees, performances, Band Camp, *Musicale*, *Bandfest* and *Summer Ensembles*. To the Committee – Greg Fox (President), Richard Szczepanski (Secretary), Judith Grennan (Treasurer) and Linda Gill (Assistant to all positions) our sincere thanks on behalf of the Music Department and all the ensembles.

Doug Towner and Paul Owens
Music Department

CONCERT BAND



Front Row: Gabriel Au, John Martin, Raphael Rosse, Hubert Demonteverde, Lachlan Cooper, Evan Vallis, Daniel Stewart, Adrian Yeung, Hallard Caines, Kelvin Man, Alexandros Tsathas, Daniel Dinh
Second Row: Joshua Peacock, Jeremy Lim, Christopher Janssen, Antoine Rosse, Kevin Chang, Sabiq Tan, Jared Poole, Nathan Chau, Adrian Walker, Mr C. Martin
Third Row: Timothy Murray, Matthew Day, Julian Davies, Bowen Fox, Jaan Mohammed-Rahim, Vincent Chang, Thomas Campbell, Michael Lin, Samuel Gill
Fourth Row: Jesse Hanna, Nathan Woods, Victor Xiong, Qin Wong, Luc Szczepanski, Junior Taurail, Jason Wong, Craig Strong, Kieran Seed

INTERMEDIATE BAND



Front Row: Mark Hobday, Ragan Martinez, Jack Mo, Justin Ye, John Mai, Douglas Chan, James Leung, Benjamin Reynolds, Jason Ball, Sahil Verma, Leroy Zhu
Second Row: Daniel Nip, Johnny Li, Garmin Zhu, Bayee Wang, Marcus Whitley, Alex Pan, Prashan Prabakaran, Harry Lee, Michael Zou, Edward Lu, Mr C. Martin
Third Row: William Gaintsev, Thomas Rusbatch, Charbel Rezcallah, Garston Liang, Bishoy Genday, Samuel Grennan, Daniel Chiew, Anthony Lin
Fourth Row: James Yang, Sean Smith, Maximilian Keatinge, Dalton Fogarty, Thomas Gallagher, William Thai



STAGE BAND

Front Row: Daniel Dinh, Samuel Gill, Adrian Yeung, Luc Szczepanski, Raphael Rosse, Antoine Rosse, Hubert Demonteverde

Second Row: Adrian Walker, Kieran Seed, Nathan Woods, Victor Xiong, Matthew Day, Cameron Roberts

STRING ENSEMBLE

Front Row: Leon Fung, Furian Huang, Aaron Ngan, Kevin Lam, Julian Foster-Pullman

Second Row: Minh Huynh, Anubhav Verma, Paul Cheung, Brian Kim, Mr C. Martin



JUNIOR BAND

Front Row: Samson Ng, Gavin Cheng, Lionel Sun, Ivan Anggabrata, Kevin Tan, Wilson Man, Samuel Scander

Second Row: Timothy Steele, Thomas Matthews, Ian Anggabrata, James Cox, Bora Guden, George Wang

PD/H/PE & CAREERS FACULTY

At the time of writing this report the faculty has been admirably led for almost twelve months by Trevor Trotman, relieving as Head Teacher (Administration) PD/H/PE and Careers. It is therefore appropriate in this journal that we acknowledge his wonderful contribution to the faculty and the way in which he combined this role with his formidable responsibilities as Sports Coordinator. Energy, tradition, and enthusiasm are bywords at Tech for the way in which Trevor works to promote sport and physical education as not only important educational experiences but also as a means of building student character and developing team skills. Thanks, Trevor!

Without reservation I once again pay tribute to the four members of the PD/H/PE and Careers faculty. They have worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for students to develop their skills and in the process have made a contribution to the school that far exceeds their number. All four of these teachers embrace whole school programs and demonstrate enormous generosity of spirit and time in order that the boys at this school may enjoy opportunities beyond the regular curriculum: school camps, year excursions, sports carnivals, representative teams, welfare activities, school dances, just to name a few.

Congratulations to Rod Carter who has now enjoyed a sustained period as coordinator of the *Student Representative Council* (SRC): Whether promoting student leadership skills, providing organisational support, guiding the management of major events, encouraging cross-year communication, or supporting fundraising activities, Rod has ensured that student voice contributes to all aspects of school life. Coach Carter has also brought considerable levels of coaching and training expertise to Tech and is quick to share the benefits of his knowledge and skills with a variety of sports teams and of course with mandatory and elective PD classes.

Matt Hewett has so capably begun his journey as mentor, guide, and adviser to the current group of Year 7 students. As their Year Advisor for the next six years he will provide significant welfare and curriculum support for these students, including the organisation of camps (Year 7 camp was a resounding success), seminar days, and other extra curricular activities. Matt was also asked in 2007 to manage, and be assistant coach for, the *Sydney East Open Rugby* team. The recognition and development of his coaching and sports skills has not only supported talented students from across the Region, it continues to strengthen the development of talented sportsman at this school.

Paul Werner has been a 'rock' within the faculty for many years and his enthusiasm for and willingness to support students at this school has not in any way diminished. He has enjoyed great success this year with Tech's CHS and grade teams: Open Basketball – Regional final; U14 Rugby League – Grade Final and St. George Gala Day winners. Paul has also volunteered to help organise the Year 12 Farewell (for the third year) in order to support the current Year Adviser and to share his skills for managing large scale events. It was a quiet and generous offer, typical of the way in which he unfailingly promotes faculty and school programs.

Whether large-scale excursions, sports carnivals, individual counselling, or managing T-Vet (*TAFE and vocational education and training*) students Brett Mulholland has again offered his time and support to a number of school activities this year. In his capacity as Careers Adviser he has overseen further upgrades of the resources available in the Careers Learning Centre including organising individual access for all Years 11 and 12 students to the web-based site *Careers Central*. In addition recent upgrades of networked computers and peripherals have ensured that the learning centre is now a regular and important learning environment for the entire faculty.

The faculty has also invested a great deal of time and effort over the last twelve months rewriting programs and generally evaluating current teaching and assessment practices. The curriculum courses offered at this school appeal to a broad cross section of students and continue to generate excellent opportunities for junior and senior students alike. Students who sat the 2006 HSC PD examination again performed at very high standards, recording a collective result well above State means.

As a special addition to the Year 10 Human Movement program students once again visited Hurstville Public School over a four week period to work with small groups of Years 5 and 6 students. In these sessions the boys were required to apply their understanding of sports organisation and coaching by using modified games to develop the primary students' basic movement skills. Not only was this an authentic way of teaching the Human Movement course, our students were commended for their leadership skills and maturity. Congratulations to the Human Movement students and teachers!

As a now regular event in the end of year calendar Year 10 Human movement students were also given the opportunity in 2007 to spend three days enjoying the delights, and muscle-straining soreness, of paddling down the Kangaroo River. This major excursion provides a wonderful opportunity to test stamina, build team skills, implement motivational strategies, plan and execute recreational activities, and generally enjoy the camaraderie of students and teachers who enjoy the beauty and physical challenges offered by this trip. I'm sure there will be many students who later in life will look back on this trip as a highlight of their time at Sydney Tech.

The *School to Work* program has now been fully implemented and incorporated into all faculty programs in Years 9 and 10. In addition students in the senior years are given a comprehensive insight into the skills and support that will best prepare them for a range of post school opportunities. All students at this school are not only provided with information about careers but also given an understanding of the employer related skills upon which all professions are founded.

Finally I would like to offer my personal thanks to faculty staff for their ongoing support and cooperation. It is always in a spirit of 'can do' and of supporting students that this faculty approaches all tasks. I wish them and their students well for the coming year knowing that they will work together in a productive and caring learning environment.

P. Owens
Head Teacher: PD/H/PE and Careers

CHESS

The 2007 Secondary Schools Chess Competition was an exciting affair throughout term 2. STHS entered seven teams; four junior, two intermediate and one senior. Each team demonstrated some excellent individual performances with great tactical play leavened with instances of inspiration. Our two intermediate teams scored particularly well within their divisions. All teams showed great initiative and self reliance. The enthusiasm for the game and the great teamwork and cooperation shown were a credit to the boys. Many thanks again to the parents who drove teams to and from 'away' venues.

Particular thanks must go to the Library staff for hosting chess playing in the Library at lunchtime throughout the year. This is particularly appreciated by the great many chess enthusiasts in the school and allows for a much wider range of possible chess interactions across the forms.

Bronia Engel
Chess Coordinator

Intermediate/Senior Chess Team



Front row: T Tran, D Funai, G Simeonov, E Zhang, M Mah
Back row: K Lam, V Pandit, S Ho, A Verma

Junior Chess Team



Front row: E Luo, R Choi, E Jung, S Verma, R Ngai, M Tamas, J Harris, K Rondo, M Udalyappan
Back row: M Duong, A Mok, A Demayo, R Ren, J Horsburgh, B Tam, T Lasic Latimer, F Huang

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

As my second year at Tech concludes and I reflect on the year that has been, I am especially proud of the achievements we as a faculty have made in Industrial Arts. It has been a year of big changes and these changes have been very rewarding to both watch and be involved in. Moreover Tech students have once again done well in the 2006 HSC, with great results in Engineering Studies and Design and Technology.

2007 also saw some staff changes in Industrial Arts with Mr Peter Edwards retiring after many fine years of service at Tech. He was replaced by Mr Ian Coulston who went from his previous part-time load to full time teaching in Industrial Arts. Mr Coulston has readily embraced full time teaching and brings some excellent graphics and engineering skills to his place on the staff. Mr Riley was on leave this year so Mr Nathan Parker, an old boy of Tech, took his place for the year. He has brought a youthful vigour to the faculty and has enriched us all with new insights to approaching Industrial Arts education. Taking on Mr Coulston's former part time load is another old boy of Tech, Mr Gary Webster. Mr Webster's superb practical skills and deep Industrial Arts knowledge have enriched the faculty as a whole.

Once again I was happy with the HSC results. In Engineering Studies we once again performed significantly better than 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 10.92 marks higher than the state mean; a significant achievement. Additionally I should mention that almost 35% of students attained a band 6 in Engineering Studies which was over six times the state percentage of band six results. Furthermore if we include band 5 results we see that over 75% of students in Engineering Studies at Tech attained band 5 or higher. This is evidence that Engineering Studies is a HSC subject which delivers great results at Tech High. In Design and Technology I was equally impressed with Thomas Keeley Reid who studied the subject by himself and attained a result well above the state mean. Thomas' result was 11.44 marks higher than the state mean in Design and Technology.

The Industrial Arts faculty was once again pleased to allow gifted students to accelerate in a number of subjects. In Year 10 students Sherwin Le, Harris Mustafa, Ravneet Singh and Brian So have accelerated into the Year 11 Engineering Studies course. While Year 11 students Jimmy He, George Issa, Desmond Tan and Steve Trinh are completing the Year 12 Engineering Studies course, we also have two Year 11 students completing Year 12 Design and Technology: Shane Drinkwater and Marcus Low.

This year has seen Industrial Technology – Engineering introduced into the Industrial Arts faculty. This course is designed to build in students an appreciation of the engineered world and to give their science and mathematics knowledge a grounding in engineering situations. There are five classes studying the course which suggests it is a course that our students have longed to study. The project work began with a small Water Tower which introduced fundamental engineering theory. Then students came up with a design for a medieval siege engine; a variety of designs were realised with a mix of catapults, trebuchets and ballistas.

Following on from the catapults students are manufacturing model rockets. Besides being great fun rockets allow us to investigate concepts such as: Newton's Laws, momentum and impulse, conservation of energy and trigonometry. These topics are taught through the experience of launching their own rocket which builds engagement and significance with these challenging concepts.

The Electronics teachers in the faculty have also been excited to see Year 10 students manufacturing projects that utilise PICAXE programmable integrated circuits. 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 is now using the new vacuum former with students in Years 7 and 8. This allows us as a faculty to expose students to an industrial style polymer forming process that enhances their experiences in Industrial Arts courses. The projects being produced look better and are produced more rapidly than with the old polymer forming techniques we used to use.

The Industrial Arts faculty wholly embraced the revised IDP format this year and delivered seminars to the students about graphics, technology and design areas relevant to transport. Mr Copeland delivered a seminar on alternative fuels and power sources for transport, Mr Coulston explained a variety of graphical communication techniques and Mr Parker explained some key principles of design.

The Industrial Arts Faculty has continued to work collaboratively with the Computing Faculty to ensure that all technology learning experiences are challenging and rewarding and push students to engage with

knowledge, skills and techniques beyond those they have previously used.

I would like publicly to thank all the members of the Industrial Arts Faculty and the Computing Faculty. Mr Cooper, Mr Coulston, Mr Gowan, Mr Graham, Mr Parker, Mr Simmonds, Mr Stokes and Mr Webster have assisted me greatly in providing academic challenges through the hands-on real life activities that the Tech High boys undertake in the Industrial Arts' courses.

Paul Copeland
Head Teacher

COMPUTING STUDIES

Another busy year for the Computing Studies faculty and the computer network of the school as a whole.

We were able to again review all of our teaching programs and ensure that relevant and current material is being delivered in the classroom which is also engaging and challenging for our student body. This always remains a priority as we need to keep up with changing technology as well as the associated social and ethical issues.

33 students participated again in the Computer Skills Competition achieving 4 High Distinctions and 13 Distinctions. Well done to all of those boys for taking on this extra challenge of this voluntary test.

Our first group of boys will sit the HSC in Information Technology VET this year having already attained the AQF qualification of Certificate II in Information Technology.

2006 was another excellent year for HSC results within our faculty and the participating boys should be congratulated on their performance, with IPT having the highest above state average result from any subject studied. Information Processes and Technology saw 27 students complete the course with 30% Band 6 and 60% Band 5, while in Software Design and Development most students attained marks within Band 5.

The Software Design and Development class produced a full range of very professional major projects this year. One was a Clerical Administration solution called Vibewire and another was a Computer Network Management Solution called Network Manager. So well done to those young software developers who have already reached a standard of commercial excellence.

One of the demanding aspects yet most exciting parts of working at Sydney Tech is the avid interest the students continue to have in studying computing technology and its effect on the world in which we currently live. 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. At times we struggle to maintain the nexus between the needs and wants of the students and demands of the ever expanding requirements of ICT across the entire curriculum along with the reality of the physical, time and teaching constraints.

Greg Cooper
Head Teacher

LIBRARY

During this year, Ms.M.Kibbey, the Teacher-librarian, is on leave, and her place has been taken by Mr.V.Playford. The Library Assistants, Ms M.Reilly and Mrs.I.Farrell have continued in their outstanding contribution to the Library and the School overall.

There have been many improvements in the Library this year, including new carpet, a modernised bank of light fittings and an improved Library Circulation system known as Thin Client. The Thin Client system is a Windows-based program which enables the Enquiry Terminals to be used as Internet Terminals, thus giving the Library an extra three, and bringing the total to 21, with 18 accessible to students.

A portion of the upstairs study-area has been converted to an audio-visual presentation theatrette, able to be used by any Faculty in the school. The Bob Booth Archives Room has continued to be heavily used, predominantly by all the Year 7 classes in their study of the School's history, and by Dr. John Morrison, who is writing a history of the School for publication.

The academically-focussed, yet friendly and convivial atmosphere of the Library has ensured that it is extremely well-used before school (from 8 am), at recess and at lunchtime. The enthusiasm of the chess-players is only matched by the dedication of the students who are working on their subject-based assignments. During class time, teachers are constantly booking classes in for research.

On a personal note, I would like to say that I have enjoyed this year at the school very much. It has been an absolute pleasure to work in such a fine establishment.

V.Playford
Relieving Teacher-librarian.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Throughout 2007 the monthly meetings of the P&C have sustained themselves as forums where the interests of the school have been promoted through close collaboration of parents, citizens, students and teachers. Each meeting provides useful and important information about new and ongoing school agendas and add to the success of the school.

The contribution of all who attend is greatly appreciated and helps to generate positive communication among all school bodies associated with the new and ongoing agendas at each meeting. A special thanks to Ms Jacqueline Lyons, Mr Greg McNaught, Mr Sam Dando and Mr Paul Owens for their individual dedication and commitment to the P&C meetings.

We warmly welcomed the attendance of four Head Teacher guest speakers during the course of this eventful year; Ms Debbie Demetriadis (English) Mr Graham McLean (Mathematics), Mrs Joy Davis (Social Science) and Mr Neville Roper (Welfare). We sincerely thank them.

The school community continued to provide assistance in contributing funds to be used to enhance the quality of school life, including the Year 7 Welcome BBQ financing of new computer technology, the purchasing of new table and chair settings in the canteen area and the providing of speech night awards to celebrate student academic achievement.

We hosted the annual joint P&C meeting with St George Girls High School where a workshop was presented by our Guest Speaker, Professor Jim Bright , on "Career Management for Parents: How I learned to stop worrying and love the uncertainty of my teenager's future.." The content was organised and informative.

It has been a pleasure to be part of the 2007 team and sincere thanks to all the executive members for their continued dedication, support and assistance. Denis McCheane (Vice President), Koert Musters (Secretary), Jo McCheane (Treasurer) and Janet Chirkoff (Finance and Selection Committees). I encourage all parents to be involved with the School and P&C as the benefits are extremely rewarding for the school community.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to extend our best wishes to Year 10 and Year 12 for their exams and commend the executives and staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our sons and wish any retiring staff members all the very best in their future.

Athena Rokkas (President)

WELFARE

With existing programs maintained and several new ones being adopted student welfare continued to be a high priority in the school during 2007. The six Year Advisers, Student Mentor, School Counsellors and many interested staff have undertaken supportive programs to ensure that students have been provided with the opportunity to achieve their personal bests in a supportive environment.

The development of resilience, leadership and resourcefulness have been encouraged through a variety of programs aimed at developing in students the skills that will enable them to better manage the academic and social stresses that confront them. Students experiencing problems be they academic, financial, family, health or social concerns have been supported with sensitivity and, where appropriate, confidentially.

Welfare programs are scheduled on a year basis and are directed towards the educational and social needs of each age group. The main programs are detailed below:

Year 7 - Year Adviser Mr. M Hewett

Transition Program, Camp (relationships, team building, study skills, anti-bullying, Peer Support) Peer Support

Year 8 - Year Adviser Mr M Bellamy

Improved Communication (writing and study skills)

Year 9 - Year Adviser Mr N Melvin

Study Skills Forum (goal setting, first aid, study skills, learning styles), Camp (relationships, team building), 'How To Be Happy' (optimism)

Year 10 - Year Adviser Mr. P Graham

Elevate Education (study methods, time management), Peer Support Leader training

Year 11 Year Adviser: Ms T Blake

Youth and Road Trauma Forum, Camp ('Crossroads' drug and relationships education, Dr. Jim Bright guest lecturer on careers), Peer Support program leaders, Student Mentor for selected students, Youth Leadership Forum.

Year 12: Year Adviser: Mr. N. Stokes

Youth and Road Trauma Forum, Scholarships and interview skills seminars, 'Surviving The HSC' seminars, Student Mentor for selected students.

It is a pleasure to work with our team of year advisers. They are a special group of teachers who operate with great dedication and consideration when working with distressed students and occasionally worried parents. They somehow find time to teach their classes, sort out student dilemmas and still get their paperwork done! My thanks goes to them along with Mr. Gowan our Student Mentor and the large number of staff members who have attended camps, led seminars or undertaken other duties to release teachers to participate in welfare programs. Finally special thanks to Mrs. Alison Chappelow and Mrs. Marilyn Sheens the school counsellors who bring considerable energy and expertise to the 'pointy end' of school welfare. If they can't solve a student concern (which is not very often) they always seem to know where to find someone who can.

Neville Roper
Head Teacher Welfare



Front row: P Graham, M Sheens N Roper, T. Blake, M Hewett
Back row: N Melvin, N Stokes, M Bellamy, A Gowan

INTERACT

Interact serves the school community by raising awareness and funds for numerous worthy causes and charitable organisations each year. This is Interact's primary goal and we successfully achieve this year after year through the giving nature and generosity of the school as you participate time after time in the numerous fundraising activities and events that we organise each year. Charity events and organisations are too numerous to list here but we are on track to have raised over \$16000 in 2007 with your help and support.

This year has seen a heightened focus on training within Interact with the goal of continuously improving the efficiency in which Interact operates both as a group but also as individual members. Through the training we focus on building your communication, sales, leadership and management skills as well as teaching you as members every step of the process involved in organising various types of events and initiatives. Training is experience based and members take an active role in the planning and organisation of events which gives practical experience in those qualities most valuable in life as well as giving a thorough understanding of how this aspect of the school operates. The Year 11 members trained in 2007 are now thoroughly equipped to manage Interact through the following year a fact recognised externally through many members also being elected to Prefect leadership positions within the school including the 2008 Vice Captain (Daniel Yeung) and two Senior Prefects (Archi Barathan and Amer Mahmoud)

Another of my aims in 2007 has been to increase recognition of the fantastic efforts put forth by dedicated Interact members. This has culminated in the development and implementation of a new Interact Charter which outlines Interact's aims and goals as stated above as well as providing a solid organisational structure from which to improve the efficiency of all future fundraising efforts and also to recognise the efforts of dedicated members through a new Interact Badge that is earned and worked towards.

Fundraising participation and efforts in the local Hurstville community have also been improved this year with members who have been working on expanding community links and contacts within the local business community with the goal of streamlining service outside of the school. This is bringing increased sales and developing further communication and negotiation skills and will continue to grow as a valuable community link.

A few people must be mentioned who are ever helpful year after year in the running of Interact. Mrs Blake Interact's teacher coordinator despite being extremely busy always manages to keep a caring and watchful eye over everything that goes on. Also deserving mention are the fantastic office staff that Tech has especially including Mrs Collins and Mrs Porter in the print room whose help and assistance in day to day matters is ever invaluable. A very big thank you for the continued help and support.

Interact is a primary pathway within the school for leadership and management training and development and it is with a sense of pride and sadness that I will leave this wonderful organisation which has shaped my life here at Tech and in the future. It truly has been an honour to lead and manage so many likeminded individuals towards such a worthwhile goal and should you wish to join it is an experience that will last you long after your years here at Tech.

Aaron Ngan
Year 12
Interact Director
2005-2007



Front Row: Douglas Chan, Anuk Walgamage, Daniel Yeung, Marcus Lo Russo, Aaron Ngan, Boris Cheung, Gordon Jiang, Amir Mahmoud, Adnan Sufian, Anthony Lin
Second Row: Shashank Gupta, Jacky Chan, Matthew Day, Alan Lam, Chetan Koniki, Daniel Stratford, Nathan Chan, Abhinay Challa, Mohammad Iqbal, Mrs B. Blake
Third Row: Kyrillos Ibrahim, Archi Barathan, Jaskirat Dhiragra, Andrew Ta, Dominic Cheung

SRC REPORT

This year's Student Representative Council (SRC) was selected in term 4 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 the St George Girls HS. Boys from all years were invited to participate, with over 380 boys attending. Although this was a better attendance than last year, the St George girls well and truly out numbered our students. This is something for the boys who didn't attend to consider for the 2008 dance! The sale of glow sticks at the dance was a huge success. The stocks of glow sticks were quickly sold out. This raised extra funds and added 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.

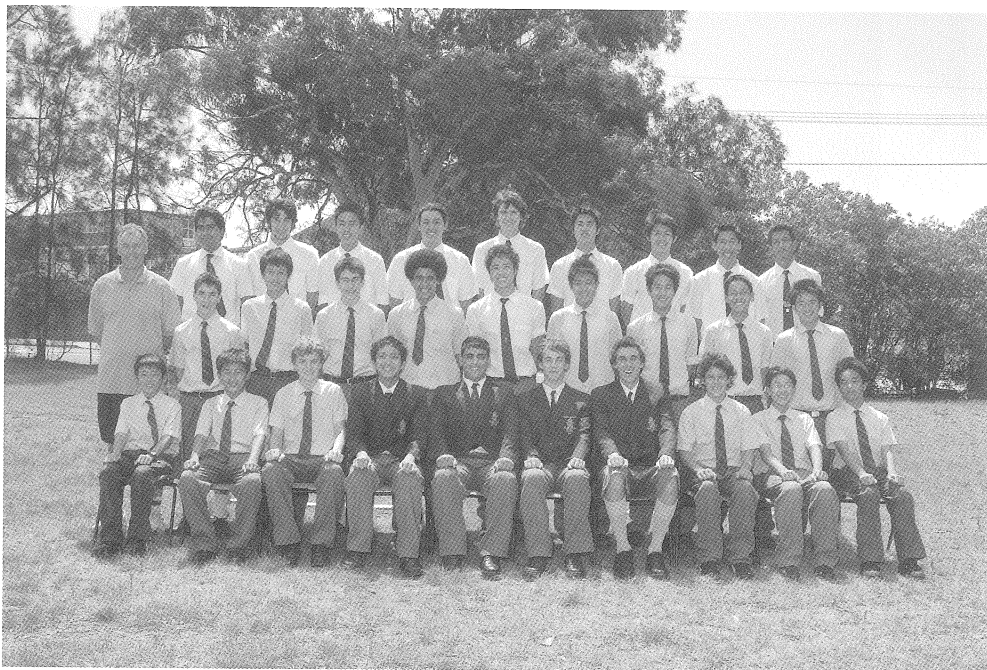
The SRC played an important role at the school cross-country in April. After running or walking the tortuous course, students and staff were treated to a BBQ and a can of drink compliments of the SRC. This year's cross country achieved a first. For once we were able to beat the thirst and hunger of our students. There was a large supply of sausages and drinks left by the end of the day. Due to the poor mathematical ability of a supermarket salesman to convert boxes of 24 into boxes of 18 there was a copious supply of drinks. The only down side was several students, who had over eaten, were unable to attend another BBQ for months.

The big event of the year was SRC week. The week commenced with a Pizza Day which saw shares in Pizza Hut skyrocket. All students who ordered received their pizza. A great effort considering there was almost 300 pizzas to arrive at the school! 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 15th 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 2007 President, John Chalouhi. All students at Sydney Tech had their time, this year, enriched

through John's outstanding enthusiasm and leadership. 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 Advisor

I.S.C.F

ISCF is a voluntary Christian group which meets on Friday lunchtime in the school.

ISCF is a place for anyone who would like to look at some of the issues and claims of Jesus. It's for those who are committed and for those who don't know. 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. Of course, our main focus lies in Jesus and the facts that surround Him and the claims He made about life the universe and everything.

This year ISCF welcomed Geoff Everett as the Special Religious Education teacher for Sydney Tech and Hurstville Boys and said farewell to James Brooks, an old boy of the school who was interested in helping out each Friday. We have been missing our most enthusiastic leader, Mr Riley, who has not been with us this year and we're looking forward to his return from long service leave in 2008. However, each Friday lunchtime a small but happy group of students and teachers (Mr McLean, Mr Ward & Mr Heath) have met in room 6 to chat and learn together.

Thanks to all the boys who have helped lead in various ways and to Kevin Murray for his support and enthusiasm. Farewell to the Year 12 boys - we wish you all the best for your futures. We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and hope you might think this year about Jesus, the man whose birthday we are celebrating, and the historical fact regarding his life and the claims he made about himself.

Graham McLean and Peter Heath



Front Row: Joel Yakoubi, Harrison Burrows, Justin Vincent, Daniel White, Aaron Ngan, Trent Howell, Rohan Spencer, Jason Wijesekera, Andrew Solomon
Second Row: Mr P. Ward, Hallard Caines, Jeremy Lim, Ivan Lee, Joshua Kwong, Timothy Murray, Mr G. McLean, Mr P. Heath



The Links program was established in 2003 to foster closer ties with Hurstville Public School. It fulfills a district priority in encouraging local transitions to high school, acquaints Hurstville O.C. students with the wonders of Sydney Tech., provides tangible leadership opportunities for our Year 9 students and promotes interschool collegiality.

LINKS 2006 began on Wednesday 24th October, when Yr 5 attended Sydney Tech. for one of our famous sausage sizzles before an afternoon orientation program. Twenty four of our Year 9 students lead orientation games and conducted tours of the school to familiarise Hurstville students with the diversity of classroom spaces they would be working in over the following three weeks. Our Links students were selected for their academic prowess in the chosen specialist subject and their capacity for leadership as determined by their teachers. They went on to deliver extension activities to Year 5 in six different subject fields, providing a taste of life and learning at Sydney Tech.

Once again, previous Links tutors joined Mrs Wright and Ms Abson for training sessions which detailed the nature of leadership and the realities of managing large numbers of young students. This was a highly successful model for student leadership development.

2006 Year 9 Links Tutors

Japanese Calligraphy

- 1 Edward Li
2. Kevin Fung
3. Adam Chan
4. Andy Luong

Science

1. Laltaksh Wangoo
2. Mitchell Brown
3. Cameron Roberts
4. Peter Nguyen

TAS

1. Ravneet Singh
2. Nayeem Chowdhury
3. Johnny Lee
4. Brian So

Music

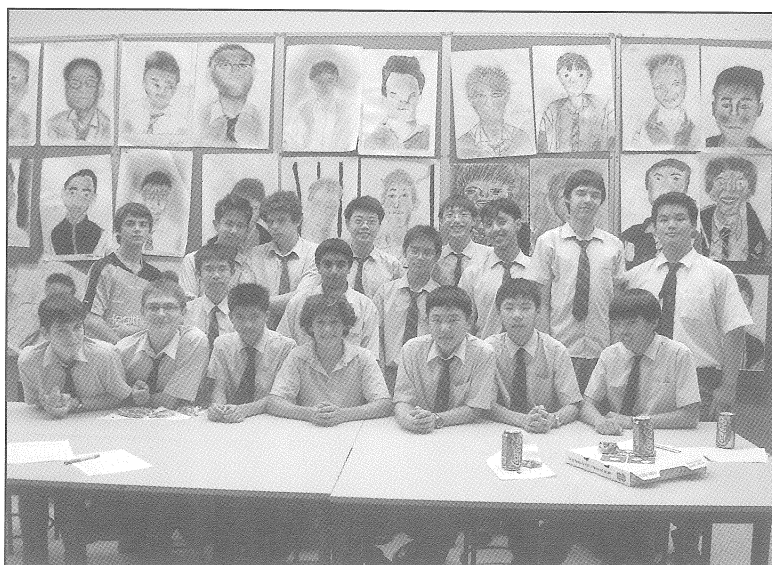
- 1 Jonathon Gounaris
2. Austin Ko
3. Luc Szczepanski
4. Noel Mason

Photography

- 1 Chris Johns
2. Derek Lau
3. Alan Lau
4. Roger San

History

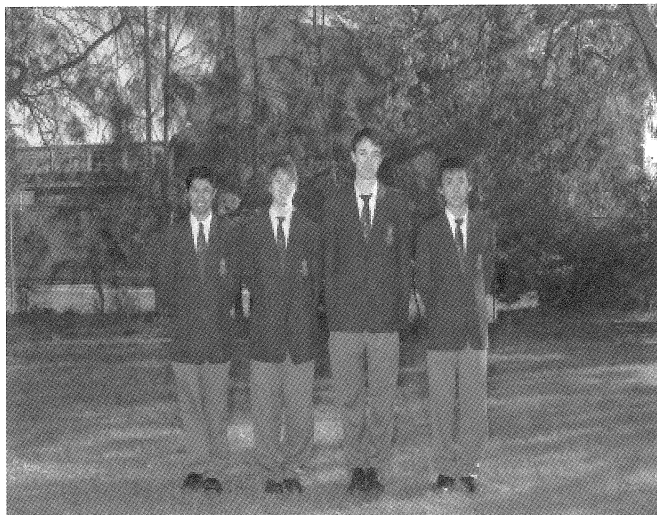
1. James Kirkpatrick
2. Nick Karvountzis
3. Trent Howell
4. Phillip Faraj



DEBATING

YEAR 12

This year saw the revitalisation of the year 12 debating team, with new opponents, new speakers and a new coach, Mr Dando. The season began inauspiciously when not even a fine exhibition of laconic sophistry from third speaker, Paul Parrell could stem the tide of a local-derby loss to old opponents St George Girls High School. Things started to look up when our round two rivals, Menai, forfeited and we attributed it to their nervousness at our debating prowess and immense collective forehead span. However, Caringbah High School, whom we had not debated in previous years, was victorious in an excellent third round debate '*That we should have the right to bear arms.*' Despite our loss to these worthy opponents, Sydney Tech, as the affirmative, enjoyed the opportunity to be gun nuts for a couple of hours. First speaker, Bijoy Joseph's setup of the affirmative case was typical of the depth of knowledge and meticulousness he brought to the whole season.



Because Caringbah was undefeated in the Zone rounds, our last debate against GyMEA Technology High School was for pride only. However, second speaker Justin Cheong certainly did us proud, with his passionate and articulate oratory and mischievous caricatures clinching a last-round victory for Sydney Tech. Team adviser Justin Vincent, generously filling in a short notice, proved invaluable for his knowledge in the topic: '*That we are ignoring the Indigenous population.*' In all, although victory eluded us for most of the season, the quality of debates was the highest I've seen and I'm sure that each of this year's speakers will continue to make good use of the debating skills they demonstrated and honed so superbly throughout the year.

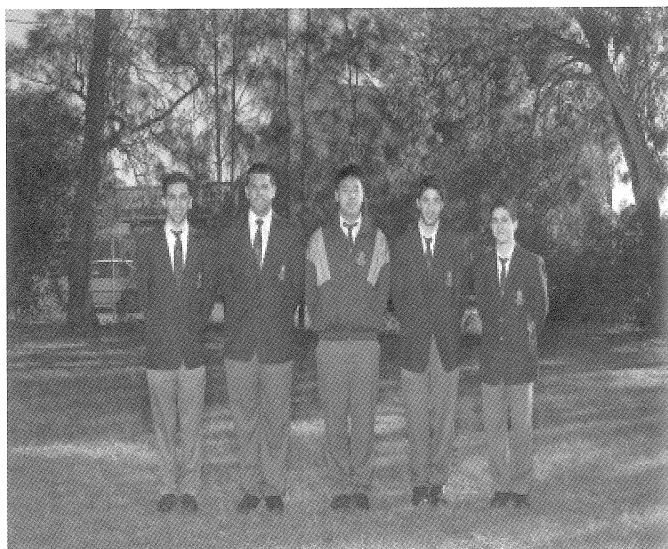
James Diment

YEAR 11

This year, the debating team consisted of George Issa, Steve Trin, Elisha Edwin and Amer Mahmoud. After successful debates against Kingsgrove North and Georges River College, we reached the semi-finals for Sydney before being outdone by Woollooware High School.

Thankfully, Mr Owens was at the scene to calm our cries of indignation at the disappointing result and to console us after being defeated so close to the finals.

We wish to thank Mr Owens for jumping into the role of debating coach this year and for providing such great feedback after every round. We look forward to another great year of debating in 2008.

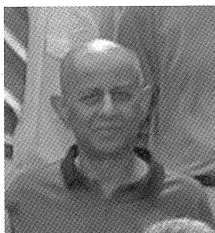


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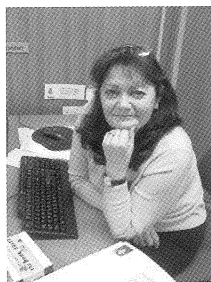
STAFF FAREWELLS

Mr Elmo Landsberger - History Faculty, retired 2007



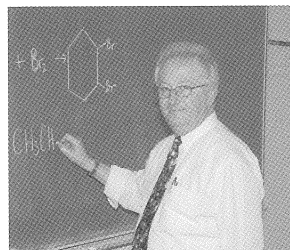
Elmo Landsberger retires from teaching this year after a long and fruitful career in public education. But teaching wasn't his first job. After migrating with his family from Ceylon in 1968 he first moved to Canberra where he worked in the Commonwealth Public Service. He then retrained as a Social Science teacher and in 1976 joined the Queensland Department of Education where he worked for seventeen years in teaching posts as widespread as Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville and Beenleigh, near Brisbane. He then joined the NSW DET and taught in country areas such as Brewarrina and Wilcannia before accepting a position in 1997 at Sydney Technical High School. For the past eleven years, Mr Landsberger has been a cornerstone of the History faculty and highly respected by students and staff for his extensive historical knowledge and passion for history. He has taught Junior History, Modern History and Legal studies. The school wishes him every happiness in his retirement.

Ms Meg Reilly - Library Assistant retired 2008



Meg Reilly leaves the school this year for extended leave and travel before retiring next year. She has worked with the NSW Department of Education and Training for the past fourteen years, with two years at Canterbury Girls High School before transferring to Sydney Tech in 1995 where she has worked for the past twelve years. She began part time, only three days a week, but then under the new librarian, Mr Bill Kaladelfos, began working full time as a library assistant. In 2003, she became our first apprentice gaining her Certificate III Support Staff, Library. She has worked with two librarians since, Ms Mercy Kibby and Mr Victor Playford, relieving for Ms Kibby this year. Ms Reilly's reputation for good humour, dedication, commitment towards the students and staff of the school are well known and she will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her travels and retirement.

Dr Geoff Thickett – Head Teacher Science, retired



This year marks the retirement of our much loved and respected Science Head Teacher, Dr Geoffrey Thickett. Geoff arrived at Sydney Technical High School in 2000. He has raised the bar in terms of academic rigour and has taught and promoted many programs specifically for gifted students. Personable, approachable and collegial, Geoff has led his faculty through the transformations of the new HSC and revised 7-10 syllabus. Geoff was educated at Homebush Boys High School and proceeded to the University of Sydney, completing his doctorate in Physical Chemistry in 1972. Geoff has worked in a number of schools, becoming a Head Teacher at Auburn Girls in 1985. He subsequently moved to Penshurst Girls. Geoff has lectured for the University of Sydney for many years, and has published a number of Science textbooks for Juniors and Seniors. Staff, students and parents wish Dr. Thickett a happy retirement.

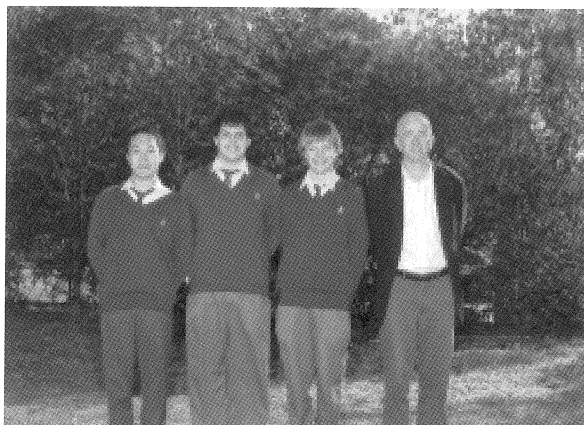
JohnTran- School Canteen



John Tran leaves our school canteen to travel overseas to visit family and friends. We will miss his culinary expertise and personal touch especially with the introduction of our healthy canteen in recent years. John will be missed not only by students and staff but our large contingent of canteen volunteers. We wish him all the best in his future achievements.

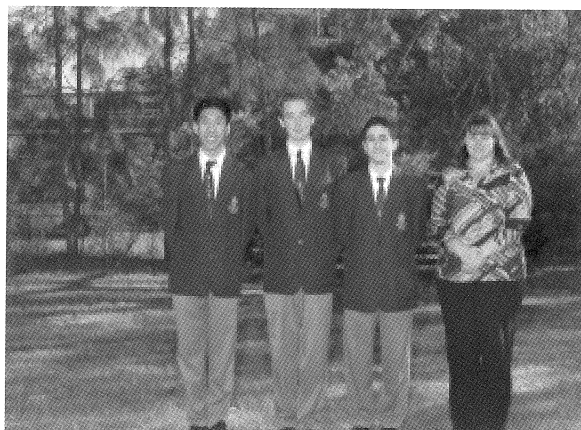
HISTORY

History Debating Team



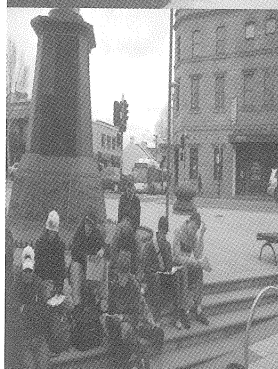
Nathan Chan, Nicholas Karvountzis and Cameron Roberts pictured above with Mr K Short represented Sydney Tech in the Les Gordon History Debating Competition reaching the quarter finals.

Muna Team



Andrew Ta, Matthew Day and Amir Mahmoud with Mrs A Olsen represented India in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) event at Wollongong in August.

SOCIAL SCIENCE





2007 HSC CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

The culmination of HSC learning in the arts

Year 12 Visual Arts Exhibition



YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS



Andrew Murray



Coin Lieu



Shaun McCheane



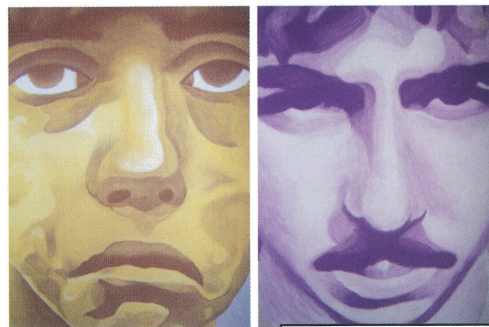
Jay Grosvenor



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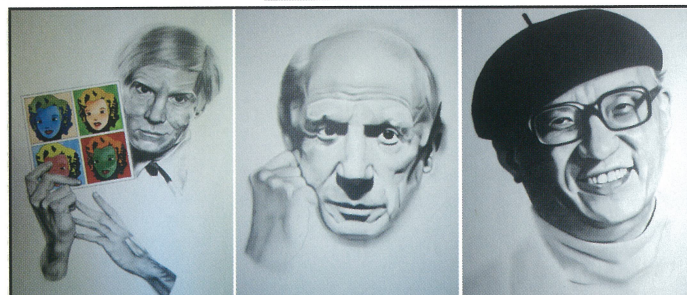
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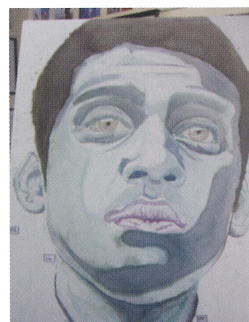
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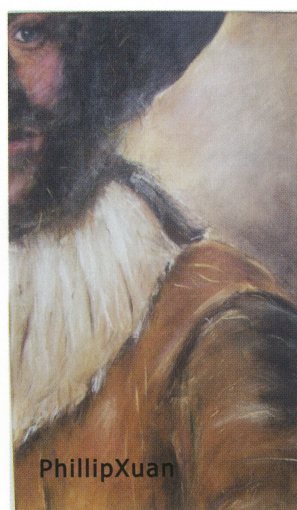
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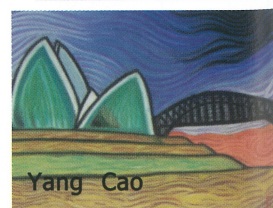
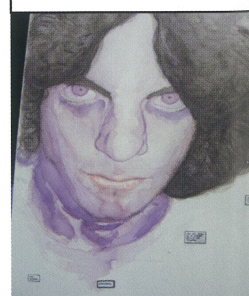
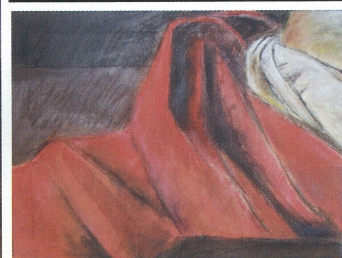
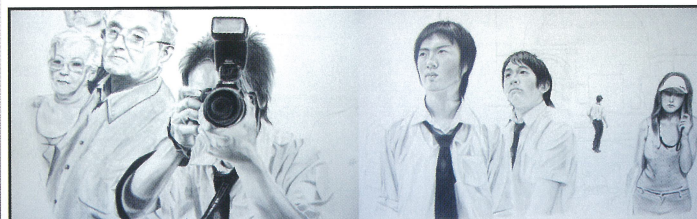
Patrick Fong



Lionel Puang



PhillipXuan



Yang Cao

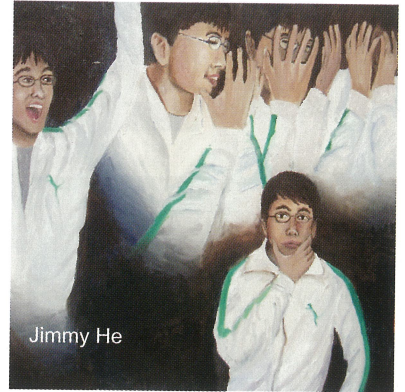
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Jimmy He



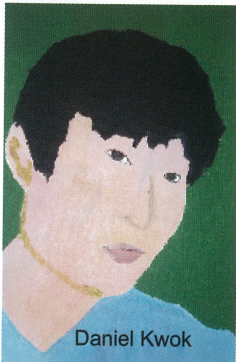
Sam Heath



Jimmy He



Daniel Kwok



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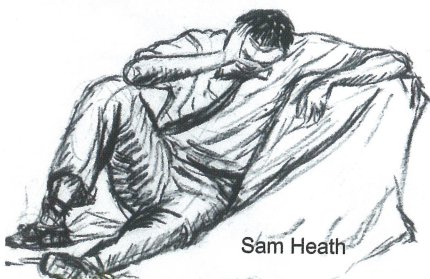
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Jared Poole



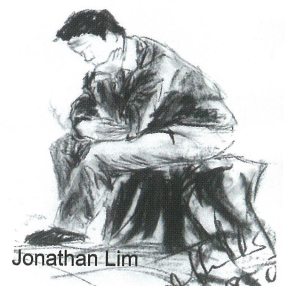
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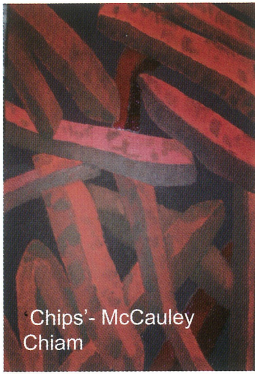


Ryan Szeto



Jonathan Lim

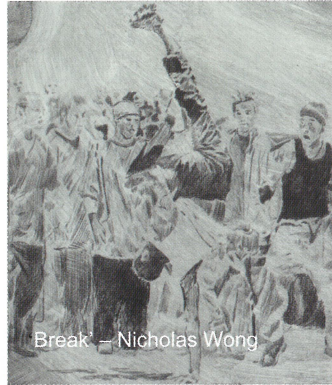
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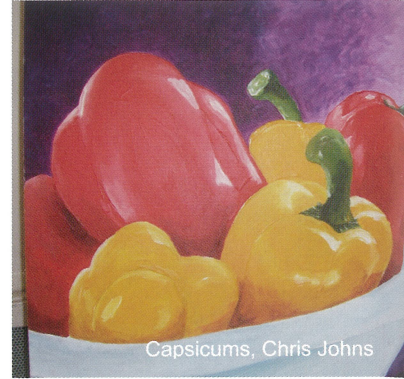
'Chips' - McCauley Chiam



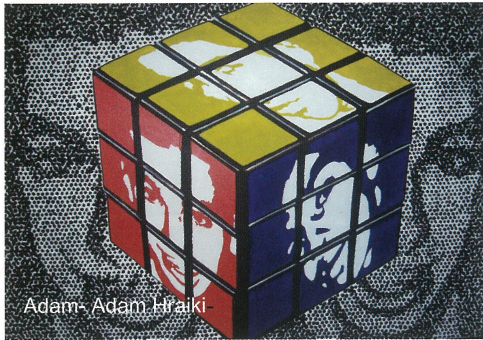
'Roses' - Simon Kim



'Break' - Nicholas Wong



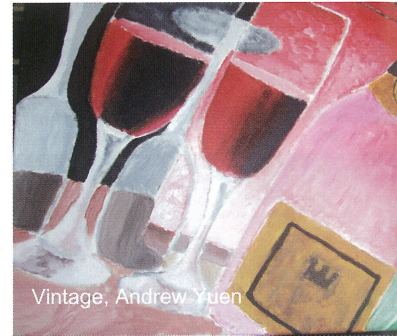
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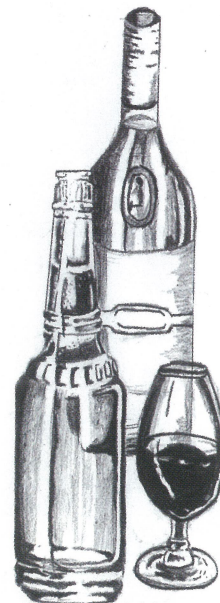
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The Same' - Nigel Le



'Regret' Simon Xing



'Glass' by Adrian Yeung



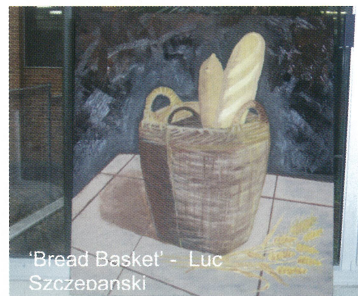
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Kettle Dreams, Derek Lau, Pastel on Paper



'Pod' - Paul Hammell - Etching

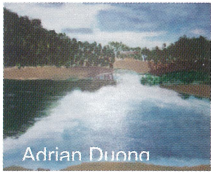


'Bread Basket' - Luc Szczepanski

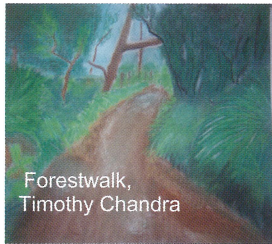


'Three Wise Men' - Adrian

YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS



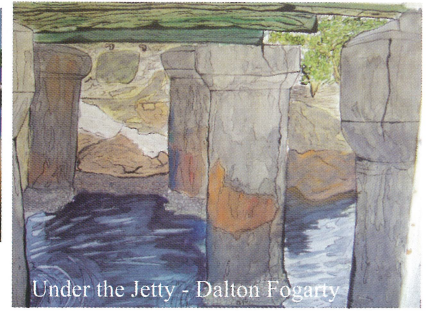
Adrian Duong



Forestwalk,
Timothy Chandra



The Wharf. Wilson Lino.



Under the Jetty - Dalton Fogarty



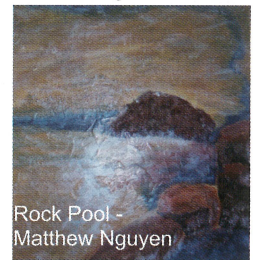
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The Jetty, Alex Fang, Pastel



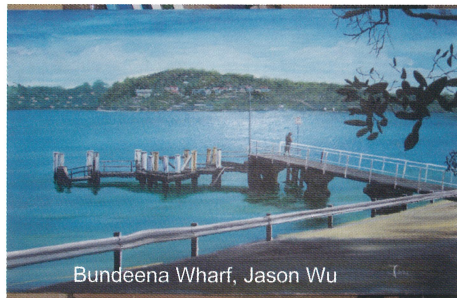
Daniel Dinh - Bonny



Rock Pool -
Matthew Nguyen



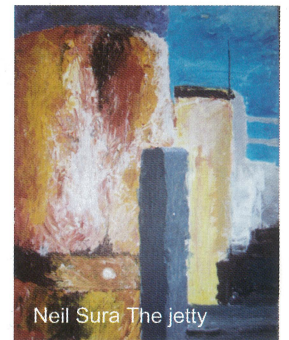
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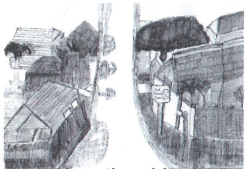
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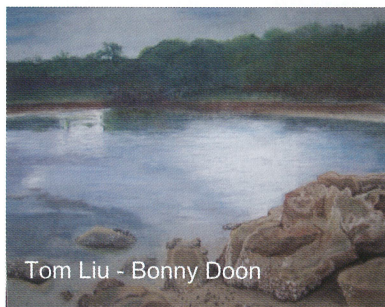
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Neil Sura The jetty



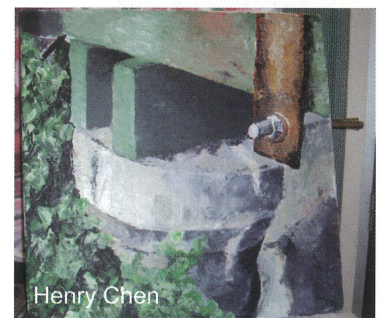
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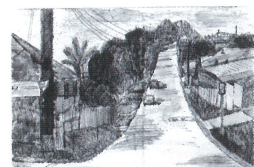
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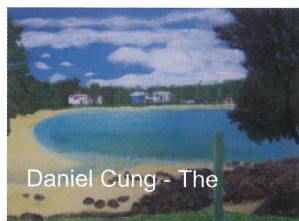
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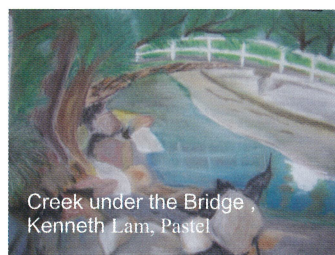
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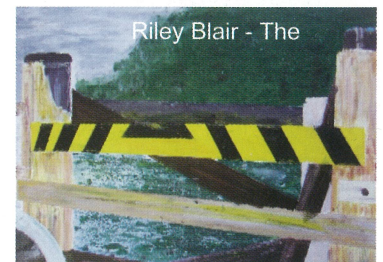
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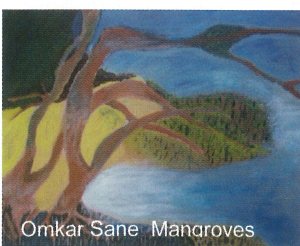
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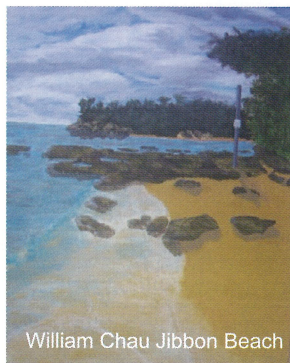
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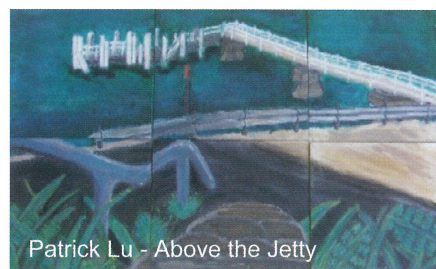
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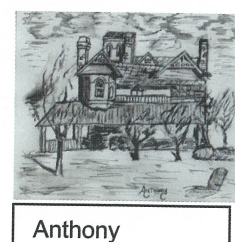
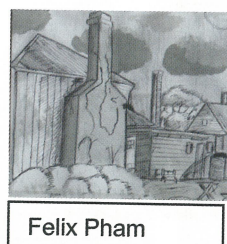
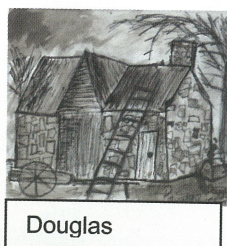
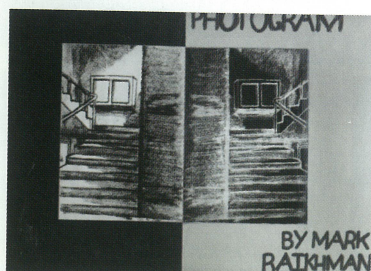
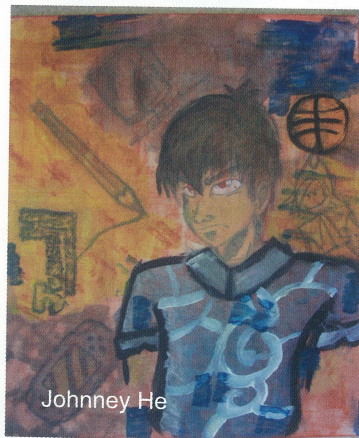
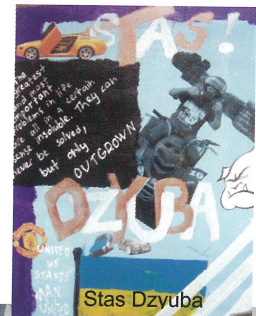
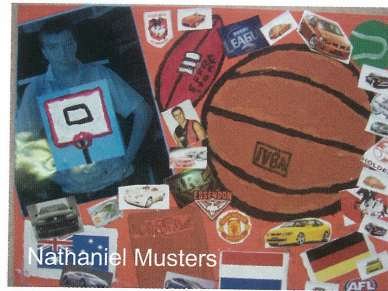
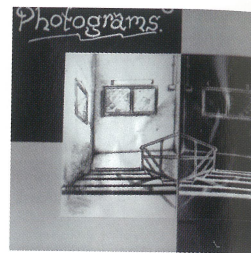
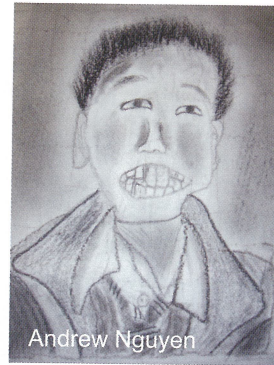


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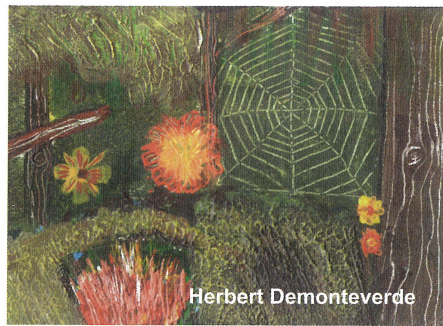
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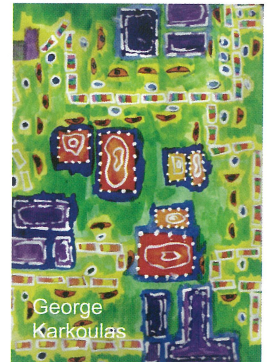
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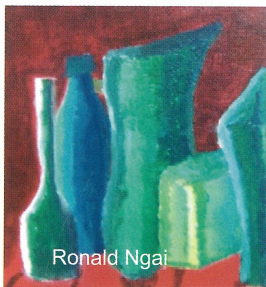
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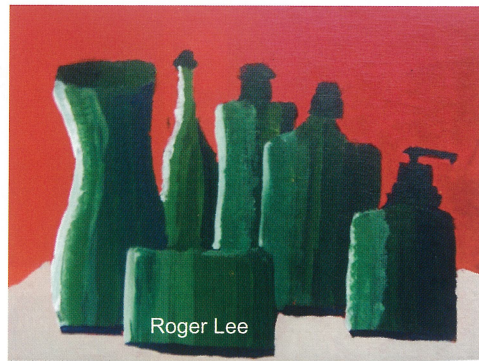
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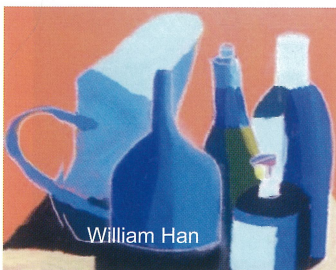
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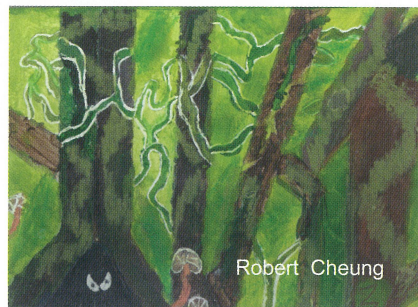
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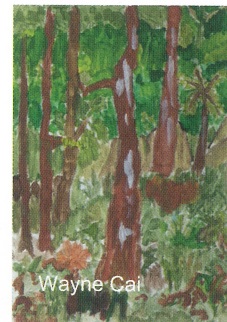
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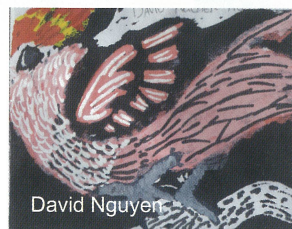
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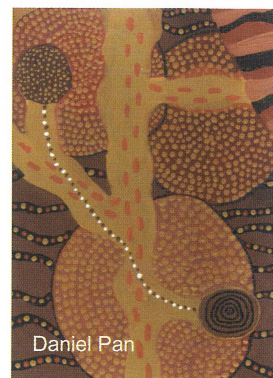
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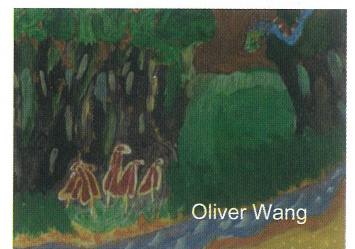
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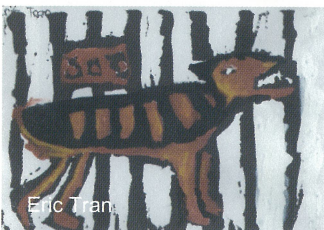
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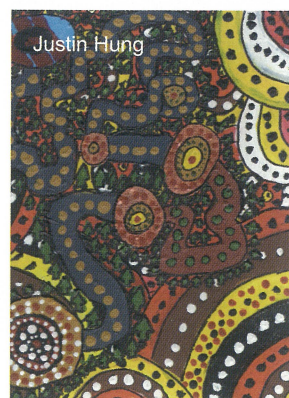
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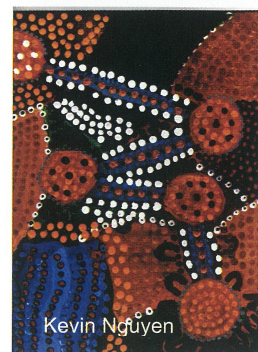
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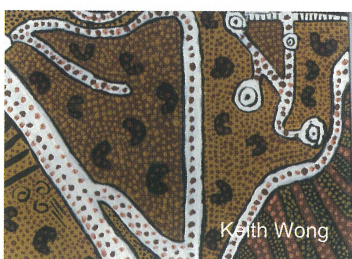
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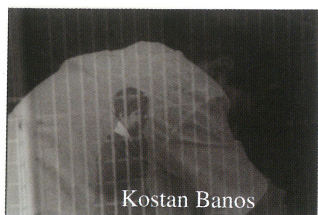


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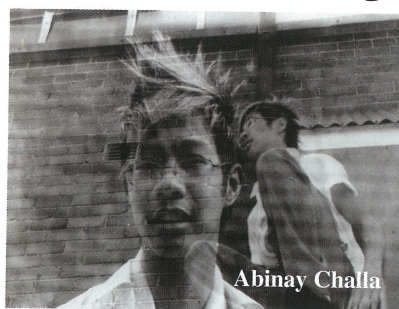


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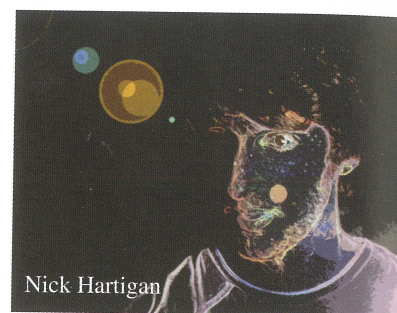
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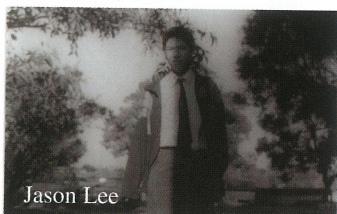
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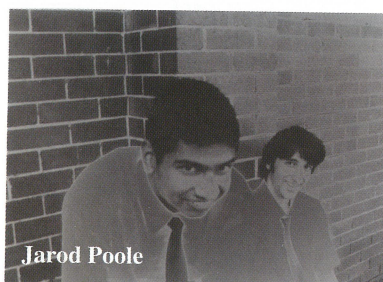
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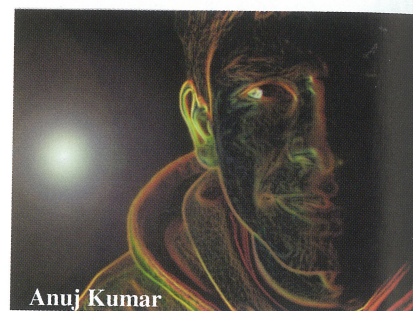
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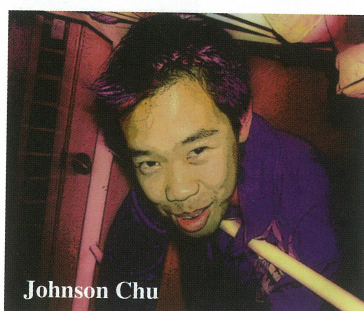
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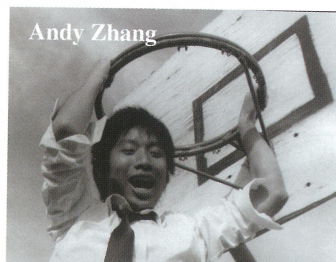
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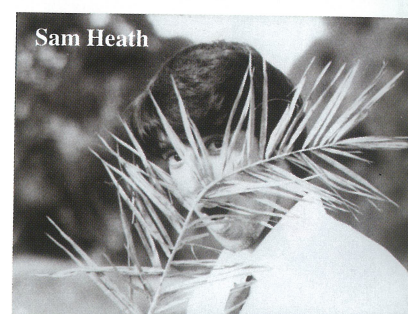
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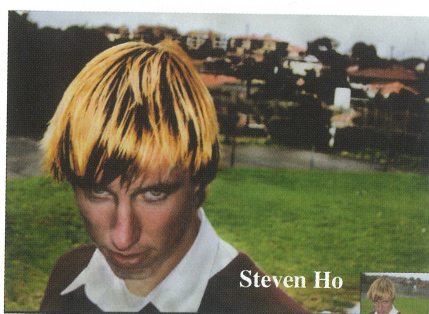
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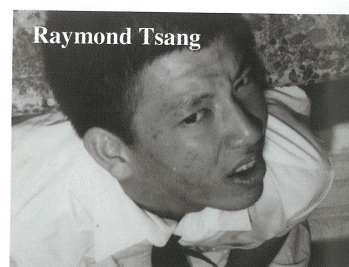
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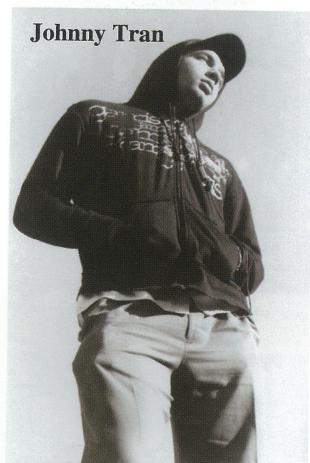
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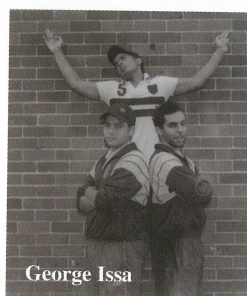
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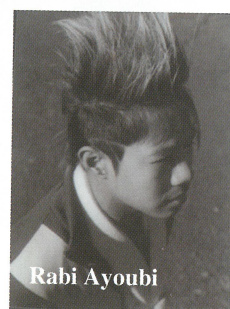
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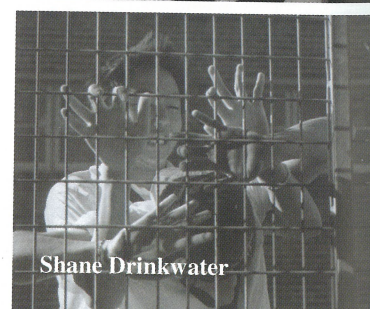
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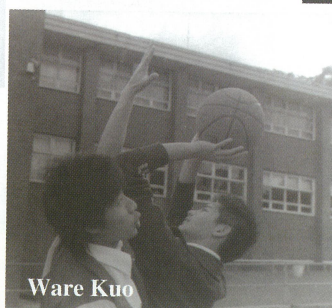
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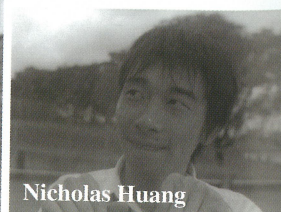
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Cultural Exchange Program



YEAR 12

Class of 2007

The final year of school has arrived for the class of 2007. It is hard to believe that you have been at Sydney Tech. for six years which first began with 150 small bright Year 7 boys and which has now grown to become 160 of the finest young men. I hope your time at the school has been rewarding and that you have been able to take away some great memories. For some of you the reality of leaving school will not set in until the last few days of term 3 as you tend to get caught up in studying for the trials and other school events.

To be given the responsibility of being your Year Adviser over the six years has been incredibly rewarding for me as a teacher as I have learnt so much from the experience. To get to know students on a more personal level and know that you can help or make a difference to their lives is the best feeling you can ever experience in the Year Adviser position. Having such a great group of students also made the job much easier.

Some of the things that I will remember about you guys are your passion for sport and food.

Many of you have represented the school in swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals or have been actively involved in grade sports on a Wednesday. I was impressed to see so many of you play grade sport in your final year which also provided you with a good outlet from all your study. I have had the pleasure of taking some of you for grade soccer and touch for most of your time here at Tech and more recently the Year 12 grade soccer competition has been fun to watch and referee with some heated games against the three Tech teams in the competition.

Your love for food was also certainly noticed by many people at this year's swimming carnival as the traditional BBQ held by Year 12 students has now upgraded to a multicultural feast. Many of you had brought enough food to last a week and I was very impressed with the Chinese hot pots some of you brought along to the carnival.

We have had some great times on camps starting off with Deer Park in the Royal National Park when you were in Year 7 followed by The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Year 9 and then Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre in Year 11. Although the camps took a lot of organisation at the beginning, they were sure worth it when I saw how much you all enjoyed yourselves on them.

I would particularly like to thank all those Year 12 students who were actively involved on a committee this year. The rest of the form appreciate the time and dedication you have all put into making sure that everyone would have an enjoyable and memorable year.

Lastly, I would like to say that you will always be most welcome back into the school after you have left as the staff like to see what you are doing after Year 12. Don't forget that Sydney Tech. also has a very strong old boy's movement and it would be great to see some of you be involved in this later down the track.

I wish every student in the class of 2007 the very best in your HSC and in the future.

Regards,

Nicholas Stokes
Year 12 Adviser



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Jaryd Carolin	Steve Gindy	Victor Lau	Abid Mujala	Nick Stanisc	On Yip
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YEAR 11 CROSSROADS CAMP

On the sixth of June 2007, Year 11 departed from school in an armada of coaches heading up to Narrabeen. The three day camp was to be held at the Sydney Academy set on Narrabeen Lakes on Sydney's northern beaches.

All students were to participate in the crossroads education program. Crossroads is a mandatory personal development and health education course for all Year 11 students in NSW government schools. It covers issues concerning relationships, sexual health and drugs. Activities like dark water canoeing, high ropes, raft building and archery facilitated by staff at the Sydney Academy and a drugs seminar workshop presented by Mr Roper, help students to reflect upon and share issues that are important to them in today's society.

We arrived at the centre and as if in memory of our year seven camp, the rain clouds formed above us as a welcome present and never completely left us for the duration of the whole camp. Soon after our arrival we were served lunch and then set off for our first activity.

Later that night, the entire year was called into a lecture from a special guest, Mr Bright who is a careers' consultant/specialist. He gives talks and advice on career opportunities for teenagers like ourselves; as well as adults, young and old. Although Mr Bright was a charismatic speaker who did genuinely entertain the audience, his overall message was thought provoking for many of my fellow peers. He spoke of technology and cheap labour from Asia taking all the specialist careers that we at Tech are aiming for.

On the second day we awoke from our bunks and realised that we would have to endure the pouring rain throughout the day. Our instructors, through their inspirational speech, motivated us to participate regardless of the weather. At the end of the day, we overwhelmingly felt that the experience was well worth our soaked garments.

To finish off the day, the teachers treated us to a trivia night where competition was fierce. On the last day, everyone was feeling the effects of two sleepless nights. The rain caused our outside activities to be cancelled and so the day was spent doing a games course in their gym.

Our last camp proved to be a memorable experience because we were able to let go of the pressures of school and enjoy ourselves. Our stay at the camp however, would not have even gone ahead if it were not for the combined efforts from both the staff at the camp and the teachers at school.

Kostan Banos
Jacky Chan
Dominic Cheung



YEAR 11



Camp '07

YEAR 11

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Matthew Au	Gerry Claps	George Issa	Jonathan Lin	Edward K Quach	Bailey Wang
Henry Avila-	Peter Cook ONeill	Monir Joarder	Marcus Low	Derek Quan	Frank Wang
Luvsangenden	Todd Da Silva	Blake Jones	Jeffrey Lu	Akram Rizk	Garmon Weng
Rabi Ayoubi	Liem Dang	Matt Jones	Ivan Luburic	William Rusbatch	Stephen Wong
Kostan Banos	Robert D'Angelo	Ushan Kalugalage	Richard Lund	Atinder Sanghera	Ken Woon
Archi Barathan	Matt Day	Bond Kam	David Luo	Neon Shariful	Simon Wynn
Michael Barker	Jaskirat Dhingra	Abraham Kazzaz	Amir Mahmoud	Benny Singh	Victor Xiong
Jackson Belcastro	Shane Drinkwater	Alvin Kho	Kelvin Man	Jordan Smith	Eric Yap
Matt Bineth	Matthew Dwyer	Jeremy Khoh	Edmond Mazid	Edward Son	Bruce Yeung
Andrew Bull	Elisha Edwin	Peter Kim	Leith McDonald	Huyn Song	Daniel Yeung
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Kevin Chang	Mitchell Fripp	Shale	Pete Mulheron	Andrew Ta	Andy Zhang
Noel Char Kee	Mina Ghali	Kuzmanovski	Adam Nelson	Nelvin Tam	Hanning Zhang
Chung	Boney Guan	Daniel Kwak	Bill Ng	Desmond Tan	Roger Zhang
Aaron Charlton	Shashank Gupta	Pat Lai	Kevin Ng (Wong)	Sabiq Tan	Garson Zhong
Benjamin Chau	Nicholas Hallasso	David Lam	Jackson Ngo	Chris Tomic	Francis Zhou
Michael Chea	Matthew Hare	Steven Lam	Huy Nguyen	William Ton-That	Andy Zhu
Philip Chen	Nicholas Hartigan	Kevin Lau	Sean Niu	David Tran	
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Year 10

This year will be remembered as one of transition for our year group. Although it does not seem that long ago that we met in the school auditorium for the first time, we are now coming to terms that we are even closer to graduating from our school. The sky blue shirts have turned to white, jackets have transformed into blazers. We have gone from being students who must attend school as a mandatory requirement, into professional students, choosing to further their education for the betterment of their lives. I would like to take this opportunity to again remind all boys of the investment they are now making towards their futures. I am confident they can reap great dividends, but I am also mindful of the work that lies ahead of them over the next two years.

While we did not have any school camps this year, it still proved to be busy enough. The year started with work experience, giving all boys the opportunity to see how the "real world" works. Upon interviewing boys from our year group about their chosen work opportunities, most confirmed that the career they had in mind was, now more than ever, worth pursuing, while a few were disappointed that the line of work was not in line with their perceptions. My advice to those boys is that while the opportunity did not turn out the way they may have liked, at least they have discovered this fact now, rather than after four years at university. Remember, when one door shuts, another usually opens. It is also worth noting that the chosen careers most people had at 15 years of age, yes, including your parents, were not necessarily the ones you were in when you turn 30, so all students have to be in a position of having many options at your disposal, just in case.

Throughout the year, the school hosted such programs as a study skills seminar throughout the day at no cost to the students, and essay writing skills seminars after school. By all reports, both programs ran extremely well, and I hope this is a sign that boys realise that they need to compliment their talents with organisation and effort from here on in.

There were some assembly presentations, one about establishing a more environmentally friendly waste management system for the school, and a brilliantly produced Anzac assembly. All boys involved should be congratulated for their professionalism, and their courage to give things a go.

In an ironic twist to their first days in Year 7, it was now the chance for our year to become peer support leaders. The response was overwhelming, again indicating the developing leadership characteristics of the boys, and also emphasising, from a student's perspective, the impact a program such as peer support has in the welfare system at our school.

Our boys became involved in such organisations as interact, debating, chess, astronomy, tournament of minds, Duke of Edinburgh award, Youth Leadership Forum, school prefects, School Representative Council, concert/stage/intermediate bands, sporting representative teams and various academic competitions, perfectly highlighting what a diverse year group we have. I can only admire the drive that these boys have to get involved in one or more of these outlets. I would like to finish by thanking the group for their leadership, co-operation and behavior over the course of the year; they are well on the way to becoming fine ambassadors of this school.

Paul Graham
Year 10 Adviser

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Macaulay Chiam	Samiul Haque	Austin Ko	Jason Nguyen	David Szanto	

YEAR 10



Year 9 has had a busy year in 2007 and it has been very pleasing to see that many boys have combined their academic successes with extra-curricula achievements and involvement in the wider school community. Attending a great school like Sydney Technical High is not just about what the school can do for you, but what you can give it in return.

At the end of 2006 we bid a fond farewell to Christopher Sharples, who transferred to Normanhurst Boys after his family had moved to north of Sydney. His replacement, Daniel White, had been placed with us in Year 7 but deferred his entry when his family elected to remain in Broken Hill. Daniel was just our second new admission in three years to the Year in what has been a very stable and harmonious group. Daniel is the son of a former Science teacher in the school, Mrs Lois White, so his admission to the school was very welcome and in an odd way a return to Sydney Tech. Welcome, Daniel!

The Welfare program for the boys was particularly busy in 2007. Firstly, seven students (Riley Blair, Hallard Caines, Colin Huang, Stanley Jiang Alexander Lazarou, Wilson Ling and Philip Zhong) were selected to mentor and befriend some Hurstville Public students who were having issues with school, social or home life. The boys found this challenging at times but also very rewarding.

In Term 2, the whole of Year 9 attended a Welfare day at Ramsgate R.S.L. and participated in team-building, study skills, time management and first aid courses. This was followed in Term 4 by 143 students attending the welfare camp at The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens. The nights were cold and the boys were not fond of 'roughing it' in tents, but they enjoyed the activities and learnt to support each other and live cohesively together. Playing Commando was a highlight but also a frustrating and rather wet activity for some. The teachers who attended camp were full of praise for the boys and Alexander Lazarou, Sam Gill Maximilian Keatinge, Johnathan Ahladiotis (back from an overseas trip just 24 hours before) Bevan He, Henry Chen and Trung Nguyen (a far cry from two years ago) were judged as best in their groups at camp. Upon return, another 24 Year 9s began the Links program and are currently doing a fine job working with primary-aged students.

John (Martin) Asis, Lewis Cowper, William Chau, Eco Lim and Scott Vu have shown leadership abilities by being SRC members and organising SRC events, but I wish that they would stop breaking limbs!

Finally, a special congratulatory mention to the Under 14s Rugby League team who were the first Sydney Tech. league team to win a school premiership in many years (and they won the St.George Knockout Day too!). They came so close last year but this time the boys achieved the double, which may never happen again. There has also been many individual performance highlights (such as Chun Wong's trip to NASA) but just too many to mention in this report. I would like to thank the grade as a whole for their fine efforts throughout the year.

Neil Melvin
Year 9 Adviser

Aaron Abundo	Henry Dinh	Stanley Jiang	Tom Liu	Joey O'Gara	Anthony Truong
Johnathan Ahladiotis	Elias Dokos	Jason Jung	William Liu	Galen Ou	Kevin Truong
Martin Asis	Andrew Domadius	Nibir Kader	Jason Lo	Alex Pan	Tony Truong
Arsany Attia	Adrian Duong	Nicholas Kadiev	William Lo	James Panos	Jonathan Vavouris
Sherwesh Bajracharya	Alex Fang	Prasad Kanitkar	Pit Low	Brett Power	Anubhav Verma
Riley Blair	Eddy Fastovski	Manoj Karthik	Weng Low	Kevin Quach	Scott Vu
Hallard Caines	Dalton Fogarty	Max Keatinge	Patrick Lu	Rashim Rahman	Daniel White
David Cha	Adam Fong	Max Kiefel	Darius Lui	Vignesh Raman	Declan White
Mrinal Chakravarthy	Nicholas Funai	Kevin Kim	William Luo	Steven Rezkalla	Chun Wong
Alvin Chan	Jason Fung	Aaron Kwan	Christopher Lyons	Abram Rizkalla	Martin Wong
Timothy Chandra	William Gaintsev	Kevin Lai	William Ma	Karwin Rogers	Jason Wu
William Chau	Tom Gallagher	Bryan Lam	Sid Madiwale	Nicholas Rokkas	Kelvin Xu
Vincent Che	Bishoy Genday	Kenneth Lam	Mukhlis Mah	Omkar Sane	Paul Yan
Kai-Jun Cheah	Arun Ghosh	Kevin Lam	Joseph Mai	Joon Ho Shin	Jeffrey Yang
Andy Chen	Sam Gill	Daniel Lau	Jevan Michelsen	George Simeonov	Phillip Yang
Benny Chen	John Gim	Alexander Lazarou	Anith Mukherjee	Kevin Song	Kevin Yao
Geoffrey Chen	Kaan Goldeli	Ling Lee	Tim Murray	Neil Sura	Benjamin Yu
Henry Chen	Charlie Han	Eddy Li	Nitin Narasimhan	Tristan Tam	Ronald Yu
Wen Ho Chen	Nathan Han	Johnny Li	Phi Ngo	Dennis Tan	Colin Zhang
Kenny Cheng	Richy Han	Eco Lim	Henry Nguyen	Zaed Tayeb	Edwin Zhang
Damien Chok	Bevan He	James Lim	Kevin Nguyen	Chris Tran	Alex Zhong
Jonathan Colwell	Shuvadip Hor	Janson Lim	Kyphong Nguyen	Michael Tran	Philip Zhong
Lewis Cowper	Colin Huang	Michael Lin	Matthew Nguyen	Steven Tran	Jimmy Zhou
Daniel Cung	Martin Huang	Wilson Ling	Trung Nguyen	Tom Tran	Garmin Zhu
Daniel Dinh	Nushan Islam	Andy Liu	Alvyn Noh	Rick Trinh	

YEAR 9 CAMP



Year 8

It is amazing how quickly the years fly by. It seems only like yesterday when I was writing the Year Seven report and now it is time to write this year's report. Once again, the Year has been very busy representing the school at sport, debating, chess and in various academic competitions. With all the different activities going on, I am surprised that the boys find time to get their school work completed.



The boys seem to relish the fact that they are no longer the junior year of the school and that their Year 7 colleagues look up to them for inspiration and leadership. At the end of Year 7, the boys were placed in different class groups based on the languages which they chose to study. At the end of Year 7, the boys are given their first choice of electives with them having to select a language to study from French, German and Japanese. At the end of third term, the boys were given their second chance to select subjects by choosing electives for Years 9 and 10. Details of these subjects were provided to the students and their parents at a subject selection night held early in September.

At the beginning of the year, we were fortunate to welcome Joshua O'Gara into the year group. Josh is the brother of Joey who is in Year 9. Josh has settled in well to the school and the year group. Welcome Josh!

Josh and Han Peng Liu made headlines in another way as well. In early August, their photographs were featured in an article which appeared in the Sunday Telegraph about the School's healthy canteen policy.

On a sad note, our thoughts and best wishes go out to Jeremy Lim and his family. Jeremy's father passed away during a family holiday and the way in which he has continued to perform at a very high level is an inspiration to us all.

The Year group achieved excellent results in both the ELLA and SNAP tests, the final year that these tests will be held. Next year, they will participate in the first National Literacy and Numeracy tests which were announced by the Federal Government earlier this year. It is anticipated that the boys will once again achieve exceptional results in these tests.

This year has proven to be very busy and we all look forward to the activities planned for Year 9. The highlights will be the Study Skills day which will be held in May and the Year 9 camp in the first week of Term Four. Thanks for a great year and we all look forward to 2008.

Michael Bellamy
Year Advisor



YEAR 7

Fahad Ahmed	James Julian Cox	Jordan Jin	Thomas Matthews	Avirup Sarkar	Dury Whang
Jason Akkari	Hubert Demonteverde	Eugene Jung	Sasha Menovic	Samuel Scander	Marcus Whitley
Mohammad Al Abbasi	Vincent Deng	Saty Kar	Jack Mo	Yang Yang Shu	Jonathan Wong
Ian Anggabrata	Ranbir Dhillon	George Karkoulas	Adrian Mok	Dhanujhan	Keith Wong
Ivan Anggabrata	Brandon Duong	Brian Kim	Suvra Mondal	Sirikrishnabala	Winston Wong
Gregory Antoniadis	Stephen Fok	Tony Kim	Rafid Morshedi	Erzhao Song	John Woo
Gabriel Au	Brian Fung	Jeremy Ko	Anooth Nambiran	Tim Steele	Hans Xing
Hari Bal	Deron Fung	Ivan Lai	Samson Ng	Jack Stodart	Steve Xu
Jason Ball	Leon Fung	Yujun Lai	Terence Ng	Lionel Sun	Justin Ye
Dipra Bhattacharjee	Jonathan Gaymer	Tom Lasic Latimer	Ronald Ngai	Sibi Suresh Babu	Justin Yeung
Kazimir Boskovic	Bora Guden	Harry Lee	David Nguyen	Patrick Tai	Jeremy Yiu
David Bui	Aaron Gugich-Williams	James Lee	Kevin Nguyen	Vincent Tam	Jimmy Yu
Wayne Cai	Daniel Guo	Roger Lee	Kevin An Nguyen	Michael Tamas	Andy Yeun
Craig Campbell	Jinnu Han	James Leung	Mihail Nikolovski	Kevin Tan	Ramez Zaklama
Paul Chang	William Han	Tony Liang	Daniel Nip	Rifatul Tarique	Anthony Zhang
Matthew Chen	Sam Hanna	Kevin Liu	Daniel Pan	Harshith Thuraiathnam	Jeffrey Zhang
Gavin Cheng	Raymond Hayler	Pit Low	George Pasas	Eric Tran	Kevin Zheng
Robert Cheung	Oliver Hillsmith	Aaron Luo	Philip Phan	Mark Tran	Leroy Zhu
Chris Chhoeu	Alex Ho	Denny Luo	Albert Phung	Paul Tran	Wayne Zhu
Angus Chippendale	Robert Hoang	Ellison Luo	Andy Phung	Robert Tran	Michael Zou
Roman Choi	Mark Hobday	Victor Ly	Christopher Pinto	Gary Tsui	Wilson Zou
Steven Chu	Sam Huang	John Mai	Jeremy Power	George Wang	
Calvin Chung	Justin Hung	Wilson Man	Vivek Ray Choudhury	Jacky Wang	
Daniel Chung	Suhad Hussain	Ranjeet Manjrekar	Ben Reynolds	Oliver Wang	
Lawlex Chung	Kingston Huynh	Bill Manning	Kai Ming Romberg-Yee	Gregory Warren	
Mitchell Rain Colak	Chris Janssen	Ragan Martinez	Francis Santayana	Bing Wen	

YEAR 8

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

YEAR 7

Congratulations, you've almost finished your first year at Sydney Tech. What does this mean?

1. It means that you survived; it wasn't that bad was it? Among other things, you've managed to get to the front of the canteen queue and to find somewhere to spend break times.
 2. It means that it won't be long until there are smaller people than you running around the school.
 3. It means that you conquered Vision Valley. You didn't fall off the horse, you took on the water slide and you sat through "Space Balls" the movie.
 4. It means that you graduated from the transition program. You worked out how to get to and from school and how to get from room to room. You also worked out where the office and sick bay were located, how to successfully get to sport on a Wednesday and how to use your diary to remember to submit work for all of your teachers on time!!
 5. It means that you spent first term with a few year 11 students for peer support. Remember how helpful their guidance was when you come across some of those little people who arrive at school next year.
 6. It means that you may have participated in grade sport, a variety of competitions or a Tech band. You've done the SNAP test, the ELLA test and you've been vaccinated a couple of times.
 7. It means that you've experienced the excitement, competitiveness and atmosphere of the Sydney Tech swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals.
 8. It means that if I know a lot about you, you have some things to work on. It could be your behaviour, your interaction with your peers or your ability to organise yourself. You know who you are!
 9. If I don't know much about you then you must be one of the majority who have made the transition into high school smoothly.
 10. It means that you are about to spend a week improving your swimming skills, which should be very handy for the summer holidays.
 11. It means that you should insert in the space below anything that Mr Hewett has forgotten to include. You'll look back fondly on this when you're in year 12:
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Remember, don't just come and see me when you have problems or you are in strife. Pay me a visit to tell me about all the good things you are doing in and out of school. I'll get to know you better this way and I'll have lots more to write about in this report next year.

To all of you, your friends and families; have an enjoyable and safe holiday. I'll see you next January for the adventure that is year 8.

Matthew Hewett
Year Adviser



SPORT

Sydney Technical High School continues to be the outstanding Boys High School in this Zone. The school dominated the Grade scene and this was no mean feat considering that we entered second teams for many competitions.

Our winning of the Champion School in both Summer and Winter competitions and in Athletics and Swimming Carnivals was only marred by the narrow two point loss in the Cross Country Carnival in what was otherwise an exceptional year.

Non grade sport for years 7 to 9 has undergone a revitalisation and now boys in these groups undertake five to six different sports over a summer or winter season, providing them with variety and motivation to enjoy these activities into adulthood. Further revamping of non grade will occur over the next few years.

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

This is the highest 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 2007 this award goes to:



JOHN VALLIS

John has received this award for his all-round sporting abilities which include athletics, swimming and cross country and four different grade sports. He represented the school in first grade Rugby League and first grade touch for two seasons, each, after having played both junior soccer and junior basketball.

In the field of athletics, he represented the school in each of his six years, making the Regional carnival in 2006. In Cross Country he also represented the school on six occasions representing the Zone at Regional level in five of those years, and at CHS level once. It was in swimming in which John made his mark, making the CHS carnival on three out of his six years.

An integral part of our school swimming team, and the age relay team, John was always a great asset, a tremendous competitor and a fine sportsman.

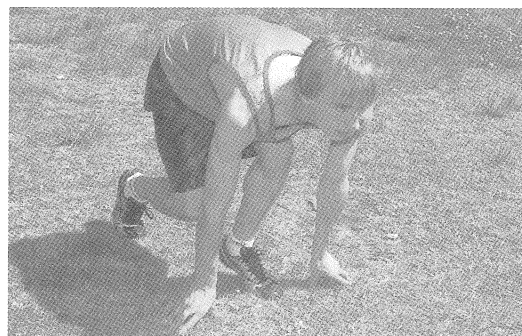
PIERRE de COUBERTIN AWARD

Awarded by the Olympic Foundation and given in honour of Baron de Coubertin, 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 2007 this award goes to:

SHANE DRINKWATER

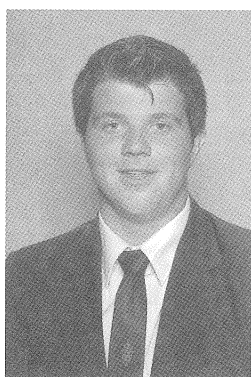
As a middle distance and long distance runner, Shane has been outstanding over the past five years, making the Regional Carnival each year in both Athletics and Cross Country and the CHS carnivals in Athletics twice and Cross Country 3 times. Not to be just happy with this, he has been a swimming representative each year as well, representing each year to Regional level and making the CHJS carnival twice. In grade sport, Shane has represented at junior basketball and in senior water polo, and in winter has played A grade soccer each year until year 11 when he progressed to the 1st grade side. Shane has a wonderful attitude to his sport. He is rarely fazed by anything and has a relaxed and comfortable air about the way he does things. His attitude towards his school is mirrored in his fine sportsmanship towards opponents.



ST GEORGE DRAGONS MEDAL

This is an Annual presentation given by St George Illawarra Rugby League Club to recognise contribution by a Sportsman in High Schools. It is primarily, but not necessarily, aimed at a sporting person who has Rugby League as part of his background. In 2007 this award goes to:

ABID MUJALA



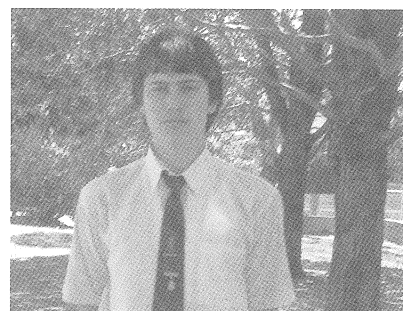
Abid was a junior cricket player and then represented at first grade Basketball for his two senior years. A fine competitor, he carried out his duties with an infectious grin and wonderful demeanour. He played Junior Rugby League, progressing finally to first grade Rugby League, playing in all six years of his high School career. More importantly, he assisted in the coaching of junior sides and was in part responsible for the success of our Year 7 Knockout Rugby League team which won the inaugural St George Shaun Timmins Competition. A deserving winner of this prestigious award.

TECH HIGH SPORTS MEDAL

This is the first time this award has been made. It is an award for an all-round sportsperson who has made a genuine and significant contribution to the sporting base of the School, and need not be awarded each year. The first time recipient of this award is:

ADRIEN LALCHERE

Mixing winter sports of Softball, 14 year Rugby League, Open tennis and 1st grade baseball with Open knockout Basketball (two years), Adrien also ran consistently for the school in cross country. He has



been a grade cricket player for this school over his entire six years. More importantly, in addition to playing 1st grade cricket in the final two years, he was captain of his teams for each of those years. It is this quality which has in part earned him this award. He was a House captain in years 11 and 12 and in many ways was responsible for the efficient running of the House system, with his energy enthusiasm and ability to direct others. In his last term at the school he was the person mostly responsible for running the inter house Year 11 and 12 Soccer games on the front oval during lunchtimes.

BLUES 2007

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.

Andrew Woods	Baseball	Niksa Stanisic	Basketball
John Vallis	Swimming	Raymon Sedrak	Cross Country
John Vallis	Cross Country	Raymon Sedrak	Athletics
Kurt Forrester	Swimming	Raymon Sedrak	Soccer
Kurt Forrester	Cross Country	Vincent Wong	Athletics

ZONE BLUES:

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

Kurt Forrester	Swimming	Raymond Sedrak	Cross Country
John Vallis	Swimming		

SUMMER SPORT

Most summer sport has not concluded at this point so we are unable to report premierships.

WINTER SPORT

Premiers	Runners-Up
13A Soccer	1 st Grade Soccer
14 years Rugby League	13B Soccer
Open A Tennis (No 2 team)	Open A Tennis (No 3 team)
Open B Tennis (No 1 team)	Open B Tennis (No 2 team)
Baseball	15B Tennis
14B Tennis	14A Tennis
13A Tennis	14C Tennis
13B Tennis	13C Tennis
Open A Table Tennis	
Open C Table Tennis	
14B Table Tennis	
14C Table Tennis	

CARNIVALS

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2007

Turner	Williams	McMullen	McKinnon	Broome	Gotto
M Antonelli	K Ibrahim	A Lalchere	Christian Ong	Ray Sedrak	Andrew Woods
N Aftab	J Drinkwater	B Jones	Daniel Papps	Dimitri Prodromou	Bruce Yeung
T Campbell	A Douskou	R Kar	Ivan Lee	Jason Stamenkovic	Luc Szczepanski

HOUSE POINTSCORES (SPORT ONLY)

House	Athletics Points	Position	Cross Country	Position	Swimming Points	Position	TOTAL Points	Position
Turner	380	1	2504	1	242	1	1160	1
Williams	346	4	2423	2	237	2	1105	2
McMullen	370	2	2278	3	130	5	945	3
Gotto	311	5	1688	4	213	3	912	4
Broome	182	6	1686	5	140	4	673	5
McKinnon	349	3	267	6	121	6	575	6

For the proposes of the Total points, the calculations were as follows:
(Athletics x 1, Cross Country x 1/6, Swimming x 1.5)

SCHOOL AGE CHAMPIONS

Age	Athletics	Cross Country	Swimming
12	Satyati Kar	Kazimir Boskovic	Kazimir Boskovic
13	Marcus Lo Russo	Prashan Prabakaran	Greg Antoniadis
14	Chun Wong	James Dickson	Chun Wong
15	Max Kite	Evan Vallis	Jesse Hanna
16	Lawson Cullen	Lawson Cullen	Steve Trinh
Opens	{ Dong Uong { Vincent Wong	Marcus Low	{ Kurt Forrester { Marcus Low

ZONE AGE CHAMPIONS

ATHLETICS		CROSS COUNTRY		SWIMMING	
Satyaki Kar	12 yrs	Marcus Low	Open	Kazimir Boskovic	12 yrs
				Jesse Hanna	15 yrs
				Kurt Forrester	Open

ZONE SWIMMING RECORDS SET 2007

Kazimir Boskovic – 12 years 200m freestyle – 2:25.81
Kurt Forrester – Open 200m freestyle – 2:12.23
Kazimir Boskovic – 12 years 50m butterfly – 34.25

ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

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

Athletics

Kasimir Boskovic
Mitchell Brown
Andy Chen
Chris Chhoeu
Naveed Chowdhury
Lawtek Chung
Lachlan Cooper
Lewis Cowper
Lawson Cullen
James Dickson
Adrian Duong
Matthew Dwyer
Leon Fung
Gary Ho
Kevin Hodgson
Adam Hraiki
James Jang
Michael Jung
Nibir Kader
Stayaki Kar

Max Keatinge
Max Kite
Bryan Lam
Ivan Lee
Anthony Lin
Marcus LoRusso
Ivan Luburic
Edmond Mazid
Geordie McCullea
Tim Murray
Jason Nguyen
Hoang Nguyen
Roman Pillay
Prashan Prabaharan
Rajan Rehan
Joon So Shin
Harmeet Singh
Dong Uong
Evan Vallis
Vincent Wong
Chun Wong



Cross Country

Kazimir Boskovic
Lewis Cowper
Todd Da Silva
Dimitri Davidov
James Dickson
Shane Drinkwater
Matthew Dwyer
Kurt Forrester
Max Keatinge
Adrien Lalchere

Tim Iay
Marcus Lo Russo
Marcys Low
Chris Pinto
Prashan Prabaharan
Raymon Sedrak
Evan Vallis
John Vallis
Ken Woon



Swimming

Michael Antonelli
Greg Antoniadis
Hari Bal
Kaz Boskovic
Harrison Burrows
Mitchell Colak
Anthony Douskou
Joshua Duque
Adam Fong
Kurt Forrester
Aaron Gugich
Jesse Hanna
Simon Hardy
Sam Huang
Blake Jones
Simon Kim
Ivan Lai

James Leung
Marcus Low
William Luo
Ragan Martinez
Vangel Radev
Raphael Rosse
Keiran Seed
Mi Si
Rick Trinh
Steve Trinh
Alex Tsathis
Gary Tsui
Evan Vallis
John Vallis
Jonathan Vo
Chun Wong
Adrien Yeung



REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

Lewis Cowper	Athletics	Shane Drinkwater	Cross Country
Matthew Dwyer	Athletics	Matthew Dwyer	Cross Country
Edmund Mazid	Athletics	Marcus Low	Cross Country
Roman Pillay	Athletics	Prashan Prabakaran	Cross Country
Vincent Wong	Athletics	Ken Woon	Cross Country
Kazimir Boskovic	Swimming	Adam Fong	Baseball
Kurt Forrester	Swimming	Geordie McSullea	Rugby Union
Marcus Low	Swimming		

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK and TEAM OF THE WEEK

(Since last Journal)

2006	Sportsman	Sport	Team
18/10	Michael Chea	Open B Blue Volleyball	Open A/B Table Tennis
25/10	Neil Sura	14 years Cricket	14 years Cricket
1/11/06	Justin Hazelton	3 rd Blue Cricket	14A Mini Soccer
8/11	Hallard Caines	14 years Cricket	14 years Baseball
2007			
28/2	Kazimir Boskovic	Swimming	Open Softball
7/3	Kazimir Boskovic and Kurt Forrester	Swimming	{15 years Swimming relay {16 years Swimming relay
14/3	Geordie McSullea	Basketball	13A Basketball
28/3	Shuvadihor	3 rd Blue cricket	1 st grade Cricket
9/5	Staz Dzyuba	13 yrs Rugby League	1 st grade Soccer
16/5	Kaz Boskovic	CHS Swimming	{2 nd grade White Soccer {Yr 7 Rugby League KO team
23/5	Ben Newsome	2 nd grade soccer	2 nd grade Maroon Soccer
30/5	Geordie McSullea	CHS Rugby Union	
7/6	Vincent Wong	Athletics	
18/7			14 years Rugby League
25/7	Ivan Lee and Ivan Luburic	Athletics	14 years Softball
1/8	Lewis Cowper	Athletics	A2 grade Tennis
8/8	Chun Wong	Athletics	13A Soccer
15/8	Kevin Nguyen	Athletics	Open 4 x 100m Relay
22/8	Vincent Wong	Athletics	14 years Rugby League
29/8	James Dickson	14 yrs Rugby League	14 years Rugby League
5/9	Satyaki Kar	Athletics	
12/9	Matthew Dwyer	CHS Athletics	
19/9	Prashan Prabakaran	14A Cricket	13B Basketball
26/9	Muthu Udaiyappan	14B Cricket	14A Mini Soccer

ZONE SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Swimming – First
 Cross Country – Second
 Athletics – First
 Summer Grade 2006 – First
 Winter Grade 2007 - First

Winners of Best and Fairest for Summer 2006 and Winter 2007 Grade Teams 2007

SUMMER 2006

Cricket

1 st grade	William Lam
2 nd grade	Mitchell Brown
3 rd grade Maroon	Kar Bing Cheah
3 rd grade Blue	Lalktash Wangoo
14 years	Karwin Rogers
13A	Naveed Chowdhury
13B	Muthu Udaiyappan

Basketball

1 st grade maroon	Niksa Stanisic
1 st grade Blue	Jay Chong
2 nd grade maroon	Vincentius Tang
2 nd grade Blue	Ben Chau
15A	{ Ivan Lee
	{ James Kirkpatrick
15B	Joseph Koo
14A	Kevin Hodgson
14B	Gary Ho
13A	Philip Zhong
13B	Nathaniel Musters

Touch

Open A	John Vallis
Open B	Peter Petrohilos
14A	LewisCowper

Volleyball

Open A	Francis Zhou
Open B Blue	Michael Cheah
Open B Maroon	Sherman Lam
14A	Dipjot Singh

Squash

Open A	David Baker
Open B	Alex Ong

Baseball

14 years	Adam Fong
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Table Tennis

Open A	William Ngon Sun
Open B	Aaron Ngan
Open C	Vishal Pandit
Open D	Anuj Kumar
14A	Eddy Li
14B	Edwin Zhang
14C	Victor Lee
14D	Terrence Kwok

Mini Soccer

14A	Tom Tran
14B	James Lim
13A	Alex Tsathas
13B	Bayee Wang

Water Polo

Seniors	Macus Low
Juniors	Kieran Seed

WINTER 2007

Soccer

1 st Grade	Landis Michaels
2 nd Grade White	Lawson Cullen
2 nd Grade Blue	{Adrien Lalchere
	{Christian Ong
2 nd Grade Maroon	Bijoy Joseph
15B1	Brett Power
15B2	Tony Truong
14A	Vangel Radev

14B	Ravi Singh
13A	Marcus Lo Russo
13B	Alex Ho
13C	George Psaras

Rugby League

2 nd Grade	Gary Cheung
14 yrs	James Dickson
13 yrs	Mohamad Al Abassi

Tennis

Open A1	Daniel Yeung
Open A2	Luc Szczepanski

Open A3	Chris Stebbings
Open B1	Nicholas Hartigan
Open B2	Jeffrey Loong
Open B3	Vincent Tran

15A	
15B	Mukhlis Mah
15C	Aaron Kwan

14A	
14B	Joseph Tran
14C	Jonathan Wong

13A	
13B	Daniel Guo
13C	James Yang

Softball

Junior	Adrien Duong
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Baseball

Open	Yuto Nakayama
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Table Tennis

A grade	Brian So
B grade	Kevin Yao
C grade	Nelvin Tam
D grade	Raymond Tsang
14A	

14B	
14C	Ray Ren
14D	Harry Lee
	Jay Grosvenor

Hockey

AFL

Under 15	Lewis Cowper
Under 13	Sam Hanna

ZONE TEAMS



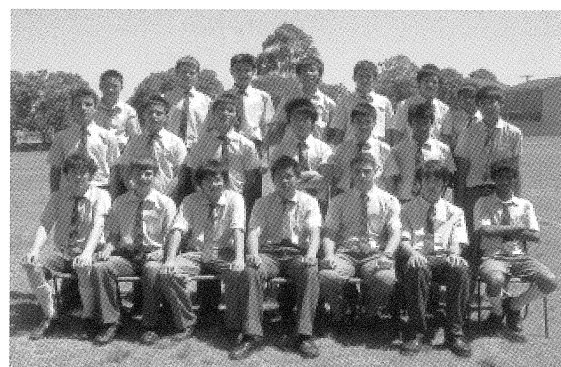
SWIMMING



CROSS COUNTRY



SENIOR ATHLETICS



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES



Back Row: M. Dwyer, M. Low, L. Cowper, V. Wong, A. Fong
Front Row: K. Woon, S. Drinkwater, A. Lalchere, R. Pillay, D. Uong
Absent: G. McSullea, A. Woods, K. Forrester, E. Mazid, K. Boskovic

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 quite finished. However, the way things are going we can be optimistic about the rest of the season. Our morale is high and the boys are a tight knit team. The 14's Baseball team has performed extremely well. They are a team of talented enthusiastic players who show great team spirit. The season began with quite a few inexperienced players who have pulled together to produce some very impressive plays. Their steady nerve has seen them outclass many of their opponents.

Mr I Coulston



Front Row (L-R) D Wang, R Rosse, J Yang, H P Liu, H Nguyen, A Chung, M Tamas
Back Row (L-R) E Kwan, D Chan, A Solomon, D Ngo, J Ku, V Deng, Mr I Coulston

BASKETBALL - 1st GRADE MAROON 2nd GRADE MAROON

First and Second Grade Basketball, at the time of writing are both minor premiers of their competitions and are entering the finals series full of expectations of premierships, with the Firsts undefeated and the Seconds having suffered only one loss at the hands of the other Tech team. With their attention to detail and healthy attendances at training, both teams have deserved their successes so far. The first team formed the nucleus of the knockout team which was beaten (just) in the regional final, continuing Tech's successes in the statewide competitions. The boys' thanks here are extended to Mr Werner for his countless hours of quality coaching over many months – his sound knowledge of the game enabled the boys to display their best form in these games. All boys have contributed strongly to the wonderful record of four grand finals and three premierships (with another two to be added

this year we hope), but special mention should be made of Niksa Stanisic who has continued to play right through his HSC examinations and whose leadership is second to none, and Geordie McSullea who has gone on to represent the Regional side. The pace and alertness mixed with wonderful natural ability of all other team members has seen them consistently outplay all other comers.

The Seconds are a mix of raw talent, speed and enthusiasm and to manage them has been a great pleasure. What they lack in height, they more than make up for in heart and they have enjoyed each other's company immensely.

Mr T Trotman



First Grade Maroon

Front Row (L-R) B Yeung, G McSullea, N Stanisic, R Pillay
K Wong
Back Row (L-R) Mr T Trotman, W Kuo, B Chau, J Chong, M Bineth.



Second Grade Maroon

Front Row (L-R) M Chea, K Woon, R Zhang, Q Li, B Kam
Back Row (L-R) J Chu, F Viray, J Truong, Mr T Trotman

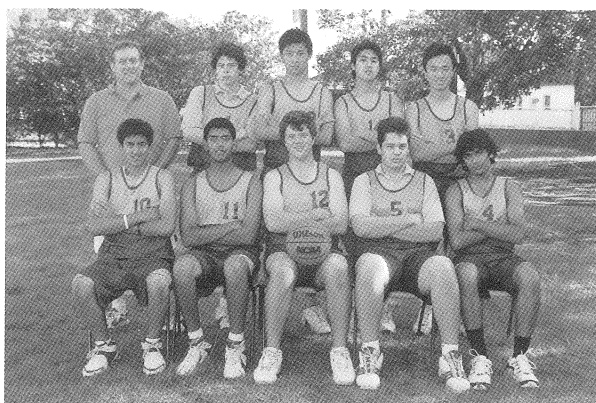
BASKETBALL – 1st GRADE BLUE

As I write (August), we are still to recommence the summer competition. There have been five games played to date with four wins and the single loss against Canterbury, who should make the final.

As always, all boys give one hundred percent, display great skills and sportsmanship and beg for more court time.

We all greatly anticipate our imminent clash with Mr Trotman's side and the Oracle has predicted a great victory. Leading goal scorer would be Rajan Rehan.

Mr S Parrish



Front Row (L-R) R Rehan, A Barathan, A Mujala, S Kuzmanovski, U Kalugelage
Back Row (L-R) Mr S Parrish, J Kirkpatrick, I Lee, V Teng, B Cheung

BASKETBALL - 2nd GRADE BLUE

As above, five games played, four wins and again the one loss against Canterbury. All players give 100% for all games and love the challenge and fun of every encounter. A special mention to Hany Georgy of Year 12 for his refereeing and playing this year and to Gary Cheung for his energy and passion.

Mr S Parrish



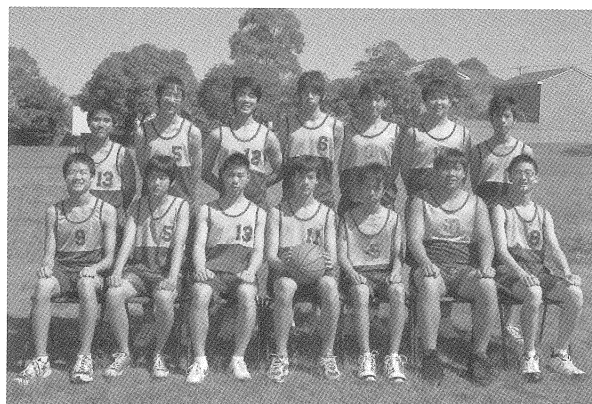
Front Row (L-R) Mr S Parrish, K Wu, H Georgy, N Karvountzis, J Koo
Back Row (L-R) G Cheung, F Georgy, F Fajilan, D Zhang

BASKETBALL – 15A AND 15B

We started the season with a team full of enthusiastic players. It was difficult to split the boys into A and B teams so many players floated from week to week. Success was not always forthcoming however the boys worked hard to ensure we were always competitive and we have

claimed some good wins. A successful year with an excellent display of sportsmanship each week.

Mrs Olsen



Front Row (L-R) L Duong, C Ha, G Ho, K Hodgson, T Zheng, R Trinh, A Duong
Back Row (L-R) T Tam, A Liu, J Gim, T Tran, A Wu, P Zhong, T Truong (Mrs Olsen – Coach)

BASKETBALL – 14A AND 14B

14A

At this stage of the season the Under 14A Basketball team has had a fairly successful campaign. The team has suffered one defeat, drawn one game while winning all of its other matches. This places the second on the ladder.

At the start of the year over forty boys' trialled for the U14 teams. The boys who were selected have proved to be very keen and committed. This has been demonstrated by the players turn up to the 7.30am Friday mornings training sessions.

Although it is pleasing winning the main purpose of training is to have the boys playing as a team and understanding basic basketball concepts. As a coach and a teacher it is pleasing to say the boys have clearly developed in a relatively short period of time.

Mr R Carter

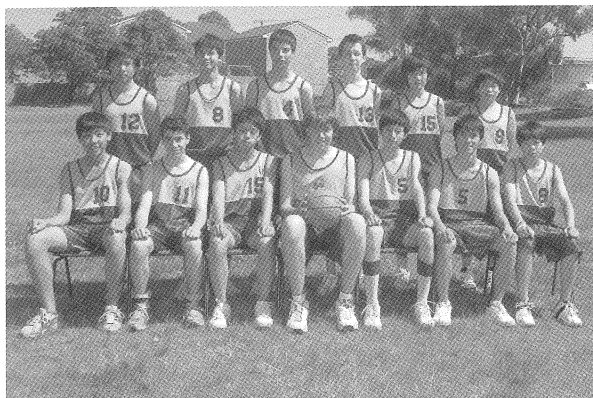
14B –

The Under 14B team is currently undefeated and sitting on top of the ladder. The team has a fairly health percentage. Some of their wins have been margins greater than 50. This is even more impressive when you consider some of the games only went for 20 minutes!

Like the U14A team there was a large number of students who trialled for the team at the start of the year. Although not a prerequisite the boys have been attending the Friday 7.30am training sessions.

The Under 14Bs have a few experienced players but majority of the boys are fairly new to basketball. Nathaniel Musters, Gorden Jiang, Jeremy Lim and Phi Ngo have provided the team with a height advantage over all the teams we have played.

Mr R Carter



Front Row (L-R) P Ngo, A Tsathas, K Nguyen, N Musters, G Jiang, J Nguyen
Back Row (L-R) M Jung, E Lee, J Lim, M Raikhman, B Mew, D Cheung (Mr R Carter -Coach)
Absent: C Yang, M Wong

BASKETBALL – 13A AND 13B

Things are looking promising for Tech basketball with both the A's and B's being undefeated in both competitions. Both grades have completely dominated every team they have played consistently winning by more than forty points. Things are looking promising for the finals and future seasons.

Mr P Werner



Front Row (L-R) R Zaklama, A Demayo, S Dzyuba, A Gujich, K Hoare, J Gaymer
Back Row (L-R) K Nguyen, A Xie, Y Lai, J Jang, G Liang, P Le, K Tang, R Arditti, C Chhoeu, Mr P Werner (Coach)

CRICKET – 1st GRADE

These fine young men play their cricket with determination, commitment to each other and sportsmanship.

At the time of writing, they are undefeated. They have played the first round of the Alan Davidson Shield, bowling at Kirrawee High School then achieving the runs, losing only three wickets. They are fine ambassadors for Sydney Tech.

Mr P Ward

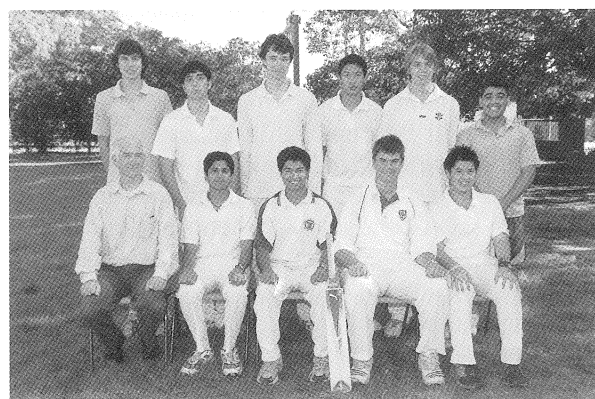


Front Row (L-R) E Edwin, V Kondepudi, M Brown, N Aftab, S Gupta, K Banos, Mr Ward
Back Row (L-R) J Koh, J Nguyen, D Papps, A Almeida, J Dhingra, B Singh, A Sanghera

CRICKET – 2nd GRADE

Composed of last year's first grade premierships stalwarts and Year 12 reborn cricketers, these veterans competed in first grade right up to the beginning of the HSC. Though the demands of study were great this team played a free spirited game under the inclusive leadership of Bijoy Joseph and enjoyed considerable success right to the end of their school days.

Mr K Short



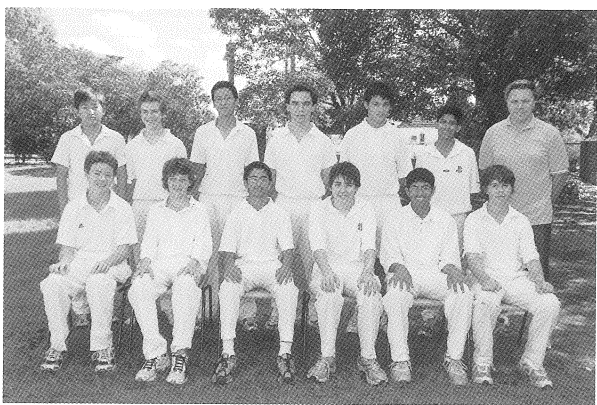
Front Row (L-R) Mr Short, C Selvaraj, B Joseph, B Newsom, D Truong
Back Row (L-R) A Lalchere, P Petrohilis, J Diment, H Luo, J Carolin, J Chalouhi
Absent – C Oliveira, S Cao

CRICKET – 3rd GRADE MAROON

The Third Grade Maroon team are progressing nicely in the competition, currently in 3rd place with the other Sydney Tech. team (Blue) ahead of them on the ladder. A finals position is not an impossibility if the second half of the season can produce a few more victories.

The team is well led by Prasad Kanitkar, while Tom Gallagher and Anith Mukherjee provide cricketing knowledge and experience.

N.Melvin (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) T Brewer, M Kiefel, P Kanitkar, T Gallagher, A Verma, J O'Gara
Back Row (L-R) E Lim, C Lyons, W Chau, S Gill, N Funai, A Mukherjee, Mr Melvin

CRICKET – 3rd GRADE BLUE

We have had a great start to the year and have not been challenged in the 3 games we have played so far. Excellent all round performances from Captain Nibir Kader and Vice Captain Karwin Rogers have helped our team get into unbeatable positions. Neil Sura has proved to be very potent with the new ball, and Jawaad Karim, despite the occasional erratic delivery, has taken some vital wickets later in the innings.

The whole team has worked well in the field, backing up our bowlers with skill, enthusiasm and encouragement. Our batting is yet to be seriously tested, though all the boys have shown that they have the skills necessary to hang around at the crease, as well as put runs on the board, giving us confidence in any situation.

N Parker

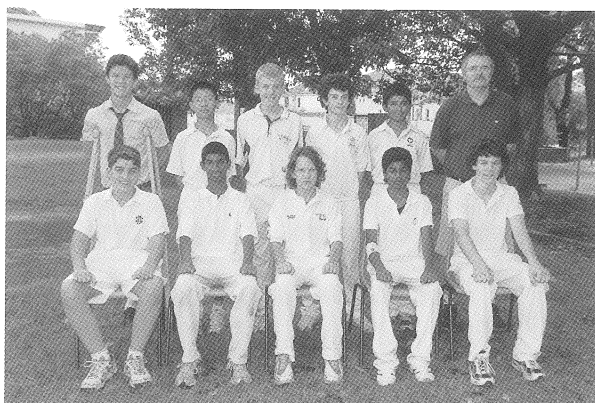


Front Row (L-R) S Hor, R Rahman, N Kader, K Rogers, J Karim, L Cowper
Back Row (L-R) N Narasimhan, T Islam, O Sane, A Imteaz, N Sura, A Ghosh, H Caines, Mr Parker

CRICKET – 14A

At this stage of the season we have had mixed results, a win against last year's 13A's premiers Peakhurst and a loss to James Cook. The team has the ability to do well and should go close to making the final.

Mr G Hempel



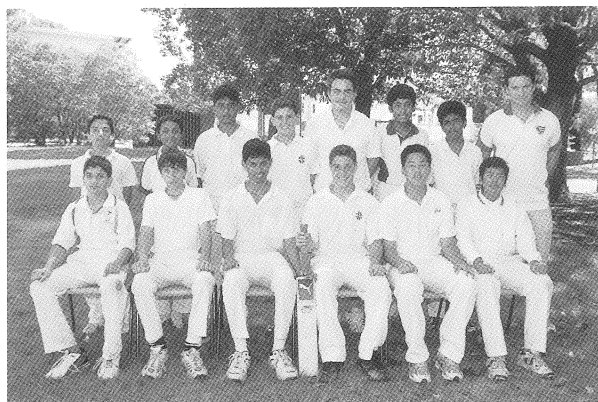
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Back Row (L-R) S Grennan, P Tran, H Burrows, D Rowley, M Hoque, Mr Hempel
Absent: F Suwan, J Horsburgh

CRICKET – 14B

After completing three matches Sydney Tech sits second on the ladder with two wins and one loss. The team enters the second half of the season with a realistic chance of winning this year's competition. With continued effort and a focus on getting the little things right, we can really push our main rivals, last year's premiers Belmore Boys'. Star performers so far have been Mrinal with the bat, and Anhar and Andrew with the ball. Again Marcus has proven to be a talented leader.

Remember boys, CATCHES WIN MATCHES!

Mr M Hewett



Front Row (L-R) A Baloch, M Cooper, M Chakravarthy, M Lo Russo, A Ha, N Haque
Back Row (L-R) S Verma, M Udaiyappan, A Jalal, G Tsihlis, V Radev, A Quazi, A Mehdad, Mr Hewett

CRICKET – 13A

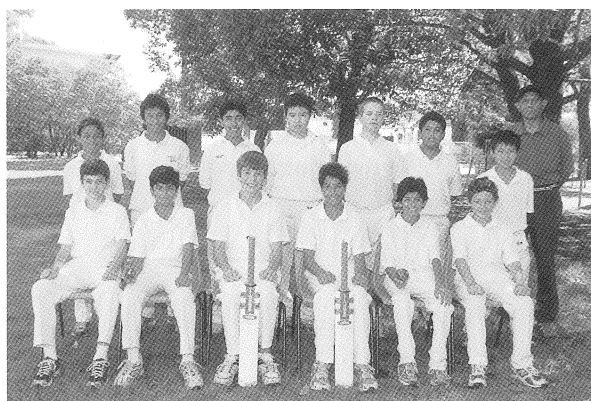
The Under 13A cricket team had a mixed season with a couple of wins and losses. The players enjoyed the season with the new Year 7's bonding well with the rest of the team. Everyone played well with some outstanding results.

The first game we played was against Kingsgrove High. Naveed and Hari batted together well, Naveed made 50 not out and Hari made 36 not out and retired. The second game we played to superb batting and bowling against Kogarah High to win the game outright. Our star performers were Chris Janssen scoring 28 not out and Vivek taking three wickets.

There was good batting from Gregory, Satyaki and Marcus as well as good bowling from Bora, Ranjeet and Chris Pinto. Also Kingston, Calvin and Fahad played very well.

We wouldn't have made it as far in the season without the commitment from these talented young boys.

Naveed Chowdury & Calvin He

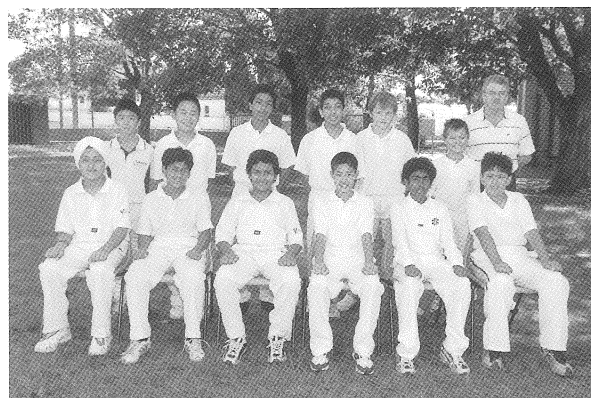


Front Row (L-R) B Guden, R Manjrekar, C Janssen, N Chowdhury, C Pinto, G Antoniadis
Back Row (L-R) H Bal, S Kar, V Choudhury, K Huynh, M Whitley, F Ahmed, C He, Mr Landsberger

CRICKET – 13B

The start of the season was disrupted to say the least. Only one full game was completed, and this resulted in a win against Kingsgrove High School. The team consists of Year 7 students, who are very keen and enthusiastic about their sport. At this stage the boys are showing a lot of promise and hopefully will string a few wins together in the second half of the season.

Mr A Hayes



Front Row (L-R) R Dhillon, A Sarkar, R Tarique, A Ho, S Mondal, S Menovic
Back Row (L-R) S Fok, J Mo, S Hussain, R Morshedi, G Warren, M Hobday
Absent: S Suresh-Babu

MINI SOCCER – 14A

The 14A's began the season with a thrilling forfeit win. Unfortunately our next match performances did not match up to our courage and determination. This at least held for the entire season. Even though we knew we were definitely not the best team, that did not stop our heroic team spirit.

Mention needs to be made of Johnathon Ahladiotis for his leadership and star performance

on the field and to Josh O’Gara for being a brilliant defender all season.

Thomas Rusbatch, Vice Captain
Mr B Derwent (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) A Attia, J Ahladiotis, J O’Gara, T Rusbatch, J Tran
Back Row (L-R) A Bhattacharjee, Mr B Derwent (Coach) S Smith

MINI SOCCER – 14B

We had a magnificent start to the season, winning by default. After that we had a series of close runs but success eluded us after that. We certainly tried our best as a team but our season was not stunning.

Players who deserve mention are Ravi Singh, our leading scorer and Robert Tan for leadership in defence. Furian Huang was a very competent keeper and forward.

We still had fun and certainly lost in style.

Bayee Wang , Captain and the Team



Front Row (L-R) R Tan, V Fu, B Wang, F Huang, A Ahmed
Back Row (L-R) A Wilson, R Singh, H Minh, Mr B Derwent

MINI SOCCER – 13A

The 13A team, captained by Mitch Colak, has had mixed success so far, with many very close games. All boys have played fairly and seriously and are to be congratulated on their efforts and good sportsmanship.

Mr B Reynolds



Front Row (L-R) B Reynolds, W Cai, M Colak, K Boskovic, T Matthews
Back Row (L-R) R Sedrak, L Chung, J Han, M Al Abbasi, K Tan, Mr B Reynolds (Coach)

MINI SOCCER – 13B

The 13B team, captained by Harry Lee, has come up against some tough competition so far. However, all games have had very close scores, an indication of the efforts put in by all team members at all times. They have displayed good sportsmanship throughout the season.

Mr B Reynolds



Front Row (L-R) M Tran, A Mok, H Lee, D Pan, P Tai
Back Row (L-R) R Sedrak, J Woo, J Lee Mr Reynolds
Absent: J Cox, M Nikolovski

OPEN SOFTBALL

The Open Softball team has had a very good season with no losses at this stage. The game is always played with a great deal of enthusiasm and great sportsmanship under sometimes adverse conditions. Under the direction and guidance of our two year 12 boys, Wayne and Yuto, our boys have consistently remained focussed and employed sound game strategies to overcome some powerful opposition. Well done boys.

Mr B Mulholland



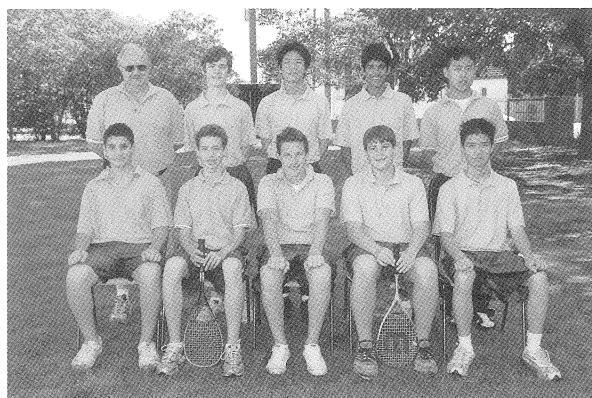
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Back Row (L-R) L Cooper, R Singh, Y Nakayama, S Haque, J Hazelton, B Mulholland

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 referring 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



Front Row (L-R) M Dahoud, D Baker, J Billiris, A Davis, W T That
Back Row (L-R) Mr Simmonds, T Murray, A Ong, A Arif, B Ng
Absent E Yeung

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN A & OPEN B

As always, the boys in the Open A1 and B1 Table Tennis teams played well over the course of the summer competition. All the boys should be proud of how they played. Our youngest player, Jonathan (Year 7) is sure to be a force to be reckoned with in later years.

I would especially like to thank our year 12 boys, Sam, Hai and Martin for their years of sportsmanship and sense of fun.

Congratulations to all.

Ms J Goodman (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) G Ou, K Lam, W Lo, V Pandit, A Kumar, Ms J Goodman (Coach)
Back Row (L-R) J Wong, G Claps, S Chung, W Low
Absent: H Au, M Mock

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN C & OPEN D

C Grade

After six rounds back in term 1 the C grade team had two wins and four losses to be in equal 4th place. But with the resumption of the competition in term 3 they have had two more wins and are moving up the competition ladder.

D Grade

The mighty 'D's were a clear first after six rounds with five wins and only one loss. Term 3 saw a win and a loss to leave the team well placed for a semi final spot.

Mr G Hughes



Front Row (L-R) Mr Hughes, M Mah, G Zhu, E Zhang, P Yang, P Chan
Back Row (L-R) A Fang, M Fripp, D Lam, A Ta, A Cheng

TABLE TENNIS – 14A & 14B

14A

With a mix of experienced and novice players the team began the competition tentatively, losing the first two matches, but won the remaining games well. The experience of Quentin and Matthew showed clearly and helped to get us through some tight situations. Solid performances by William and Brian were appreciated greatly and the strong improvement in skills shown by Abram and Adrian was very evident in the last match against Blakehurst when we came very close to winning.

Ms D Nelson - Coach

14B

This team of largely inexperienced, but enthusiastic players can only get better from here on. Led by the competent William Su, the boys have not had a lot to celebrate so far but have shown great promise and terrific sportsmanship.

They had a great win against Kingsgrove North and a close game with Belmore .but whatever the season brings I am sure they will always do their best.

Ms D Nelson - Coach



Front Row (L-R) M Duong, A Rizkalla, W Phung, A Walker, Q Xu, B Tam, Ms D Nelson
Back Row (L-R) A Chan, F Phu, D Chiu, J Davies, W Su, J Martin

TABLE TENNIS – 14C AND 14D

Our boys are to be congratulated on this season's performance. Both the C and D under 14's table tennis teams have been undefeated so far this year. The quality of the boys' play and their sportsmanship has been excellent. Each team member has negotiated a very fair sharing of play times and positions in order to allow all team members to demonstrate their skills. Their play has been exciting and intelligent with very effective doubles combinations showing a true STHS spirit.

Mrs B Engel



Front Row **14C** (L-R) M Chen, P Tran, R Hoang, P S Low, Keith Wong, K Nguyen
Back Row **14D** (L-R) W Zou, L Zhu, C Liang, O Wang, C Chung, R Choi

TOUCH – OPEN A

The 2007 season has been an enjoyable one. The team has been competitive throughout the season and should make the final. The combination of enthusiasm, skill and determination inspired many victories. Fine wins were achieved by a committed effort in defense and a willingness to throw the ball around in attack. The team has always displayed great sportsmanship on and off the field. The coach's award went to John Vu.

Mr Gowan



Front Row: (L-R) N Lee, P Faraj, J Vallis, J Song, D Truong
Back Row: (L-R) Mr A Gowan, T Lee, T Shepherd, S McSheane, A Douskou
Absent: W Kuok, J Vu

TOUCH – OPEN B

The Open B Touch football team for Tech this year comprised of entirely Year 10 boys. Although this was our first season in the Opens competition, many of the boys had played Touch before which enabled the team to settled in quite well when playing against the older students from the other schools.

The team had a few wins during the season and we benefited greatly from a couple of forfeits from our opposing schools however we never seem to be able to beat James Cook who was undefeated in this competition. I was particularly impressed with the spirit and encouragement you all displayed each game and even more so during the times when you were loosing by several tries as this never seem to deter you guys from giving up.

Thanks boys for a great season of Touch football. I hope you all return to Touch in Year 11 and I thank you for your conduct and sportsmanship towards the opposing teams each week.

Mr N Stokes – Coach



Front Row (L-R) D Tran, L Cullen, C Roberts, E Vallis, G Ng, G Kim
Back Row (L-R) Mr Stokes, M Hillman, S Green, B Middleton, M Ho, D Chiu, L Szczepanski

TOUCH – 14A

As I write this report we are about to start the second half of this year's competition. In the first half of the year, the boys were unlucky not to record a win, but their skills levels are increasing at a fast pace. They are also beginning to learn the tactics of this fast game and with every game they are closing in on their opponents.

In fact, in their last game before the winter break, they were right in the game up until the final whistle, but the fast Kogarah backline were able to scoot around our defence to score with 30 seconds remaining.

I look forward to the remainder of the season and it is hoped that we may be able to register some wins before the season is out.

Mr M Bellamy



Front Row (L-R) A Lin, M Si, J Lee, E Lu, I Matthews, C Rezcallah
Back Row (L-R) E Jung, K Zheng, R Ngai, Mr M Bellamy, B Duong, E Tran, H Hamwi

VOLLEYBALL – OPEN A

The Open A team is a group of seasoned campaigners who apply themselves to the sport with intensity and determination. At this point in

the competition they are leading. It is impressive to see the playing skills and the sportsmanship with which they play. Their success no doubt is also due to the teamwork displayed, the support and encouragement given to each team member. Congratulations boys for the skill and manner in which the game is played.

Mr D Towner



Front Row (L-R) A Charlton, D Uong, R D'Angelo, F Zhou, T Da Silva
Back Row (L-R) A Mahmoud, C Tomic, N Tam, Mr D Towner
Absent: Chis Lee

VOLLEYBALL – OPEN B BLUE

It has been a very good season. The team has made it to the final. Kelvin has lead the team by example. Simon, Jacky and John have been three great team players. Edward and Nathan have won sets with their consistent serving. Garson, Kevin and Nicholas have been dangerous from the serving line to the net. A great team.

I have been very happy to be their coach.

Mr B Cranston



Front Row (L-R) J Chan, G Zhong, K Man, K Lau, J Cho
Back Row (L-R) N Chiu, S Farah, N Huang, E Quach, Mr B Cranston

VOLLEYBALL – OPEN B MAROON

This season has proved to be both a challenging yet rewarding one. We started the season with, it seems, less experience than our opponents and, needless to say, we have had our fair share of losses. The positive thing that has come out of it was that we have never thrown in the towel, we have always worked as a team and that we have maintained the belief that we are capable of beating every team in the competition. The problem seems to be our basic volleyball skills, such as serving consistency, controlled digs and set shots and service return positions. I am pleased to report that we are currently specialising in these areas, and I am looking forward to a more successful second half of the season as a result. Congratulations must go to the boys on their tenacity, and their support of other team mates. It has been an enjoyable team to coach.

Mr P Graham



Front Row (L-R) V Chang, A Yeung, H Mustafa, J Mohammed Rahim
Back Row (L-R) Mr Graham, A Plotnic, S Bin Kalam, H Singh
Absent: D Singh

VOLLEYBALL – 14s

After a period of time when there looked to be no chance of a 14 Yrs Volleyball team an excitable group of boys just appeared. I have to say it is a pleasure to coach and watch them play with such enthusiasm and vitality. At this stage they are competing very strongly in their grade and are developing their skills quite quickly. It is a credit to the boys that they have been arriving early to school for volleyball training on Thursday mornings. Each game shows marked improvement and now they are starting to outscore some of the more fancied teams. Well done boys!

Mr D Towner



Front Row (L-R) M Raikhman, K Song, A Chen, K Kim, S Vu, D Cha
Back Row (L-R) M Chen, H Nguyen, B Lam, B Chen, K Quach

WATER POLO – OPEN A & JUNIOR A

The interest in Water Polo continues at this school with one junior and two senior teams enjoying the game and facilities at Sutherland this season.

Our junior boys have shown marked improvement due to their weekly tussles with Carlingbah High and will form the basis of Tech's future knock-out teams.

The two senior teams enjoy their weekly battles against each other and have proudly represented our school in the knock out competition earlier this year.

I commend the boys on their positive attitude towards the sport and the competitive edge and sportsmanship they have shown throughout the season.

Mr M Sender



Junior A

Front Row (L-R) J Hanna, N Chiu, S Elnajar, K Seed
Back Row (L-R) Mr M Sender, A Sehic, R Pearson, R Xing, C Wong



Open A

Front Row (L-R) D Prodromou, A Burrell, N Hallasso, S Wynn, J Vu, H Avila, M Dwyer
Back Row (L-R) A Bull, B Jones, M Low, I Lubaric, J Smith, D Perkovic, D Yeung, Mr M Sender

NON-COMPETITIVE SPORT

SAILING

Over the last two summers the school has introduced sailing as a summer sport. This year we had 22 students ranging from years 7 to 11 enjoying the sport and getting pretty wet while doing so. Sailing is conducted at St George Sailing Club with coaching given by the clubs sailing school instructor. The students have learnt to rig the boats and successfully sail them. In the space of a few weeks most of the complete beginners could manage to almost sail in a straight line, turn the boat and return to their starting point while only capsizing four or five times in the process.

Mr G Palmer



Chris Stebbings and William Rusbatch "flying to the finish"

WINTER SPORT

AUSSIE RULES – 13 Years Runners-up

Last year Sydney Tech entered two teams in an U14 competition. This was the first time AFL has been a grade sport in the St George Secondary School Association. This year U13 and U15 competitions were conducted with Tech providing teams for both grades.

The majority of the boys in the Sydney Tech U13 team, 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.

The matches were played in half a full size AFL field. All the games were conducted at a fixed venue, Olds Park. Last year there were 3 games played on the ground at the same time. This year, larger grounds suited our physically smaller but quicker players.

At the start of the season Blakehurst HS were clearly the dominant team. Several members of the Blakehurst team play AFL on the weekend, giving them a clear advantage. As the winter season progressed the Tech team, and individuals within the team, improved markedly.

There was little doubt that the two best U13 teams, Blakehurst and Tech, deserved to play each other on Grand Final day. The first 10 minutes of the Grand Final was played at a furious pace. The AFL skills and physical clashes were also worthy of a grand final. Although Tech rose to the big occasion, Blakehurst also produced their best football for the season. The final score was Blakehurst 7-7- 49 to Sydney Tech 3-7- 27. Best players Sydney Tech: Sam Hanna, Dury Whang Bo and Sasha Menovic.

Best player for the season was Sam Hanna. Sam demonstrated tremendous versatility to play any position. His kicking skills and overhead marking was a feature of his game.

A special thanks to the AFL (NSW/ACT) who supplied staff who trained the boys from all the participating schools. The AFL's staff acted as umpires for the duration of the competition.

At the competition's conclusion all boys were presented with an AFL ball, the compliments of AFL (NSW/ACT).

Mr R Carter



Front Row (L-R) V Tam, J Leung, D Whang Bo, S Menovic, H Xing, S Hanna
Back Row (L-R) J Wang, K Tan, J Power, G Wang, D Nguyen, Mr N Parker
Absent: Mr R Carter (Replacement Coach)

AUSSIE RULES – 15 Years Runners-up

The final was the most notable and exciting game of the year. Having lost 3 times to the undefeated James Cook during the season, our Tech boys suddenly gelled to look, and play, like a real football team. On the three previous meetings the score lines were quite unflattering, and any regular team would have given up on any chance of winning the final. Our boys refused to lay down and took a new game plan into the match: with the much bigger, and perhaps more skilled opposition, Tech decided to use our superior pace and fitness to play a fast flowing running game, and fell agonisingly short of victory.

At half time, James Cook led 34-33. They were visibly shaken by the quality of play that our boys brought on the day. Midway through the second half, Tech had the game all but wrapped up with a 3 goal lead, though signs of fatigue were creeping in. To James Cook's credit, they kept trying, coming home strong up until the full time whistle. After some confusion, the scores ended up locked at 64-64. Tech went into extra time with all guns blazing, determined to gain the victory they'd been waiting for all season, but James Cook managed to hit the lead with under a minute remaining, and held on to win by one goal.

Final Score: James Cook 12 – 11 – 83
STHS 12 – 5 – 77

It was extremely pleasing to see how well all of our boys played in the final. In Cricket they talk about a 'Captain's Knock', and the equivalent could definitely be said of Nick Karvountzis' outstanding and determined effort in leading his team in the final. It was difficult to single out our best players, as each and every one of them put in performances well above all expectations. Next year, boys, *next year!*

The smallest forward line in history, namely Siddarth Madiwale and Nitin Narasimhan, worked very well together to get the ball to each other in space and found the goals with a high level of accuracy. Emerson Lee and Samiul Haque showed their ability to be effective all around the ground, providing fresh legs to our midfield. Big Nathaniel Musters used his size to good effect, and he's the only man I've known who can handball further than he can kick. Lewis Cowper showed us the skills he always told us he had, taking several overhead marks, and even managed to kick a few goals. Gordon Jiang was an effective interchange player, despite carrying a slight leg injury. Nick Karvountzis provided much needed drive out of our half backline, with excellent delivery towards our goals. William Chau and Naveed Chowdhury worked hard crumbing around the centre, while Shariful Issa proved to be a secret weapon with his hard ball getting ability, also chipping in for an outstanding goal on the run in extra time. Tristan Tam and Peter Le gave away several inches on the back line, but marked well, spoiled well, and crumbed even better to keep the pressure on the James Cook forwards, which was clearly shown on the scoreboard with their inaccurate goal kicking. An outstanding team effort, and to top it off the boys were gallant in defeat, never questioning the umpire or scorers.



Mr N Parker

(First Coach), W Chau, S Madiwale, N Chowdhury
Back Row (L-R) T Tam, P Le, M Chakravarthy, N Musters, S Haque, L Cowper
Absent: Mr N Parker (Replacement Coach)

BASEBALL – OPEN A - Premiers

It was good to see the proud tradition of Year 12 students playing Baseball continuing, with Sherman, Shaun, James and Yuto selflessly sharing their experience and professionalism with our developing players.

We had the luxury of having the best pitcher/catcher combination in the competition, but more often than not, we started with Elisha, Najeeb, Shaun and even Yuto at the mound, and we slotted in Bill and Elisha behind the plate,

giving our team great versatility. With a wealth of experience and talent, it was not surprising for us to be the competition pacesetters, but I feel the most important aspects were that we never took an opposition lightly, or treated them with contempt when the game was in safe hands.

The highlights of the season were Adam's unhittable pitching, Yuto's safe catching, Shaun's outfield work, Sherman's amazing reach, Bill's running between bases and the whole team remaining calm when put under pressure. A good gauge of how this team performed, was when we played Menai High School, in the state knockout competitions. While the end result was not our way, skill wise, we were not out of our depth, and we all soaked up the invaluable learning experience.

I thank all boys for a very enjoyable season, they were all great ambassadors for our school, and fully deserve to achieve yet another title.

I hope Steven, Bill, Kelvin, Chris and Elisha can keep the flag flying next season.

Mr. P. Graham (coach)

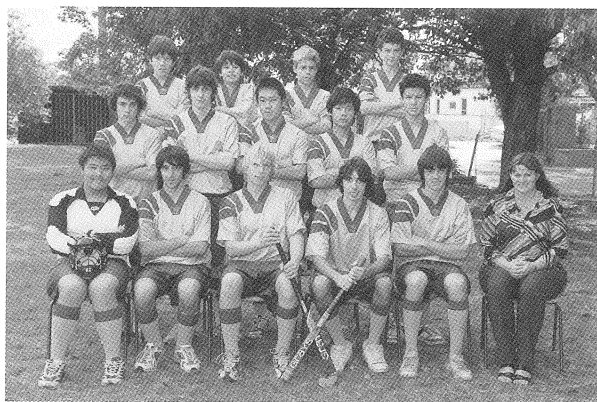


Front Row (L-R) S Lam, Y Nakayama, A Fong, S McCheane, S. Lew
Back Row (L-R) Mr P Graham, B Ng, K Man, J Osona
Absent C Lee, N Aftab, E Edwin, F Zhou

HOCKEY

A slow start to the season with some new hockey players and a young team in comparison to most schools. After some initial losses the boys improved substantially in the second half of the competition. Unfortunately we were defeated in the semi-final, however with the boys keen to return next year we will definitely be more competitive. Well done guys and good luck next year.

Mrs Olsen



Front Row (L-R) S Chen, K Banos, A Burrell, J Grosvenor, W Rusbatch, Mrs A Olsen
Middle Row (L-R) R Stewart, T Campbell, N Chau, L Puang, S Grennan
Back Row (L-R) J Ball, K Romberg-Yee, J Yakoubi, D Rowley,

RUGBY LEAGUE – OPEN

Our opponents were consistently amazed by the quality of Tech rugby league players. They would arrive over confident, expecting an easy win and often leave with their tails between their legs. The best thing is that they started to show us some respect; a respect earned by the boys who are playing consistently good footy. The 15/16 years grade team just missed the semi finals this year. They put together some wonderful performances like a 24-6 victory over Kingsgrove and a 28-4 thrashing of Belmore. A few less missed tackles at crucial stages would have seen us in the semis. The open boys contested two knockouts. In the University Shield we narrowly lost to Caringbah High in round 1. In the Arrive Alive Cup we comprehensively defeated Kogarah High in round 1 and went down to Kogarah Marist in round 2. Most boys trained hard before school on Thursdays and this saw big improvements in their skills and tactical knowledge. Thanks for an enjoyable season boys, see you at training next year.

Mr M. Hewett



Front Row (L-R) R Rahman, K Rogers, M Low, A Sara, P Jaruwattanap, R Trinh, F Georgy
Middle Row (L-R) J Vallis (Assistant Coach), S Hor, M Bineth, A Hraiki, A Almeida, B Singh, S Trinh, A Tran, J Cho
Back Row (L-R) G Cheung (Captain), J Herren, T Islam, J Gim, G Kim, E Vallis, S Green
Absent: M Hewett (Coach), J Billiris, A Davis, K Hodgson, R Ayoubi, D Papps, G McSullea (Assistant coach)

RUGBY LEAGUE – 14 YEARS Premiers

The final whistle sounded, heads turned, players exchanged glances could it be true?

YES Tech had become RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERS for the first time since 1991.

The season got off to a horrible start when super coach Shaun McRae got his game plan all wrong and was subsequently transferred to the minor leagues in England. From this point on the boys did not look back winning all but one of their games.

The semi-finals brought us up against the undefeated giant Pacific Islander team from Belmore. The boys showed great skill and enthusiasm leading from the outset. The final against Blakehurst brought different challenges because not only were they big but they were also an organized and skillful team. In a tight game, our ability to use the ball better got us home 12-8.

It has been an excellent year for the U14 team. Not only did they win the zone competition but they also won the St George gala day going on to represent the region at the NSW All Schools championships. The boys quickly discovered that certain areas of Sydney had different things in the water as we encountered several David vs Goliath scenarios. As always the boys did not let themselves or the school down winning two matches and losing their only match narrowly against last years winners, Fairfield Patrician Brothers.

It is hard to mention individual players. At various times during the season different players lifted the

team. There was truly no weak links and it was a great team effort all round.

Mr P Werner



Front Row (L-R) N Kader, A Chen, B Lam, J Dickson, S Vu, E Lim
Middle Row (L-R) S Kuscs, A Truong, S Elnajar, R Blair, Mr P Werner (Coach)
Back Row (L-R) P Kanitkar, A Domadius, N Smith, K Nguuyen, M Jung, K Nguyen

RUGBY LEAGUE – 13 YEARS

The Under 13s had a challenging season, only winning one game but they did manage to avoid the wooden spoon. Nevertheless, they had two very successful days in the Round Robin competitions, the inaugural Shaun Timmins Shield (for Year 7 students only) and the St.George Knockout, winning more games than they lost. Consistent players for the year included Vincent Fu, Greg Antoniadis, Matthew Cooper, Kevin Nguyen, James Lee, Lawlex Chung and Marcus Whitely. Best & Fairest was Mohamad Al Abassi, who scored some great tries by catching Lawlex Chung's bombs.

Mr N Melvin – Coach



Front Row (L-R) D Wang, V Chowdhury, V Fu, L Chung, C Chhoeu, R Sarkar
Middle Row (L-R) A Baloch, J Lee, J Jung, S Dzyuba, M Al Abassi, K Huynh, J Akkari
Back Row: (L-R) G Antoniadis, K Nguyen, M Whitley, M Cooper, G Zhang, I Lai
Absent: Mr N Melvin (Coach)

SOCCER – 1ST GRADE – Runners up

The end of a long time together as a team for a lot of these boys has unfortunately ended in disappointment, with the firsts unable to reproduce the winning feeling from last year. Beaten for only the second time in the year, it was a case of so close yet so far as the side went down in the 19th minute (out of 20) of extra time, to a goal so against the run of play over the other 88 minutes as to be hard to believe. Yet such is the game of soccer. The boys may well look back on a year where they were beaten in the Regional final in the Commonwealth Bank and where they always acquitted themselves impeccably and say that they had their own success. They and I have enjoyed each other's company. Their style of play was always of high quality and it is to be hoped the newcomers into the team this year take this style into the next campaign. All the best.



Front Row (L-R) J Devcic, i Luburic, L Michaels (Captain) George Sclavos, C Oliverira, J Chaloui
Middle Row: (L-R) R Sedrak, S Drinkwater, A Douskou, M Antonelli, P Faraj, Mr T Trotman
Back Row: (L-R) D Prodromou, M Dwyer, V Wong, S Faulkner, R. D'Angelo, D Davidov

SOCCER – 2ND GRADE WHITE

Another season has ended and a successful one for this fine team. The season began with a gritty win over Peakhurst and a loss to James Cook. We then won every game played (weather permitting) up to the semi-finals, including some tight local derbies against fellow Sydney Tech teams

We had a very skilful bunch including some new players so the scene was set for a tough semi-final showdown against Peakhurst. Although they had the better of possession and squandered many chances, we equalised before half time after conceding an earlier soft goal.

The second half was very competitive but despite giving their all in attack and defence our boys went down 2 – 1. Our team can look back at the season with their heads held high. Not only did

they play attractive and competitive football, but always conducted themselves with the highest level of sportsmanship and did, not only themselves, but their school name proud.

M. Sender (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) M Hillman, N Shariful, L Cooper, D Chiu, G Issa

Back Row (L-R) Mr M Sender (Coach), M Yoon, L Cullen, A Yeung, S Tan, H Singh

Absent: J Stamenkovic, K Cheah, A Charlton, T Da Silva

SOCCER – 2ND GRADE BLUE

The 2nd Grade Blue team was entirely made up of enthusiastic and dedicated Year 12 students, many of whom have played grade soccer since their arrival at this school.

It was great to see you all having fun each week and you are to be commended on the sportsmanship each of you showed among both yourselves and the opposing teams in the competition.

The season had some memorable moments such as the game against Hurstville involving Steven Cao and a player from Hurstville. In this particular game you all held it together extremely well under the circumstances. The games against Peakhurst were challenging as they were of a similar standard to us but the most entertaining games of all were the ones played against our fellow techies. We ended up winning both games when we played against the other Year 12 team but lost to the Year 11 side with one loss and a forfeit.

Overall it has been a real pleasure to coach you all in Grade soccer for your final year at school.

Mr. N. Stokes (Coach)



Front Row (L-R) H Luo, B Liu, D Truong, B Li, C Ong, M Tjaja, J Vu

Back Row (L-R) K Xu, P Kim, S Cao, A Kim, D Nikolic, W Kwok, J Song, Mr N Stokes (Coach)

SOCCER – 2ND GRADE MAROON

In a school filled with prodigious sporting talent, one team bucked the trend with its blend of unco's, misfits and Petro's. Led by the massive presence of Ben Newsome, the 2nd Grade Maroons were a breath of fresh air in a school used to sporting skill and achievement.

Carved from the stone of the defunct 1st Grade Rugby League and decorated with soccer greats such as James Diment, the Maroons had low expectations from the start. Boy, did they live up to those expectations. Early on we appointed Mrs Haitidis as Supreme Commander, an appointment met with extreme smugness, as a soccer mind as great as Mrs Haitidis' would surely spur the side onto greatness.

Before long the side had shown its true potential, losing its first match in a landslide and not getting much better after that. While the Maroons were tinkering with their side, including an ill-fated stint at goalie for Peter Petrohilos, their rivals, the evil 2nd Grade Blues were impressing with their slick skills. The stage was set for a grand battle with the winner taking all.

In short, the Maroons suffered a horrific defeat. 3-0 was the final score in an often spiteful clash. After the defeat the Maroons were left the task of regrouping while the Blues lorded it over their opponents for weeks. In the much awaited rematch, refereed superbly by Tom Shepherd, the Maroons emerged victorious by a score of 3-1 and their manifest destiny, to defeat the blues in the heat of battle, was achieved.

Thomas Shepherd



Front Row (L-R) W Aguiar, J Li, P Petrohilos, B Newsome, B Cheung, B Joseph
Back Row (L-R) A Rizk, T Shepherd, J Carolin, A Mujala, D Moules, Ms J Haitidis

SOCCKER – 15B1

The luck of the draw and the wet weather did not help us. Although we either beat or drew with three of the semi-finalists we could not make the semi-finals.

The boys displayed fine individual skills but at times had trouble combining them in a team situation. The best game was in the Turner Plate where we played excellent soccer to lead 2 – 0 before eventually losing to Gynea.

G. Hempel



Front Row (L-R) T Tran, B Power, J O'Gara, A Ha, P Zhong
Middle Row (L-R) J Shin, K Song, A Noh, M Wong, Mr G Hempel (Coach)
Back Row (L-R) A Gosh, N Sura, A Attia, O Sane, J Ahladiotis

SOCCKER – 15B2

This fine group of enthusiastic soccer players approached every match with a positive attitude and strove to improve their performance a little each game. The season was not a success points wise but the under 15 B2's reached the pinnacle in terms of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

Mr. Coulston.



Front Row (L-R) C Huang, A Liu, T Truong, K Kim, M Lim, C Zhang
Back Row (L-R) C Lyons, S Tran, P Ngo, D Cha, E Zhang, N Han, E Li, Mr Coulston

SOCCKER – 14A

The team showed great potential and enthusiasm. The boys enjoyed a competitive season where most games were close in score and challenging in nature. Throughout the season we improved our skills. When the boys got control of the ball, kept it on the ground and looked for the pass they were dangerous. We finished the season strong and made the semis. Our final against Peakhurst was our best game. We were continually first to the ball and scored first. Peakhurst eventually won in a hard fought final through some individual work by a few players. Congratulations to the way the season finished. Many players realized they were better players than they first thought. The coach's award went to Vangel Radev.

Mr A Gowan



Front Row (L-R) J Lim, V Radev, H Nguyen, F Suwan, P Prabakaran, H Burrows
Back Row (L-R) Mr A Gowan, J O'Gara, T Rusbatch, P Tsihlis, A Tsathas, A Solomon, J Foster-Pullman, S Verma
Absent: A Rorris

SOCCER - 14B

The 14 B soccer team enjoyed a very keen and competitive competition season. The team enjoyed a good deal of success finishing in fourth place after the preliminary rounds. The semi-finals saw us drawn against first placed Kogarah. Despite being on the wrong side of a 4-0 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.



Front Row (L-R) R Singh, R Tan, D Stewart, A Lazarou, M Quan
Middle Row (L-R) T Islam, C Han, H Dinh, B Wang, K Chan, A Choy (Mr J Simmonds -Coach)
Back Row (L-R) P Nicholas, A Jalal, F Huang, E Lu, A Mehdad, G Tsihlis

SOCCER – 13A - Premiers

These players are the undefeated 13A Premiers for 2007. They convincingly won their final 4-0. They played their football with skill, determination and self discipline. It was very satisfying for the coach to see them develop as a team and as young men. They played with sportsmanship and commitment to each other. They were very ably led by their captain, Marcus Lo Russo. It is hoped that they will remember the significant achievement of this winter of football for the rest of their lives.

Mr P Ward



Front Row (L-R) K Boscovic, A Nguyen, A Bhattacharjee, C Janssen, M Lo Russo, G Liang, Mr P Ward
Back Row (L-R) C He, S Nguyen, S Kar, M Colak, R Arditti, A Walker, C Pinto, A Huang

SOCCER – 13B – Runners-up

The 13B soccer team had a very rewarding season. Strong performances throughout the year had us at only one loss until the grand final where we were beaten by Belmore. The boys constantly improved their teamwork skills and always played with a positive attitude and good spirits. The highest goal scorers were Elliot and Jinnu, with consistently strong performances from Alex, Mark, Harry, Vincent and Stephen.

Mr B Mulholland



Front Row (L-R) J Han, H Liu, M Phung, S Mordal, E Kwan, S Fok
Back Row (L-R) B Guden, A Ho, V Deng, H Bal, R Morshedi, T Matthews, W Cai

SOCCER – 13C

I am very proud of this team who played hard all season. They made it to the semi finals because of their determination. Every player improved their game through out the season with personal bests being achieved with each new game. I hope everyone in the team will continue to play soccer in the future. Well done boys.

B. Cranston

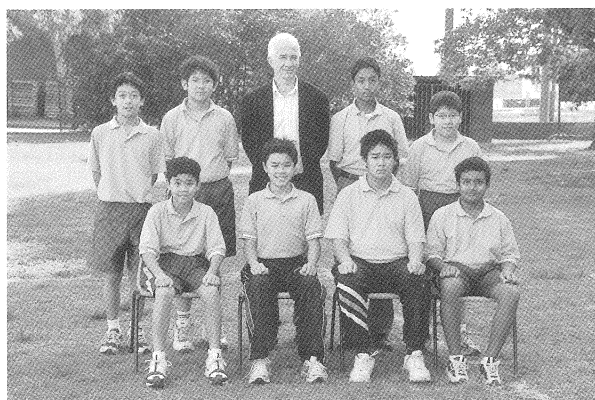


Front Row (L-R) Mr B Cranston, e Jung, J Cox, P Tai, A Nambiran
Back Row (L-R) D pan, G Pasas, M Zou, A La, W Zou
Absent: O Hillsmith, M Chen, S Scander, L Sun, R Martinez

SOFTBALL – UNDER 14

These boys achieved well in what was for some their first experience of the game. Team spirit and co-operation enabled them to quickly learn the basics and begin to play forcefully. During the year they beat each of the other teams at least once and made the qualifying final losing to premiers, James Cook 6-10. All players demonstrated talent swinging the bat and the consistency of our line up was the envy of other teams. Captain Adrian Duong maintained team atmosphere with his calm manner on the mound. He led well by example and was capably assisted by William and Aaron. Mark Tran developed into an excellent outfielder taking a couple of crucial catches. All players improved their skills and we look forward to building on this season in 2008. Congratulations on a good team effort.

Mr K Short



Front Row (L-R) M Tran, L Fung, W Phung, R Tarique
Back Row (L-R) I Yuan, Y Lai, Mr K Short (Manager), A Quazi, R Cheung
Absent: A Gugich, A Duong (Captain)

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN A & OPEN B

Open A - Premiers

After only losing two games the A Team met Kingsgrove North in the semi finals and won 7-0. Blakehurst High School was our opponent in the final and tension was high as they won 4-3 in our last encounter. Adrien and Brian won their doubles as did Andrew and Eric. But Blakehurst won the next two games making it 2 all. Brian and Eric then put the match beyond doubt with a win a piece. Well done to a team of enthusiastic and skilful players.

Open B

With four wins and five losses the B's just made the semis against Kingsgrove. It was neck and neck with a 3 all game score so the games of 1 and 2 doubles was to be the tester. Alas, Tech went down for a 4-3 loss and the end of their competition for 2007. Well done to all players.

Mr G Hughes



Front Row (L-R) OPEN A A Yuen, A Wu, E Pan, B So, A Nelson
Back Row (L-R) OPEN B S Jiang, P Lai, A Zhu, A Wu, K Yao

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN C & OPEN D

Open C – Premiers

The team played well throughout the season, showing improvement in their game skills brought about by regular practice and a really positive effort.

Having played Belmore twice during the competition with one win and one loss, the players went into the final against Belmore with determination and produced some excellent play, finally winning 4-2. Congratulations on a fine effort and great sportsmanship.

Open D

The team had mixed success during the season but maintained a positive attitude to the games

and always made a good effort. Unfortunately, we were one player short in the semi-final against Kogarah. Raymond, Daniel and Trung played their best but were defeated 4-2.

Congratulations on the good sportsmanship and dedication to the game.

Mr B Reynolds



Front (L-R) **OPEN C** P Cheung, H Caines, T Gallagher, N Tam, K Goldeli
Back (L-R) **OPEN D** T Nguyen, R Tsang, B Guan, Elias Dokos, D Dinh, Mr B Reynolds (Coach)

TABLE TENNIS – 14A & 14B

14B - Premiers

It was another successful season for the 14B's Table Tennis team led by Ms Blake. Although we didn't win all our games, we managed to get into the semi-finals against Canterbury and defeated them. We advanced to the grand final where we played Blakehurst and won.

Tom Banh



Front Row (L-R) **14A TEAM** J Song, J Horsburgh, V Lee, K Lam, J Zhou, Ms T Blake (Coach)
Back Row (L-R) **14B TEAM** P Seng Low, T Liang, M Chan, M Udaiyappan, T Banh

TABLE TENNIS – 14C& 14D

14C - Premiers

The 14C's had begun with a thrilling 7-0 win over Kingsgrove North. We cruised by our next few matches unbeaten when the holidays and sports cancellations delayed our run. We weren't expecting such a powerful Belmore side (away) with nearly a loss in the ending moments. We had to play tie-breaker to win. 14C had a free ride to the finals because of their unbeaten run.

Star player- Ray Ren since he hasn't lost a single or a double match. Congratulations for a season to never forget.

Richard Wang and Wayne Zhu

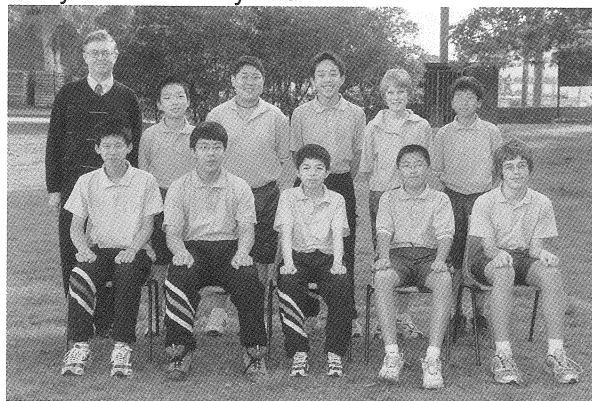
14D

When we first started we only had a team of four, but after the first few games we lost a valuable player in exchange for two other players. This was a great loss.

Even though Jason Harris and Adam Cheng were new, we trained them until they were playing quite well. After that we lost only a few games. Even though some games were very close we got through most of them with success.

Our team thanks Jason and Adam for volunteering to help. The member of the team with the least number of individual losses was Harry Lee. He lost only two single matches. We thank the rest of the players for trying their hardest. We just lost the semis 3-4 against Kingsgrove North in a very close match. Everyone worked their hardest to make an enjoyable and successful season. Thanks to Harry Lee, Jeremy Yiu, Adam Cheng, Jason Harris and Leroy Zhu.

Harry Lee and Leroy Zhu



Front Row (L-R) **14D TEAM** L Zhu, H Lee, A Cheng, J Harris, J Yiu
Back Row (L-R) **14C TEAM** Mr Derwent (Coach) D Lee, R Ren, R Wang, W Zhu, A Demayo

TENNIS – OPEN A1 & OPEN B1

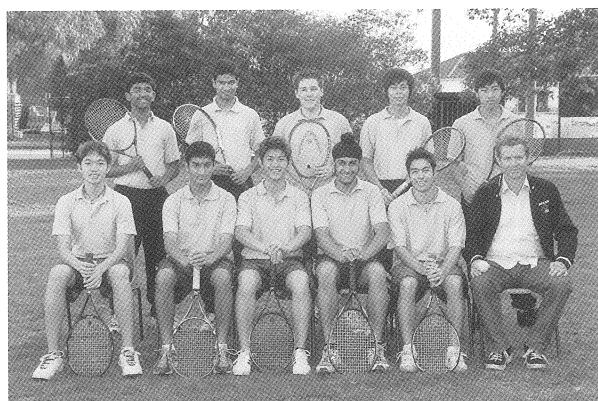
Open A1

The boys played with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship to once again reach the finals. Despite some excellent performances we went down in the final in a close contest. Most of these boys also represented the school in the C.H.S. knockout team. Well done.

Open B1 - Premiers

In a truly thrilling match the B1 Team retained their hold over the premiership. The last point and literally down to the line was how the boys took victory – the last ball of the match catching the line and giving us victory. As usual the boys played with great sportsmanship and honoured the school with their performances .

Mr D Butcher



Front Row (L-R) **OPEN A1** D Cheung, S Gupta, J Chan, J Dhingra, D Yeung, Mr Butcher
Back Row (L-R) **OPEN B1** V Pandit, A Kumar, N Hartigan, S Ho, F Wang

TENNIS – OPEN A2 & OPEN B2

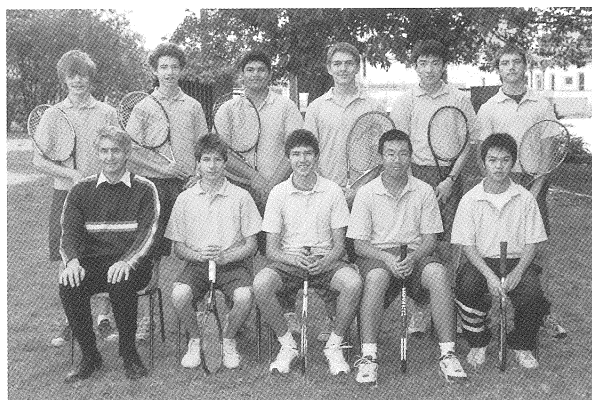
Open A2 - Premiers

The Open A2 tennis team had an excellent season winning the zone open tennis competition. The team won 7 out of 8 of their competition games before going on to narrowly defeat STHS open A1 team in the semi final and easily beating STHS open A3 team in the final. The team was lucky to include two of the best tennis players in the school – Justin Hazelton and Luc Szczepanski as well as Andrew Ho, Dominic Tran and Thomas Belovai who are all good tennis players. The team played each game enthusiastically and always demonstrated good sportsmanship.

Open B2 – Runners-up

The open B2 tennis team had a successful year winning 5 out of 8 games in the competition rounds. In the semi finals they easily accounted for James Cook but lost the final to another Sydney Tech team in a close match which was only decided on the very last point of the day. All members of the team played each game with great team spirit and enthusiasm and were a credit to the school. Well done David, Nayeem, Chris, Jeffrey, Cameron and Amar.

Mr G Palmer



Front Row (L-R) **Open A2** Mr Palmer, T Belova, L Szczepanski, D Tran, A Ho
Back Row (L-R) **Open B2** C Roberts, D Baker, N Chowdhury, C Johns, J Loong, A Sehic
Absent: J Hazelton

TENNIS – OPEN A3 & OPEN B3

Open A3

A well organised and keen group of students made up the Opens A3 team with 4 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses during the season. The team was successful in their semi-final match against James Cook H.S. winning the right to face the STHS Opens A2 in the final.

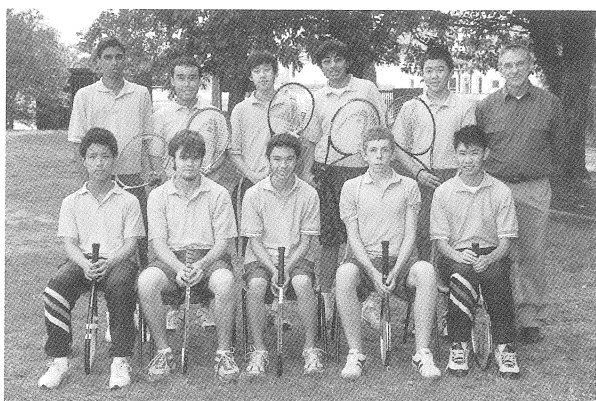
A brilliant day met the teams for the Open A's final. Both teams were worthy opponents after a consistent season. As it turned out, the respected A2 's repeated their fine form to take the crown for the Open A's competition.

Open B3

A very capable and relatively consistent team with 5 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss during the season. As their coach I am very proud of the way they played in a true sportsmanlike manner throughout the season with each player seeking to improve and providing valuable support to other team members.

Unfortunately we met the only team to defeat us during the season who once again defeated us in the semi-final and this brought a quick end to the season.

Mr J Samuel



Front Row (L-R) **Open A3** - H Nguyen, C Stebbings, K Pham, B Jones, J Chin
Back Row (L-R) **Open B3** - V Kondepudi, V Tran, A Kim, D Lam, A Ko, Mr J Samuel

TENNIS – JUNIOR A

15A

14A – Runners-up

13A - Premiers

To get into the Junior A grade tennis teams is quite a competitive process and any member of the teams has certainly earned their place. Each week the boys have shown a great sense of sportsmanship and positive attitude which is a real credit to every player. Each of these teams made it through to the semi – finals where tennis of a high standard was played. After the semi's it was the 13A's who made it through to the finals where they convincingly defeated the opponents to become the zone champions. Ramez Zaklama was the player of the season and during the final he played with convincing skill, continually landing the ball just inside the lines. All the tennis players demonstrated great spirit and mutual support. An excellent season of which to be proud.

Mr D Towner



Front Row (L-R) **15A** M Tran, N Funai, J Wu, S Gill, K Lai, D Towner
Middle Row (L-R) **14A** D Chan, B Fox, T Kwok, G Simeonov, A Kanagaratnam
Back Row (L-R) **13A** M Hobday, D Fung, R Zaklama, ETran, R Choi, G Warren

TENNIS – JUNIOR B

13B – Premiers

The team won their final against Kingsgrove. The final game was drawn at 6 all and Sydney Tech won on a count back of points 61 - 64. A close game indeed! They had won all their games during the season except for a previous draw against Kingsgrove. They went into the final evenly matched. Congratulations to the team made up entirely of Year 7 students.

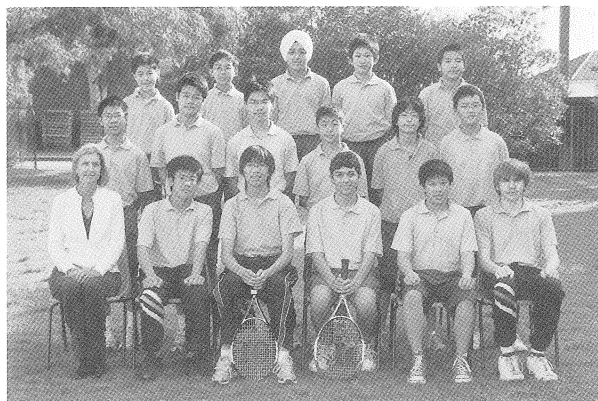
14B –Premiers

The team won their final against Kingsgrove 7 - 5. They had lost to Kingsgrove in both their previous games and were not expected to win. It was a well deserved and hard fought surprise to win the final against a very strong team.

15B – Runners-up

The 15B's lost their final 5-7 against Kingsgrove but put in a very strong performance. Kingsgrove had beaten them convincingly on two previous occasions. Congratulations on making it into the finals! Excellent sportsmanship was displayed by all team members playing, scoring and umpiring.

Ms J Kelso



Front Row **15B** (L-R) J Kelso, M Mah, L Lee, J Panos, C Tran, B Wong, D Ngo
Middle Row **14B** (L-R) P Tran, J Lee, Mi Si, J Tran, B Wong, D Ngo
Back Row **13B** (L-R) D Chung, D Guo, R Dhillon, Y Y Shu, J Yu
Absent: S Suresh Babu, M Keating

TENNIS – JUNIOR C

15C

14C – Runners-up

13C – Runners-up

At the start of the season we (James, Kevin, Kenneth, Johnny, Calvin and mark) were selected to be in this team. Originally we were not the best team in the competition. As the season progressed with the help of our brilliant teacher Ms Berios we were encouraged to practise and improve and we managed to beat most of the other teams in the competition. We reached the final but unfortunately we lost by the skin of our teeth. Overall we learnt from this defeat and became better players, a big thank you to Ms Berios and her persistence.

Kenneth Lam 14C



Front Row (L-R) **15C** -Ms Berios, W Low, A Kwan, G Ou, W Ling, J Lim, V Raman
Middle Row (L-R) **14C** J Ku, K Luong, J Yang, M Raikhman, K Lam, C Tran
Back Row (L-R) **13C** -J Mo, J Wong, A Mok, R Ngai, A Luo, C Chun

TECH FAMILY TRADITIONS

YEAR 12

M Antonelli	M Antonelli	1974-79	Father
K Forrester	A Crombie	1945-47	G/Father
P Francis	J Francis	1962-67	Father
T James	J Hill	1966-69	Uncle
	P Hill	1971-74	Uncle
J Vincent	E Vincent	1937-41	G/Father
R Young	I Young	1977-82	Father

YEAR 11

S Wynn	G Wynn	1972-77	Father
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YEAR 10

P Tunbridge	T Murphy	1972-75	Uncle
L Cooper	R Cooper	1973-78	Father

YEAR 9

J Ahladiotis	G Ahladiotis	1977-82	Father
E Dokos	S Dokos	1976-82	Father

YEAR 8

M J Lo Russo	A J Lo Russo	1975-81	Father
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YEAR 7

J Ball	Peter Ball	1967-72	Father
J Gaymer) GE Gaymer	1976-1979	Father
) E W Gaymer	1933-1937	G/Father
	B J Martin	1980-1986	Uncle
C Janssen	G Hunter	1970-1975	Uncle
M Tamas	F Tamas	1975-1980	