

SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Congratulations to our 2007 HSC cohort who achieved outstanding results. Our Dux Pok Fai Wong with a 100 UAI accepted a scholarship from The University of Sydney to study medical science. Four of our Visual Arts students exhibited in the prestigious *Art Express* and amongst our many outstanding music students Daniel Kim was selected to play in *Encore*, the HSC Musical showcase at the Sydney Opera House. Brendon Charles was awarded the highly sought after UTS Engineering Scholarship, and Andre Gudas was awarded the Board of Studies Brother John Taylor Award, and a UTS Engineering Dean's Scholarship.

Paul Cheung distinguished himself and the school in 2008. He was selected to attend the Australasian Mathematical Olympiad in Madrid in July and obtained a silver medal. His participation in a number of Olympiads in 2007 and 2008 was made possible by the generous donations of ex students, Mr. Allan Parkes, and Professor Eric Daniels, as well as support from the P and C and from anonymous parent donors. I am very grateful indeed to those who assist our students to take up such exciting and life-altering challenges.

Our students have participated in the full range of enrichment activities in 2008, reflecting their diverse talents. Environmental programs, art competitions, debating, leadership programs and charitable events are just some of the many ways that Tech spirit has manifested itself.

In 2007 the school was Zone champion in winter and summer sport, swimming and athletics. We are well on the way to a repeat performance for 2008. We were Winter Champions and we won all three Zone carnivals in swimming, athletics and cross country. A characteristic of our students is their ability to work as a close team, but we also had individual stellar performances. Trevor Trotman our Sports organiser is to be commended for his outstanding service to our students.

Our musical ensembles have had a tremendous year in 2008 with students competing worldwide, and two students were fortunate enough to play at the opening of the Beijing Olympics. School Musicales was the highlight of our musical year in Term 2, and I do hope you are able to share it with us in 2009.

The teaching profession is a changing workforce and a number of staff who dedicated their lives to public education retired in 2008. We welcomed a number of new staff. Staff at Tech dedicated themselves to ensuring that students had chances to connect to learning inside and outside the classroom. Multiple excursions, incursions, camps and speakers were organised.

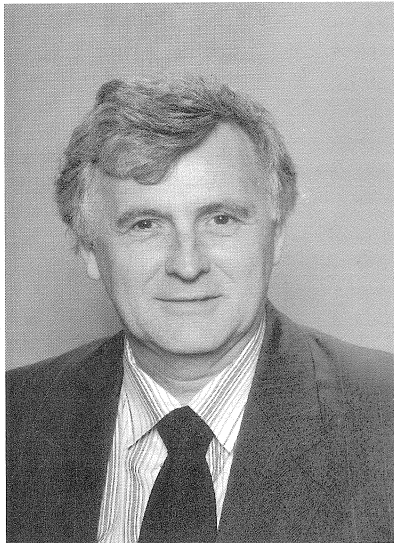
The SRC and Prefect body was ably led by School Captain Francis Zhou and Vice Captain Daniel Yeung. They welcomed ex students for our annual Anzac ceremony. Student leaders participated in many other community activities that enhanced the reputation of the school, and our student charity arm Interact raised money for many charitable causes, including the Schezuan earthquake victims, and Burma flood refugees. The growth in our Environment group has been an important step in greening the school. Under the guidance of Mrs Joy Davies and with support from Rockdale council, the school now operates a recycling plan. There was a lot of fun too: SRC week, a school dance with St George Girls and house sports matches.

I am grateful to the P and C and President Mrs Athena Rokkas whose generous support has enabled the school to develop further technology infrastructure commensurate with the 'digital education revolution'. The launch of the school Intranet has been a great success, thanks to the leadership of Greg McNaught and his student team. Much work remains to be done.

Thank you to all members of the school community and to the dedicated staff at the school who make Tech such a dynamic learning environment. I look forward to seeing many ex students visit the school and working with everyone as we plan our 2011 centenary celebrations.

Jacqueline Lyons
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Every time something significant happens that causes accidents or loss of life our governments are quick to create new rules and new procedures which we all have to follow. It is true that we have become over-governed in recent years. That means that governments keep on creating new rules for us to follow, and with new rules come fines or punishments for breaching them.

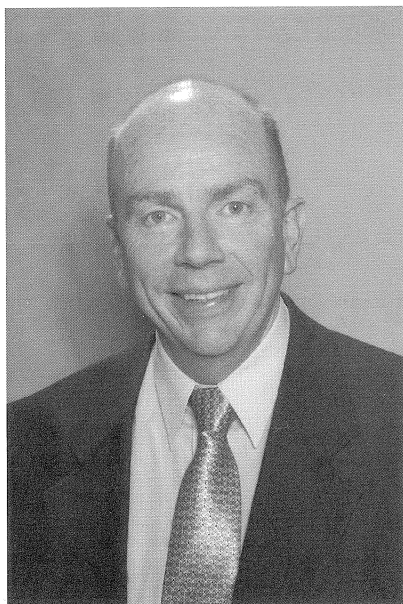
Communities do need basic rules for survival and progress, for decency and good order. Schools are no different. I've visited many schools where you walk through the buildings and see signs everywhere telling people what to do next or what not to do. Some people unfortunately do need lots of rules to survive because they are unable to think for themselves and lack personal responsibility.

A sign of maturity is being able to function with a minimum number of rules and having a set of ethical principles to go by, whereby we are considerate of each other and therefore don't need to be told to do this or that. In this school we have five very simple rules and they are on noticeboards in every classroom. Sometimes we have to add a few do's and don'ts in order to keep the place functioning well, but they're not rules for which there is a specified punishment if you break them. The rules we have keep good order and safety for those on the school site. Lining up at a bus stop or keeping to the left are merely sensible ways of moving safely, quickly and efficiently. Having separate areas for seniors and juniors helps to spread people out on this small site, for the safety of all. But none of these are rules.

I strongly believe in few rules and just a good set of fair principles of consideration for other people. Most of what we do in the school can be summarised in the five school rules anyhow. Of course there are some consequences if you wish to make life difficult for other people, or if you show lack of respect for your fellow students and teachers or the property where you work. There are very few students here who need lots of rules and they are learning the hard way.

Let's keep it this way. *Manners makyth man* should be the one simple rule that everyone in this school needs to follow.

Sam Dando
Deputy Principal



I would like to thank all members of staff for their commitment and dedication to the education of the boys throughout 2007. Once again this year we have witnessed an overwhelming array of displays, performances, exhibitions and presentations of excellence in student work, all of which has been directed by staff. Congratulations to all involved.

In addition to their work in class, this year teachers have worked in a number of areas of professional learning to augment their practice. Staff have undertaken training in Choice Theory and Reality Therapy, an Action Learning Team has worked on strategies for reducing underachievement, the whole staff worked with Andrew Martin on student motivation, a new intranet was developed for students and the English and History faculties undertook self evaluations involving interviews with over 200 students. All these activities aimed at improving the educational provision for the students of Tech.

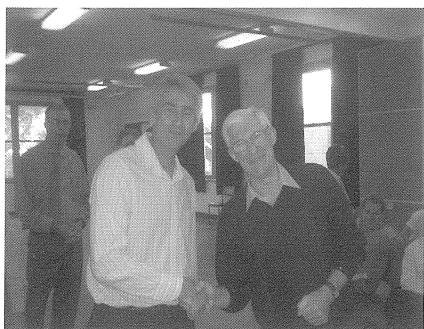
It has been my great pleasure to work with the highly professional and hardworking staff this year and I look forward to continuing to develop our learning environment.

Greg McNaught
Deputy Principal

FAREWELL TO STAFF / RETIREMENTS

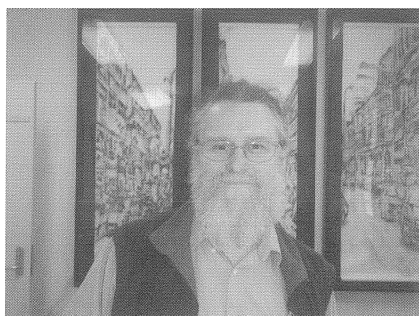
The school wishes the following teachers a very happy and fulfilling retirement. Sydney Technical High School commends their commitment to public education and dedication to educating our talented students and supporting their families.

Graham McLean



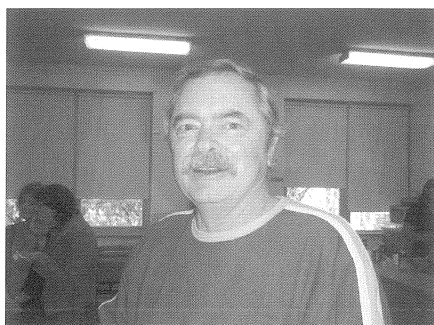
The school farewelled Head Teacher Maths Graham McLean at the end of Term 1. Graham arrived at the school in 1989, having spent several years as Head Teacher Maths at East Hills Boys. An outstanding mathematics thinker, Graham was keen to see our students do well in external competitions, particularly the UNSW Mathematics Competition which he saw as extending our talented students. Graham led the Prefect body for many years, and in his early days worked on the fledgling computer network at the school. Graham was looking forward to European travelling, and drinking some good red wine.

Brian Connor



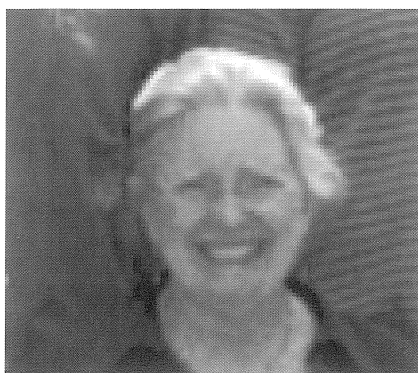
Brian Connor retired in August after a long and distinguished service to public education and to students at Tech. Brian arrived at the school in 1981. Brian's expertise was and remains in science and senior physics and he has a keen interest in engineering. Brian developed the sound system in the auditorium nurturing students in this area who could then 'run the show'. As a long serving member of the school, he worked with five different principals and recalled a time when principals had it in their power to dock the pay of teachers who did not comply with regulations! Brian has many plans to renovate in his retirement.

Garry Hempel



Garry came to the school in 1988, from Narwee Boys where he taught ex Premier Morris lemma, and took up the challenge to make maths interesting and fun for his students. A keen problem solver and fond of the quirky side of maths that only genuine mathematicians see, he relished the challenge of teaching talented students. Garry loved being in the classroom and on the Sports field, and in his youth was a champion 400 m runner. The school wishes him a happy retirement.

Lorna Grey



Lorna arrived at Tech in 1985 as an English teacher, and retired in March 2008. Lorna was a keen teacher of Shakespeare, and when film became part of the English syllabus loved watching and analysing Hitchcock's *Psycho* with her students. Lorna spent many years taking debating and baseball teams and enjoyed warm and humorous relationships with the English staff. In recent times, Lorna had a reputation for going through red lights and paying dearly for it. We wish Lorna a happy retirement.

STAFF 2008

PRINCIPAL: J LYONS MA

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: S L DANDO B.A. Dip. Ed

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

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LIBRARY

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MATHEMATICS

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J Kelso B.Sc. Dip. Ed
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T Trotman B.A. Dip. Ed

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P Graham B. Ed(IA)
N Parker B.Ed (Sec.) B.Design & Tech.
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S Blomfield
D Brown Cert III – Ed Support - School Assistant (Admin/IT)
S Collins Cert III – Ed Support - School Assistant (Admin/IT)
I Farrell Cert III – Ed Support - School Assistant (Admin/IT)
G Gunasekaran
G Giardullo
K. Higgs Cert III – Ed Support - Teachers Aide (Special)
S Lephherd
S Porter
C Ross
R Huntington

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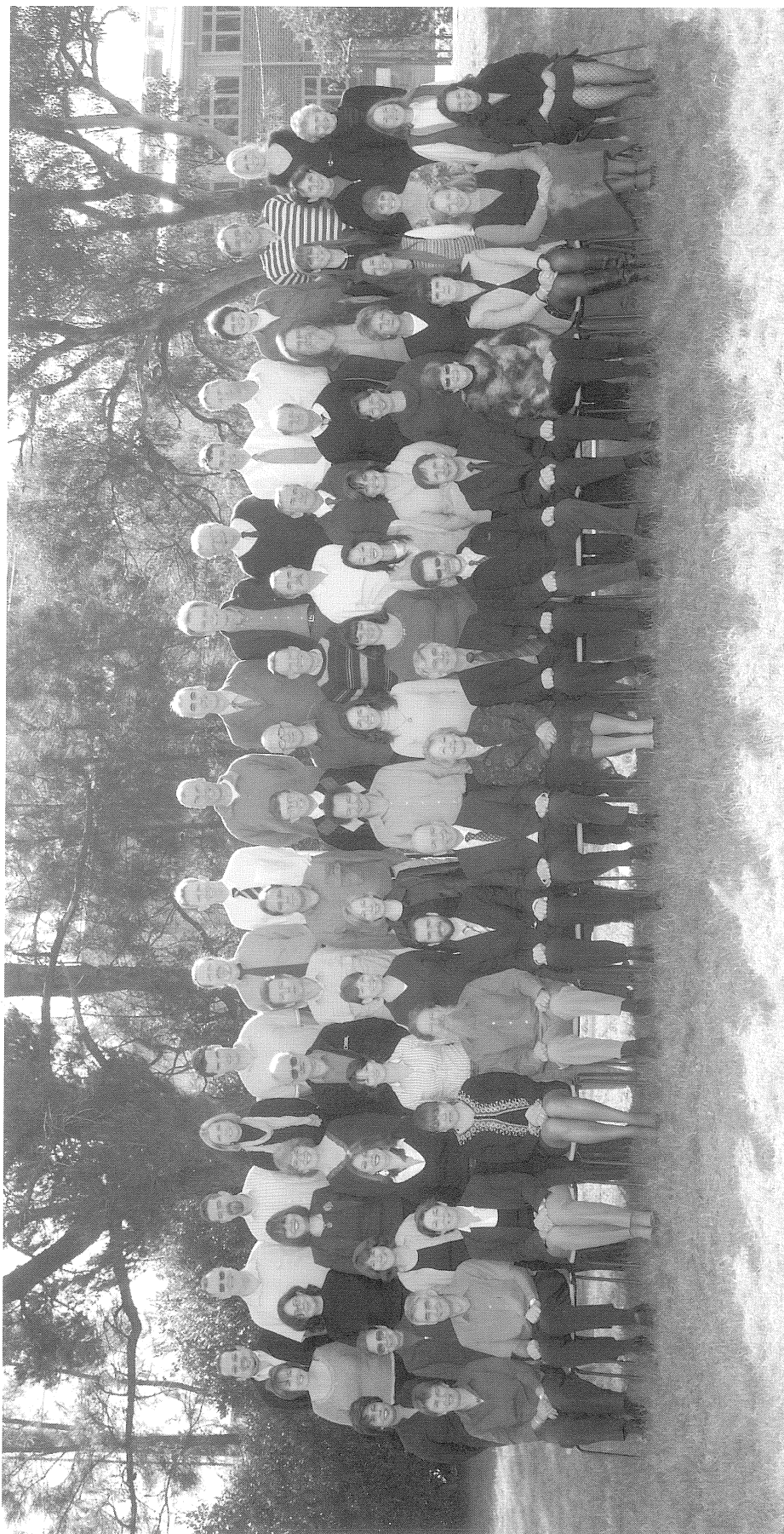
I Shute
C Fox
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YEAR ADVISERS

Year 7 – A Olsen
Year 8 – M Hewett
Year 9 – M Bellamy

Year 10 – N Melvin
Year 11 – P Graham
Year 12 – T Blake

STAFF – 2008



1st Row:

M Kibby, G Palmer, J Davis, D Demetriadis, M Riley, P Copeland, G McNaught (Deputy Principal), J Lyons, (Principal), S Dando (Deputy Principal),
P Heath, P Owens, V Manners, D Noyes, J Wright, M Contos

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G Gunasekaran, S T Lephherd, S Porter, J Goodman, K Higgs, D Brown, L Turnbull, A Gowan, A Garrett, A Olsen, J Lee, G Giardullo, T Blake, C Ross,
K Burt, S Blomfield, W Newett

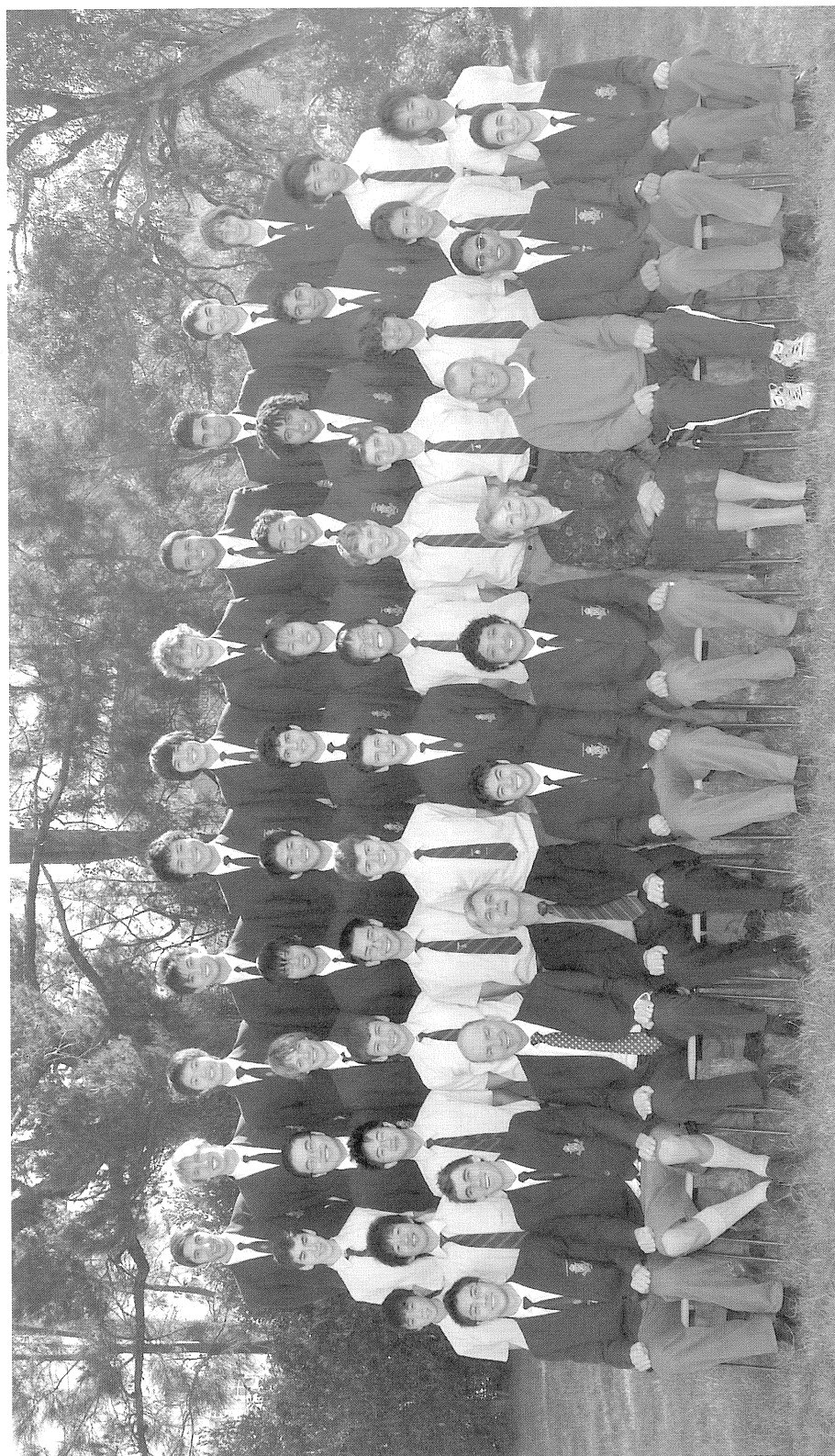
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J Haitidis, D Nelson, B Engel

4th Row:

S Gamage, R Huntington, I Coulston, J Kelso, M Hewett, P Berry, N Stokes, R Carter, P Ward, B Reynolds, B Cranston, M Bellamy, G Cooper, A Golledge,
S Parrish, P Abson

PREFECTS/SRC - 2008



Front Row: Dong Uong, Simon Wynn, Mr G. McNaught (Deputy Principal), Mr S. Dando (Deputy Principal), Daniel Yeung (Vice Captain), Francis Zhou (Captain), Ms J. Lyons (Principal), Mr R. Carter (SRC Co-ordinator), Archarya Barathan, Amer Mahmoud

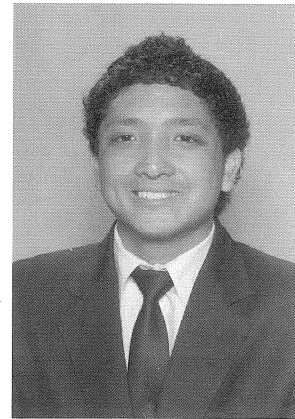
Second Row: Stephen Fok, Vincent Fu, Scott Vu, Chris Janssen, Garston Liang, Lewis Cowper, Noel Mason, William Chau, Riley Blair, Jonathan Gaymer, Steven Banos, Adrian Mok, Martin Asis

Third Row: Alexandros Tsathas, Desmond Tan, Cameron Roberts, William Ton-That, Jacky Chan, Nick Karvountzis, Alan Lau, Andrew Ta, Fady Georgy, Roman Pillay, David Bui

Fourth Row: Kostan Banos, Shane Drinkwater, Dominic Cheung, Ivan Lee, Junior Taurail, Luc Szczepanski, Lawson Cullen, Elisha Edwin, Philip Faraj, Jesse Hanna, Antoine Rossé

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Words, words. They're all that I have to go on. As the Class of 2008 prepare for the culmination of their high school careers, it is cause for fond reflection on our time invested at Sydney Technical High School. There is an abundance of opportunity in our futures, as we are given the privilege to take responsibility for the direction of our lives. Beauty lies in the uncertainty ahead, and as each of you stand on this precipice in your scholastic pursuits, have confidence in the knowledge that you have been endowed with the skills, knowledge and capability to handle each respective challenge with vigour and assurance. Churchill said, *the further backward you can look, the further forward you can see*. As I recall an entire grade of incredible scholars, athletes and artists, I am convinced of an unimaginable contribution to our world from each of these graduates and from every student passing through this school for the next one hundred years, and beyond.



Those remaining at Tech, be aware of the multitude of avenues open to you, inviting the development of your abilities and character, and utilise these to your advantage. There is a complex, understanding relationship between the students and staff at this school, and this dynamic allows for a unique study experience. Aim to develop as a citizen of this school, and an interested scholar in your own regard. Shakespeare mused that *nothing is so common as the wish to be remarkable*, and I've realised that this is a common dream amongst us. William Faulkner rightly stated that one should not bother to be better than their contemporaries or predecessors. *Try to be better than yourself*, he said. I sincerely hope that you do so, whilst upholding our longstanding values and traditions.

The teachers of Sydney Technical High School are the pillars in the intimate structure of our school. They are more essential than the stones or beams, strengthening each of us, and will be a revealing force in our lives. With enthusiasm and many thanks, I would like to extend my congratulations to the teaching staff for once again feeding our insatiable thirst for achievement and success. It is due to their support, motivation and interest in our welfare that we are able to transition from boys into young, mature men of impeccable manners. In this, my final year, as School Captain, I have witnessed first-hand the tireless efforts of our newly appointed Principal, Ms Jacqueline Lyons. Her unwavering support, as well as the assistance of Mr Dando and Mr McNaught, has proven an indescribable comfort for the newly formed SRC-Prefect Body, and Year 12 2008. To Mr Carter, our SRC Co-ordinator, I owe a personal debt of gratitude for his organisational efforts. Finally to our dear Year Adviser Ms Blake, who has overseen our development since our very first day. Her warmth of character, concern and dedication to our year group has led to a mature Class of 2008.

Since the amalgamation of the Student Leadership body at Tech, I have been the greatest beneficiary, in that I have had the chance to work alongside Vice Captain Daniel Yeung, as well as the cohesive Senior Prefects Archi Barathan, Amer Mahmoud, Dong Uong and Simon Wynn. I can only speak of these people with respect and admiration for their selflessness in their service to the school community. I was incredibly humbled by my appointment as the holder of an office of such responsibility and authority, and it is my sincere hope that I have served and represented each of you in the manner which you deserve. The respect, guidance and support that every student in the school has shown me throughout the year has been invaluable. My friendship with you will be the most memorable aspect of my schooling and I thank you for leaving this indelible mark on my conscience.

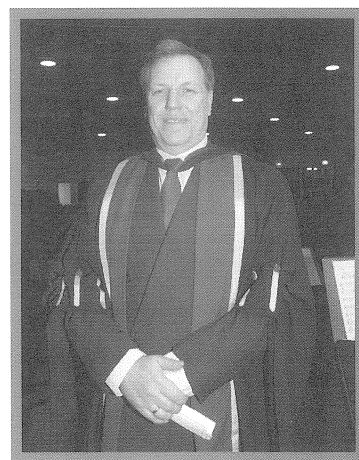
What will your contribution be? How will history remember you? Remember that the worth of a life is not determined by a single failure or a solitary success. The hallowed halls of Tech will forever be indebted to you all for your contribution to its history, just as we are thankful for the experience our time at school has afforded us. I wish you all success in the future, hoping that you will aspire to achieve all that you can, endure the hardships and confront your fears throughout the rest of your lives. Have courage in the wit and understanding of the world that can't be defined in a textbook or timetable – the confidence and attitudes cultivated within you whilst attending Sydney Technical High School.

Francis Zhou
School Captain

SPEECH NIGHT

Speech night celebrates the achievements of our students and gives parents and staff the opportunity to applaud outstanding effort and scholarship. On 7th March 2008 we were delighted to welcome Dr Andrew Pesce, Chairman of the National Association of Specialist Obstetricians and Gynaecologists who gave the address and presented special prizes. Dr Pesce graduated from the school in 1978. Having set his heart on achieving a medical degree from a young age he repeated Year 12 in order to enter medicine. He has worked extensively at Westmead Hospital and served on the AMA Federal Council

and Executive Council. In 2003, he was awarded the AMA President's Prize for service to the medical profession. His message to students was that if you know what you want to do, then effort and determination will get you there.



The school congratulated Year 12 on their success in the HSC and noted in particular Pok Fai Wong (pictured left), Dux of the school, who scored a UAI of 100. Pok Fai accepted a scholarship in medical science from The University of Sydney, and credited Dr Geoff Thickett who retired as Head Teacher Science in 2007 as an inspirational teacher and mentor. Congratulations to all prize winners and thanks to Mr Barry Cranston in the Social Science faculty, who works tirelessly to ensure the success of Speech Night.

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

Dr Manjula Sharma, School of Civics, University of Sydney, Professor Sri Parameswaran, Program Director School of Computer Engineering UNSW, Mr Allan Parkes, Dr John Morrison, Mr Ken Henstock, Mrs Athena Rokkas, President P&C Association, Mr Kurt Musters, Secretary P&C Association, Mr Julian Cox, Assistant Secretary P & C Association and Mr Greg Fox, President Music Support Group.

CAREERS – 2007 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS

Following receipt of the Higher School Certificate results and university offers, all students were successfully 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.

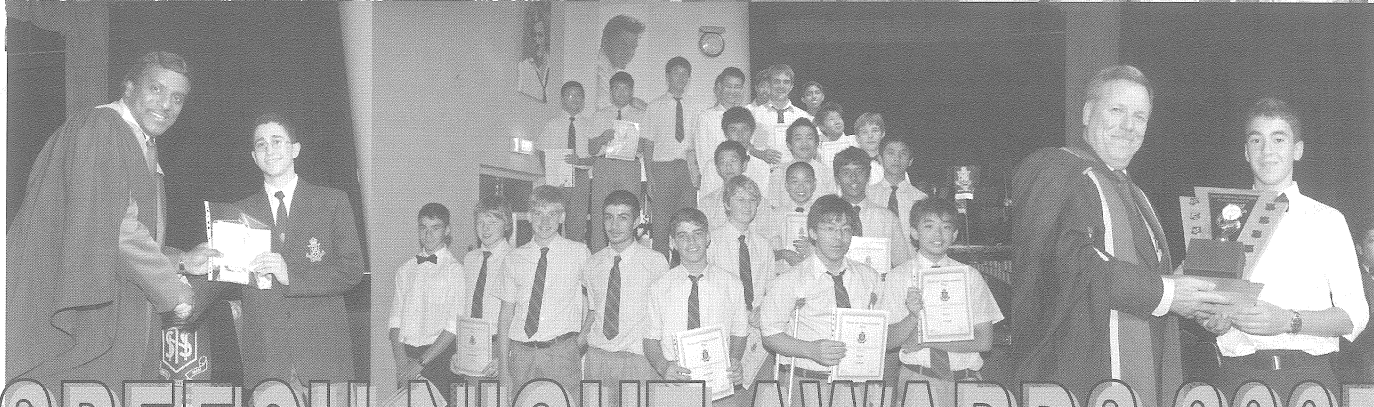
In the 2007 HSC, Sydney Technical High School had 12% of students with UAIs of 99+, 39% gained 95+, 58% 90+, 83% 80+ and 96% 70+

Our top scoring student with a UAI of 100 was Leslie Wong. Our other top scoring students with UAIs of 99 or more were: Rajesh Gounder, Philip Kim, Adnan Sufian, Jacky Li, Matthew Zada, Justin Cheong, James Diment, Bijoy Joseph, Nick Stanasic, Mark Zada, Yuto Nakayama, Steven Faulkner, Joshua Kwang, Chaoyang Zeng, Jaryd Caroline, Sunny Jong and Edmond Li.

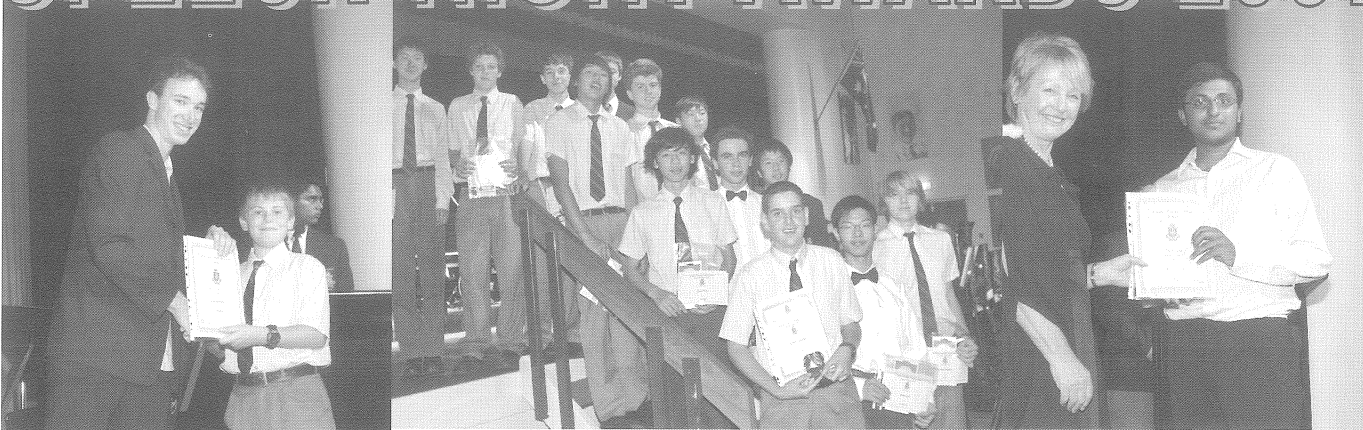
% of students gaining a university offer.

2001	87%
2002	92%
2003	93%
2004	95%
2006	94%
2007	99%

Brett Mulholland
Careers Adviser



SPEECH NIGHT AWARDS 2007



Special Prizes for 2007

Turner Prize	James Diment
Wykeham Prize	Cameron Roberts
Caltex Best All Rounder Award	Bijoy Joseph
Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment	Kurt Forrester
Principal's Prize for Senior Leadership	John Chalouhi
Principal's Prize for Junior Leadership	Nick Karvountzis
Deputy Principals' Prize for Contribution to School Life (Senior)	Alan Lam
Deputy Principals' Prize for Contribution to School Life (Junior)	Luc Szczepanski
Rockdale Mayoral Senior Prize	Mitchell Lee
Rockdale Mayoral Junior Prize	Jesse Hanna
Interact Prize	Aaron Ngan
National Trust School's Competition	Nicholas Rokkas
Public Speaker of the Year	James Diment
Public Speaking Champion Year 10	Christopher Johns
Public Speaking Champion Year 9	Nicholas Rokkas
Public Speaking Champion Year 8	Alexander Tsathas
Public Speaking Champion Year 7	Chris Janssen
The Jelks Scholarships for Musical Performance	Desmond Tan, Jordan Smith
OBU Music Trophy (Diligence & Application in Band)	Sam Gill, Antoine Rosse
OBU Music Trophy (Most Improved Instrumentalist)	Raphael Rosse
Class of '62 Award (Bandsman of the Year)	Joshua Peacock
Angelo Amante Memorial Prize for Service to the School through Music	Paul Cheung
The Norman Harding Prize for Senior Artmaking	Jonathon Lin
Creative Scholar Award (Endowed by Prof. M Khadra)	Johnson Nguyen
The Duncan Family Scholarship for Excellence in Science	James Kirkpatrick, Antoine Rosse & Laltaksh Wangoo
RACI Chemistry Plaque for Excellence	Rajesh Gounder
Academic Medals for Physics, Biology and Chemistry	Pok Fai Wong
The UNSW Academic Achievement Award	Pok Fai Wong
Ann Stanford Science Research Medallion	David Baker
Professor Maxwell Howell Prize for Sportsman of the Year	John Vallis
The Alan Parkes Scholarship for Assisting Students Achieve Their Potential	Paul Cheung

Academic Prizes for 2007

Year 12 Prizes

H Brown Prize for Dux of School	Pok Fai Wong
2 nd in Year 12	Rajesh Gounder
3 rd In Year 12	eq Philip Kim, Adnan Sufian
Roy Stanhope University Scholarship	Pok Fai Wong
George Keys Prize for English Extension 2	Derek Truong
English Extension 1 Prize	eq Niksa Stanisic, John Vallis
English 2 Unit Advanced Prize	Pok Fai Wong
English 2 Unit Standard Prize	Andrei Gudas
Norman Marks Prize for Chemistry	Pok Fai Wong
William Pillans Prize for Biology	Pok Fai Wong
Stanhope Prize for Physics	Pok Fai Wong
Visual Arts Prize	Patrick Fong
Music Course 1 Prize	Jacob Lescove-Uduwalage
Music Course 2 Prize	Daniel Kim
Music Extension Prize	Daniel Kim
OBU Prize for Mathematics Extension 1	Adnan Sufian
Mathematics Extension 2 Prize	eq Joshua Kwong, Mathew Zada
Mathematics 2 Unit Prize	Niksa Stanisic
Studies of Religion Unit 1 Prize	Bijoy Joseph
George Keys Prize for Modern History	James Diment
Ancient History Prize	Joshua Kwong
Extension History Prize	James Diment
Engineering Studies Prize	Jaryd Carolin

Year 12 Prizes Continued

Design and Technology Prize
Software Design and Development Prize
Information Processes & Technology Prize
Information Technology Prize
Prize for German Beginners
Rupert Markham Prize for French Continuers
Prize for German Extension
Japanese Continuers Prize
Japanese Extension Prize
Cyril Lake Prize for Economics
Business Studies Prize
Owen Hodge Lawyers Legal Studies Prize
Maxwell Howell Prize for Senior PD/H/PE
ASI Computing Prize

Joshua Peacock
Sunny Jong
Laltaksh Wangoo
Alan Shen
Allan Qi
Yuto Nakayama
Yuto Nakayama
eq Isaac Kang, Daniel Kim
Daniel Kim
eq Adnan Sufia, Anuk Walgamage
Niksa Stanisic
James Diment
Adam Momi
Nick Zhu

School Medallion Winners (Year 12)

Pok Fai Wong, John Vallis, Greg Chin

Year 11 Prizes

Edward Lee Memorial Prize for Dux of Year 11
Eugene Kamenka Prize for Advanced English
English Extension 1 Prize
Drama Prize
Chemistry Prize
Physics Prize
Biology Prize
Mathematics Extension 1 Prize
Mathematics 2 Unit Prize
Economics Prize
Business Studies Prize
Tom Kistle Modern History Prize
Helen Emanuele Ancient History Prize
Personal Development/Health/PE Prize
Kwan Hee Lee Prize for Engineering Studies
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
Photography Prize
Psychology Prize
Studies of Religion 1 unit Prize
UNSW Computing Prize

Adam Christie
Francis Zhou
Samuel Heath
Daniel Yeung
eq. Stephen Wong, Daniel Yeung
Dong Uong
Samuel Heath
Stephen Wong
Daniel Papps
George Issa
Acharya Barathan
Adam Christie
Frank Miao
Christopher Tomic
Dong Uong
Nelvin Tam
Jimmy He
eq. Paul Cheung, Desmond Tan
Dominic Cheung
eq. Daniel Papps, Daniel Perkovic
Geordie McSullea
Anuj Kumar
Mukhlis Mah
Elisha Edwin
Jared Poole
eq. Amer Mahmoud, Daniel Perkovic
eq. Najeeb Aftab, Matthew Day
Elisha Edwin

School Medallion Winners (Year 11)

Archarya Barathan, Anuj Kumar, Roman Pillay

Year 10 Prizes

University of Sydney Prize for Academic Achievement and Dux of Year 10
Japanese Prize
French Prize
Visual Arts Prize
Drama 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 Technology Prize
Information and Software Technology Prize
McKern Prize for Excellence in Graphics
Schlenker Prize for Excellence in Industrial Arts

Jesse Hanna
Edward Li
Jesse Hanna
Johnny Le
Christopher Johns
Antoine Rosse
Jesse Hanna
Amar Sehic
eq. Christopher Johns,
Nicholas Karvountzis
James Kirkpatrick
Andrew Lai
Moyukh Muzahid
Jesse Hanna
Laltaksh Wangoo
Sherwin Li
eq. Robert Anderson,
Mitchell Brown
Alexander Wu
Jeffrey Black
Andy Mai
Ben Middleton
Johnny Le
Ben Middleton

School Medallion Winners (Year 10)

David Baker, Jesse Hanna, Antoine Rosse

Year 9 Prizes

Arthur Buchan Prize for Dux of Year 9
English Prize
Science Prize
Mathematics Prize
Visual Arts Prize
Drama 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
Industrial Technology Engineering Prize
Information and Software Technology Prize
French Prize
Japanese Prize

Nicholas Rokkas
Dalton Fogarty
Jason Fung
Kevin Lam
Martin Huang
Nicholas Rokkas
Samuel Gill
Phi Ngo
eq. Lewis Cowper,
Edwin Zhang
Nicholas Rokkas
Richy Han
Nicholas Rokkas
Max Kiefel
Daniel Cung
Richy Han
Geoffrey Chen
Sherwesh Bajracharya
Hallard Caines
Jason Fung

School Medallion Winners (Year 9)

Nicholas Rokkas, Richy Han

Year 8 2007

Parents & Citizens Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement

8 Howell

Alex Tsathas
Andrew Soloman
Harrison Burrows
Charbel Rezcallah
Paul Tsihlis

8 James

Tom Banh
Brian Tam
James Yang
John Martin
Adam Cheng

8 Konrads

Ray Ren
Han Liu
Joshua O'Gara
Tazvir Zaman
Bayee Wang

8 McKern

Garston Liang
Calvin He
Vangel Radev
Alvi Ahmed
Jason Qian

8 Smith

Don Ngo
Naveed Chowdhury
Andrew Ha
Bryan Mew
Ricardo Arditti

Year 7 2007

Parents & Citizens Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement

7 Sydney

Anith Thurairatnam
Mitchell Colak
Daniel Guo
Gavin Cheng
Samson Ng

7 Technical

James Leung
Stephen Fok
Gregory Antoniadis
Roger Lee
Raymond Hayler

7 Ultimo

Ranbir Dhillon
Anooth Nambiran
Bill Manning
Adrian Mok
Paul Tran

7 Paddington

Erzhao Song
Benjamin Raynolds
Yuan Wang
Rafid Morshedi
Dhanujhan Sirikrishnabala

7 Bexley

Ramez Zaklama
Terence Ng
Yujun Lai
Karl Romberg-Yee
Bora Guden

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT STAFF

This year our article is a compilation of news briefs from the staff.

- Congratulations to Dianne who completed Certificate III in Education Support.
- Karen is looking forward to the future here. 2008 was the start of her permanency at Sydney Tech.
- Soon Tee's main role is as a science assistant maintaining the seven laboratories and preparing daily orders from teachers for use in practical lessons for twenty junior and nineteen senior science classes, then to clean the equipment after use. Although it is a busy place Soon Tee enjoys her work.
- As a permanent part-time SAS staff member Shirley spends two days a week assisting Soon Tee and also orders chemicals, equipment and teacher resources needed for lessons. In addition to her science work one day a week is spent in the print room assisting Sue. Shirley also undertakes the chemical stock take each year.
- Sue reports that this year has seen the long awaited addition of a meeting room for the use of staff at lunch and other times. The busy times continue with changes in the office and library.
- Since 2007 Gandhi has been a team member in the administration office helping all her customers "always here and always glad to be of help".
- Grace provides the Sydney Tech "service with a smile" and wishes the departing Year 12 students a successful and happy future. Grace looks forward to continuing to provide her exceptional customer service.
- Providing a caring and efficient service in the office and the first aid clinic are Carolyn and Dianne.
- As we go to press both Shona and Irene are on leave so we shall have to wait for their personal insights next year.

I personally would like to congratulate Dianne Brown, Shona Collins and Irene Farrell who all graduated this year, after completing their Certificate III in Education Support – School Assistant (Admin/IT). Also Karen Higgs for completing, prior to joining our team, the Certificate III in Education Support – Teachers Aide (Special), her graduation occurred while with us.

Vicki Manners
School Administrative Manager



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 +

Mr and Mrs Parshotam

James Parshotam Yr 7



Trainer level

\$250.00 +

*Mr and Mrs Fung
Anonymous
Anonymous
David Ackling-Jones*

*Deron Fung Yr 8
Family of students Yr 9 & 12
Family of student Yr 12
Class of 1972*

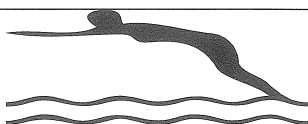


High diver level

\$500.00

Anonymous

Family of student Yr 7



Squad leader level

\$750.00 +

*Mr and Mrs Ho
Anonymous*

*Wesley Ho Yr 7
Family of student Yr 11*

SCHOOL BENEFACTORS 2008

Professor Eric Daniels ex student 1936 – 1940 donation of \$1000 to Paul Cheung Year 12 for representing the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Team in Madrid 2008.

ENGLISH

From

Lol = laugh out loud, Rofl = rolling on floor laughing, Brb = be right back, Gtg = go to go, Bbs = be back soon, Atm = at the moment, Btw = by the way, Fyi = for your information

To

Extended metaphor, pathetic fallacy, magical realism, discourse analysis, metanarrative, mimesis, textual integrity...

Today's student is clearly polyphonic. Our boys can function effectively and articulately in a world where voices are determined by context, are different and compete. We are fortunate that a Tech boy can communicate in SMS-speak and then switch to English classroom-speak so fluidly. However, the English classroom has also evolved, is fluid and embraces the changes relevant to our context and the perceived context of the future. Tasks are no longer restricted to written responses but embrace visual representation through art, filmmaking and web design. Tasks require empathy, insight and creativity. We study novels and poetry but we also study the World Wide Web, film, blogs and the culture and values which influence the composition of texts in any medium. As such, as I stated last year, the English classroom is eclectic.

The diversity of content and eclecticism of this classroom are measured by the levels of insight and maturity with which a boy leaves Tech. However, education is a process, a never ending one, because the whole art of teaching is the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds in order for that curiosity to remain a vehicle for lifelong learning. Nevertheless, politics demands measurement and so we succumb to testing which leads me to the following paragraph...

2007 was another year of outstanding results for our HSC and SC candidates. In Standard English 86% of our candidates achieved in the top two bands (State 38%), in Advanced English 78% achieved in the top two bands (State 46%), in Extension 1 English 86% achieved in the top two bands (State 80%) and in English Extension 2 100% of our candidates achieved in the top two bands (State 79%). Our School Certificate Literacy Examination candidates also excelled with 76% in the top two bands compared to the State's 33%. Congratulations to all the candidates in the 2007 HSC and SC cohorts.

In order to nurture such talented young men the English faculty has once again supported and authenticated class room learning with enriching co-curricular experiences. It is difficult to know where to begin. This year our students have experienced VX18504, a challenging dance theatre narrative dealing with identity and conflict, Theatre Sports, Rock & Roll, HSC workshops and an audience with Michael Fitcher at The Sydney Theatre Company, On Stage at the Seymour Centre, Page to Stage at the Ensemble Theatre, and a modern version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at the Riverside Theatre. Year 8 students visited the Jewish Museum, viewed a film on the Holocaust and talked to survivors about their experiences to enrich their non-fiction study and Year 8 were also the audience for a Faraway Films presentation on the hero's journey through the genre of film to enrich their film unit study. Year 10 experienced Poetry in Performance with a focus on the Romantics and John Keats whilst Year 7 also shared an enriching activity bringing poetry to life. Another group of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 experienced Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) and the mini recreation of a refugee camp and its facilities in Martin Place to enrich their understanding and awareness of the vulnerability of life for displaced people which is a significant learning experience beyond the borders of the class room.

Many borders were crossed as we once again participated in a number of initiatives at local and state levels. Matthew Day of Year 12 demonstrated his oratorical skills winning the Lion's Youth of the Year at the local and district levels and then competing at regional level. Matthew also won the district, zone and regional levels of the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition and competed in the State Final at Parliament House. A very narrow margin separated Matthew from the title and as I sat in the audience in this imposing space, I felt privileged to be with a student whose insights and intellect were reflected in an outstanding and passionate impromptu speech about the symbolism in the Australian coat of arms, the sculpted busts of politicians and the duty of politicians to represent all Australians equally. As the NSW runner up Matthew is to be congratulated for his marvellous achievements this year.

Our own school public speaking competition in Term 4 last year also identified talented speakers who, in the future, I am certain will have significant leadership roles. Their eloquence in their prepared speeches and their ability to develop ideas and argument within the time constraints of an impromptu component were very impressive. Even more impressive was their ability to engage an audience, a skill many adults never develop. One of the greatest fears of executives in many fields is speaking publically when they need to articulate their ideas and convince an audience of their perspectives, so at Tech, we strive towards developing speaking skills in all our classrooms and this annual competition encourages boys to develop their oral communication abilities. Congratulations to Chris Janssen, Alexander Tsathas, Nicholas Rokkas and Christopher Johns, winners of their respective year groups in 2007.

Another stellar performance, this time in the dramatic arts, was that of Timothy Murray of Year 10. Not content with winning the University of New England's Monologue Writing competition, with a witty and engaging dramatic monologue, Timothy also won the Page to Stage competition and his play was recently performed by professional actors and directed by Timothy at the Ensemble Theatre. Supported by students from Year 10 Timothy saw his creativity come to life on the stage.

The creativity of our students was also recently demonstrated by the Year 12 drama students whose group and individual performances were clever, topical and entertaining. The course involves a literary core study of Australian Drama and Theatre as well as an elective study, which in our case is Brecht, his epic staging and its representation of his artistic and political goals. The artistic and practical component of the course involves a group performance which must be original and meet physical and conceptual outcomes. Students must also complete an individual project which may involve performance, film making, script writing, review writing. After our drama performance night will I ever look at Christopher Johns (an accelerated Yr 11 student who completed his HSC drama studies this year) and Daniel Yeung without wondering if they really have alternate, twisted, psychotic personalities? Their performances were certainly provocative. Congratulations to all of the boys.

Further congratulations must go to our outstanding composers whose writing talents were recognised in the Australasian Schools Writing Competition. A prestigious competition which attracts particularly talented English students, recognition in one of the higher award categories is definitely worth boasting about. Of the one hundred students who participated, forty students in Years 7 -10 were awarded Credits; William Chang, Edmund Fung, John Halias, Praemanan Kuleechuay, John Li, Jonathan Nguyen, Shivaruban Sivakumar, Justin Su, Austin Tai and Aidan Tan (Year 7), James Leung (Year 8), Johnny Ku, Luk Ellison, Ren Ray (Year 9) all received Distinctions; Jonathan Hopkins, Samuel Lee and Dylan Shepherd (Year 7) and Jonathan Gaymer (Year 8) were awarded High Distinctions. This year the writing genre was the narrative, so the boys mentioned above certainly understand the art of storytelling.

Another initiative undertaken by the English faculty this year was a review of our assessment procedures. As part of this internal review we identified assessment as an integral component of learning and decided to explore attitudes to and the value of our current strategies. Through faculty discussion, interviews with an external facilitator and student focus groups the data collected will be used to inform assessment strategies in the future.

Without realising it I have crossed a border. A page break. Instructions for the completion of reports for this journal mentioned something about writing and something about photos. Clearly I failed to engage with the instructions so I hope my words have created adequate images, images which have provided not enough, but at least a glimpse, of the English classroom, the co-curricular initiatives which transport our students across borders and the talents of just a few.

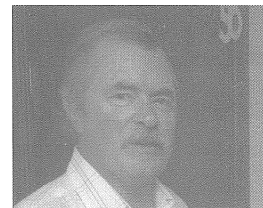
Welcome to Dijana Curic and thank you to the English Faculty for making every day inspirational.

Debbie Demetriadis
Head Teacher - English

MATHEMATICS

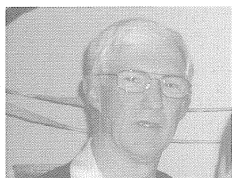
This year has been has a very interesting one for the mathematics department. During 2008 two long serving members of the faculty retired. Mr McLean who has been the Head Teacher of maths at Tech High since 1989 retired at the end of Term 2 and Mr Hempel who has been teaching at Tech since 1988 retired at the end of Term 3.

Both Mr McLean and Mr Hempel have always been very enthusiastic and dedicated teachers, always putting a lot of time and thought into their lessons which were always enjoyed and appreciated by the students in their classes. Mr Hempel also enjoyed coaching school cricket and soccer teams every year while Mr McLean, as well as being head of a very successful faculty took the maths team to Canberra many times, was involved with the ISCF and was instrumental in the introduction of the early computer networking around the school. Teachers with the experience, knowledge and enthusiasm for maths that Mr McLean and Mr Hempel have will be hard to replace and they will be missed. We wish them all the best in their retirement.



Mr Hempel

The students of Sydney Tech continue to achieve excellent results in mathematics in many different areas. Last years HSC results were excellent with 77% of students scoring in the top two bands for Mathematics (2unit), 88% in the top two bands for Extension 1 and 98% in the top two bands for Extension 2. The School Certificate results were also excellent with 94% of students scoring in the top two bands. 583 students entered the Australian Mathematics competition (2007) and 89% of these achieved a credit result or better, while five students, Daniel Guo, Charbel Rezcallah, Tony San, John Chan and Paul Cheung received prizes for being in the top 0.3%. In the Maths Enrichment Program run by the Australian Mathematics Trust, in which 22 students entered, Vincent Deng and Charbel Rezcallah were awarded high distinctions while Ellison Luo, Elliot Kwan and Brian Tam were awarded distinctions in 2007. This year thirty four students have entered the program. In the Canberra Maths Day competition held at the Australian National University the Sydney Tech team consisting of Duong Uong, Stephen Wong, Nelvin Tam, William Yi and Kevin Fong came 6th overall, which was a very good result.



Mr McLean

This year Paul Cheung was awarded a gold certificate in the Australian Mathematical Olympiad and was subsequently picked to be part of the Australian Olympiad team which travelled to Madrid to compete. Paul was awarded a silver medal at this event. This was an amazing achievement from a very gifted mathematician. Paul also came equal first in this year's UNSW Maths Competition which is also an outstanding achievement especially considering that he did the test in his spare time while on the music camp. Kevin Lam of Year 10 was awarded a silver certificate in the Australian Mathematical Olympiad and this year was invited to compete in the Senior Mathematics Olympiad test, which is usually only offered to the best of the best in Year 11.

Next year will be a busy one for the maths staff as we prepare for the introduction of new senior maths courses in 2010 as well as making welcome new members of staff.

Geoff Palmer
Relieving Head Teacher



Year 10 Group work



Canberra Maths Day Team ready for action

MATHEMATICS

INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD – MADRID 2008

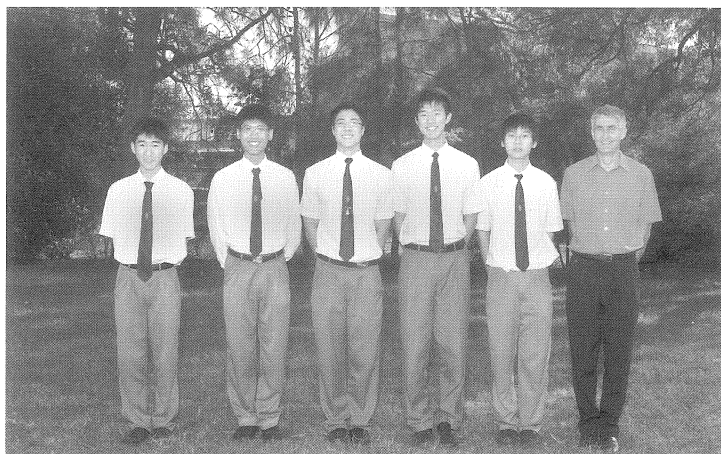
After going through a series of Olympiad exams earlier in the year, I was selected to represent Australia as part of the mathematics team at the prestigious International Maths Olympiad. Every Sunday before the IMO, the team members who lived in Sydney (there were five of them this year) met together at Sydney University (as well as with some Olympiad mentors) to work on problems that we were given during the week, as well as play cards. It was a lot of fun and also improved our mathematical abilities drastically by the end of two months. On the 7th July, we met up with the rest of the team at Sydney airport, played some more cards, and then caught the flight to Heathrow, via Singapore, playing cards when we weren't sleeping. We then flew to Lisbon (in Portugal), where we spent a week training (five exams, one a day), this time together with the British team. We also played more cards (we learnt different games from the British), and we went to a nice Portuguese beach and had dinner by the beach, as well as going on a tour around Lisbon. The second last exam that we did was decided to be the test for "The Mathematics Ashes", which we won by a large margin. One of the professors had bought an urn from a funeral parlour in Sydney, and later we had some fun burning our papers and putting them in the urn, to be sealed away "for eternity".

We arrived in Madrid on the 14th, and after a break we participated in the competition on the 16th and 17th. Each day was a 4.5 hour paper with 3 questions. I managed to get a total mark of 25 (out of a possible 42) and was one of the silver medallists on the Australian team this year. We spent the rest of the week going on tours, including visiting the ancient Spanish capital of Toledo and the famous monastery in Escorial where all the ancient royalty were buried. Overall it was a fun trip.

Paul Cheung



The Australian Olympiad Team with the "Ashes"



(L-R) S Wong, N Tam, D Uong, W Yi, K Fong, Mr G Palmer

CANBERRA MATHS DAY REPORT

This year's team comprised of Stephen Wong, Kevin Fong, Dong Uong, Nelvin Tam and William Yi. On a high following our half yearly results, we were confident we could do our school proud. We would have liked to have the genius of Paul Cheung with us, but he flew down to Canberra on the morning of competition to receive his Australian Olympiad blazer.

After the long drive we dined at Hog's Breath Café to escape our traditional home cuisine. Afterwards at the Youth Hostel we prepped ourselves with some multi-tasking, attempting a few exercises while watching some late night television. The next morning while all the teams were waiting to be admitted inside, we were busy psyching out the other teams with our presence. We laughed at the efforts of some of the posters and ethnic composition of our fellow competitors, of whom 80% seemed to be Caucasian. This was a culture shock for us.

Throughout the competition we performed exceptionally well being within the top ten for each event. In the School versus School section we only lost to the team that would eventually come first. We were put to shame by Canberra College. Amazingly in the relay event where we struggled to solve a series of questions over an hour, they mocked every single team there by playing cards for the final thirty minutes. We felt cheated at the end of the day when the winner of the poster competition was awarded to a 3D model. Obviously English wasn't their strong point!

We proudly represented Sydney and the school finishing 6th overall. However, we did not leave empty handed, as our coach and mentor Mr Palmer won the teacher's lucky door prize of a box of chocolates. We'd like to thank the school and Mr Palmer for this unique, challenging opportunity and putting up with my constant changing of radio stations.

Dong Uong.

SCIENCE

2008 has been a year of change for Science. Dr Geoffrey Thickett retired after being Head Teacher for eight years. We wish Dr Thickett well in his retirement and hope that he enjoys this new chapter in his life. The Science Faculty was also fortunate to secure the services of Mrs Susan Faulder who was appointed to replace Ms Saadeh. Mrs Faulder comes to Tech with experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

The 2007 HSC results in physics, chemistry and biology were outstanding compared with the state averages. 57% of our Physics students, 69% of our Chemistry students and 54 % of our Biology students achieved marks over 80 (Band 5 + Band 6). The following students should be commended for their outstanding results; they scored a Band 6, which equates to a mark of 90+:

Physics : Paul Cheung; Sean El-Sayed; Kurt Forrester; Rajesh Gounder; Andrei Gudas; Sunny Jong; Bijoy Joseph; Philip Kim; Joshua Kwong; Edmund Li; Christopher Nguyen; Christopher Selvaraj; Jacob Todd; Andy Wong; Pok Fai Wong; Andrew Yoo; Mark Zada; Matthew Zada; Chao Zheng

Chemistry: Hai Au; Jaryd Carolin; Bo Chen; Kurt Forrester; Steven Gindy; Rajesh Gounder; Sunny Jong; Bijoy Joseph; Philip Kim; Joshua Kwong; Jacky Li; Christopher Nguyen; Christopher Selvaraj; Jacob Todd; Andy Wong; Pok Fai Wong; Mark Zada; Matthew Zada; Chao Zheng.

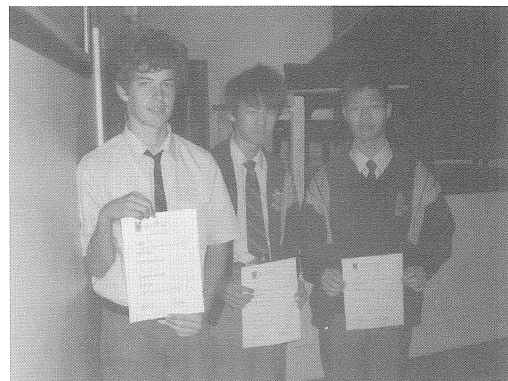
Biology: Pok Fai Wong.

The 2007 School Certificate results were also excellent. 14.76% of the students received a band 6; 58.38% of the boys received a band 5. These results are well above state averages. Only 3.85% of the state received a band 6, while 23.23% received a band 5. Well done to year 10, 2007.

Congratulations to the 64 students who entered the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. The school gained 1 High Distinction, 19 Distinctions, 35 Credits and 9 participation awards. Special mention must go to Tristan Tam in Year 10, who for the third year in a row, gained a High Distinction. I would also like to congratulate Kevin Lam in Year 10 for scoring 100% in the National Chemistry Quiz.

Sydney Tech students also performed with excellence in the 2008 Australian Science Competition. This competition is run by the University of New South Wales and students from all over Australia and Asia compete. Sydney Tech achieved 15 High Distinctions, 85 Distinctions and 145 Credits. Congratulations to the following students who received a High Distinction.

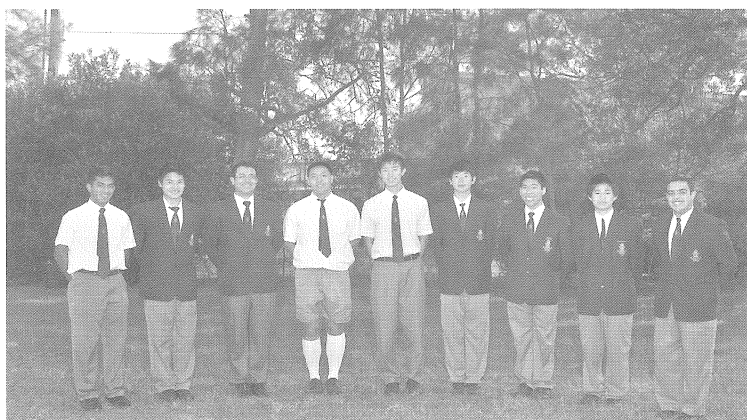
Year 12: Paul Cheung
 Year 11: Andrew Lai
 Year 10: Daniel White, Daniel Lau, Kevin Lam
 Year 9: Adrian Walker, Charbel Rezcallah, Anthony Lin, Thomas Giles, Douglas Chan
 Year 8: Samuel Scander, Daniel Guo, Mitchell Colak
 Year 7: Cooper Zheng, Alex Baehnisch



(L-R) Daniel White, Daniel Lau, Kevin Lam

Sydney Tech also competed in the Titration Competition, which is organised by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) and operates state wide at a number of school and university venues. About 1,000 students compete in the preliminary round. Tech entered four teams and the boys were a credit to the school. Congratulations to all the boys listed below :

Team 1: Andrew Ta, Simon Farah, Mina Ghali.
 (this team achieved 2nd place at their venue)
 Team 2: Steve Trinh, Neon Shariful, William Yi.
 Team 3: Nicholas Huang, Sean Niu, Ben Chau.
 Team 4: Brian So, Sherwin Li, Laltaksh Wangoo.



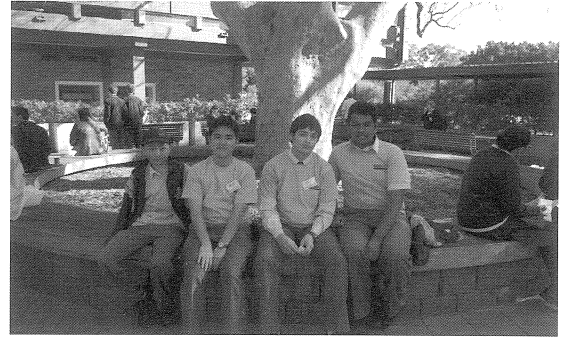
(L-R) N Shariful, B Chau, M Ghali, S Trinh, W Yi, S Niu, A Ta, N Huang, S Farah

SCIENCE

In 2008 Sydney Tech participated in the Great Engineering Challenge, run by the University of New South Wales. Two teams of year 10 students participated and were placed 12th and 24th out of the 51 schools that participated.

Team 1: Nicholas Funai; Alex Fang; Vignesh Raman; Tristan Tam

Team 2: Mukhlis Mah; Henry Dinh; Daniel White; Rick Trinh



'The Great Engineering Challenge Team'

Science has also run a number of excursions throughout 2008. These are excellent learning experiences that are designed to fulfill the field study requirements of the NSW Science Syllabus. The majority of students in all years attended and gained valuable experiences that have helped them to understand the investigative nature of science.

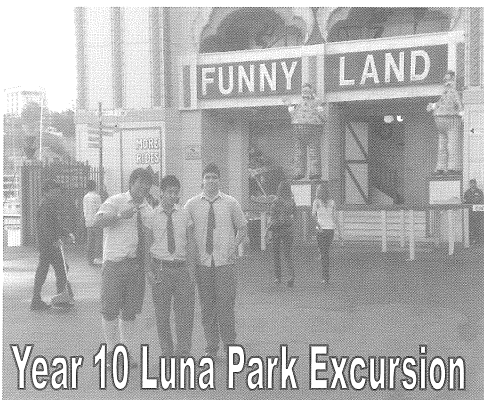
Year 10 went to Luna Park where they studied the motion of rides as well as the effect of gravity. They identified and experienced the forces that act on moving objects. Year 7 went to Taronga Zoo where they studied the different types of vertebrates. They also had a lesson in the education centre where they saw many different animals up close. Year 8 went to the IMAX theatre to view a movie on the Human Body, and also visited Wildlife World. The main objective was to compare the vertebrates and invertebrates. Year 9 visited Jenolan Caves and the Blue Mountains to study the geology and the chemistry of limestone.

Thank you to the hard working science teachers for their continued commitment and dedication to science education at Tech.

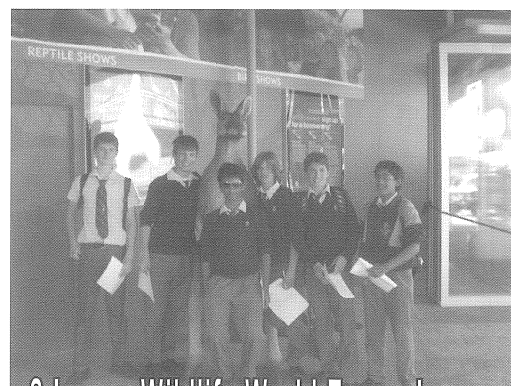
Debbie Noyes
Head Teacher - Science



Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion



Year 10 Luna Park Excursion



Year 8 Imax - Wildlife World Excursion



HISTORY

2008 is a year that began with sadness. On the 7 January, long serving member of the History faculty, Mr Elmo Landsberger, passed away. Staff and students mourned the loss of a highly skilled and experienced teacher and beloved cricket coach. Elmo served at Sydney Tech for eleven years and before this at remote locations like Brewarrina and Thursday Island. His loss is perhaps best summed up by one of his cricket team 'Great teacher, great coach, great friend'. A memorial service was held at school to celebrate his contribution to the school and 'The Elmo Landsberger Memorial Cricket Nets' have been refurbished in honour of Elmo and made possible by his brother Trevor.

On a happier note, we also had the pleasure to welcome to our staff, Ms Judy Lee, who joins us with a BA B.Ed from the University of Sydney. Ms Lee, who is teaching Junior History, Modern History and Studies of Religion, has already proven herself a highly professional and committed member of the faculty with a passionate interest in history teaching. We welcome her aboard and look forward to working with her in the future.

Some of our best HSC results yet

Our HSC results were some of our best yet! Modern History was 10.94% above the state average with 77% of students achieving bands 5 or 6. Congratulations to James Diment who duxed with 94%. Ancient History results continue to be among the best in the school at 13.38% above the state average. 86% of our candidates achieved bands 5 or 6 and Joshua Kwong duxed with 96%. Extension History was especially pleasing with 100% of students achieving the top two bands. James Diment top scored with 48/50. Legal Studies was also outstanding with 12.97% above the state average and with 89% achieving bands 5 or 6. Once again, James Diment duxed with 96%. In Studies of Religion Bijou Joseph duxed with 48/50 with 73% achieving either band 5 or 6. Our students also did well in the 2007 NSW History Competition with 49% of our students gaining High Distinctions or Distinctions. Congratulations go especially to Kismatul Muzahid who topped the school with 45/50.

Highlights

One of the most exciting initiatives in 2008 was the school's involvement in 'Masterclass', an on line resource produced by the Department's Centre for Learning Innovation (CLI). Three Year 11 students, Cameron Roberts, Robert Anderson and Alez Boulaeveski, interviewed author, journalist and ex-Olympian, Lisa Forrest about her new book 'Boycott'. Lisa was 16 years old in 1980 and caught up in the controversy of the 'boycott' Olympics in Moscow. Our students asked her a range of questions about her inspiration for the book and her methods of research and writing history.

Congratulations also go to our Year 10 debaters, Max Kiefel, Hallard Keynes, Alex Lazarou, Nick Kadiiev and Tom Gallagher who have earned a place in the finals of the Les Gordon Year 10 History Debating Competition under the expert guidance of coach, Mr Short. Our Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) team consisting of Nayeem Chowdhury, Kismatul Muzahid and Cameron Roberts, impeccably dressed in traditional costumes of Pakistan, gave outstanding performances under the expert direction of Ms Olsen.

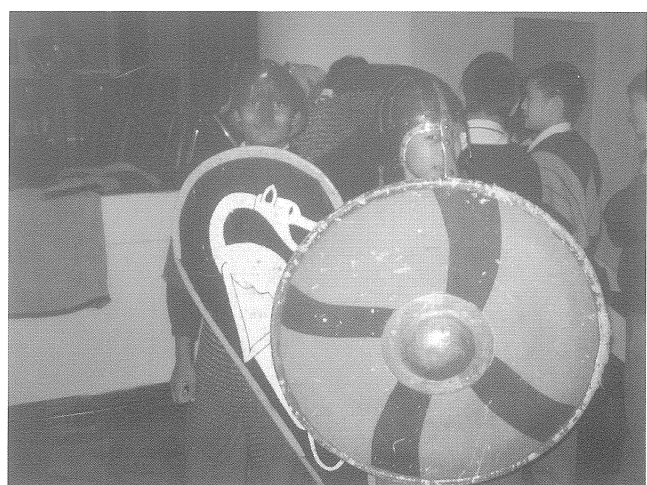
Enriching learning

Our students in 2008 have also been involved in a wide range of co-curricular activities which have enriched their classroom learning. Year 7 attended the 'Imax' in Darling Harbour where they witnessed the awesome spectacle of ancient Egypt thanks to Mrs Olsen. Year 8 travelled back to the rough and tumble of the Middle Ages with Tom Lee's Medieval show complete with stocks, shields and swords thanks to Ms Garrett. Our Year 9 World History students, studying the history of genocide with Mr Derwent, toured the Jewish Museum with a holocaust survivor as guide narrating some of the harrowing experiences of life under the Nazis. Year 11 Ancient History investigated the archaeology of The Rocks with Mr Short and Year 11 Legal Studies visited the Downing Centre to experience the law in action with Ms Olsen and Mr Short.

Once again, it's been a busy and rewarding year as we learn about our past to move forward together into the future, because, as we all know, if we have 'no past' we have 'no future'.

Peter Heath
Head Teacher - History

Year 8 History Medieval Show



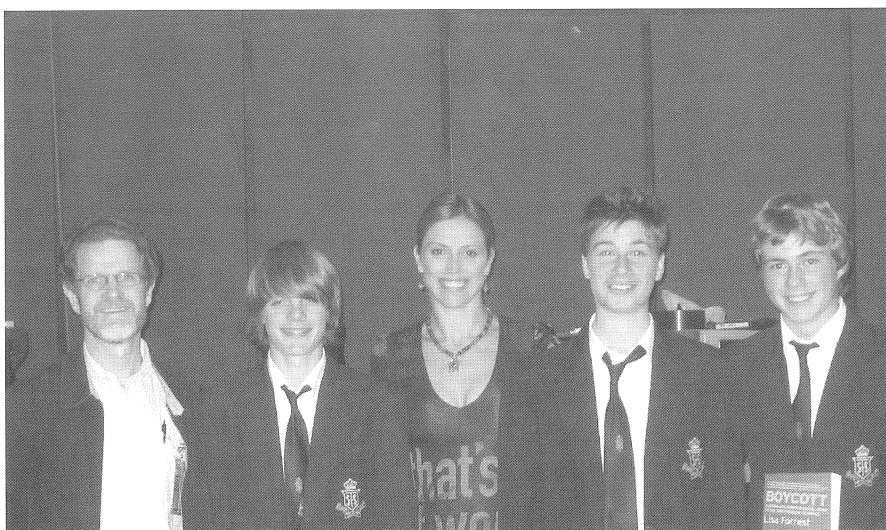
'MasterClass' with Lisa Forrest

One exciting initiative in 2008 was the school's involvement in 'Masterclass', a new on-line resource for Stage 5 and 6 History and English students produced by the Department of Education's Centre for Learning Innovation (CLI). In April, three of our Year 11 History students, Cameron Roberts, Robert Anderson and Alex Boulaeveski were chosen to interview journalist and ex-Olympian, Lisa Forrest about her new book 'Boycott'. Lisa was then a 16 year old school girl and captain of the women's swimming team for the Moscow games but because of the boycott was caught up in the controversy and even branded by some section of the media as a traitor. Our students joined by students from St Ives in the studio and Warialda high schools by video conferencing. The interview can be viewed on-line at: http://www.cli.nsw.edu.au/cli/news/product_news/lisa_forrest.shtm

In the hot seat, Lisa Forrest being interviewed by

Cameron Roberts, Robert Anderson and

Alex Bouraevski in MasterClass



ANZAC Day Ceremony 2008

1918: The End of 'The War to End All Wars'

The ANZAC Day Ceremony this year was presented by Year 10 History students, Lewis Cowper, Max Kiefel and Rick Trinh. The ceremony attracted a large contingent of Old Boys and was supported by the school's Concert Band ably conducted by Mr Paul Owens. This year we commemorated the 90th Anniversary of the ending of World War I and especially Australia's involvement in the battle of Villers- Bretonneux. The French were so thankful to the ANZACs that in Villers-Bretonneux they put a sign in the village school which read "Never forget the Australians." It is still there today. Like the French we should also remember them.



ANCAC Cemetery at Villiers-Bretonneux, France



ANZAC Day presenters: Lewis Cowper, Max Kiefel and Rick Trinh

SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Social Science Faculty has again this year provided a range of learning opportunities that catered for gifted and talented students within the class room and through extra-curricular activities. 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 at the end of 2007. Outstanding results in the HSC were achieved by **Bijoy Joseph 3rd in the state in Geography** and **James Diment 9th in the state in Geography**. 100% of Geography students achieved results in Band 5 and 6. The best results in Economics were achieved by Anuk Walgamage and Adnan Sufian with a HSC mark of 95. Economics students achieved a mean of 82.72 which was 7.08 above state average. In Business Studies Niksa Stanisic achieved a HSC mark of 97 and the mean was 82.28 which was 12.5 marks above state average.

At the end of last year we also received the results of the **University of NSW** Sustainable Living Challenge. Four groups of students were short listed as finalists in this competition and one of those groups was successful in becoming the **Sustainable Living Champions. Congratulations to Daniel Cung, Matthew Nguyen and Nicholas Rokkas** on this wonderful achievement. Their project on Botany Bay displayed superior primary research skills, analysis and evaluation.

The results in the Australian Geography Competition were again outstanding this year. Fifty four students received High Distinctions in their divisions. Nicholas Funai, Alex Tsathas and Imraan Matthews were placed in the top 1% of Australia in this competition. Other students in the top 3% of Australia were Harrison Burrows, Geoffrey Chen, Kenny Cheng, Daniel Dinh, Jason Fung, Richy Han, Kevin Lam, Phillip Nguyen, Vignesh Raman, George Simeonov and Kevin Yao.

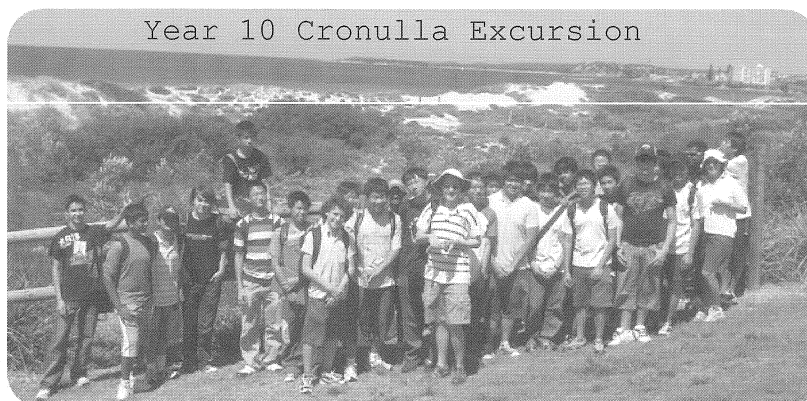
In the Economics competition George Issa received a High Distinction and a monetary prize at a special ceremony at the University of New South Wales. In the Business Studies competition Albert Cheng was also in the top 1% of Australia receiving a monetary prize and High Distinction.

Extra-curricular activities this year included fieldwork at Cronulla and Oatley Park, excursions to IMAX, the Sydney Aquarium and HSC Lecture Days, the ASX competition, Telstra Marketing Academy, Business Plan Competition and a Financial Literacy Assessment.

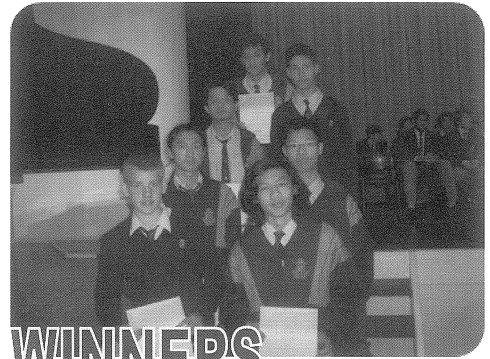
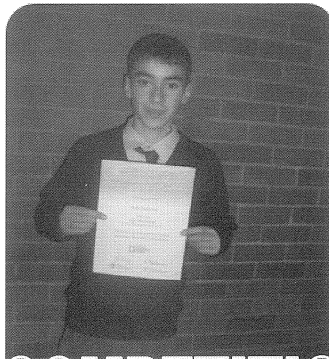
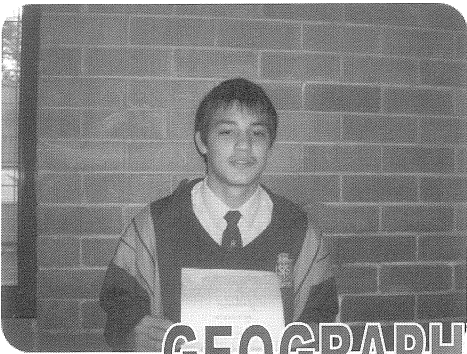
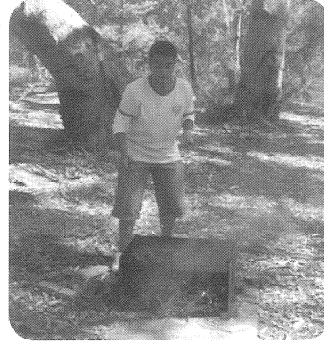
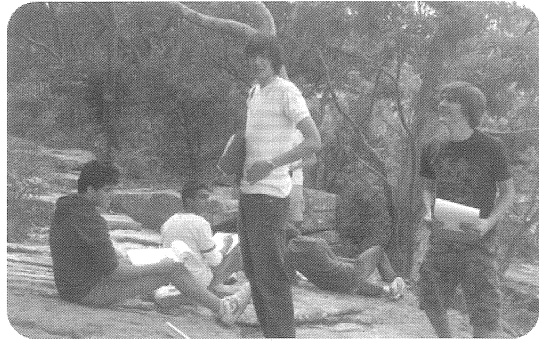
This year the faculty has been working on further incorporating technology into the classroom. There is extensive use of the computer room and assessments related to communicating geographical and commercial concepts using ICT. We have upgraded materials on the intranet embracing particularly the Moodle component of the new intranet to provide resources and copies of assessment tasks that students can access both at school and at home.

Finally, I would like to thank the social science staff (Michael Bellamy, Barry Cranston, Aldene Golledge, Neville Roper, Julien Samuel and Anne Olsen) for their support and their dedication in providing quality learning experiences that have enriched the curriculum for students.

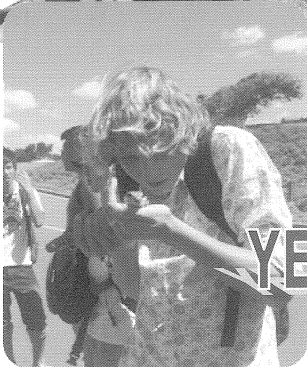
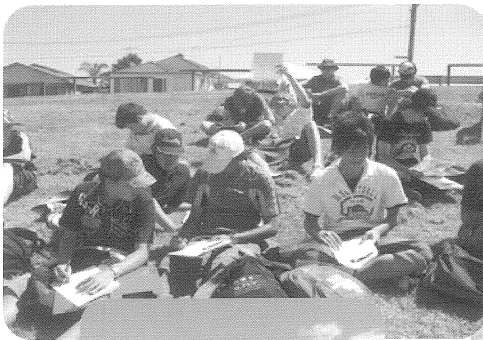
Joy Davis
Head Teacher – Social Science



YEAR 11 OATLEY PARK EXCURSION



GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNERS



YEAR 10 CRONULLA EXCURSION

CREATIVE ARTS/LOTE

The past year in the Creative Arts/LOTE faculty has been one worthy of reflection. Together with our students we have enjoyed outstanding successes and a common purpose to capitalise on the previous year's Faculty Review of *Teaching Electives*. This research examined best practice, intellectual challenge and student engagement with learning in art, music and language. The findings of this review have directed our efforts in the development of new programs, resources, workshops and facilities for enhanced computerisation of our curriculum. The evolution of traditional learning into electronic formats is recognized by the Education Department's 2009 focus on connected learning.

Within arts education, we have always used the connection of concepts and synthesis of techniques to create new understandings as a basis for learning. Best stated by art critic Charles Fowler "The arts humanize the curriculum while affirming the interconnectedness of all forms of knowing. They provide a more comprehensive and insightful education because they invite students to explore the emotional, intuitive, and irrational aspects of life. With a subject matter as broad as life itself, the arts easily relate to aspects of almost everything else that is taught." These connections build meaning and often involve extracurricular activities such as the excursions, competitions, rehearsals, workshops, performances, exhibitions and cultural exchanges detailed in the following reports.

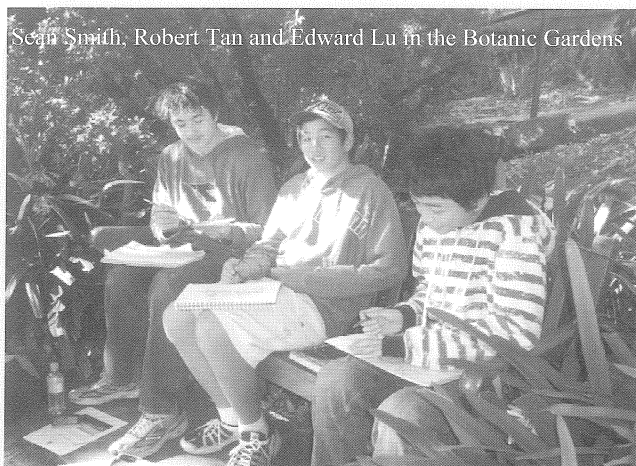
Congratulations are extended to our 2007 HSC students who produced some outstanding performances, with most students achieving results in the top two bands. In Visual Arts Colin Lieu, Phillip Xuan, Tim James, Jay Grosvenor, Lionel Puang, Andrew Lai, Patrick Fong and Steven Cao had their HSC bodies of work nominated for *ArtExpress*, with four selected for exhibition. Lionel's painting was displayed in David Jones Market Street windows, Tim and Andrew were part of the Hazelhurst gallery program while Jay's video was shown at the Art Gallery of NSW before touring the state. In Music Daniel Kim was a state finalist in the Yamaha piano competition and winner of the Roger Woodward scholarship for piano performance, before his superb HSC performance which was part of the state's prestigious *Encore* concert in March. Daniel also excelled in Japanese Extension, as did Toby Beckmann and Yuto Nakayama in German Extension.

This year we welcomed Mr Shane Gamage to our Music department, who replaced Mr Doug Towner who is on extended leave to attend to family. Our Music department has benefitted enormously from Shane's immense skills as a practising musician and his capacity to work with each senior student to extract stellar performances for their HSC preparation. Mr Paul Owens has assumed the extensive role of managing the school performing ensembles program, bringing fresh vigour and new arrangements and opportunities to our wonderful student musicians, evident at various assemblies and ceremonial occasions, band festivals and our in-school concerts, *Musicale* and *Summer Ensembles*. There were numerous outstanding individual performances such as Desmond Tan of Year 12, who won the Sutherland Shire Youth Music Awards and the 2008 Roger Woodward Competition and Kieran Seed and Raphael Rosse, who performed in the Olympic Band in Beijing. Together with Band Camp and a strong complementary curriculum program our students are provided with exemplary musical experience. Ms Abson, Mr Reynolds and Ms Cross have continued to promote the joy of learning other languages through a range of cultural and academic activities including lectures and language days at Macquarie University. As in previous years a visit was organised for students from Nanzan High School, Japan during July. Eight visiting students were hosted by families from our school attending classes and teaching our Japanese students about sumo, calligraphy and sushi.

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts department, Ms Tina Blake, Mrs Dawn Nelson and I, have enjoyed the assistance of practicing artist and teacher Ms Rachel Alexandra, for a sizeable part of the year, thanks to a combination of teacher injury, long service leave and relieving positions. She has brought a fresh dynamism to our faculty, inspiring students with her mixed media portrait paintings and passion for all forms of artistic practice.

Throughout the year we have worked to develop student creative thinking and expression by enhancing classroom activities with organised art making, fieldtrips and theory based gallery visits. 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 Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay. Years 10, 11 and 12 visited the Archibald exhibition, which always inspires many senior students to include portraiture in their bodies of work. Year 11 Photography students went to Luna Park for inspiration with digital imaging, while Year 9 Visual Arts were fortunate to travel to the National Gallery in Canberra to study the Turner to Monet landscape exhibition as a prelude to their work in the genre. They continued their exploration of the environment on an intensive 'plein air' painting and drawing fieldtrip around Sydney Harbour.



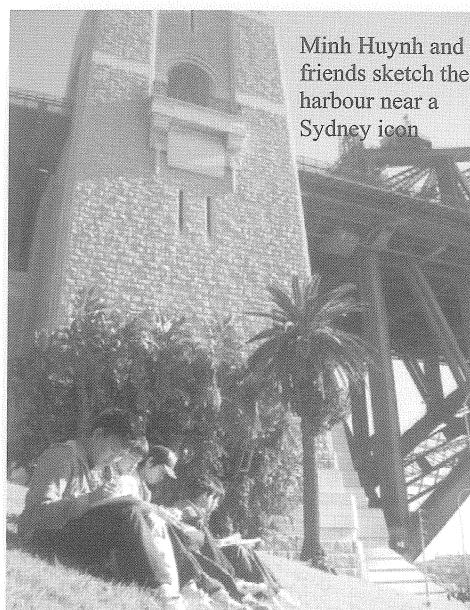
Sean Smith, Robert Tan and Edward Lu in the Botanic Gardens

It was quite a military operation to move both art equipment and students to vantage points for sketching and photography, as the following story by Gorden Jiang illustrates!

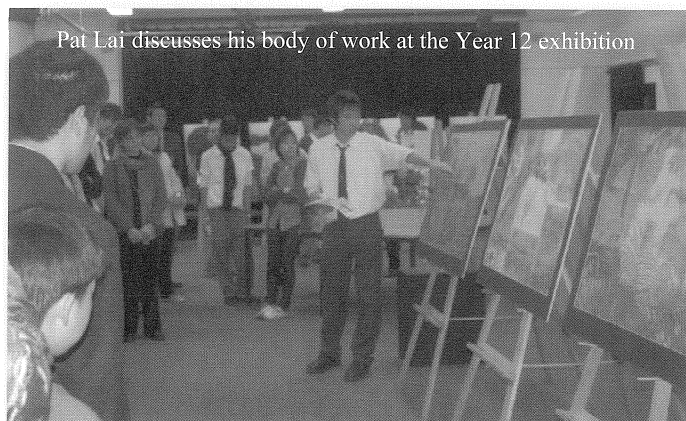
On Thursday the 3rd of July two extremely talented visual arts classes embarked on a journey into unknown territory, capturing landmarks and taking important records and first person observations. Our first destination was Dawes Point, the Rocks and we arrived at approximately 0945. "We have approximately thirty minutes to record this site. Good luck soldiers," Corporal Wright roared. We had to capture everything on canvas. Most of us shot down a few quick sketches while Lieutenant Nelson was giving orders to move around to get better angles of the bridge before departing.

Fifteen minutes later we repeated our exercise at the Botanic Gardens, Farm Cove at the exact time of 1030 for two hours of exercises. Soldiers captured 'The tree', 'The Bridge' and 'The Guy' in their VAPDs. Again, time was up as Corporal Wright agreed with Lieutenant Nelson that we had enough time for our final destination.'

By the time we reached Macquarie Lighthouse, Watsons Bay at 1300 all of the soldiers were weary. We did our job of capturing the surroundings in our cameras. We had achieved our objectives and we were proud of it!



Minh Huynh and friends sketch the harbour near a Sydney icon



Pat Lai discusses his body of work at the Year 12 exhibition

Students from junior classes have entered several competitions with excellent results. Our continuing involvement in the annual Harmony Day Poster Competition, organised by the Education Taskforce of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission and the Chinese Australian Forum, was recognized in a certificate awarded to the school for its ongoing support of the program. Students from Year 9 entered the inaugural SASSPA statewide art competition, with Gorden Jiang winning the senior division, and Bryan Mew and Johnny He receiving highly commended certificates for their images of the school environment. Seven students currently in Year 12 successfully completed the National Art School HSC extension courses. They were

Jimmy He, Samuel Heath, Stephen Lew and Jonathan Lin who undertook the Intensive Studio Practice Course and Ryan Szeto, Jared Poole and Danny Trieu who attended the Critical/Historical Study course. Both courses were of tremendous benefit to students in the development of their bodies of work. These opportunities for creative expression and connection are facilitated by dedicated and expert teachers. Their value to the school is beyond measure and I thank them sincerely for their ongoing enthusiasm.

Joanna Wright
Head Teacher – Creative Arts

LANGUAGES

The Languages Faculty 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. We also welcomed Mrs Jan Webster throughout Terms 1 and 3 who relieved at times for Ms Cross. There were also four 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 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 and Japanese Extension. John Billiris of Year 11 was one of our accelerated students and also sat for his HSC exams in Modern Greek. 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 2007 HSC results were very pleasing with nearly all students improving on their school assessment mark. Special mention should be made of Allan Qi (Dux of German Beginners), Yuto Nakayama (Dux of German Continuers and Extension), Isaac Kang and Daniel Kim (equal Dux of Japanese Continuers) and Daniel Kim (Dux of Japanese Extension).

All students studying languages in years 9 and 11 completed the Assessment of Language Competence paper 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 achieved a High Distinction in reading and/or listening included: Max Kiefel, Jason Fung and Ling Chi Lee.

Year 9 and 10 Japanese elective classes completed tasks that have been used by the Board of Studies for the Assessment Resource Centre. The students' work was aligned to the Stage 5 Course Performance Descriptors and our student's samples are now being used as exemplars for all Japanese teachers in NSW. This is a great achievement and shows the high standard of work that our students produce.

James Jang and Michael Jung were selected to represent our school and Hurstville Council on a two week trip to the sister city of Shiroishi, Japan, in the July holidays. The chance to live in a traditional Japanese home while experiencing a different lifestyle is something that will always be a wonderful memory for the boys.

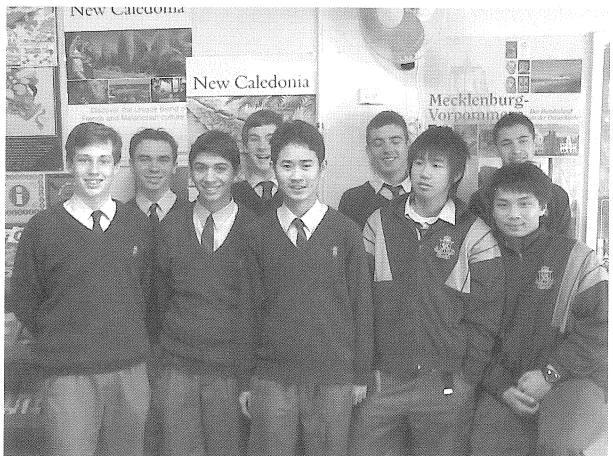
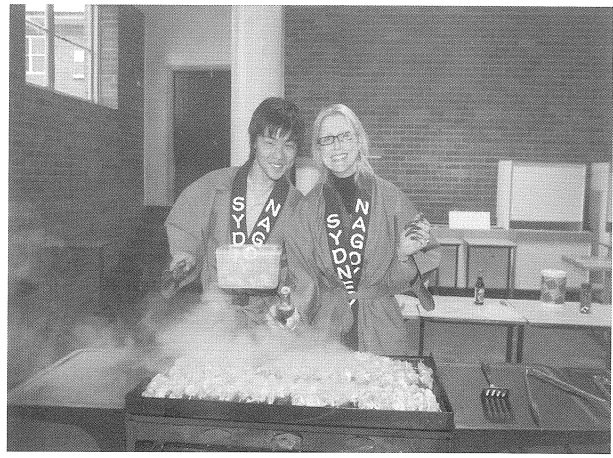
The Nanzan home-stay program ran for the fifth year and once again it proved to be a great experience for the school as well as the students and families who were involved. We hosted seven boys for 16 days, providing them with the opportunity to attend an Australian school while living with an Australian family and experiencing a very different lifestyle. At the farewell party we learnt how to do Japanese calligraphy, the boys tried their hand at cooking some traditional Japanese cuisine, and parents and students participated in 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: Allan Leung, Matthew Liu (Yr 7), Raymond Hayler, (Yr 8), Victor Lee, John Martin, James Jang (Yr 9), Sid Madiwale (Yr 10).

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 10 French class attended a language day held at Macquarie University run by the New South Wales Association of French Language Teachers.

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

Pam Abson
Languages Co-ordinator

LANGUAGES



MUSIC

CURRICULUM MUSIC

Students from Years 7 to 12 have once again excelled this year, producing a body of musical work that reflects creativity, sensitivity, and perseverance. There is a demonstrable continuity of skills in the areas of performance, composition, and listening, which begins in Year 7 (Stage 4) and reaches maturity and exceptional depth in Year 12 (Stage 6). To this end, students from all years are often heard or seen in the music rooms, auditorium, and Jelks' studio, not only absorbed in their own music projects but also actively influencing and supporting each other. They create an artistic environment that is abuzz with energy, enthusiasm, and the intrinsic desire to explore music.

We welcomed Shane Gamage to the Music Staff this year, replacing Doug Towner who was on extended leave. Shane has taught a wide range of Years 7-12 classes, including Year 12 Music 1, Music 2, and Extension. The students were grateful to be taught by such a dedicated teacher whose warmth, expertise and unflappable nature actively supported a wide range of musical activities throughout the year. In particular, Year 12 music students readily expressed very genuine and generous sentiments in their final weeks at school, reflecting the high regard in which they held Shane. As a colleague in the Creative Arts Faculty we would like to express our sincere thanks to Shane for his significant contribution this year and for his friendship, support, and camaraderie.

It would definitely be remiss not to make note of the outstanding efforts of our Year 12 music students. Simply breathtaking would be one apt description of the many performances we were privileged to hear throughout the year. Seven of these students elected *Extension Music* and consequently developed crafted recital programs to satisfy the exacting requirements of this course. The *HSC Music Evening* in August was again a highlight of the arts calendar, the boys demonstrating their skills in performance and composition. It was a thrill after many long months of development to hear these major works come to fruition. We never cease to be amazed by the dedication of our senior students and this year's group were certainly no exception. Their willingness to overcome obstacles and move on from disappointments to ultimately produce work of the highest standard was a lesson for us all. We congratulate these students and wish them the greatest of success for their *Higher School Certificate* and for a creative and prosperous life ahead: Kevin Chang, Dominic Cheung, Paul Cheung, Peter Kim, Pete Mulheron, Roman Pillay, Jordan Smith, Michael Sugerman, Desmond Tan, and Victor Xiong.

Music students performed as soloists on many occasions over the last twelve months: *Open Day*, *Speech Night*, *First Term Concert*, *Orientation Day*, *Sydney Region Concert*, *Summer Ensembles*, and of course, *Musicale*. Of note, students often performed for peers and staff each week as part the school's formal assembly. On all these occasions individual performers demonstrated the composure and musicianship necessary to overcome nerves and to communicate music to appreciative audiences. We congratulate these students and commend them for their pursuit of musical excellence!

We were fortunate in 2008 to engage the services of *Mark Isaacs* for the *Masterclass Program*. Mark is an Old Boy and internationally acclaimed performer and composer. He ran a number of sessions which helped students to develop composition skills and the critical awareness to refine their major works. These sessions were augmented by *Jason Smith* (Year 12, 2007), who is now studying composition at the *NSW Conservatorium of Music*. Jason was able to offer advice regarding the refinement of compositions and also a student's perspective regarding the pros and cons of preparing for HSC music exams. We were also fortunate enough to secure the services of a Cuban Latin percussion expert, *Magdelys Savigne*, to work with the Stage Band and some of our junior and senior percussionists. The boys had a wonderful afternoon and learned a great deal in this specialised area of music.

In future years we hope to expand the program of talented ex-students returning to support current music students. It is always of great benefit for young musicians to augment their regular work with input from authentic composers/performers, gaining insights along the way into real world artistic processes. To further support senior students' preparations, three HSC expert markers provided feedback for Trial performances and compositions. The extent to which students were ultimately able to refine their work reflected the great value of garnering a wide range of expert opinion.

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES

The various school ensembles enjoyed a successful year of musical development and public performance:

- i. Junior Concert Band
- ii. Intermediate Concert Band
- iii. Concert Band
- iv. Stage Band
- v. String Ensemble

The students in these groups are to be commended for their self discipline and passion for making music, the boys each week spending additional hours in their own time working together in rehearsal. The wonderful results of these efforts were on show a number of times this year, the ensembles receiving generous applause in concerts both from within and beyond our school community.

Ensembles Camp provided a central focus for improvement, fun, and the rehearsal necessary to prepare for major concerts. For three days the environs of Galston were alive with the sounds of nearly one hundred students making music. The boys experienced a packed timetable of rehearsals and other activities, the latter including the challenges of high ropes, BMX and archery. The boys were assisted by a range of tutors and were also provided with special workshop sessions taken by expert directors in string ensemble, wind ensemble, rhythm section, and stage band performance. Thank you also to the Sydney Tech staff who attended camp and without whose active support, this activity simply could not run: J. Wright, S. Gamage, M. Riley, T. Blake, I. Coulston, and E. Riley.

All ensembles work towards a number of major school-based concerts, preparing major items selected for both their entertainment value and their capacity to extend the boys' musical skills. In the first weeks of the school year the *Concert and Stage Bands* prepared for *Speech Night*, performing both ceremonial and concert items. As always, both these groups added to the pageantry of the evening and provided a live reflection of the student talents celebrated on this formal school occasion. Towards the end of Term the *Concert Band* performed a ceremonial role in the school's annual *Anzac Day* ceremony. We commend the boys for their sensitive rendering of the hymns *Abide With Me* and *The Recessional*, the latter accompanying part of the History Faculty's poignant Anzac presentation.

Joined by the *Intermediate Concert Band* and *String Ensemble* all the groups completed Term 1 with a major concert for family and friends. There were many highlights, including the *String Ensemble's* stylistic versatility (*Water Music* and *Eleanor Rigby*), the *Intermediate Band's* fun and energy (*Sesame Street* and *Gonna Fly Now*) and, the *Stage Band's* exotic interpretations (*Spain*)! The *Concert Band* entered the world of multimedia, providing a rollicking arrangement of *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* while excerpts from the film were projected onto a screen behind the band. Along with many fine soloists, the ensembles provided an early demonstration of the breadth and depth of musical talent at Sydney Tech.

After a successful twelve months of learning their instruments the *Junior Concert Band* performed at their graduation concert in the final week of Term 1. The small concert for family and friends highlighted the challenging journey these boys had taken since first picking up an instrument and the obvious progress they had made as they moved into the *Intermediate Concert Band*. The afternoon was concluded with pizzas and a small celebration of student achievements. To encourage participation in this program for the following twelve months, the *Stage Band* performed for the new intake of Year 7, demonstrating instruments and highlighting the advantages of the school's ensemble program.

Musicale was undoubtedly a highlight of the musical calendar, with soloists, small ensembles, and all large ensembles featured. The romantic strains of *Grenada* and the bounce of the *Pizzicato Polka* (*String Ensemble*), the dynamic dialogues of *Cute* and the drive of *Impact Zone* (*Stage Band*), the sheer fun of *Soul Bossa Nova* and the mystery of *Mission Impossible* (*Intermediate Band*), and the resounding power of *O Fortuna* and the vocal tones of *Blood Sweat and Tears* (*Concert Band*) - just to name a few - all made for an entertaining and fun night of music. Marimba, euphonium, and piano soloists, and a rock band, also made for a varied night of music. The boys worked particularly hard to refine items and prepare for this evening and a large appreciative audience provided a well deserved reward for their efforts!

On the final day of Term 2 the *Intermediate Concert Band* performed at *Engadine Music's BandFest 2008*. This ensemble played three items and to their great credit earned a Silver Award. We were very proud of these students, the adjudicator offering them both expert advice and complimenting them for their well developed skills and for the obvious enthusiasm and joy they communicate when making music.

In Term 3 the *Stage Band* was very active, having successfully auditioned as an individual item for the Arts Unit's *Choral Concert* series and the *Sydney Region Festival of Music*. Both concerts were held at the *Sydney Opera House* to sell out audiences and the boys experienced the excitement of working in one of the world's great concert halls. Their renditions of *Birdland* and *Spain* featured a number of jazz solos and the group attracted many favourable comments for their ensemble skills and musicianship. They also joined with *Engadine High School Stage Band* members to perform at the *Sydney Region Band Concert* at Sydney Tech. This combined group rehearsed together in a workshop taken by a professional jazz musician and director and then performed four instrumental/vocal items for the concert. The Stage Band concluded the term with the traditional performance at the *Year 12 Farewell*, featuring, of course, the Year 12 members of the Performing Ensembles program.

At the time of writing this journal report all the ensembles were starting to work towards the final major concert scheduled for Term 4. This concert will involve workshops, BBQ, and a fun performance for the school community. We look forward to a celebration of the year's work and a further opportunity to enjoy making music together.

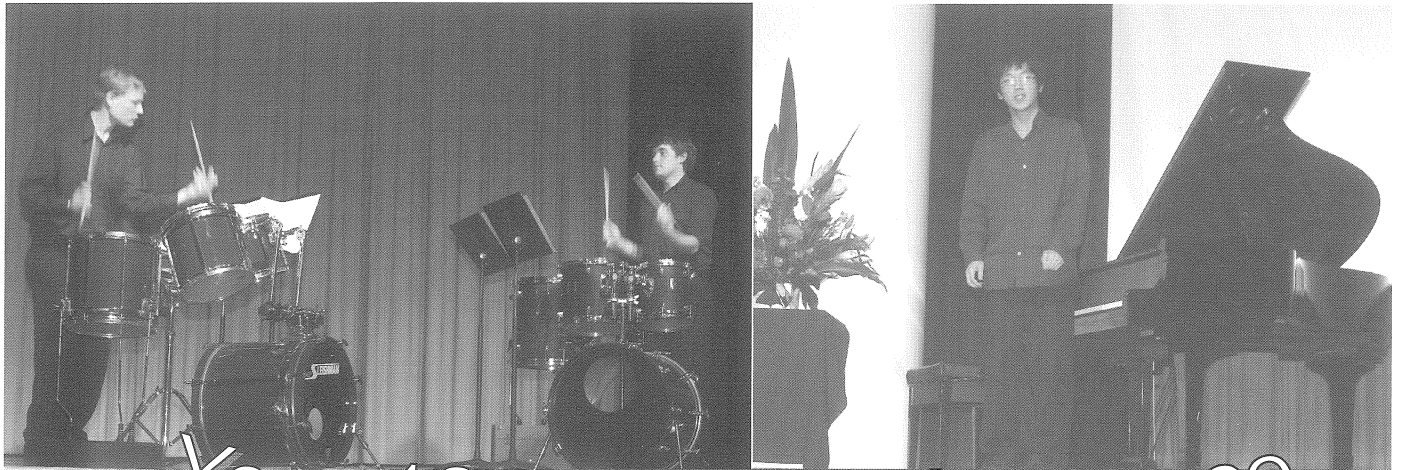
There are many very talented performers in the ensembles program and a number of these students extend their skills in representative ensembles: Alex Baehnisch (*Sydney Region Band*), Daniel Dinh (*Millennium Marching Band*), Sam Gill (*State Schools Senior Wind Band*), Daniel Kim (Yr 12 2007, *selected as an outstanding HSC candidate for Encore*), Garston Liang (*Millennium Marching Band*), John Martin (*Symphonic Wind Orchestra*), Antione Rosse (*Sydney Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SSSWE)*), Arts Unit Orchestra, Anzac Day Soloist), Raphael Rosse (*SSSWE, Jazz Orchestra, Beijing Olympic Orchestra, School Spectacular Stage Band, Arts Unit Orchestra*) Kieran Seed (*Millennium Marching Band, Beijing Olympic Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Orchestra*), Jordan Smith (*SSSWE, Jazz Orchestra, Schools Spectacular Orchestra*). Some students also enjoyed success in major competitions throughout the year: Congratulations to Bowen Fox (finalist *Sutherland Youth Music Awards*), Sam Gill (first in composition and third in performance for the *Sutherland Youth Music Awards*), Peter Kim (Young Performers 2MBSFM) Raphael Rosse (for making the finals (USA) for tuba and euphonium of the *International Tuba and Euphonium Conference*, and accepted as an individual soloist for the *Instrumental Festival* at the *Sydney Opera House, Emerging Performers 2MBSFM*), Desmond Tan (*Roger Woodward Scholarship*, first in performance for the *Sutherland Youth Music Awards*), Paul Cheung (semi-finalist in the *NSW Secondary Schools Concerto Competition*). Bravo to all these students for the courage and confidence to pursue these high levels of musical achievement.

For Year 12 the end of their secondary schooling is drawing near and this is an appropriate time to thank a number of students for their loyal and dedicated contribution to the ensembles at this school. We wish them all the very best of luck with their future endeavours and hope they take with them some very fond memories of their time making music at Sydney Tech: Kevin Chang, Paul Cheung, Matt Day, Kelvin Man, Jared Poole, Jordan Smith, and Victor Xiong.

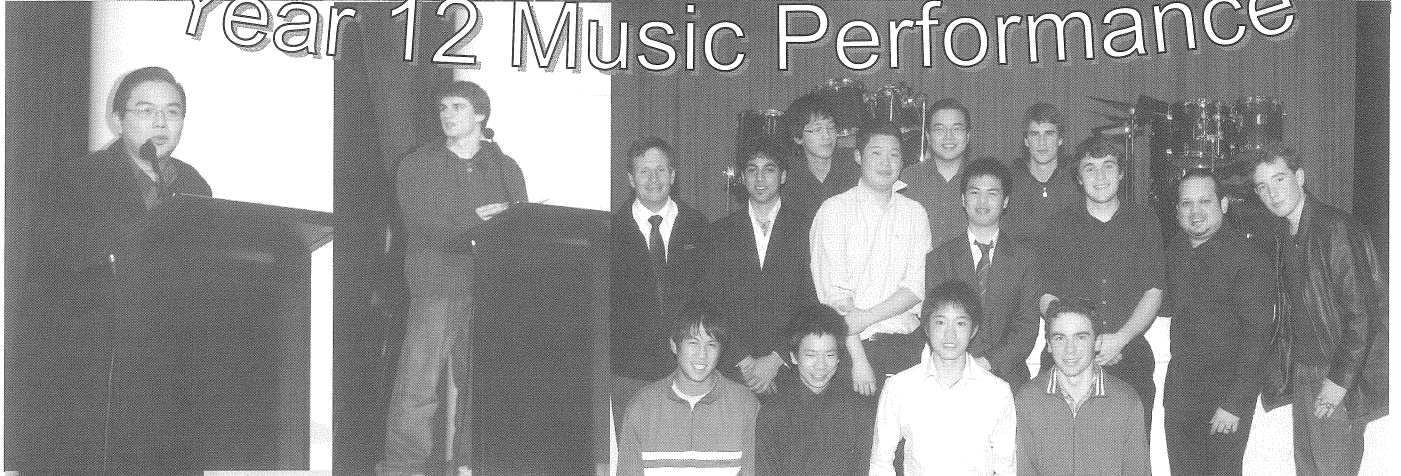
The ensembles program could not operate without the support and expertise of dedicated musical directors: Dave Panichi (*Stage Band*), Emma Riley (*Intermediate Concert Band*), Vov Dylan (*String Ensemble*), and Jacob Nicholls (*Junior Concert Band*). These directors are very fine and active musicians who bring to our students years of experience and a knowledge of working in the professional world of music. Their contribution is invaluable and ensures Sydney Tech students receive an authentic and current understanding of how to develop their individual and ensemble skills to the highest levels.

Last and, most certainly, not least, a huge thank you is given to the parents of the Music Support Group for their support throughout the year. They have raised significant funds to supply, maintain and replace musical equipment and, of course, provided refreshments and logistical support for major concerts throughout the year.

Paul Owens, Shane Gamage
Music, Creative Arts Faculty



Year 12 Music Performance



JUNIOR BAND



(L-R) W Ho, B Zhang, A Long, J Shen, A Irving,
B Chiu, K Chu, Mr P Owens

STAGE BAND

1st Row (L-R) H Demonteverde, A Rosse,
M Day, J Smith, S Gill, D Dinh
2nd Row(L-R) K Man, A Yeung, R Rosse,
N Mason, A Walker, Mr P Owens
3rd Row (L-R) B Fox, N Woods, L Szczepanski,
V Xiong, K Seed, C Roberts

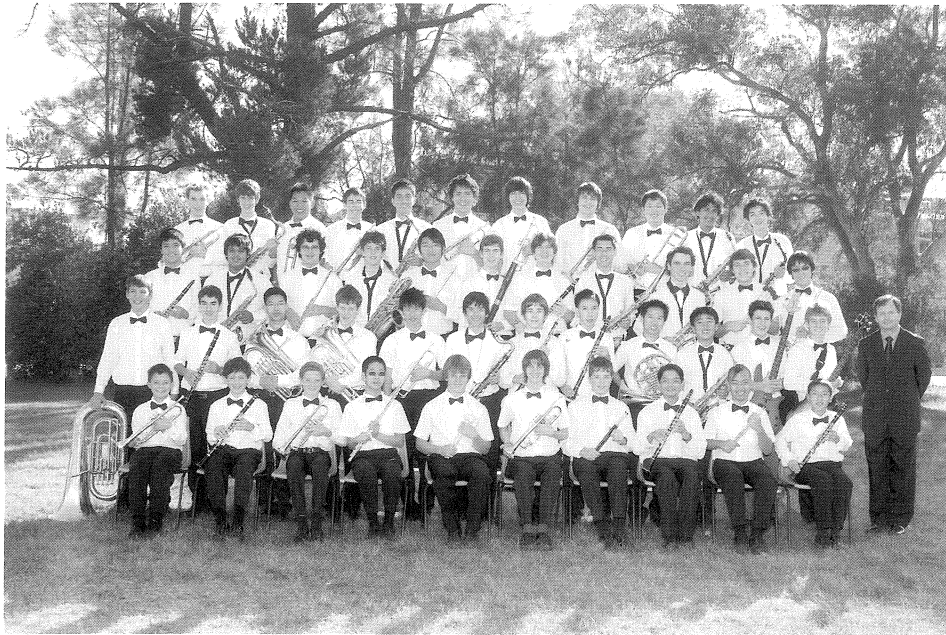


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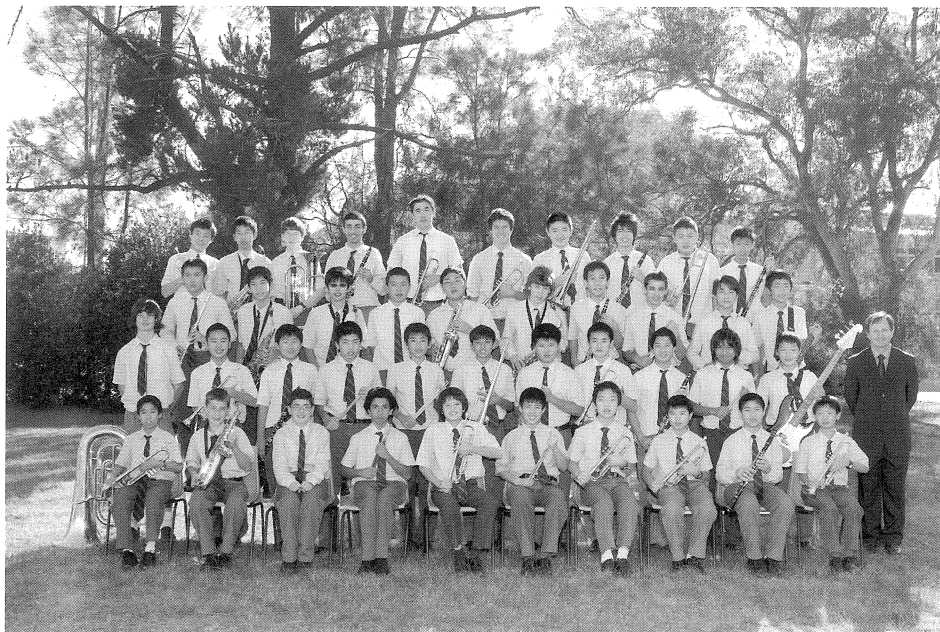
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L Fung, Mr P Owens

CONCERT BAND



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 Second Row (L-R): C Janssen, A Tsathas, K Lam, R Rosse, D Lau, J Poole, J Martin, A Pan, K Man, J Li, N Mason, A Walker, Mr P Owens
 Third Row (L-R): J Yang, B Genday, J Davies, D White, Q Wong, T Murray, B Fox, G Liang, S Gill, J Smith, K Chang
 Fourth Row (L-R): M Day, N Woods, J Wong, J Hanna, C Strong, J Taurail, L Szczepanski, K Seed, V Xiong, J Mohammed-Rahim, D Stewart

INTERMEDIATE BAND



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 Second Row (L-R): T Rusbatch, J Mo, A Wong, K Tan, D Chan, P Kuleechuay, A Dai, J Ye, J Li, R Martinez, L Sun,, Mr P Owens
 Third Row (L-R): J Mai, I Anggabrata, D Jin, G Wang, H Lee, J Cox, I Anggabrata, A Rispler, D Nip, E Lu
 Fourth Row (L-R): J Leung, B Wang, A Baehnisch, C Rezcallah, S Smith, S Grennan, T Liu, D Chiew, A Zhang, H Xing

PD/H/PE & CAREERS FACULTY

The previous twelve months have seen a number of important changes and considerable activity within the faculty. In 2007 the school initiated the first round of what will be a series of faculty evaluations. Each faculty will have an opportunity to identify areas in which they wish to evaluate current practice and to make future improvements. The PD/H/PE teachers identified key areas within the 7-10 Mandatory courses and both staff and students were interviewed regarding their perceptions of current programs and practices. From here, a report was compiled by an external evaluator and then, through consultation, plans were made for the best ways to implement suggested changes. By the time of writing this article many of these changes had been put into place, including structural changes to the frequency of lessons, revisions of program scope and sequence, and changes to assessment tasks to ensure they better target students' knowledge and skills. I commend the members of this faculty for their openness and capacity to self evaluate; together they continue to build a productive and relevant faculty at Sydney Tech.

The PD/H/PE staff has again demonstrated an active commitment to the programs at this school. As a group they have been involved with school camps, grade sport, CHS sport, carnivals, SRC dances, whole-year excursions, work experience, and charitable fund raising events. The value of a school extends of course far beyond the walls and lessons associated with the regular timetable. It is therefore fundamental to a school such as Tech that dedicated staff are willing to support a wide range of additional opportunities for the boys. Thank you to PD/H/PE and Careers staff for their conspicuous efforts in these areas.

Paul Werner has again this year willingly undertaken the role of *Relieving Sports Coordinator* when Trevor Trotman has been on leave. This is a very demanding role that requires a cool head and a tolerance of the many factors that can change at the last minute. Paul undoubtedly has the many qualities to carry out these duties in an efficient manner. Rod Carter continued this year as the *Student Representative Council* (SRC) coordinator, guiding a major reorganisation of student governance which saw the amalgamation of the Prefect body with the SRC. Rod is to be congratulated for his initiative and enthusiasm in undertaking this restructure and the guidance he has offered to student leadership throughout the year. As a *Year Adviser* Matt Hewett had the daunting role of supporting and assisting 150 Year 8 students. From curriculum to welfare issues Matt remains the 'go to' person for the boys and ensures that their group and individual needs can be met.

There were a number of special activities in 2008 for PD/H/PE students: Year 10 Human Movement students once again developed coaching programs which were then put into practice with small groups of Year 5 Hurstville Public School students. Year 10 Human Movement classes also had the opportunity to attend the annual three-day canoeing safari down the Kangaroo River. This outdoor adventure offers the boys a chance to challenge themselves both physically and mentally and to put into practice many of the principles they have learned in class. Years 9 and 10 Human Movement students also attended gymnasium sessions and other special training activities organised throughout the year. Year 11 students completed a two-day course (with examination) to attain a *First Aid Certificate*, a valuable experience that directly relates to their senior studies. Together, these activities encourage an authentic learning environment and ensure the principles learned in class are practically-based and relevant. The culmination of these experiences in no small way helps to produce the impressive HSC results this faculty has fostered over the years.

The Careers programs in the school reach out to students across all years; in particular students from Years 10-12 are given access to invaluable information regarding career pathways, university entry and courses, scholarships, special access schemes, and tertiary requirements. The Careers Adviser, Brett Mulholland, has a wealth of experience and expertise and works with students to build the skills necessary for them to make informed future choices. These include decision-making skills, identifying transferable skills across the curriculum, and using oral and written mediums to present their credentials in effective ways. Brett has overseen an upgrade of computer and other resources in the *Careers Learning Centre* and there is now quick and ready access to web-based careers sites such as *Careers Central*. The management of the Learning Centre provides both a vital faculty and whole-school educational facility.

New careers initiatives have been taken this year under the auspices of the *School to Work* (STW) program: guest speakers in the areas of achievement and motivation have been engaged to speak to students about their future aspirations and the personal factors which can help them achieve their goals. Andrew Martin, a world authority on student motivation, spoke to all school staff at a special staff meeting in Term 3. He looked at issues of gifted underachievement and the ways in which teachers can maximise student outcomes. Further sessions included the *Nexgen Group*, who provided speakers for a Year 11 session entitled, *How High is Your Ceiling*. They were looking at ways to overcome personal barriers and realise potential.

Improving staff expertise in areas of motivation, student futures and achievement will remain a focus of the STW program over the coming year.

In conclusion I wish to thank the PD/H/PE and Careers staff for their support and efforts during the year. Working with high levels of professionalism and commitment has provided a community spirit that facilitates a student focus and many student achievements.

Paul Owens
Head Teacher - PD/H/PE and Careers

COMPUTING STUDIES

The Computing Studies Faculty has had a very busy year in 2008. We have upgraded some significant software titles to keep the boys up to speed with the latest. Much has also been achieved on the network front, largely due to the generosity of parents and school community. We have also completed a large amount of network cabling as well as the hardware to support this. The intention is to prepare us well for the "Education Revolution" that is coming upon us, as well as continue our own programme of purchasing hardware and software to support the boys ongoing educational needs.

Software Design and Development has proven to be a popular subject again. The students who select this course often reflect that it is a challenging yet very rewarding subject. It is the nature of being involved in designing your own software that really engages the students and allows them to challenge themselves. SDD really embraces best practice in giving the boys rich tasks that push them out of their comfort zones. The year 12 class has produced some excellent titles such as an interactive Car Service Manual and an IPT HSC Study Guide.

In 2007 the Information Processes and Technology class achieved some outstanding results in the HSC with almost all students achieving either a band 5 or 6. This is an area of study that acts as a solid foundation for any career in the IT area.

Information Technology VET has had an influx of students this year. The ability to incorporate a Vocational Course along with an HSC qualification is of great appeal to many students. The course being compacted into only four periods per fortnight has proven a popular formula. This year's Yr12 students are preparing well for this HSC and we wish them all the best in their future IT careers.

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

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

On a personal note, I enjoy the challenges of working in the Computing Studies Faculty. It is rewarding to be a part of the creative processes with the students and good to be a part of the modern world of computing. We are definitely living in an age of instant communication and access to information. One of the demanding aspects is maintaining the nexus between the needs and wants of the students and the reality of the physical, time and teaching constraints, but it is encouraging to see how many students are pursuing a path of study related to information technology in their post school education.

Martin Riley
Head Teacher – Computer Studies

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

As my third 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 again done well in the 2007 HSC, with great results in Engineering Studies and Design and Technology.

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 me as their teacher. The standout performance was Jaryd Carolin attaining third in the state in Engineering Studies; an outstanding result. The mean of Engineering Studies at Sydney Technical High School was 14.22 marks higher than the state mean; a significant achievement. Additionally I should mention that almost 42% 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 83% of students in Engineering Studies at Tech attained band 5 or higher. In Design and Technology I was equally impressed with almost 60% of students attaining band 5.

The Industrial Arts faculty was once again pleased to allow gifted students to accelerate in a number of subjects. In Year 10 students Nicholas Funai, Kenneth Lam, Vignesh Raman and Steven Rezkallah have accelerated into the Year 11 Engineering Studies course. While Year 11 students Sherwin Le, Harris Mustafa, Ravneet Singh and Brian So are completing the Year 12 Engineering Studies course.

This year has seen Industrial Technology – Engineering continue to grow in 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 in both Year 10 and Year 9 which suggests it is a course that our students enjoy studying. The Year 9 project work began with a small Water Tower which introduced fundamental engineering theory. Then students came up with a design for a trebuchet.

Following on from the trebuchets 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.

Year 10 Engineering students worked on Robotics projects at the start of the year. This allowed the students to look at control systems, which are so integral to our modern technological lives. Students are now looking at alternative energy by making solar powered radios.

The faculty has invested heavily, both in terms of time and money, in implementing a new Computer Aided Design (CAD) package: Solid Edge. This package replaces our previous CAD package ProDesktop. Solid Edge allows students greater design flexibility and is far more intuitive in its operation. CAD packages build engagement in students and expose them to modern drafting and design techniques. Students across Years 8-12 are now using Solid Edge and enjoying the challenge of becoming proficient with this challenging software package.

The electronics teachers are pleased to see the arrival of two electronics software design packages: Control Studio 2 and Circuit Wizard. These software packages allow students to draw their own circuit diagram and design their own printed circuit board layout. Moreover, with Control Studio they can design circuits in a modular fashion which promotes more complex circuits.

In terms of infrastructure we have invested heavily in ensuring the tools available to students are in good working order. We recently purchased two oscillating spindle sanders which allow students the chance to sand innovative profiles in timber.

The Industrial Arts faculty continues to fully embrace the revised IDP format this year and delivered seminars to the students about materials relevant to the 21st Century. Mr Coulston and Mr Gowan presented a hands-on technology lesson focussed on composite materials, where students learned about composites, such as carbon fibre, and how to manufacture with them.

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.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

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 Riley, 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 – Industrial Arts

Design and Technology Major Projects

Shown below are photographs of some Design and Technology Major projects from the 2008 HSC.

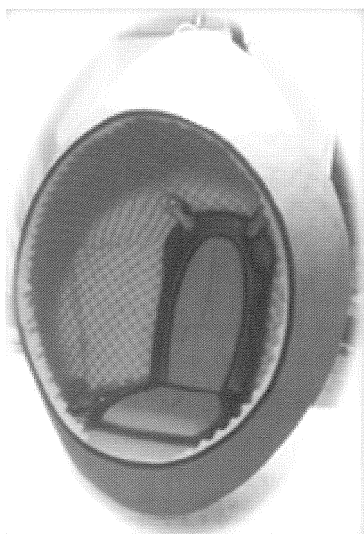
Shoe Box



LED Light



Gaming Seat



DJ table



LIBRARY

A school journal report for the library in 1965 recorded that 400 books had been added to the library which brought the collection to 8,500 volumes. In 2006-7 the library added another 2,740 new items while other obsolete items were disposed, bringing the collection to a total of almost 25,000 catalogued items.

In 1965 opening the library before school was introduced but it was only open to fifth year students which was the senior year in those days. Today, all years can use the library before school, as well as at recess and lunch time, in addition to lesson times.

There have been many other changes to the library over four decades.

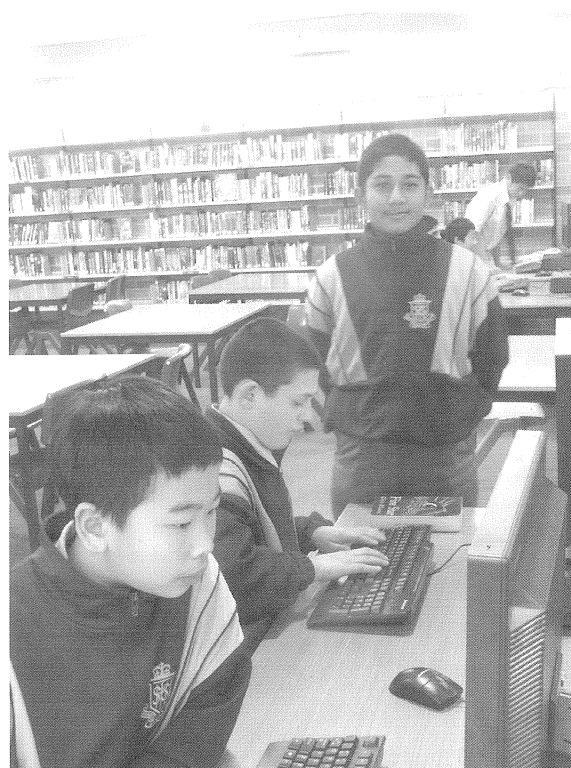
It is a popular part of the school and now has an average of well over 500 visitors each day. The availability of the internet on our 20 computers allows students to access information worldwide. Despite the extensive use of the internet and intranet, the books are still popular and borrowing has increased by over 15% during the last two years.

The library catalogue is now available to students and staff from home or from any computer when logged in to the school web page or the Department's portal. It is updated every 20 minutes so that library users can accurately see what resources are available. Students are also encouraged to join their local libraries so that they may use the wide range of online databases as well as book resources which may not be available at school.

The library continues to expand its multifunctional role. Our student computers are well used for research, assignments and recreational browsing during lessons and in free time. Classes from many faculties use the resources and lesson areas. The seminar rooms are used for chess before school, at recess and at lunchtimes and also for study, debate preparation and exams. The upstairs audio visual area has been useful for presentations, talks and meetings. Dr. John Morrison makes extensive use of the school archives room as he writes a history of the school.

Thank you to Ms. S. Collins and Mrs. I. Farrell for doing a great job keeping the resources accessible and attractive, for helping to 'renew' the library and for assisting the boys with their borrowing and research.

Mercy Kibbey
Teacher-Librarian



WELFARE

The welfare team had another busy year in maintaining existing programs and introducing some new initiatives. The six Year Advisers, two School Counsellors, Student Mentor and numerous interested staff have been heavily involved in working with students and the broader school community to provide all students with the opportunity to achieve to their full potential in a supportive environment.

The school continues to promote student resourcefulness, resilience and leadership through a variety of proactive programs as a means of empowering students with strategies to cope with the pressures that confront them. During the year a number of students with concerns as divergent as family break-ups, illness, time management and behavioural problems have been supported by the welfare team. Such instances usually have a major impact on the student and require considerable time, skill and finesse from staff to manage the situation with sensitivity.

The welfare programs outlined below have been organised on a year basis to target the identified needs of students at each stage of their school life. The main areas of focus have been; developing relationships, tolerance of individuality, coping with stress, leadership skills, time management, goal setting and improving study efficiency.

Year 7 Year Adviser Mrs. A Olsen: Transition Program, Year 7 Camp (relationships, team building, study skills), anti – bullying (school developed program and ‘Brainstorm’) and Peer Support

Year 8 Year Adviser Mr. M. Hewett: anti – bullying (‘Brainstorm’)

Year 9 Year Adviser Mr. M. Bellamy: Study Skills Forum (learning styles, goal setting, study methods and first aid) Year 9 Camp (relationships, team building) and anti – bullying (‘Brainstorm’)

Year 10 Year Adviser Mr. N. Melvin: ‘Elevate Education’ (study skills and time management) stress management (‘Brainstorm’) Youth Leadership Forum (12 students), Peer Support Leader Training and mentoring of selected students

Year 11 Year Adviser Mr. P. Graham; Crossroads Camp (drug education, relationships, goal setting), Peer Support Leaders and Stress Management with ‘Brainstorm’

Year 12 Year Adviser Ms Tina Blake: Scholarship and interview skills, mentoring of selected students and ‘Surviving The HSC’ seminars.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant contributions made by our two School Counsellors Ms. K.Burt and Mr. J. Rolland who have shared the role this year and Mr. A Gowan our Senior Mentor. Finally, I would like to say a big thanks to all of the staff volunteers who have helped out at camp, run seminars, mentored students or just helped out during the year. Every lesson, every activity, every day benefits from having happy, confident and resourceful students.

Neville Roper
Head Teacher - Welfare



PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

In 2008, the close collaboration of parents, citizens, students and teachers has allowed the monthly P & C meetings to sustain themselves as forums where the interests of all groups within the school community are considered. Important new and ongoing agendas are continually addressed, which promote the strength and development of our school.

The dedication and commitment of Ms Jacqueline Lyons, Mr Greg McNaught and Mr Sam Dando are greatly appreciated, and act as a driving force of our meetings. The contribution of all who attend our meetings is highly valued, as it helps to generate positive communication within our school.

We warmly welcomed four Head Teacher Guest Speakers: Mrs Joanna Wright (Creative Arts), Mr Paul Copeland (Industrial Arts), Mr Paul Owens (PD/Health/PE) and Mr Brett Mulholland (Careers Advisor). Additionally, Ms Magda Pollak, Manager of the Selective Schools Unit, addressed one of our meetings. We sincerely thank all guest speakers for their time and continued contribution to Sydney Tech.

In 2008, \$81,000 was contributed by the P & C to the school for the development of our school's infrastructure. We continued our commitment to the P & C Welcome Year 7 BBQ and the providing of speech night awards and gift vouchers to celebrate student academic achievement.

St George Girls' High hosted our annual joint P & C. Our Guest Speaker, Ms Gurdiv Webster, School Link Coordinator for East Sydney Illawarra Health, presented a workshop on "Staying Connected – How to Stay on Track" and this was related to mental health in adolescents. The information was valuable.

It has been a pleasure to be part of the 2008 team and a warm thank you to all the executive members for their continued assistance - Denis McCheane (Vice President), Koert Musters, (Secretary), Julian Cox (Assistant Secretary), Jo McCheane (Treasurer) and Janet Chirkoff (Finance Committee). I encourage all parents to somehow be involved with our school P & C, as the benefits are extremely rewarding for the school community.

On behalf of the P & C, I would like to thank our outgoing School Captain, Francis Zhou, and all other Year 12s for their contributions, and I wish them all the very best in your future endeavours.

Finally, I commend the executive and all staff for their tireless efforts in supporting our sons and providing solid public education. I wish all retiring staff very happy and relaxing retirements.

Athena Rokkas
President

CANTEEN

The canteen staff would like to thank the parents who have given so much of their time and support to us throughout the year.

We would also like to wish Year 12 every success in the HSC and in all their future endeavours.

Irene Shute
Canteen Supervisor



I.S.C.F

Manners Makyth Man (School Motto)

To Know Christ and to make Him Known (Inter School Christian Fellowship Motto)

According to Wikipedia “a **motto** is a phrase or a short list of words meant formally to describe the general motivation or intention of an entity, social group, or organization.”

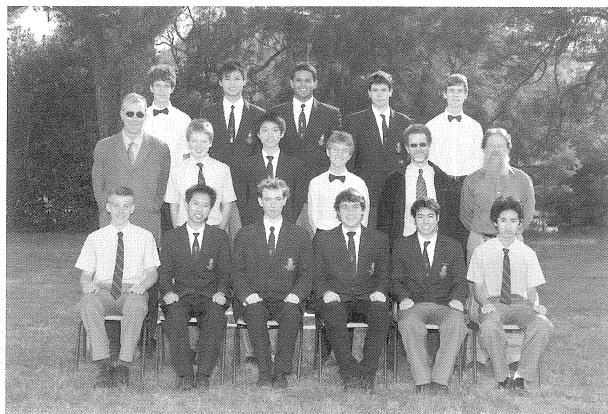
ISCF is not a place for Christians (only), it is not a place for nerds (only), it is not a place for bad people (only). ISCF is a place for all of us who are interested in asking some of the bigger questions about life and seeing what the bible has to say. Our main focus lies in Jesus and the facts that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

Geoff Everett joined the school in 2006 as the Combined Churches supported Religious Education teacher. It has been great to get to know Geoff as we work together to lead the ISCF group. Thanks also to teachers such as Phil Ward and Peter Heath for their regular attendance and support. I know the boys like having adults in the mix of learning and sharing as we walk life together.

This year in ISCF we have had a variety of meetings. On a cycle we have had meetings that are bible studies and others have been on more of a topical basis discussing issues that are facing us all living in the modern world.

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

I.S.C.F



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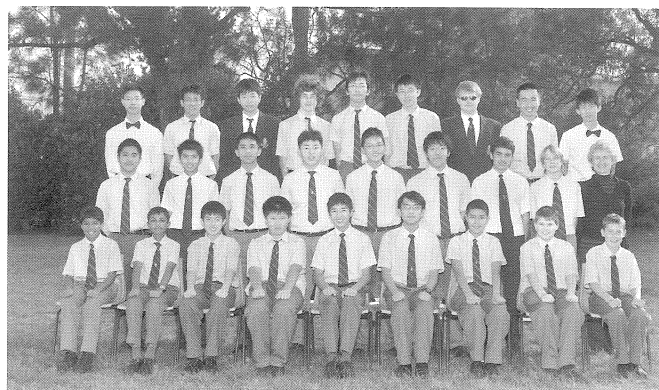
CHESS

Sydney Tech fielded seven teams in the 2008 Secondary Schools Competition; two junior, four intermediate and one senior team. All our teams were excellent competitors showing resolve, initiative and some inspired play. Our Intermediate A team consisting of Mukhlis Mah, Edwin Zhang, Tristan Tam and Kevin Lam were particularly strong, winning their division and progressing to the finals.

Many thanks go to the parents who generously gave of their time to help transport teams to away venues.

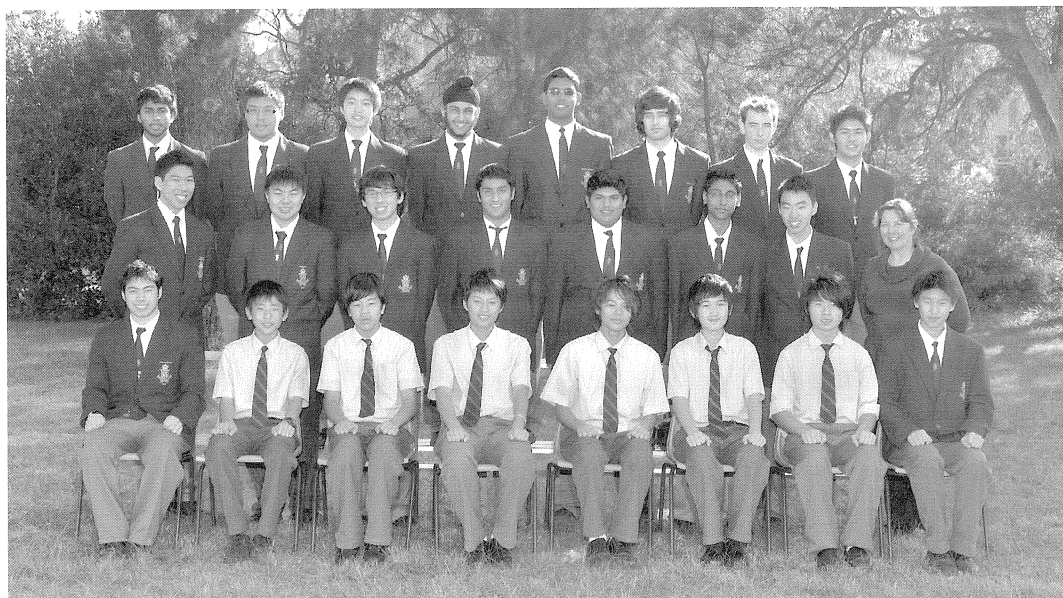
The Library has continued to be a wonderful venue for enthusiastic chess players. Many thanks to the staff for their ongoing support of the boys.

Bronia Engel - Chess Coordinator



1st Row (L-R) S Sivakumar, M Udaiyappan, S Lee, A Dai, F Huang, A Abundo, I Riahi, L Gibson, B Angell
2nd Row (L-R) T Tam, A Chan, B Tam, E Zhang, D Ngo, R Ren, D Funai, J Harris, Ms B Engel
3rd Row (L-R) K Lam, M Mah, K Tan, A De Mayo, L Lee, A Zhong, C Romanowski, Y C Liu, D Lau

INTERACT



Front Row (L-R) D Yeung, D Chan, J Nguyen, G Jiang, V Nguyen, B Mew, A Lin, D Chiu
Middle Row (L-R) A Ta, C Lee, B Ta, S Gupta, N Chowdhury, J Wijesekera, S Hardy, Ms T Blake
Back Row (L-R) A Challa, S Shen, D Cheung, J Dhingra, A Barathan, E Mazid, M Day, J Chan

Interact is the school's volunteer based organisation planning and co-ordinating the sales days and other charity events. Interact serves the community by raising awareness and funds for numerous worthy causes and charitable organisations each year. This has always been Interact's primary goal and thanks to your generosity and whole-hearted participation in the fundraising sales and muftis that we organise each year, Interact, on behalf of the school, has been able to donate thousands of dollars to charity organisations too numerous to list here. With the updated Interact Charter, our dynamic organisation has established stronger foundations within the school to improve the efficiency of all future charity events organised.

Our main focus through 2008 was fostering a greater sense of communication and connection between Interact and the Hurstville community. Through this greater awareness of the charity events, our activities outside the school have become more streamlined, allowing us to organise sales meetings with the local businesses. This allowed us to test and develop our communication and negotiation skills, building our school's great reputation and strengthening the school and community link.

As always, Interact would not be able to function as effectively without the help of a few dedicated people. Ms Blake, Interact's teacher coordinator, who despite having to manage the Year 12 cohort, was still able to oversee and care for everyone involved in the Interact team. Also, the office ladies, especially Ms Porter and Ms Higgs in the print room whose help and assistance in day to day activities has been invaluable. And an enormous thank you to everyone for their support of the charity events and the donations!

I have been a member of Interact for 5 years and under the guidance of Ms Blake and the previous Interact Coordinator, I have been able to acquire a wealth of knowledge about the inner workings of the Interact body and am able to pass this onto the your next Interact Coordinator, Nayeem.

It has been an honour to lead and become friends with such as socially-minded group, all donating their time and efforts to support the worthwhile causes which our school supports. I hope that the experiences which you have had will endure beyond your years at Tech.

Andrew Ta
Interact Coordinator 2008

SRC REPORT

This year saw a dramatic change to the role and function of the Student Representative Council (SRC) at Sydney Tech. The conclusion of 2007 saw the Prefect system evolve into a new leadership body in the school.

In my four years at Sydney Tech, three of those years as SRC Coordinator, it has been obvious to me that much of the change generated by students, for their fellow students, has come from the SRC.

A major change has seen the roles and office of the School Captain and Vice-Captain incorporated within the SRC. Having one body representing the students of our school has consolidated student focus on school issues and student leadership.

The 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. With the combining of the SRC and the Prefect bodies the school staff was given the opportunity to vote in SRC elections.

Soon after their induction, in early February, the students were organising a dance with St George Girls HS. The SRC decided to hire a new DJ with music and lighting to cater for the needs of a 2008 cool/hip student. The sale of glow sticks at the dance was a huge success, raising extra funds and adding to the atmosphere of the night.

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

The SRC also played an important role at the school cross-country in April. After running or walking the torturous course students and staff were treated to a BBQ and a can of drink compliments of the SRC. Mr Trotman confirmed this was the first time we had ever catered. No one complained of going hungry or thirsty!

The big event of the year was SRC week. The week commenced with a Pizza Day which saw shares in Pizza Hut skyrocket. A special thanks to old boy Allan Lam who assisted the SRC in the organisation of the day. A talent quest was also conducted during the week which 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 14th 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 Francis Zhou (School Captain), Daniel Yeung (Vice-Captain), Archi Barathan (Senior Prefect), Amer Mahmoud and Simon Wynn (SRC Management) for their contribution. Finally to the members of staff who have given up time to support and attend SRC functions many thanks on behalf of myself and the numerous students who have benefited.

Rod Carter
SRC Coordinator

ENGLISH STUDENT WRITING

THE TIGER

Enraged, though too lethargic to care
they give us the plans to build a new life,
but instead we learn only how to
tear down all we have built.

Darkness looms, the clock flashes as time
takes its toll, slowly metamorphosing us into creatures,
not of power and beauty and strength,
but into sculptures for the masses to gawk at

shamelessly. We live for their enjoyment, but where
is the enjoyment for us, the jaguar
paces in a furious rage unabated in its lust
for freedom. The lion, once ruler of plains,

far as the horizon, now caged in his
own dungeon. The parrots, cry in their own sick
despair, wailing for something, anything.
But the masses move by, silently

observing our pathetic state of relapse.
It is as if we live in a world alien to them.
That we, once creatures of wilderness,
have been caged and had our freedom ripped

from our ever slackening grasp.
Claws once sharp as talons now lie
in disrepair. Teeth once able to tear
and rip these sadistic creatures to

ribbons now serve no purpose but to
impress the silent mob that is gathered
before me. I sleep in my own waste, I dine
only to survive one more day; one

more day of horrific torture in the hands
of these beasts, for we are not the only animals
in this prison. The things that stand motionless
before us are more evil than time itself.

As I stand now they gasp in wonderment.
What pathetic and wicked creatures that find
joy in my hell, amazement at my despair.
I growl softly to them and they recoil in horror.

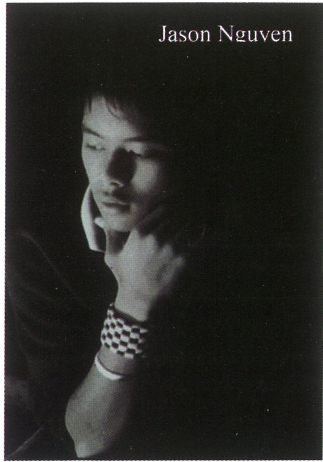
I chuckle to myself in self-pity.
This is all I have left, to sell myself
to these pitiful things that believe to be
superior. I oft times ponder what will

become of me. I believe only time
will tell. The hours flow ever onwards
as the days slip into decades until I am old and toothless

and cannot even manage a yawn. These
days I dread for they mark my death.
Truly I have fallen victim to these people.
Enticed once, forgiven never, I await my fate.

By Jonathan Gaymer 8H
Inspired by the poem "The Jaguar" by Ted Hughes

Year 11 Photography



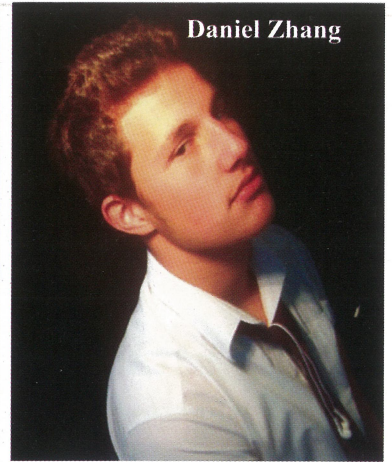
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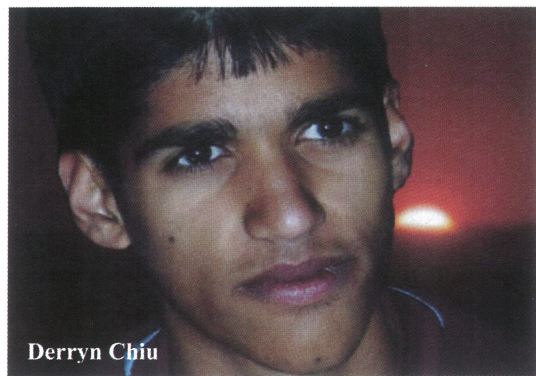
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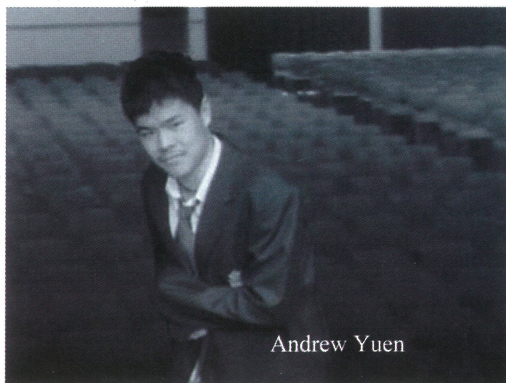
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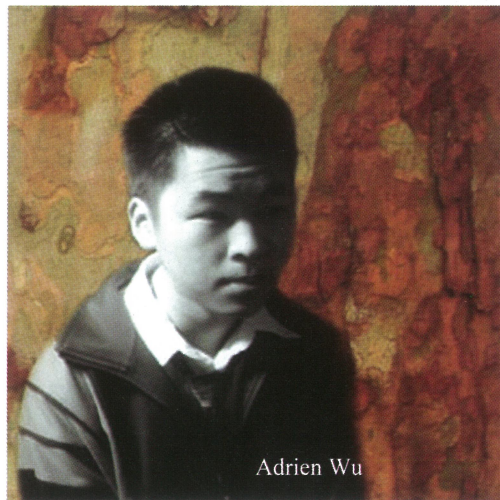
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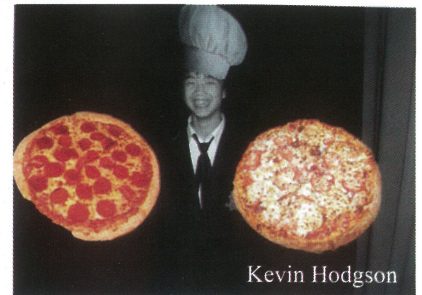
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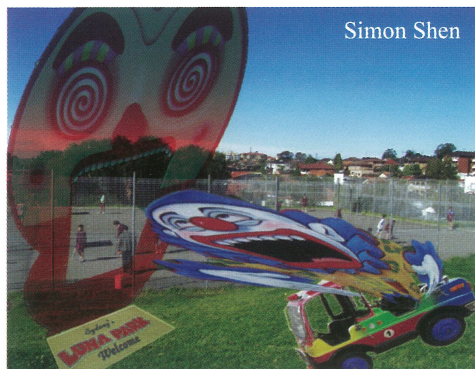
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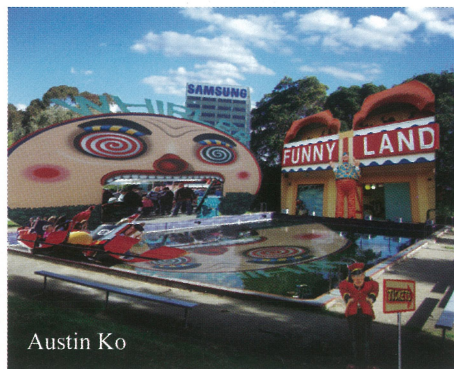
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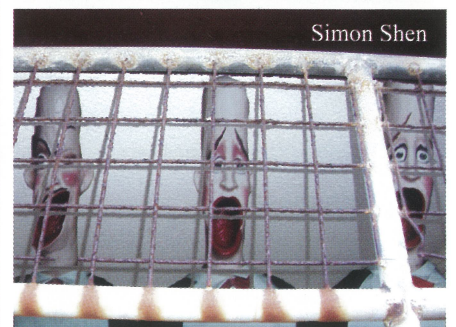
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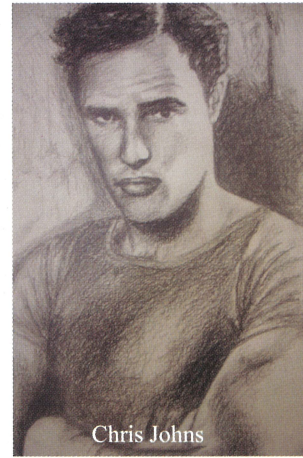
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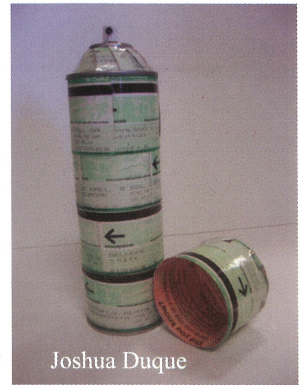
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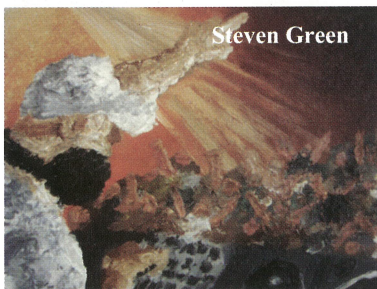
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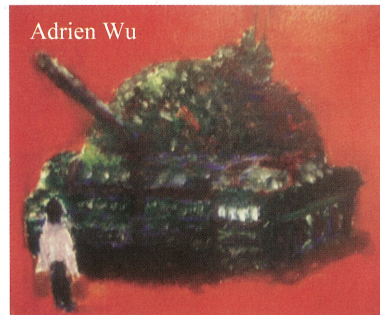
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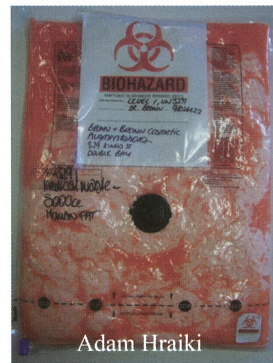
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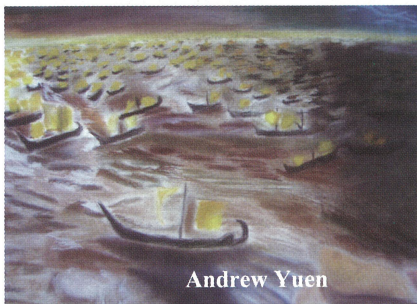
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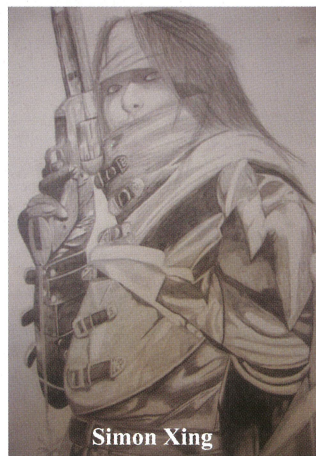
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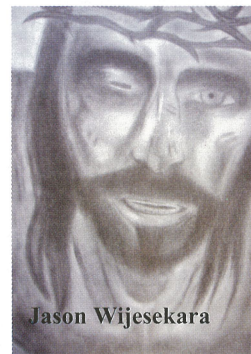
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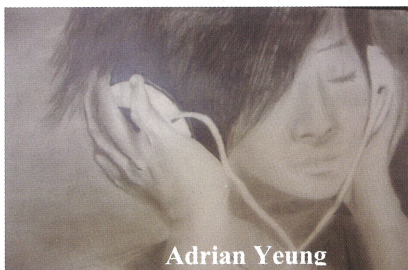
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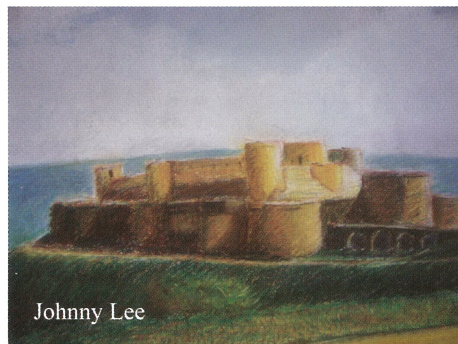
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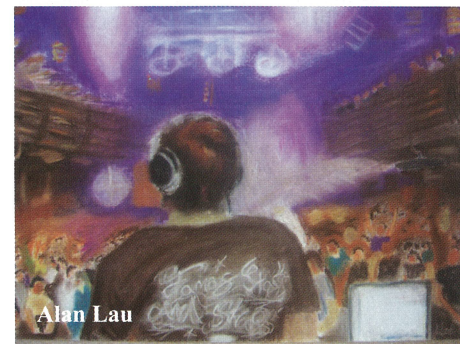
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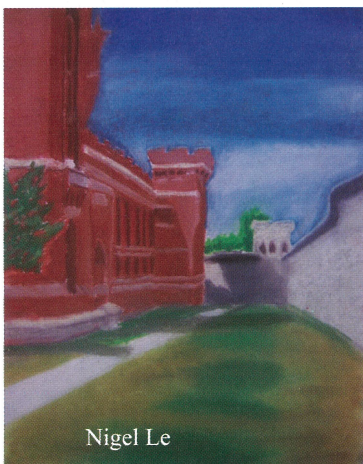
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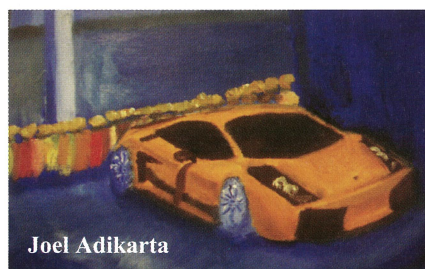
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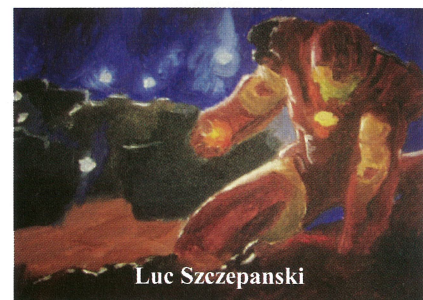
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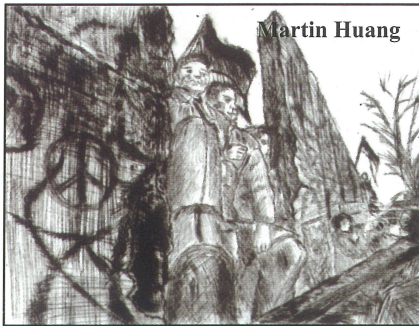


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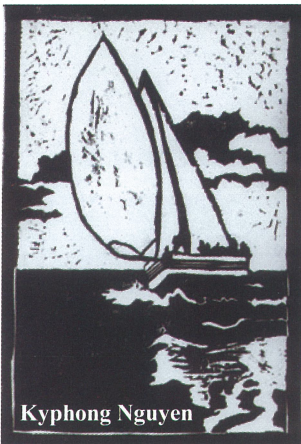
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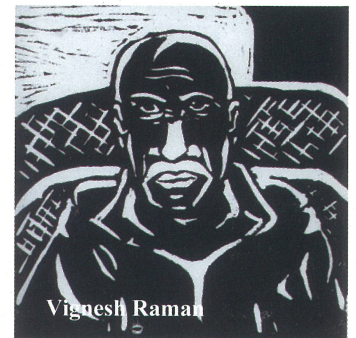
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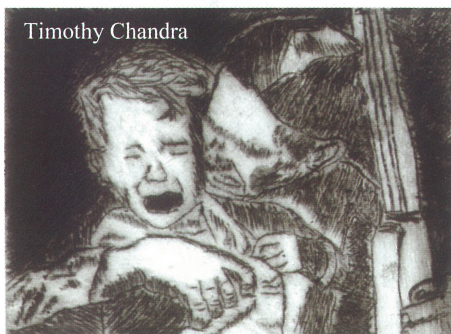
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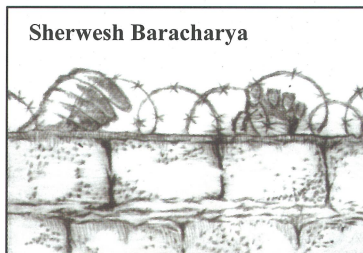
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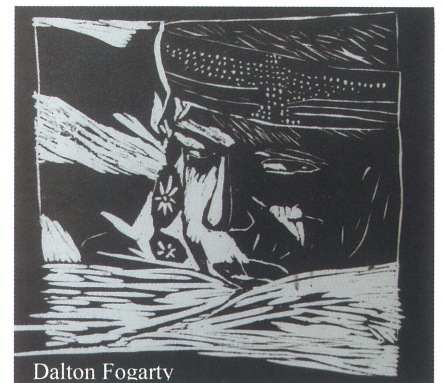
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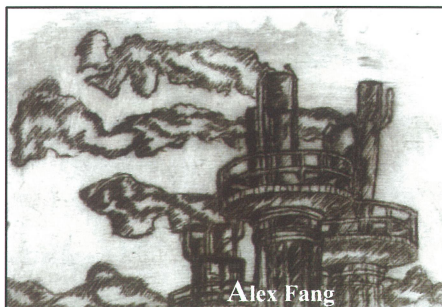
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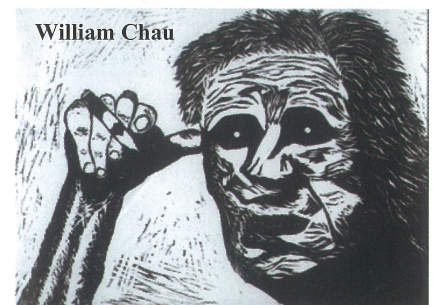
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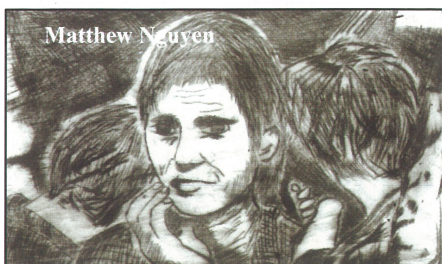
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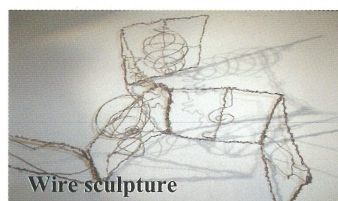
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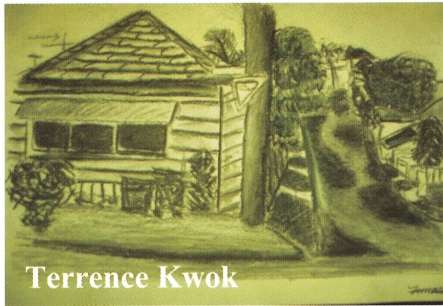


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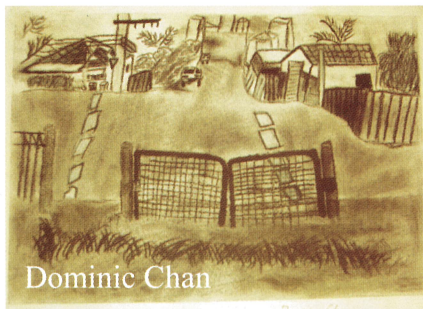


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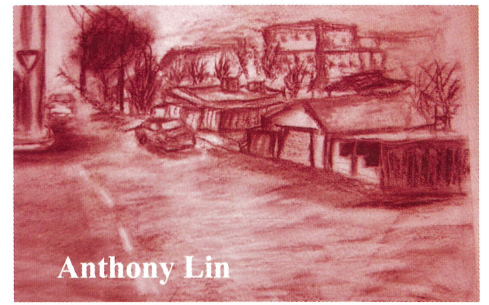
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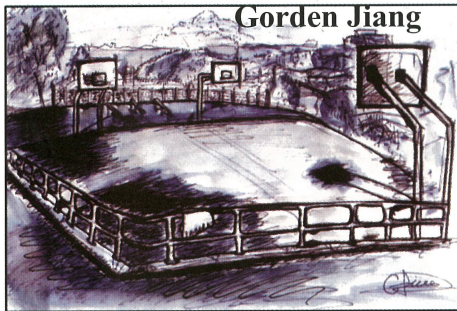
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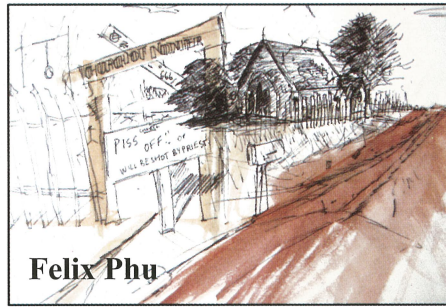
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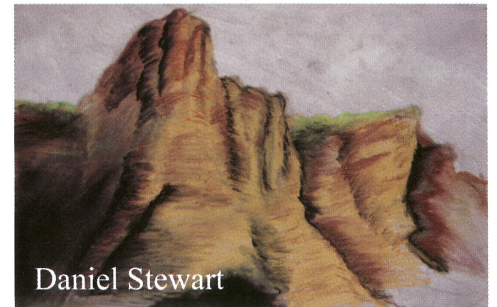
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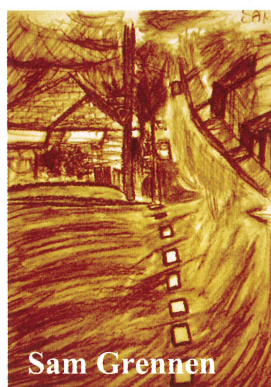
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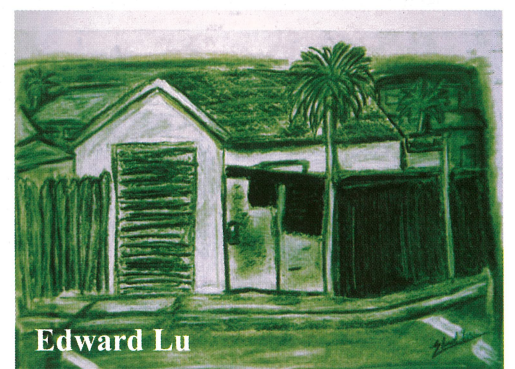
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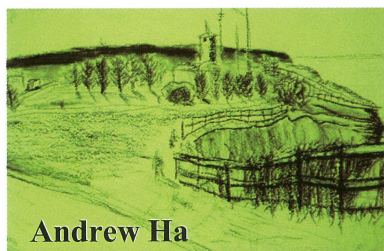
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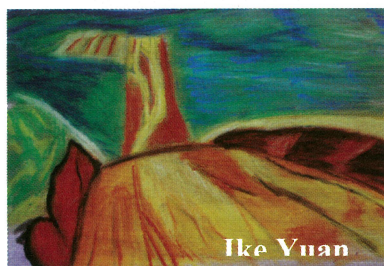
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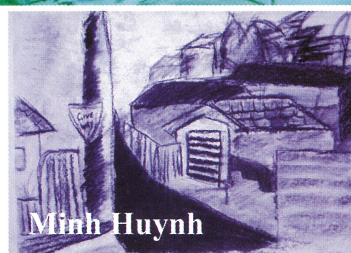
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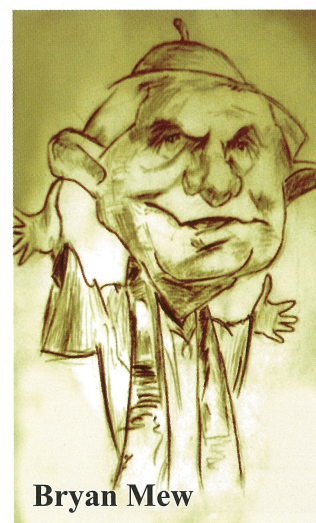
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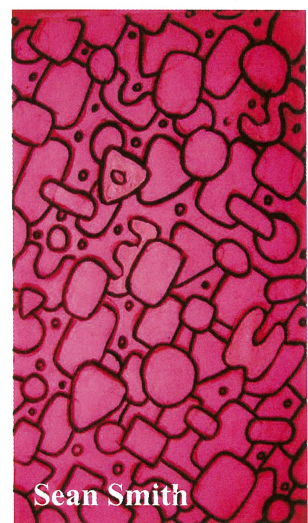
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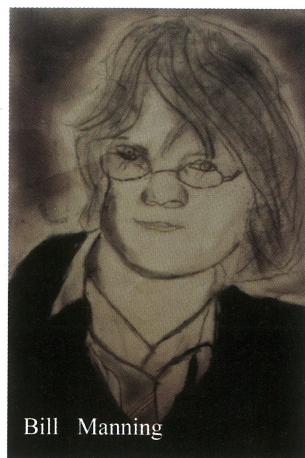
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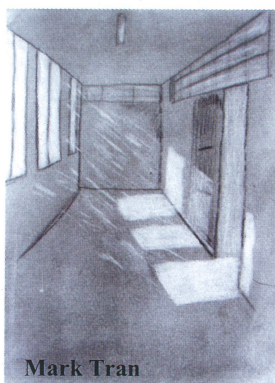
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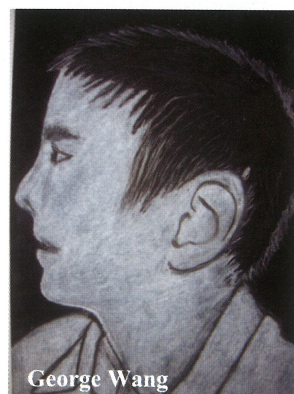
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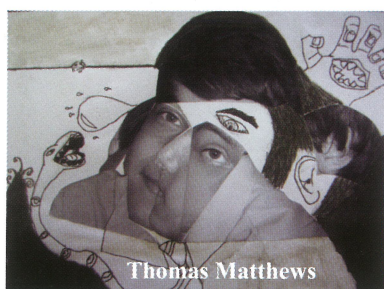
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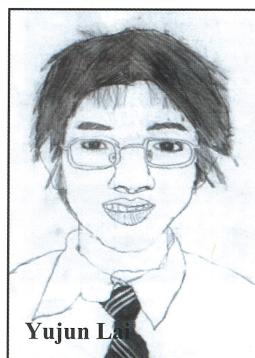
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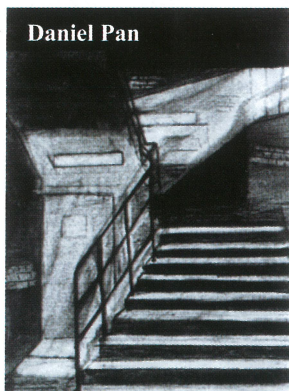
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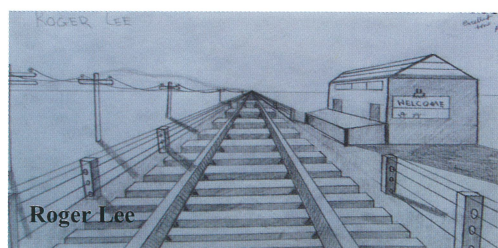
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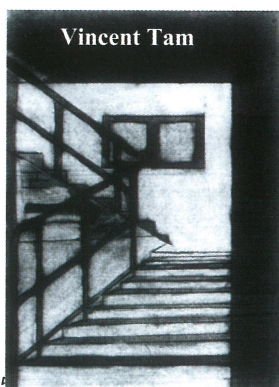
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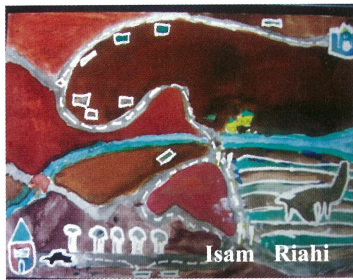


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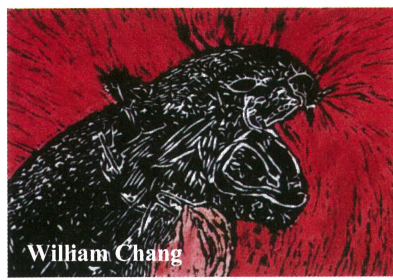


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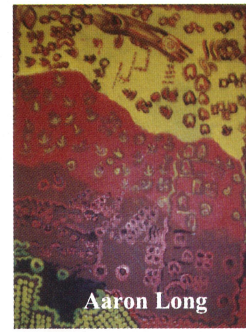
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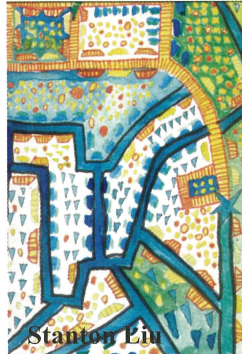
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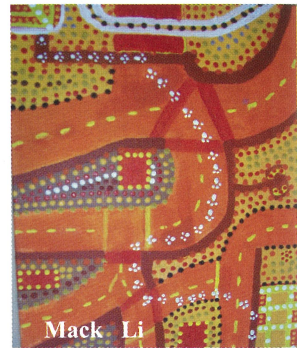
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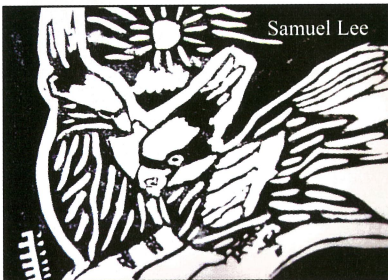
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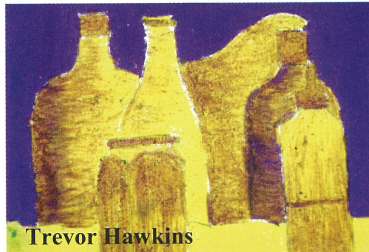
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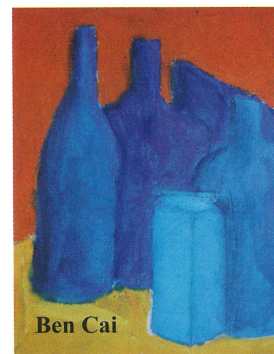
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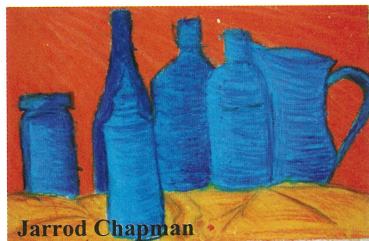
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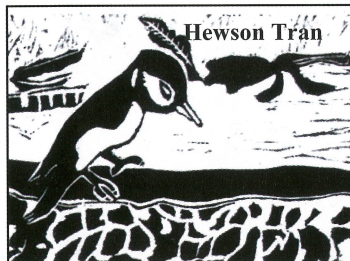
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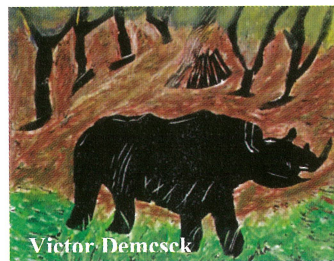
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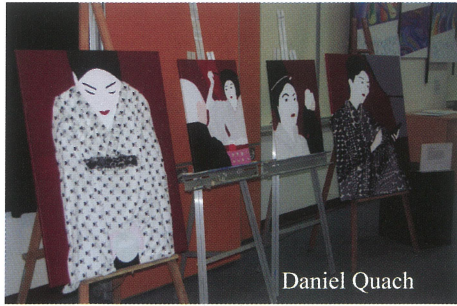


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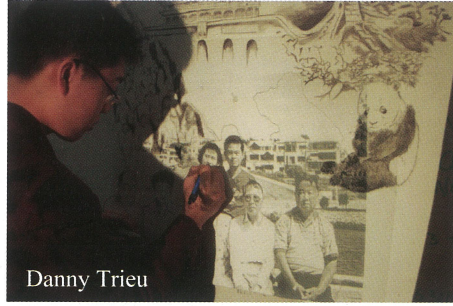


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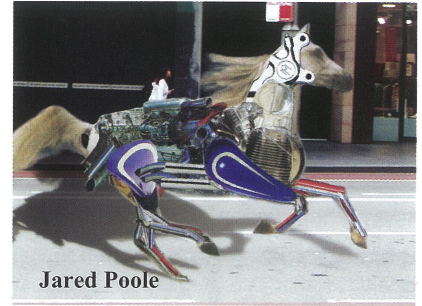
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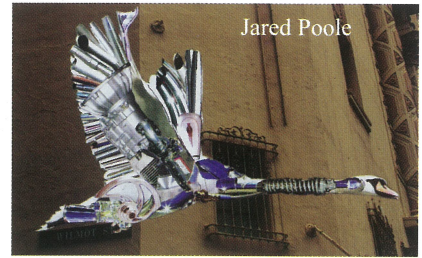
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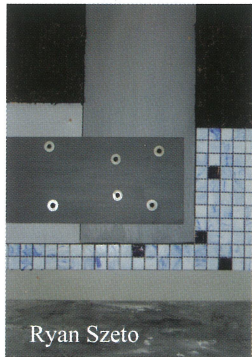
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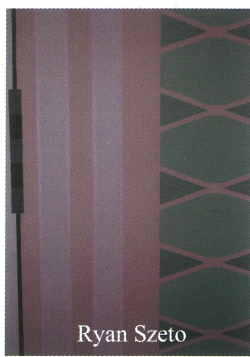
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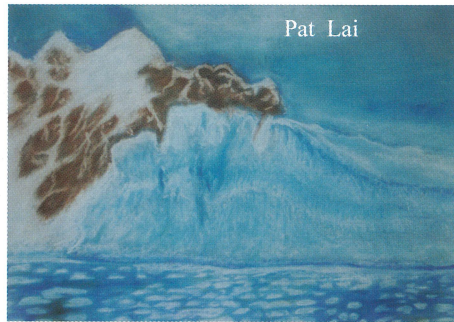
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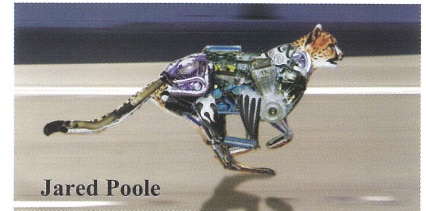
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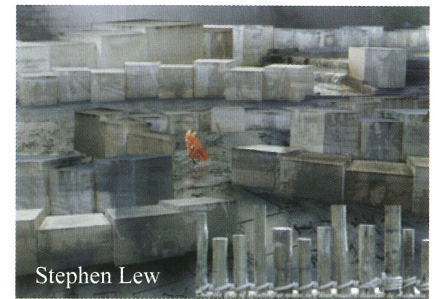
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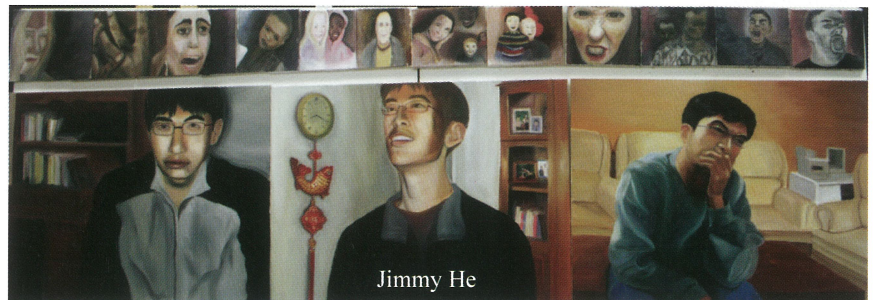
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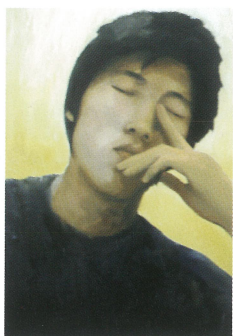
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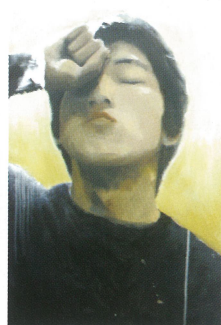
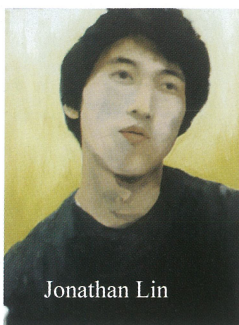
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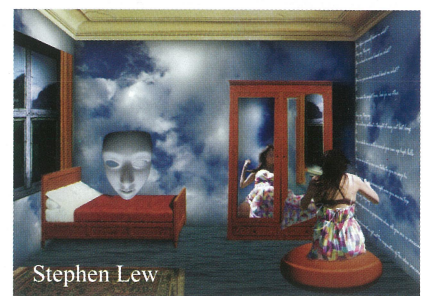
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2008 HSC CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

The Culmination of HSC Learning in the Arts
Year 12 Visual Arts Exhibition





The LINKS 2007 program began on Wednesday 24th October, when Year 5 attended Sydney Tech for one of our famous sausage sizzles before an afternoon orientation program. This session involved 24 of our talented Year 9 students leading “getting to know you” games and conducting tours of the school to familiarise students with the diversity of specific classroom spaces they would be working in over the following three weeks. Our students and teachers delivered extension activities to Year 5 in six different subject fields, providing an experience of specialised high school facilities, and a taste of life and learning in a great secondary campus like Sydney Tech.

Changes for 2007 included the help of more previous tutors to train the leadership group. This becomes quite a task for 24 students and was in response to student interest and to allow older boys to maintain their link to the program. 2007 also saw the cycle come to fruition, with students Alex Fang, Tim Murray and Rick Trinh from Hurstville Public School 2003 joining the student leader team.

2007 Year 9 Links Tutors

Japanese Calligraphy

- 1 Stanley Jiang
- 2 Kevin Yao
- 3 Trung Nguyen
- 4 Jason Fung

Science

- 1 Alex Fang
- 2 Nicholas Funai
- 3 Tristan Tam
- 4 Daniel Dinh

TAS

- 1 Rick Trinh
- 2 Nicholas Kadiev
- 3 Riley Blair
- 4 Lewis Cowper

Music

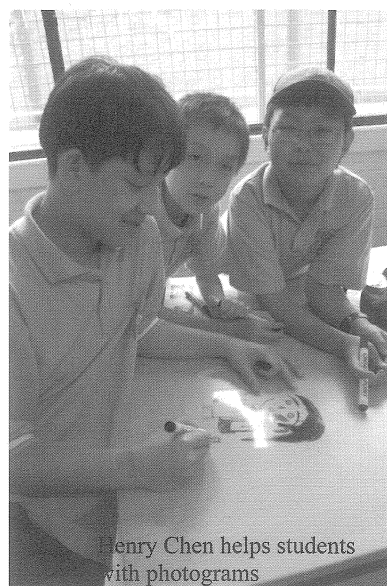
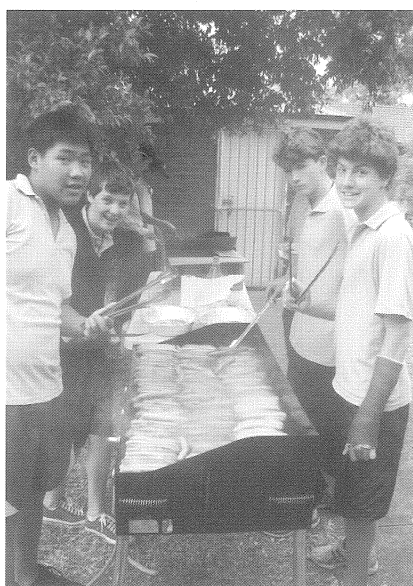
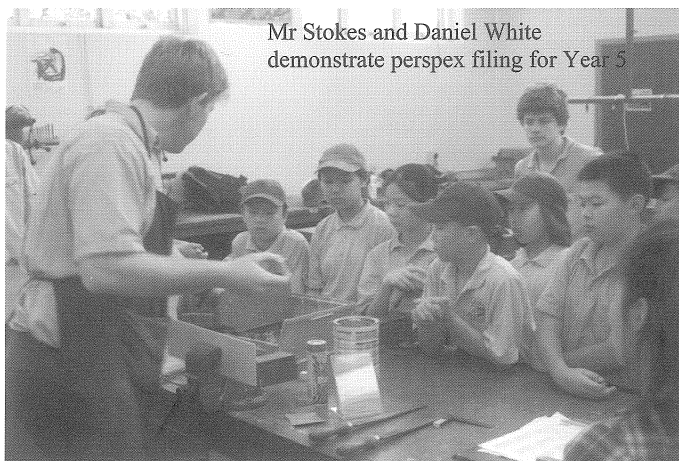
- 1 Tim Murray
- 2 Daniel White
- 3 Kevin Lam
- 4 Richy Han

Photography

- 1 Max Keatinge
- 2 Henry Chen
- 3 Jason Wu
- 4 Patrick Lu

History

- 1 Manoj Karthik
- 2 Max Kieffel
- 3 Dalton Fogarty
- 4 Sam Gill

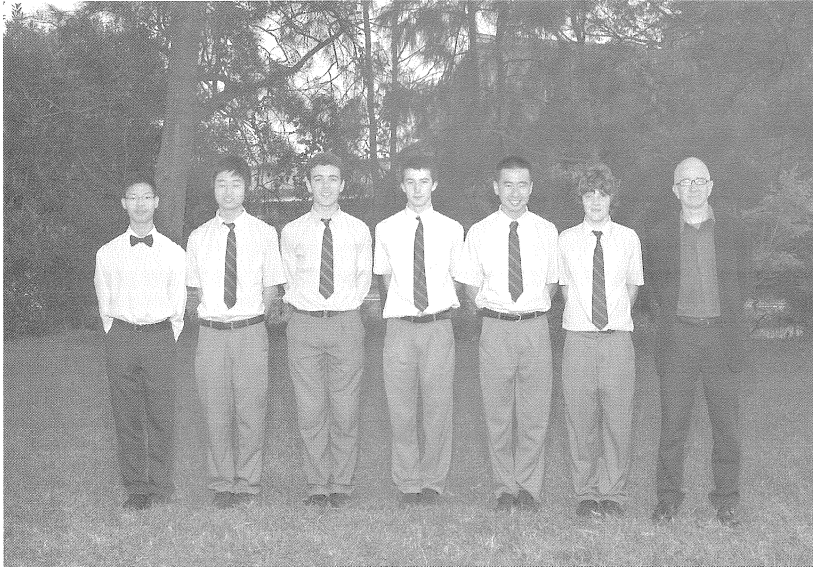


Finally, there are a number of teachers who make this program a success - the LINKS team – Ms Abson, Ms Blake, Mr Heath, Mr Stokes, Mr Towner, Mr Ward, Mr McNaught for his help with certificates and Mr Trotman, for his kind support on Wednesday afternoons.

Joanna Wright

HISTORY

History Debating Team



(L-R) K Lam, J H Shin, A Lazarou, N Kadiev, Y C Liu, M Kiefel, Mr K Short
H. Caines (absent)

This team has been very successful in the Les Gordan History Debating Comp reaching the 2008 finals (still to be staged at this time).

Alex, Max, Yu Chen and Hallard have all shown good technique on their feet. Nick Kadiev, Dalton Fogarty and Tom Gallagher have been effective advising the speakers.

Kevin Short

MUNA



(L-R) N Chowdhury, M Muzahid, C Roberts, Mrs A Olsen

Nayeem, Cameron and Moyukh represented the school at the 2008 Model United Nations Assembly. The boys represented Pakistan and argued their point on many issues. Dressed in traditional clothing they were excellent ambassadors for the school.

Ann Olsen

DEBATING

YEAR 8

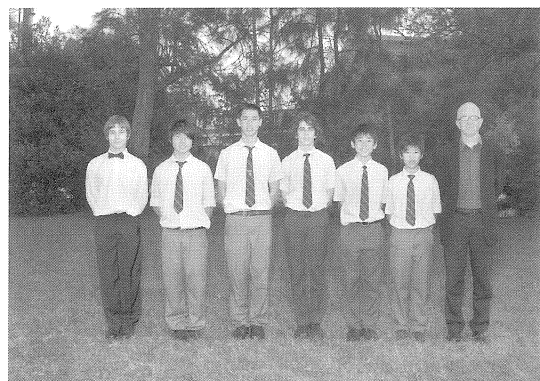
In August the Year 8 Premier's Debating Challenge finally took off. The team members are Sam Hanna, Mark Ghali, Chris Janssen and Thomas Matthews. They have been impressive in their enthusiasm and have approached their debates with a great sense of team collaboration.

There were a few false starts due to the challenges posed by very busy school calendars, but the team was very patient and maintained its enthusiasm. They have won the first three rounds of the Regional Competition:

Round 1 against Kingsgrove High, Round 2 against Team B from George's River Campus Peakhurst, and in Round 3 Team A from George's River Campus forfeited the debate. With their lively personalities, great organizational skills and wide-ranging general knowledge, they have a good chance of making it to the Semi-Finals/Finals. They deserve commendation for their interest and participation. It has been a pleasure to coach the team and I hope they continue developing their excellent skills in debating in 2009.

Mairi Contos

YEAR 9



Two teams were entered in to Year 9 – 10 Premier's debating challenge. The team Garston Liang, John Martin, Nathan Smith, and Anthony Lin won their three zone debates convincingly and performed well in the elimination quarter finals, though just pipped in a tight contest. The second team also gained good experience and although they are still winless, have one more debate to complete - Douglas Chan, Elliot Kwan and Alex Tsathas have so far performed to a good standard.

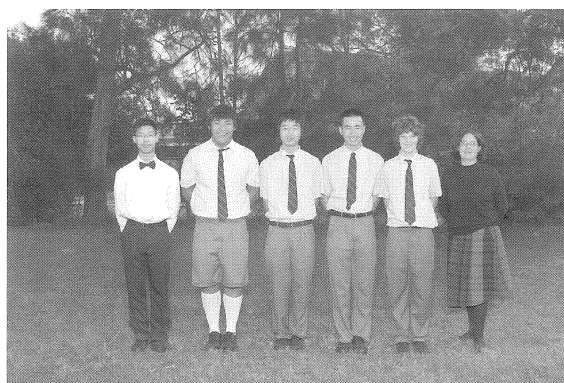
Kevin Short

(L-R) J Martin, A Lin, G Liang, N Smith, D Chan, E Kwan, Mr K Short

YEAR 10



(L-R) C Wong D Fogarty, A Lazarou, N Rokkas, Ms D Curic



(L-R) K Lam, R Trinh, J H Shin, Y C Liu, M Kiefel, Ms D Curic

Sydney Tech entered two Year 10 teams in the Karl Cramp Cup, a Year 11 debating tournament.

Dalton Fogarty, Max Kiefel, Kevin Lam, Alex Lazarou, Nicholas Rokkas, Joon-Ho Shin, Rick Trinh and Chun Wong, with Yu Chen Liu as reserve, were undaunted by their older and more experienced opposition.

Team 1, with Nicholas Rokkas, Chun Wong, Alex Lazarou and Dalton Fogarty, who regaled audiences with his wry stand up routine, emerged victorious after their first debate, but were eventually defeated by the other Tech team.

Team 2, with Rick Trinh, Max Kiefel, Joon-Ho Shin and first time debater, Kevin Lam, defied the odds to become the undefeated Zone winners. In each of their five debates they found a way to remind us that 'with great power comes great responsibility', but their winning streak was cut short in the quarter-final round where they fell to Sydney Boys High.

Thank you to the boys for their hard work and good luck in the 2009 competition.

Dijana Curic

DEBATING

Senior Debating Report- Hume Barbour Competition

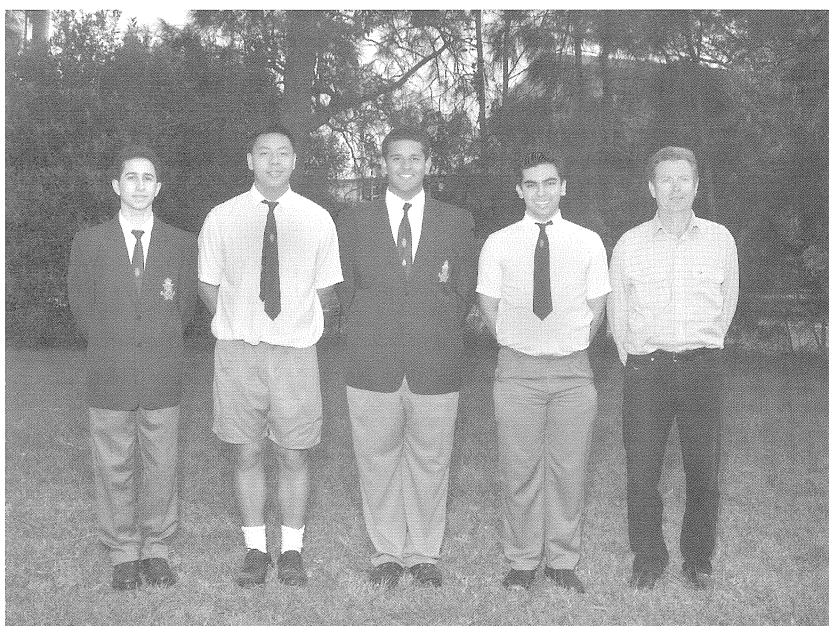
The senior debating teams competed in the same zone of the competition this year. Elisha Edwin , Amir Mahmoud, Matt Day, and Kostan Banos represented Year 12 and Cameron Roberts, Nick Karvountzis, Noel Mason and Moyuk Muzahid represented Year 11.

The Year 11 team enjoyed some success progressing to a play-off, tied with St George Girls and Sydney Girls. The Year 12 team, after losing to Sydney Girls showed real school spirit sacrificing their own chances to assist the Year 11 boys, but to no avail.

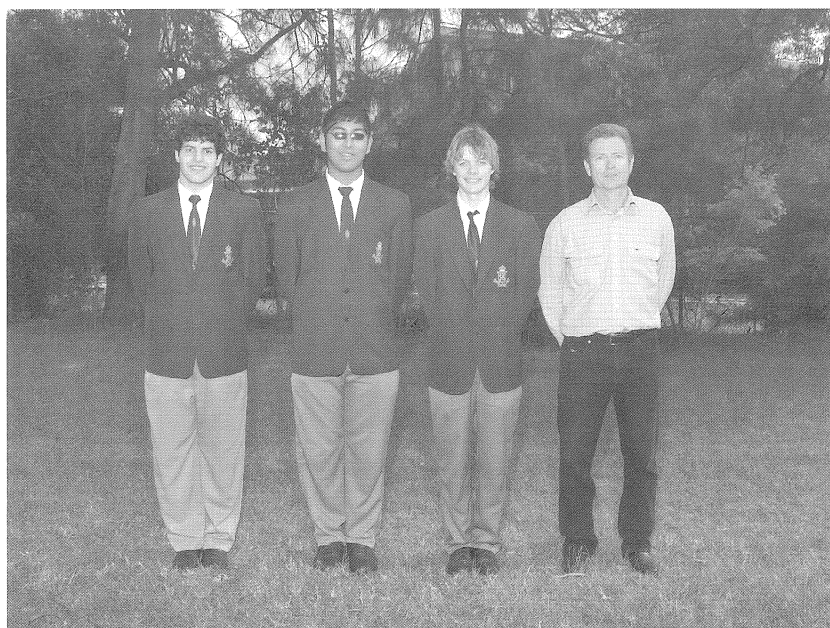
Good luck to the boys in their HSC and thank you for your contribution to debating over the last six years.

David Butcher
Debating Coach

YEAR 12



(L-R) A Mahmoud, S Trinh, E Edwin, G Issa, Mr D Butcher



YEAR 11

(L-R) N Karvountzis, M Muzahid, C Roberts, Mr D Butcher
N. Mason - absent

YEAR 12

Class of 2008

During my tenure as Year Adviser for the cohort of 2008, I cannot recall many dull moments! The transformation of these boys into young men, accelerating quickly through the various stages of their lives has been a challenge they have taken on courageously. The last six years of their schooling has seen individual changes to the boys, as well as the entire group dynamic of the Class of 2008.

I hope that you treasure the friendships made, and appreciate the spirit and support of your peers. I hope you take away very fond memories and carry them forward into the future. Hard work and dedication are qualities that may be attributed to you all, with some students in particular working tirelessly throughout your senior years to produce memories that you may keep forever. Special thanks must be given to all those who volunteered in the Year Book, Jersey, Formal and Video Committees. I would like to sincerely thank the Senior Prefects Archi Barathan, Amer Mahmoud, Dong Uong and Simon Wynn, along with Daniel Yeung and Francis Zhou for being the driving force behind the scenes throughout the year, ensuring that SRC events were able to successfully evolve. Their tireless efforts and diligent work must be applauded, and their dedication and enthusiasm is an inspiration to us all.

I hope that the school community has fostered within each of you a passion for life, a thirst for knowledge, and that you have acclimatised to challenging situations that you may face in future. I believe that each of you has the disposition and capacity to seek higher levels of personal and intellectual integrity, and I hope that you will pass these qualities on to future generations. You have the potential to be inspirational leaders, and conscientious, productive global citizens.

I would like to thank you all for the challenges you have presented me, the fond memories I now have, and the experience of working with you all. I wish you every success and happiness in the times ahead, in your personal and professional lives.

Tina Blake
Year Adviser

It's startling to think that we have finally reached the final days of our schooling. It has been a long and incredible journey, and our experiences will evolve into cherished, lifelong memories. Throughout this year we have been faced with a barrage of examinations, and the pressure of assessment procedures. We are now faced with an intoxicating scenario – freedom. The choice to undertake whatever endeavours we may fancy. Travel, study, business. Do what you have always wanted, and like what you do.

We should thank our peers for continuing to foster a sense of fun in our moments of difficulty and stress. Throughout our years at Tech, the musical talents of many of those in our grade, coupled with their artistic abilities have meant that there has hardly been a dull moment. The SRC Talent Quest showcased the talent of our grade, reinforcing the capabilities of many, and bringing about the unexpected emergence of others. Jacky Chin. Enough said. We have talented sportsmen, scientists, mathematicians, historians and writers, contributing to our well-rounded grade over the past six years. We should keep in mind the camps that we have attended over the years – the constant rain, the mindless games and the early-morning bickering. Remember the parties that you had outside school, and remember the excursions to museums, theatres, cinemas, parks and beaches that we were part of our high school experience.

Soon, we will be drifting away from each other, pursuing our respective career paths and ambitions. It is interesting to note the wide-ranging talents that this grade possesses, and it leaves us wondering as to where we might end up. I sincerely hope that you will continue to keep in contact with each other for many years to come through the Alumni Association, or more importantly, through social contact amongst yourselves. We have travelled through high school together, and I hope that a significant proportion of the remaining life journey will be undertaken as such.

Good luck boys.
Francis Zhou





YEAR 12

David Afshar
Ijabeef Aftab
Allan Almeida
Matthew Au
Henry Avila-Luvsangenden
Costan Banos
Archi Barathan
Michael Barker
Jackson Belcastro
Matt Bineth
Andrew Bull
Arden Burrell
Abhinav Challa
Jacky Chan
Kevin Chang
Joel Char Kee Chung
Aaron Charlton
Benjamin Chau
Michael Chea
Philip Chen
Dominic Cheung
Paul Cheung
Jacky Chin
Lathan Chiu
John Cho
Acharng Chong
Adam Christie
Johnson Chu

Gerry Claps
Todd Da Silva
Robert D'Angelo
Matt Day
Jaskirat Dhingra
Shane Drinkwater
Matthew Dwyer
Elisha Edwin
Simon Farah
Kevin Fong
Mitchell Fripp
Mina Ghali
Boney Guan
Shashank Gupta
Nicholas Hallasso
Nicholas Hartigan
Jimmy He
Sam Heath
Josh Hill
Andrew Ho
Samuel Ho
Steven Ho
David Huang
Nicholas Huang
George Issa
Monir Joarder
Matt Jones
Ushan Kalugalage
Bon Kam
Blake Jones

Abraham Kazzaz
Alvin Kho
Jermemy Khoh
Peter Kim
Vikram Kondepudi
Anuj Kumar
Ware Kuo
Shale Kuzmanovski
Daniel Kwak
Pat Lai
David Lam
Steven Lam
Kevin Lau
Josh Lauer
Christopher Lee
Jason Lee
Tom Lee
Stephen Lew
Quentin Li
Jack Lin
Jonathan Lin
Marcus Low
Jeffrey Lu
Ivan Luburic
Richard Lund
David Luo
Amir Mahmoud
Kelvin Man
Edmond Mazid

Leith McDonald
Geordie McCullea
Frank Miao
Vincent Mu
Pete Mulheron
Adam Nelson
Bill Ng
Kevin Ng Alias Wong
Jackson Ngo
Huy Nguyen
Sean Niu
Vishal Pandit
Daniel Papps
Daniel Perkovic
Khao Pham
Roman Pillay
Jarred Poole
Dimitri Prodromou
Edward Quach
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Akram Rizk
William Rusbatch
Atinder Sanghera
Neon Shariful
Benny Singh
Jordan Smith
Edward Son
Huyn Song
Chris Stebbings
Michael Suerman

Ryan Szeto
Andrew Ta
Nevin Tam
Desmond Tan
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Eric Yap
Bruce Yeung
Daniel Yeung
Edwin Yeung
William Yi
Jacky Zeng
Andy Zhano

Hanning Zhang
Roger Zhang
Garson Zhong
Francis Zhu
Andy Zhu

YEAR 11

This year has proved to be a very significant one in many ways. It is the first year of post-compulsory schooling. They are now, more than ever, making an investment in their futures, keeping in mind that all investments contain an element of risk. This year, and the next one will be wasted if your sons solely rely on their talents to get them through. Like all elite levels, talent is a necessary ingredient, as are both effort and organisation. With this in mind, it is pleasing to see that the overwhelming majority of the year group have built some structure into their daily routines.

Year 11 started the year on a very positive note, everyone seemed to get down to business straight away, which allowed me to begin organising our Crossroads Camp. The school camp was held at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen Lakes, and over the course of three days, the boys participated in the activities of archery, high ropes, raft building, canoeing and a challenge course on the final day. Blended within the activities were components of the Crossroads course, a mandatory component of the Years 11 and 12 syllabus. Topics such as drug education, relationships and leadership were covered, as well as an evening seminar on issues surrounding mental health, presented by representatives of the prestigious Black Dog Institute. All boys did the right thing by their teachers and went to bed at a reasonable hour, as well as had their share of fun within the boundaries set down by the on site staff. Of particular note was the fact that there was another school sharing the site with us, which could make for a recipe for disaster, but our boys interacted like the adults they are, and did our school proud. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the year group and the school staff involved for such a smooth running camp.

Since the camp, they have survived numerous assessment weeks, and are charging headlong into the most important year of their lives. The immaturity of previous years has vanished, some boys are now driving themselves to school, experiencing the privileges that come with seniority, but adopting the responsibilities that accompany them.

This unique group have had successes in a diverse range of fields too numerous to mention, and I am looking forward to the opportunity each boy now has to contribute to another proud chapter to our school.

Paul Graham
Year Adviser

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YEAR 11 – CAMP '08



Year 10

The year started with the addition of three new students: Pulkit Talwar, Yu Chen Liu and Phillip Nguyen, who replaced Tim Brewer, Eco Lim and Anubhav Verma respectively. We wish the departing boys all the best for their futures and welcome the three new guys to the school and to the year cohort.

Congratulations go to Year 10 students for achieving their first educational goal, the School Certificate. I have been impressed with the commitment they have shown to their studies, although a number of students realise that they will need to 'up the ante' for senior school if they want to maximise their potential.

Ten Year 10 boys (Philip Zhong, Hallard Caines, Karwin Rogers, Lewis Cowper, Vignesh Raman, Mukhlis Mah, Tristan Tam, Sid Madiwale, Edwin Zhang and Stanley Jiang) were selected to attend the Youth Leadership Forum and had a fantastic day with potential leaders from other schools.

The SRC representatives have also been very busy during the year organising social and school functions and I must compliment Riley Blair, Scott Vu, Lewis Cowper, John Martin Asis and William Chau for their hardwork and responsible contributions to school life.

Year 10 really enjoyed the Elevate Education presenters who came to the school in Term 3 to discuss learning, studying and life skills. The Brainstorm Theatre team presented a play about bullying in Term 3 too. Year 10 was also the first group to enjoy the new Activities Week held in Term 4, where the boys combined Peer Support, First Aid Training and Driver Education courses with a barbeque and meeting the new students coming to the school in 2009. The week gave the boys an opportunity to develop vital life skills, demonstrate leadership potential as well as improving social relationships within the group as a whole. Thanks go to all the boys who volunteered to act as guides and 'friends' for the new boys.

Other individual highlights included: Nicholas Rokkas attending Kevin Rudd's inaugural Youth summit in Canberra where for 3 days he contributed to social policy affecting the future of Australia, Timothy Murray's success in the Page To Stage Drama script competition, where his play was selected to be performed at the Ensemble Theatre, Adam Fong and John (Sunggyu) Gim, who both represented Australia in the Under 17s World Tournament of Baseball in the United States, Kevin Lam, who represented Australia in the Asia-Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, finishing 19th in the Year 12 competition at just 15 years of age, and Sam Gill's winning composition and placing 3rd in the performance section of the Youth Music Awards Competition.

Finally, I would like to wish the 14 boys completing the accelerated I.P.T. (Information Processes and Technology) course the best of luck in this year's HSC. They have done really well taking this course on.

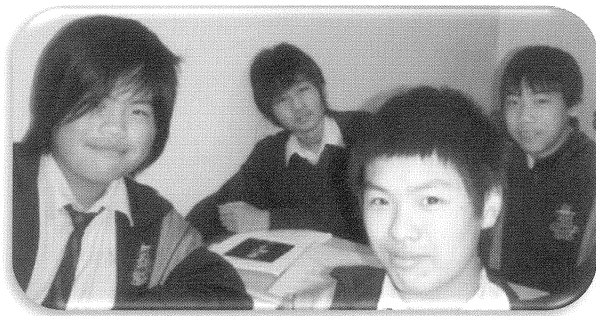
I am looking forward to the final two years ahead and assisting the boys with fulfilling their HSC aspirations.

Neil Melvin
Year Adviser

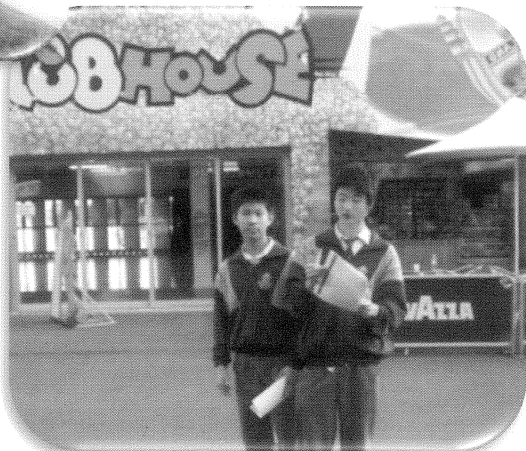
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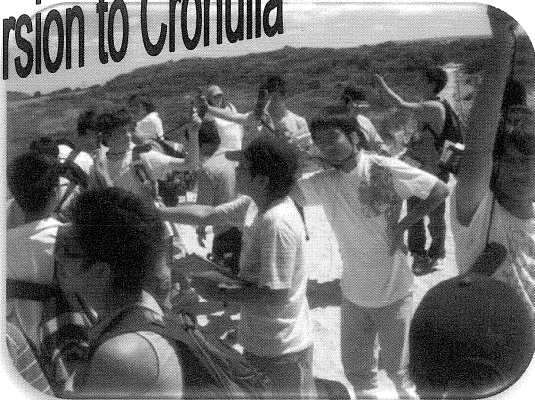
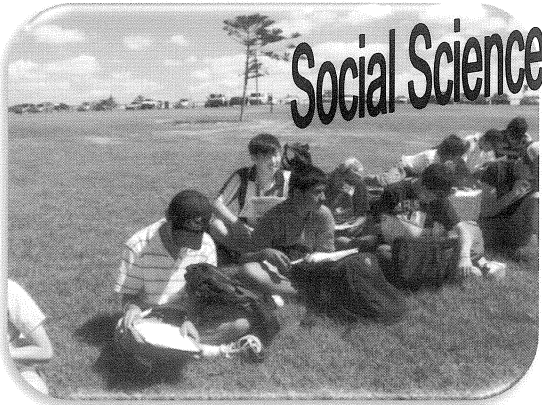
Year 10



Science Excursion to Luna Park



Social Science Excursion to Cronulla



YEAR 9

This has been a very busy year for Year 9. After the Swimming and Cross Country carnivals in first term, the students participated in a Study Skills day at Ramsgate RSL Club. On the day before the seminar, the boys viewed a video called "This Way to an 'A'" which gave them some tips on how to approach their study habits. On the actual day, the students participated in sessions dedicated to Goal Setting, Learning Styles and First Aid. I would like to thank the following teachers for making the day possible: Ms K Burt, Mr G Cooper, Mr B Cranston, Mr A Gowan, Mr P Heath, Mr J Rolland, Mr M Riley and Mr J Simmonds. A big vote of thanks to Mr N Roper for organizing all of the printed material.

During the year, we have had a couple of outstanding performances from students. Firstly Raphael Rosse, was selected to perform in the International Euphonium Competition in which he was awarded a silver medal. Following on from this experience, Raphael, along with Kieran Seed, travelled to Beijing and Shanghai as part of the Olympic Band, surely a memorable experience. On the sporting front, our highlight came with Nathaniel Musters being selected to represent Sydney East in the Open division at the CHS carnival. Although Nathaniel was unsuccessful with selection to the CHS team, this is still a remarkable achievement for a Year 9 student. Also Anosh Kanagaratnam became the Zone Age Champion at athletics. Congratulations to all boys.

At the time of writing, planning was well underway for two big events for Year 9; the Science excursion to Jenolan Caves and camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Both of these trips require the boys to be at school at 6.30am in the morning due to the length of time it takes to travel to these two venues. At camp, the boys will participate in commando at night, abseiling, sea kayaking, and the giant swing in which the boys are hoisted 13 metres off the ground then pull a pin which sees them sail through the air at speeds of 60 km per hour, as well as swimming in beautiful Port Stephens.

During the Year, the group participated in the first National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The boys achieved excellent results in these national tests and they have consolidated from their excellent results in the ELLA and SNAP tests held in Years 7 and 8. As this year group experienced external exams in completing ELLA and SNAP in Years 7 and 8 and NAPLAN in Year 9, they are going to be old hands with the concept of external examinations in the School Certificate next year and the Higher School Certificate in 3 years time.

It has been a very busy year for all of us, but it is time for all of us to take a well earned break and prepare for Year 10 and all the assessments which need to be completed for School Certificate grades. Thanks for a great year boys. See you all in 2009.

Michael Bellamy
Year Adviser

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Ananthan Ambikairajah	Bowen Fox	Elliot Kwan	Hoang Nguyen	Ming Si	David Wang
Ricardo Arditti	Vincent Fu	Terrence Kwok	Joshua Nguyen	Ravi Singh	Richard Wang
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Anindya Bhattacharjee	Hamza Hamwi	Jason Lee	Vietnam Nguyen	Andrew Solomon	Steve Xie
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Daniel Chiew	Minh Huynh	Blair Lord	Vangel Radev	Calvin Tran	William Zhang
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YEAR 8

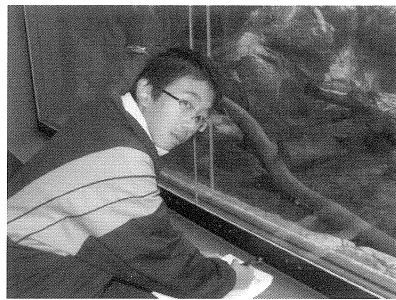
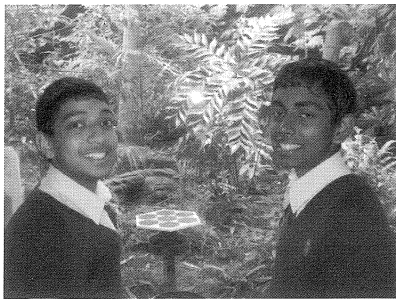
As I write this report, the end of your second year at Sydney Tech is near. And what of Year 8, it's a different sort of year to last. For a start, there are not too many interruptions. In a way that is good, it gives everyone a chance to concentrate on their school work and to further develop the friendships that they have made. So what has the year involved?

- Every boy took on the very important and exciting role of an office helper. That's right; now that you know your way around the school your skills of organisation and navigation have been tested. Without you Year 8, the school could not have functioned in 2008.
- And for some very special boys, there was the job of raising and lowering the flag each day. The qualities of a flag raiser are many. They must be responsible, coordinated, well attired and most importantly able to be at school at least 5 minutes before the bell. May I add boys, that I have never seen the flag flying as majestically as it has done this year. Again, bravo Year 8.
- Many of you attended the annual school dance. Now while it looked like many of you were enjoying yourselves, I have rarely before seen such a bunch of uncoordinated dancers. Boys, you need to see your PE teachers ASAP for assistance because next year's dance will soon be upon us.
- You have occasionally been allowed to escape from school. The Geography excursion to IMAX and the Science excursion to IMAX and Sydney Wildlife World spring to mind.
- You now have greater experience of that Sydney Tech phenomenon, WOMBI BALL. An exciting TEAM sport brought to us all the way from Argentina by Mr Diaz. It's a game of tactics, teamwork, agility, team work, power, team work, coordination and team work. The game is a real test of character. The aim of the game, don't forget is to protect the chair. Self preservation should not be considered, for the pride of your class you must sometimes put your body on the line. There is no greater test of character and TEAMWORK!
- As per last year, if I have forgotten to include any highlights of your second year at Sydney Tech, then please insert them here. It may be an idea to use your best handwriting (or have a friend scribe for you), so that when you reminisce in 20 years time about those good old days at TECH, you can read the description of those special occasions.
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In technical terms, you have now finished Stage 4 of your NSW education. There are now only two stages to go. This means that there are exciting changes on the horizon. For the first time in your school life you are able to choose three of your subjects. I hope you have chosen wisely and not just teamed up with your mates. This variety of subjects is to be enjoyed. The next time you will choose subjects will be in year 11 and that's when school gets even more serious.

So boys, CONGRATULATIONS on a successful year in which you became "NOT" the smallest kids in school (well most of you any way). Enjoy your holidays and let's make Year 9 at least as successful.

Matt Hewett
Year Adviser



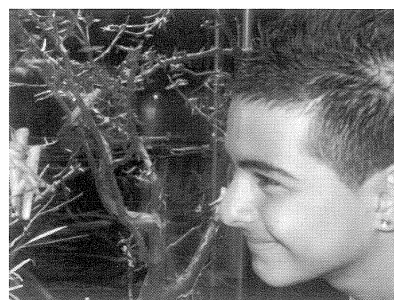
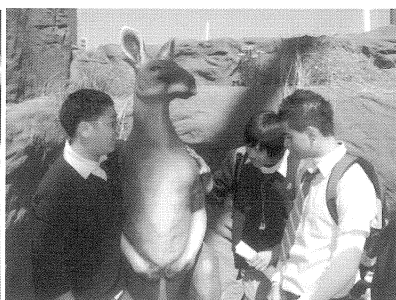
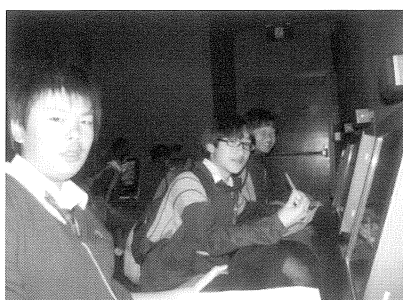
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 Sibi SURESH BABU
 Kevin TAN
 Mark TRAN
 George WANG
 Bing WEN
 Keith WONG
 Steve XU
 James YU
 Jeffrey ZHANG
 Michael ZOU

Jason AKKARI
 Gregory ANTONIADES
 Dipra BHATTACHARJEE
 Craig CAMPBELL
 Robert CHEUNG
 Steven CHU
 Mitchell COLAK
 Ranbir DHILLON
 Deron FUNG
 Bora GUDEN
 Wei HAN
 Alex HO
 Justin HUNG
 Jordan JIN
 Brian KIM
 Yujun LAI
 Roger LEE
 Pit LOW
 Victor LY
 Bill MANNING
 Jack MO
 Anooth NAMBIAN
 David NGUYEN
 Daniel NIP
 Albert PHUNG
 Benjamin REYNOLDS
 Samuel SCANDLER
 Timothy STEELE
 Patrick TAI
 Mir TARIQUE
 Paul TRAN
 Jacky WANG
 Dury WHANG BO
 Winston WONG
 Justin YE
 Andy YUEN
 Kevin ZHENG
 Wilson ZOU

Mohammad AL ABBASI
 Gabriel AU
 Kazimir BOSKOVIC
 Paul CHANG
 Christopher CHHOEU
 Calvin CHUNG
 James COX
 Brandon DUONG
 Leon FUNG
 Aaron GUGICH
 Sam HANNA
 Robert HOANG
 Suhad HUSSAIN
 Eugene JUNG
 Tony KIM
 Tomas LATIMER
 James LEUNG
 Aaron LUO
 John MAI
 Ragan MARTINEZ
 Adrian MOK
 Samson NG
 Kevin NGUYEN
 Daniel PAN
 Andy PHUNG
 Karl ROMBERG-YEE
 Zhen SHU
 Jack STODART
 Vincent TAM
 Aninth THURAIRATNAM
 Robert TRAN
 Yuan WANG
 Marcus WHITLEY
 John WOO
 Justin YEUNG
 Ramez ZAKLAMA
 Leroy ZHU

Andreas ANGGABRATA
 Hari BAL
 David BUI
 Matthew CHEN
 Angus CHIPPENDALE
 Daniel CHUNG
 Hubert DEMONTEVERDE
 Stephen FOK
 Jonathan GAYMER
 Daniel GUO
 Raymond HAYLER
 Mark HOBDAI
 Kingston HUYNH
 Satyaki KAR
 Jeremy KO
 Harry LEE
 Cheng LIANG
 Ellison LUO
 Wilson MAN
 Thomas MATTHEWS
 Suvra MONDAL
 Terence NG
 Kevin NGUYEN
 George PASAS
 Jeremy POWER
 Francis SANTAYANA
 Dhanujhan SIRIKRISHNABALA
 Lionel SUN
 Michael TAMAS
 Eric TRAN
 Gary TSUI
 Gregory WARREN
 Jonathan WONG
 Hans XING
 Jeremy YIU
 Anthony ZHANG
 Wayne ZHU



YEAR 7



It amazes me that almost twelve months have elapsed since we met in the school auditorium for the first time on Orientation Day 2007. Since then we have been to camp, you had your first opportunity to attend the school disco, we visited the IMAX Theatre and the zoo, you received your first high school report, you had vaccinations, attended athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals and some time amongst all these activities you completed your assessment tasks, class tests and homework.

The boys have settled into high school with little effort and as I watch them in the playground, the canteen or in the library I witness them enjoying the company of their new friends. Similarly, whenever I have the opportunity to visit the classrooms I am continually impressed with the way they are working, whether it is on theory or practical projects, they appear to be a cohesive group of boys enjoying their days at Sydney Tech.

Highlights throughout the school year have been numerous, however some of the most memorable ones definitely occurred on our camp at Vision Valley. Here the boys had an opportunity to try a range of activities including horse riding and abseiling. Many students had never had the chance to go Horse Riding prior to arriving at camp and whilst most jumped at the opportunity there were a few who could not conquer the fear of such a wild animal.



This year has also been successful for many of our students in the sporting arena. Countless boys have participated in grade sport on a weekly basis and the participation rate at school carnivals has been tremendous. Several students have represented the school at Regional, Zone and even State level and to those students, "Congratulations" on your achievements. A special mention to Braden Angell, Janmy Hu, Henry Peng and Jaewook Yoo. These boys participated in the relay event at the CHS Swimming Carnival and won GOLD!!!!.

Finally, as we look forward to a well earned break a big thank you to all the students who have put in 100% this year and made my job as Year Adviser an enjoyable one. Sydney Tech High is a great school and it is your contribution that will ensure it stays that way. Remember to relax, recover and return for another great year in 2009.

Anne Olsen
Year Adviser

Year 7

Sagar	AADARSH	Jonathan	HOPKINS	James	MADDEN	Andy	WONG
Faisal	AKHTAR	Janmy	HU	Abdullah	MAHMUD	Jeremy	WONG
George	ANDRESAKIS	Ethan	HUANG	Han Lin	MAI	Ka	WONG
Braden	ANGELL	Jack	HUANG	Roger	MAO	Clement	WU
Nasser	ASAD	Oliver	HUANG	Mohammed	MAZUMDER	William	WU
Alexander	BAEHNISCH	Nicholas	HULME	Ivor	METCALF	William	WU
Gary	BAYARSAIKHAN	Edward	HUM	Jonathan Duc	NGUYEN	Michael	XU
Samuel	BLAIR	Aaron	IRVING	Jonathan Khan	NGUYEN	Wilmer	YAN
Johan	BUI-NGUYEN	Rahul	JAGTAP	Kevin	NGUYEN	Jaewook	YOO
Ben	CAI	Shabab	JAHAN	Luan	NGUYEN	Peter	YU
Dean	CASSAR	Renzhi	JIANG	James	PARSHOTAM	Rashiq	ZAMAN
William	CEN	Ye Ye	JIANG	Henry	PENG	Ben	ZHANG
Brendan	CHAN	Darren	JIN	Andrew	PHAM	Chen	ZHANG
William	CHANG	Thomas	KADIEV	David	PHAN	Jeff	ZHANG
Jarrad	CHAPMAN	Wesley	KIM	Jeffrey	QI	Ervin	ZHAO
Andrew	CHEN	Praemanan	KULEECHUAY	Kevin	QIAO	Alan	ZHENG
David	CHEN	Alvin	LAM	Isam	RIAH	Allen	ZHENG
Jacky Jun	CHEN	Gautier	LAM	Aaron	RISPLER	Cooper	ZHENG
Simon	CHEN	Jimmy	LAM	Benedictus	RUSLY	Alvin	ZHONG
Caleb	CHEUNG	Trevor K	LAO	Jeffrey	SHEN	Martin	ZHONG
Kevin	CHEUNG	Jeffrey	LAU	Patrick	SHEN	Davy	ZHOU
Brendan	CHIU	Aaron	LE	Dylan	SHEPHERD		
Kevin	CHU	Jonathan	LEE	Richard	SHIN		
Samuel	CHU	Jung	LEE	Ruban	SIVAKUMAR		
Jae	CHUNG	Samuel	LEE	Vishnoo	SRIDHAR		
Allen	DAI	Allan	LEUNG	Jackie	SU		
Victor	DEMCSAK	Aaron	LI	Justin	SU		
William	DENG	Andrew	LI	Austin	TAI		
Dylan	DOWLING	Anson	LI	Jayden	TAKAHASHI		
Andrew	DUONG	Evans	LI	Aidan	TAN		
Wenqi	FAN	John	LI	Tony	TANG		
Andy	FU	Mack	LI	Dhinesh	THANENTHIRARAJAH		
Solarian	FU	Harry	LIU	Christopher	TINT		
Edmond	FUNG	Matthew	LIU	Brandon	TO		
Jason	GAVRIEL	Stanton	LIU	Eric	TONG		
Luke	GIBSON	Ming	LIU	Gary	TRAN		
Benjamin	GLITSOS	Anthony	LO	Hewson	TRAN		
Christopher	HAGAN	Ivan	LO	John	TRAN		
John	HALIAS	Jordan	LO RUSSO	Jeremy	U		
Naful	HAQUE	Franco	LOI	Jordan	VALENTE		
Wesley	HO	Aaron	LONG	Tian	WEI		
Jimmy	HONG	Joshua Pit	LOW	David	WEN		
		Anthony	LU	Albert	WONG		

SPORT

After a “disappointing” year in 2007 where we won all carnivals except the cross country (where we came second by 1 point) and won grade sports champions in both summer (2006) and winter (2007), it is pleasing to report that we have once again completed the grand slam, restoring us to our enviable position in the zone. I am of course referring to last year “tongue in cheek” as Sydney Technical High has always set the benchmark for sporting success in the St George Zone.

Knockouts were highlighted this year by our table tennis team’s 3rd in the state and our volleyballers being Regional Champions (6th in State). In addition our basketballers reached the Regional final in both Opens and Under 15’s while both our 1st grade soccer players and baseballers were successful in reaching the final 32 in the State. While the school collectively achieved much success (no more so than our swimming and athletics relay teams in all age groups) there have also been many meritorious individual performances and I urge you to read their successes below being mindful of the attitude of many in the wider community that selective high schools are no longer as successful in sport as they once were.

May I particularly refer to our open cross country team and our Under 12’s swimming relay team who both won gold at CHS for being the outstanding teams in their age groups, and to the performances of Kazimir Boskovic in swimming and our two Year 7 swimmers, Jaewook Yoo and Janmy Hu, collectors of seven gold medals at the CHS championships (Jaewook five gold and Janmy two gold).

Finally, such is the overall strength of our school that we were able to enter an astounding 49 teams in the Zone winter grade competition and an equally high 49 teams in the Zone summer season. In no small way this is due to the enthusiasm, reliability and dedication of our staff, a feature of which everyone else in the zone is truly envious. At the same time can I mention the outstanding efforts of two of our “calculator girls” in Julie Kelso and Jenny Goodman, who organized the weekly House Sports rotation program for Years 7, 8 and 9 with cool efficiency and good nature, and Ms Gandhi Gunasekaran and Ms Dianne Brown for their valued assistance in roll checking and preparation, not forgetting of course the hard work of Ms Sue Porter and Ms Shirley Blomfield who assisted me every Wednesday in dispatching between six and eight buses to various venues. All their collective efforts have not gone unappreciated by a sometimes tetchy sports organiser.

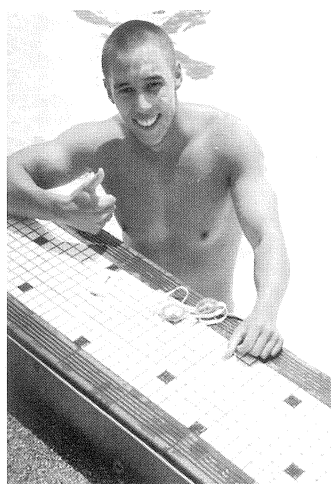
Read on with shared pride with the entire Tech community.

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 2008 this award goes to

MARCUS LOW



Marcus has a remarkable record of achievement in all three disciplines of swimming, athletics and cross country. A glance at the report below will indicate his all round success, from his winning of School Age Champion in all three carnivals to his success at Zone and Regional level. He has gone on to CHS level in swimming each year and been part of an extraordinary TWO cross country teams which have won the CHS title.

He has been a house captain, the captain of the school swimming team and captain of the school water polo team, as well as representing in first grade rugby league. A major contributor to this school’s carnival successes, he was always a help to his managers in rallying support and a willing competitor when absences meant we would not otherwise have had an entrant in an event.

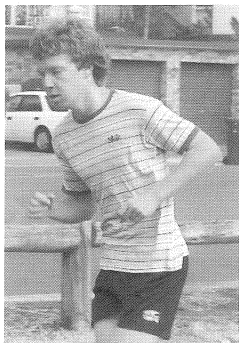
In addition to winning school Blues in swimming, cross country and athletics, he has also been awarded Zone Blues in two of these sports, and at a school level he has represented in grade sport over all six years he has been a Tech student.

PIERRE de COURBETIN AWARD

Awarded by the Olympic Foundation and given in honour of Baron de Courbetin, founder of the Modern Olympics, this award is conferred upon 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 2008 this award goes to:

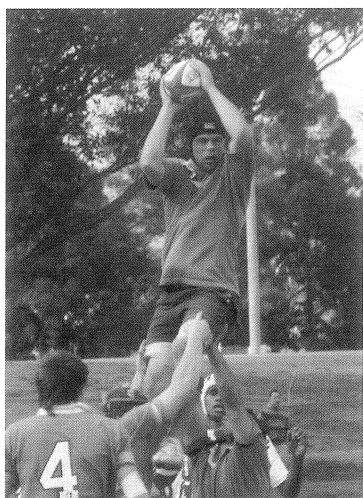
EVAN VALLIS



Evan is a true all round athlete. A school representative in swimming cross country and athletics for each year he has attended Sydney Tech, his success has seen him reach higher levels each year, with his ability in cross country being the most outstanding. He has a great love of rugby league, and he has played both league and touch for the school for five years, the last two in first grade. He is modest yet competitive and truly leads by example. He is a most worthy recipient of this prestigious award for this year.

ST GEORGE DRAGONS MEDAL

This is an annual presentation to be given by St George Illawarra Rugby League Club to recognise contribution by a sportsman in high schools. It is awarded in 2008 to



GEORDIE McSULLEA

Geordie is the recipient of a Blue at a remarkable three levels – he will receive Blues from this school, the St George Zone CHSSA and from NSWCHS – a feat not achieved without due consideration and one which has not been reached by a student from this school in recent memory. A member of both the CHS first XV and of the NSW Schoolboys Rugby team which played against Fiji in September (a photo of this game is left of this report), he was also a regional representative in 2007 in basketball. As well as competing to Zone level in athletics each year, Geordie has played A-grade sport for this school in basketball and rugby league over the entire six years and has been responsible for the high success of those teams of which he has been a member, and he has always carried out his duties in a quiet yet competitive and sportsman-like manner.

TECH HIGH SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

An annual award, this is given to an all round sportsperson who has made a genuine and significant contribution to the sporting base of the school, but need not be awarded each year.

The 2008 recipient is

SHANE DRINKWATER



Our 2007 Pierre de Courbetin winner, Shane has represented each year in grade sport in water polo and soccer, the last two years being in first grade. As you peruse the following report you will often see his name appearing and his successes over a prolonged period in swimming, athletics and cross country have earned him Blues from this school in all three disciplines. Genuinely modest, he has a tremendously big “heart” and a never-say-die attitude, yet always treats opponents and team mates alike in a truly sportsmanlike manner. A House captain, in any other year, he may have been a standout for the major award of Sportsman Of the Year, but has had the misfortune of being in the same age grouping as our eventual winner of that award. However, the school acknowledges his contribution and he will be sorely missed by those fortunate enough to have been either his coach or manager.

ZONE SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT 2008

Zone Swimming	First
Zone Cross Country	First
Zone Athletics	First
Summer Grade Sport 2007	First
Winter Grade Sport 2008	First

BLUES 2008

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 achieved a high level of 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.

Marcus Low	Swimming
Marcus Low	Cross Country
Marcus Low	Athletics
Shane Drinkwater	Swimming
Shane Drinkwater	Cross Country
Shane Drinkwater	Athletics
Geordie McSullea	Rugby Union
Francis Zhou	Volleyball
Dong Uong	Volleyball

ZONE BLUES

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

Geordie McSullea	Rugby Union	Shane Drinkwater	Cross Country
Marcus Low	Swimming	Shane Drinkwater	Athletics
Marcus Low	Cross Country		

SUMMER SPORT 2007

As the summer competition for 2008 is incomplete and the Summer Competition for 2007 was completed after the edition of last year's journal I am pleased to announce the following winning teams for 2007:

1 st Grade Cricket	1 st Grade Volleyball
1 st Grade Basketball	1 st Grade Table Tennis
2 nd Grade Basketball	3 rd Grade Cricket
14B Basketball	Open B Squash
13A Basketball	Open B Table Tennis
13B Basketball	Open D Table tennis
14yrs Volleyball	14C Table Tennis

WINTER SPORT 2008

Premiers

1st Grade Tennis
14A Tennis
13A Tennis
1st Grade Table Tennis
Open B Table Tennis
14D Table Tennis
14 years Softball (Maroon team)

Runners-Up

1st Grade Soccer
2nd Grade Soccer
14A Soccer
14B Soccer
13A Soccer
13B Rugby League
2nd Grade Tennis
15A Tennis
14B Tennis
13B Tennis
Open D Table Tennis
14A Table Tennis
14 Softball (Blue team)
14 AFL

CARNIVALS

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2008

SENIOR PREFECT IN CHARGE OF HOUSE CAPTAINS: Dong Uong

House	Captain - (Years 11, 12)	Vice Captain - (Year 10)
Turner	Najeeeb Aftab	Lewis Cowper
Williams	Shane Drinkwater	Adam Fong
McMullen	Kevin Lau	Max Keatinge
McKinnon	Daniel Papps	Siddharth Madiwale
Broome	Chris Tomic	James Panos
Gotto	Adrien Yeung	Chun Wong

SCHOOL SWIMMING CAPTAIN: - Marcus Low

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CAPTAIN: - Dong Uong

HOUSE POINT SCORES (SPORT ONLY)

House	Athletics Points	Position	Cross Country	Position	Swimming Points	Position	TOTAL Points	Position
Turner	327	2	2928	1	224	3	1151	1
Williams	360	1	2472	2	233	1	1121	2
Gotto	293	4	1746	3	228	2	921	3
McKinnon	259	5	1691	5	186	4	820	4
McMullen	302	3	1716	4	99	6	737	5
Broome	137	6	1341	6	165	5	609	6

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

RECORDS BROKEN AT SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

	EVENT	AGE	NEW RECORD	OLD RECORD	YEAR SET
Ivan Luburic	High Jump	Open	1.81 m	1.79 m	2006
Ivan Metcalf	High Jump	13 years	1.60m	1.45 m	2003
Bruce Yeung	Long Jump	Open	6.16	Equals record	1999
Lewis Cowper	Triple Jump	16 years	11.64 m	11.54 m	2003

SCHOOL AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	ATHLETICS	CROSS COUNTRY	SWIMMING
12	Jaewook Yoo	Allen Zheng	Jaewook Yoo
13	Satyaki Kar	Thomas Kadiev	Kazimir Boskovic
14	Marcus Lo Russo	Naveed Chowdhury	Greg Antoniadis
15	Anosh Kanagaratnam	James Dickson	Vangel Radev
16	Lewis Cowper	Evan Vallis	Jesse Hanna
Opens	Marcus Low	Marcus Low	Marcus Low

ZONE AGE CHAMPIONS

ATHLETICS		CROSS COUNTRY		SWIMMING	
Satyaki Kar	13 years	Marcus Low	Open	Jaewook Yoo	12 years
Anosh Kanagaratnam	15 years			Jesse Hanna	16 years
Lewis Cowper	16 years			Marcus Low	Open

ZONE RECORDS SET 2008

Swimming

	EVENT	AGE	NEW RECORD
Jaewook Yoo	50m backstroke	12 yrs	36.38
Jaewook Yoo	50m freestyle	12 yrs	30.07
Janmy Hu	50m breaststroke	12 yrs	39.14

ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

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

Athletics

Anindya Bhattacharjee	Marcus Low
Mahir Bhuiyan	Edmond Mazid
Kazimir Boskovic	Ivor Metcalf
Jacky Chen	Phi Ngo
Simon Chen	Joon Ho Shin
Naveed Chowdhury	Harmeet Singh
Lewis Cowper	Ruban Sivakumar
Shane Drinkwater	Brian So
Mathew Dwyer	Michael Tran
Wes Ho	Dong Uong
Kevin Hodgson	Evan Vallis
Jonathon Hopkins	David Wen
Janmy Hu	Marcus Whitley
James Jang	Wilmer Yan
Anosh Kanagaratnam	Craig Yang
Satyaki Kar	Bruce Yeung
Alex Lazarou	Jaewook Yoo
Ivan Lee	



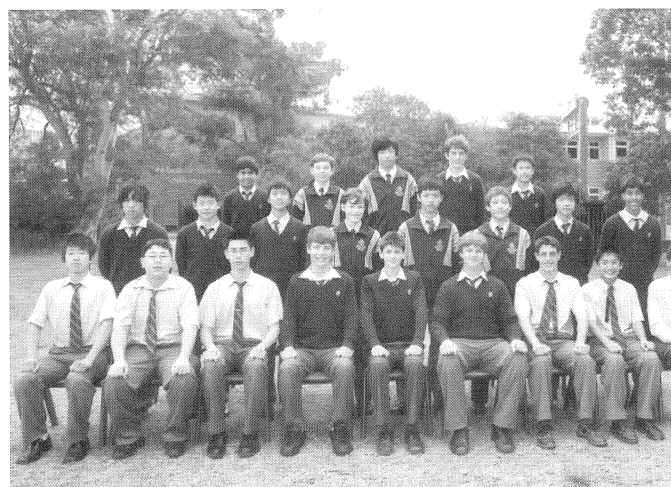
SCHOOL SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM

Cross Country

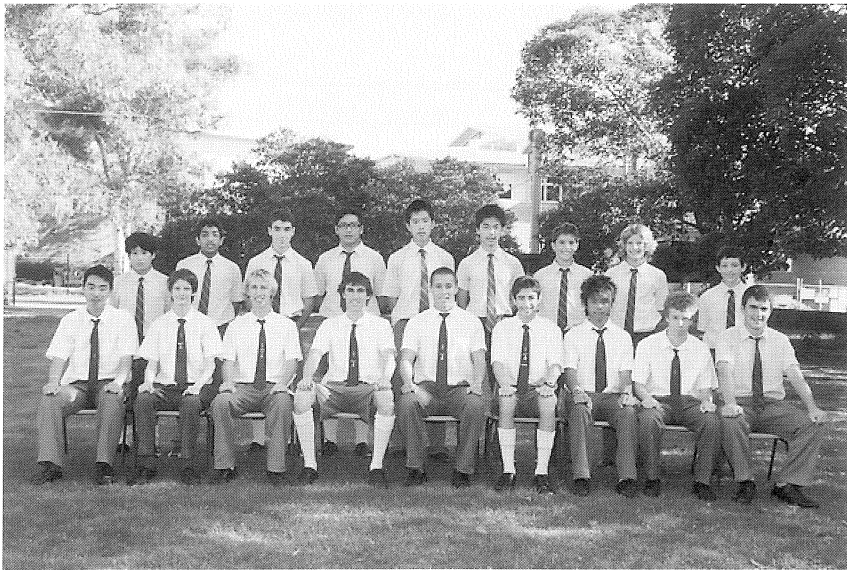
Anindya Bhattacharjee	Ben Glitsos
Kazimir Boskovic	Justin Hazelton
Mitchell Brown	Thomas Kadiev
Lachlan Cooper	Marcus Low
James Dickson	Richard Lund
Shane Drinkwater	William Rusbatch
Diego Funai	

Swimming

Braden Angel	Marcus Low
Greg Antoniadis	Rafid Morshedi
Riley Blair	Henry Peng
Kazimir Boskovic	Vangel Radev
Mitchell Colak	Antoine Rosse
Vincent Deng	Ming Si
Shane Drinkwater	Evan Vallis
Jesse Hanna	Chun Wong
Janmy Hu	Simon Wynn
Blake Jones	Simon Xing
Kenneth Lam	Jaewook Yoo



SCHOOL JUNIOR ATHLETICS TEAM



SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM

**SYDNEY EAST
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**



REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Kazimir Boskovic
 Braden Angel
 Greg Antoniades
 Kazimir Boskovic
 Lewis Cowper
 Shane Drinkwater
 Adam Fong
 Adam Fong
 Jesse Hanna
 Janmy Hu
 Satyaki Kar

Cross Country
 Swimming
 Swimming
 Swimming
 Athletics
 Cross Country
 Softball
 Baseball
 Swimming
 Swimming
 Athletics

Marcus Low
 Marcus Low
 Richard Lund
 Geordie Mcsullea
 Ivor Metcalf
 Nathaniel Musters
 Henry Peng
 William Rusbatch
 Chun Wong
 Jaewook Yoo
 Jaewook Yu

Cross Country
 Swimming
 Cross Country
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REGIONAL AGE CHAMPIONS

SWIMMING

Janmy Hu 12 years
Kazimir Boskovic 13 years

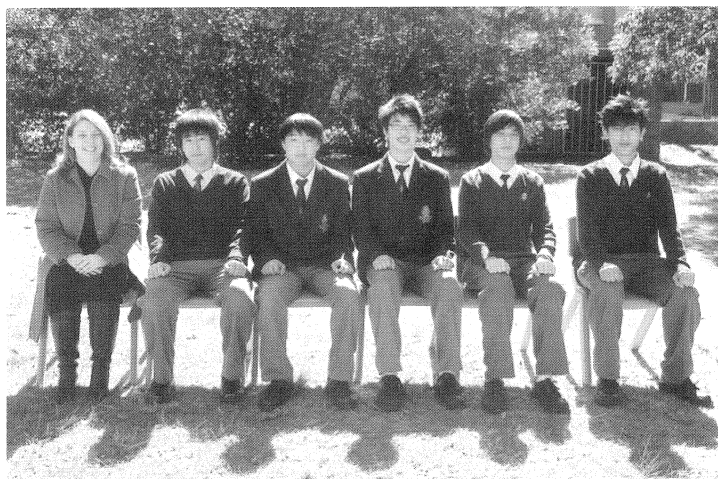
REGIONAL RECORDS SET 2008

Swimming

Jaewook Yoo - Boys 12 years 50m freestyle - 30.08 s
Jaewook Yoo - Boys 12 years 100m Backstroke 1:16.93 m

SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK and TEAM OF THE WEEK

	Sportsman	Sport	Team of the week
27/2	Adam Fong	Regional Softball	1 st Grade White Basketball
5/3	Jesse Hanna	Swimming	1 st Grade Knockout Basketball
12/3	Jaewook Yoo	Swimming	Knockout Volleyball
19/3	Janmy Hu	Swimming	12 years Swimming relay
30/4	Nathaniel Musters	Regional Basketball	Open Baseball
7/5	Tom Tran	2 nd Grade Soccer	2 nd Grade Soccer
14/5	Kaz Boskovic	Swimming	Open Hockey
21/5	Adrian Wu	Table Tennis	Knockout Table Tennis
21/5	Eric Pan	Table Tennis	Knockout Table Tennis
21/5	Brian So	Table Tennis	Knockout Table Tennis
21/5	Andrew Yuen	Table Tennis	Knockout Table Tennis
28/5	Marcus Low	Cross Country	Open Cross Country Team
25/6	Geordie Mcsullea	CHS Rugby Union	15A Soccer
2/7	Francis Zhou	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Amir Mahmoud	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Todd Da Silva	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Robert D'angelo	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Chris Tomic	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Dong Uong	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Bond Kam	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	Jonson Chu	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
2/7	John Cho	Volleyball	Knockout Volleyball team
23/7	Lewis Cowper	Athletics	
30/7	Anosh Kanagaratnam	Athletics	13A Soccer
6/8	Satyaki Kar	Athletics	14A Soccer
13/8	Lawson Cullen	1 st Grade Soccer	13B Rugby League
20/8	Dipra Bhattacharjee	14B1 Soccer	Open A1 Tennis
10/9	Geordie Mcsullea	NSW Schools Rugby	13B2 Basketball
17/9	Dmitri Prodromou	All Round sports	Open A Touch



Knockout Table Tennis **3rd in State**

L to R Ms Goodman, Benny Feng, Andrew Yuen
Brian So, Eric Pan, Adrien Wu

Winners of Best and Fairest for Summer 2007 and Winter 2008

SUMMER 2007

Cricket

1 st Grade	Najeeb Aftab
2 nd Grade	Ben Newsom
3 rd Grade Maroon	Prasad Kanitkar
3 rd Grade Blue	Karwin Rogers
14A	Julian Foster-Pullman
14B	Marcus Lo Russo
13A	Satyaki Kar
13B	Avirup Sarkar

Basketball

1 st grade maroon	Niksa Stanisic
1 st grade Blue	Rajan Rehan
2 nd grade maroon	Bond Kam
2 nd grade Blue	Joseph Koo
15A	Rick Trinh
15B	Zaed Tayeb
14A	Nathaniel Musters
14B	Brian Mew
13A	Jonathan Gaymer
13B	Allan Xie

Touch

Open A	John Vu
Open B	Lawson Cullen
14A	Anthony Lin

Volleyball

Open A	Francis Zhou
Open B Blue	Kelvin Man
Open B Maroon	Adrien Yeung
14A	Bryan Lam

Squash

Open A	David Baker
Open B	Adnan Arif

Baseball

14 years	Andrew Solomon
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Table Tennis

Open A	Anuj Kumar
Open B	Sam Chung
Open C	Philip Yang
Open D	Andrew Ta
14A	Quentin Xu
14B	William Su
14C	Kevin Nguyen
14D	Wilson Zou

Mini Soccer

14A	{ Thomas Rushbatch { Anindya Bhattacharjee
14B	Bayee Wang
13A	Kazimir Boskovic
13B	John Woo

Water Polo

Seniors	Marcus Low
Juniors	Chun Wong

WINTER 2008

Soccer

1 st Grade	Ivan Luburic
2 nd Grade	Derryn Chiu
15A	Harrison Burrows
15B1	James Horsburgh
15B2	Mark Phung
14A	Marcus Lo Russo
14B1	Dipra Bhattacharjee
14B2	Victor Ly
13A	John Halias
13B	Gary Tran
13C	Aaron Long

Rugby League

2 nd grade	Karwin Rogers
14 yrs	Lawlex Chung
13 yrs	James Madden

Tennis

Open A1	Philip Nguyen
Open A2	Richard Siou
Open A3	Sam Gill
Open B1	Dalton Fogarty
Open B2	{ Vignesh Raman { James Panos
Open B3	Nayeem Chowdhury
15A	Sean Smith
15B	Johnny He
14A	Rameez Zaklama
14B	Adrien Mok
13A	Dean Cassar
13B	Dylan Dowling

Softball

Junior (Maroon)	Aaron Gugich
Junior (Blue)	Andy Fu

Baseball

Open	Adam Fong
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Table Tennis

Open A	Brian So
Open B	Alexander Wu
Open C1	Hallard Caines
Open D1	Shivam Garg
Open D2	Ray Ren
14A	Victor Lee
14B	Vincent Deng
14C1	Jordan Jin
14C2	Ming Liu
14D1	Phillip Phan
14D2	Aaron Luo
Hockey	William Rusbatch

AFL

14 (Maroon)	Andy Chen
14 (Blue)	Braden Angel

SUMMER SPORT

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

BASEBALL – 14s



Front Row (L-R) D Jin, J Li, J Lee, A Cheng, HP Liu
Back Row (L-R) J Takahashi, J Tran, M Li, D Chan,
N Hulme, Mr Coulston

At this stage in the competition the 14s baseball team is successfully competing with quite a few wins under their belts.

In a small competition with very few teams participating we get to play regularly against the same teams. The boys apply maximum effort to each game and their success is a testament to their skill and commitment.

They are a great team, full of good humour and encouragement for each other.

Ian Coulston

BASKETBALL - 1st GRADE MAROON



Front Row (L-R) R Rehan, I Lee, M Bineth, B Chau, J Cheong, B Yeung
Back Row (L-R) K Won, K Ng, G McCullea, W Kuo, Mr T Trotman

Sadly for the school, this team of enthusiastic and talented boys is about to leave us. Having won all competitions since Year 7, with the exception of their first year in 1st grade (when beaten by Sydney Tech's A Team) and having been beaten in Zone competition matches only twice, they are on track to win again this year, having added two equally talented year 11 boys in Rajan Rehan and Ivan Lee. From the wee men of Ben Chau, Ware Kuo and Bruce Yeung to the big fellas in the centre, Ken Woon, Kevin 'Alias' Ng and Geordie McCullea they have all contributed stongly, no more so than the two point guards Matthew Bineth and the undoubted star of the year Jay Chong. Their dedication to training, their happy natures, formidable scoring ability and undoubted sportsmanship have made this a very enjoyable five years and I wish them all well for the future. My Wednesdays will be sadder for their departure.

2nd Grade is made up of boys who will be expected to step up to fill the gaps created by the departure of the other boys. At present they are co-leaders of their competition and have only been beaten (narrowly) once. This team too is full of enthusiasm and there are several promising basketballers among a team of fine athletes. They combine well together and only need an ounce of luck and a bit more solid training to win their grade. As with the 1st grade, this team is a star team rather than a team of stars – they would be first grade in any other school. How they handle filling in for the absent year 12 boys will be more a test of character than talent.

Trevor Trotman

BASKETBALL - 2nd GRADE MAROON



Front Row (L-R) D Cha, K Lau, D Zhang, D Do, K Cheah
Back Row (L-R) C Fu, Mr T Trotman, F Fajilan
Absent: P Jaruwattanap

BASKETBALL – 1st GRADE BLUE

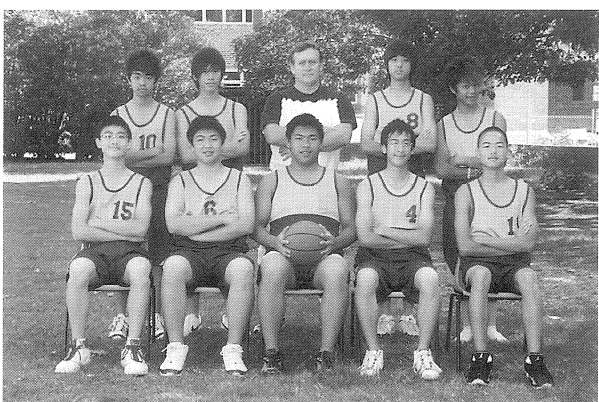


Front Row (L-R) F Georgy, J Nguyen, S Kuzmanovski, J Koo
Back Row (L-R) J Kirkpatrick, Mr S Parrish, G Cheung

A particularly talented opens basketball side. Their skills have developed over many years and they self manage and self coach very effectively. Currently running second in their competition.

Steve Parrish

BASKETBALL – 2ND GRADE BLUE

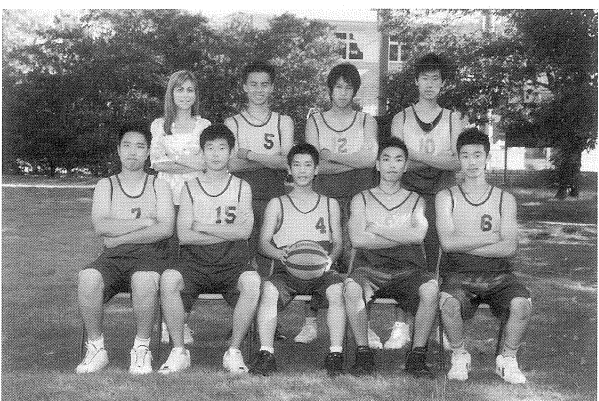


Front Row (L-R) A Duong, P Zhong, R Trinh, A Liu, L Duong
Back Row (L-R) T Zheng, T Truong, Mr S Parrish, E Pan, J Duque

Also running second in their competition, all boys playing with great enthusiasm. Their skills are developing strongly and they are a pleasure to watch play.

Steve Parrish

BASKETBALL – 1st GRADE WHITE



Front Row (L-R) A Kho, S Niu, J Truong, K Lau, W Yi
Back Row (L-R) Ms J Haitidis, F Viray, S Tan, Q Li

This group of Year 12 players came together to form a team and were entered in the first grade competition to take up the bye round. They are always competitive and are currently running 6th out of ten teams, but HSC studies means they will be unable to complete the competition, which is sad really because they always gave the opposition a run for their money. A coach needed to be found, and as usual Ms Haitidis was willing to fill the breach and offered. I know she enjoyed their company and their good spirits. These boys display all that is good about our senior boys.

BASKETBALL – 13B2



Front Row (L-R) MsJ Haitidis, A Irving, O Wang, A Wong, A Long
Back Row (L-R) D Sirikrishnabala, J Chen, M Zhong
Absent: J Chapman

When over fifty boys tried out for Under 13 grade basketball, we were in a quandary as to how to accommodate them. In stepped Ms Haitidis and we were able to form a third team.

These boys are in their learning phase, and at present Adrien Lalchere (class of 2007) has taken up the challenge of coaching them. There are several of these boys who will play in a higher grade next year, and even though they are not well placed in the competition they always play hard and test the opposition. Their sportsmanship and their willingness to improve make them fine ambassadors for Sydney Tech.

BASKETBALL – 15A



Front Row (L-R) C Yang, N Musters, M Wong, K Nguyen
Back Row (L-R) A Tsathas, M Jung, Mr R Carter
Absent: G Jiang

At this stage of the season the U15A basketball team has had a very successful campaign. The team is currently undefeated. It has demonstrated true grit in winning several close matches. The team is, at the time of submitting this report, on top of the ladder.

At the start of the year over forty boys' trialed for the U15 teams. The boys who were selected have proved to be very keen and committed. This has been demonstrated by the players turning up to the 7.30am Friday mornings training sessions.

Although it is pleasing to win, 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.

Rod Carter

BASKETBALL – 15B



Front Row (L-R) J Tran, A Lin, B Mew, A Xie, J Nguyen
Back Row (L-R) D Cheung, E Tan, G Simeonov, M Huynh, J Lim
Mr R Carter

The U15B team is very different in its structure to the U15A team. The A team is blessed with height while the B team is on the small side. Although lacking height the team plays smart basketball. The team has a good strong defence and uses its pace with fast breaks from defence. Unfortunately, our finishing (lay-ups) has let us down.

It has only lost two matches so far this season. No loss was greater than 4 points.

The team has improved, as a group and as individuals, over the season. They will be a force in the finals later in the year.

Rod Carter

BASKETBALL – 14A



Front Row (L-R) K Hoare, A Gugich S Dzuba, G Liang
Back Row (L-R) K Nguyen, S Hanna, R Zaklama, Mr P Werner

The A team has had another successful beginning to the season. They have continued the domination shown last year and have continued to score comprehensive victories over opposition teams.

The boys have all contributed this year without having to rely on one or two players. Credit must be given to Garson and Anh who have stepped up from the B team

The challenge for the boys now is to take the next step and to further improve their ability to play organised basketball so that they can match it against more competitive teams in the knockout next year.

Paul Werner

BASKETBALL – 14B



Front Row (L-R) J Han, Y Lai, A Ambikairajah, J Jang, R Arditti
Back Row (L-R) Mr P Werner, C Chhoeu, A Ho, H Hamwi, V Deng, E Kwan

With a fairly new make up to the B team and many members playing organised basketball for the first time my expectations at the beginning of the season was for the boys to have fun and show some gradual improvement. These expectations however changed considerably during our first game against Canterbury. Playing against a much bigger Canterbury side, which was mainly made up of A players we were down by as much as ten points in the first half. The boys never gave in and played with exceptional team spirit and enthusiasm coming back to win the game by two points. I don't know if it is possible for a team to have a season changing moment so early on but the boys have never looked back since winning all games (so far), most by big margins.

Paul Werner

BASKETBALL – 13A



Front Row (L-R) A Rispler, S Menovic, J Leung, J Valente, J Yoo
Back Row (L-R) B Angell, G Andresakis, D Wen, I Metcalf
Absent W Cen

Basketball at Tech is very popular and with approximately sixty students wanting to play in grade teams the selection process was both time consuming and complicated. fifty excited Year 7 students and a handful of Year 8 boys, all of whom believed they were capable of making the next Dream Team; it didn't matter who was selected, I was sure to upset someone.

The boys made a great start to the season. The team has enjoyed both great wins and have had a loss or two. With finals approaching we need solid defence and good team work. Good luck boys.

Ann Olsen

BASKETBALL 13B MAROON



Front Row (L-R) J Lee, B Kim, P Phan, S Sridhar, A Dai
Back Row (L-R) M Liu, R Jiang, G Bayarsaikhan P Charas

Another group of outstanding basketballers all keen to take the field each week. The team had a great start with good wins and some hard fought losses. It is now time to concentrate on game plans, solid defence and making the most of our scoring opportunities as we forge ahead and into the finals. Remember gents the key to a good basketball team is good team work.

Good luck boys.
Ann Olsen

CRICKET – 1st GRADE



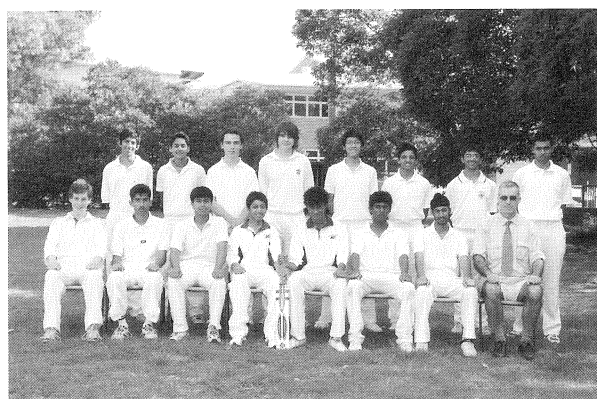
Front Row (L-R) K Rogers, N Kader, M Brown ©, A Arif, R Rahman, S Hor
Back Row (L-R) R Kar, S Haque, N Chowdhury, H Singh, N Sura,
Mr N Melvin

The first grade team won all of their games leading into the publication of this journal and are warm favourites to win their competition in the summer, although nothing in sport is certain. Good luck, boys!

The team participated in the Davison Shield competition earlier in the year and were knocked out in the first round by Heathcote High, a school we had defeated easily in previous years. The Gardner Park pitch was playing treacherously from one end and the boys succumbed to a skidding bowler whose deliveries were keeping low. However, if the boys had taken their catches they may still have won and sharpening their catching skills is necessary for future success.

Neil Melvin

CRICKET – 2nd GRADE



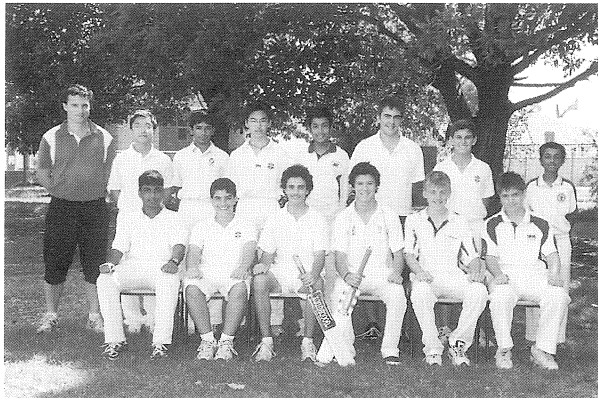
Front Row (L-R) H Caines, S Garg, T Islam, A Imtiaz, J Karim, M Bhuiyan,
D Singh, Mr P Ward
Back Row (L-R) A Mukherjee, S Madiwale, S Gill, K Seed, W Chou,
O Sane, P Kanitkar, Mr P Ward

Sydney Tech's 2nd grade cricket team for 2008 have had a mixed season so far. Due to circumstances beyond their control, they have had a succession of coaches. Although it is clear that they have enthusiasm for the great game of cricket, their consistency of performance and their results do not yet match their level of enthusiasm.

During term 4, they will have another opportunity to show the world just how good they can be. There is plenty of room for improvement. They will be concentrating on the basics of the game and there will be a strong expectation for significant improvement. Soon we will know if these young men are indeed sportsmen or if they are only among those who wish to be sportsmen.

Phil Ward

CRICKET – 15 MAROON

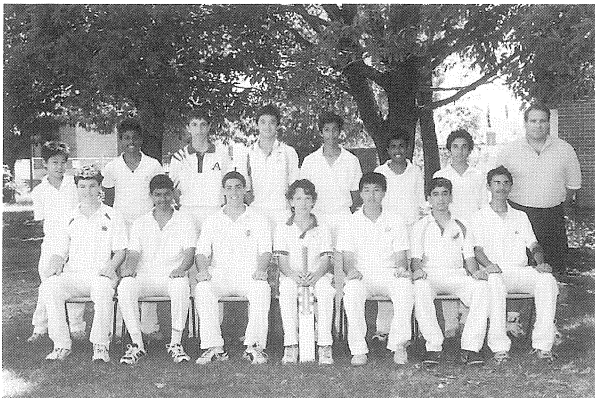


Front Row (L-R) A Jalal, P Tsihlis, F Suwan, S Grennan, H Burrows, J Horsburgh
Back Row (L-R) Mr M Hewett, B Cheung, I Hoque, M Si, A Quazi, V Radev, G Tsihlis, M Udaiyappan

It all came down to one game, the local derby between Tech Maroon and Tech Blue. It was the battle for bragging rights. The other mob batted first and scored a competitive 136 off 19.4 overs. Best for us was Harrison with 3-18 (4 overs). Best for them was Navid with 53 runs. Tech Blue set a very defensive field in order to restrict boundaries and unfortunately it worked. We managed 7-108 from our twenty overs, but just couldn't chase the run rate. Best for us was James with 31 runs and Sam with 39 runs. Best for them was Emerson with 2-7 (1 over). With half of the season remaining we will try to string some wins together and push for the semi-finals. But it will be hard to bounce back from the derby defeat.

M. Hewett

CRICKET – 15 BLUE



Front Row (L-R) J.Dickson, M.Chakravarthy, M. Lo Russo, J.Foster –Pullman, A.Ha, A.Baloch, P.Talwar
Back Row (L-R) C.He, A.Kanagaratnam, M.Cooper, E.Lee, N.Chowdhury, A.Mehdad, S.Verma

As the season has progressed, this group of young men have become a formidable force in the competition. Superbly led by Julian, we have a good balance of batsmen and bowlers, but what I most admire about the team, is their ability to defend challenging totals. They are very supportive of each other, and have the ability to organise themselves while I am umpiring in the middle. I am looking forward to continued success throughout the second half of the season.

Paul Graham

CRICKET – 14A

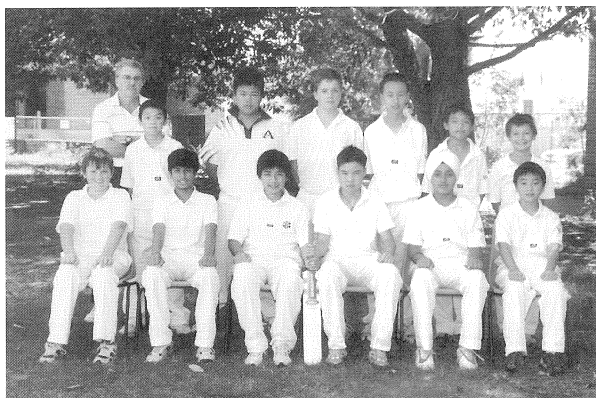


Front Row (L-R) H Bal, A Sarkar, I Matthews, S Kar, T Liang, S Suresh-Babu, S Mondal
Back Row (L-R) G Antoniades, R Morshedi, V Choudhury, M Tarique, S Hussain

At the time of writing the team is progressing well towards a finals position. Teamwork is cooperative and players are sharing responsibilities with bat and ball. So far players like Saty Kar and Greg Antoniades, Vivek Ray Choudhury, and Hari Bal have been leading the way with fighting performances.

Kevin Short

CRICKET – 14B

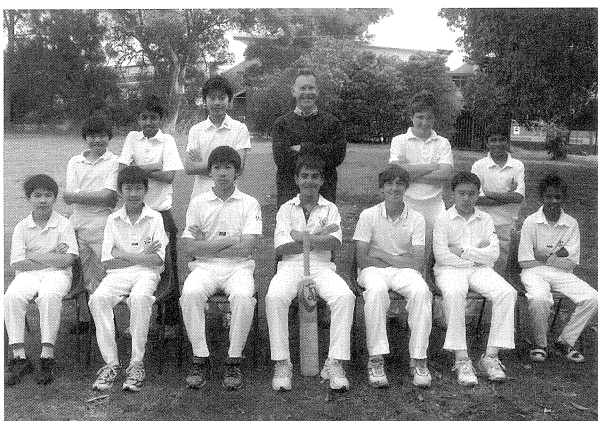


Front Row (L-R) F Warren, R Manjrekar, V Tam, K Huynh,
R Dhillan, J Wong
Back Row (L-R) J Wang, J Zhang, M Whiteley, D Luo, I Lai,
M Hobday

After a slow start to the season, the boys have developed into a very formidable cricket team. All players have contributed well, with a balanced batting and bowling attack. Recent form indicates they are a definite finals contender.

Anthony Hayes

CRICKET – 13A



Front Row (L-R) W Deng, W Ho, S Chen, J Halias, D Cassar, A Lam,
D Thanenthirar
Back Row (L-R) D Shepherd, R Jagtap, P Yu, Mr Mulholland, S Blair,
R Sivakumar
Absent R Zaman

The 13A's cricket team has had a brilliant season, playing great cricket and playing in the spirit of the game. We have a great bowling attack and have easily bowled out all the other sides. Our batsmen are also in top form as the team has scored more than 100 runs every innings. The 13A's cricket team, led by the Captain John Halias, have played outstanding cricket and have been undefeated so far in the season. Everyone has enjoyed the season and there is very good team spirit, along with the talent.

We hope to win the premiership. We are in a great position now.

CRICKET – 13B



Front Row (L-R) S Lee, D Dowling, T Kadiev, J Lo Russo, J U, W Wu,
L Nguyen
Back Row (L-R) C Chung, V Demcsak, P Shen, Mr Derwent J Parshotam,
J Shen
Absent C Zhang, J Zhang

The year started off without a game due to rain but in our first game we played a cracker, only losing the game on the second last ball of the innings. We had everything to lose when we were 4 for 11 but Geoffrey Shen came in and gave us a chance getting 25 runs and their team giving 20 sundries. Our second game we lost again only this time on the third last ball. Everyone played well in both games as we dwindled down their batting order and piled on the runs. Notable mentions were Jeffrey U, Thomas Kadiev, Caleb Chung and Geoffrey Shen, all important contributors to our success.

MINI SOCCER – 14C



Front Row (L-R) W Wong, T Latimer, G Pasas, M Tamas, M Nikolovski
Back Row (L-R) J Woo, B Fung, J Cox, V Ly, Ms P Miki

Originally managed by Ms Miki, who has since left the school, this keen bunch of boys has won about half of their games and continue to be competitive in all matches. We are hoping that they might be able to still reach the upcoming semi finals

MINI SOCCER – 14D



Front Row (L-R) Y Y Shu, K Zheng, J Yeung, D Nguyen, K M Romberg-Yee
Back Row (L-R) S Scander, T Ng, J Ball, Ms P Miki

Again, this team has undergone a loss of coach, but they are all still there each week, and give their all for this school. I know that they thoroughly enjoy each Wednesday and are fine ambassadors for Sydney Tech High

MINI SOCCER – 13C



Front Row (L-R) Mr B Reynolds, W Chang, N Haque, B Cai
Back Row (L-R) F Mazumder, H Liu, J Hopkins
Absent: A Le, G Tran, S Chu

At the time of writing this report, the team has had reasonable success, with two wins, two draws and a loss. The captain, William Chang, has performed his duties well, with all team members showing improved skills. The boys are to be congratulated on their efforts and good sportsmanship.

Brian. Reynolds

MINI SOCCER – 13D

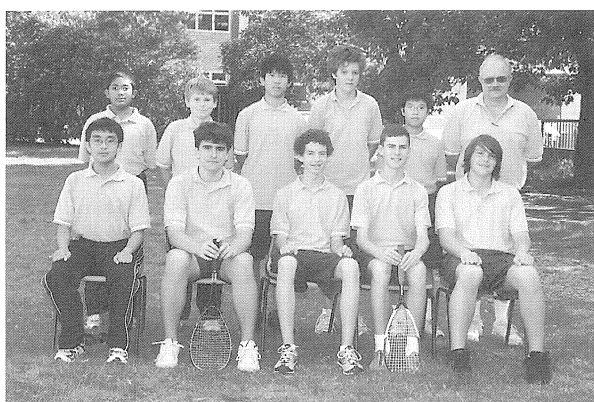


Front Row (L-R) Mr B Reynolds, W Kim, A Baehnisch, W Yan,
S Aadarsh
Back Row (L-R) J Lam, E Huang, J Su, A Tan, P Kuleechuay

The team, captained by Alex Baehnisch in the first part of the year and Justin Su in the second, has also had some pleasing results so far, with two wins, two draws and a loss. The boys have played fairly and seriously and are to be congratulated on their consistently good sportsmanship.

Brian Reynolds

SQUASH – OPEN A AND OPEN B



Open A Front Row (L-R) A Mahmud, R Taylor, E Hum, M Kiefel, B Chiu,
Open B Back Row (L-R) A Abundo, M Rozen, D Baker, T Murray, A Davis

At the resumption of summer sport both the A and B teams are well in contention for the semi finals. This is an excellent result as both teams are comprised of players with little or no squash background experience. All the team members have undertaken their refereeing responsibilities with enthusiasm.

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

John Simmonds

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN A & OPEN B



Open A Front Row (L-R) M Mah, G Ou, E Zhang, P Nguyen, H Chen
Open B Back Row (L-R) Ms J Goodman, Q Xu, W Su, P Cheung, W Low
Absent: B Chen

The open A and B table tennis teams have had a great year with many successes along the way.

The boys are a joy to watch.

Jenny Goodman

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN C1/D1



Open C1 -Front Row (L-R) P Yang, W Low, S Low, G Zhu, K Yao
Open D1 -Back Row (L-R) Mr G Hughes, A Fang, B Tam, B Ta, V Lee, F Huang

C1

With 8 games completed to date, the team has only had 1 loss, with several 6-0 wins over the opposition. Well done to all the boys with best player being Kevin Yao.

D1

The team is undefeated after 8 rounds and have only lost one set. This is a terrific effort and all are to be congratulated. Best players Furian Huang and Alex Fang.

Glenn Hughes

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN C2/ D2



Open C2 Front Row (L-R) T Nguyen, S Jiang, J Lim, L Lee, A Chan,
Open D2 Back Row (L-R) D Lau, W Luo, B Genday, A Lazarou, J Fung, R Wang

These teams were formed because of the enormous popularity of table tennis in our school, but staffing was such that they were unable to find a coach. Luckily Ms Faulder has now taken over managerial duties and they will no longer be our wandering sheep. They are always competitive and by no means disgraced in any competition game. We thank the boys for their continued enthusiasm under difficult circumstances and wish them continued good fortune.

TABLE TENNIS – 14A/14B



14A Front Row (L-R) W Zou, S Fok, D Fung, R Choi, T Banh, Ms D Nelson
14B Back Row (L-R) S Huang, J Mo, H Xing, A Luo, J Yu, L Zhu

Both teams began the year with great enthusiasm and although they had only limited experience in this sport the boys proved they could win matches and improved considerably as the season progressed. The B team won their first match, but a loss to Blakehurst made them realise they would have to work better as a team. They have won most of their matches and are getting stronger each week. The A team with more experience have played exceptionally well, losing only one match to Blakehurst. Nevertheless they always tried their best and represented the school proudly.

Dorne Nelson

TABLE TENNIS – 14C1/14D1



14C Front Row (L-R) Ms B Engel, C Wu, I Lo S Siu, D Phan, A Li, J Low
14D Back Row (L-R) C Tint, H Liu, K Cheung, Y Y Yiang, A Fu, J Nguyen

This Year 7 under 14C1 and 14D1 Table Tennis teams have both distinguished themselves in the 2008 summer rounds. Each team has shown good sportsmanship and excellent team spirit. The C1 team have been undefeated so far and D1 has only been narrowly beaten by our own D2 team.

All team members have worked hard to develop their skills. Congratulations on an exciting season.

Bronia Engel

TABLE TENNIS – 14C2/ 14D2



14C Front Row (L-R) K Wong, C Chung, C Liang, E Jung, D Pan, Ms J Lee
14D Back Row (L-R) K Nguyen, M Chen, R Hoang, P Tran, D Guo, R Lee

The 14C2/D2 Table Tennis teams had a wonderful start to the school sporting season with some great wins against opponents. Although the teams did not have much competition time due to byes, the two teams did manage to win all matches they did play. Most of the boys had played table tennis from the previous year and this was clearly evident with their intense rallies with each other and other teams. Outstanding players included Keith Wong, Roger Lee, Daniel Guo and Robert Hoang who displayed excellent table tennis skills.

Congratulations and good luck in next year's round.

Judy Lee

TOUCH – OPEN A



Front Row (L-R) M Hillman, C Roberts, J Billiris, E Vallis, B Middleton
 Back Row (L-R) L Cullen, P Faraj, N Le, Mr N Stokes

The Open A touch team consisted of a fine group of Yr 11 students who showed great commitment each week in representing the school.

Many of the boys have played grade touch since Yr 7. However even with their experience the competition proved to be rather challenging as the opposing teams were of a high quality this year. The boys had some varying scores throughout the competition with the potential of making it into the semis later in the year. I would like to congratulate everyone in the side for their sportsmanship and conduct each week and I hope to see you play touch in your final year at Tech.

Nick Stokes

TOUCH – OPEN B



Front Row (L-R) A Yuen, A Yeung, N Karvountzis, K Hodgson,
Back Row (L-R) Mr Gowan, G Ho, G Kim, D Chiu
Absent M Ho, D Tran

The 2008 season has been an enjoyable one. The team has been the form team of the competition and will make the final. The combination of enthusiasm, skill and speed out wide have inspired many victories. Fine wins were achieved by a committed effort in defence and a willingness to throw the ball around in attack. The team has always displayed great sportsmanship on and off the field. The coach's award went to Kevin Hodgson. Good luck in the finals boys.

Allan Gowan

TOUCH – 14A



Front Row (L-R) R Ngai, W Cai, L Chung, P Le, M Phung
Back Row (L-R) A Phung, J Lee, D Bui, J Madden, E Tan
Absent: M Al Abassi, Mr M Bellamy

The boys have experienced mixed results especially in the first part of the season when they were not playing as a cohesive unit. However, as the second part of the season got underway, they were more committed to the cause and this is testament to their maturity. The team has been ably led by Ronald Ngai and Eric Tan, with Lawlex Chung displaying moments of brilliance. It is hoped that this team will form the nucleus of an open team in the coming years.

Well done boys!

Michael Bellamy

TOUCH – 14B



Front Row (L-R) J Song, J Ko, J Akkari, H Lee, R Martinez
Back Row (L-R) G Wang, R Chung, D Whang, G Tsui, J Ye, E Fung
Absent: B Gudan, Mr M Bellamy

Most of these boys are playing their first year of touch. In the first part of the year, they scored some good wins, however in the second part of the year, they were able to improve on their skills. The team was made up of Year 8 students along with Edmund Fung of Year 7 and Jinsun Song of Year 9. The team was ably led by Harry Lee and Ragan Martinez and they are to be congratulated for their tenacity and perseverance throughout the season.

Thanks for a good year!

Michael Bellamy

VOLLEYBALL – OPEN A CHS KNOCKOUT



Front Row (L-R) D Uong, T DaSilva, R D'Angelo, J Cho, B Kam
Back Row (L-R) Mr G Cooper, A Mahmoud, C Tomic, J Chu, F Zhou, K Man

The team has had an outstanding year including being undefeated in our Zone during summer grade sport, reaching the Regional KO Final, placing 6th in the State CHS KO (our best result ever in Open Volleyball) The whole team is to be highly commended on their commitment to both training and playing on match days. Both Francis and Dong represented the Sydney South Region at the CHS Carnival and I am pleased to be able to say that although we had some stand out players everybody in the team truly contributed to the team's eventual success. Managing the team was made immeasurably easier by Amir in organising training and playing. Thank you.

Congratulations on a memorable sporting season.

Greg Cooper

VOLLEYBALL – OPEN B BLUE



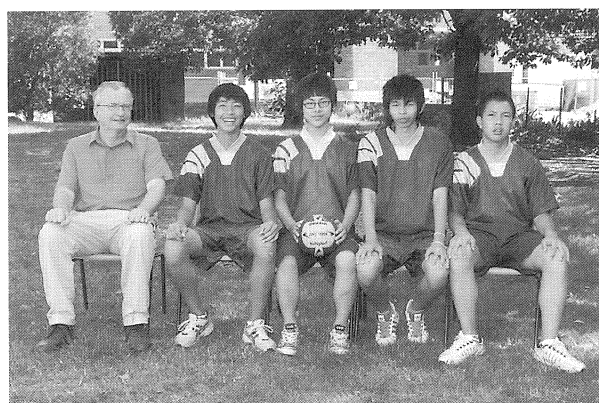
Front (L-R) L Cowper, A Attia, B Lam, K Kim
Back Row (L-R) Mr G Cooper, A Chen, J Gim, K Quach

The team is to date undefeated in summer grade sport and I look forward to hopefully seeing the boys continue this success to the end.

All players have developed their skills during the season and will be keen to follow on the triumphs of the seniors over the next two years. Good luck boys.

Greg Cooper

VOLLEYBALL – OPEN B MAROON

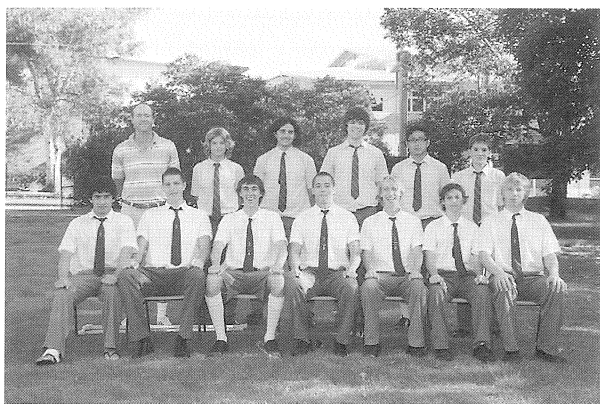


(L-R) Mr Cranston, P Ngo, K Song, T Tran, H Nguyen
Absent: D Cha, A Noh, S Vu

The team has been playing well this season. They have improved their skills with practise and enthusiasm. Tom and Phi hit the ball harder each game. Scott and Kevin are great team players. Alvin is full of energy. David and Henry are the big improvers. The team have gained a lot from the effort they have put in.

Barry Cranston

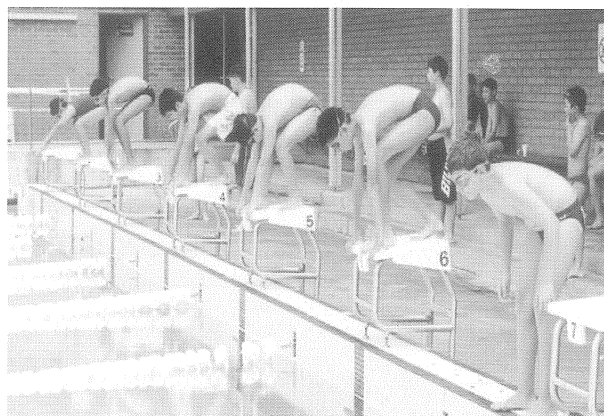
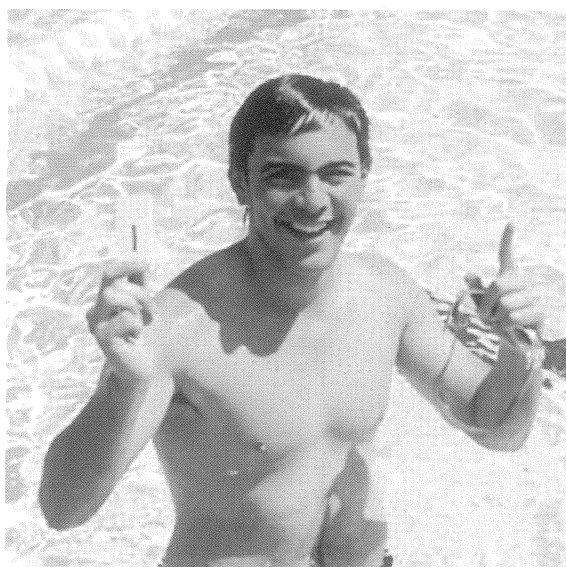
WATER POLO



Sydney Tech's proud water polo tradition continued this year with a changing of the guard. The loyal seniors who have carried this sport over the last four years have bid farewell and passed the baton to the next generation of predominantly Year 8's. The boys have looked forward to the weekly tussles with each other and Caringbah, and acquitted themselves bravely in the knock out competitions. The juniors have taken to the sport well and with further recruitment, promise a bright future in this sport.

Michael Sender

Front Row (L-R) M Dwyer, I Luburic, S Wynn, M Low, S Drinkwater,
D Prodromou, A Burrell
Back Row (L-R) Mr M Sender, M Colak, S El Najaar, K Hoare,
C Wong, K Boskovic



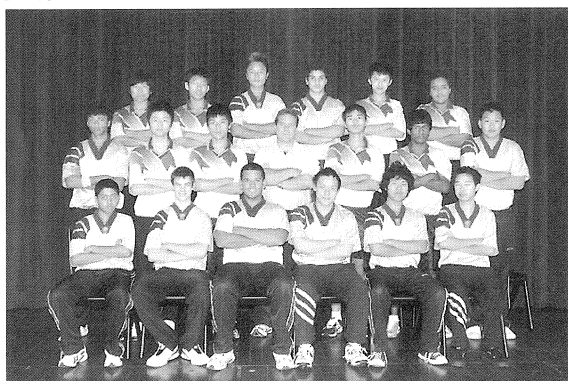
WINTER SPORT

AUSSIE RULES – 14A & 14B



Front Row (L-R) H Xing, R Ngai, J Gaymer, N Musters,
G Jiang, G Wang, G Tsui
Middle Row (L-R) Mr R Carter, S Menovic, S Hanna, S Issa,
J Li, K Zheng, D Nguyen
Back Row (L-R) S Huang, W Deng, N Hulme, K Tan,
B Angell, D Kuleechuay

BASEBALL – OPEN BLUE & MAROON



Front Row (L-R) P Lu, K Truong, A Fong, M Dahoud,
A Truong, A Domadius
Middle Row (L-R) J Karim, J Ho, J Yang, Mr P Graham E Hung,
M Bhuyian, J Wong
Back Row (L-R) A Imtiaz, C Gudas, E Edwin, S Lew, B Ng, K Man
Absent: F Zhou, A Arif, N Aftab, J Shin, B Ta

HOCKEY



Front Row (L-R) R Murshedi, A Burrell, W Rusbatch, K Banos,
Ms A Olsen
Back Row (L-R) F Akhtar, R Singh, K Seed, Y Liu, D Rowley
Absent: S Grennan, J Yakoubi, H Chen, K Lam,
C Wong

The majority of the boys in the Sydney Tech U14 teams had never played AFL before. The first two weeks of grade sport were taken up teaching the participants from all schools the skills and rules of the game. Early in the season Kingsgrove and Sydney Tech A team were clearly the dominant teams and this seemed the case throughout the season. As the winter season progressed the skills of individuals in both the A and B teams improved markedly. The week before the finals Kingsgrove withdrew its team for disciplinary reasons. Sydney Tech A team found themselves playing Peakhurst HS. Peakhurst's form had been patchy, but the team contained several boys who played AFL on the weekend. The AFL skills and physical clashes were also worthy of a grand final. Although Tech rose to the big occasion, Peakhurst produced their best football for the season. The final score was Peakhurst 6-2- 38 to Sydney Tech 4-5- 29. Our best players were: Andy Chen, Sharif Issa and Hans Xing. Best players for the season were Braden Angel (B team) and Andy Chen (A team). Braden, although small in stature and under-aged, demonstrated wonderful foot and hand skills. Andy Chen was a revelation to the AFL team. He missed the first few weeks but gave the A team's defence tremendous strength. A special thanks to the AFL (NSW/ACT) who supplied staff that trained the boys from all the participating schools. The AFL's staff acted as umpires for the duration of the competition.

Rod Carter

Although we did not have a regular Wednesday competition to play in, each boy continued the tradition by showing professionalism, commitment, and of course, talent. We fared better than usual in the knockout competitions, thanks to Adam's pitching, becoming one of the dominant teams in the Metropolitan East region.

Special thanks must go to the Year 12 players, who are under no obligation to play, but show up each week regardless, leading always by example. The younger players gained some much needed experience, which will prove to be invaluable when baseball gets up and running next season. It was a pleasure to have coached such fine ambassadors of the school.

Paul Graham

Another hockey season is over and again the boys who played hockey have proven their commitment to this wonderful sport. With some players who had never picked up a hockey stick it was always going to be tough, however, as the weeks went by we proved we were a team that could not be beaten easily. Unfortunately, winter brought rain and this caused some cancellations, or should I say fortunately, as it always rained on the days we were playing teams against which we would have lost.

Still, with the boys improving each game we made it to the semi-finals and fought out a tough game with Kingsgrove. Unfortunately they were too good on the day. Congratulations boys, a job well done.

Ann Olsen

RUGBY LEAGUE – 16 YEARS



Front Row (L-R) J Billiris, R Raham, Z Tayeb, K Rogers, R Trinh, Mr Hewett
 Middle Row (L-R) K Hodgson, P Pham, S Elnajar, N Kader, J Dickson,
 G Kim, A Hraiki
 Back Row (L-R) E Vallis, P Kanitkar, T Islam, B Lam

RUGBY LEAGUE – 14 YEARS



Front Row (L-R) D Bui, N Smith, M Cooper, K Nguyen, D Wang,
 J Jang
 Middle Row (L-R) Mr Werner, R Tan, J Hung, M Hung, M Al Abbasi,
 D Whang, M Nikolovski, P Le
 Back Row (L-R) J Lee, H Lee, V Fu, L Chung, C Chhoeu

RUGBY LEAGUE – 13 YEARS

Minor Premiers & Runners Up



Front Row (L-R) L Nguyen, A Phung, J Madden, J Akkari,
 W Yan, A Wong
 Middle Row (L-R) W Wu, S Jahan, J Valente, I Metcalf,
 J Chapman, Mr N Melvin
 Back Row (L-R) N Asad, A Zheng, A Tan, D Shepherd, T Kadiev
 Absent: S Blair, T Lasic

We entered the semi-finals as underdogs, playing against the undefeated Canterbury Boys. We started well with the ball, but were unable to contain them in defence and trailed 12-0 early on. On the back of a much improved defensive effort we played our best attacking football of the year. We moved the big opposition players around and went into half time trailing 18-2. This continued in the second half, with the final score being 36 – 30 in favour of Canterbury. Each team scored six tries. What a fantastic way to finish the season. It was the best rugby league performance I have seen at Tech. The only problem for the team is that they played so well my expectations have been raised for next year. See you at training.

Matt Hewett

It was a challenging start to the season for the U/14 Rugby League team. Initially the team fought hard, however, we sometimes struggled against the bigger and more experienced competition.

As the season progressed the boy's individual skill level improved and we started to play more as a team. Consequently we started to match it with some of our more fancied rivals. This included an unlucky draw against Peakhurst who we suffered a comprehensive defeat against earlier in the season and a last round win against Kingsgrove who were striving for a semi final birth.

Overall, hopefully the boys take away a few positive memories from the season and continue to show the same level of improvement next year.

Paul Werner

It was a case of déjà vu (at least for the coach) in the 13s as just like 2 years ago, the team were minor premiers, drew the grand final in normal time but then lost it in extra time!

The premiership looked certain when the boys led 18-4 with 10 minutes to go in the final. But Hurstville scored 3 times to level 18-18 by fulltime, so extra time was called. After 10 scoreless minutes it seemed it, too, would be drawn, but Hurstville then scored on the siren.

The boys had lost their only game for the year in the last seconds of the season. They were devastated, but they quickly overcame the disappointment with KFC for lunch and computer games in the afternoon.

James Madden scored an amazing 49 tries for the year and was Best & Fairest. Sam Blair scored 19 tries and Wilmer Yan 12. Other good players were Tom Kadiev, Andy Wong, Albert Phung, Jordan Valente and Nasser Asad.

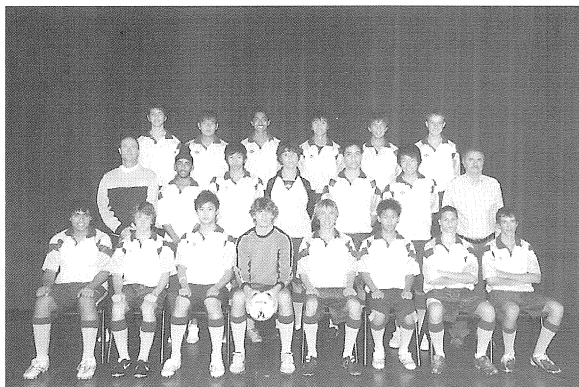
Neil Melvin

SOCCER – 1ST GRADE

Minor Premiers & Runners Up

SOCCER – 2ND GRADE

Minor Premiers & Runners Up



Front Row (L-R) F Georgy, L Cooper, I Lee, L Cullen, S Drinkwater,
G Cheung, D Prodromou, M Hillman

Middle Row (L-R) Mr M Sender (coach), H Singh, T Tran, J O'Gara,
C Strong, K Cheah, Mr G Hempel (coach)

Back Row (L-R) A Sehic, AYeung, S Haque, M Wong, B Power,
B Middleton

Absent: I Luburic, J Stamenkovic, A Douskou, P Faraj,
R D'Angelo, M Dwyer, D Chiu, M Yoon, E Zhang,
J Ahladiotis, A Rizk

The boys gave 100% throughout the season and will no doubt rebound and try to go that one extra step next season. The 1st grade side had a successful season finishing the season undefeated and in 1st place. This meant a semi final showdown with Canterbury (ala Sierra Leone). In a hard fought match we prevailed in extra time with Matt Hillman sealing the issue. Lawson our keeper had a blinder saving us on many occasions. This meant a grand final against James Cook, whom we had beaten twice in the regular season. In a very tight and keenly contested game, James Cook led 1 nil at half time and our boys were up against it. However with typical Tech spirit, the team rallied and deservedly found an equaliser through Ivan heading in from a corner. We had gained the ascendancy and were looking like we would find the winner late on or in extra time but it was not to be. Through a dubious refereeing decision, a goal was awarded at the death to Cook and once again our dreams were shattered.

The 2nd Grade Soccer team went through the regular season with only one loss and proved themselves more than a capable side. They advanced to the final after a tight semi final against James Cook and came up against Kingsgrove North. The first half was fairly even with K.N. taking the lead and then Tech equalising just before half time. They scored a 2nd goal early in the 2nd half and we struggled to get back into the game after this. Final score 4:1. Although the boys were understandably disappointed, they can look back on this as a successful season and hopefully go that one step further next year. Well done! As always, you did yourselves and your school proud.

Michael Sender

SOCCER – 15A



Front Row (L-R) A Tsathas, S Banos, A Ha, T Rusbatch,
H Burrows (Captain), F Huang, R Singh

Back Row (L-R) Mr A Gowan, G Tsihlis, J Foster-Pullm,
F Suwan, V Radev, P Tsihlis, A Norris

Absent S Verma, J Lim

Even though the season was heavily affected by poor weather we had a highly enjoyable time. The season started off on a bad note with a large defeat due to a large number of players absent. This quickly improved with the team remaining undefeated up until the semi final where we narrowly lost to James Cook. We had a great season with many spectacular goals and memorable moments. Throughout the season we improved our skills and challenged those fifty, fifty balls. The coach's award went to Harrison Burrows for his leadership and commitment on and off the field.

Allan Gowan

SOCCER – 15B BLUE



Front Row (L-R) A Walker, W Liu, H Nguyen, B Wang, M Huynh,
J Horsburgh, D Stewert, A Lazarou
Back Row (L-R) Mr Simmonds, P Nicholas, A Choy, A Jalal,
K Chea, H Dinh, D Chan, J O'Gara, A Tang

The 15B1-soccer team enjoyed a very keen and competitive competition season. The team enjoyed a good deal of success finishing just outside the top four after the preliminary rounds. All team members turned out each week prepared to do their best and as a result they enjoyed every game played.

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

John Simmonds

SOCCER – 15B MAROON



Front Row (L-R) M Phung, A Wilson, A Mehdad, E Lee, I Yuan,
T Zaman, D Huang
Back Row (L-R) Mr I Coulston, A Yong, A Baloch, W Phung, D Ngo,
J Zhou, K Rondo

The 15B2 Soccer team love their soccer and approached every game with total commitment.

After a shaky start to the season the boys focused on improving their teamwork and committing themselves to challenges for possession of the ball.

The success of this season is to be measured in how the boys melded themselves into a great team who enjoyed the game and the camaraderie that grew from working as an effective team.

Ian Coulston

SOCCER – 14A – Minor Premiers – Runners Up



Front Row (L-R) K Boscovic, A Nguyen, M Lo Russo,
C Janssen, A Bhattacharjee, G Liang, T Matthews
Back Row (L-R) Mr P Ward, H Bal, S Kar, M Colak, A Huang, C He
Absent: R Arditti, N Chowdhury

These fine young sportsmen continue as the premier football team in their age group. They were undefeated for the last year and a half but sadly lost this year's final.

The development of their teamwork is a strengthening feature of the group. As their teamwork begins to match their individual skills, they should be more dominant than ever. They remain as the team to beat - the team all others will be trying hard to defeat.

Phil Ward

SOCCKER – 14B BLUE – Minor Premiers - Runners Up



Front Row (L-R) M Whitley, V Tam, S Mondal, D Bhattacharje,
W Cai, B Guden, V Choudhury
Back Row (L-R) I Lai, S Nguyen, J Han, G Pasas, A Ho, S Fok

The 14 B1 soccer team had an outstanding season of grade sport this winter, finishing up second in their division as well as making it through to the finals. The team only had one loss the entire competition which was in the finals against St. George Christian School which is a great achievement in a very close competition.

Besides the Grand final match, other memorable games played in the competition were against the Sydney Tech B2 side and the controversial match against Kingsgrove whom we later played in the semi finals and beat.

I would like to thank all the boys for their conduct and sportsmanship this season as they have been a great team to coach.

Nick Stokes

SOCCKER – 14B MAROON



Front Row (L-R) J Yeung, W Zou, K Huynh, A Sarkar, J Cox
Middle Row (L-R) S Hussain, J Zhang, M Zhou, T Kim, V Ly
Back Row (L-R) A Yuen, C Campbell, C Chung, J Wang

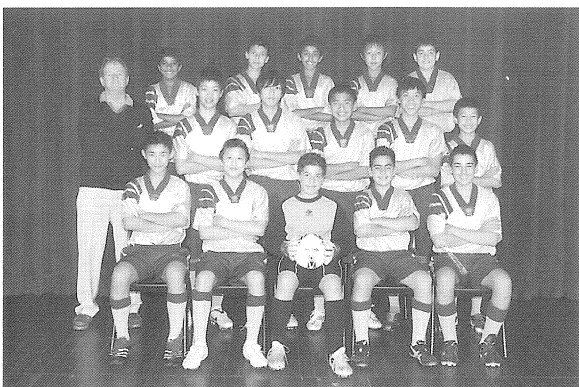
The boys all enjoyed every game this season even though our opposition was usually under prepared. Our whole team was always applying full effort to each and every game which made sport each week fulfilling for all concerned.

The skill level in the team grew each week as did the team work and sportsmanship shown at all times by all members of this team.

The boys should be proud of a fine overall result achieved throughout the season. Well done.

Greg Cooper

SOCCKER – 13A - Minor Premiers - Runners Up



Front Row (L-R) B Cai, J Yoo, J Lo Russo, J Halias, A Rispler
Middle Row: Mr T Trotman, J Chen, W Kim, S Chu, S Chen, W Ho
Back Row (L-R) R Shivakumar, G Andrianakos, R Jagtap, W Chang, P Charas

A very enthusiastic and disciplined group of boys who finished the regular season undefeated but who left their worst game till last and were comprehensively beaten in the grand final. As a team they tried hard but too often lacked the "bite" necessary in front of goals and were unable to finish off, except for Simon Chen who often weaved his magic and was responsible for the majority of goals. With a bit of growing to do they could still develop into a more than handy team, given they now realise the need to be aggressive in midfield and to hold onto the all important ball when in possession. John Halias, playing out of position formed a central defence with superfish Jaewook Yoo, and formed the backbone of the side. William Chang improved steadily and has great skills but needs to be stronger on the ball, while George Andresakis worked tirelessly. Our "mighty midgets" in Wes Ho, Ruban Sivakumar and Rahul Jagtop often were outsized but never gave up, while Sam Chu proved versatile in a lot of positions and Wes Kim, Ben Cai and Aaron Rispler were always difficult to get past. Jordan Lo Russo in goals was at times superb, but a lack of height let him down in the big match, and Jacky Chen, after coming into the team late, showed that he has the makings of an A grader. If keenness and willingness to learn count then better results are sure to come. It was an absolute please to coach them.

Trevor Trotman

SOCCKER – 13B



Front Row (L-R) A Baehnisch, A Wong, S Aadarsh, G Tran, N Haque
 Middle Row (L-R) S Lee, W Cen, G Lam, E Fung, J Hu
 Back Row (L-R) J Tran, G Bayarsaikhan, F Mazumder, I Riahi
 Absent: R Zaman

Students in the 13B soccer side enjoyed a good season against some stiff competition.

All students listened well to instructions and made some considerable improvement in their individual and team game.

Games were always played in good spirit, with appropriate attitude and good sportsmanship bringing credit to themselves and the school. Well done boys.

Brett Mullholland

SOCCKER – 13C



Front Row (L-R) J Parshotam, A Long, J Bui-Nguyen, JP Lee, E Hum
 Back Row (L-R) A Mahmud, J Su C Tint, D Zhou, C Cheng, R Mao
 Absent: R Shin, A Irving, B Glitsos, M Zhong

The 13C Soccer team played five games this season, winning one and losing four. The boys enjoyed themselves and will no doubt improve with the experience gained. They scored six goals and had 22 scored against them.

Tony Hayes

SOFTBALL – 14 MAROON -Undefeated Premiers



Front Row (L-R) L Fung, A Nambiran, Y Lai, A Gugich, R Tarique, J Power, A Phung
 Back Row (L-R) M Tamas, B Duong, B Reynolds, E Tran, R Cheung, W Manning, Mr K Short

This group performed consistently well throughout the competition. They fully deserved to be undefeated premiers. The team was led by Aaron Gugich (pitcher), ably assisted by the infield trio of Robert Cheung, Yu Jun Lai and Rifatul Tarique who shared key roles and kept up unrelenting pressure on opposition batting line-ups. They showed great calm in situations which had the manager tearing his remaining hair out and helped new players to learn the tricks and techniques. Leon and Eric led our outfield and newcomers like Ben, Anooth, Brandon, Jeremy and Bill learned from them to work together to restrict opposition scoring from hits. Every player in the team improved his batting as the year progressed. The development of players like Andy, Jeremy and Anooth with the bat ensured that we were never short of runs no matter who was up. Congratulations on your success!

Kevin Short

SOFTBALL – 14 BLUE



Front Row (L-R) J Wong, B Rusly, K Jiang, J Chung, C Wong, K Chu, J Lee
Back Row (L-R) Mr M Bellamy, J Nguyen, H Tran, K Cheung, J Shen, A Fu, T Hawkins

This has been a fantastic year for the 14 Blues. The team was made up entirely of Year 7 students, most of whom had never played softball before. At the start of the year, the team were handed a couple of heavy defeats by the 14 Maroons, but when the team played Kingsgrove North, we scored some memorable wins. In the final round of the competition, the team needed to beat James Cook to advance to the final and after a nail-biting 6th inning, the team prevailed. In the final against the Maroons, we were narrowly defeated 15-12. The team has progressed so much this year that we have laid a solid platform for success next year. Well done to all boys but especially to our pitcher, Andy Fu and catcher Ben Rusly.

Michael Bellamy

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN A – Premiers OPEN B – Premiers

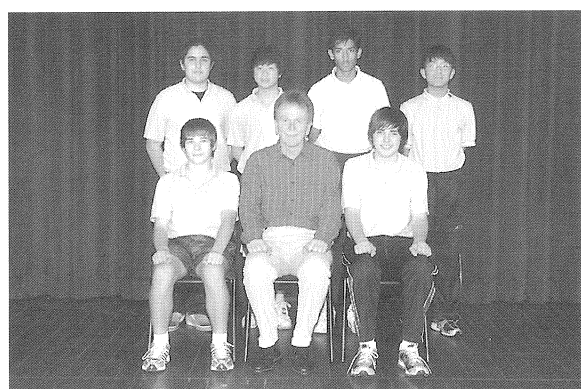


Open A Front Row (L-R) E Pan, A Yeung, A Wu, B So, W Lo
Open B Back Row (L-R) J Wong, K Fung, A Wu, P Chueng, Ms W Newett
Absent: K Lam

Outstanding season for an enthusiastic team. The B's went through undefeated, proving their exceptional talent and the A's only lost to one school whom they defeated in a nail-biting final.

Wendy Newett

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN C1 & OPEN D1 – Premiers



Open C1 Front (L-R) J Martin, Mr B Reynolds, T Gallagher
Open D1 Back (L-R) K Goldeli, J Tran, S Garg, A Abundo
Absent D Cheung, H Caines, C Yang, A Xie

The Open C team played very well throughout the season, displaying great enthusiasm and sportsmanship at all times. We played Blakehurst in the semi-final and, after a hard-fought set of games, lost the match 4-3. The players are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.

The Open D team also played extremely well during the rounds and met Blakehurst in the final. After a very close match, the score was 3-3. Shivam Garg and Aaron Abundo played an excellent doubles set to give us the match 4-3 and the premiership. Congratulations to the whole team for an outstanding effort.

Brian Reynolds

TABLE TENNIS – OPEN C2 & D2

(We regret no photo was taken of this team)

Open C2:- D Chiew, A Lin, B Mew, J Nguyen V Nguyen

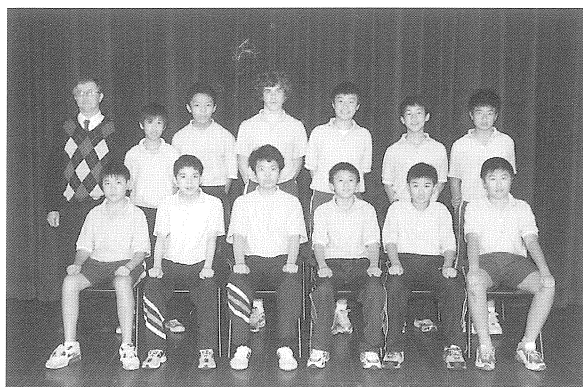
Open D2:- J Harris, F Phu, R Ren, A Sirder, G Zhang

C2 –The C2s came up against some sterling opposition and ended up in 5th place. Perhaps 2009 will be a better year.

D2 – The D2s played with enthusiasm and made it to the semi-finals. They got off to a good start leading 1-0 then 2-1 but were overcome by Blakehurst to lose 4-2. Well done to Ray Ren.

Glenn Hughes

TABLE TENNIS – 14A - Runners Up 14B



14A - Front Row (L-R) M Liu, R Wang, V Lee, W Fan, R Huang, W Zhu
14B - Back Row (L-R) Mr B Derwent, E Kwan, A Lu, A Demayo, J Leung, V Deng, C Tran

The 14A table tennis team had a generally successful season. Overall we have done very well compared to other schools we played. For most of the season other schools were not much of a challenge and we won all of our games. We made it to the finals and unfortunately had our worst defeat there.

The 14Bs started the season off with a loss to Blakehurst, something which happened every time we played them. After losing the first time we started to pick up our game and won the following matches, even though some of these were challenging. A number of games were unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather. As a result one team we had not played, Canterbury Boys High School, were our opponents in the semi finals. We lost that match but all in all it was a great season.

Bruce Derwent

TABLE TENNIS – 14C1 & 14D1



14D1 Front Row (L-R) Ms B Blake, J Jin, J Davies, J Yiu, O Wang
14C1 Back Row (L-R) S Scander, E Song, A Zhang, S Xu, P Phan, M Chen

14C1/14D1 table tennis teams had a great season. The teams won a majority of their games and if they suffered a loss they showed great sportsmanship.

Well done boys.

Tina Blake

TABLE TENNIS – 14C2 & 14D2 - Premiers



14C2 Front Row (L-R) Ms K Cross, M Lui, T Tang, B. Zhang, D Jin, D Sirikrishnabala
14D2 Back Row (L-R) D Guo, K Wong, A Luo, R Hoang, E Jung, :
Absent: J Yiu, R Manjrekar

Our boys should be very proud of their performance this season. Both teams put in an enthusiastic and consistent effort throughout the competition, displaying talent and sportsmanship. The D2s are to be congratulated on winning the finals, while the mighty C2s showed tenacity and spirit in all of their matches. During one particularly memorable match against tough opponents Belmore, Ben Zhang and Ming Liu played exceptional singles games, both going to tie-breakers with long rallies and hard-won points. Overall, a very successful and enjoyable season, where all players gave their best and displayed true Tech spirit.

Kim Cross

TENNIS – OPEN A1 – Premiers & OPEN B1



A1 Front Row (L-R) J Wu, P Nguyen, P Tawar, G Ng, M Tran
B1 Back Row (L-R) G Ou, W Ling, D Fogarty, A Duong Mr D Butcher

The A1 team ended a successful season with a win in the final over James Cook High. At times brilliant, often erratic, the boys enjoyed themselves and played with sportsmanship.

The B1 team enjoyed some tense matches where they had their share of success. The boys played well and had a lot of fun expressing their individual interpretations of tennis technique.

David Butcher

TENNIS – OPEN A2 & OPEN B2 – Runners Up



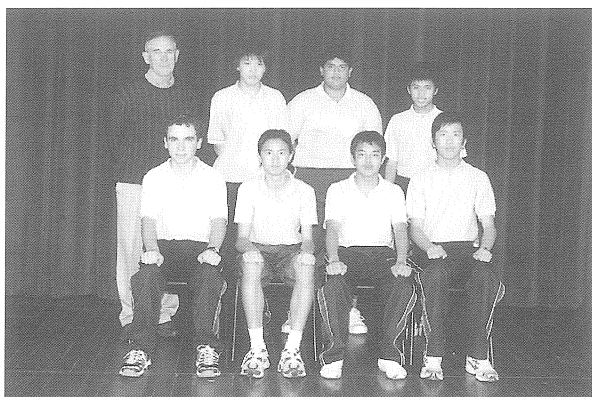
Open A2 Front Row (L-R) J Hazelton, R Siou, D Tran, V Tran, B Fox
Open B2 Back Row (L-R) Ms S Morfis, P Yang, W Luo, J Lim, J Panos
Absent: M Keatinge, V Raman

The boys in the Open B2 team had a wonderful season. They were an enthusiastic, keen and polite group of boys who gave their all to the game each week. They umpired and scored each week eagerly. It was their great sportsmanship and good play that led them to the grand final which they unfortunately lost. Congratulations, boys!

The boys in the Open A2 team didn't have as much luck in their season. However, they did their best and had a good time in the process. Well done boys!

Sylvia Morfis

TENNIS – OPEN A3 & OPEN B3



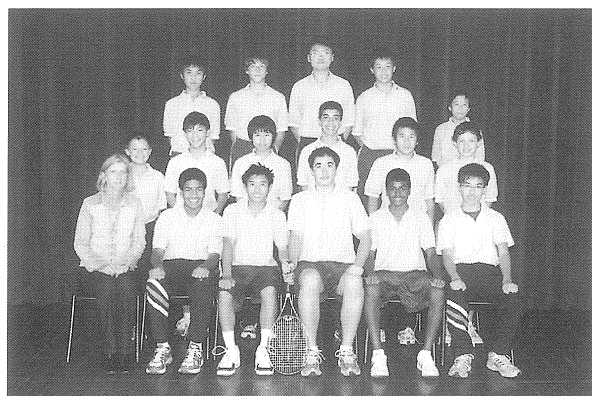
Open A3 Front Row (L-R) S Gill, K Cheng, K Lai, L Lee
Open B3 Back Row (L-R) Mr J Samuel, K Yao, N Chowdhury, A Chan
 Absent: T Belovai, P Ilic

The A3 team had a successful season with one loss to Kingsgrove High during the competition. Unfortunately, the team met the Kingsgrove side in the semi-finals and the loss here meant an early end to an otherwise successful season. Congratulations to the team for their fine sportsmanship and tennis skills displayed during the season.

The B3 team was very consistent during the season despite some changes to the line-up due to commitments playing up in the A3s. This team only lost one match during the competition rounds. In the semi-final they played Kingsgrove High and lost only narrowly in a very close encounter. All members played the season in true sportsmanlike manner and should be congratulated for their effort.

Julian Samuel

TENNIS – 15A1 - Runners Up 14A1 - Premiers 13A1 - Premiers



15A1- Front Row (L-R) Mrs J Kelso, A Ambikairajah, T Kwok, S Smith, A Kanagaratnam, M Si
14A1 -Middle Row (L-R) M Hobday, D Fung, R Choi, R Zaklama, J Yu, G Antoniadis
13A1 -Back Row (L-R) J Lam, D Cassar, P Shen, D Wen, Jeremy U
 Absent: B Chiu, G Simeonov

All three teams were undefeated for the entire season. They willingly umpired and scored each week as required against many schools that were at times short of players. They encouraged each other and were proud to represent their school. The 13A1 and 14A1 teams both won their final but unfortunately the 15A1 were beaten in their final by James Cook. Well done to all the team members.

Julie Kelso

TENNIS – 15A2, 14A2 & 13A2



15A2 Front Row (L-R) Ms P Miki, Q Xu, M Raikhman, A Solomon, K Luong, E Tan
14A2 Middle Row (L-R) M Tran, M Ghali, R Dhillon, G Warren, J Mo
13A2 Back Row (L-R) J Hong, A Lam, P Yu, D Phan, C Zheng, A Zheng
 Absent: J Lee, K Nguyen

These tennis teams were unfortunate to have been graded into the A grade along with our first teams, but performed creditably overall with both the under 15 and under 14 teams reaching the semi-finals, an excellent result and the 14's drawing their semi only to be eliminated on a countback. Their attitude and demeanour were always beyond reproach and the boys are to be congratulated on a fine season's tennis

TENNIS – 15B

14B – Runners Up

13B – Runners Up



15B Front Row (L-R) Ms D Nelson, I Hoque MD, J Ku, H P Liu, M Chan, M Udaiyappan

14B Middle Row (L-R) P Tran, S Suresh Babu, Z Shu, A Mok, S Low

13B Back Row (L-R) A Le, K Nguyen, YY Jiang, J Zhang, D Dowling, A Li

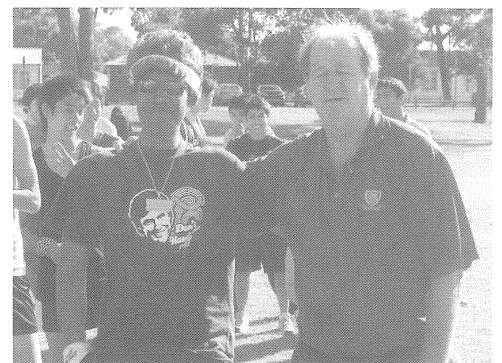
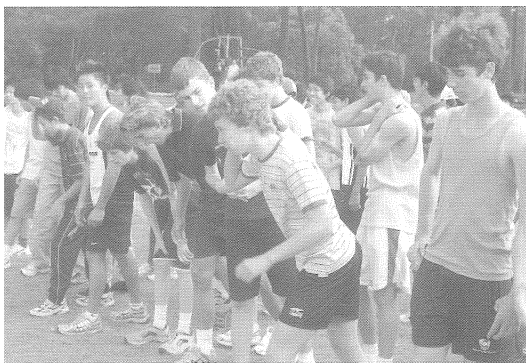
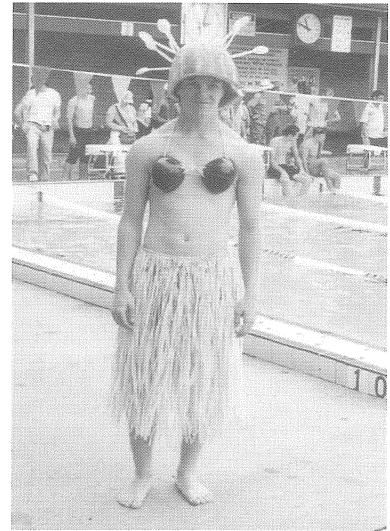
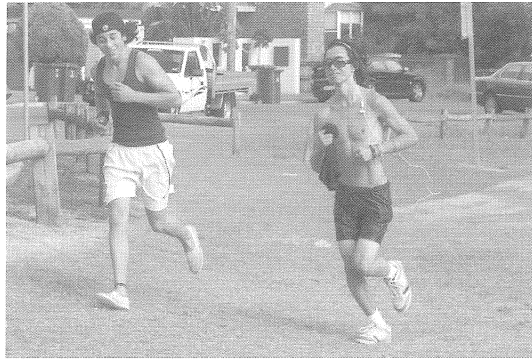
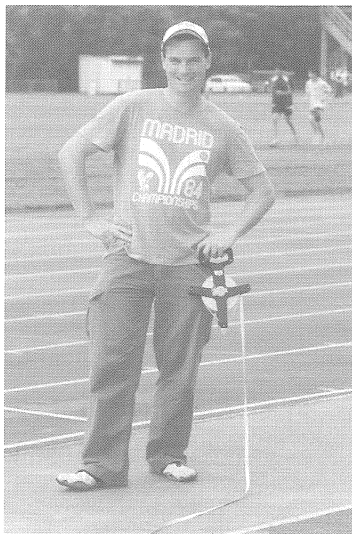
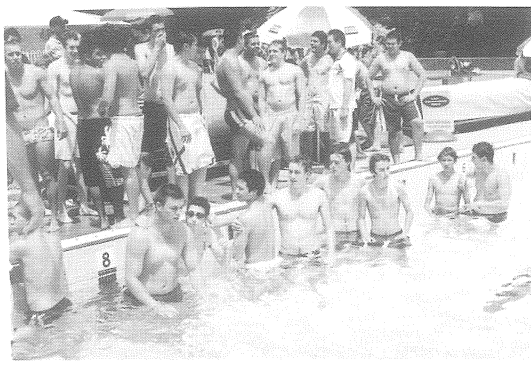
The 15Bs tennis team had endured challenging contests in 2008 and though unsuccessful in the grand final our players produced their greatest efforts and we played enjoyable, nerve biting matches. Congratulations especially to Muthu and Matthew who victoriously pulled through in our semi final matches.

The 14Bs played some magnificent tennis during the season – winning most of their matches and making the finals against Blakehurst. This match was a draw but because of a count back they came in as runners up on the day. All players improved their technique considerably and will be a force to reckon with in the future.

The 13Bs also made it to the grand finals against James Cook showing great spirit and sportsmanship in a closely fought game. All members played great tennis especially Kevin Ngyuen and all show great potential for the next season.

Dorne Nelson





TECH FAMILY TRADITIONS

YEAR 12

S Wynn	G Wynn	1972-77	Father
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YEAR 11

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

YEAR 10

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

YEAR 9

M Lo Russo	A Lo Russo	1975-81	Father
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YEAR 8

J Ball	P Ball	1967-72	Father
J Gaymer) G Gaymer	1976-79	Father
) E Gaymer	1933-37	Grandfather
	B Martin	1980-86	Uncle
C Janssen	G Hunter	1970-75	Uncle
M Tamas	F Tamas	1975-80	Father

YEAR 7

B Chiu	T Chiu	1981-1986	Father
C Hagan	L. Hagan		Grandfather
J Halias) G Stamoulos	1987 - 92	Uncle
) J Stamoulos	1982 - 87	Uncle
J Hopkins	F. Armstrong	1932- 34	Great Uncle
J Lo Russo	A Lo Russo	1975 - 81	Father