



# C.H.E.S.S.

## MOVES

*Camberwell High School Ex Students Society*

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### President's Message:

Welcome to this first edition of Chess Moves for 1995. Each year CHESS sponsors the mail out to all ex-students on the school list as a contribution to the publicity of the school. You do not have to be a paid up member of CHESS to receive this letter. It is our aim to assist in providing the school with a mailing list that will allow for comprehensive mail outs for class reunions and important anniversary dates like the golden jubilee celebrations for 1941-1991.

### Results of Survey

Thank you to all of those members that responded to the Chess survey on what activities most interested ex-students. Year reunions and decade reunions were the most favoured choices. Chess is working to locate and encourage ex-students to organize year reunions. Please ring Pat Douglas our secretary if you would like a year list printed from our data base.

### Annual General Meeting

All invited. This year our AGM will be held on Monday April 3 at 8pm. Coffee and sandwiches will be provided.

Bernard Corser  
President

### Principal's Message:

Greetings to all former students of this great school, and despite changes since your days as students it is still a top school.

Fierce competition between our neighbouring schools, both government and private, and the better marketing of single-sex girls schools has led us to devise a School Promotion Plan. This plan involves closer and more effective links with our feeder schools, glossy publications, better publicity, a strong campaign to improve the image of our present students, and soul-searching, with the staff, to develop a clear, consistent and challenging vision for Camberwell High School in the late 1990s.

Should we re-introduce blazers (and, joke, gloves for the girls)? Should we aim for University graduates only or acknowledge the diversity of the qualities and needs of our post-compulsory schooling students? Should we try to emulate private schools and possibly place greater financial stress on families? Whatever we decide, our task is to provide a safe, relevant, challenging and enjoyable educational environment, and I urge all C.H.E.S.S. members to join us on the journey.

Elida Brereton  
Principal



## Uniform Changes at C.H.S.

During 1994 and the first part of 1995, a Uniform Review Committee has been working on the task of revamping the school's uniform. This initiative will result in a uniform that better reflects the needs of the students during summer and winter, and while they are studying physical education.

The Uniform Review Committee is representative of students, staff and parents. It has sought advice from uniform manufacturers and suppliers, other schools and fashion industry members. The Committee aims to develop a uniform that reflects the philosophy and culture of the school, maintains the school colours, is comfortable, reasonably priced and pleasing to all those associated with the school.

There are proposed changes to the girls' summer dress, the winter skirt, blouse, tights and their shoes. Summer shorts, top and hat will be introduced. A new summertop and hat are proposed for the boys. The windcheater will not be part of the uniform. Boys and girls will wear a common physical education uniform consisting of shorts, track pants, top and windcheater.

The Uniform Committee will offer two options for most items of uniform and will organise for the school community to vote on their preference. This process will occur in March-April.

It is planned to phase in the new uniform at the commencement of the 1996 school year and to have all students wearing the uniform by 1998.

Claire Bolster  
Acting Assistant Principal

## SPORTS HALL/GYMNASIUM:

**Great News!!!** The Victorian Treasury belatedly consented to guarantee the National Australia Bank borrowing last week, enabling C.H.S. to immediately commence building construction. We look forward to C.H.E.S.S. having volleyball, netball, basketball, callisthenics etc. facilities before this year is out and our members enjoying regular participation.

## Assistant Principal's Report:

The school's enrolment at the moment is just over 800. This is a source of some concern, although it can be partly explained in demographic terms. We expect an upswing next year. Of greater concern to us is the imbalance of boys to girls - boys are in the numerical ascendancy by 2:1. Single sex schools for girls are enjoying a dream ride in the press and the advent of the Melbourne Girls' College is having an effect on the enrolment of our school and others in the inner east.

Our day will come!

The Central Swimming Pool is where generations of trim, sleek bodies knifed through the water - with the possible exception of the current President of C.H.E.S.S. whose hydrodynamical properties even in his youth were more conducive to recreational aquatics as opposed to competitive sprints. The Pool is still "alive" we have a lease for this season for "educational purposes". Naturally, we are hoping for a longer term arrangement which will enable us to plan more effectively and economically. But it's great to see the students using it for P.E and sport and at lunchtimes.

The major maintenance project is dribbling to a conclusion (why do they always end with a whimper?). The effect, however, has been marvellous. The old place is now bright, clean and sprightly. Come and have a look. (Room 6, the junior science room, is now Assistant Principals' offices and a commodious new sick bay. I sit where you lit your bunsen burner!)

We're soldiering on with reduced facilities. The one constant is the school's commitment to providing a first class education for its clients. We continue to do this.

Support C.H.E.S.S. won't you. They mean a lot for the current generation.

Regards,

Geoff Sinclair  
Assistant Principal with special responsibility for yard duty.



**CAMBERWELL BATHS:**

The School has enjoyed total use of the pool this summer following the City of Boroondara ceasing operations this season. The whole school community has assisted with the management and cleaning responsibilities and negotiations for future use will be entered into soon.

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**CALENDAR DATES:**

April	3	C.H.E.S.S. AGM
	27	School Council
May	1	C.H.E.S.S.
	17	House Choral Festival
June	5	C.H.E.S.S.
	22	School Council
	27	Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral
July	27	School Council
Aug	4	School Choir trip to Sydney
	15	House Drama Festival
	24	School Council
Sep	4	C.H.E.S.S.
	21	School Council
Oct	2	C.H.E.S.S.
	26	School Council
Nov	13	C.H.E.S.S.
	23	School Council
Dec	4	C.H.E.S.S.
	14	School Council

A.V.G. James Lecture - to be advised

**1940S REUNION:**

We are planning a re-union of students who attended the school in the 1940s to particularly celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the re-opening of the school in 1945 when the Second World War ended and Melbourne High returned to South Yarra. More details later and a weekend in September or October is envisaged and if you are willing to help with this re-union please contact

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**A CAREERS NIGHT:**

Will be held on Thursday 10th August for Years 10 & 11 students, replacing our traditional 'Vocational Breakfast'. Students are currently being canvassed as to career choices and we will encourage ex-students to attend and from their practical experience and knowledge give current students insights into possible vocational choices. Please register your name and experience if you are willing to participate and we strongly urge you to do so. Dinner (at a nominal cost) will be available at the school for ex-students attending the evening, from 6p.m.

I am happy to participate in the Careers Night.

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.....Private

Occupation.....

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