



# C.H.E.S.S.

## MOVES

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our first CHESSMOVES for 1998.

Fellow Ex Students

C.H.E.S.S. currently has over 3000 ex students on it's data base.

This mailout is a contribution by C.H.E.S.S. to make annual contact with ex students and inform them of the activities of Camberwell High School. We would naturally be delighted if you returned your membership to C.H.E.S.S.

I would like to thank the Committee for their excellent work over the last twelve months and invite others to attend our meetings which are held on the first Monday of each month at the school. (School holidays permitting)

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President

### SOME 1998 DATES

6TH APRIL - C.H.E.S.S. AGM

SCHOOL MUSICAL - MID MAY

YEAR 12 B.B.Q. - MID MAY

ST. PAULS CATHEDRAL - 10th September, 8pm  
(School Orchestra & Choir)

70'S REUNION - MID OCTOBER

A.V.G.JAMES LECTURE - TBA

ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE - TBA

C.H.E.S.S. Meetings are held  
at the school and start at 6pm  
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The year has begun very well for C.H.S., with our highest total enrolment ever (ignoring Wattle Park H.S. merger) of 907 students, another high Year 7 enrolment (171 students), a full quota of staff and the acquisition of .6ha of extra land!  
The excellent number of overseas fee-paying students (23) is a compliment to the school.

The Year 12 V.C.E. results for 1997 were excellent. Above the State average in A's and B's for exam CAT's, at least 2 Dean's Scholarships. In certain subjects, including Specialist Maths, Studio Arts, Human Development, students at C.H.S. ranked in the top ten schools in the State.

A visit of Japanese students (March 6-15) is being well supported. Last years visit was a great success.

The House Swimming Sports were won by - MACARTHUR

C.H.S. is a pilot school in the Drugs Strategies for Schools project.

C.H.S. is now the proud owner of the swimming pool site and adjoining residence. Clearing of the land at the D of E's expense has been negotiated by us but the timing is linked to priority lists for funding and our development with architects of a relatively comprehensive Masterplan.

Elida Brereton

Principal

IF THERE ARE ANY EX-STUDENTS WHO FEEL THAT THEY, OR THE COMPANY THEY WORK FOR - OR OWN - IS IN A POSITION TO DONATE A PRIZE, OR PRIZES TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RAFFLE PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OR A MEMBER OF THE C.H.E.S.S. COMMITTEE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

## A WORD FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

As you all know, we have now run three most successful decade reunions - 40's, 50's and 60's.

Plans are in place for our 70's Reunion later on this year, and we would ask you all again to help with publicity for the event. Publicity for any event like this is essential if the event is to be a success.

As I am always saying - if you know something's on you can make up your mind whether you go or not, if you don't know then you can't go at all!!

For those of you who are our constant and faithful members who happily renew their subscriptions each year - take heart. We need a minimum of around \$2000 to have an annual mailout to all the past students for whom we have addresses, including our financial members. With our successful reunions we have made a small profit after costs and this then enables us to put something back into our old school.

I personally find my present association with the school most rewarding.

Am I searching for my lost youth?!?!?!?

Who knows!

Both C.H.E.S.S. and my Probus club are finding it most difficult to recruit members willing to take office. There seems to be a general malaise out there in the community.

Anyone willing to come on the committee or help out in any way would be made most welcome - just ring and let someone know.

Also, suggestions as to what we could do, or what we could have that might be a success, would be gratefully received.

anticipating your replies

Yvonne Wray

Vice-President

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## NEWS FROM OUR CANBERRA CHAPTER

It started I suppose, in November 1990, when I wrote to the then Principal, Miss Ann S. Rusden, asking whether there was still any such animal as the CHS Old Pupil's Assoc. I had been a member and at times Secretary and President, of that body after leaving the school in 1946, but it trickled into the sand for want of support in the early 50's. In those days the ex-student body was counted in scores, and later in hundreds, but certainly not the thousands who now form a solid platform for C.H.E.S.S.

Miss Rusden replied to me by drawing my attention to the plans to celebrate the School's Jubilee in 1991, and putting me in touch with the new C.H.E.S.S. committee. I joined straight away, and came to Melbourne to join in the Jubilee activities in September 1991 - a truly memorable week.

Back in Canberra, it soon became apparent that being a remote member of C.H.E.S.S. didn't mean much in terms of sharing in the activities. One received the newsletter and read about the splendid functions being held a days drive away. So, when I renewed my sub in 1994, I offered to start a local chapter of C.H.E.S.S. if I could get hold of some names and addresses. Pat Douglas replied by saying how enthusiastically the committee viewed my suggestion and sending me a list of members in the Canberra district.

We've gone on from there. Not all the people on the list Pat sent me have kept up their interest but, on the other hand, some of our most enthusiastic contributors have been the wives or husbands of the CHS ex-students.

Most of our activities include a good meal - sometimes a B.B.Q. or dinner at somebody's home, sometimes breakfast or lunch at a hotel or restaurant, and one occasion which was so successful looks like becoming a hardy annual, a lunch-cum-wine-tasting at a local boutique winery. But good companionship is at the heart of it.

While nearly all of our functions are social, we were able last year to inaugurate an activity which we hope will benefit the school. Through the good offices of one of our members who holds a senior position at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, we organised a very successful one-day visit to that Institution by one of CHS' best science students. We hope to repeat that event annually, with a view to helping an outstanding Yr 11 or 12 student to gain a better appreciation of possible study or career options.

We are looking forward to another year of social interaction and friendship in 1998, and urge any former CHS students coming to Canberra to get in touch. You'll be made very welcome.

Fred Roberts

Convenor, Canberra Chapter