



CHESS NEWS

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Our school has changed a lot in the last few months. The grounds are empty. Gates are locked.

I'm standing at the back carpark entrance with a bag of photo albums that have been carefully scanned for uploading to our website. I've rung the school from the carpark so that someone can come to the door and



gingerly take my parcel and return it to the storeroom. Meetings are different too. Next week former CHESS president Bernard Corser and I are meeting Emmanuel Skoutas, the Assistant Principal. We've started to plan the school's 80th birthday celebrations in 2021. The meeting is at 6.30pm, by Zoom of course.

These changes are miniscule compared with the enormous changes that every student and staff member have had to make over the last 5 months. I try to imagine how I would have taught music from Years 7 to 12 under these conditions.

This week the CHESS committee wrote a letter to the Principal, Jill Laughlin. We wanted to tell the school community that we value the work they are doing in this most trying time and under these most challenging conditions. We want them to know that we appreciate the extraordinary

effort they are making to support and teach the Year 11 and 12 students, while assisting students in Years 7 to 10 to maintain their focus in learning. It must be very difficult, and as an ex-student community we thank them for their work. Surely, they are upholding our school motto: *Disco Consulere Aliis* - we are learning to be considerate of others.

Yvonne Giltinan (McLaren)
Class of '65

In this abridged newsletter, we introduce you to 2 new committee members, Rory Hughes and Rebecca Edwards, we show you how simple it is to renew your membership if you have not already done so, and let you know how our donations to the library and the school will be spent this year. We have also included a link to our website for the AGM Minutes and Reports. Thanks for reading!

LIBRARY NEWS



This year the \$1,500 donation from the Robert Ewins Memorial Fund and CHESS is being used to purchase books for the Reading Challenge. The curated collection of books will promote the "magic of reading for pleasure as well as the life-long benefits that reading brings". Each book will have a book plate to acknowledge the donation from CHESS.

In addition, your donations and memberships have enabled the Ex-Students Society to present \$700 for scholarships to four worthy students in Years 12, 11 and 10. CHESS scholarships have been awarded for many years, and the recipients are always very grateful.

The Principal's Well-Being Fund received \$3,300 from CHESS to assist some students with their educational costs.

Left: Last year's display in the library with information on former teacher Robert Ewins.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

We're very pleased to introduce you to the 2020-2021 CHESS committee and its ex-officio members who now represent 5 decades. At our recent AGM, it was wonderful to welcome ex-students from Queensland, the ACT, Anglesea and the Mornington Peninsula. Zoom is enabling us to become an online global community! The AGM minutes and reports can be viewed here: <https://camhigh.exstudents.org/annual-general-meetings>



YVONNE GILTINAN
President - Class of 1965



THEO MANTAMADIOTIS
Vice President - Class of 1980



RORY HUGHES
Secretary - Class of 2017



KEN JAMES
Treasurer - Class of 1964



STEVE CALLINAN-MOORE
Class of 1971



REBECCA EDWARDS
Class of 1994



BOB TAYLOR AM
Class of 1962



MARNIE KOK (WHITE)
Class of 1962

We are also grateful for the valuable assistance these ex-students contribute:

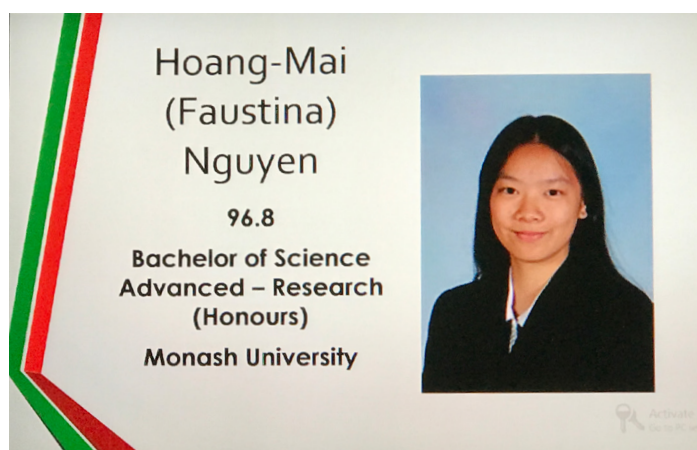
- Ashley Wah (Class of 2013) JoinIT database
- Phillip Richardson (Class of 1952) Scanning
- Audrey Broomhead (Class of 1946) Posting the newsletters
- Harvey Broadstock (Class of 1965) Sorting the archives

TV HALL OF FAME

Over the last two years the committee has been compiling information about 18 alumni whose careers we hope will be an inspiration to current students.

We are indebted to Robert Monaghan (Class of '59) who has conducted thorough research and skilfully completed this task. A very short summary for each alumni will be displayed on the TV in the front foyer and their longer bio will be added to our website: <https://camhigh.exstudents.org/alumni>

This will compliment the current display showing high achievers from the previous Year 12 cohort.



AM I A PAID-UP MEMBER?

Our new Membership Database, Join IT, makes it very easy to either renew your membership or become a new member. Membership renewal starts from the day you pay; you can pay for 5 or 10 years (for a discount) and there is the opportunity to make a donation. Members can now also update their own information.



Please use the email that you have previously given CHES.

Here are the steps:

1. Click on the link: www.joinit.org/o/camhighexstudents
2. If you would like to make a donation in addition to your membership payment, click on the Donation link
3. Choose which membership you want: Annual \$30; 5 years \$130; 10 years \$250.
4. Click JOIN, enter your details and pay with your credit card. You will receive a receipt immediately.

You may wish to pay by bank transfer or cheque. Please contact us to arrange this.

If you believe there is an error, or information needs to be updated, please contact us at info@camhigh.exstudents.org and we will assist you.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We encourage you to share this information with other ex-students so they can be part of our Camberwell High School Ex-Students community.

PRAISE FOR ANN RUSDEN

CHILDREN OF THE STARS: UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ALUMNI

<https://www.alumni.unimelb.edu.au/news/children-stars>

The University of Melbourne has published a delightful article about our former principal Ann Rusden.

An ex-student posted the article on the Camberwell High School Ex-Students Facebook page which has prompted a flurry of tributes.

www.facebook.com/CamberwellHighExStudents

Ann was my year 11 & 12 physics teacher. I met with Ann, for the first time since 1980, at the ex-students lunch in 2019. Her interest in hearing about ex-students and learning something new, is a testament to her commitment to the school and its students.



She passed on her passion for Physics to me while I was a student of hers at CHS. I then went on to do a Science degree at the University of Melbourne. She's had an amazing influence on many over the decades.

Remember Anne Rusden well and quite fondly. She was my physics teacher in years 11 and 12 in 1968 and 1969 and my form teacher in 1969. She was a good teacher, fair, she did not take any nonsense but always helpful and would take the time to advise you when needed. Clearly, she inspired many of her students to do well and she has left a great legacy, even if I was not one of her best students!

She was a wonderful Physics teacher.

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