

# CAMBERWELL HIGH SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1965

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### ENROLMENT

The net enrolment on 30th June this year was 809, representing a decrease of 32 on the previous year. The distribution of pupils in the various forms being as follows: Form I, 90; Form II, 93; Form III, 162; Form IV, 192; Form V, 154; and Form VI, 118. All pupils residing in the school zone who sought admission to Form III were enrolled but, as in previous years, only approximately two-thirds of applicants to Form I were able to be accommodated. It seems that the higher numbers recorded in recent years will not recur, and that the probable enrolment will be about 820 in the next few years.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

I am pleased to be able to report that the Minister of Education has approved the engagement of Messrs. Barton and Rahni, as private architects, to prepare plans and specifications for both the new classroom block and assembly hall, subject to specified conditions which were acceptable to the Advisory Council. These plans and specifications have been prepared and costing by quantity surveyors is approaching completion. The Advisory Council has been very active and alert and is making every effort to ensure that these buildings will be a reality as soon as possible. The provision of an assembly hall is a major need of the school and the generous support of parents is solicited to meet the large financial commitment of the Advisory Council.

To the passer-by the school presents a most attractive appearance, considerably enhanced by the blue stone retaining walls and a terrace with protective fencing erected by the Advisory Council with the aid of a special grant by the Minister. The western boundary of the oval has also been greatly improved by the efforts of the Parents' and Friends' Association under the direction of Mr. D. Barton.

### SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Our students were again very successful in the examinations conducted by the University, University Colleges, and the Education Department at the end of last year.

At the Matriculation examination, 81 students passed the examination, in addition to 6 who had already passed in 1963 but were repeating the course; 3 exhibitions, 48 first class and 98 second class honours were secured. Awards gained as a result of the examination included three senior scholarships, one free place, 31 Commonwealth scholarships, 14 secondary teaching studentships for a University degree course, two Art and Craft studentships, and eleven Primary studentships.



At the Public Examinations 78 students qualified for the Leaving and 115 for the Intermediate Certificates. Special awards based on the results of the public examinations included 7 matriculation teaching bursaries, 3 leaving bursaries and 2 State Savings Bank bursaries.

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**General Exhibitions**—Dennis Flack, Susan Stringer.

**Senior Scholarships**—Dennis Flack, Susan Stringer, Ben Korman.

**University Free Place**—Rosemary Harewood.

**University College Scholarship**—Major Resident Scholarship (Newman College)—Susan Stringer.

**Creswick School of Forestry Scholarship**—Ken Rubeli.

**Commonwealth Tertiary Scholarships**—(31) Robert Allison, Adrienne Anderson, Ken Atchison, Helen Calder, Frank Carew, John Eddy, Christine Emmett, Dennis Flack, Raymond Gill, Philip Giltinan, Hani Gombinski, John Gregory, Peter Gronn, Anja Heineke, David Herbert, Ian Herdman, Helen Horsburgh, Andrew Jakobovits, Graeme Johanson, Ben Korman, Pamela Lloyd, Patricia Lloyd, Marek Malter, Ian Messer, Geoffrey Miles, Philip O'Connor, Helene Paizes, Ken Rubeli, Miriam Sheppet, Susan Stringer, Charles Tabacnik.

**Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships**—one year awards—(28) Ken Boucher, Elizabeth Camins, Ian Coles, Barbara Collett, Colin Copley, Jill Davies, Patti Edgar, Jennifer Forse, Christine Fournier, Alex Gusbeth, Peter Gyton, Dale Halstead, Rosalind Kentwell, Jeanette Lancaster, Ann McKenzie, Robert Manne, Margaret Miller, Richard Northrope, Colin Patching, Julian Pop, Trevor Ranten, Roger Rogers, Peter Slattery, Stephen Somogyi, Jennifer Thomsen, Eryl Westrup, Janis Whitehead, Howard Wright.

**Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships**—two year awards—(32) Christopher Atkins, James Backholer, Peter Brent, Wendy Burr, Lynda Campbell, Joseph Connor, John Davy, Andrew Dempster, Charles Dixon, Adrian Dunn, Elizabeth Firth, Susan Godlard, Robyn Harper, Irene Heineke, Robert Hogan, Ingrid Hoggard, Mark Jablonski, Peter Kellock, Andrew Lovitt, Rodney Parr, David Phillips, Madeleine Reeve, John Reynolds, Joan Richardson, Joseph Robin, Raymond Saunders, Paul Shekleton, Diane Snell, Charles Stewart, Roslyn Walton, Lorraine Wethereld, Peter Wilkins.

**Matriculation Teaching Bursaries**—Georgina Adamson, Heather Barton, Frederick Benson, Yvonne McLaren, Robyn Owen, Anne Rintoul, Roger Westh.

**Leaving Teaching Bursaries**—Helen James, Helen Noldt, Lynette Taylor.

**George Garibaldi Turri Scholarships**—Ken Boucher, Glenda Newman.

**Studentships (Secondary) for University Degree**—(14) Dulcie Conway, Hani Gombinski, Peter Gronn, John Harris, Anja Heineke, Beverley Holm, Norman Jackson, Susan Jeffrey, Cathryn Murray, Philip O'Connor, Susan Stringer, Charles Suvoltos, Anthony Townsend.



**Art and Craft Studentships**—Elizabeth MacDonald, Ann Markham.

**Primary Studentships**—(11) Judith Allen, Katalin Balaton, Brian Beaumont, Peter Beck, James Brown, Helen Clader, Heather Cameron, Elizabeth Gordon, Dianne Moseley, Graham Rixon, Heather Thompson.

**State Savings Bank Bursaries**—Susan Miles, Miriani Fristackey.

**Nursing Bursaries**—Anne Kirby, Noelene Lucas, Anne Miles, Annabel Walter.

## BOYS' SPORT

One of the most outstanding features of the year has again been the keen interest shown by the boys in all phases of sport. We have been very fortunate in having on the staff several men who are interested in a variety of sports and who have so willingly given their time to coaching and supervising the boys.

Summer sport commenced with Montgomery winning a most successful Inter-house Swimming Carnival. Although the overall results of the Central Division Sports were disappointing, there were several excellent individual performances, in particular, first former Peter Gillham, who had wins in the U.12 freestyle and backstroke.

The first eleven completed its most successful season for years and shared the Premiership with University High. This was a great team effort, but special mention must be given to two players in particular, Gerald Hegarty, who made 232 runs, including a century (C.H.S.'s first in Central Division Competition), and who was later selected in the "All High Schools" team, and Philip Truslove, who finished on top of the High Schools' bowling average.

At the Annual High Schools' Rowing Regatta, the first eight, after covering 328 miles in training, were unlucky to lose a member of the crew, and finished third behind Melbourne and University. The second and third eights both had excellent wins in their events. This year the school purchased a new racing "shell" which was duly christened the "R. W. Andrews" by Mrs. R. Key at an appropriate ceremony held on the school oval.

During the winter we fielded three football teams, and teams in baseball, basketball, soccer, tennis and hockey. The first eighteen, after showing good early season form, fell down in Central Division matches and finished with only one win. Other winter sports teams showed great improvement and had their share of successes, particularly the hockey and soccer teams, who, by the end of the season, proved themselves to be equal to any other team in the Competition. On Saturday mornings, C.H.S. again fielded junior teams in football and baseball. The U.15 football team was again coached by Mr. Nash, and our thanks are extended to him for the time and energy he put into coaching the boys and providing them with the opportunity to represent their school in their own time. Three baseball teams—two U.14 and one U.16—were sponsored by the Melbourne Baseball Club in the Victorian Baseball Association's junior competition.

One of the features of the sporting year was the visit by students from Warragul High School, at the end of the term two. The Camberwell boys were quite successful, recording wins in baseball and soccer, but going down narrowly to Warragul in football.



The Annual Inter-House Athletic Sports were won by Macarthur for the second year in succession, after a hard struggle with Montgomery. This proved to be another successful meeting, with nine records being broken. At the Central Division sports, held at Olympic Park, the boys put up their best performance for several years, gaining places in nearly every event and finishing third over all in the final placings. Notable performers at this meeting were Lindsay Tipping with two wins, a second and a third, and in the U.16 section, Alex Gusbeth with two wins and a second in the Open section, and Jorn Maddock with a first, two seconds and a third in the U.15 section. At the All-High Schools' meeting, Camberwell had several representatives, including Lindsay Tipping, who equalled the All-High record in the U.16 Broad Jump with a leap of 20ft. 9in. At the All Schools' meeting Alex Gusbeth won the Open Discus.

This year, several boys recorded outstanding performances in outside competition. In the Victorian Gymnastic Championship, Ian Clarke won the Men's "A" Grade Individual Championship, while Ray Ellis won the vaulting section in the same event. Michael Jenkins was the over-all champion in the "C" Grade event.

Regular mowing by the Camberwell Council, to whom we desire to express our thanks, has greatly helped in maintaining the oval in good condition and, with the improved facilities provided by the school, has led to a generally higher standard of sport this year.

## GIRLS' SPORT

This year's sporting calendar opened with a win for Montgomery in the Inter-House Swimming Carnival. New records were established in four individual and three relay events. The School Swimming Team competed in the Central Division of the M.H.S.S.A. Swimming Carnival and our junior section was again very strong. The seniors were not so successful. Nine girls went on to compete in the "All High Schools" Swimming Championships and our competitors gained places in four events.

Many swimming certificates and medals were earned by the girls during the year. These included 20 Junior and 41 Senior Certificates, issued by the Victorian Education Department, and 21 Intermediate Stars, 15 Bronze Medallions and 8 Bronze Cross Medallions, issued by the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia.

House sport competition for the girls consisted of Softball matches during the Summer, Basketball and Volleyball during winter. Tennis, Hockey and Squash were not conducted on a House competition basis.

Inter-school matches with the other members of the Central Division of the M.H.S.S.A. were played in Softball, Tennis, Basketball, Hockey and Volleyball. Our Hockey experienced the most successful season, as they won all matches except one.

Early in Term III the Inter-house Athletics were staged on the school oval. Intensive practices were held by all houses prior to the sports. On the day Macarthur proved to be the most successful. Our competitors in the Central Division Sports gained places in 16 events and were placed fourth in the aggregate. At the "All High Schools" meeting our girls won three events and were second in one. Michele Foster was again successful in winning the 220 yards sprint at the "All Schools" Championships.



The visit to our school by Warragul High was an enjoyable experience for girls from both schools. The matches played were keenly contested and enthusiastically supported, with results being fairly even. The school thanks all families who billeted and entertained the Warragul girls during their stay.

Deanne Clarke from Form Three is to be congratulated on her selection as Captain of the Victorian under 15 State Schools Basketball Team. The team finished second in the Australian Junior Championships held in Brisbane at the end of Term Two.

This has been a successful year. Thanks are extended to the four House Captains and the Senior School Teams' Captains for their able assistance in conducting the school's sporting programme.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

These continue to be many and varied and of such a range that all pupils may participate in some of them at least. The annual music festival again included individual and group instrumental items in addition to the usual choral items and we were fortunate to have Mr. John Kennedy, F.R.A.M., as adjudicator. Montgomery House won the coveted Dr. James's Cup for the choral competition and thus broke the long run of success by Macarthur House.

In the evening the items were repeated to an appreciative audience of parents.

Mr. A. Brookes has been attached to the staff one day a week for this year to teach pupils to play brass instruments and to establish a school band. Mr. Trevare, who replaces Miss Cameron, has been in charge of music and all functions in which it is involved in the school. In addition he has given instruction in the clarinet. Mrs. Southward has continued to give tuition to those students interested in the violin.

As usual, visits have been arranged to the National Gallery, to orchestral, youth and symphony concerts conducted by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, to performances of plays and films, and to industrial and business undertakings. The school again participated in the local observance of Commonwealth Youth Sunday.

The Social Service League has maintained its activities and during the year, by means of direct giving and special efforts, has raised approximately £270 for the less fortunate members of the community. Particular mention should be made of the Talent Quest, organized by one of the matriculation classes, which raised almost £50.

Woodwork classes, under the guidance of Mr. R. Brandsma, again made toys for children cared for by the Legacy Club.

Regular weekly religious education was, as usual, provided by visiting instructors whose services merit our sincere thanks. Additional assistance in this very important field of education would be welcomed by the convener, Rev. W. A. Loftus, to whom we are again indebted for making Trinity Church available for the services which were held to mark the opening and closing of this instruction for the year.



For the third year our matriculation students, together with those from other High Schools and independent schools in the Camberwell area, attended a half-day conference arranged by the Australian Student Christian Movement in Schools. A thought provoking and challenging address was given by Professor Craggs, of the Applied Mathematics Department, University of Melbourne, on the topic "Are We Free to Choose?" Group discussions, led by representative students of the participating schools, then followed.

## STAFF

Throughout the year, the members of the staff have been loyal, efficient and most co-operative in every way to assist the welfare of the pupils. Despite the strain imposed by large classes and crowded conditions, they give freely of their time and skill to promote the advancement of their pupils. Three successful parent-teacher evenings were held this year—another field of service undertaken voluntarily by the staff.

Unfortunately this year will again bring several staff changes. Mr. Ewins, a member of the staff for the last eight years, has received well-deserved promotion to Greythorn High School. He has taught senior classes in English and History for the whole of that time, and for the last four years has been Co-ordinator of History. His classes have always appreciated his friendly and scholarly approach and, under his guidance, have developed a genuine love for both subjects and a keen desire to pursue their studies in them. He has been a very co-operative member of staff, always interested in all school activities, and has unselfishly given generously of his time and energy in the interests of the school and students.

Dr. Walker has received well-merited promotion to Maribyrnong after two years of conscientious and devoted service to his students in Chemistry.

Mrs. Saggars is taking a period of leave of absence, Mrs. McKenzie is resigning to join a private school and Mr. Happell is resigning to enter the field of industry.

We thank all members of staff, who are leaving us, for their fine services to the school and wish them happiness and success in the years to come.

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

This year has been another very full and active one for the Advisory Council. Reference has been made earlier in this report to some of its major activities, and future projects for the development of the school. The realization of these projects will depend largely on the support given to them by parents.

The triennial election for members of the Advisory Council for the next three years was held towards the end of June. Dr. Gilbert and Mr. Head felt that they were unable to offer their services for a further term of office and a replacement was necessary for the late Dr. Duras. New members nominated to the Advisory Council to complete its full quota were Dr. McKenzie, Messrs. Harper, Proctor and Webb, all as representatives of parents.



The normal practice of presenting members of the Council with framed photographs of the school when they retired was followed with regard to Dr. Gilbert, Mr. Head and Mrs. Duras on behalf of her late husband.

Under the direction of Mr. T. Hogan, the Parents' and Friends' Association continues to be very active and its well-planned and varied programme of activities brings parents into close contact with the school. Three successful parent-teacher evenings were held during the year.

The publication of the monthly official journal "Disco" was continued throughout the year and served a very useful purpose.

The Women's Auxiliary, under the capable and energetic leadership this year of Mrs. Gilbert, has, as usual, worked most willingly and efficiently in the interest of the pupils and provides a close link between mothers, staff and students. During the current year the Auxiliary has provided amenities in the form of 23 additional garden seats, paper towel dispensers and wire baskets and has made a donation to the prize fund. In addition, its members, with the assistance of mothers of matriculation students, provided a farewell luncheon for these students and their teachers. This is a splendid record of service for which the school is most grateful.

The Old Students' Association reports that this year there has been far greater interest shown in its activities, resulting in an increased membership. The Annual Cabaret Ball held at "Stanmark" proved extremely successful and the attendance was very encouraging. A feature of this year's Ball was the "Belle of the Ball" Contest, which was won by Miss L. Coultas, partnered by Bruce Burton, a former Prefect of the school.

For services rendered we also thank the prefects, house captains, form captains and members of the various clubs and groups, all of whom have contributed to the development of the corporate life and activities of the school.

### FAREWELL TO MR. R. W. ANDREWS

Mr. Andrews retired from the Education Department on August 13th after more than 12½ years as Head Master and later Principal of the school. He was appropriately farewelled that day at a special assembly of students and staff which was both impressive and memorable.

Representatives from all of the school's activities spoke in appreciation of the fine service rendered by Mr. Andrews and of the splendid contribution he had made while in control of the school. Largely due to his efforts the school enjoys a fine reputation in the Education Department and in the outside community, due to his insistence on the highest standards in all spheres of school life.

Suitable farewell functions to Mr. Andrews were also conducted by the staff and administrative officers of the Education Department, along with Head Masters and Head Mistresses, the Advisory Council, Parents' and Friends' Association and Women's Auxiliary.

At all of these farewell functions Mr. Andrews received many gifts which, it is hoped, have proved useful and also as a pleasant reminder of the many years of devoted and dedicated service spent at Camberwell High School.