



# CHESS NEWS

2024 #2 - Winter

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## Ann Rusden - Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

Former CHS principal & long-serving science & physics teacher, as well as a founding committee member of the *Camberwell High School Ex-Students Society (CHESS)*, Ann Rusden, was recently awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her contributions to education & community service.



1966



1989 Principal



Ann Rusden gained her teaching qualification (TSTC) at the Secondary Teachers' College in 1957 and taught at Nathalia HES, and also Highett High School. She then spent two years teaching overseas at Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, and also Tidebrook, near Tunbridge Wells in Kent.

She returned to Australia and taught at Essendon High School and Kew High School. Ann came to CHS in 1965, specialising in science, mathematics and physics.

She left to become Deputy Principal of Northcote High School in 1984 and returned to CHS in 1987 to become principal, and retired at the end of 1992.

See: <https://camhigh.exstudents.org/our-story/principals/ann-s-rusden/>

## CHESS Member Event on October 24

A CHESS member get-together, combined with a tour of the school and the opportunity to attend the CHS Art Exhibition, as well as the school concert will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday, October 24**.

**Details & registration & booking details will be advertised to CHESS members in the coming weeks.**



## CHS HISTORY

CHESS has collaborated with CHS to design decade timelines, to place on the school hallway walls. The previous newsletter showed the 1950s timeline & here we highlight the **1960s** (next page).

The oval retaining walls were completed using 6,500 bluestones sourced from Camberwell City Council roadworks



1964

1965



School Band formed comprising 21 students with the first public performance at the Choral Festival

A new canteen began operating



1968

1969



Construction of the B-block building started

## REUNION NEWS

The Class of '74 (1969-1974 cohort) is having its 50th Anniversary Reunion afternoon on 17 Nov 2024.



Former students, Laurel Rayner, Ordette Turner & Mel Humphreys-Grey are organising the event.

They are keen to find all students who were in Form 6 in 1974 or those who were in Forms 1-5 from 1969-1973. If you are interested in attending or staying in touch, please join the Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/698830748453718> or contact

Laurel Rayner ([Kinross.ml@gmail.com](mailto:Kinross.ml@gmail.com)) or Ordette Turner ([ordette4@gmail.com](mailto:ordette4@gmail.com))

### To all Year 12 students from Camberwell High School in 1964

A 60-year reunion will be held at the Latrobe Golf Club in Alphington from 2-5pm on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$60 per person and partners are very welcome. Drinks will be purchased over the bar. The day will be informal so that people can mingle and get to know each other again. Tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://www.trybooking.com/CTHHT> or by scanning the QR code.

For those interested there will also be a tour of the school at 11am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If you are interested in joining this tour or have any other queries, please contact Tony Townsend at [tonytownsend@hotmail.com](mailto:tonytownsend@hotmail.com)



### Social Media:



The official CHESS FB group link is: <https://www.facebook.com/CamberwellHighExStudents>

Related CHS FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2231118739>



**CHESS Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/chs.exstudents/>

**CHESS membership** fees support a strong alumni network & expansion of a rich CHS historical record on the CHESS website, opportunities to connect with ex-students at social events, & play an active role in creating a positive and lasting impact on the education & lives of CHS students.

**Becoming a member and making a donation couldn't be easier!**

Choose \$30 for 1 year, 5 years (\$130) or 10 years (\$250)

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