

## NAMING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The central and oldest building on the grounds is **SCHOOL HOUSE**. This is the original building and was completed in 1888. The building was destroyed by Cyclone Leonta in 1903 but rebuilt to almost the exact specification. It originally had accommodation on the top floor for the boarders and the downstairs area was divided into two sections: Big Room and Small Room. The majority of lessons took place in this building. The top floor is still used for boarding while the bottom floor is now the Finance section and the Uniform Shop.

There are two further boarding houses on the grounds: **GEORGE HALL HOUSE** which faces the School Quadrangle and **PARKER HALL** which is the large building bordering the Ovals and opposite the pool and the **CENTENARY GYMNASIUM**. These houses have been named after Grammar's two Rhodes Scholars. **GEORGE HALL [1905-1910]** was Queensland's 1911 Rhodes Scholar and **CHESTER PARKER [1930-1934]** was Queensland's 1938 Rhodes Scholar. He was killed in World War II while serving as a submariner in the British Navy. The Centenary Gymnasium was completed in 1988 and Parker Hall was built in 1995.

Various buildings have been named after past Headmasters. The two older buildings facing Paxton Street are named **MAURIE BLANK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING [built in 1940]** and **LEN DANIELS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING [post World War II]**. Maurie Blank was a member of staff from 1939-1942 and 1947 before becoming Headmaster from 1948-1965. Len Daniels was Headmaster from 1966 to 1975. The Library [built in 1966] is named after **P.F. ROWLAND**, Headmaster from 1905 to 1938 and one of the rooms in the Library is named the **T.B. WHIGHT ROOM**. Mr Whight was a student from 1916 to 1920, a master from 1921 to 1927 and Headmaster during the difficult war years 1938 to 1946.

Buildings have also been named after prominent past students. The Science Block is named after **R.P. RHEUBEN [1911-1915]**, a brilliant student who after completing dentistry at the University of Queensland became an active member of the then Old Boys' Association. He moved to the state of Nevada in the USA where he became a leading figure in the field of dentistry. He died in the early 1980s and bequeathed much of his estate to the School. The **SPENCER HOPKINS BUILDING** which looks out over the Quadrangle was named after one of our favourite sons. He enrolled at Grammar in its first year and maintained contact with the School in such roles as the Old Boys' Association, a member of the School Board and Chairman of the Board of Trustees 1928-1940, 1946-1952 and 1953-1960. At the 1891 Speech Day the then Headmaster, C.H. Hodges said of Hopkins: *"He came to the School more than three years ago at the age of nine, and may, justly be regarded as the genuine article. He wrote the Sydney matriculation as a twelve year old getting a distinction in English and B passes in Geography, Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra."*

Another building named after a past student is the **FRANK SIM BUILDING**. Mr Sim was a student from 1939-1942, a Board member from 1968-1971 and Chairman of the Board 1972-1991. The only building on the main campus named after a girl past student is the **EDNA SHAW CERAMICS STUDIO**. Miss Shaw, a student at the School in the late 1930s, is currently the Patron of the Past Grammarians' Association and a generous benefactor. Although she lives in Melbourne Miss Shaw takes a great interest in the School and, in particular, the history of the School.

The Junior School on the Annandale Campus was opened in 1997 and was the brain-child of **S.C. PAUL**, Principal from 1993 to 1997. He was supported in his ideas by **E. WENCK**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and three prominent Board members in **R. MARSH**, **A. BLOXHAM** and **R. MURRAY**. Ross Marsh was a long standing member of the Board and Mrs Murray was a student at Grammar from 1964-67, a member of the Past Grammarians' Association and a Board Member from 1990-2005. Buildings on that campus have been named in recognition of the work the above put into the fruition of the Junior School. Another building has been named after the first Head of the Junior School, **N. KERLEY**.

The only building not named after a recent member of the Grammar community is the **UPWARD BUILDING**. **E.F. UPWARD**, Acting Headmaster in 1888 and master for a time in 1889 was instrumental in opening the School on April 16, 1888. The appointed Headmaster, **C.H. HODGES [1889-1900]** was unable to arrive for the opening so Mr Upward moved the majority of the students in his School, St John's College, then situated in Stanley Street and on a site close to the present Dance North Centre to the present North Ward Campus. Mr Upward stayed on for six months in 1889 helping Mr Hodges settle in and then he returned to England where he opened a school in Devon for Anglo-Indian students. He was practicing as a lawyer in London at the time of his death in 1933.

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