

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL - ANNANDALE CAMPUS

The appointment of Mr Stephen Paul as Headmaster of the School in 1993 can be seen as a water-shed in the history of the School. In his first three years in the position Mr Paul made several changes to the direction the School had been taking since its foundation in 1888. In 1994 Mr Paul persuaded the Trustees to admit girl boarders. Girls had been part of the School since 1893 when it became the first boys' secondary school on the Australian mainland to admit girls. Prior to 1994 the Trustees had resisted the call for girl boarders but Mr Paul's decision was vindicated with the growth in girl boarder numbers now matching that of boys.

The second major initiative was the decision to establish a separate Primary campus on 4.8 hectares in the Annandale Estate. Several factors were behind this decision. The main consideration was the desire for the primary school to be sited in a part of town where housing development was occurring. The decision also reflected the fact that it was felt that there was a demand from the community for a continuous Pre-school to Year 12 Grammar School education. To help in their decision making the Trustees commissioned the Centre for Applied Economic Research and Analysis at James Cook University to undertake a Feasibility Study for the Establishment of a Primary School at Douglas.

Armed with this report the Trustees engaged the School architect, Ralph Power and Associates, to develop a plan with the fundamental aim of providing the best facilities for the students in a four stage building programme. Stage 1, to be completed in 1996, would be the construction of two teaching blocks to house the Pre-school and classes in Years 1 to 3, Stage 2 to be completed in 1996/97 would be construction of a purpose-built Pre-school and another general teaching block, Stage 3 would be the construction of the Administration Block incorporating a staffroom and main office and Stage 4 would be the construction of a general teaching block incorporating a specialist library block.

The architects were to ensure that all classrooms were air-conditioned but also to design the rooms to enhance ventilation and natural cooling breezes. The latest information from the Australian Institute of Tropical Architecture at James Cook University was incorporated in the interior and exterior design of all the buildings. The classrooms were to be characterised by high vaulted ceilings, with verandahs and were to be painted in the heritage colours similar to those on the Senior Campus in North Ward. Each classroom was to have a quiet reading room, two fully networked computers, a kitchen, a specially designed wet area and a teachers preparation room.

The Annandale campus opened its doors to students at the start of 1997. One hundred and three students were enrolled and they were joined by the first Head of Junior School, Mr Norm Kerley, four teaching staff, three aides, one clerical assistant and two OSHC staff. The School was officially opened on Founders Day April 16, 1997. Three inaugural staff, Ms Jenny Svane, Mrs Cheryl Kybus and Ms Karin Poole (Aide) are still at the School, twenty years on.

In recognition of their contribution to the establishment of the Junior School on the Annandale Campus the School has named various buildings after them. Trustees involved were Mr Ross Marsh, Mr Arthur Bloxham, Mr Errol Wenck and Mrs Robyn Murray. Mr Alan Tait, a past student and Chairman of the Board of Trustees during the difficult war years of 1941-45 also had a building named after him. Mr Steve Paul has also been recognized as being the driving force behind the establishment of the School and Mr Norm Kerley for the role he played as the first Head of Junior School. Mr Edward Upward, Headmaster from April to December 1888, has also been recognized, as has Mr Thankfull Willmet, Chairman of the Board of Trustees in the 1880s and instrumental in the establishment of the School in 1888. The oval at the Junior School has been named after Mr Greg Norman, a student at School in the early 1970s.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A Distinguished History</i></p> <p>Townsville Grammar School is the oldest secondary school in North Queensland having commenced operations in 1888. The School throughout its 109 year history has experienced many trials and tribulations, from devastating natural disasters to forced occupation by military forces during time of war. Throughout these trying times, School spirit never wavered. It is this same School spirit that has seen Townsville Grammar School become the finest school in North Queensland, whose graduates include Rhodes Scholars and numerous academic prize winners, together with prominent persons in government, law, medicine, education, the arts and industry.</p> <p>In the original Townsville Grammar School prospectus the following sentences occur:</p> <p><i>"The trustees venture to congratulate parents and guardians throughout North Queensland on the existence of a Grammar School capable of supplying all the educational advantages obtainable in Southern towns of the Colony. Parents may spare themselves the anxiety, expense and inconvenience attendant upon sending their sons to distant schools. The wholesome influence of home need not be sacrificed to obtain the best and highest school teaching. The youth of North Queensland can be qualified for their future careers where local interest watches their progress and stimulates them to intellectual achievements"</i></p> <p>After more than a century of distinguished service by Townsville Grammar School to the youth of North Queensland the above words still ring true.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHOOL SONG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARMEN TOWNSVILLARE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Original Latin by W.A. Farver (Dec. 1899)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aurum, lapides, argentum, Numero caetera armentum, Opea facilis naturae Patribus sunt nostris curae.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chorus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Id agamus, id agamus Meliores ut fiamus; Sincus bene huc intratur Melius hinc exitor,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dum sescenti Townsvillares, Nostros dilectas lares, Stella splendescet nitore Townsvillaris puriore</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Programme</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Arrival of Official Party and Special Guests</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Anthem "Advance Australia Fair"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>School Song "Carmen Townsvillare"</i> <i>(Performed by the Performance Choir and School Band)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Welcoming Address - Principal, Mr Stephen Paul</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roll-call re-enactment - Narrator, Sally McCutcheon</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chairman's Address - Mr Errol Wenck</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Address by Chairman of the Building Committee - Mr Ross Marsh</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Official Opening of the Annandale Campus - Mr Ross Marsh</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cutting of Founders' Day Cake</i> <i>by youngest and oldest students at the Annandale Campus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vote of thanks by Junior School students</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presentation of bouquets and medallions to members</i> <i>of the Board of Trustees and Mrs Vanessa Kerley</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Official Guests depart</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Morning Tea and</i> <i>Technology Demonstration in the Library</i></p>
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