

THE GRAMMARIAN





WELCOME

Welcome to the 2018 *Melior Exi Grammarian* magazine. In this special 130th year of Townsville Grammar School, the School has combined the

Past Grammarians newsletter, *Melior Exi* with the *Grammarian* magazine. We hope you enjoy reading about current and past students. As always,

if you have any news you would like to share, please contact the School at tgs@tgs.qld.edu.au.



3

WEEKENDS IN BOARDING



4

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



6

MIDDLE SCHOOL
DRAMA CONCERT



7

COMMUNITY SPIRIT



11

SPORT AT TGS



12

PAST GRAMMARIAN NEWS



MR CHRIS WILSON RETIRING



In April, Director of Boarding, Mr Chris Wilson, announced he would be retiring at the end of 2018, having completed over 21 years of service to Townsville Grammar School. For the entirety of his career at Grammar, Chris has worked in boarding and, throughout, has been a mentor to the boarding students of our School. His legacy to this part of the School is significant.

In 2009, Townsville Grammar School introduced the International Baccalaureate

Diploma Programme and Chris was appointed as the IB Co-ordinator. His passion for his dual roles of leading Boarding and IB has been evident in his many years at the School.

The School wishes Chris all the best for his final two terms. May they be filled with many happy moments as he prepares for his retirement.



WEEKENDS IN BOARDING

SCHOLARS ASSEMBLY

A proud tradition at TGS is the celebration of the academic success of the Seniors from the prior year. The Scholars Assembly, now in its 21st year, was held in February and celebrated all of our 2017 Year 12 students on their outstanding results. Many Past Grammarians attended the special ceremony, with the university courses they were undertaking being read to the audience.

Over 45% of the OP eligible cohort/IB students received a score equivalent to between 1 and 5, placing TGS as the tenth most successful in the State and at the top of the schools located outside of South East Queensland. A special congratulations go to the five students who received an OP 1 and to the six International Baccalaureate students who received top marks,

equivalent to an OP 1. This represents almost one third of the Year 12 IB students gaining the equivalent of an OP 1!

The overall depth of the students' achievements and the commitment they have made in working towards their personal best achievements is what gives the whole Grammar community a great sense of pride.

These academic results genuinely open doors for our students as they prepare to enter the workforce and further education. Staff, their families and, of course, the students themselves, are to be congratulated on these outcomes and the opportunities they provide for our 2017 graduates. We wish all of our 2017 Year 12 graduates all the best in their future endeavours.



HONOUR BOARDS

The School is updating the Honour Boards and needs help to find all those who served in the Middle East and Afghanistan. If you know of someone, please contact the School.

ADAMS, D	DENT, S	MACKAY, B.P.	OWEN, D	METHURST, M.A.
ANTHONY, A	DOBSON, D.A.	MCMNAMARA, R	PLANT, E	THIELMAN, A
BARRETT, G	KAMP, S	MARTIN, P	POWIS, B	WILSON, C
BLOMBERG, A.K.R.	LANKSHEAR, D	MATEOS, P	RUNDE, R	WILSON, E
BROWN, E. K	LOVE, H	NICHOLSON, T	SHERINGTON, A.J.	XINOS, D.A.
CROSBIE, D				



TOP MARKS

FOR 2017 SCHOOL LEAVERS

Our 2017 Dux of the School, William Price, has been awarded a coveted Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Award. Of the 53,000 Queensland students who graduated Year 12 in 2017, only 32 were awarded the prestigious QCE Achievement Award for their outstanding academic achievement.

William is a fourth generation Past Grammarian. In 1888, when the School first opened, William's great grandfather, Spenser Hopkins, was amongst the very first intake of students. After becoming a successful businessman in Townsville, Mr Hopkins was elected to the School's Board of Trustees, and held the position of the Chairman of the Board for three terms.



William Price (centre) with his parents, Beverly and James Price

Mr Hopkins' children attended TGS, and then in 1982, his granddaughter, (William's mother) Beverly Price, enrolled at Grammar.

Earlier this year, William moved from

his hometown of Townsville to Sydney to study a combined Bachelor of Mechanical/Masters of Biomedical Engineering at the University of New South Wales.



HEADED TO PRINCETON

Kajsa Souter (2017) has received an invitation to study at Princeton University in New Jersey. The University received over 35,000 applications and accepted only 5.5% of these.

"This outcome is a dream come true and I am very excited and honoured. I am very thankful for the opportunities Townsville Grammar School gave me to

thrive both in and out of the classroom. The atmosphere within the School that celebrates excellence, in any form, fostered a wonderful education," Kajsa said.

Princeton University Alumni include two US Presidents (James Madison and Woodrow Wilson), Nobel Prize winners (in the areas of Chemistry, Economics,

Humanities, Literature, Mathematics, Medicine, Peace, Physics and Science) and Pulitzer Prize winners.

Kajsa, who will soon be joining the Princeton University class of 2022, is looking to major in Economics or study within the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs and Relations.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CONCERT

In May, Townsville Grammar School Year 7 to 9 students performed in the Middle School Drama Concert, *East o' the Sun and West o' the Moon*, over three nights in the Glennys Perry Performing Arts Space.

125 dedicated young actors and backstage technicians presented the enchanting fairytales to an audience of parents and friends. Each play had its own unique theatrical style to introduce the young performers to a range of acting techniques.

The evening opened with a folktale *The Eleventh Mandarin*, set in the Forbidden Palace under the Qing Dynasty of Ancient China. This

folktale, complete with spectacular Chinese costumes, warned the audience against the folly of a leader isolating himself from his people.

The second play showcased our best Middle School dancers in a Dreamtime story, *The Seven Sisters*, that explained the constellation of the stars. The young actors incorporated choral speaking, mime and physical theatre sequences in a contemporary depiction of an ancient legend.

During the interval guests were delighted by the return of *Jai Ho* the modern Indian dance that proved to be the highlight of Speech Night in

2017.

In an extension of the Indian theme the play after interval was *Why the Fish Laughed*. The audience entered the exotic world of a Maharajah and his Maharani to discover why fish laugh at queens. This play, studded with ornate Indian costuming reveals an unusual love story.

The final folktale, *The Laughing Prince*, was a comic, slapstick interpretation of an old Russian tale about a Czar and his wilful daughter.

The shows were completely sold out, with funds raised through a gold coin donation, which was donated to NQ Wildlife.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

In 2018, Townsville Grammar School has supported a number of worthy causes to help our local and extended community.

At our Annandale campus, we have completed two fundraising efforts this year: Tops and Toes Fundraiser, raising \$750 which was donated to Temesgen, our sponsor child in Ethiopia, and Tour de Cure, raising \$450 towards cancer research.

In April, Prep to Year 6 students at Annandale welcomed Tour de Cure, a group of bike riders, raising awareness and funds for cancer research, including celebrities James Tobin and Mark Beretta! It was a very exciting and

fun discussion about the serious topic of avoiding and reducing the major cancer risks, as well as fundraising for cancer research.

At our North Ward Campus, the Interact Club has fundraised via the Sports carnivals selling softdrinks and conducted a 'Chocolate Chuck' game at Open Night. Funds raised by Interact go to one local cause throughout the year and one international charity each year.

Later this year, Interact will host the annual Food Drive. In previous years, families have donated thousands of non-perishable goods to Food Bank North Queensland. Last year's total came to 3,200 food items; the students are hoping to beat that total this year!



YEAR 3 STRINGS

For the past six months, all students in Year 3 at Grammar have been learning a string instrument, including the violin, viola, cello and double bass. As part of this strings programme, every child in Year 3 has been provided with a string instrument for the year, as well as books and tuition.

Many studies have indicated that studying an instrument is beneficial to brain development, reducing stress and increasing creativity.

This programme aims to expose young children to music, and provide their first taste of learning an instrument.

At the end of Term 2, the students performed a concert for their families and other students.

Mr Noel Nethery, Head of Junior School said, "The concert is highly anticipated by the parents and it is amazing to see how much the young students have learned in just six months."



LEADERS' INDUCTION

The 2018 Leaders were inducted in special ceremonies earlier this year. Since then, the Junior, Middle and Senior School Leaders have represented their School admirably at various events across Townsville, as well as providing peer support to their fellow students.

Well done to our 2018 School Captains:

Dylan Anger and Monica Hasa (School Captains)

Finn Newsway and Lara Gilbert (School Vice Captains)

Johnty O'Brien and Priscilla Zhong (Boarder Captains)

Leo Fairley and Sarah Jacob (Middle School Captains)

Ned Fairley and Ashna Sabesan (Junior School Captains)



Finn Newsway, Dylan Anger, Mr Timothy Kelly (Principal), Monica Hasa and Lara Gilbert



Ned Fairley and Ashna Sabesan with Mr Noel Nethery and Mr Timothy Kelly



Leo Fairley and Sarah Jacob with Mr Adrian Moran



Johnty O'Brien and Priscilla Zhong with Mr Chris Wilson



CHINESE NEW YEAR

In February, boarders were treated to a Chinese banquet to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Homestay students from Hong Kong and China were invited to attend as special guests for the evening.

The boarders and homestay students were treated to delicious Chinese inspired dishes, with Chinese New Year decorations in the Dining Room.



- MOUNT ISA
- CLONCURRY
- RICHMOND
- HUGHENDEN
- JULIA CREEK
- CLERMONT
- AIRLIE BEACH
- BOWEN
- COLLINSVILLE
- AYR
- WINTON
- KATHERINE
- HONG KONG



BOARDING VISITS

Our new Principal, Mr Timothy Kelly, has been visiting rural and regional locations throughout the semester to meet boarding parents.

These regional visits allow parents a one on one opportunity to discuss issues with our new Principal. Mr Kelly has also gained insight into the areas that our boarders call home.



THEMED WEEKS

In our School Calendar, you will find a number of themed weeks highlighted in bold held at TGS across our three campuses. In 2018, these themed weeks include:

- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- TGS Bullying Awareness Week
- e-Safety Awareness Week
- Celebration of Boarding Week
- Food Appeal (Interact) Week
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Sunsmart Awareness Week
- Road Safety Week

Themed weeks provide an opportunity for our students to think about important wellbeing issues well beyond the classroom.



MOTHERS' DAY

Mothers of students in Pre-Prep at Annandale and Pre-Kindy to Year 3 at North Shore were able to celebrate Mothers' Day a few days early this year, with a special Mothers' Day morning tea at the Junior campuses at both Annandale and North Shore.

The mums enjoyed a pampering session of pedicures, massages, make up, yoga and hairdressing, followed by a morning tea in a festive celebration of motherhood.

The Black and Gold Supporters Group also organised a spectacular luncheon at the restaurant, A Touch of Salt.



STEM IN THE CLASSROOM

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - is an integral part of education at TGS, being taught across every year level.

Year 2 and 3 students at our North Shore Campus recently participated in a very exciting science experiment with a solar balloon. The hot air filled balloon soared towards the heavens as students marvelled at the power of convection on air within a simple, if not considerably longer, garbage bag. As the air expanded so did the students understanding of the density and rising warmer air.

Students used the radiated heat from the sun to heat the air within the balloon. The air within the balloon became less dense as it expanded and rose upwards in the sky. Proving that hot air does indeed rise!

STEM drives innovation in our fast-changing global economy, with students today potentially having careers in technology fields that may not exist yet. In our teaching of STEM we are giving students an opportunity to apply skills and knowledge in a range of curriculum areas and use an inquiry-based or active learning approach, and giving students challenges linked to real-world problems.



SPORT @ GRAMMAR



SWIMMING

Junior School
1st Hodges
2nd Whight
3rd Miller
4th Rowland

Middle School
1st Rowland
2nd Hodges
3rd Miller
4th Whight

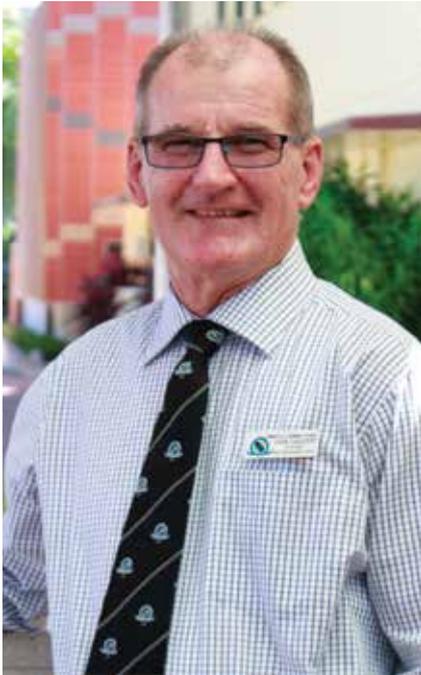
Senior School
1st Hodges
2nd Miller
3rd Rowland
4th Whight

CROSS COUNTRY

Junior School
1st Rowland
2nd Whight
3rd Hodges
4th Miller

Middle & Senior School
1st Miller
2nd Hodges
3rd Whight
4th Rowland

PAST GRAMMARIANS ASSOCIATION



Jack Callcott

President, Past Grammarians Association

alumni@tgs.qld.edu.au

Welcome to the *Melior Exi Grammarian*. For those who I haven't met, my name is Jack Callcott, and I am the President of the Past Grammarians Association and a Past Grammarian from 1969.

Our Association works to make Townsville Grammar School a better place for our current students and represents Past Grammarians at School events. I encourage past students to get involved - come to our events, see what your School is doing via social media and let us know your news.

This year, we welcome a new Principal to the Grammar community, Mr Timothy Kelly. Mr Kelly joins the Grammar ranks from Toowoomba Grammar School, where he was Deputy Headmaster for 11 years. Mr Kelly is only the twelfth principal in our School's history - quite remarkable given our 130 year record. On behalf of the Past Grammarians Association, I would like to extend a warm, North

Queensland, welcome to our new Principal.

Our Townsville reunion is coming up in August, which will be held in the Glennys Perry Performing Arts Space on the North Ward Campus of the School. It will be a fantastic event, so I hope to see many Past Grammarians there.

The School also assists Past Grammarians in organising local reunions including a Hong Kong reunion in March and a Brisbane Reunion in July. All TGS alumni and their partners are welcome at these functions. To find out about these and other events, please join us on social media via our Townsville Past Grammarians Facebook group or send your contact details to alumni@tgs.qld.edu.au to be emailed invitations to School events. Hope to see you at a reunion soon!

SATURDAY
AUGUST 11 2018

10AM RUGBY + BREAKFAST ROLLS + SCHOOL TOUR

6 PM 3 COURSE DINNER \$65
CATERING BY ESSENTIALLY FRESH (MICHELS)

TGS
REUNION

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
BIT.LY/TGSREUNION18





Clayton Lethbridge (2009)



Steven Doolan (1998)



Rachel Last (2008)



Rehder Family



Janice Stevenson (nee Blank, 1966)



Claire Cairns (2013)



Bianca Parison (2014)



Dan Thearle (1996) and his family

NEWS OF PAST GRAMMARIANS

Mr Bill Muller, Treasurer and Secretary of the Past Grammarians Association, recently received a draft copy of a book written by Priscilla Brilliant called *Dear Winifred*, which contains edited letters of **CHESTER PARKER (1934)**. Chester was our second Rhodes Scholar who lost his life while serving on a submarine in the Mediterranean. Well researched, it is a heart warming story of Chester's love for Winifred. While not a Past Grammarian, Priscilla is related to the Hopkins family who have a close association with the School since its foundation in 1888.

FOSTER BARTON (1943) recently visited the School. Now aged over ninety Foster remains fit and talks fondly about the four years he spent at the School. Foster is one of the few students who can still remember the move from the North Ward campus to the Rosslea campus in 1942. Foster served with distinction in World War Two and in Vietnam reaching the rank of major before retiring from the Army.

Congratulations to **COLIN KELLY (1944)** who recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Colin was Dux of the School in 1944 as well as Head Boy. In his retirement Colin would come to the school in the afternoon to help boarders with mathematics and physics.

An article written by Professor **IAN ATKINSON (1980)** was recently published in the *Townsville Bulletin*. Ian is the Director of e-Research at James Cook University and the article deals with the changing nature of work and the future of Townsville's economy.

CHRIS WARD (1973), who has been a teacher for more than 40 years, co-founded a school, Aiken College in Greenvale Melbourne which opened in 1999 and is celebrating its 20th year this year. The school now has 1300 students from Prep to Year 12 on 45 acres. Chris and his wife, Barbara, have two children, Catherine and Lachlan.

PHILIP (PIP) REHDER (1984) recently visited the School for his

son's, **CHEMARK REHDER (2017)**, graduation. Chemark is a third generation Grammarian as his grandfather attended the School in the 1940s.

Two past students who achieved success in the sport of rugby union are **SAM ROSSATO (1993)** and **DANNY MCKELLAR (1993)**. Sam is now living in London after a spell in Thailand. He is enjoying being the father of a baby boy, Noah. Sam represented the Australian Defence Force at rugby union. Danny is experiencing his first season as coach of the ACT Brumbies in the Super 15 Rugby Union competition.

MATT SHERRINGTON (1996) who is a journalist at Queensland Country Life and North Queensland Register, was nominated by Fairfax Media to take part in the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay. Matt was honoured to receive a double run (400 metres) at Pentland.

KUMALAU GOTAHA (1996), who is the accounting manager for Origin Energy in Papua New Guinea, is interested in helping young boys in Port Moresby by involving them in the game of rugby union. The School and Old Boys' Rugby Club have agreed to help Kumalau's club by donating training jerseys and playing gear.

SYA TURBETT (NEE WILKES) (1994) is managing the Kokoda Memorial Pool. The association would like to thank Sya for her sponsorship of the School. It is greatly appreciated.

Two past students have also achieved success in the sport of rugby league. **JOSH HANNAY (1997)** who is a coach of the North Queensland Cowboys was recently appointed as the assistant coach of the Queensland Maroons. Josh was the first Cowboys player to play 150 games for that club. **MICHAEL LUCK (1999)** who played for the Cowboys and the New Zealand Warriors is now working at the Cowboys as an assistant coach.

MICHAEL THYER (1993) is enjoying success in the acting and film industry in Los Angeles. The father of two boys Michael will be going to Serbia soon to direct a feature film.

DAN THEARLE (1996) studied a Bachelor of Science and went into medical research, initially working with a group trying to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes and is now working in Strategic Procurement at Monash University. Dan married Bethany Kemp-Essmore in 2007 and the pair have two children, Lachlan and Patrick.

STEVEN DOOLAN (1998) has been promoted to the Technical Lead for FCM at Flight Centre. Steven and his wife welcomed a

baby boy, Arden, to their family in April 2017.

Dux of the School in 2004, **MARK WALLACE (2004)** is enjoying his career as a Mechanical Engineer. Mark made the Readers' List at Melbourne University in 2010 and is now based in Munich where he is working for the European Southern Observatory which is building the largest light telescope in the world on a mountain in Chile. Mark's three sisters have also achieved success with their respective careers. **KATE WALLACE (2002)** is a paediatrician in New Plymouth (NZ), **TAMSIN (2007)** is a psychologist with Endeavour in Townsville and **ANNA WALLACE (2009)** is teaching at a school in Aylesbury in England. Theatre goers in Townsville may remember Anna for some of the leading roles she played in Theatre in the Park presentations.

Another past student who has done well in theatre and television is **HARRIET DYER (2007)**. Harriet is now in Los Angeles working on a pilot series called *Between Lives*.

Well done to **STEPHANIE KERSHAW (2012)** who represented Australia for the Hockeyroos at Commonwealth Games this year on the Gold Coast, winning a silver medal. Congratulations to **TIA-CLAIR TOOMEY (2010)** who represented Australia in weightlifting, winning a gold medal.

MORGAN ALLAN (2008) has started her own line of clothing called Immokalee Designs. The talented artist recently showcased her designs on the runway at Townsville Fashion Week. Other Past Grammarians, including **TYLER GIUDES (2010)** and **COURTNEY RODGER (2008)**, were also heavily involved in the event, with Tyler having his own fashion line as well.

RACHEL LAST (2008) has just graduated from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) with a Bachelor of Law. Rachel was awarded the Una Prentice Award, which is awarded to the female graduate with the highest GPA (highest marks) in her graduating cohort.

CLAIRE CAIRNS (2013) will be graduating from the University of Edinburgh in July and starting as a tax associate for Grant Thornton in Glasgow in August.

ROBYN BOLDY (2012) graduated from the University of Queensland last year with a Bachelor of Science (Geography) with first class honours. As part of her honours thesis, Robyn worked on Groote Eylandt to improve data collection devices for the Indigenous mine rehabilitation crew. Robyn is now working towards her PhD.

VALE

We record with sadness the passing of the following members of the TGS community and extend our sympathy to family and friends.

BOB COATES (1965) was educated at Ravenshoe State School before enrolling as a boarder at Grammar. On leaving school, Bob had an interesting and varied life. For many years he worked as a stockman in Queensland and the Northern Territory. In 1980 Bob retired from farm life, moved to Gympie, and entered the building industry as a mature age carpentry apprentice. Bob was later to work as a wardsman at the Gympie Base Hospital.

Bob is survived by his wife, Judy, and children Aaron, Jason and Amy.

FRANK BILNEY (1954) was a boarder from 1953-54. On leaving Grammar, Frank worked in the office of the State Coal Mine before moving to Mackay where he worked for the Mackay Regional Electricity Board. With the restructuring of the State Electricity Boards, Frank was employed by NORQEB and posted to Townsville. He was keen to return to Mackay and when a clerical position became available at the Fairleigh Co-operative Sugar Mill he moved back to Mackay and worked there until his retirement in 2004.

JOHN UNDERWOOD (1956) passed away recently after a distinguished career in the pastoral industry in the Northern Territory. Although born in Townsville, Undy, as he was known at school, was a boarder from 1951 to 1956. On leaving Grammar, John completed a Diploma in Animal Husbandry at Gatton before

returning to the Territory. In 1978 a cattle station called Riveren was leased by John and he and his wife, Terry, worked the property with great success.

MICHAEL "MIK" SERVICE (1993) died unexpectedly in April. He lived a full life in his 41 years, growing up in Townsville and being educated at TGS and James Cook University. Mik left his mark on the world utilising his engineering, IT and project management skills and, more importantly, his enthusiasm for life and love of travel and adventure which took him to all the corners of the globe for both work and fun. He leaves behind a wife, Shannon, and two daughters, Maddy and Emma who still love him very much.

Special thanks go to the 1993 cohort who donated for a wreath for Mik.

TRISH ROGERS (TEACHER - 1968-1993) sadly passed away this year. Trish spent most of her years at Grammar teaching typing, shorthand and bookkeeping, business principles and accounting. As a teacher of commercial subjects she gave a flying start to many past students who are now successful in business, not only in Australia, but in other countries around the world. Trish will be remembered as an excellent teacher, a worthy friend to so many students and staff, and a loyal member of the School community.



WEDDINGS AND BABIES



SANDY TISHER (nee ADAMS 2009) married Aron Tisher on 11 May. Sandy and her husband currently live in Newcastle. (#1)

VICKI MILLER (2008) married Josh Pugh in July 2017. (#2)

CELIA AU (2007) and Ted Wong welcomed their first daughter, Carina, in September 2017. (#3)

DAVID HIGGINS (2000) and his wife welcomed the birth of their daughter, Ivy. (#4)

JUSTIN PAUL (1997) and Jacqueline PAUL (nee BONATO 2000) welcomed a baby boy, named Wolfgang Carter. (#5)

ALVIN LEE (2008) married his partner, Aileen in June 2018. A special guest at the reception was the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Government. (#6)

AKIRA FUJII (2002) married his partner, Layla, in April 2018. (#7)

SALLY MCPHERSON (1998) and her husband welcomed their second child, Adelaide, in April 2018.

ALISON FRANCIS (nee WARD 1998) and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Charlotte, in 2017.

KEARA MCDONAGH (1998) and her partner, Hamish, welcomed their second child, Wren, in 2017.

THE GRAMMARIAN



130 DAYS AS PRINCIPAL



education in North Queensland. Throughout this time, the School has remained true to its original purpose – to provide a broad, liberal education to each of its students to prepare them to contribute fully to their community following school.

As I write this welcome to the 130th Anniversary edition of *The Grammarian*, I also reflect on my first 130 days in the role of Principal at Townsville Grammar School. As only the 12th Principal of the School since 1888, it is with a deep sense of honour and duty that I have the opportunity to serve the TGS community in the years ahead. Each day, as I walk around the School, I see a culture that is both respectful to the rich traditions and heritage of the School whilst simultaneously mindful of the need to be progressive in its preparation of students in an ever-changing, technologically advanced, globalised world. It is central to my mission as Principal that we build upon this culture into the future so that each and every student enters well and exits better – Bonus Intra, Melior Exi.

This special edition of *The Grammarian* celebrates 130 years of Townsville Grammar School with a focus on our key offerings over the years. I thank Kim Steele, the Enrolments Communication Officer, for her research and assistance in preparing this commemorative edition of *The Grammarian*. I hope that you enjoy the reflections on the past 130 years.

Timothy Kelly

The 130th Anniversary of Townsville Grammar School presents us with an opportunity to reflect on the rich history of our wonderful school as well as providing a moment to look ahead as we seek to write the next chapter for our School.

It is unlikely that the first 23 students enrolled at the School, entering the doors of the original School House for the first time on 16 April 1888, thought about what life would be like 130 years hence. The changes over that time are too considerable. For them, they would have been living in the moment, like many of our students do today. I imagine that they would have been both nervous and excited about starting at a new school, just like those who start at Grammar today. Little did they know, that they were to be the first of thousands to receive the significant benefit of a Grammar School education. In the ensuing 130 years, the School has built an enviable reputation as a leader of



E.F. UPWARD
(1888-1889)



C.H. HODGES
(1889-1900)



F.T. MILLER
(1901-1904)



P.F. ROWLAND
(1905-1938)



T.B. WHIGHT
(1939-1946)



A.C. LOGAN
(1947-48)



M.W. BLANK
(1948-1965)



L.S. DANIELS
(1966-1975)



A.D. MORWOOD
(1976-1992)



S.C. PAUL OAM
(1993-1997)



R.W. FAIRLEY
(1998-2017)



T.J. KELLY
(2018-PRESENT)



On 16 April 1888, the very first staff and 23 students of Townsville Grammar School walked into the building named, 'School House', for their first day of school.

130 years later, students on the North Ward campus will walk past that same building, standing proudly in the School grounds, on their way to class.

School House is now heritage listed and this year, Townsville Grammar School celebrated by unveiling a special sign to signify the building's heritage status.

Townsville Grammar School is the oldest co-educational school on mainland Australia, accepting its first female students in 1893 – a revolutionary move in its time.

Many aspects of Grammar have changed in the past 130 years – the faces, buildings, curriculum and more. However, there are other aspects of the School, the foundation stones upon which it is built, that have remained rock solid.

The founders of the School, the original Board of Trustees, aimed to provide *"North Queensland families with a school in which the youth of North Queensland can be qualified for their future careers where local interest watches their progress and stimulates them to intellectual achievements"* (from the original School Prospectus, 1888). This philosophy, coupled with the values of community, good manners,

respect, discipline and personal best academic endeavour, are all hallmarks of the same school 130 years on.

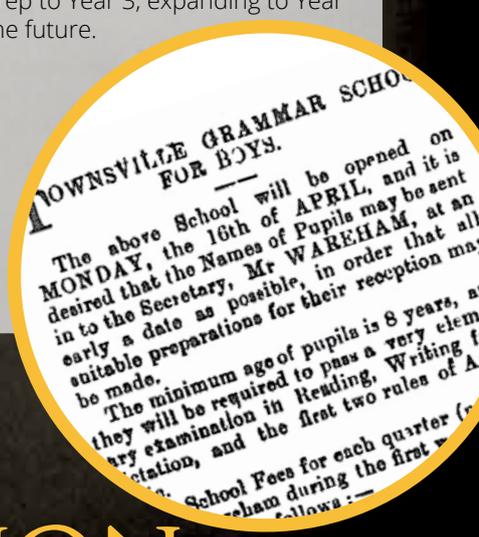
World War Two had a dramatic effect on Townsville Grammar School. The Queensland Government closed all schools in the district and students had to move either south or to Charters Towers. In March 1942 the Government rescinded their closure of all schools and allowed schools to re-open. As the North Ward Campus had been taken over by the RAAF in January 1942, Townsville Grammar School had to move from its North Ward campus and set up a campus in the suburb of Rosslea, with the School operating on that campus from 1942 to 1944.

Townsville Grammarians have proudly served their country as members of various defence forces since the Boer War. Sadly, sixty Past Grammarians have paid the supreme sacrifice in conflicts from WWI to the Vietnam War. An honour board commemorating all students who have served is located

in the Reception of the North Ward Campus.

Many facilities have been built throughout the years, including the Swimming Pool, Gymnasium, Boarding House, Ceramics and Art Studio, Performing Arts Complex and Music Centre, among many others.

In more recent history, the School opened its Annandale Junior School in 1997, which now caters from Pre-Prep to Year 6. In 2015, the School opened another Junior School in North Shore, currently catering from Pre-Prep to Year 3, expanding to Year 6 in the future.



130 YEARS OF EDUCATION





The original school building, School House, opened in 1888, still stands proudly in the School grounds. In 1903, Cyclone Leonta severely damaged School House, causing much of the building to be rebuilt in 1903 and 1904 to a design by Townsville architects Tunbridge and Tunbridge. The new design was strengthened to resist future cyclones. School House was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 31 December 2002.

The rebuild was considered a cooler, more suitable building for the tropical environment, with verandahs on both levels which were used for sleeping in hot weather. Until 1940, all lessons except science were conducted on the lower level of School House, while the upper level was used as dormitories for boarders. Boarders lived in School House until the end of 2011.

130 YEARS OF SCHOOL HOUSE

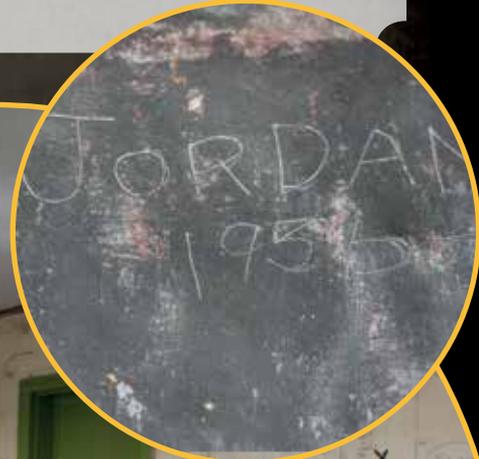
GRAFFITI

School House is currently being meticulously restored to its former glory, with careful adherence to detail as part of the School's commitment to the building being heritage listed.

As part of these ongoing works, graffiti was discovered last year in School House from boarders over the many years of the School ranging from the early 1900s through to the late 1980s.

Eddie Ansell
 Dion McNeill
 Robert Statton
 Senior Monitors
 Grade 12
 5:30pm
 11/5/89

 Noel Collyer!
 Damon Storey!
 (1982)
 IAN Fairbairn!
 (Head Boarder)
 (Betsy) & D.W.
 (Prefect) & J.W.
 (Fairy)
 (1st XV) (Captain)
 (N.G. 016, 011)
 (No. 7) (Idol)



130 YEARS OF BOARDING

In 2018, the School not only celebrates 130 years of education, but also housing and caring for boarding students. Back on 16 April 1888 when Townsville Grammar School first opened its doors, a mere three boarders walked into the original School House to spend their first night sleeping at the School. By the end of the first year, enrolments had increased to 28, of whom 13 were boarders.

The modern facilities TGS boarders of today enjoy including air-conditioning, nutritionally balanced meals, a private space, email and phones to connect with family back home, were things that the boarders of 1888 could only dream about. The boarders slept in the one dormitory, with no electricity, single beds and no privacy. Still, the history books of happy tales from the era demonstrate that despite the basic conditions, the boarders led very happy lives. Director of Boarding, Mr Chris Wilson's catch phrase of a 'Busy Boarder is a Happy Boarder' was true even in the early years of boarding at TGS!



BOARDERS CIRCA 1910

GIRLS AT GRAMMAR

All Grammar Schools in Australia remained single sex schools until Mary Foley applied, in 1893, to enrol at Townsville Grammar School. The Trustees reluctantly agreed to her enrolment and Mary was joined by Letitia Crowder. The single condition made by the Trustees was that girls asking to enrol would have to be State Scholarship holders.

The policy to only enrol scholarship students lasted until 1905 when the Trustees opened enrolments to any girl who wanted to attend the School.

Numbers of girls were kept low in the early years but as co-education became more acceptable, female enrolments increased and, in 2018, girls at TGS make up half the student population.

While Townsville Grammar School is one of the earliest schools to allow girls to attend, having girls as day students since 1893, there were no girl boarders until 1994, when 24 female boarders commenced at Grammar. Since then, girls boarding has grown and now makes up half the boarders at the School.



FIRST GIRL BOARDERS - 1994



MARY FOLEY



LETITIA CROWDER



130 MONTHS AT TGS

Six Year 12 students have been at Grammar since Preschool in 2005, a huge 130 months spent at Townsville Grammar School.

Three of these students - Clem Stack, Harry Stack and Maggie-Rose Thompson reflected their journey here at Grammar. "I remember walking into the gates of

Grammar in my plain yellow uniform and feeling nervous!" Harry said of his first day.

"Thirteen years later, so much has changed, especially the buildings - the Junior School was more of a grass field."

But despite the constant change, the culture of the School has remained the same, and the community involvement has never changed, Maggie-Rose explained.

"The Sports Carnivals have always had such good team spirit and

have never been boring!" Harry added.

Clem, Harry and Maggie-Rose all have fond memories of the camps, sporting tours and were thankful for the opportunities they had at Grammar. "I would never had the opportunities to go to so many different places if it wasn't for TGS", Maggie-Rose stated.

After coming to TGS every day for over a decade, the students are excited for the future, but will miss the friends they have made along the way, the teachers and the family they've made here at Grammar.

RHODES SCHOLARS

- 1910 George Frederick Emanuel Hall
- 1938 Chester James Parker

IMPERIAL HONOURS

KNIGHTHOODS

- 1933 John Lawrence McKelvey
- 1933 Roy Lister Robinson
- 1954 Lawrence James Wackett
- 1964 Charles William Davidson
- 1977 Anthony Thomas Covacevich

HIGHEST AWARDS

- 1938 Albert Cecil Fewtrell (Commander of the Order of Bath)
- 1947 Roy Lister Robinson (Baron of Kielder Forest & Adelaide in the Commonwealth of Australia)

OTHER AWARDS

- 1918 Roy Lister Robinson (OBE)
- 1919 James Douglas Henry [OBE]
- 1935 Morton Henry Moyes [OBE]
- 1939 Alan Parkhurst Dodd [MBE]

- 1942 Otto Francis McMahon (OBE)
- 1947 Ernest John Neal [OBE]
- 1958 Sydney William Trewin [MBE]
- 1962 Alan Parkhurst Dodd [OBE]
- 1962 David James Garland [MBE]
- 1963 William Joseph Watson [OBE]
- 1981 George Vivian Roberts [CBE]
- 1982 Thomas Edova Fox [OBE]
- 1985 Kimbal Allen [BEM]
- 2006 Mark John Ney [APM]

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

- 1980 Marion Olga Tarling
- 1980 William Joseph Watson
- 1983 Geoffrey John Humphrey Woolrych
- 1987 Patricia Ann Ford (Shann)
- 1987 Domingo Martinez
- 1987 Gregory John Norman
- 1988 John William Kingston
- 1988 Rodney Macpherson Fisher
- 1989 Neil Lewis Henry
- 1992 Graham Houghton Roberts
- 1993 Maxwell David Hooper
- 1994 Virginia Thorley Phillips

- 1994 Patrick John Toohey
- 1995 Charles Stanley Williams
- 1996 James William Baker
- 1997 Bryan Thomas Emmerson
- 1998 John Bartley Pearson
- 1999 William David Crews
- 1999 Stanley Alfred Newman
- 1999 Gregory John Norman
- 2000 Neil Thomas Bird
- 2001 William Gordon Wilson
- 2002 Judy Margaret Hunter
- 2002 David Allan McDonald
- 2003 Mat Darveniza
- 2003 John Nicolson Aubrey
- 2003 Margaret Norma Hale
- 2006 Arthur Ronald Burke
- 2006 Keith de Lacy
- 2009 Edward George Davidson
- 2010 Stephen Charles Paul
- 2011 Spencer James Routh
- 2011 Ronald Edward Store
- 2014 Ernest Michael Hoolihan
- 2016 Charles Leslie May
- 2018 Stuart Gordon Durward



GEORGE HALL



CHESTER PARKER

130 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

ONE SCHOOL THREE CAMPUSES

NORTH WARD

Townsville Grammar School began in 1888 as a Senior School. Over the years, different year levels were added, but the School remained only on its original campus in the seaside suburb of North Ward, sitting in the shadow of Castle Hill. In 2018, the North Ward campus caters for Year 7 to 12.

In 1997, a Junior School at Annandale was opened, now offering Pre-Prep to Year 6. In 2015, its third campus in North Shore opened, starting with Pre-Kindy and Pre-Prep, and then extending to Prep to Year 3 this year, with the intention of the campus being Pre-Kindy to Year 6 in the coming years.



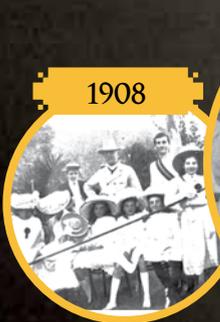
ANNANDALE



NORTH SHORE



1908



1937



1948



1988



CURRENT

2008



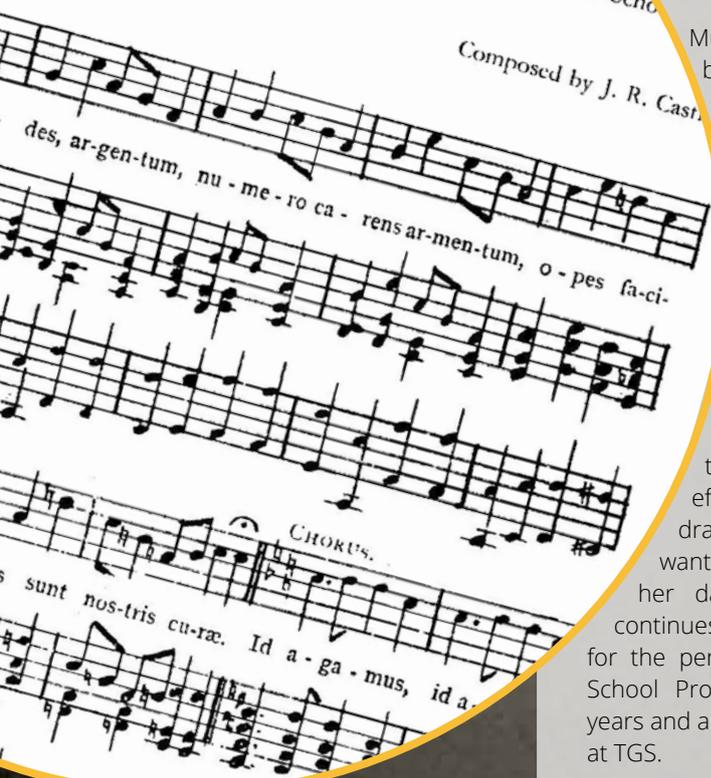
130
YEARS
OF
UNIFORMS

130 YEARS OF EDUCATING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Carmen Townsbillare

C. H. HODGES, M.A., Headmaster Townsville Grammar School
December, 1898.

Composed by J. R. Castling



Music and drama have always been an important part of an education at Townsville Grammar School.

The first School Production was performed in 1889, with students presenting the play of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. In 1979, a Past Grammarian, Mrs Glennys Perry, was appointed as a drama teacher. Drama grew in the School, with Mrs Perry's effervescent enthusiasm drawing many students to want to participate. In 2018, her daughter, Ms Fiona Perry, continues this passion in the School for the performing arts. In 2018, full School Productions occur every two years and are a major part of school life at TGS.

Music has always been part of School life, and today, musical groups and music tuition remain a staple at Grammar. Townsville Grammar School now has a range of music groups including choirs, a symphony orchestra, jazz groups, quartets and ensembles.

The School Song was performed for the first time at Speech Day, December 5, 1898. The words were written by W.A. Purves, who was the second master at the School at the time. The music was written by J.R. Castling, one of the original 23 students at the School. He left in 1892 to attend Sydney University before returning to teach at Grammar from 1897-1900.

In 2018, current Principal, Mr Timothy Kelly, revived the School Song, with the choir now leading the North Ward Campus students in song at School Assemblies every Monday.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 'BEACH' 2017

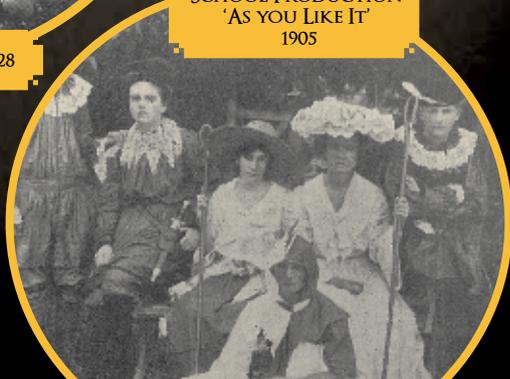


SCHOOL CHOIR 1928



SCHOOL CHOIR 2008

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 'AS YOU LIKE IT' 1905



MUSIC

FIRST XV RUGBY
UNION TDRU/NQ
CHAMPIONS 1987



MILLER HOUSE
CROSS COUNTRY
CHAMPIONS 2018



GIRLS TENNIS
1961



SPORTS DAY
1908



CRICKET PREMIERS
1954

Within a few weeks of starting at the School, the then Principal, Mr Hodges introduced cricket. Within a few years rugby union and British Association Football (soccer) were also introduced.

As numbers increased, the fourth Principal, Mr Rowland, introduced a four team colour competition. Though now named after the former headmasters, the four team system still exists today at TGS.

Prior to WWII, girls were only permitted to take part in events such as the Needle and Thread Race at sports carnivals. Some years later, then Headmaster Mr Whight insisted that all students partake in regular exercise and girls were allowed to participate fully at the athletics carnivals.

Over time, sports for both boys and girls has increased in the School, with TGS now having a broad variety of sports for students to choose from, including the club sports of rugby, netball and rowing, where the School participates as a club.

McKIMMIN MILE
2008



SPORT

SCHOOL WAR CRY
HIYA HIYA WOKE IN ENI PU
BINGO JINGO RICK A RACK A ROO
TIMARU BUCKARU
WOGGA WOGGA TA
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
RAH! RAH! RAH!