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STUDENTS GO INTERNATIONAL

Townsville Grammar
tour Japan and Italy

NEW CAMPUS ANNOUNCED

North Shore set to
open its doors in 2015

PERFECT SCORE

Damon Binder achieves
perfect IB score

BLAST FROM THE PAST

News of past students

30 YEARS STRONG

Congratulations to one of
our longest serving staff



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

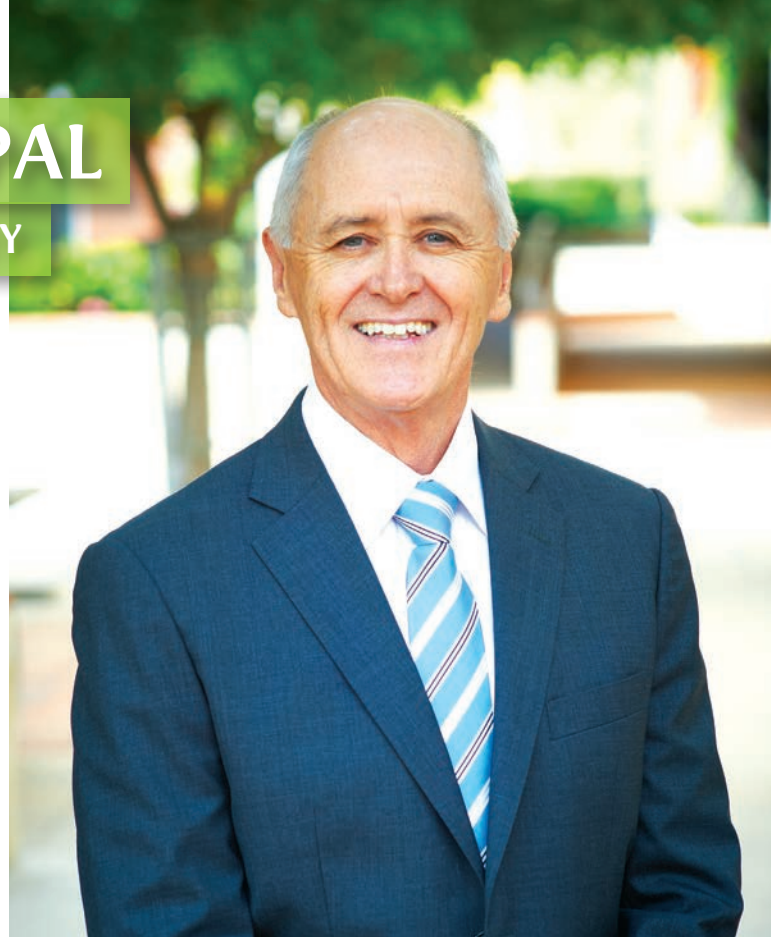
MR RICHARD FAIRLEY

Staff and students returned at the end of January to the wonderful news of the School's "best ever" Year 12 outcomes from 2013. In combining the results of the OP and IB pathways, 16 students gained the equivalent of an OP1 result and a further 12 students achieved an OP2 standard, with 37.5% of the cohort earning an OP1-5 outcome compared with a State average of 19.96%. In terms of depth of performance, over 50% of Grammar students achieved an OP1-7 result; compared with a State average of 30.98%. To top these results off, Damon Binder, our School Dux, achieved a perfect score (45/45) in his IB Diploma course placing him in the top 0.3% of 69,274 IB Diploma graduates world-wide. Damon was the only student to achieve this outcome in Queensland and joined James Maguire from 2012 as the second of Grammar's 45/45 graduates.

The Board of Trustees has given the green light to the development of a third campus at North Shore. This campus will include an Early Education Centre for 3-5 year olds and a Primary School from Prep – Year 6. The Early Education Centre will open in February 2015 and the balance of the campus will be progressively developed from 2016.

At the Annandale Campus, the year began with the opening of a new 2 room Prep Centre to complete the 4-stream infrastructure at this campus. At North Ward, work has begun on the extension of the Rheuben Science building with the addition of 2 new classrooms, a new girls' toilet facility and the provision of enhanced facilities for disability access. The design will include an all-weather undercover area for students to access as a shaded area or shelter from inclement weather. These works are due for completion by the beginning of 4th term.

Finally, the exciting restoration of heritage listed School House continues with the first stage of paint removal and the restoration of brick work complete. Although the project is only in its infancy, the result of works to date has exceeded expectations and the old



building is looking superb. The creation of a School House Avenue between School House and the Library will also occur mid-year.

In an exciting new initiative, the School hosted for the first time this year a *Past Grammarians who are Current Parents* cocktail function in May. It was a delightful event and a fitting way to acknowledge and thank our many Past Grammarians who have children currently enrolled in the School. We anticipate making this an biennial event of gratitude and appreciation.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS MIELLA SARTORI & LACHLAN CAREY

The School Captains of this year have taken on their role of leadership very quickly and have already represented the School at many ceremonial functions. ANZAC Day is one of the most sacred days of the School calendar. As per tradition, the School service on the 24th was a successful day, followed by the annual march on The Strand. Our Captains represented the School admirably.

At the Junior School, Lachlan Carey and Miella Sartori have worked hard with staff to hold a successful Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Miella only began schooling at Townsville Grammar last year, and has already become a very active leader, particularly for the Music and Drama students. She performed a special song at the Grandparents concert making it a very memorable day for all guests.

Middle School Captains, Luke Moran and Danette Potgieter have been with TGS since Junior School. Whilst nervous on their first

day as Middle School captains, they have both grown into their roles. This year, the Captains have had an active involvement at lunchtimes, supporting staff with playground duties, which has helped to lift their profile as leaders. Both Danette and Luke are excellent role models for the Middle School community.

Being the School Captains of Townsville Grammar School is a great honour and a huge responsibility. Both Philippa Collins and Tom King are committed to achieving their personal best – in and out of School. Tom and Philippa have both had older siblings at TGS and both began here in Year 8. For Philippa, the performing arts have provided her with opportunities to shine and contribute something special to the School, whilst for Tom, his areas of contribution have been in music and sport, particularly swimming. They share a motivation to achieve their personal best academically. Together they provide a great balance of student leadership within the School.



COMMEMORATIVE COOKBOOK

As part of the School's 125th celebrations last year, TGS printed a commemorative cook book.

We have received contributions from the whole Grammar community including recipes, photographs, cooking tips and hints.

If you would like a copy, please go to the TGS website www.tgs.qld.edu.au or contact our office.



Head Boarders with Molly Bradshaw and Jarrod Hall (pictured in the middle).

FROM THE HEAD BOARDERS

HAYLEY BLYTH & HARRY TERRY

As Head Boarders we have been assigned the responsibility and challenge of leadership. Between us - the Boarders Council and the Year 12 boarders in the School we share the responsibility for leadership this year.

Each year we farewell our senior boarders - people we have grown close to over our time living together and the Year 11's

are faced with the task of maturing and becoming the new leaders of boarding. Our turn has come - in the space of a day, we became the most senior student group in boarding, the role models, the older brothers and sisters in our boarding family.

Before this year we had never quite understood the significance and, to some extent, the difficulty of this phase. We

have all been the younger students, have all admired the senior boarders for their seeming maturity and wisdom, but we had not seriously contemplated ourselves in their position. As boarders everyone is constantly interacting with each other, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so our newly found responsibility could not be a façade - we have had to grow and become the mature seniors we once looked up to and we're still, half way through our senior year, finding our way with this one.

While it may have felt like the leadership was thrust upon us as the new Year 12's, we are all adapting to it. Boarding forces the growth of independence from an early age and now we have the opportunity to also foster leadership and develop as much as possible in our senior year. On behalf of the Year 12 boarders we would like to thank the boarding community and our families for the opportunity and wish the future Year 12's all the best for their senior year.

SCHOOL TOURS

JAPAN & ITALY



JAPAN TOUR

In December last year, thirteen of our staff and students left for an eleven-day educational tour of Japan.

The first day of the Japan tour is always spent at Disneyland, followed by sightseeing in the nation's capital, Tokyo. On day 2, students admired the wonders of Asakusa's famous Sensoji temple complex and the Imperial Palace, the famous temple of Kiyomizudera, the largest wooden building in Kyoto, the beautiful gardens of Tofukuji and Fushimi Inari with its 10000 vermillion torii. There was also shopping to be undertaken and tours of the Sony building to check out the very latest in gadgets and games.

Students bathed in the onsen (hot springs), slept on a futon in tatami rooms and wore the traditional yukata (cotton kimono) provided. Our students were complimented on their manners and the way they embraced this unique and traditional experience whilst on tour.

ITALY TOUR

Over 24 days our Italian group, comprised of 21 students and support staff visited a total of 16 Italian cities and islands. The journey began in Rome, and visited many popular tourist destinations, including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, the Vatican City, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Novana, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii and Siena.

The tour highlight for students was definitely going to a Serie A Football game between Lazio and Napoli in Rome.

In Firenze, students were involved in a homestay and attended language classes. This was the opportune time for them to consolidate their Italian learning whilst functioning in a family situation. After 4 days, our tour continued on to Pisa and Lucca, followed by a visit to Bologna. Next stop was Maranello, the home of the Ferrari museum, all opting for a ride in the red one of course!

On touch down in Townsville, the students greeted their families with mixed emotions: happy to be back home, sad as this once in a life time experience was now over.

We have our own wonderful community spirit.

Noticeboard

Thank you for solving the puzzle.



Junior School Community Service Captains
Harrison Baxter and Emily Price.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

JUNIOR SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

At Townsville Grammar School, we are very blessed with the wonderful facilities and resources that we have available, and furthermore, the caring and supportive nature of the friends, families and staff that make up the heart of our School. It is the recognition of this bounty that sees us regularly and purposefully giving our time and money to enhance the lives of others.

The Community Service Team at the Junior School, consists of members in Year 6 who are involved in supporting causes such as

the 'Cancer Council', the 'Salvation Army', visiting one of the local nursing homes and doing a clean-up of the local area. Temesgen Arage, a student in Ethiopia, is a focal point for our community service with students being involved in an annual fundraiser to support him at school and provide opportunities that we, at times, can take for granted.

We continue to be impressed by the students' willingness to contribute their time and energy to support these causes and help to make a difference to others.

SENIOR SCHOOL INTERACT

Community Service is an integral part of learning to appreciate others and learning to be outward looking rather than self centred in perspective. For this reason, TGS students are provided with opportunities to participate in service activities. The TGS Interact Club is run by a Board of Year 11 students who gain an insight into community service by running various activities during the course of the year.

This year, these activities have included: selling soft drinks at the Middle and Senior School swimming carnivals, conducting an Easter Egg drive, running the food stall, second hand book stall and chocolate chuck at North Ward Open Night, collecting a vast amount of non-perishable food items for the local Food Relief NQ, conducting a fund raising putting competition at the TGS Golf Day and running a Sausage Sizzle – all in Semester 1 this year. Other service activities booked in for Semester 2 include participating and fundraising for Relay for Life, as well as compiling and paying for birthing kits for third world countries.

Through helping those who are much less fortunate than themselves, these students gain a far greater appreciation and perspective of their own good fortune in life.



Senior School Interact Club

Grandparents and Special Friends Day was held on the last day of Term 1 at Townsville Grammar's Annandale Campus. The students showed grandparents and special friends around their classrooms and demonstrated their musical talents.

Over 500 grandparents and special friends attended and were able to see where the special little people in their lives spend their days.

Guests were treated to classroom visits, tours of the campus and sharing in morning tea together.

The highlight of the morning was the concert in which every child in the Junior School performed.

We would like to thank all of those grandparents who travelled to our Annandale Campus, some from interstate and even overseas. Each guest helped make this a precious memory for our children.



GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE DAY

PRE-PREP MOTHERS DAY

MORNING TEA

Pre-Prep celebrated Mothers Day in style again this year. The Pre-Prep students invited their Mothers to come and celebrate this special day together. For weeks leading up to this event, the children were involved in designing and creating colourful, festive items for the tables, and personally created pieces for their mums.

On the day, the Pre-Prep rooms were a rainbow of beautiful shades of pink. Our mums were greeted with bright name badges to wear, photos of their child as a place setting and a beautiful collection of artwork and Mothers Day themed items made by their children especially.

Both classes had practised a special story and song, and after their performance all sat together for a yummy morning tea.

They shared a homely social morning together where many Mums had the opportunity to meet their child's friends and other Mums.



INTRODUCING JODIE DAVEY

**DIRECTOR OF TEACHER PERFORMANCE
& DEVELOPMENT**

It is with pleasure that we welcome Jodie Davey to our Grammar Community as the inaugural Director of Teacher Performance and Development.

Jodie came to Townsville Grammar from St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School where she was the Assistant Principal. Prior to that, Jodie taught at Trinity Anglican School in Cairns, and International Schools in Shanghai and Hong Kong, as a classroom teacher, specialist teacher and curriculum leader. Before moving overseas, where she met her now husband Steve, Jodie was the Assistant Head of Junior Campus at Pedare Christian College and Deputy Principal of Para Hills State School, both in Adelaide.

Jodie considers one of the greatest educational advantages we can give students is to provide them with quality teachers. She believes teachers should be supported, coached, mentored, given feedback and provided with professional learning opportunities to help them achieve professional goals and continually improve their teaching practice.

Outside the classroom, Jodie enjoys fishing, water-skiing, boating and has spent many hours sweating over a basketball court, achieving at both a state and representative level as a coach and player.

Townsville Grammar School will benefit from Jodie's skillset and we welcome her to our Grammar Community.



INTRODUCING DANNIELLE CHARGE

**SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
AND PSYCHOLOGIST**

Townsville Grammar is delighted to welcome Dannielle Charge to the Grammar Community as our School Counsellor and Psychologist.

Dannielle obtained her Bachelor of Psychology from James Cook University in 1999 and has since worked in the area of child and youth mental health. She has spent the majority of her working years with Queensland Health. Five of these as Team Leader of Child and Youth Mental Health Services, in Townsville. Dannielle has also worked in Brisbane and Ipswich for a period of time working with children and young people who have mental health issues, either engaged in the youth justice system or at risk of becoming so.

Her passion lies in working with children, young people and their families and is a firm believer in early intervention and prevention. Dannielle believes that if young people are provided with the right skills and knowledge for more adaptive coping strategies and resilience then this provides an excellent platform for better mental health in adulthood.

Dannielle is enjoying working with the cross section of ages between both the North Ward and Annandale campuses, and finds her job very rewarding.



CONGRATULATIONS NADENE MOORHOUSE CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

This year, Townsville Grammar wishes to congratulate one of our longest serving staff members, Nadene Moorhouse, who celebrates 30 years of service to the School.

Nadene commenced employment with Townsville Grammar on the 16th of January 1984, as the Office Junior. She has taken on many roles over the years, such as working with the PABX switchboard, mail room, exam typing (electric typewriter), receptionist, manual receipting on the old Kalamazoo boards, debtors, secretarial typing, QSA data entry, payroll and superannuation to now being the Principal's PA. No wonder Nadene believes her time at Grammar has flown by!

Reflecting on her time at the School and having seen three Principals, the other main changes she has witnessed is the rapid technology growth and development of Townsville Grammar School. Originally a Year 7-12 school, the greatest change Nadene has seen was the opening of our Annandale Junior Campus in 1997 and now shortly, our third campus at North Shore in 2015.

Nadene recalls one of the most exciting times was when the School purchased their first office computer, and the steep learning curve of having to master new programmes, very quickly; hence she became known as the office wiz.

Nadene has enjoyed every year spent as part of Townsville Grammar community, also lending her hands backstage, painting back drops for productions to setting up for events and functions. She believes the staff and students are what make the School such an excellent work environment. We congratulate Nadene on this great achievement.



SCHOOL HOUSE RESTORATION

WORK IN PROGRESS



Circa 1895



Circa 1961



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PREP CENTRE CONSTRUCTION

2013

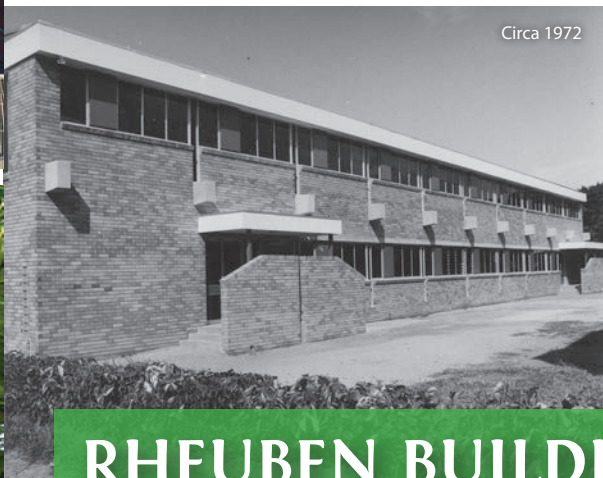


ANNANDALE CAMPUS

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Circa 1972



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RHEUBEN BUILDING

EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENT



2014



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH

EXPERIENCES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Townsville Grammar School provides valuable opportunities for our students to set and reach their own personal goals, and to develop important life skills such as teamwork, decision-making and leadership.

The award programme this year has included a trek along the historical Bullocky Toms Track from Paluma Dam to Big Crystal Creek, an expedition to Running River Gorge near Hidden Valley

and the opportunity to participate in an ocean voyage on board the Queensland Sail Training vessel "South Passage."

For many of our students these adventurous journeys provide them with their first opportunity to experience life in the outdoors. This allows them to gain confidence as they safely move beyond their comfort zone and learn to appreciate the variety of remarkable wilderness areas that can be found close to the Townsville region.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



Choosing to do the International Baccalaureate Diploma was the best decision I have ever made. IB has taught me so many things that I wouldn't have otherwise learned – from how to speak Spanish, to how to retain information over a two year period, and how to critically analyse everything. I know that the skills IB has taught me will be incredibly helpful in university and later life.

Eliza Croft (12/2014)

My sporting commitments taught me the meaning of determination and the value of will power. However pre IB, I had never applied this to my academic endeavours. Once the reality of being an IB student kicked in, I was forced to re-evaluate the effort I put into my school work and learn to work smart rather than hard.

Roger Murray (12/2014)

My initial enquiries into the International Baccalaureate fascinated me, I was enthused by the opportunities it provided, the ethics and values it reinforced, and the global principles it teaches. Six months into my diploma everything about the programme has met and exceeded my expectations. There was also the bonus of the collegiality the IB offered, our cohort is 'like family'.

Reuben James-Green (11/2014)

"An internationally minded person who recognises common humanities and shared guardianship of the planet, helping to create a better and more peaceful world" this extract from the IB learner profile exemplifies why I chose the IB option. This enriching course not only offers an internationally recognised diploma and has presented me with opportunities to fulfil my curiosity but has also enabled me to become a responsible, knowledgeable, open-minded member of Australia and the world in which I live.

Catherine Adebiyi (11/2014)



The 2014 IB Cohort

PRE-PREP AT NORTH SHORE

NEW JUNIOR CAMPUS

Townsville Grammar is excited to announce that we are set to open a new Junior Campus for the start of 2015. Townsville Grammar North Shore will cater to students from Pre-Kindy to Year 6, currently under construction on North Shore Boulevard near the North Shore Aquatic Centre.

The educational programme will mirror that of our Junior School in Annandale, and incorporate the same key strengths that Townsville Grammar is known for throughout North Queensland.

2015 will see the completion of The Early Education Centre which will include a Pre-Kindy (3 year old room) and a Pre-Prep (4 year old room).

All enquires should be directed to our Enrolments Office at the North Ward Campus - Phone 4722 4900.



BEST IN

REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

GRAMMAR SHINES IN 2013 RESULTS

Townsville Grammar School is renowned for its unrivalled academic outcomes in North Queensland. 2013 was no exception with the "best ever" results achieved by the Year 12 graduating class.

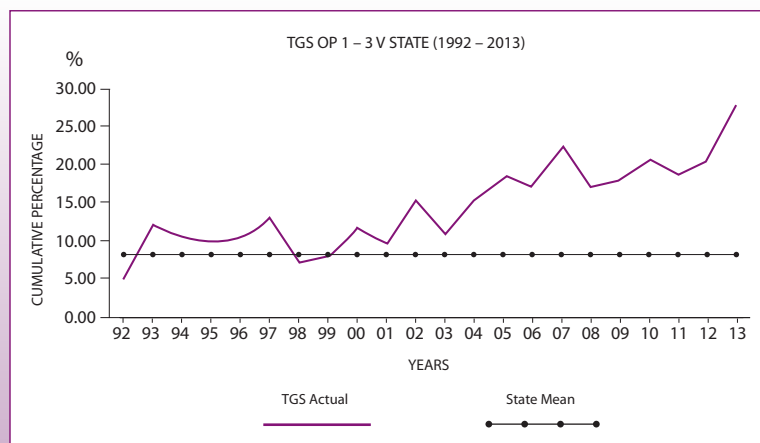
Within the cohort, 136 students gained their tertiary entrance scores through the Queensland Studies Authority or the International Baccalaureate Organisation. Almost 100% of students who applied for a university or tertiary placement were accepted.

Since the introduction of the OP system in 1992, Townsville Grammar has shown unrivalled improvement in its OP outcomes.



Damon Binder with Principal Richard Fairley

Townsville Grammar is a World School offering the Pre-Tertiary International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. IB was introduced at Townsville Grammar School in 2011 and focuses on preparing graduates for tertiary studies and life after school, through a balanced and liberal education model. In 2013, Year 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) graduate, Damon Binder, received a perfect Diploma Score of 45, placing him in the top 0.3% of IB candidates in the world and the only student to receive a perfect score in Queensland.





TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SPORT RESULTS

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

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

Age Champions		
Age	Girls Champion	Boys Champion
9 yrs	Kiara Clements	Brian Hayes
10 yrs	Amy Bragg	Samuel Brooks
11 yrs	Brittany Courtney	Bodene Hinchy
12 yrs	Lucy Bragg	Lachlan Carey

RECORD BREAKERS:

Georgina Brooks (3/2014): U8's Girls Breaststroke - 1:01.58min, previously 1:12.89min set in 2013

Jack Bragg (3/2014): U9's Boys Butterfly - 55.43sec, first record for this event

Kiara Clements (4/2014): U9's Girls Butterfly - 56.21sec, first record for this event

William Lidgett (4/2014): U10's Boys Butterfly - 47.11sec, previously 48.47sec set in 2011

Brittany Courtney (5/2014): U11's Girls Butterfly - 37.27sec, previously 45.43sec set in 2002

Georgie Lidgett (6/2014): U12's Backstroke - 38.17sec, previously 38.94sec set in 2004

Senior School Carnival - Years 10-12			
Place	Girls	Boys	Overall
1st	Rowland	Miller	Rowland
2nd	Miller	Rowland	Miller
3rd	Whight	Hodges	Hodges
4th	Hodges	Whight	Whight

Age Champions		
Age	Girls Champion	Boys Champion
15 yrs	Kira Muller (10/2014)	Sam Stocker (10/2014)
16 yrs	Emma Barsi (11/2014)	Brandon Blatchford (11/2014)
Open	Chelsea Gerrard (12/2014)	Aiden Leong (12/2014)

Senior School Queen of the Pool: Chelsea Gerrard (12/2014)

Senior School King of the Pool: Aiden Leong (12/2014)



Middle School Carnival - Years 7-9			
Place	Girls	Boys	Overall
1st	Hodges	Whight	Hodges
2nd	Rowland	Hodges	Rowland
3rd	Miller	Rowland	Whight
4th	Whight	Miller	Miller

Age Champions		
Age	Girls Champion	Boys Champion
12 yrs	Shimmer Hinchy (7/2014)	Jacob Krayem (7/2014)
13 yrs	Lara Leong (8/2014)	Maxwell Cooke (8/2014)
14 / 15 yrs	Sophie Russell (9/2014)	Jaime Symington (9/2014)

Middle School Queen of the Pool: Sophie Russell (9/2014)

Middle School King of the Pool: Jacob Krayem (7/2014)

RECORD BREAKERS

Lara Leong (8/2014): U13's Girls Backstroke - 34.4sec, previously 35.75 set in 2003.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVALS

Junior School Carnival - Years Prep-6	
Place	Overall
1st	Hodges
2nd	Whight
3rd	Miller
4th	Rowland

Age Champions		
Age	Girls Champion	Boys Champion
9yrs	Freya Boggild (3/2014)	Brian Hayes (3/2014)
10yrs	Caitlin Ainsworth (5/2014)	Matthew Ferguson (5/2014)
11yrs	Charlotte Meade (5/2014)	Gerrard Hayes (5/2014)
12yrs	Ashleigh Richardson (6/2014)	Lachlan Carey (6/2014)

Middle and Senior School Carnival - Years 7-12			
Place	Girls	Boys	Overall
1st	Hodges	Whight	Hodges
2nd	Whight	Hodges	Whight
3rd	Rowland	Miller	Miller
4th	Miller	Rowland	Rowland

Age Champions		
Age	Girls Champion	Boys Champion
12 yrs	Shimmer Hinchy (7/2014)	Yideg Nethery (7/2014)
13 yrs	Shirley Alcock (8/2014)	Ryan Wingham (8/2014)
14 yrs	Isabelle Oxley (9/2014)	Matthew Maguire (9/2014)
15 yrs	Danette Potgieter (9/2014)	Tesfa Nethery (8/2014)
16 yrs	Emma Henderson (11/2014)	Ben Thompson (11/2014)
Open	Chelsea Gerrard (12/2014)	Liam Bonner (12/2014)



GRAMMAR@HOME

Earlier this year, Club Rugby held its first 'Grammar@Home' day for 2014. Club Rugby displayed its full complement of teams from Under 8's to Under 17's enjoying the 'home field' advantage. The Alan Morwood Oval played host to the Under 8's - Under 11's matches whilst the Bill Muller Oval, Grammar's traditional Rugby ground, hosted the Under 12's - Under 17's matches with fantastic spectatorship from parents and friends creating a wonderful carnival style atmosphere.

PAST GRAMMARIANS

NEWS OF PAST STUDENTS

MARRIAGES:

Congratulations to JANA PETERSON [2004] on her recent marriage to John Williams, a former Cowboys player who now plays for the Cronulla Sharks. Jana has had a successful career as a model and has appeared in several television shows.

NEWS OF PAST GRAMMARIANS:

It was heartening to see that NEIL RUSSELL [1934] (pictured sitting right) was able to take part in the Brisbane Anzac Day March. Neil won the prestigious Distinguished Conduct Medal for his heroic deeds at Tobruk. Pushing Neil's wheel chair was ARTHUR BURKE [1961] a retired Lieutenant-Colonel who was awarded an OAM in 2009 for his work particularly for veterans and their families in association with the Anzac Day committee in Queensland. Arthur also received a National Medal in 1979 and the Centenary Medal in 2001.

Patron of the Past Grammarians' Association EDNA SHAW [1940] continues to show a keen interest in all School events and successes. She is in continual contact with the Association.

DOROTHY LAWRENCE [nee SCHULZ 1945], whose parents owned a sheep station near Hughenden, attended the School in 1942 and subsequently taught

French, English, Latin and Modern History at the School from 1943-1945. The School History Book states that the results achieved by her junior classes were of an exceptional standard. Dorothy tells of the supportive and happy atmosphere that headmaster Tommy Whight fostered with his teaching staff and considered it a privilege to teach at the School. Dorothy later influenced the attendance of her brother-in-law BARRY LAWRENCE [1949-1952] and now lives with her daughter Heather and family at Mt Elliott.

Thanks to ALAN SEAWRIGHT [1946] who was a recent visitor to the School. Alan who is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Queensland and has been most helpful in helping fill in gaps with the archival history of the School.

Also thanks to PETER ROBERTS [1961] with his help in outlining the Roberts family history at the School. The first Roberts attended in 1896 and we had members of the family until the early 1990's. Peter's father IAN ROBERTS was a trustee from 1942 to 1968 and chairman from 1962 onwards.

GLENNYS PERRY [1954 and ex staff] advises that her son JOCK PERRY [1986] is on the mend following a serious medical condition last year. Glennys says that while Jock is still in a wheel chair he is able to walk short distances and his paralysed right arm is also beginning to be controlled.

SCOTT ROGERS [1981] has been in contact regarding his mother TRISH ROGERS [1969-1993] a long time commercial teacher at the School. He



writes that his mother broke her hip late last year but has now fully recovered. Trish has moved to Brisbane to be closer to her family.

JARRAD GRANT [1991] is managing a local business and is at the forefront of triathlon organization in Townsville. He is currently busy with the up-coming major triathlon event to be held in North Queensland.

The Ahern brothers are doing well in their areas of expertise. DAVID AHERN [1989] is the chief engineer of CMC, a leading Queensland building and construction company. CHRIS AHERN [1992] recently formed his own building company, City Build, in Townsville.

DANNY McKELLAR [1993] is having a successful year as the defensive coach of the ACT Brumbies in the Super 15 rugby union competition. Danny had previously coached in Scotland, Ireland and Canberra. A team mate of Danny's Grammar 1st XV in 1993, SAM ROSSATO [1993] is working in the Australian Embassy in Paris. Sam spends much of his time in working on the war graves on the Western Front.

PATTI HALL [nee GLASGOW 1993] has left the Grammar staff and has her first book, "Teach Love Life: from stress to success" at the publisher. Patti is also involved in giving talks and seminars on how to improve one's lifestyle.

Another Grammar leaver from 1993 is EDDIE PLANT. A retired major from the Australian Army, Eddie runs a successful business on the Gold Coast and also helps servicemen returning from areas of conflict to adjust to civilian life. Eddie spent time serving in the Middle East and Papua New Guinea.

SALLY McPHERSON [1998], her brother DREW McPHERSON [1999] and MATTHEW PETERS [1999] were in Townsville recently to extol the virtues of their Brisbane based business iSeekplant. The company is a plant hire website that aims to provide construction efficiency products around Australia.

DEAN CAVANAGH [1998] has moved from Mackay to Charters Towers where he is working as a Police sergeant. He is happily married with two young children.

ELIZABETH STALEWSKI [1998] has returned to Townsville and is working as a GP in a flourishing medical centre. ALEX KIPPIN [1999] is also working at the same medical centre as Elizabeth.

NICHOLAS KNIGHT [2000] is enjoying life on the Sunshine Coast and was recently appointed coach of the Caloundra Panthers, a local AFL team.

Our best wishes to ANTHONY CALEO [2001] for a speedy recovery from severe burns he received while working on his parents' property.

KRYSTAL KIRKMAN [2004] is working for the state member for Townsville. She is also actively involved with the Old Boys' Rugby Club as secretary and "chaser up" of those players who are behind on fees and match payments. Her efforts for the club were rewarded when she won the trophy for the "Best Clubman of the Year".

Another past student involved in rugby union is CHLOE BUTLER [2004]. She was recently selected in the Australian Woman's Rugby Union team, the Wallaroos, to play in the forthcoming World Cup to be held in New Zealand. We wish Chloe all the best.

Congratulations to HARRIET DYER [2005] on winning the Sydney Theatre season for the 2013 best Actress Award for her role in the play 'Machinal'. This is a remarkable achievement as she beat actresses such as Cate Blanchett to win the award. Those who follow the television show "Love Child" would have seen Harriet in one of the lead roles.

CAVIN WILSON [2005], Dux of the School in 2005, is enjoying life at Cambridge University where he is reading Economics. Cavin, a winner of the prestigious Sir John Monash Scholarship, has also been offered an internship with NERA Economic Consultants in London which will help him gain more practical experience in micro-economic policy. Cavin's sister, KATHERINE WILSON [2007], has a full time position with the Toowoomba Regional Council. Prior to that Katherine worked on a strategic planning

scheme for the Tablelands Regional Council. Katherine has an honour degree from JCU in Town Planning and was also awarded the Minister's Award for Town Planning for her Honours' thesis.

J-P SMITH [2006] has been doing well on the tennis circuit. He has won twenty regional tournaments to date and made the final of the recent Challenger Tournament in Taipei. J-P is ranked 198 in the world and he and his New Zealand partner are ranked 73 in Men's Doubles.

REMI HII [2006] became our first past student to win a Logie Award when he was voted "Best Young Talent on Australian Television". Remi has been seen on various television shows over the last few years.

Thanks to the CALEO twins, JACK and CLARK [2013] for undertaking the task of coaching the Grammar Under 8 Rugby Union Team. They are doing an excellent job in helping the young ones learn the skills of the game.

Another past student who continues the wonderful success achieved by Drama and Music students at the School is JARROD MAHON [2011]. Jarrod is a member of the Brisbane based band, The Creases, who recently signed a world-wide record deal with Liberation Music and Mushroom Music Publishing. The band is undertaking an East Coast tour starting at the end of June. Jarrod attributes much of the success to the inspiring teaching of Mr S Blanch (Music) and Ms F Perry (Drama).

ARCHIVAL SNIPPETS OF PAST GRAMMARIANS:

The family of CLIFFORD REGINALD MECHAM [1889-1890] has been in contact with the School regarding his career as a ship's captain and his involvement in the landing at Gallipoli. They are also pleased to add that there is a six year old family member currently enrolled in our Junior School.

Mr Rowland's school in London, St Paul's, have been helpful with our archives. G.H.SCHACHT [1909] who left Grammar to attend St Paul's was a regular letter writer to Mr Rowland. The archivist at St Paul's writes to say that Schacht was awarded a Military Cross during World War One while serving for the British Army. However, the MC was awarded under the surname of DUTTON. He changed his name because of the German connotation to his family name. It also solves a problem we have with the PRO PATRIA Honour Board that includes the names of Schacht and Dutton although there has never been a Dutton enrolled at the School.

Archival research has also shown that OSCAR FRANCIS McMAHON [1912], a boarder from Mareeba, joined the Australian Navy in 1913 and served in both World Wars and was awarded an Order of the British Empire in 1942 for services to the navy.

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CONGRATULATIONS

JUDGE STUART DURWARD, SC

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Judge Stuart Durward, SC, has been appointed as the new Deputy Judge Advocate General – Army on promotion to Brigadier.

His Honour has had a long and active involvement with the AALC. He was appointed as a Captain in the Army Reserve in 1988. He subsequently served as a reserve member in Queensland and later the AALC Panel Leader for North Queensland.

He has been involved in high level inquiry work and appearance work before service tribunals. More recently, he has been performing the duties of a Section 154 Reviewing Officer (reviewing courts martial, Defence Force Magistrate trials and petitions). In 2007, Judge Durward, was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to lead an inquiry team to investigate the combat deaths and serious injury of Australian soldiers.

In his civilian career, His Honour was admitted as a Barrister in 1976. He served as a Crown Prosecutor in Queensland from 1976 to 1986. He was called to the Bar in 1986, until he was appointed a Judge of the Children's Court of Queensland, District Court of Queensland and Environment and Planning Court in 2006. His Honour has also held a number of extrajudicial appointments, including President of the North Queensland Medico-Legal Society from 2005, Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors since 2005 and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Townsville Grammar School since 1997.

Traditionally, a DJAG is appointed for each Service at the one-star rank. This allows for a proper tri-Service balance. Usually (although not always) appointees are sitting judges of superior courts or of a District or County court, and are filled by ADF Reserve legal officers who have deep professional legal expertise and are highly respected within the broader legal profession. This is appropriate given their role in reviewing decisions of Judge Advocates and Defence Force Magistrates arising from courts martial and Defence Force Magistrate trials, and providing legal reports to the Service Chiefs and CDF on trial outcomes and petitions for review of convictions and punishments.

His Honour is very highly regarded within the judiciary, the legal profession, his community and the Corps. His extensive legal and military experience makes him eminently suitable for the position of DJAG-A.

VALE: OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Past Grammarians' Association wishes to pass on its deepest sympathies to the families of those past students who died recently.

GRAHAM HOUGHTON ROBERTS [1934]: Graham had two years at the School before finishing his Schooling at Barker College in Sydney. On returning to Townsville he was articled to the family law firm and had passed his intermediate examinations before enlisting in the RAAF. He was sent to England and Canada for further training and then flew with 44 Squadron [a Rhodesian unit]. He was shot down twice over northern Europe escaping back to England on the first occasion. On the second occasion he was captured and spent three years in a POW camp at Lamsdorf in Eastern Prussia. After the war Graham returned to Townsville where he completed his legal qualifications. Graham became involved in many community projects and was awarded the OAM in 1992 for his services to the community and to golf. He published two books, one on his experiences as a POW and the other on the history of golf in Townsville.

LAURENCE EDWARD "JOE" WILKINS [1939]: Joe loved his days at the School and often related the story of the time when the headmaster, "Boss" Rowland took him to a play rehearsal in town and grimaced when he sat down on a rough wooden bench. The next day, at School, Boss took him aside and said: "Wilkins, I had a misfortune last night. At the rehearsal a splinter pierced my posterior and I had to get into my bathing suit and have matron remove it". Joe enlisted in World War Two as an eighteen year old. He served in New Guinea with the Australian Intelligence

Corps. After the war Joe, who never married, worked in the finance industry. An extremely generous man Joe donated to fifteen charities each year. In 2001 he donated \$250,000 to the School for the establishment of a bursary to help students attend Grammar. In 2006 he donated \$100,000 to the Mater Hospital in Brisbane to help with research into prostate cancer.

ESME ANNIE MORRIS (nee TRUSCOTT 1942): Passed away recently. Esme was one of the few remaining past students who experienced the move from the Paxton Street Campus to Rosslea after the School was taken over by the RAAF in 1942. Not much is known of her time at the School, but she did represent the B team in Basketball. The Highlight of the team in 1941 was to beat St Anne's, their great rivals, 21/17. Esme remained a staunch stalwart of the School over the years and was a regular attendee at the SE Queensland reunions.

TERENCE BANDA [1993]: Terence came to Grammar from PNG where his parents had settled from Zambia. A talented athlete and a most respected student Terence was head boy and winner of the Chelmsford Cup in 1993. On leaving School Terence studied medicine in the United States before returning to PNG to work in that country. It was always a dream of Terence to return to Zambia and work as a doctor in that country. He did so only to die from complications of pneumonia. A wonderful person gone too early.

Another past student to die too early is **LOUISE YOUMAN [nee LEVERS 2001]**. Louise was a boarder from the Richmond district. A vibrant and popular girl Louise was a good netball player. On leaving Grammar she worked in Townsville as a property manager. She then moved to Sydney where she married her partner a week before her passing.

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OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY

As a Past Grammarian, you have access to our private Online Community which allows you to:

- Stay in touch with friends from TGS
- Hear about upcoming reunions and events
- Post and share your photos with our community

To view the site, go to the TGS website (www.tgs.qld.edu.au) and then click on the button for Past Grammarians.

Any problems, please feel free to contact us at (email) office@tgs.qld.edu.au or (phone) (07) 4722 4917.

Opening Doors

Belinda Dennis (July 2013)

Forefathers gathered to raise many a dime,
rallying community as one, way, way, way back in time,
to build a future for us from then henceforth,
to create, to guide to educate the tropical north.

Historic buildings, solid foundations quickly sprung,
a spirit strong, toiled, determined school song begun,
when our studies here we start,
let us do better when we depart.

Students progressed through the years and times tide,
enrolments burgeoning to our doors open wide,
our youth quagmired, slaughtered in trenches deep,
sacrificed but not forgotten by us in our sleep.

With emblems, a Christian shield, a castle built upon strong rock,
our school has grown upon this solid block,
marching to the tune of spiritual values clear,
open to all, over land or sea, far or near.

For some students, a home away from home, forging new family ties
leaving the nest, we laughed, we cried together, encouraged to fly,
friendship bonds here and scattered around the land,
but alas these memories, tucked away moments, shared, hand in hand.

The light of Grammar grows stronger not dimmer,
sparking minds, souls and spirits, a new glimmer,
these walls grow sturdy, resilient with time,
with relations, parents, aunts and uncles, yours and mine.

Our achievements in study, sport have beyond our gates,
have nurtured doctors, dentists, teachers, even magistrates.
May we modestly yet boldly continue to thrive,
over the next one hundred and twenty five.

*Written for the 125th anniversary Country to Coast Bush Barbeque.
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