



# The Towers

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## Headmaster's Message

When I arrived in Penrith at the beginning of this year, one of the most pleasing impressions I received, was of pupils in attractive brown uniforms making their way to the High School.

At school assemblies and in class rooms the brown school uniform still appears very attractive to me. Throughout the year I have noticed more and more boys and girls wearing the school tie and the brown blazer with its gold braid.

There are many reasons why I have emphasised so often the importance of school uniforms.

Boys and girls look their best in these uniforms and it is an economical way of dressing. Above all it is an indication of the development of loyalty to a school. This characteristic of loyalty to a school and to a home town is of great importance in the development of the new generation of citizens.

The wearing of a school uniform is not compulsory. I would prefer the brown and gold tie and blazer to be worn with freedom and with pride, an indication of loyalty to one's class mates and to Penrith High School.

If I were to have a school pledge it would contain the words, "I am loyal to my school," and the first act of loyalty each day would be the wearing of a school uniform.

Whenever I visit another school or observe any group of pupils I compare their manner of dressing with that in Penrith High School. I have no doubt that other people do the same and so the first impression one receives of a school is the school uniform.

I will always remember the many evidences of loyalty to the school during this year—the enthusiasm I have observed in competitive sport, in inter-school debating, at the school athletics meeting and even in the raising of school funds through a "house" rag collection.

This loyalty and enthusiasm can even result in better class work, in a determination on the part of all pupils to do their best. Then on that last day when a boy leaves school with his school reference, it can contain no better recommendation than: "This boy will always do his best."

When I first walked through Penrith High School and around the school grounds I was greatly impressed by the manner in which these grounds had been developed.

They are a tribute to the energy and loyalty of those headmasters, teachers and citizens of Penrith who have worked for the school.

At present the grounds are in excellent condition but more still remains to be done.

I am sure that all those people who have assisted and are still assisting the school derive much satisfaction when they observe the results of their work.

I am sure also that the participation in such worthwhile projects develops more loyal and better citizens.

### SCHOOL FEES

Commencing in 1959 there will be a small increase in school fees. The new scale will be:—

First Year: £ 2/-/- per year.

Second Year: £ 2/-/- per year.

Third Year: £ 2/10/- per year.

Fourth Year: £ 3/-/- per year.

Fifth Year: £ 3/-/- per year.

It is anticipated that school funds will then be sufficient to enable an improvement to be made in the quantity and the quality of books and equipment available to pupils.