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Headmaster's Message

Dear Boys and Girls,

This issue of "The Towers" Magazine differs in some respects from previous issues. It contains class lists. Every pupil will find his or her name at least once in the School Magazine.

There are also photos of pupils and many references to successes in Sport and School Work. The School Magazine should be regarded as a souvenir or a record of a year's work at Penrith High School and as such it should be treasured.

Many other records of school life are available and are acquired by pupils.

These are the half-yearly and yearly reports, the Intermediate and Leaving Certificates and finally the School Reference. These differ somewhat from the School Magazine in that they must be won. They constitute, together with the School Magazine, a story of your life at Penrith High School. In later years you may browse through all these records. If you have done your best at school they will bring you pleasant memories of happy days and friends you have made at Penrith High School.

— J. P. Sharpe,
Headmaster.

"ALTIORA PETO" — Our School Motto.

Humanity has always instinctively looked up for inspiration, for it has ever seemed natural and true to set one's aims high.

This thought, crystallised in the cryptic Latin of our School Motto, serves to remind us that in a world of stupendous scientific achievements and future promise without limit, it is still the things of the spirit that matter; that we, one and all, must "seek the higher things" if we are to fulfil our purpose; that only thus shall be dispelled the dark clouds that gather over us.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL

As we write this farewell message, the memories of Penrith's trip to Wagga, of the Zone Athletic Carnival, and of the University Shield final are fresh in our minds. There are many schools that would be proud to share the brown and gold of Penrith and it is good to see fellow pupils who are as proud of this school as we ourselves. So we say, to all our friends, congratulations on your enthusiasm.

We would like to thank the Prefects for the co-operation and help they have afforded us throughout the year and let us not forget the pupils themselves, who, after electing us to leadership, have given us all possible encouragement and aid. Our best wishes are extended to

the elected Captains and Prefects of next year and to our fellow Fifth Years in their ensuing careers.

On behalf of the Prefects we would like to thank our Prefect Master, Mr. Edwards, in whom we had a person who was a pillar of strength to support us and a source of much sage advice; and on behalf of Fifth Year we would like to thank the Headmaster and Staff for their untiring efforts to equip us to face the future.

Remember that in Penrith High School we have a school that has never let anyone down, so do not, any of you, ever let it down.

Your Captains,

Barbara Crossing & Robert Munro.

INVESTITURE OF PREFECTS

The Investiture of Prefects was held in the Assembly Hall before the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Year members of the School. The ceremony was attended by the then Mayor of Penrith, the late Mr. L. Spies and Mrs. Spies.

The Mayor and Mrs. Spies were welcomed by the Headmaster, Mr. Sharpe, who explained that Mr. Spies would present the badges to the boys and Mrs. Spies, to the girls.

Mr. Edwards, Prefect Master, explained the system of electing Prefects, that the Prefects were the representatives of their fellow pupils, and had the responsibility of setting the example in every phase of school life.

After the Prefects had given the pledge, Mr. Edwards introduced to Mr. Spies, the Boy Captain, Robert Munro. After he had been invested with his Captain's badge, Robert introduced his Vice-Captain, Ian Jay, and the Prefects, Graeme Bamford, Philip Berry, Terry Carvan, Colin Johnson, Elio Pachetto, Ross White and Philip Wilson. Fourth Year boy Prefects are Robert Coburn, Peter Muir and Bruce Thomson.

Captain of the girls, Barbara Crossing, came forward, and her badge was pinned on by Mrs. Spies. Barbara in-

troduced the Vice-Captain, Helen Allison and the Prefects, Barbara Cuckson, Helen Edwards, Yvonne Fripp, Jennifer Hoey, Janette Howell, Anne Maiden, Judith Marston and Roslyn Smith. Fourth Year Prefects are Lorna Brown, Juliet Clark and Kay Hunt.

The Prefect register was signed by each Prefect after his or her badge had been pinned on.

Mr. Spies thanked Mr. Sharpe for the invitation to be present and wished the Prefects and Captains every success in their duties and in the time to come.

The Vice-Captains, Helen Allison and Ian Jay, gave speeches in which they explained the aims and duties of a Prefect, tracing the growth of the Prefect System from its beginning.

The School Captains, Robert and Barbara, then moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mrs. Spies for the part they had played in presenting the Prefects' badges that day. This vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

After the investiture, the Mayor and his wife, and the parents of the Prefects were entertained at an afternoon tea arranged by the Prefects.

— Kay Hunt, 4th Year.