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## Headmaster's Message

This year a new High School was established at Emu Plains. It is called the Nepean High School. Pupils who had been accommodated at Penrith High moved into the new buildings in June.

A motto was chosen for the new Nepean High School. It is "Aspire the Heights" and is a very appropriate motto. The motto of the Penrith High School, expressed in Latin, is "Al Tiora Peto", which might be translated as "I Strive for Higher Things". Thus the new High School and the older school in this Penrith area combine in encouraging children to do their best.

The tradition of the school is developed around its motto. I hope the

tradition is developing at Penrith of a high standard of achievement in all school activities. The school already has a record of achievement and it can only be maintained by continued and purposeful effort by pupils.

One might also note a changing pattern in the motto now chosen by schools. In many new schools the motto is expressed in English instead of Latin. This results from a situation in which Latin is now less widely taught in schools.

However, irrespective of the language in which the motto is expressed, it should always be an inspiration to pupils to do their best.

J. P. SHARPE, Headmaster.

## THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

As 1963 rapidly draws to a close, the thought of the Leaving Certificate Examinations is striking fear into the hearts of most Fifth Year Students. It is only now that we realise the real importance of that word "Leaving".

In a matter of weeks we shall be leaving behind us the world we have known for the last ten years and shall be launching out into new fields and ventures. It is only when we must bid farewell to those who have moulded our lives for us that we realise how much we are indebted to them. So we, therefore, take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of Fifth Year, all those who have helped and advised us during our years at Penrith High. We would especially like to thank Mr. Edwards, the Prefect Master, who was always ready to listen to our problems and assist us in the carrying out of our various tasks and duties.

Thanks must also be extended to the Prefects, whose loyal support and unflinching co-operation has "lightened the load and made straight the way".

Nevertheless, despite the sadness which inevitably surrounds a Fifth Year in its final stages, there is present an air of excitement, of intense expectation, as each pupil anticipates the new life awaiting him.

It will no doubt seem strange not to be wearing the familiar brown and gold, but we are certain that whatever field a pupil of Penrith High may choose to enter, he will remember his school with pride, and as he sought for higher things at school, will strive to attain the highest pinnacle of success in life.

Yours Captains,

PETER COBURN and  
PENNY WENSLEY.

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## INVESTITURE OF PREFECTS

The Investiture of Prefects for 1963 was held on the 26th February before the guests of honour, the Mayor of Penrith, Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman, and an audience of Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Year pupils.

The Headmaster, Mr. Sharpe, gave a short address, welcoming the guests.

At the conclusion of this speech the Prefects took their pledge. Mr. Sharpe then introduced Peter Coburn, the Boys' Captain, to the Mayor. Mr. Chapman presented Peter with his badge, and Peter then introduced the Vice-Captain, Geoffrey Edwards, and the Boy Prefects — John Badcock, John Baczelis, Hugh Christie, Michael Dunn, Geoffrey Fallon, John Hollier, Ian Honnery, Stephen Jack, John Penman, Geoffrey Porter, Ross Smith, John Talbot and Stephen Wright.

Mr. Sharpe then introduced the Girls' Captain, Penny Wensley, to Mrs. Chapman, who presented her with her badge.

Penny introduced the Vice-Captain, Rosalind Eason, and the Prefects—Lesley Alexander, Lorraine Baguley, Anne Cordwell, Sandre Dunn, Catherine Dutton, Elizabeth Finnimore, Wendy Loundar, Faye Macgregor, Janet Pace, Karin Rizzo, Christine Roberts, Susan Talbot, and Dawn Willmott.

Each Prefect signed the Prefects' Register after receiving his or her badge.

Mr. Chapman then gave a brief address, mentioning that many of the Prefects would become leading citizens in Penrith's community.

Peter thanked the Mayor and Mrs. Chapman for their parts in the ceremony and these thoughts were seconded by Penny.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Prefects conducted their parents around the school and entertained them at afternoon tea.

CATHERINE DUTTON (4th Year).