

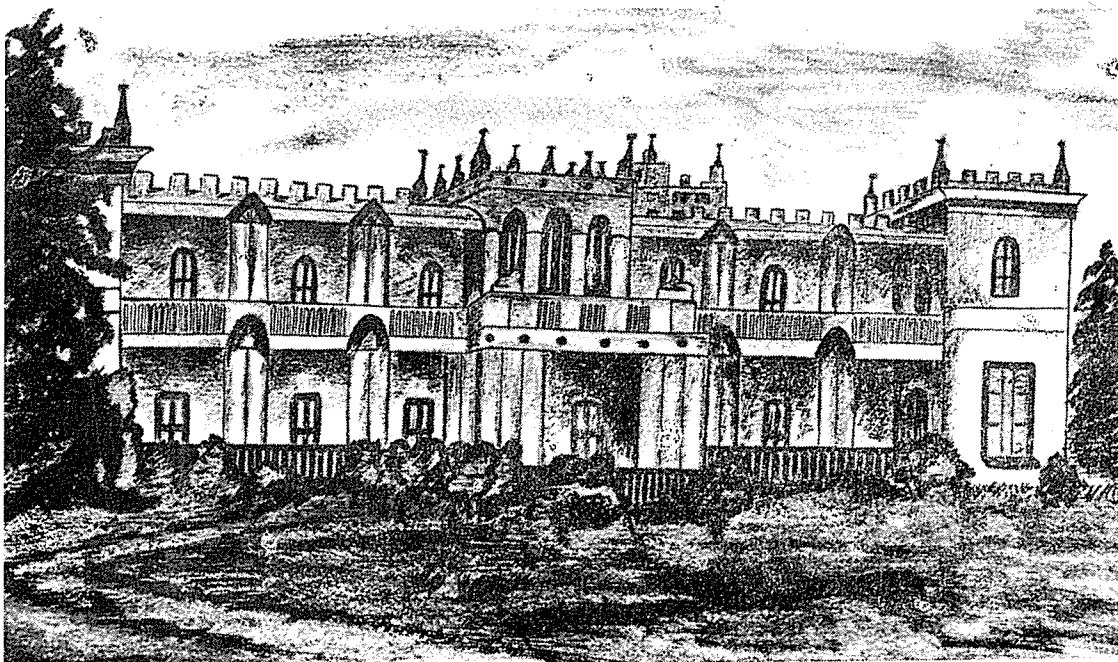
THE TOWERS

MAGAZINE OF PENRITH HIGH SCHOOL



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THE TOWERS. The building which once stood on the site of Penrith High School and from which the magazine takes its name.

EDITORIAL

"You can't do that!"

"Just look at where his hand is."

"Although it has definite possibilities."

"Do you think he'd mind if we left it?"

"Oh let's do it anyway!"

"One thing is for sure — they will never let us near a School Magazine again."

"Ahhh!" "My God! If you had sneezed there would have been pictures and papers from one end of this room to the other".

"Chooo!"

It's on again. Penrith High School in its own inimitable way produces "The Towers 1974".

The magazine has been produced this year with the help of a great many people. Mrs. Mansell and Miss Aberly who prepared "The Arts" Section; Miss Wright and Miss Morath who worked on "Sport"; Robin Beville-Anderson, David Wilson, Peter Love and Gina Casey from 5th Form who devoted their abundant energy and ideas; Mrs. Paterson who typed vast amounts of copy; Mr. McKeon and countless others who provided photographs; the 5th Form students who collected donations; and Penrith Businessmen and Community Organisations whose generous financial assistance made the publication of this magazine possible.

To all these people and the many others who became involved along the way, I extend my deepest thanks. We hope that you enjoy reading "The Towers, 1974" as much as we have enjoyed producing it.

G. M. BEARD,
Editor.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE, 1974

It is with some degree of frustration that I compose a few words for what is commonly regarded as the Principal's Message for 1974. This state of mind arises from the fact that I firmly believe few students take the trouble to read this section of the magazine.

Most students are aware of the achievements of 1974 — the successes in Rowing, League and Golf and other activities such as Drama, Alliance Francaise and others too numerous to mention. Most students are aware of our problems — the new fans arrived in time for winter and presumably all heating arrangements will be completed by summer.

However, a well-drained football field, two new basketball courts, the moving of the bus terminal and the beginning of our new building programme are only weeks away — so at least there is promise of better days ahead.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' REPORT

BOYS' CAPTAIN

Penrith High has for so long been a part of my daily activities and the thought of leaving disheartens me somewhat. I have enjoyed immensely my stay at the school and have personally achieved great pleasure and satisfaction through my acquaintances with various teachers and students, especially that of my own year.

The time has come however when we all must go our separate ways and though we are leaving many friends and our second home, we will never forget the treasured memories of the past six years. We have experienced many situations and through them have learnt to adjust and mould ourselves into adults of tomorrow. The past two years has perhaps played the most important part in our understanding of the world around us and the responsibilities we must accept to be successful in it.

During the years we have become acquainted with the majority of the teachers and it has been through their steady guidance and assistance that we have reached this stage of maturity and self-reliance. The teachers have had to work under appalling conditions and with limited material. Words cannot express our appreciation for their determined efforts and valuable assistance.

Penrith High has been and will continue to be the most dominating school in the area and has established its position amongst other schools in the State by being Champion Rowing School of N.S.W.

This year has seen a great improvement in the standard of sport and much praise must go to our Sportsmaster, Mr. Beard, whose encouragement and school spirit proved to be an inspiration to all students.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all the sixth formers of thanking the Principal, Mr. Booth, Deputy-Principal, Mr. Waterson, and all the teachers and students who have made our stay at Penrith High (though not comfortable at times) a most enjoyable and memorable experience.

PAT SHIELDS

GIRLS' CAPTAIN

All too quickly, the end of the school year is almost upon us and sixth form must say their good-bye's with mixed feelings.

Whether you have been at Penrith High for a couple of years, or for a whole six, the "character" of the school is imprinted on your mind and memories of it will linger for a long while to come, if not for your whole life. It is a place to which you become accustomed and familiar, and although the many portables don't change (through rain, hail and scorching sun), each year there is a new round of faces to meet which are customarily surrounded by the friendly atmosphere prevalent in the school. It is a school known for its sportsmanship, honesty and co-operation, and as a school is only what the students make it, you can easily see the character of those that are within its buildings five days of every week.

When many people think of school, a vision that often enters the mind is of students with their head in a book never stirring from the drab classroom. But education is much more than an academic entanglement. Sporting and social activities play a major role and these different fields often provide as much knowledge as a book. Perhaps even more as you are "living" an experience, not merely "reading" one. There is one thing we often forget, our education will not stop until we stop living, most of us will learn the hard way by making mistakes, and I thank everyone for putting up with all the stupid things we have done.

The Principal, Mr. Booth, and the all important teachers have done a wonderful job striving to make Penrith High even better in the eyes of its students and impartial onlookers. Much thanks especially are extended to the students for making it possible to have some very enjoyable years here at Penrith High, and I am sure Sixth Form all wish you lots of luck and hope to see you in the near future. Even though we are leaving the school, it is not as easy to break friendships that have been built up over the years and I'm sure the cliché "when making new friends, remember the old", will be well remembered. I sincerely hope that the brown and gold emblem will be forever held high in the years to come.

ANN HARDY