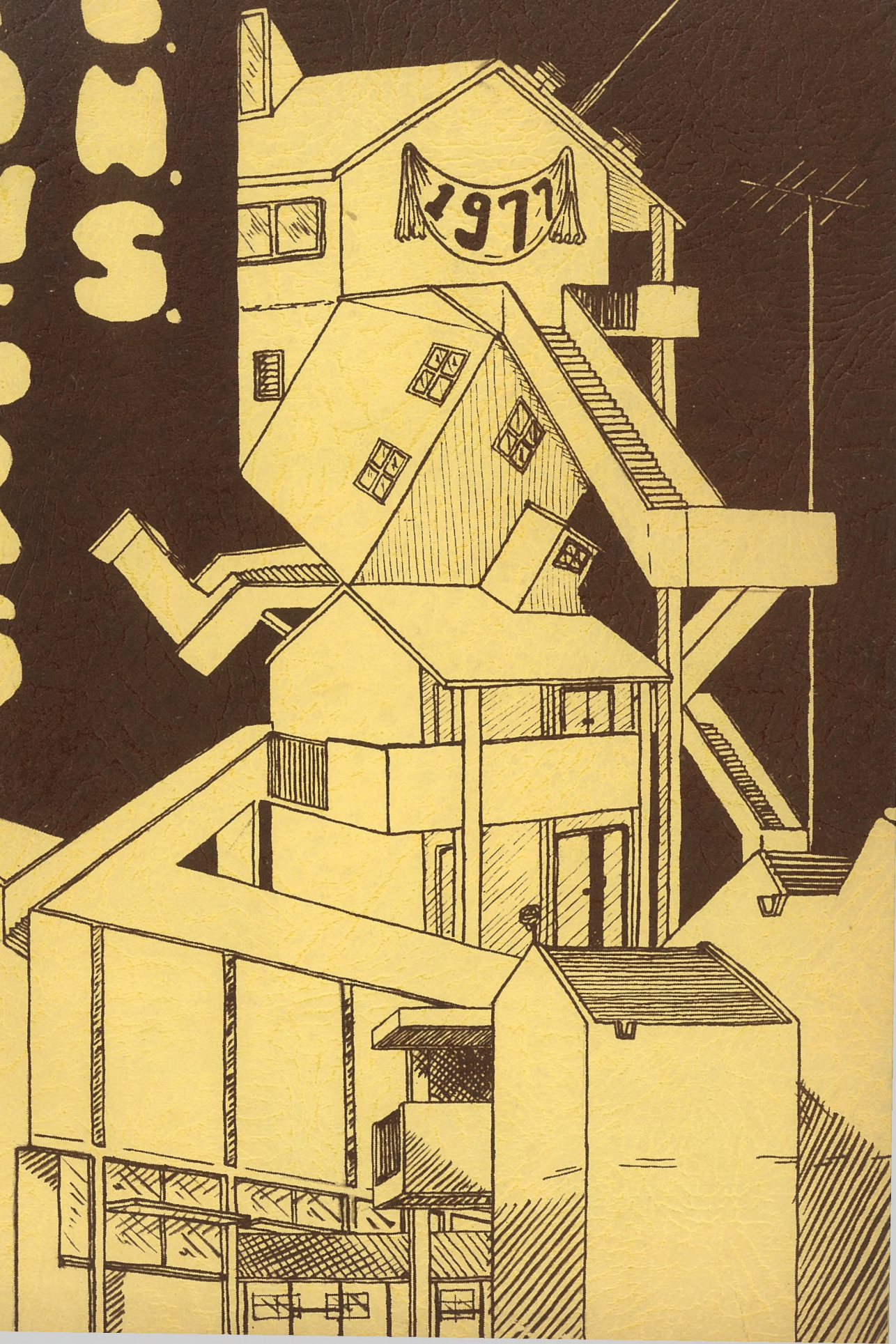


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Principal's Report

This year we have transferred Prize Night to the end of the year and combined 1976 and 1977 into one function. The change makes it more convenient for prize winners going off to country Universities and Colleges to receive their awards. The change also enables prizes to be awarded in the year in which they are won.

We have finished our first full year's work in the new Craft Complex. The building is generally very good. The only criticism that I can make is that it contains more innovations which are too flimsy and too costly in software for school use. At the time of writing, Stage II of our re-development has been sited and we are hopeful of a start on the building in about a year.



The academic and sporting record of the school appears elsewhere. In general, we continue to do well in both spheres.

In 1977 we have tried to make an environment for scholastic success. We have not ignored the need for social activity. Some functions have not happened in the traditional way because too much time was spent by Year 11, in particular, in elaborate preparations. Year 11 is a very serious and important time in a student's life. It is an opportunity that only comes once. In spite of this many Year 11 people squander the opportunity and waste the time of those students unfortunate enough to be in the same class. The school does not shed its responsibility in this serious issue but draws attention to the fact that it is also largely a family and community matter.

A warning for the future must be given when academic achievement is being considered. The staff tries to have each child leave school with at least a School Certificate. Some parents find positions for their children before the end of Year 10. We wish such ex-students every success. Over 90% remain to earn, or fail to earn, the School Certificate. "N", or no awards, are being given to those who do not complete tasks suited to their abilities or to those whose behaviour or attendance is unsatisfactory. In this time of job shortage every student should aim at as good a School Certificate as possible. There is also to be a separate school Result Sheet for Penrith High School Year 10. For Years 10 and 12 leavers it is obvious that the better positions, or any positions at all, will go to those who have extended themselves academically.

The thanks of the school goes to all who have worked so hard to make Penrith High School the happy place that it is for most of us. Mr. Reg Waterson, our Deputy Principal, transfers to St. John's Park High School. Those who have worked with him, or, who have been students, at this school have benefited from his kind and considerate treatment of all people. We thank the Parents and Citizens Association and in particular Mrs. White and the Ladies Auxiliary. Without their work this school would be a much poorer place. All benefactors of the school, known and unknown, are gratefully acknowledged.

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