

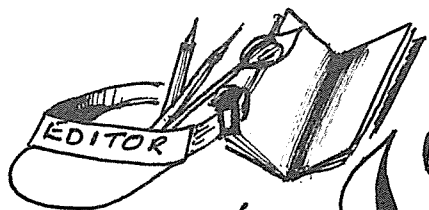
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PENRITH HIGH SCHOOL



EDITORIAL

Preparing this year's magazine has been both a pain and a pleasure. We have been beset by all the usual problems of a magazine crew: the difficulty of rounding up contributions, both literary and pictorial, the desperate shortage of time to do the work, the necessity of "watching every cent" as production costs are so high, and the sense of inadequacy that we were not "doing the school proud".

On the other hand, it has been a sheer delight working with so many talented, enthusiastic, and hard-working students without whom this production would not have happened. Foremost among these has been Tara Van Dyk, chief photographer, illustrator, labour organiser and salesperson. She has been ably assisted by Elizabeth Ramirez, Natalie Friedland and many other Year 11 students. Maurice Schindler and friends have given generously of their time in assisting with the graphic work. We have Sammy Virtanen to thank for the cover.

As no edition of the magazine was published in 1988, we have given space to the personalities and events of that year as well as of this. Finally, after sifting through their contributions, we are pleased to observe that the students of Penrith High School appear to be not only literate, but thoughtful as well. We regret that we could not publish all of their work.

The business community of Penrith has once again assisted financially with generous contributions. We thank them and we thank all the students and teachers who have help with the organization of this magazine.

Good reading!

The Editors.

Our final year at Penrith High School has come to an end. During year 11 and year 12, we have been nagged by the teachers about how important our H.S.C. is and how we should give up our social lives to study. Some of us did and some of us didn't with the obvious consequences. Putting aside this nagging, in the senior years, we have realised that the teachers really are human. We have not only formed friendships with our fellow students but also with our teachers. They have always been there when we needed them.

Mrs Kemp, who took over from Mr. Williams, along with Mr Press and Mr. Bancroft, have given us leadership and pushed us in our senior years.

Penrith High has given us many memories - school carnivals, Jindabyne trip, various other excursions and parties where friendships were formed.

I would like to thank my fellow students and teachers for giving me the opportunity to represent them and the school as captain. It was a great experience and I wish the next year 12 and the school captains the best of luck.

It is with both relief and sadness that I say good-bye to Penrith High. I'm sure that the rest of year 12 feel the same as I do.

Donna Healey



REPORTS



1989 has been a full year for the School Captains. Of our many duties, two stand out as the most memorable.

The first event was the induction of the School Captains and vice-captains. On this occasion the N.S.W. Premier, Nick Greiner, attended Penrith High School. This is an indication of how respected and important Penrith High School has become.

The second memorable experience was our attendance at Sydney Boy's High School for afternoon tea. We spent an interesting afternoon comparing notes with students from a wide range of schools.

During the year, we were also interviewed by various newspapers. The captains conducted school assemblies and attended the wreath-laying ceremony on ANZAC day. Later this year, the captains will be meeting the Governor of N.S.W.

This has been an enjoyable year and I am proud to have been the boys School Captain.

Adam Haines,