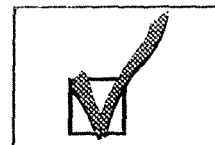




# EDITORIAL COMMENTS



At last it is time to put to bed the 1993 edition of the *Towers Year Book*. It has been a very interesting experience introducing a new team of students in the art of publication after working with an experienced team for the last couple of years. Happily, those who have stepped forward to fill the breach have done a wonderful job. They have shown great dedication in their work, they have listened, they have remembered and they have behaved! Ultimately, of course, their efforts will be judged by your response to this publication. True, it is not perfect but for a first effort I think all who have been involved in this edition of the *Towers* can take a bow.

One of the virtues of Penrith High School is that it has the courage to allow and promote student endeavours such as this. The *Towers* is, from start to finish a student thing. They gather the Sponsors, they write most of the material here, they type it, edit it and assemble it. My job has been one of supervision, photos, checks and final touch ups: (It is high time another took over this rewarding job!). I wish to thank and congratulate all those who worked on this Year Book.

One of the problems with a publication like this one is keeping things together, so often pictures go astray or are used in an unexpected way. It is also difficult trying to stop the black pen brigade who take absolute delight in attacking the faces (any anything else) of those photographed in the name of humour. My apologies to those few faces that I could not preserve. I hope that we have offended no one. It is hard finding that fine line between humour and hurtful; hard for adults and much more difficult for students.

Special thanks must go to Ms MacDonald for taking on the job of helping to produce this. Thank you Ms Slade for all your help with the covers and for the graphics (I wish we had space for more of them). Thanks for all the help and support given by the Staff of P.H.S. Finally, a special tribute must go to our editors who have toiled to make it all happen: **Joanne Stinson, Charmaine Fraser, Caroline Hewitt, Ben Edwards, Sarah Graham, Sylvia Huaku, and Matthew Larwood.**

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R. McLellan

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# Press Release



Another year is fast drawing to a close in the lives of Penrith High School and its students. We are approaching that time when we say farewell to a number of students who are completing their secondary education. To these people, we wish them all the very best in their H.S.C. examination and their future lives. Although Year 12 are small in number, when compared to all of those who started in 1988, they have applied themselves well to their studies, and deserve a fair reward for their efforts. To those who are returning next year you must recognise that you have to earn your results. You will only gain what you want if you put in a determined effort in every aspect of your schooling.

I have the pleasure of observing the work produced by our students, within the classroom and also in extra-curricular activities and I am most impressed by your efforts. It is, however, essential that you maintain your excellence.

Congratulations to all members of the school, both staff and students, on a very fine year.

Mr P.D. Press

# Wingett's Words of Wisdom

## Deputy Principal's Report.

1993 has been another successful and enjoyable year for Penrith High School. Besides the achievements of many students in debating, mock trial, academic competitions, athletics, swimming and many sports, I have been personally pleased at the continuing development of student leadership.

Special congratulations are due to Elizabeth, Donald, Stuart, and Helen as our Captains and Vice Captains. The way they have performed their duties and carried out their responsibilities has been exemplary. Each has attended many evening functions to represent the student body and assist in the conduct of the functions.

The increased leadership being displayed by the SRC members through their constructive contribution to school matters is of benefit to staff and students alike. This has included participation in School Development days as well as regular input from roll call meetings.

The innovation this year of House Representatives based on the roll classes has greatly increased the number of students who can directly participate in leadership. Mrs Lester is to be thanked for her efforts in establishing this broader leadership structure.

I would like to thank all of the staff, both teaching and ancillary, students and parents for your continuing support during 1993.

Mr B. Wingett



# 'aye 'aye captain

Writing this report is a sign that our time as the captains of Penrith High School is coming to an end. This brings out mixed emotions in us. Feelings of excitement and of fear overwhelm us but we all know that we will look back on not only the last year but our whole school life with the highlight being not only the 1993 School Captains but the last of the comprehensive era.

During the course of the year we have had the honour to represent the school at various functions and ceremonies. We were present at the Penrith School's Commemorative Ceremony and met the Governor of New South Wales, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, at Government House, which is a privilege every School Captain receives. The four of us have chaired school assemblies, the 1992 Presentation Night, but something that stands out was that we presided over the first ever School Parliament, to be held here and this was another highlight for us. We have also represented the school in the Student Representative Council.

Over the last six years, our year has had the privileged of having great Year Advisers, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them, for all their help, guidance, and encouragement that they have given us. Mr. Allsopp, who helped us through the junior years and helped us prepare for senior life. Mr. Johnson, who is no longer with us at this school, helped us settle into the senior school last year, and finally, Mr. Davi, who was saddled with the unenviable task of having to take a year into the H.S.C., in his first year as an adviser. We thank you all, and hope we have done you proud.

As we prepare to face the H.S.C. and then the rest of our lives, we would like to wish the rest of the school well, in not only school work, but in the rest of their lives, and we hope you achieve everything you try to. To future Captains, we wish you the best of luck and hope you find your final year as memorable and fulfilling as we did. The honour of being the Penrith High School Captains will stay with us forever.

Donald Frost and  
Elizabeth Marchant.