



# The TOWERS

## Yearbook 1994



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## EDITORIAL

The Towers Year Book has been completed after a lot of effort by a number of people. Students from our school have produced most of what you will see in the pages before you. This has involved students in raising money by seeking sponsors from local businesses and parents to help bring down the cost of the publication. Hours were spent walking the streets, making a sales pitch, coping with frequent disappointment and administering the detail. Some of the photography is the work of students. Students gathered articles by staff members, wrote articles, creative stories and poems. All the ads and sponsors labels were made by students working on the Towers and Mr. Antone's Yr 10 Computer class. Teams of 2-3 students spent time as guests of the Social Science Staff Room typing up stories. A team of 6 - 12 students have laboured to complete the layout of the Year Book and helped Mr. McLellan cope with their changes to his preconceived plans.

We wish to thank the many staff members who have released us from class to complete this publication and who will help us catch up on missed work.

Special thanks must go to Mr. McLellan, our supervising teacher, to the Social Science Staff for making the typing possible by lending out their computer, to Mr Antone for laying out the typing, printing, and for helping with the sponsor labels. Thank you Ms Slade for your support and for finding Chris, Thank you Mr Coleman for helping with the supervision.

Special thanks to the editors and co-editors. Editors this year were Charmaine Fraser, Joanne Stinson, Benjamin Edwards and Carolyn Hewitt. Co-editors were Jenny Down, Kelly Finch, Michael Jeffery and Craig Horsley. A crisis occurred in the second week of final layout when all Year 10 students were required for Work Experience. The co-editors are to be congratulated for carrying on so well.

Credit for the covers must be given to Joanne Stinson (front) and Jacquellane Manila (back). A great big thanks must be given to our newest member, Chris Wich who made our pages come alive with his brilliant cartoons. Please come back next year, Chris!

Finally, we wish to thank and acknowledge the work of:

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Charmaine Fraser

### **Explanation of Cover**

The Towers was a private house owned by Dr. Alexander Barber, who died in 1906. The property and surrounding grounds were sold to the N.S.W. Education Department who demolished the building in the late 1940s to allow for the construction of Penrith High School. All that remains of the original building are the stone gatepost crowns now located at the front flagpole.

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This year has marked another milestone in the history of Penrith High School. Every student now enrolled in the school has gained entry under the Selective High School system. The first of our selective system students present themselves for the Higher School Certificate at the end of this year. I wish them all the best in this examination and also in their future. It has been a great pleasure to have witnessed their development from pioneers in 1989, to the very fine group of people they are today. They have lead the way for the other students to follow and have played a very important part in the development of the school.

The past six years have not been easy. Initially the conversion of Penrith High School from a local comprehensive school to a selective school was received with a lot of opposition and fear of the unknown. With the dedicated effort of the students and staff we are now accepted by the community of Western Sydney and this sets us a challenge to continue and maintain this position.

I always get a pleasure from reading our students reports and seeing the evidence of the high standard of work being done by the vast majority of our students. You are all to be congratulated on your efforts. However, I must remind you all that admission to a selective high school is not a guarantee of academic success. This can only be attained through dedication and hard work by each and everyone in the school.

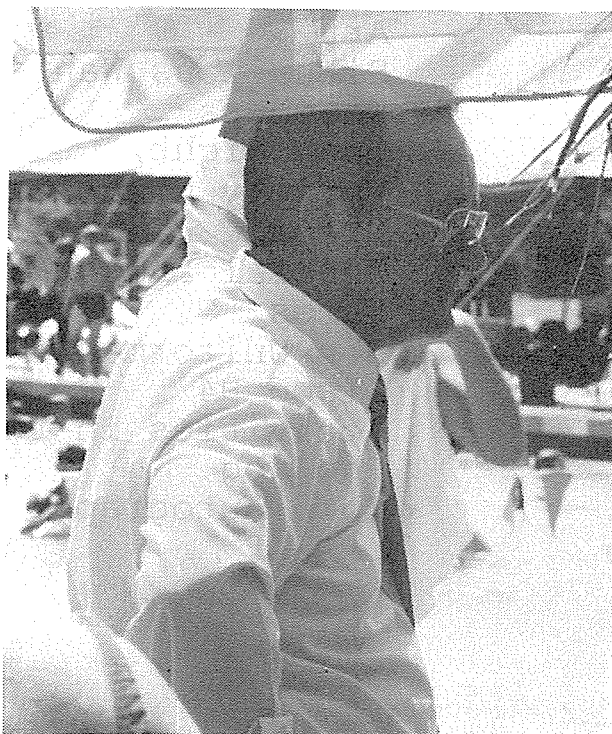
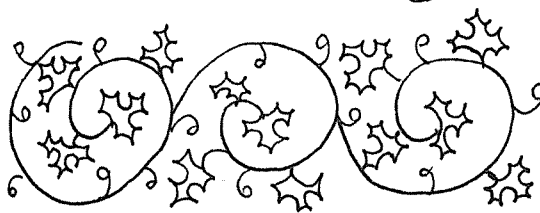
Another pleasing aspect of the school is the high rate of participation and success in extra curricular activities. These include debating, mock trials, drama presentations, sport, academic competitions and other activities too numerous to mention.

To all members of the school community, parents, students and staff may I thank you for another successful year and I look forward to working with you all in 1995.

**P.D.PRESS**  
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# SCHOOL

# PENRITH

A very important event concerning representation within Penrith High School has occurred with the formation of the first School Council. The School Council brings together teachers, parents, community members and students to discuss school policies and important issues concerning our school. This year's school council consists of

Mr P. Press (Executive Officer)

Mr I. Keese

Mrs J. Cheong (Secretary)

Mr M. Bernays (Teacher Reps)

Ms C. O'Farrell

Mr G. Chapman (Community reps)

Mr H. Szafraniec

Mr A. McDavitt

Mrs C. Wilson

Mrs J. Dwyer (Parent Reps)

Ms S. Baumgarten

Ms D. Harrison (Student Reps)

Although only in its early stages, the council has already achieved a lot. In particular the council has decided to direct a Department of Education Computer Grant to linking the current computer system to the library. This will mean that there will be greater student access to computer facilities such as word processing, databases, printing and CD ROM. This is just the beginning as the school council seeks to create a positive creative education centre at Penrith High.

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