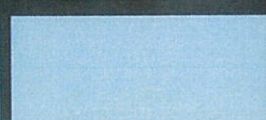
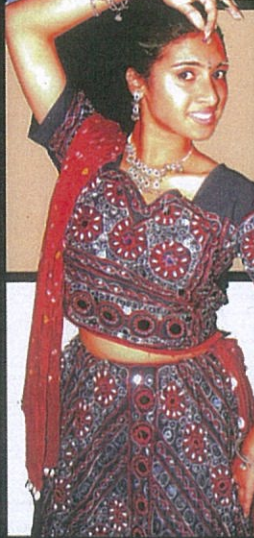


TOWERS '08



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



The year 2008 has certainly been memorable. We began the year with our School Captain, Stuart Bryson, representing Australia at the Model United Nations Assembly at The Hague and School Captain, Vashti Maynard, sharing lunch with the Director-General on Australia Day. As the year has progressed, we have experienced many successes, celebrations, special events, and innumerable examples of our students striving for the highest.

This 2008 edition of *The Towers* records a year of challenges, old and new, special times and lots of fun, as well as some stunning achievements. We have enjoyed the completion of our building project - the first major refurbishment of the school since we became an academic selective high school in 1989. Our new Library, Science Laboratories and Performing Arts Unit, and not forgetting Mr McNally's new Tractor Shed, have given us a huge boost.

We finished 2008 with a special award for our school. Complementing all the achievement awards presented to our staff and students through the year, our Creative and Performing Arts programs were recognised with the Director-General's Award for Excellence in School Achievement. This is the most prestigious award in NSW education and it reminds us that we are a school of excellence in so many areas and in so many ways.

My congratulations and thanks to our wonderful students, staff and parents for your outstanding efforts and contributions through 2008 and we look forward to a very bright future at Penrith High School in 2009.

Wendy De Paoli
Principal