

# *Towers 2012*

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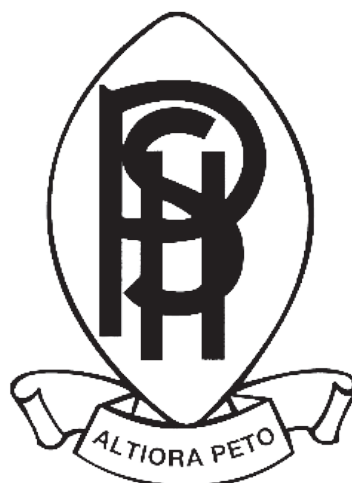
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## PRINCIPAL - JOHN ELTON

It has been another fantastic year at Penrith High School. The school continues to create an environment in which students not only achieve outstanding academic results, but gain exposure to other valuable activities and learning experiences.

Some of the major changes this year have come about because of the end of the School Certificate. Most noticeably, Year 9 graduated from the junior school this year and will be the first Year 10 group to be part of the senior school - and yes, they will wear the white shirt! For Year 10 the HSC Essentials program was introduced and we hope this will make the transition to Year 11 much smoother than for previous cohorts. The 'SEE4ten' project was introduced and showcased to parents. The concept of a digital portfolio was a new type of challenge for many students in Year 10.

A change for all students this year was the wearing of school ties. It was noticeable that the standard of uniform improved considerably. All students should feel proud of their school and uniform is one way to demonstrate this. Another change was the introduction of the school diary. I am seeing more and more students organised and managing their studies more effectively and this can only be a positive development.

While I am proud of the achievements of our Year 12 students, I am sad to see them leaving the school. They are a special group that has added so much to the character and tone of the school. I know we will see more of these students in years to come as our future leaders in society.

There have again been a number of school and individual highlights. I was particularly impressed with the level of involvement in this year's Walkathon. The fictional character theme was popular, with many more students coming in costume. Equally impressive was the Multicultural Day. Seeing a packed hall appreciative of the outstanding performances was a highlight. School Spirit Week was once again successful.

There were so many great individual highlights, both academic and extracurricular.

Our School Captain, Imogen Clark, graduated from the Arts Unit Talented Development Program and was a featured artist at the Schools Spectacular. To have one featured artist at this event is an achievement, but to have two is truly exceptional. So I was delighted when I received the news that Kate Grima-Farrell was also to be a featured artist. Both girls are so deserving of this accolade. Also worthy of mention here is Owen Morris, whose trumpet can be heard in musical performances at the highest level.

From a leadership perspective it was gratifying to witness Jessica Washington receive a Ministers Award for Excellence in Student Achievement from the Education Minister. There is no more deserving student.

For the second year in a row Penrith High had a recipient for the Marie Bashir Peace Award. Lemuella Lajara was recognised for her efforts in fostering harmony and raising awareness of issues affecting young people.

In debating and public speaking there was again great success. Particularly noteworthy was the Year 11 team that won the 'Debate the Future of America' competition with a great win over Sydney Girls. Some of these students were also part of the Mock Trial team who, at the time of writing, had reached the State Semi Final of this prestigious competition. Add to these the success of Natalie Buckett and Jaspreet Kaur in being selected as representative debaters and you can see that debating is alive and well.

In the academic area there were so many achievements. Two in particular stand out. Oliver Scarlet was first in New South Wales and the ACT in the University of New South Wales ICAS Mathematics competition and Jaspreet Kaur first in the English competition. These two students achieved this in our learning environment here at Penrith and this is something in which we should all have pride.

All in all it has been a great year. I hope every student can take away pride in their achievements and can aspire to even greater heights in 2013.

John Elton

