



CHESSMOVES

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is our final CHESSMOVES for 1998.

October 17th was the date for our successful reunion for the 1970s. Camberwell High was able to gain some editorial copy in the Sunday "Age". Five of our ex-students were photographed together at the reunion and this was included with their 1973 form photo with an article about them all 20 years on.

I would like to thank the committee that has worked well together to support the school and ex-students by organising newsletters and activities throughout the year. We have eleven monthly meetings with almost 100% attendance from the committee. Extra volunteers came forward to assist with the 70s reunion night.

All CHESS members and partners are **invited to** join CHESS for our 'break up' dinner at the **Kelvin Club**, Melbourne Place, Melbourne (off Russell Street). The superb menu of entree, main, dessert and coffee is \$35 per person plus drinks by consumption. Seating may only be confirmed by pre-payment on the enclosed booking form.

Bernard Corser - President

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Some six years ago, architects, labourers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters and a score of other classes of men were set the task of erecting a school building. The result of their toil is the beautiful structure known as the Camberwell High School

The concrete foundations of that edifice were well and truly laid for not only do they carry the weight of the present 3 storeys, but they are strong enough to support even another tier when the time comes to build an assembly hall and gymnasium.

No expense was spared by the government in providing a building worthy of the district, and municipal councils of Hawthorn, Kew, Nunawading and Camberwell gave an area of land that would provide excellent playing fields. It is unfortunate that the impact of war on our country temporarily interrupted the development of this playing area, but the time of waiting has now passed and the beautification and development of the school surroundings will soon begin.

Just as solid foundations were laid for the buildings, so foundations just as sound are slowly but surely being laid for living material of which the real school is built.

It is not easy or simple to mould into a whole the many units that come from fifty different schools, to inculcate a school spirit into five hundred girls and boys, to make the pupils proud of their association with one another and with their new school.

It is impossible to say how grateful I am personally to the parents of the scholars for their unstinted help in this work. So many appeals have been made to them for financial assistance that I have been somewhat ashamed. Their response is shown in the way they have provided school uniforms for the boys and girls, in the creation of a fine library, in the provision of pianos, wireless, crockery, and a hundred other amenities.

When one looks into the future and realises that this school is likely to be one of the foremost educational institutions in the state, the importance and the need of a sound foundation are understood. To ensure this solid foundation, such institutions as prefects and the house system, the introduction of a school magazine, orchestra and choirs, and the provision for a wider cultural development through an adequate library and good pictures, have been the objects of most careful thought and deliberation.

The selection of a badge and motto for the school was not the least important part of the foundation.

“Disco Consulere Aliis” - “I am learning to be thoughtful of others” - is the guiding principle of the school and I feel that if a pupil leaves with that thought ingrained in the heart, the school has done its work well. The motto is engraven in the stonework of the building: let it be in the character of the pupils.

A.V.G James - Principal

(taken from the first “Prospect” produced by the school in 1946)

*Wishing you a safe
CHRISTMAS
and a prosperous
NEW YEAR*

CHS 1970S REUNION - FRIDAY 16/10/98

Over a month ago saw the CHESS Committee organise at the school a reunion for students who had attended during the 1970s. In light of last years 1960s reunion attendance, where 190 people came, it was expected to be around the 200 mark but unfortunately only 140 ex-students arrived on the night. Still, they did themselves proud by at least matching the 1960s group in the consumption of alcohol and special mention should be made here of the 1974 exit year school leavers. The speeches comprised an address on the current situation of the school from the present principal Elida Brereton and then Peter Knights jumped up over Bernard Corser’s back and did a speccy - sorry, a speech talking about the one year he had at Matric level in CHS where he majored in sport and minored in school work.

After those two speeches there was a tour of the school where people could reminisce about Mr Trevare’s old music room, the boys’ master’s (Mr Markham) office, Mr “the Economic Problem of Today is” McDonald’s room 17a, Miss Veronica Smiff’s English room and where

you could jump out of the window on detention and of course, culminating in Mr Shipley's (and Mr Waugh with the chopped finger) woodwork room. And that was just in the old building - the 'new' building of the early 1970s brought other memories especially of the geography, home eco., chemistry and physics and also the lady who caused a big stink when she arrived, Mrs Jeffrey's, and her library room.

Than as the tour was closing we decided to sneak off and light up a smoke in the 2nd floor toilets but the ex Senior Prefect (Now El Presidente of CHESS) Bernard Corser couldn't help himself so he doxed us all in to Miss Rusden who also kindly attended the reunion. OH - how times haven't changed and if you happened to miss out - Bernard's younger brother, Haden, ("H") is selling autographed copies of a Sunday Age "Sunday Life" feature article about the CHS reunion and how he and 5 other alumni are travelling 25 years after 1973 HSC.

In closing I would like to thank Yvonne Wray for trying to track down the old teachers and we were fortunate enough to have George "Pedro" Pollock and Ron Longmore there.

"Sofia's" in Camberwell would also like to thank the 6 long tables worth of 'sober' customers they had later that night.

Neil Bouvier