BATHURST HIGH SCHOOL

Normal, Quiet, Standard ... on the Outside. But Underneath Strange Things Happen...

THE BURL 1990
EDITOR'S NOTE

Well... it has finally come to the time when I can say thanks to everyone who helped me, because at last it's all done.

- Panorama Printing - you're legends.
- Mrs Roughley and her Year 9 English class - none of this would be possible without you.
- John Payne - and the 300+ films he took.
- Jenny, Megan, Kelly, Aimee, Emily, Tara, Sarah, Lisa, Emily, Julianne, Hayley, Kate and any other student who helped me.
- Kirsten Mutton - who helped type, cut, give and stuff until 3:00 am this morning.
- All the staff and students who star in here.

This is my first go at one of these... so go easy on me. The students speak for themselves, they are all truly amazing.

Greg Ballantyne

6:14am
10/12/99
A Message from the Top

I was given the following poem by a parent earlier this year and I am re-printing it here because I feel that it sums up better than I can the importance of relationships between schools and families.

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher; the tools he used
Were books and music and art.
One a parent with a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart

Day after day the teacher toiled,
With touch that was loving and sure,
While the parent laboured by his side,
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed he would have failed
If he had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher, the home.

As we enter a new Millenium we need to reflect on what we’ve done well and what we might do differently in the future. The importance of our young people and the role of parents and teachers in teaching them will always be vital.

The Burr showcases and records for prosperity what we, teachers and parents, having wrought in our young people during 1999. We present it to you with pride for their achievements are wondrous and varied.

Jan Gerard
Principal
Deputy Report No.1

Will new years day be the first of the next millennium or the last of this millennium? We have opportunities no one has had in a thousand years!

Students want to explore and experiment, and part of the fun of life is that you don’t know what is going to happen next. But we all have ideas about how we want to live. How do we make our hopes happen?

Students have never had so many options, so many choices. To make the best of these you need to do some planning. Think about what you want in the long term but be flexible about how you might achieve this.

Firstly find out, and keep finding out more, about opportunities. Start thinking ahead about educational choices and possibilities. What is coming up next year and after that. Have you thought about work experience, or courses in year 9 or year 11, “Pathways” courses, or TAFE and University courses? Have you considered whether you will stay in Bathurst or move to further education elsewhere? How do you find out about opportunities in Bathurst and other places? Have you thought about going to University open days, have you visited University and TAFE web sites or talked to people who attend interesting institutions?

And secondly, you cannot just keep exploring endlessly, you must commit yourself to action which will get you where you want to go now or may decide to go in the future.

So where are you going in the next millennium? How will you get there? Start to find out now and commit yourself to achieving your goal.

Charles Johnson
Deputy Principal
Deputy Report No. 2

It was with great delight that I received a phone call at Canobolas High School on April 1st informing me of my transfer back to Bathurst High School. I say "back" because I had last taught at Bathurst High School in 1963 and 1964, my second and third year of teaching. I have very fond memories of those years, particularly of the Astley Cup. It seemed a bigger event then - the Mulvey Cup debate was broadcast live on 2BS in the evening, and the whole town seemed to stop on the Friday afternoon to attend the Rugby League match.

In those days the Astley Cup was more evenly contested. In fact when Bathurst High won for the third year in a row in 1964, it was the first time that this had been achieved!

Since taking up duty in April, I have been working very hard to learn how the school works. I have been very impressed with the ongoing tradition of the school, the achievements of students in state and national academic competitions, and particularly the talents shown in the areas of Creative, Performing and Visual Arts. Real highlights were the winning performances of the Stage and Concert Bands in the Bathurst Eisteddfod - the fourth year in a row, as far as anyone can remember. I would like to see all students taking more pride in the school by identifying with its long and proud tradition. Acts like always wearing school uniform and keeping our lovely school site free of litter would be a good start to this display of identification and pride.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all staff, parents and students for the welcome and support they have given me since my return to the school.

John Payne

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Middle Row: K. Hope, J. Forrest, B. Miller, Mr. Payne, D. Croucher, J. Murphy, K. Buckles, J. Price
Front Row: J. Lewis, J. Therebold

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School Council Annual Report

Special thanks to all School Council members for their commitment to attend meetings, school functions and having a general interest in well-being of students attending Bathurst High School. A Special General Meeting was held on 31st May to make amendments to the constitution regarding changes in the Department restructure (areas) and terminology.

Aim number 1 Strategic Plan: Identify local education needs and priorities determine the aims and education goals of the school, this will include: Implementation of the Care and Discipline Policy; implementation of the New H.S.C. “Securing Their Future”; improve the transition from Year 6 into Year 7; continue to develop Vocational Education initiatives; continue to implement strategies to improve educational outcomes for boys; promote analysis of subject learning outcomes. Due to the Teachers Federation bans on these activities for the foreseeable future, this will affect Council’s operation of the evaluation. Many of the targets in the Annual Report require analysis and evaluation regardless of the Annual Report and these activities are being pursued.

School Council wish all Year 12 students good luck for their future and hope you succeed in your chosen field.

Liz Sewell

New Captains

The captains of the new millennium are all very excited about their new roles in the school. We all have some ideas to improve the school and make it a better place. We would like to thank the school for their support and we feel that you have made the right decision and we will do our best to fulfil our duties and be excellent role models for up and coming students.

Nathaniel Pinder & Erica MacGill
Apex Gold Card Project

The Women's Apex Club of Bathurst, with assistance of Bathurst High School, implemented the Apex Gold Card Project to the school. This project is designed to give recognition to the youth for academic achievement and volunteer service in the local community.

The Apex Gold Card Project was launched on Thursday 16th August and was attended by Councillor Kaye Stapleton, Richard Fulton, Ros Bryant, Sharon Cross, Geoff Griffin, Jan Gerard, sponsors, teachers and students.

Students from years 10 to 12 can obtain points from various activities within the school or representing the community. Once they obtain 50 points they are recommended for a Gold Card which gives them discounts and incentives from local business houses.

The first presentations of Apex Gold Cards was made on 22nd October to Year 10 students Greg Smart, Riorden McWilliam, Sam Martin, Alice Coomans, Jason Rapley, Nathan Kenny and Alicia Colley. Year 12 students eligible are Andrew Chung, Amanda Coopes and Ryan Newis.

The Women’s Apex Club of Bathurst and Bathurst High School, would like to thank their sponsors for this project, including – Central Commercial Printers, 202 Howick, Elm Tree Garden, Bloomin’ Healthy, Country Camera, Bathurst Teddy Bear Shop, Bathurst Laser Skin Care and Electrolysis Centre, Max Ingersole Retravision, Country Coffee, Intercept Café, Bernard’s Bakery, Bob’s Trophy Shop, Churches Garden Centre, Fletchers Fotographics, and The Flower Box.

On behalf of the Women's Apex Club of Bathurst, I would like to thank Bathurst High School for implementing this program in it’s first year, the Bathurst High P&C and School Council for their endorsement and the students that have obtained their Apex Gold Cards for making this project such a success.

Sharon Cross
The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group that represents the student population. The main aim of the Bathurst High SRC is to support activities that improve the wellbeing of the student population as well as promoting school spirit.

In 1999 we have had a new SRC Adviser, Kate Boshier. With her assistance, the SRC has been involved with fundraising for “Jeans for Genes Day”, “Daffodil Day” and improvements for the school.

Earlier in the year SRC organised a visit for Japanese students from Itami High School. This included tours, performances and a BBQ with a live band. This was a wonderful experience for both students from the SRC and the visitors, who really enjoyed meeting each other.

The SRC has also run several workshops during the year to help student representatives understand the importance of holding an effective meeting. To make it fun we set up role-plays to demonstrate how NOT to run a meeting. We also took this time to discuss how to improve our school for all students and in particular new enrolments and Year Seven students. (Of course, it was also necessary for us to devour tonnes of food at these workshops - to help keep our energy levels up!)

One of the great ideas that this year’s SRC came up with was to renumber and name the school. The main aim of this was to hopefully make the transition for year seven and new enrolments easier, as we all remember how hard it was when we first arrived.

If you think you’re a budding ideas person, or love to see students having there say, or you just want to be a part of a great group of people who like to get things done then you should think about the SRC. Next year we will be looking for nominations, so come and talk to any member of the SRC.

The SRC would just like to give a final big thank you to our wonderful student Adviser for this year. Who without her we would not have accomplished any thing. Thank you.

Elizabeth Ahearn

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A.S.S.P.A Report

A.S.S.P.A. - is the acronym for Aboriginal Student Support and Parental Awareness Committee, which is funded by D.E.T.Y.A. Bathurst High has such a committee that on a monthly basis. Our main goal is to increase the involvement of Aboriginal family members in their students education and to improve educational opportunities for all Aboriginal students.

A number of activities organised by our committee during 1999 included:

*NAIDOC Week activities consisting the flag raising, a special assembly and a football competition between staff and students.

*Several pro-active workshops held at the school whereby students’ participation included anti-violence presented by the capable Senior Constable Libby Bleakly from Lithgow Police. She is also a Youth Liaison Officer and has a strong rapport with young people.

*Our local radio personality Luke Bona visited the school and spoke of his life experiences and necessary skills required for the radio broadcasting industry. By the feedback given, he proved a popular guest.

*Michael Duncan from National Parks and Wildlife (also an Aboriginal Parent) held a native title workshop so those students had an opportunity to get an overview on a topic high on the political agenda.

* A two day trip to Sydney for Years 10, 11 and 12 students to further their education and career opportunities.

Our committee donated awards to encourage Aboriginal students for academic and sporting achievements, including other participation...
awards. A.S.S.P.A. has purchased resources/texts for use in Aboriginal Studies, English, Science, HSIE and TAS. We have also achieved our outcomes that were set earlier in the year, with all finances constructively spent towards contributing to better education for Aboriginal students.
Our treasurer, Michael Duncan, has done a splendid job in bookkeeping and informing the committee constantly as to our cash flow. Thanks also to the office staff from Bathurst High for assisting with this important role.
I must acknowledge the work of Stuart Everett, teaching Aboriginal Studies.

From the feedback I have received, students are given first class teaching in such a diverse subject. I would also like to send a strong message to the students of Aboriginal Studies or appreciation of their desire to study this topic and it is they who will hopefully have a social impact on the outside world in terms of cultural awareness.

To the principal, Jan Gerard, thanks for all your support throughout 1999. As we are aware, Jan attends numerous functions and meetings that involves Bathurst High education and she has always included A.S.S.P.A. high in her diary. For that we are appreciative. We would also like to thank John Payne, Janny Toohey and Rocky Evans, staff at the school who have a big input into Aboriginal education and involvement.

Finally to our committee. Next year I am sure that the new chairperson will take us into the next century with vigour and interest of the students at the fore.

Congratulations to our Year 12 Aboriginal students, William Ward, Jillian Cavanagh and Zac Riley. We wish you well in your future endeavours, whatever you choose to do.

Cheers,

Maureen Bates-McKay
Young Achievers

This year four students from Bathurst High School entered the Young Achievers of the Bathurst Royal Show. Sarah Druce represented the school in the senior class, Amanda Simons and Adam Windus Intermediate class and Katie Bonham was our Junior class representative. We did exceptionally well in this prestigious event with all our competitors receiving a Highly Commended ribbon. They were also commended on the work they put into their CV’s and for their jobs undertaken at the show.

The four students enjoyed the preparation for the competition, the interviews and their stewarding roles at the show. We met many new people like other students, judges, show society members and the general public. We enjoyed their company and hope to see them again. We would encourage as many young people to enter the competition as possible because we believe we have encountered a wealth of new knowledge and experience.

We would like to thank Ms. Damic for the encouragement and support right throughout the tedious stages of preparation, our referees and all the other people who were there for support and encouragement.

Tim Batch and Karen Evans, winners of Minister’s Award for Excellence !

CONGRATULATIONS !!
P & C YEARLY REPORT

1999 has been a year of consolidation for B.H.S. P & C Association. Some fundraising events could not be held, and few new members joined us to replace those "stalwarts" whose children had finished high school.

Nevertheless, a small but dedicated group of parents still managed to raise over $17,000 for the school, and many individual projects were funded by the P&C Highlights of the year included:

- Craft Expo in March. This event was particularly pleasing because the students held a special day of stalls and activities which raised over $1500;
- Assistance with Apex Gold Card scheme;
- Incorporation of the P&C;
- Manning of the Bathurst City Council tourist van at the Bathurst Show, October and November car races.
- Seminar held by Federal Member Peter Andren, to explain the significance of G.S.T. to non-profit organisations;
- Construction of the pergola on the oval to provide much-needed shade for P.E. classes and lunch use (November project);
- BBQ and cake stall in conjunction with the referendum voting.

Next year we hope to increase the shade areas of the school, and work on erosion areas of the playground, in conjunction with the S.R.C. Once again I must thank the canteen staff and volunteers for their hard work, and the various committees and all P & C members and school staff for their contributions this year. It only remains for me, on behalf of the P&C, to wish all students, staff and parents a happy and a successful 2000.

Geoff Griffin
Read All About It

In the year 1000, books were rare and precious, individually handwritten on vellum, (made from lamb or calf skin,) with ink made from oak-galls crushed in rainwater or vinegar, thickened with gum arabic and coloured with iron salts. (Lacey and Danziger describe the process in their fascinating book, "The Year 1000". ) Some of these priceless, ancient books are still in existence. In fact it is possible, if negotiations are successful, that part of the famous "Book of Kells", dating from the mid 700's or early 800's and normally exhibited only in Trinity College Library, Dublin, in Ireland, may be brought to Australia next year. Perhaps you may have the opportunity to see it! A real time-capsule!

As the year 2000 zooms towards us, technology exists to produce individual books once again, tailoring print-runs precisely to customer requirements... this time, via computers. Graeme Philipson, writing in the Sydney Morning Herald in October, suggests that this will become the norm within the next few years. (Remember, though, that twelve months ago there were multiple reports of the imminent arrival of e-books, hand-held devices onto which texts could be downloaded. The e-book scene has been very quiet since then - presumably because of costs.) Technologies come and go. What matters is what they bring us - information, ideas, knowledge, wisdom, imagination, creativity... enrichment.

In 1999 "The Other Side of Dawn", the eagerly awaited seventh and final book in John Marsden's "Tomorrow" series was published. It's also been the year of British author, Joanne Rowling's third "Harry Potter" fantasy, (with the first chapter available from the Internet for those who couldn't wait!) In Australia, the fiction Book of the Year winner was "Deadly unna?" a moving and powerful novel about a kid who just wanted to play football, but became caught up in a conflict involving racism, friendship and the need to make choices. Its author, Phillip Gwynne, recently interviewed in "Good Weekend", was asked "What are you exultant about?" and replied, "Becoming a writer!" (When asked, "What would you never do again?" he said "Be a computer programmer!") Just included that to amuse Mrs Gerard!

Thanks, once again, this year, to each of our valued customers! - the readers, the learners, the Internet addicts, the games players, the questers after erudition, the wonderful borrowers who've actually got the message to r-e-t-u-r-n books, without needing a reminder!

As the Venerable Bede wrote, well over a thousand years ago, "Lege feliciter" - "Read happily!"

It's a good motto!

Judith Paige and The Library Staff

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From the Office

Another great year has passed by. The SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) welcomed Lousea Johnston to the office. Lousea, along with her husband Mel, came to us from Collarenebri. Lousea’s friendly and outgoing personality has enabled her to easily become one of the SASS family.

On behalf of all the SASS staff I would like to thank the staff and students for another enjoyable year. We have the pleasure, at sometime throughout the year, of dealing with every student enrolled at the school in various ways, whether it be paying for excursions or school fees, or printing timetables, giving directions, messages from parents, sickness, change for the phone or “Could I just leave this here for the day?”, “Can you help me find this book?”, “Will you watch my cake in the oven?”, “What do I use for this experiment?”, as well as serving in the canteen.

We hope that students will always feel confident in coming to us when they are in need of help in any way. We enjoy the friendly and varying personalities of the students and feel very lucky to be able to get to know them and help them in this way. It is also a pleasure to watch them grow and achieve throughout the year. We wish them well in the future and look forward to another great year next year.

Trish Burgess

Lousea Johnston and Kylie Roxburgh – the two newest S.A.S.S. staff members who haven't learned how to hide from the camera yet!
Canteen Report

The Canteen Staff have enjoyed another busy and successful year. A big thank you must go to all our volunteer helpers who make the canteen the success that it is with their continued and vital support. Their ability to come in at a moments notice and their willingness to assist in any way they can, makes them a pleasure to work with.

We have also enjoyed getting to know the students and staff and thank them for their support throughout the year. Profits from the canteen are used in varying ways to support and enhance student learning and we enjoy great satisfaction in knowing we have contributed to student education.

We look forward to another successful year with you next year.

Barbie Meahan & Coral Orreal.
Get a Job

During 1999 Bathurst High School students gained valuable skills and experience through work placement programs as part of their school curriculum. Those Year 11 and 12 students studying vocational subjects have completed compulsory work placements in areas including Information Technology, Hospitality, Building and Construction, Furnishings, and Rural Studies.

Year 10 students spent a week from 30th August - 3rd September gaining valuable experience with the ever supportive businesses of Bathurst.

Some students travelled out of the area gaining expertise at QANTAS and The Future Exchange in Sydney; Sport and Recreation Camps at Myuna Bay and Lake Burrendong; as well as two students who ventured down to Abercrombie Caves for five days of outdoor adventures.

"Industry Preparation" has provided some Year 9 and 10 students with an opportunity to spend one day a week at work experience. Work at cattle yards, florists, offices, cafes, panel beaters, child care and retail businesses has occurred and the students have benefitted greatly, showing increased confidence and new knowledge. Our welfare program also offers many students a chance to experience the "real world" of work.

We would very much like to thank all businesses who have supported our programs, thus assisting our students to make informed choices regarding their future career paths.
A Tribute to Ray Dart

This trophy has been donated by the family of Ray Dart, OAM in memory of a man who was a talented musician and a fine citizen. It recognises the special talents of a student of Music who is not only a performer but who also understands the importance of Music to the human experience.

Raymond Neville Dart OAM

Born: 8th April, 1926

Ray Dart OAM was born in Leeton and educated in the public education system in Leeton. He was an extremely talented student and sportsperson and his career shows the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for which he was known later when he pursued a successful career in the public education system.

He graduated from Sydney University in Science and began to teach in NSW high schools. He was later a Science Master, Deputy Headmaster and Principal at Bourke High School before becoming an Inspector of Schools in Bathurst.

He was also a talented musician with an interest in theatre. He played in the famous Riverina Jazz Band and later after a visit to the United States of a Director of Rotary, he made it his goal to promote and support the development of bands in Australian schools.

He was Swing Factor’s and Bathurst High School’s Stage and Concert Band most ardent supporter. He rarely missed a performance and did much to contribute to their popularity and promotion. He was known personally to the students.
They knew him as an outstanding citizen of Bathurst through his work with service clubs and voluntary organisations. They knew him as Bathurst Citizen of the year and saw him honoured with the presentation of and OAM but they knew him better as a friend who loved Music as they did. It was a great honour for the band to be asked to play “In the Mood” at the church service to celebrate his life.

The first recipient of the Ray Dart OAM Memorial Trophy for Music Appreciation and Understanding is Tim Baitch who has conducted the Concert Band and who conducted the Stage Band which played at the service. Tim knew Ray Dart and has written this about him:

“Mr Dart was well known in the Bathurst community for his love of the public education system, his beautiful family and music. It was through music that I made a connection with this impressive man. His passion for Bathurst High School’s music was evident by the fact that he requested the stage band to perform “In the Mood” at his funeral. Not only was every member of the band honoured to perform for Mr Dart, but moved to tears by his ceremony which was a suitable tribute to such a great life.

Although I knew Mr Dart for such a short time, he had a profound influence on the way I view life and my love for music. Quite obviously, he touched many more people like me throughout his life.

Thankfully, Mr Dart has now reached a place in heaven where he can play that piano with Louis Armstrong, John Coletrane and Charlie Parker; what he deserves.

The world is a lesser place without him, and was blessed to have him for his lifetime.

Thankyou Mr Dart.”

Tim Baitch

Bathurst High School is proud to have this trophy and it will serve as a memorial to a wonderful person and family member and will be awarded to a student who is an outstanding performer but who also understands the importance of Music to human experience.

Jan Gerard
Principal
Pam Jordan Retires After 25 Years Service at Bathurst High School.

Pam Jordan began her teaching career in South Australia where she taught at Nuriootpa High School and Elizabeth West High School. In 1972 she moved to NSW and taught at Vaucluse Boys High School and Ryde High School before commencing teaching at Bathurst High School in 1974. Ms Jordan was appointed Head Teacher English at Bathurst High School in 1991.

Many ex-students of Bathurst High School will remember Ms Jordan, as will many of her professional associates in the district. She has been an inspirational, highly successful and compassionate teacher whilst also being actively involved in promoting English at the School and in the Central Tablelands. Some of her Extra-Curricular activities include a memorable production of the drawing-room comedy “Life with the Girls” as well as producing plays and many Junior One Act Play Nights. She was also involved in: the make-up, front of house and choreography of several musicals; organising debating, public speaking, creative writing opportunities; editing the Bathurst Burr for several years; and committee work in various Professional English Teaching Associations.

One of her major tasks was the voluntary running of HSC English Study Days at Charles Sturt University for many years. This provided at least some equality of opportunity for country students to compete with their city counter-parts in the HSC. She also ran a similar day for 3U English country students.

Ms Jordan will be particularly remembered for her efforts, which resulted in the establishment of an HSC English Marking Centre in Bathurst. This will have the greatest effect in raising the potential for country students to achieve higher marks in their final exams, since their teachers return to their schools better prepared to help their students succeed.

Ms Jordan says that she feels privileged to have been a teacher; she still very much feels a part of Bathurst High School and has loved working with young people. One of the benefits of her life here has been watching young people grow up into wonderful adult members of the Bathurst community, meeting them around town and even teaching their children, the next generation! It is this, she feels, which has been extremely rewarding and it is with some sadness that she is retiring, but she leaves with the satisfaction of having had a really worthwhile career. She also extends her thanks to all her associates & friends for adding so much to the richness of her life.
In retirement, Ms Jordan intends to pursue her hobbies of music, singing, theatre, history, language, literature and travel. We all extend our best wishes to Ms Jordan and thank her for her wonderful contribution to the school and community.
Tumultuous Twelve

Year 12, 1999. What can be said about this amazing group of individuals who have represented Bathurst High School for the final year of the century. Quite a lot actually, as they have represented the school and community with some outstanding achievements during their schooling years.

Following is a few of the achievements, activities and events they were involved in:
- Peer Support trainers;
- Mock Trial;
- Schools in Parliament;
- Rock Eisteddfod;
- Schools Spectacular;
- Year 7 Camp;
- Astley Cup;
- English, Maths and Science Competitions;
- Drama Performances;
- Western Region champions in Boys Basketball and Baseball;
- Regaining the senior common room and then losing it forever;
- 3 Unit basketball, footy and soccer on the quad;
- Chairing school assemblies;
- Aerobics competition;
- Last day breakfast;
- Farewell assembly that never was;
- Young Achievers award and the Pierre de Coubertin Award.

The year has seen many highlights and one of the most enjoyable for me as Student Advisor was our trip to Sydney for the leadership conference. The talk by John Coutis was inspirational as well as the bus trip there and back. Another highlight was the leadership workshop held at Karingal Village. The day was spent planning events for Year 12 and forming committees to help achieve these outcomes. The trust activities were fun and helped bond the group.

The success and achievements by many of the students has been outstanding. Some highlights being Karen Evan and Tim Baitch receiving the Minister's Awards for student excellence. Amanda Coopes playing cricket for the state and being awarded the Pierre de Coubertin award. Ryan Newis selected to play Tennis in the
Australian Schoolboys Tennis team. Tory Peters and Raven Bendersky having their art works selected for Art Express. Ben Sharwood for for captaining the NSW Archery team and winning an Australian title and Chris Hanrahan for representing his region and state in hockey.

The list could go on and on. These students have gained many academic, sporting and social skills while completing their school days at Bathurst High and I wish them all every success for the future. I have enjoyed working with you over the past two years and look forward to hearing of your future achievements, no matter what they are.

Best wishes and take care,

Shoey
Bathurst High School
YEAR 12 1999

Year Advisor
Mr G Shoemark

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Absent: Wayne Nobles, Melissa Reid, Joshua Roberson, Adam Thompson, William Ward, Leanne Williams, Adam Withyman.
All Things English

As more is increasingly expected of staff and students it is a joy to see individuals and groups rise to meet these new challenges. Their achievements bring credit not only to themselves but also reflect well upon their school and help us to maintain or better the standard offered at BHS.

Mrs Pam Jordan retired in January and spent much of the year nursing her ill sister in Adelaide. Mrs Lesley Wade relieved as head teacher with a new permanent appointment expected to be made to this position in 2000.

The English department has experienced a settled year in terms of staffing with the arrival of Kym Armstrong, Greg Ballantyne and Kirsten Hutton who have made valuable contributions to the teaching and learning of students. Mrs Allison Blake left teaching at the end of Term 3 with lots of plans for a new career, she has been capably replaced by Ms Linda Small.

Our students continue to win local, state and national accolades for their competence in a range of English related activities. In the Australian Schools’ English Competition a High Distinction was awarded to Heather Matheson in Year 10 with 11 Distinctions and 9 Credits being won.

Year 12 students travelled to Sydney to attend HSC study days and the 2UR students saw a production of Othello, while 2UG students saw a performance of Away at Blayney High School.

In the Henry Lawson Writing Competition, Owen Lodge (1st) and Stephanie Cam (3rd) won prizes for their poetry. Siobhan Palmer was awarded a 2nd in writing while Alex Roxborough and Tina

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Graham received commendations. In October a small but enthusiastic group of writers attended a workshop held by Anita Heiss, a published author. She stated that she felt humbled by their enthusiasm and abilities.

Congratulations also to Tim Baitch, Andrew Dunstall and Yoon Leng Ooi for their success in the Sydney Morning Herald Young Writers Competition and of course to our many talented and successful debaters.

We say farewell to the old millennium with a mixture of pride and satisfaction in the accomplishments not only of the students named here but of the many who have made a serious effort to learn. To all of you who have given your best work and sought to achieve new skills and levels of understanding, a big thanks! Our future is in your hands.

Lesley Wade

Ali: Aaaaaaaaagh!!!
Emma: What is it Ali?
Are you shocked that I can read?
Ali: No, no. It's ...
Horrible!!
Emma: What?
Ali: Annalise's extra-long arm! We're all going to die!
Annalise: Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha...

This is your free space....
Feel free to do anything your heart desires right here.
WOMBATS

We shuffle slowly along the ground,
Hoping there is some grass to be found.
We have brown & grey fur,
Which collects many burrs.
We have small pointy ears,
And can live for many years.
We have a big black nose,
And weigh forty kilos.
We are quite large,
And sometimes we barge.
We live underground
(Where there is no food to be found).
In a burrow.
Maybe you see one of us tomorrow.

Well what do you think; it’s not to bad, is it? Okay, so I know I’m not exactly Banjo Patterson or Henry Lawson but I’m not absolutely hopeless, am I? Do you know that Squawky the Cockatoo just told me to stop talking! Ha. He’s the one who is always squawking on about absolutely nothing. I hardly ever get to have my say. I have a plan, what about if we all go around to my place & we can keep talking over a nice hot fire. We will have to go outside because I don’t think that we will all fit inside my burrow. We can have billy tea & a yummy grass pie. Or there is vegemite sandwiches if you don’t like grass. Which you don’t. You humans are really weird; I mean how on earth can you not like grass. It is so yummy.
Grass is absolutely the best. Anyway we had better go because Squawky will be back really soon.

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Effervescent Eleven

The transition to the Senior School was initially fraught with problems for a lot of Year 11. Problems with courses, too much free time, adapting to TAFE and school timetables, finding somewhere to sit when the library was too full and just being a senior were all hurdles that had to be overcome. For some students things just didn’t work out and a number of Year 11’s have left us and now found jobs. We wish them well.

In order to gauge the feelings of things at the grass roots level I talked with a small but well informed committee of Year 11’s. They confided that things have changed for the better in the senior school. For example, they feel differently about their teachers now. Teachers show them more respect and have a sense of humour. Teachers can tell and appreciate jokes. This is good because this can help relieve the tension in class due to the hard work.

On a more personal note Year 11 has afforded a lot of students the opportunity to excel and it is fitting to mention some of their triumphs.

Emma Sexton - participated in the Genesis Science and Technology summer school in Auckland, New Zealand
Luke Tyburski - joined the Wollongong Wolves soccer squad
Ian Plenderleith - Rotary Citizen of the Month
Monique Field - president of the SRC
Well done and congratulations to everyone.

Pam Mather
Hissy or H.S.I.E.

1999 has been another busy and successful year for the Human Society and Its Environment KLA. Students continued to be challenged by the variety of learning and teaching activities offered, developing a critical analysis of contemporary issues and an appreciation of our place in local, national, and global communities. The wide range of subjects continue to be popular in the senior school and HSC results in all subjects for 1998 maintained the high standards of previous years. Much work has been done this year in preparation for the new HSC syllabi in all subjects.

During the year we welcomed three new teachers to the HSIE staff in Kate Boshier, John Payne and Kerry Bishop. Kate has impressed everyone at BHS with her enthusiasm, organisation and capacity for work. John comes to us as a Deputy Head from Canobolas High and has enlivened the classes with anecdotal stories and interesting activities. Kerry has proven herself to be popular teacher among our students with a caring and stimulating approach to her classes.

Integrated into student learning experiences this year were a number of significant excursions and innovative teaching approaches. A number of local area studies were conducted for Geography and History students in both the junior and senior years.

Students from Geography and Commerce classes attended an Environmental Awareness Day at Kelso High School. Guest speakers from Landcare and the Red Hill Field Study Centre spoke of the need for young people to become more actively involved in taking steps to care for our environment.

Our Senior Business Studies and Retail students went to Sydney as part of their investigations of business practice, marketing, production and retailing services, visiting Coca-Cola Amatil at Westmead. A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Sara Lee factory and outlet shop next door. Students also attended a study skills day for Business Studies at CSU Mitchell.

Vocational Education and Training courses are a feature of new organisation within all NSW Tafes and Schools. This has led to traineeship opportunities and work placements for our Retail students. After work placements in Retail a number of
students were offered part time jobs and many employers spoke highly of the students.
Throughout the year in Legal Studies concentrated on looking at specific Case Law as well as
contemporary issues which give students greater insight into the day to day workings of law. We
also had a number of speakers from the Court House, Police Station and Gaol to help bring the
world of law into the classroom. BHS also performed creditably in the State Mock Trial
competition and we would like to thank Paul Carver and Shannon Gibson.
In Commerce we continued to investigate the world of business. Of immense interest was the Stock
Exchange Game. This game was played on the internet throughout NSW and students were
involved in attempting to make their fortunes through buying and selling shares on the Stock
Exchange. Unfortunately, any ‘killings’ made were only done on paper!!!!!!!
History continued its popularity among students with a lot of hands on learning all of which
reinforced learning through an enquiry approach. Students in all years have used the internet
extensively in their learning and they have responded well to this approach and to their interest in
what has been taught.
The 2 Unit Aboriginal Studies course has again proved to be popular with results well above the
state average. The considerable expertise in this subject by Stuart Evennett has been recognised and
students from Kelso High School now join with Bathurst High students to undertake this course.
Mr Carter has been involved with Edulink Geography Project with his Preliminary Geography class
taking part. Students were recording information about plants around the school Global Positioning
System equipment from which they learned to make maps.
HSIE teachers continue to make a major contribution to the school community. Mr Evans has been
a Year Adviser for Year 10, Japanese inter-school visits and has spent considerable hours assisting
with the transportation of Swing Factor and the BHS Concert Band and all of their equipment. Mr
Tindall has been involved in day to day running of the senior school and has
managed the school Tennis team.
During the year once again Mr Evennett has been the Chairman of the Middle
Team and thoroughly enjoyed his
involvement in the ASSPA and AECG
committes, working with Aboriginal
parents and students.

Geoff Tindall

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Mathematical Mayhem

This year has proved to be another successful year for the Mathematics Department of Bathurst High School. This year has been a reasonably settled one in comparison to last year. We have seen Mrs Browning become a regular staff member, while Mr Campbell left us for a couple of months to go exploring around the top end of Australia. While he was away, Miss Murphy filled in quite admirably in his place.

The rest of the staff continue to have some good success with various students. The junior school has seen some good results in the School Certificate and the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Meanwhile, in the senior school, we have seen a number of students through their HSC for another year and anticipate some excellent results from our students.

Next year heralds the beginning of the new HSC course and like other subjects, this means that there are a number of changes and a lot of hard work ahead as we begin new teaching programs.

The results in the Australian Mathematics Competition this year were very good. We received 2 High Distinctions, 8 Distinctions and 28 Credits from the 88 students who participated in the competition. Well done everybody.

I would like to thank all teachers and students who have worked so hard to make this year a successful one.

Ross Longhurst.
Tantalising Ten

Year 10, 1999. It was said that we could achieve greatness this year.... The School Certificate was our goal and by gosh did we do ourselves proud. Not only did we manage to sit through two days of solid exams, but we also managed to play a bit of sport here and there, play some music, do some acting and dancing, run a radio station, win awards in various nationwide competitions, stun our teachers with brilliant comments and insights and conquer the world of the Rock Eisteddfod.... well not quite!!!

This year has certainly seen a great deal of success. Alicia Murphy became a dual Western Region representative in Netball and Basketball. Peter Mullins was selected for the Millennium Marching Band to play at the Sydney Olympics. The debating team of Alice Coomans, Peter Mullins, Nathan Kenny and Katherine Springett swept aside all who stood before them. Then of course there were the Maths, English, Science, Chemistry and Computer Competitions

As per usual with our year, we seem to be the guinea pigs for change, and we have to be the first ones to have a go at the new HSC. But if this year is any indication then we should have no problems at all.

We would like to thank Mr. Evans for being the best Year Adviser you could possibly ask for and hope that everything goes well for our senior years of school.

*Katherine Springett and Kurt Ingersole.*
Many students have made the most of the many opportunities offered through the Science KLA. We were very proud of Emma Sexton, Andrew Marriott and Claire Foody who have all who made it through a rigorous selection process to get into a Science Summer Schools. Emma Sexton was particularly pleased to be selected as an ambassador for Australia at the Science Summer School that is to be held in New Zealand in January.

Students in year 9 also attended the Siemens’ Summer school at various universities. This continues to be an excellent training ground where they can receive exposure to practising scientists and the work they do.

Once again students had the opportunity to enter the National Science competition and the results were very pleasing in this Australia wide competition. Science Competition results – 1 High Distinction 5 Distinctions and 16 Credits. Congratulations to Yoon Oui in Year 12 on achieving the High Distinction and to all those award winners and others who entered.

In the Chemistry competition we achieved a High Distinction, 5 distinctions and 12 credits. Jillian Patterson’s High Distinction in chemistry was simply outstanding. All science staff were extremely pleased with both the level of participation and the awards received.

The Globe project – an innovation this year has been the building and use of a school weather station so that Bathurst High School is part of the GLOBE project. An internet based project that has seen students gathering climate and other environmental data. Bathurst High School through the excellent work of Mr Phillip Warner and his Year 7 Science class have been awarded a prize for the accuracy and consistency of their data collection. This program will be expanded next year.

7SWM developed Science activities that they set up at West Bathurst for the enjoyment of the Primary and Infants students. This was extremely successful and the students a credit to the school.
Other activities that various students participated in include environmental conferences, Science Trivia competitions and a HSC study day at CSU. The students received hints from HSC examiners and summary booklets prepared by senior HSC markers. This will continue in 2000 and all Science students should attend.

The new Science courses are very heavily dependent on the use of data loggers. These are devices that input information into computers from experiments. The science KLA will be purchasing the data loggers in the new year but it will put a heavy burden on the KLA budget as they are very expensive. Fortunately the KLA is well served in the area of computer technology so access to the data through a computer will be no problem for students.

This year we say farewell to Deb Barron as she moves on to teach in Sydney. The KLA and the students will be missing a teacher whose expertise in Teaching and Learning has benefited many students during the years she has been at the school. Her teaching colleagues have also been helped with innovative ideas that she is only too willing to share. We wish her well for the future.

The Science KLA has the unenviable task of having to rewrite all their junior and senior programs due to the new syllabuses written by the Board of Studies. The new science courses are exciting with an emphasis on the use of technology and study of current scientific issues and “hands on” science. Next year the school is running the new Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Senior Science and Earth and Environmental Science in the preliminary year, whilst years 7 and 9 will start the new 7 – 10 syllabus. Years 8 and 10 will still operate on the old syllabus.

The expertise of the KLA was recognised with a $2500 grant from the Department of Training and Education to work with schools in Wollongong to produce an exemplary junior program for the new syllabus. Our Year 7 effort – “Wet and Wiggly” can be found at the DET website.

Finally a note on the breadth of curriculum available in science at Bathurst High. We are the only school in the local district that has available to students in Year 11 the full range of courses in science next year. I think this speaks volumes for the work and dedication of Science teachers.

*Geoff Hastings*
Indeed Industrious

Designing, planning and making are what Industrial Arts students do best. An impressive range of student projects have been produced this year. Many of these were displayed at school functions throughout the year. Upgrading equipment and learning environments have been the focus of the Industrial Arts department this year.

The priorities for next year will be safety and quality in the workshop. Next year will also herald the beginning of new HSC courses such as Construction and Engineering Studies.

Mr. Madden will be leaving us at the end of this year. He will be greatly missed. We have valued his knowledge, skills and unreserved care for students. We wish him well in the future.

Mel Johnston, Fred Madden, George Shoemark & Brian Walsh
Neurotic Nine

Year 9 are very good and we have worked very hard this year!

We went on lots of excursions this year to Wonderland Sydney, Penrith Plaza, Planet Hollywood, The Queen Victoria Building, The Bathurst Olympic Pool, and The Great Wall of China.

Students have represented Year 9 in the following activities: Rock Eisteddfod, School Spectacular, The Regional Dance Festival, helped out in the Special Schools Athletics Carnival, All Schools Swimming Carnival, Learn to Swim, Aerobics, Touch Football, Soccer, Rugby League, AFL, Rugby Union, PSSA Swimming, PSSA Athletics, Cricket, Basketball, and Astley Cup.

We think we are very special because we have had the privilege of going to all these special places throughout the year.

We can’t wait to move onto bigger and better things next year in Year 10.

We thank Ms. Damic and are very upset to see Mr. Madden leaving.

We are very upset to be losing our very promising ballerina Aimee Sargent. We will miss you but we know you will be moving onto bigger and better things in the coming millennium.

See you in 2000.

Jenny, Sarah, Tara, Emily, Megan and Aimee
Let's Get Physical

This year has seen a consolidation of our exciting programs although we have had some new faces on our teaching staff. Ms. Pam Mackay travelled from the northern tip of Scotland in an exchange with Jacqui Hood. She has added a freshness to both the staffroom and classroom.

Mr. David Mann returned to the school as a teacher eleven years after leaving as a student. His local knowledge was greatly appreciated by all and has added a new dimension to the way things work in our KLA.

The latter part of this year has seen organisation for the new HSC PD/H/PE course occur. This course appears to be better than the old one and should provide students with excellent opportunities in our senior school.

The Coaching and First Aid elective in Years 9 and 10 continues to attract strong support from the students and we have been very happy with the achievements of the students who have studied this course.

Obviously the mandatory 7-10 course is the bread and butter area of study in our KLA and we are hoping to keep this fresh and relevant for students. As with everything, it is impossible to be all things to all students, but we do try to cater for the needs of all. 2000 is the Olympic year and hopefully some of that spirit will filter through to all our students (a few of the dollars would not hurt either.) There is value for all in adopting the ideals upon which the Olympics are based.
The Olympics represent the grandest stage upon which our athletes get to showcase their achievements after many years of toil. While we do not have so public a showcase, the results of our efforts will be no less significant. And for many of our students, their achievements may well have greater impact on the public good than those of some Olympians.

Strive for excellence, do the work and chase the dream no matter what the stage. Looking forward to seeing you in 2000.

*Grant Hanrahan*
L.O.T.E. Thoughts

Learning about Japan
Ohayoo
Traditional clothing, homes, food.
Earth quakes

Ja mata ne
Aki - autumn
Population - 21 times more than Australia
Arigato - thank you
Nagasaki
En - the way Japanese people pronounce “yes”
Sumo wrestling
Enpitsu desu doozo
SAYONARA
by Jade Horton and Samantha Evans

“During German this year we have learned lots of words and phrases. It has been a full-on year. Mrs Mather has kept us busy, doing lots of work. I have enjoyed it!!”
Melanie Smith

“I think German is boring. I only like doing the activities we do.”
Lynnece Brown

“German was fun. We learned lots of words and phrases.”
Karen Hummelshoj

“I thought German was fun, especially when we did role plays. What have I learned? I learned how to speak German. I learned how they live and even some history of Germany. What was interesting was the Neuschwanstein Castle.”
Katrina Eddy
Support

The year has been a very busy one for all involved in the Support Unit. Mr Jamie Rivett continued to fill one of the teaching positions for all of 1999. He developed some exciting projects with the students this year - model gliders and parachutes just to name a few.

Another area in which the students came into their own was that of our catering skills. During the year the senior students took on the preparation, presentation and cleaning up of the weekly staff morning tea. The students work as a very productive team which now provides a very valuable service.

Most of the senior students were involved in work experience this year in either the school program with Mrs Wardrope or through the transition program with Mrs Angie Trevor-Jones as the job coach. Both the senior and junior students have been able to access some extra art and PHP classes this year. Many thanks to Mrs McLaughlin and Mr Mann for all their efforts.

Thank you to all the people that worked so well to ensure the smooth running of the support team.

Ms Anne Baskerville
Mr Jamie Rivett
Mrs Chris Bailey
Mr Terry Neal
Mrs Carolyn Warner
Ms Chris Drinan
Ms Allyson Norris
Ms Lesley Britton
Ms Terry Hanlon
Mrs Annette Rouse
Mrs Marg Magill
Mr Robert Magill
Ms Angie Trevor-Jones
Mrs Cathy Wardrope

Head Teacher Support Welfare
Teacher
STLD
ISTB
ISTV
ED Support Literacy
Student Welfare Teacher
Student Welfare Teacher
Student Counsellor
Teachers Aide
Teachers Aide
Teachers Aide
Job Coach
Work Experience
Homage to Morning Tea

It's Friday! Morning tea day!
Whose turn is it to cater?
If Maths we've got a crisis
For they can't turn up till later

If Lote or English, they're on class
So who will cut the cake?
If Science,
well, they've one to spare
But by himself? For goodness' sake!

You'd think that TAS would sort it out
With Food Tech on parade,
But they've been making chocky slice
And it's been delayed.

Creative Arts is organised
But they've a show to run.
The paint's still wet, the props are lost
And the masks have not been done.

If HSIE, they have it well in hand.
They've sliced all the bread!
(But who forgot the margarine
the butter or the spread?)

If it's PHP/Support
(who combine to swell their numbers),
The chips and dips are cold and hot
Respectively, what blunders!

But now we've all been rescued
From the burden and the stress.
The senior team with Annette and Anne
Have been put to the test.

They come armed with gloves and knives
And plates and serviettes.
They cut and chop and slice and spread
With precision and finesse.
The presentation is a treat
The efficiency impeccable.
The cooperation of the team
Is really quite remarkable.

But that's not all this group achieves-
After recess they've returned,
To clear and clean, to wash and wipe,
The leftovers surely earned!

Now Friday mornings tea's a breeze
For every single faculty.
Because Anne's seniors do the job
With professional hospitality!
Another busy year for Dance students at Bathurst High School. We began our year with an increase in our numbers in all elective classes from Year 9 to Year 12. Our co-curricular activities proved again to be very popular.

Our Rock Eisteddfod Challenge production was enthusiastically supported by a cast of 100 students and a reliable crew of 35 students. ‘The story of 2 people Libby Ahearn) to stand before the universe and earth should existence. Our featured Year 12 students, many of whom were making their debut Rock Eisteddfod performance. We were unlucky not to gain a place in the Bathurst Competition with the result not reflecting the high standard of the production.

Bathurst High School students from Year 8 to 12 participated in the Inter-District Dance Festival at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. While students from Dubbo to Lithgow participating in this our students performed exceptionally and demonstrated that Bathurst High is a leading school for dance in Western New South Wales.

We concluded our year with an ensemble of 18 students participating in the 1999 Schools Spectacular production To Be Australian. Our students danced the “Ascott Gavotte” depicting activities at the Melbourne Cup. This item was a crowd favourite and a successful collaboration with students from Orange High School and the small schools from Western NSW.

Our year finishes with planning for the Year 2000. We have successfully auditioned to have 50 students participate in the Opening Ceremony for the Pacific School Games. This has enabled us to go straight to the auditions for the Opening Ceremony for the Olympic Games.

I would personally like to congratulate all the students who participated in these activities and I look forward to an exciting year next year.

Jayne Evans
Exuberant Eight

Year 8 are well on the way to making an excellent transition to their middle years of schooling and have enjoyed a much more settled year in 1999. Subject selections for Year 9 have already been finalised and we hope that students will enjoy having more say in the subjects they are able to study.

Rebecca McCabe and Jessica Hammond were selected as Young Citizens of the Month for Rotary. There have also been many successes in sport, with Emily Churches, Lisa Curches, Rachel Braun and Sean Dean being a few of the students who have excelled this year. Laclan Blaikie, Chris Egan, Aden Hadley and Chris Springett performed a great job in hosting the remembrance day assembly. Many other students including Hayley Coopes, Alison Taunton, Lee Wallace and Kurt Dickson have also achieved by representing the school in such as events as Rock Eisteddfod, School Aerobics and Schools Spectacular.

Many students have continued on with the Community Services Certificate, providing valuable service to the local community. In September, Year 8 students were presented with their certificates at a ceremony where the National Preseident of the Professional Association of SRC Teachers spoke about the value of community service in todays society. Award winners from Year 8 were Aden Hadley, Rebecca McCabe, Emily Sherlock, Jessica Hammond, James Mitchell, Corey Spice and Cassie Hudson.

Judi McWilliam and Mike Clancy

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Drama Banana

This year saw a bit of a revamp for the drama department. Justin Moon and Chris O’Rourke left to pursue their dreams in other areas and Greg Ballantyne and Kirsten Hutton arrived just in time to save the day. As first year out teachers we both fumbled our way through the year but in the end we managed to pull off some excellent performances for both class audiences and larger public audiences. However, contrary to popular belief both Greg and myself are of a taciturn nature and would rather document the students’ successes with lots of photos.

Kirsten Hutton
The Gorgon's Head

It was at the time of year when Year 10 Drama was becoming restless and ready to try something new. Most of them felt that they hadn't had enough time in the spotlight. As a result Greg Ballantyne and I decided to put on a show that would allow each student to shine. "The Gorgon's Head" is based on the Greek myth of Medusa, the evil gorgon with snakes for hair who had the ability to turn common folk to stone. The students worked for a term on it and put in a great deal of effort, the lure of impending fame not very far from their thoughts.


Finally it was time for the limelight. The audience were Year 6 students from nearby schools who were receiving their first taste of high school. After much silliness and a little seriousness the show was a success and I think some of the audience even enjoyed it. All in all it has been a terrific experience and I would like to thank the cast and crew for their dedication and help. Well done guys.

Kirsten Hutton.
I’ve Got Rhythm

1999 has seen changing staff in the Music department - we farewelled John Browett to Lithgow and Peter Beck to Cowra. Chelsea Walsh has capably carried on for Terms 3 and 4. However, this has not affected the quality of elective classes and performances throughout the year.

Students each term have worked towards a concert which featured ensembles as well as many soloists. Special mention should be made of Karen Evans and Peter Mullins who have been selected to perform in the Olympic Band. Richard Eyles (Big Fire Music) has worked with ensembles in Term 4 for the end of year concert.

Denise Garland
Bom-Bom-Bomba-Dom

1999 has been a very successful year for BHS bands. The Concert Band has continued to maintain its excellence, the highlight of the year being the performance at the Sydney Opera House Instrumental Festival. The band also performed at a number of important functions in Bathurst this year and again won the concert band section of the Bathurst Eisteddfod.

The Stage Band/Swing Factor has also maintained its strength and performances are varied and well received. Also winning at the Eisteddfod is proof of their excellence.

The vocal group has continued to improve in quality and this is evident with a second place and Highly Commended at the Eisteddfod.

All ensembles have performed at Music Concert evenings each term. Rock Bands are on the rise. "Red Vision" won the Battle of the Bands at the regional rock Eisteddfod Challenge.

Thank you to all students involved in the music ensembles. Your dedication in attending rehearsals is most commendable and the rewards are numerous. Looking forward to more success in 2000.

Denise Garland
The Art Experience

Our Art Department has maintained the usual flurry of constant activity throughout 1999 and currently we are "up to our ears in clay" as the Year 7 and 8 completed work for inclusion in the Annual B.H.S. art exhibition held in Week 8. Years 9, 10 and 11 students also worked hard to produce work for this exhibition and worked with many different materials as a part of their study. Exhibitions play a large part in the working life of an art student and we have had work in many venues this year.

The YOUTHARTS exhibition in August at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery featured a wide variety of works from many B.H.S. students and attracted a great deal of praise in the local media. This was organised as a special art event associated with the 2000 Olympics. The local education week art exhibition at Bathurst Public School also featured many of our Year 7 to 9 students work and played an important role in our celebration of education.

Our Year 12 students completed their H.S.C. art majors in early September and held a private exhibition for family and friends. Congratulations to Raven Bendersky and Tory Peters who have had their sculptures on the pre-selection list for the H.S.C. ART EXPRESS 2000 exhibition. We hope to hear more soon.

These works were displayed at the Medieval Night held in Term 3 along with many of our junior students were once again involved by designing banners, weapons and costumes for the night. Jeffrey Druce did an excellent job organising for the Medieval Night and we thank him for his help.

We would also like to thank Jacinta Winn, Alex Platt and Hannah Smith from Year 10 for their hard work at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery putting up YOUTH ARTS.
We would like to congratulate Sophie Perisce for her talk to the public on Friday, 12th November and also Erica Hicks for receiving second prize in the Sony CD design contest.

We have welcomed Art Dickson to our staff this year and thank him for his contribution. Some changes are in the air for 2000 with Mrs McLaughlin taking leave and Mrs Hunter set to return from her stint in Bali. We look forward to 2000 in anticipation of yet another busy, committed and successful year as we launch into the new syllabus for H.S.C. 2001.

Charles Johnson, Art Dickson, Anne McLaughlin, Judi McWilliam, Caroline Whitely.
France

So, we had had a week to go before we went jetsetting across the wide blue ocean and we were coming to the stage of being nervous!! The time had come and the plane trip sapped all our excitement after we watched Notting Hill three times and The Matrix twice. They never warned us just how long the plane trip would actually be.

After stepping off the plane for the first time in 24 hours, it really makes you appreciate dirt!! Our first few days were in the beautiful beach lined Nice. Clear, blue waves crashing endlessly against the shined pebble shores.

We experienced the luxurious smells of Fragonard, one of the most well known perfumeries in France. We adapted ourselves to the fine culture quite rapidly, enabling us to witness the highlights of our trip. After many holy experiences, we could go in the Guiness Book of Records for the most churches ever seen. But above all, Notre Dame was an exception.

When we hit the streets of Paris we automatically stepped into style. In between a busy itinerary of seeing churches, castles and art galleries, we spent every chance shopping, especially on the Champs Elysees.

We saw the real Mona Lisa and we reckon that it was not all that it is cracked up to be. It’s tiny!! We enjoyed many little treats passing from attraction to attraction like eating ice cream in the rain. Oh yes, we must not forget the Eiffel Tower which we climbed on probably the windiest and coldest day we ever had, but the view was spectacular, even though it was overcast.

Music was still far behind with most of the popular singers being Mariah Carey, Michael Jackson and Celine Dion, so music was not a must for us over there. Food was very different, some of us tried frogs’ legs which really do taste like chicken.

We stayed with host families in Lyon and Paris but when we were travelling around the spectacular countryside many fancy hotels became our homes.

So far we rate these three weeks as the best weeks of our lives.

Gabby, Jacinta and Hannah.
Mock Trial

The mock trial got underway this year with a win over James Sheehan College. The team consisted of K. Fitzgerald, A. Campbell, E. Sexton, C. Foody, L. Jackson and I. Plenderleith. It was a very close trial, however Bathurst High convinced the judge that their client did not ride in a negligent way.

Our second trial was against Mackillop. They were a very strong team and managed a win.

The third trial clashed with the Year 11 exams, which meant that we needed to recruit some Year 10 students. The students were A. Coomans, N. Kenny, P. Mullins, S. Martin, E. Marriott and K. Springett.

The trial was against Kelso High and our main witness was played by Sam Martin. Sam claimed that he had bought a pair of “long johns” that caused him a terrible rash. This made for a very interesting case, however Kelso’s witness statements held more stead than our own and they were awarded the win.

The last trial was against St. Stanislaus. They were keen for a win as this would put them through to the next round. Amy Baitch was the first witness and proved a valuable asset. The Bathurst High team managed to prove their case, however St. Stanislaus came out with more points and advanced to the second round.

A good time was had by all.

Shannon Gibson
Scintillating Seven

There we were, nervously waiting to enter this huge, new domain called “High School”. How many times have you been told “It’s the greatest years of your life”? We certainly didn’t feel that way when we were waiting to be given the class that we would ultimately spend the rest of the year in - affectionately known as our “roll call” class.

We were then taken off to our first class in this school and we were given our timetable. The first time I saw this little piece of paper my head started to spin. Which of the seemingly thousands of these rooms was I supposed to head to first??

As you can see the start of this year was a very nerve racking time for us, the new year sevens. However, this was made all the more simpler by the fact that we had a great time looking at, kayaking on and sailing on the beautiful Lake Burrendong at the peer support camp that was held at the start of the year. The best part of this camp were the peer support sessions, led ably by the year elevens. This was a great start to a really excellent year.

The boundless opportunities presented to us by our new school were something of a shock. The ranged from rock Eisteddfod, public speaking, debating, school vocal group, endless amounts of sport - including the Astley Cup, and music, music, music, just to name a few.
For the small group of musicians that spent many dedicated hours in any of the numerous bands that the school has to offer, this was time well spent and a great experience, especially when the concert and stage bands won their respective sections in the Bathurst Eisteddfod.

Another great aspect of this school is that we are encouraged to think freely and be responsible for our own thoughts and actions. This year at B.H.S. has been challenging, rewarding and exciting. It has given us an insight into the future, which I am sure we will all approach with great enthusiasm and I’m also positive that our future school years will continue to be as rewarding as our first.

I’d also like to thank Mr Hamilton for being there in times of desperate need.

Lauren Dulhunty

A great start to the year with the camp. 115 students went and thoroughly enjoyed themselves which proved to be a very good way for all new students to get to know each other. There were some teething problems in Term 1 and 2, with some students still having difficulties with what is appropriate behaviour.

Overall this has been a very good year with the large majority enjoying themselves and proving to be excellent role models for their school. Hopefully this can continue for next year we might see the first round of sports stars start to represent the school in teams and individual pursuits.

Darren Hamilton
Agriculture Report

This year has been another successful year in Agriculture at Bathurst High School. Students prepared, showed and judged cattle, poultry and sheep in the 1999 Bathurst Royal Show and also ran the Animal Nursery. At the school farm students have been maintaining our Hereford heifer “Missy”, our free range poultry flock of Australorp, Rhode Island Red and White Leghorn hens, our show birds, ducks, geese, goats and sheep.

This year we have also pruned, watered, mulched, planted and transplanted a variety of plants, prepared soil using our tractor and hand tools, controlled weeds and learned a lot about agriculture while doing it all! We also saw the introduction of a new agriculture teacher, Mrs. Sarah Westman, who joined us from Batlow Technology School.

We would like to express our thanks to all the people who have assisted us throughout 1999. Well done!

Karen Damic
Murray Grey Show Team

Early in the year we heard that there was a Murray Grey Show Team and they were looking for people to join. There were thirteen of us and in February we had our first training session with our two heifers, twin calves and one cow named Blondie. All of the Murray Grey's were from Alan Upton's stud farm. After a few weeks of training Blondie and the calves were leading well, so we decided to give the heifers a try. At this stage the team was selected - Ned Sibly, Peter Storey, Steven Windus, Nick Hodgeman, Evan Moore and Nathan Howard. After this we all started to train our own animals. It was about then that we agreed on names for all the Murray Grey's. Blondie already had her name, the heifers were named Daisy and Vixen, the pure white bull calf Snowy and his sister Nutmeg.

After a few weeks they had all calmed down, but we were worried that we wouldn't be ready in time. Sarah Druce came down and led Daisy and she was perfect, leading her easily around the school farm. Evan and Mrs. Westman worked hard with Vixen and calmed her down too.

The day of the Bathurst Royal Show finally came. We trained through the holidays even though most mornings we would rather have slept in. We were pretty nervous - none of us had done this before so it was all new.

But everything turned out okay. Snowy received first place, as did Nutmeg. We also received two third place ribbons. The students involved should be commended for the time and effort put into preparing the animals. We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Upton of Newhaven Park Murray Grey Stud for lending their animals for this prestigious event and Mr. Bonham for teaching us about cattle showing and transporting the animals around.

The students would especially like to thank Mrs. Sarah Westman for giving up her time to train the team three afternoons a week and during the holidays. Mrs. Westman would like to thank the team for their hard work and effort and also for the mad cow!!

Murray Grey Cattle Team
Animal Nursery

This year was another fantastic year at the animal nursery shed at the Bathurst Royal Show. Why was that? Because again it was run by the very hardworking and committed bunch of Aggies from Bathurst High. It was filled with excitement and fun as the public walked through the building, viewing the animals on display.

Bathurst High Aggies would like to thank the following people for generously supplying the animal nursery with their animals: Darren Webster, Bills and Gills, Harold Nankervis, Ian and Narelle Bonham, Harold Colley, Judy Francis, Gordon Miller, Les and Betty Wardman, Jared Naylor, the Fielding Family and W.I.R.E.S.

The students involved would also like to thank their devoted Ag teachers Ms. Damic and Mrs. Westman.
Literacy

Literacy is important, vital even, in every KLA and subject. We need literacy to read and understand instructions and timetables, to understand and apply knowledge from texts and to be able to write reports, essays, directions, letters and answers to questions.

In the first semester of this year, literacy skills in comprehension and aspects of grammar were especially targeted in the first period of every day. In the second semester, teachers incorporated practise of these skills into their own lesson structures.

Students who needed extra support to advance their literacy skills received this via a number of methods: in-class support; peer tutoring; withdrawal for one-to-one instruction; and home programs. The students who applied themselves to whichever program, and who followed through by doing their homework, are the ones who have progressed quite significantly.

*Chris Bailey*
Senior Geography Excursion

Students in both Years 11 and 12 combined for an excursion to the pine forests of the Yetholme and Kirkconnell area to study ecosystems, changes to the environment and how endangered species could be saved. We were accompanied by Andrew Croft from State Forests. Andrew first spoke to us about how his organisation uses the forests, manages the environment and uses maps and satellite technology to look after the huge area of trees. We then went out to look at a variety of environments which have been altered by farmers, foresters and recreation seekers. We saw the place where the rare Bathurst Copperwing Butterfly lives and Andrew told us how they are trying to preserve their habitat.

Graham Carter

Year Eight History

Mr Carter's year eight history class studied Medieval Britain in term 3. They learnt about famous people, food, herbs and medicines, jousts and tournaments, knights and chivalry, castles and manors, crimes and punishment, coats of arms and heraldry. In class we made up our own crest or shield, using black cardboard and different coloured cellophane to produce an effect like stained glass. These were stuck to the windows of room 3 and looked really great with the light behind them.

Graham Carter
Medieval Night

At the end of Term 3 the Creative Arts Department go together to put on Medieval Night. This was basically one of the old traditional MADD Nights which includes Music, Art, Dance and Drama. However, the Medieval theme gave the night another dimension.

The night was very well hosted by the two kings Nathan Kenny and Greg Smart, and court magician Riorden McWilliam. This trio, along with Kurt Ingersole did the bulk of the organisation for the evening, including setting up the stage, lighting and sound equipment and organising pieces to be performed during the night.

There were many good performances including a segment of “The Gorgon’s Head” by Year 10 Drama, a selection of HSC Drama performances, a medieval dance led by Jayne Evans and her dancing girls, Year 8 girls dancing to Britney Spears and Peter Mullins playing the trumpet.

In addition to these performances, the entire of the Keppel St block was transformed into a medieval feasting hall by junior art students who made banners, crests and costumes. The art teachers also provided snacks and drinks for all the patrons who attended.

Overall it was a very successful night, with many people getting dressed up and having an enjoyable time. Many thanks must go to all the Creative Arts teachers, especially Anne McLaughlin who was acting Head Teacher at the time and worked very hard to get everyone organised.

Greg Ballantyne
Astley Cup Report

Our Astley Cup team suffered narrow defeat in both rubbers this year. The first round was against Orange in Bathurst. This saw excellent competition over the two days, but Orange were able to prevail after swamping us in the Softball at the end of day two.
We were always aware of the superiority of Orange in Softball and it was a credit to all team members that we were able to build a strong lead in an attempt to nullify the finish. The teams: Basketball, Soccer and Rugby League were all dominant.

The Dubbo leg was also closely fought but Dubbo surprised us with their strength in Netball and Athletics and they deserved the win. The Basketball and Soccer teams again were strong, as was the Tennis team. The Rugby League team recorded their first win in Dubbo since 1991 and produced on of the great performances despite being very understrength.
Some excellent individual performances were produced throughout the competition. Ryan Newis completed his Astley Cup career undefeated. David Baillie was brilliant in Soccer and Rugby League. Gemma Newis performed well on court. Josh Bateup and Jake Newstead were excellent in Rugby League. Emily Churches did well in athletics and Amanda Coopes displayed all her skills.
Congratulations to all team members for their great performances and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the competition.

Grant Hanrahan.

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Baseball

Bathurst High School boys baseball team successfully defended the Western Region title by defeating Orange High School in the final. Bathurst High qualified for the final with wins over Lithgow and Young.

In the final Bathurst won 12-3. Orange started strongly taking a 3-2 lead after the first inning, but once Bathurst settled down into the game they took command with strong batting and fielding. The pitching of Daniel Ford was a highlight. He was well supported by the fielding, especially from the infield. The out field did not let any opportunity go with some fine catches and safe fielding. Sean Barrett and David Jackson took two very difficult catches with David’s leading to a double play. Tim George was the star with the bat, getting on base every time he stepped up to the plate.

We then played Caringbah High in the State quarter final. Unfortunately we were beaten 21-2. The team put a great fight, but were outplayed by a superior team.


Phillip Warner

AFL

Bathurst High School’s under 15 team again showed its dominance this year over Kelso High School, retaining the Crow’s Shield. The boys showed a wonderful display of skill and sportsmanship to take out the game 111 - 49. Ruckman Jono Dean again showed his natural athletic ability by being voted best on ground. Paul Wiese, Jeremy Gordon, Nathan Shaw and Nick Schonberg all contributed heavily to the scoreboard.

Alex Katoa, Chris Murphy, Ned Sibly and Joe Sibly were excellent in defence. Thanks to Aaron Grant, Brad Kingwell and Travis Longmore for the time and effort they put into training the team.

The successful team included: Joel Boustani, Jaise Delaney, Trent Evans, Jeremy Gordon, Dane La’ulu, David McDonald, Grant Millar, Joe Sibly, Jason Stuart, Chris Egan, Robbie Buxton, Jono Dean, Matthew Evans, Alex Katoa, Ned Sibly, Luke Millar, Chris Murphy, Paul Wiese, Nick Schonberg, Wayne Clarke, Nathan Shaw and superstar Peter Storey.

Belinda Rakowski

BATHURST BEDDING
126 Bentinck Street, Bathurst
Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s athletics carnival. The day proved to be an enjoyable one with a number of outstanding performances. The following students need to be given recognition for finishing age champions:

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Following the Western area tryouts in July, four Bathurst High School students were selected to compete at the CHS Championships at Homebush. Congratulations to: Brendan Seckold - 5000m, Emily Churches - long jump, Jono Dean - long jump and Zac Riley - 100m.

Belinda Rakowski

Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s school Fun Run. Bicentennial Park proved to be a very enjoyable track for runners and a nice area to sit and eat the Golden Circle goodies they received for finishing. The following students have been given age champion status for 1999:

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Congratulations to Rachel Braun and Brendan Seckold who were selected to represented Western Area at the State Championships in July.

Belinda Rakowski
Boys Cricket

The boys cricket team had to call on their great depth this year. Sixteen boys represented in only two games. The first game was an easy win over Lithgow High School. The highlight was an unbeaten century to Jason Turner and wickets to youngsters Jono and Sean Dean, and Chris Moase. Unfortunately we were unable to play the next game against Cowra until Term 4 and we had to rebuild our team. This combination performed well, but overall were too young to challenge Cowra. Scott Rice performed superbly as captain and received good support from Ben Carter, Ben Stone and Damien Morgan. The team would like to thank Robert Dean again for his time and effort in coaching the side this year.

Grant Hanrahan.

Girls Basketball

After being named State Champions in 1998 the girls had a lot to live up to this year. Having only two original members left the team had to rebuild itself from scratch. To their credit the new team proved to be very competitive taking out the first round of qualifying finals and finishing runner up in Western Area final against Kelso. The successful team included:

Alicia Murphy
Natasha Demmead
Kate Chegwidden
Erin Neil

Erica McGill
Amanda Tobias
Gemma Newis

Kristy Wallace
Stacie La’ulu
Kim Gordon

Thanks to Nathaniel Pinder who helped to coach the girls. Congratulations to Alicia Murphy who was selected in the Western Area team to play at the CHS championships.

Belinda Rakowski
Girls Hockey

The girls hockey team has had mixed fortune this year. I had trouble fielding a side this year and we had some inexperienced players but everyone tried their best for Bathurst High which I think is very important. Despite our inexperience we were only beaten 2-1 by Lithgow in round 2. Lithgow went on to contest the regional final. Kelly Taylor from Year 9 was our goal scorer.

Our other hockey commitments this year were Astley Cup - a draw with Orange, loss to Dubbo - and the Kelvin Cooke Shield in which we were convincingly beaten by Kelso High School. Alison McKay was unlucky not to be the Western goal keeper this year and I'm hoping for a better result in the Year 2000 for Alison as she has done a great job in the goals for 1999.

Cassie Hanrahan

Girls Under 14 Soccer

In 1999 the Girls Under 14 Soccer team produced the best result of any girls team for Bathurst High. They finished runners-up of the Western Region section of the Soccer NSW Cup. The team qualified for the final by defeating Kelso 6-0, Portland 6-0 and then Mudgee 5-0. Bathurst High dominated all three games and the defence was very strong as they did not allow the opposition to score.

The attack was very strong with the forwards capitalising on every opportunity to score goals. The goal scoring was shared around between Emily Bailey, Rachel Braun, Emily Churches, Alison Taunton, Jess Martin and Tegan Pearce.

In the final, the team drew 1-1 with Orange High. We had the best of the play, doing most of the attacking. Orange were able to score on one of their few trips to our goal, and even though we dominated they play we were only able to score one goal to equalise. Following extra-time, the game was still locked at 1-1 which brought us to a penalty shoot out. Unfortunately we lost 3-2. Even though the final result was disappointing the girls showed that we have a good future in girls soccer.

Team members: Renee Aberley, Megan Bergan, Claire Wright, Lisa Churches, Shelley Cole, Michelle Baillie, Tegan Pearce, Rhiannon Scott, Jess Martin, Stacey Weal, Emily Bailey, Bobbie Brown, Emily Churches, Alison Taunton and Rachel Braun.

Phillip Warner
**Netball**

**CHS Competition** - Won the first game against Portland by 90 points and won the next two games of the competition convincingly, but were eventually knocked out in the next game in overtime by two points. Alisha Murphy was selected in the CHS Western Area team.

**Astley Cup** - vs Orange. Played a very strong game and the scores were even at half time, however they were unlucky to be defeated. Gemma Newis, Erica MacGill and Alisha Murphy were the stand-out players.

vs Dubbo. Team members were reduced to eight players so we had to work very hard. Dubbo led by 10 points and quarter time, but BHS came back well to draw level during the fourth quarter. However, we couldn’t take the lead and went down in a close match. Best players were Kate Miller and Leesa Jackson.

**Team Members** - Erica MacGill, Emma Sexton, Rebecca Orme, Leesa Jackson, Toni La’ulu, Alisha Murphy, Gemma Newis, Kate Miller, Cathy Adams and Kim Gordon.

**Kate Murphy**

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**All Schools' Swimming**

Bathurst High participated in the All Schools’ Swimming Carnival which was held on the night of Wednesday 3rd March. We were a very competitive team and congratulations must go to all participants, including the swimmers, reserves and spectators. We had a great night and although we didn’t get a first place we collected four seconds, 17 thirds and 14 fourths. That equates to a place in every race we entered!! The relays were a real highlight and we had a team in six out seven relays and came third in five of them.

The team consisted of:

Year 7: Trent Evans, Jamie Freebrey, Jason Stuart, Merel Van Emerick, Natasha Schofield.
Year 8: Nathan Birch, Chris Egan, Martin Outram, Melissa Schofield, Emily Giovenco.
Year 9: Jenny Browning, Rebecca Chapman, Mark Harrison.
Year 10: Sarah Morgan, Rachael Sewell, Emma Marriott, Kate Evans, Seth Riley.
Year 11: Josh Cam, Andrew Marriott, Amy Campbell.
Year 12: Joel Gray, Zac Riley.
Reserves: Stephanie Cam, Stacey Weal, Simon Wade.

**Janine Browning**
Rugby League

Game 1. Round 1 University Shield versus Kelso. A very poor result considering the talent that took the field that day. Kelso ran over us with superior fitness and team cohesion, overall a disappointing result. Stand out players Jake Newstead and newcomer David Baillie.

Game 2. Astley Cup versus Orange. With new converts Jason Turner and David Baillie taking the field the team had a totally different look to that against Kelso. All players seemed to lift for Astley Cup. The whole team dominated Orange and the backs ran at will. A great display from a team who are keen to do well for their school. Outstanding performers were Jake Newstead, David Baillie, Lee Toole and halfback Mathew Hunt. Final score: 54 - 22.

Game 3. Astley Cup versus Dubbo. An exceptional game from start to finish where determination and pride shone through. This would have to be one of the most exciting and thrilling games of schoolboy football I have ever witnessed. Both teams were trading point for point all game but with Mr Hanrahan’s inspirational words at half time still ringing in their ears the team lifted and with three minutes left David Baillie made an outstanding break and scored in the corner, leading us to a breathtaking victory of which the whole school can be proud.

Darren Hamilton
Rugby

1999 saw Bathurst High venture into numerous Rugby Union events with mixed results. In March we sent an Open Boys and Year 10 Boys team to the Austar 10’s Tournament in Orange.

In May the Year 10/11 side played in the Yates Shield at Parkes High School. The side went down 22-23 in what was an entertaining yet controversial match. All players performed admirably, especially Matt Hunt, Michael Cole, Brendan Hearne and Sam Martin.

Then in September B.H.S. took part in the Uncle Ben’s Gala Day, finishing runners-up to Kelso High in what was an excellent day. The boys shared the prize money with what was an older and more experienced side after a spirited final. Players to excel included Damien Morgan, Chris Flanagan, Blair Hurst, Troy Robbins and the star of the day was Matt Hunt.

David Mann

Life Saving

A number of students have worked hard to acquire Life Saving awards. All training and examinations were done after school and at weekends. The successful candidates were as follows:

Bronze Cross and Senior Instructor: Josh Cam, Andrew Marriott, Amy Campbell, Claire Foody.

Bronze Medallion: Ji Waldron, Seth Riley, Kate Evans, Emma Marriott, Emily Peck, Heather Matheson, Sarah Morgan, Rachael Sewell.

Junior Instructor: Jenny Browning, Stephanie Cam, Joanna Patterson, Rebecca Chapman, Alex Roxborough, Kate Evans, Emma Marriott, Sarah Morgan, Heather Matheson.

Bronze Star: Kurt Dickson, Chris Egan, Beau Maher, Nathan McFarlane, Martin Outram, Nathan Birch, Stacey Weal.

Congratulations to all the above and a special thanks to Mr Jim Browning for his assistance, time and patience with instruction and examining. Most of the group are going on to the next award.

Janine Browning
Sport and Regional Reps

A number of our students and teams have been successful this year. While we did not reach the great heights of 1998, we did consolidate and continue to gain a number of Western Region representatives and many of our teams advanced to Western Region finals. Our Boys Basketball and Baseball teams were regional champions, while our Boys Volleyball, Soccer and Junior Girls Soccer and Basketball teams were regional runner-ups.

We were very pleased to remain competitive in such a range of sports as we lost so many excellent sportspeople at the end of 1998. We hope we can build upon these results and look forward to a good year in 2000.

**NSW CHS Representatives:**

Ryan Newis - was placed second in Australia in singles at the Australian Schools Tennis Championships. He also made the Australian Merit Team after being selected in both the State and Western Region Tennis teams.

Amanda Coopes - represented NSW in Cricket this year and also received the Pierre de Coubertin award for our school.

Chris Hanrahan - was selected in both the Western Region and Nsw sides for hockey, however due to injury he was not able to represent the state.

**Western Region Representatives:**

Melissa Schofield - Swimming; Peter Hicks, Caleb Hunt, Alisha Murphy - Basketball; Josh Cam - Volleyball; Camilla Stenumgard, Emily Churches, Lisa Churches, David Baillie, Simon Birch, Luke Tyburski - Soccer; Matt Hunt - Rugby League; Paul Weal - Hockey; Gemma Newis - Tennis; Alisha Murphy - Netball; Rachel Braun, Brendan Seckold - Cross Country; Emily Churches, Brendan Seckold - Athletics; Tim George - Cricket.

Grant Hanrahan