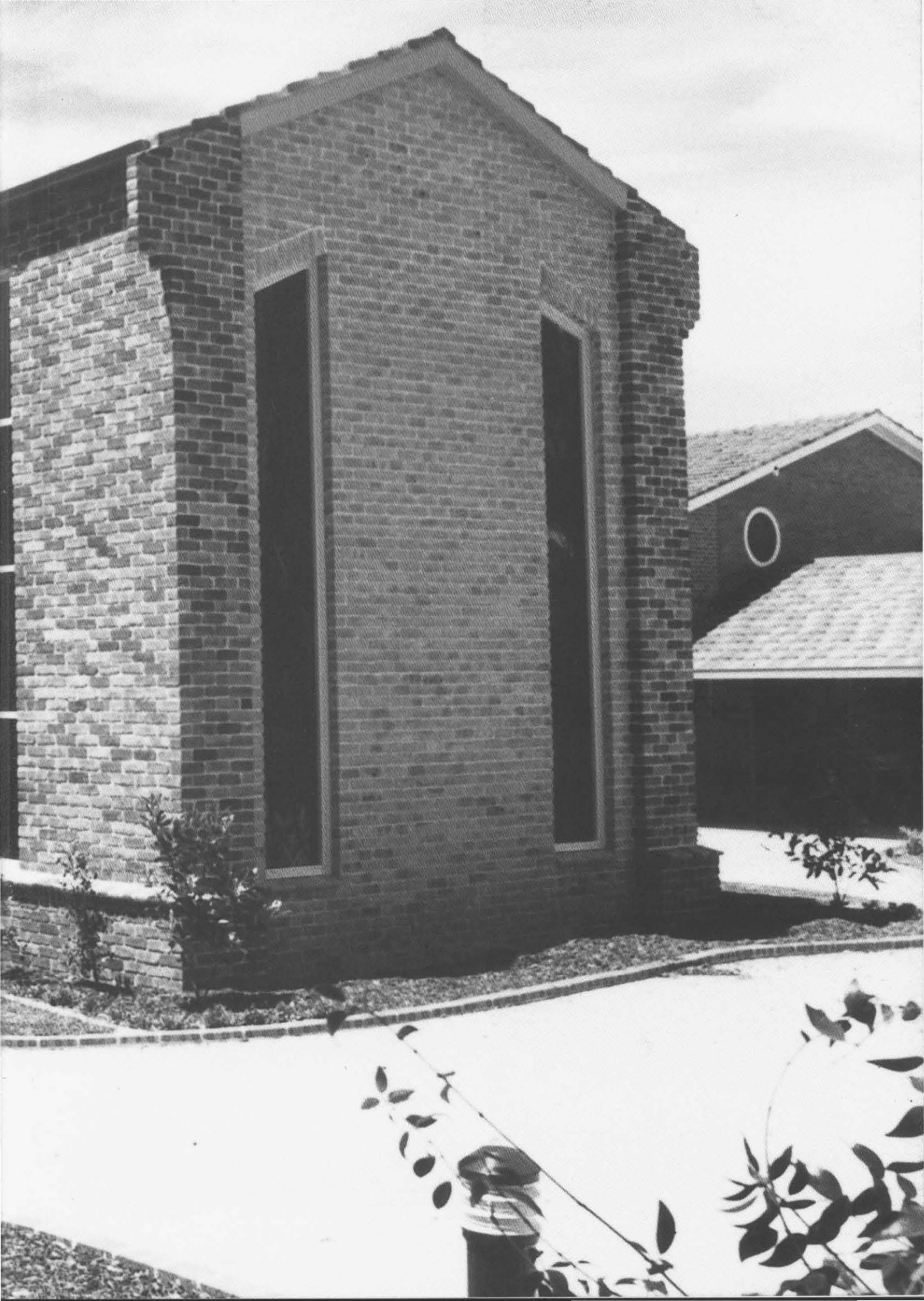


Brigidine College St Ives

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Foreword

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

An enthusiastic Senior Student Leadership Team, led by College Captain, Julia Thomas, typified the students of the year of 2001. These girls possess a wide range of talents and were involved in an extensive array of activities and involvement. The five Seniors (Julia Thomas, Claire Farrow, Monique Meredith, Ashleigh Tracey and Amy Livingstone) were representative of all students Years 7 to 12. In these pages you will see and read of the many involvements of Brigidine students. The many Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) on offer provide students with opportunities to learn much about life, not least the sheer exhilaration of it.

The involvement of parents in the life of the College and, therefore, in each other's, is a valued dimension of the College. It is indeed very satisfying to note the easy rapport of parents that has developed "on the sidelines" over the years. This enjoyment of "being Brigidine" is also evident at the various functions throughout the year. The hard work of the P&F Association, led by Mr Brian Austin and his Committee, once again merits special congratulations and appreciation.

Our Appeal 2001 Committee, led by Mr Peter McLean, also deserves special thanks – it is no easy task to accept the challenge to raise the funds necessary if the school is to continue to provide first-rate facilities for the students of today and of tomorrow. That our Appeals have secured pledges in excess of \$1 million speaks

well of the commitment of parents and friends of the College to secure the future for Brigidine.

The staff of the College – faculty and professional support – have once again shown enthusiasm, competence and commitment to the well-being of the students. In this world of change, we can all be prone to nostalgia, in contrast to having a sense of appreciation of what has gone before. Thankfully we gaze on what the future might hold, on what can indeed be even better. My personal appreciation goes to the Executive Team, Miss Monica Appleby, Mrs Joy Bruce, Mr Steve Perry, Mr Pat Moran and Mr Richard Quinn and to the Finance Manager (Mrs Alison Rylance), Administration Manager/Registrar (Mrs Helen Carlson), Property Supervisor (Mr Gary Leal) and to members of their staffs who are indeed the engine-room of this enterprise.

The year has seen a greatly increased workload for the Board of Directors; the College community owes much to Mr Neild McIntosh and the other members not only for the time that they give so freely but also for their very great care for the school. They bring much wisdom and experience to the table and we are all better for that. I am indebted to them all for their encouragement, sage counsel and enthusiasm. This model of governance has brought new perspectives and new ways of proceeding from which the students will be the ultimate beneficiaries.

The Year 2001 was the International

Year of the Volunteer and it is fitting that the hundreds of Brigidine Volunteers be thanked and applauded for all that they do. This list includes canteen assistants, members of the Appeal Committee, Board members, sports clubs officials and coaches, Parents and Friends Committee members, uniform shop assistants, helpers for the Development Office, and for various functions such as Year Receptions, Year 12 Graduation Dinner, Year 10 Parent/Daughter Dinner - the list goes on and on. The College could not function as it does without them. Hail, the Brigidine volunteers.

The challenge for the future remains, as always, to give effect to our Mission and, in so doing, ensure to the best of our ability that the students are academically competent, socially articulate, spiritually confident and, in all things, 'Brigidine' in their ways of proceeding – strong and gentle.

The future also will tell if those who believe not only in the right of parents to choose schools but also in the obligation of Governments to ensure liberty to exercise that right by appropriate funding of children's schooling, have the political will to ensure these two principles find expression in our society. Certainly, no less in 2001 than in other years, this will is being tested.

Mr John Bowie
PRINCIPAL

Editor's introduction

When I first drafted this section (in my head) I hoped I would be sitting on the deck at our Central Coast holiday home in the September holidays and enjoying the wonderful view. However, it didn't happen and I am sitting in my study at the computer having just proof read (for perhaps the second time) just under half of the text that you will find in this yearbook.

One of the discussions Mrs Bohle and I had concerned getting all the sports photographs named, that is getting all the girls in each photograph identified, the captions typed and realising that 30 netball photos will take 5 pages. What should we do, we asked? The answer was that in ten year's time, who will remember everyone they spent 2001 with? That is why there are 30 netball photos (and many more).

I hope that when you read this, whether it is in January 2002 or January 2012 or in 2022, that it will bring back some fond memories of your time here at Brigidine. We have seen many changes to our College in this year and we have all seen on the television those horrendous scenes in New York, Washington and elsewhere in the world.

In many ways it is easy to be the editor of the yearbook for the second time as there were no major surprises in what to expect or how long it would take. I thank all the staff who got their reports in on time, for those students and parent groups who used the benefits of technology to email me. I actually got such a thrill to open my email and find eight messages in one day. Usually I am lucky if I get eight in a month. What will email be like when you read this in 2012?

Sherryl Bremner

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Foundations and Traditions



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FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day honours not only Bishop Delaney and the founding of the Brigidine Order, but many others who have contributed over the years to the creation and upholding of the Brigidine Tradition. St Brigid herself, Mother John Synan who led the first 6 Brigidine sisters to Australia, the first Principal here at St Ives, Sister Romuald Walz - all have played an integral part in our history.

To celebrate Founder's Day this year, several important events were planned to coincide on that day, Friday 22nd June.

To start an event-filled day, the whole College celebrated Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in the centre of Sydney. Joining the congregation were the staff and students of St Bernard's School, a Brigidine school located in Coonamble, where the Brigidine sisters first established themselves on their arrival to this country. It was a memorable occasion, with a marvellous spirit of celebration and gratitude. For many students, it was the first time they had been inside St Mary's Cathedral, and all were struck by its beauty and majesty.

On returning to the College, a feast awaited the students, thanks to the wonderful efforts of a small army of parent volunteers who had been busy in the kitchen all morning. The Quadrangle was filled with a smorgasbord of delicious dishes from all over the world as the annual Multi-Cultural Food Fair got under



Mrs Sandra Stuart and her family with the plaque in honour of Sandra's father, Mr Henry Lindo



Father Guy Carlson blessing the courts



Mr John Bowie, Principal, addressing the congregation at St Mary's Cathedral.



The inaugural tennis match between staff and students - Mrs Virginia Reed, Leeanne Torpey, Mrs Donna Littlewood and Alison Lloyd with ball girls.

way. From baklava to pizza, noodles to sushi, the choice was endless. The Fair raised over \$1200 for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Prior to the opening of the new tennis courts, a luncheon was held on the Year 11 Verandah to thank our donors who had contributed so generously to the "Building Brigidine" Appeal. Also in attendance were many Brigidine Sisters and other invited guests.

The Official Opening and Blessing of the Henry Lindo Tennis Courts was an event that had been eagerly anticipated by many. The old tennis courts had been dug up some months before to make way for St Brigid's Chapel & Religious Education Centre, and meanwhile Brigidine tennis matches had been scattered around the local area, at times testing the patience of the tennis teams. After the Official Ceremony, during which the courts were opened by Sister Anita Murray, Province Leader and past Principal of the College, and blessed by Fr Guy Carlson SJ, an inaugural doubles match between staff and students was played.

Attending the Opening Ceremony were Mrs Sandra Stuart, daughter of Henry Lindo and a member of the teaching staff, with her family and Mrs Maurine Lindo, widow of Henry and mother of Sandra. Mr Henry Lindo was tennis coach at Brigidine College from 1954 to 1989 and is widely credited with establishing the solid tradition of tennis here that continues today.

While the Courts were built primarily for tennis, they can also be used for netball and hockey. The mobile tennis nets and flexible curtaining between the courts was intended to maximise the use of the facility. The project was carefully planned to include tree preservation and re-planting, with new parking facilities for up to 36 vehicles. The inaugural tennis game was played amidst towering gums and carefully planted native landscaping, all designed to compliment the natural bush aspect that the College enjoys.

As part of the major building works that took place during the year, the Henry Lindo Tennis Courts were generously funded by Brigidine parents, grandparents, staff and friends of the College, to which the College owes a debt of gratitude. Thanks also go to Mr Horace Rapisada of McElhone Lo Rapisada Architects, Mr Chris Green, the Project Engineer, and the Building Committee for their efforts in this project.



The movable tennis fence came in handy!



A smorgasbord of choices!



Isabel Stanford, Ashley May enjoying the food fest with Mrs Julia Bevan.



Kim Ingram, Sister Anita Murray and Trish Byrnes at the VIP luncheon.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Through our monthly Board Meetings, committee meetings and regular involvement with the College, the Board of Directors is able to gain a good sense of what is happening at Brigidine College, St Ives. Our perception of 2001 is that it has been an extremely busy, productive and enjoyable year for all members of the College community.

A great deal has been achieved this year and our congratulations and sincere thanks go to our Principal, Mr John Bowie, the management team, teaching staff and support staff of the College.

The most visible activity and change have been the completion of our major building works centred around the St Brigid's Centre. The planning, financing and management of this project have been a significant additional workload for many at the College. I'm sure that everyone would agree that the finished product is a fine tribute to the efforts of those involved. Our special thanks go to Mr John Bowie, Mr Richard Quinn and the Staff Building Committee for their commitment to the project.

It is also important to thank the members of the Brigidine community who have made the building works possible through their generous donations to our Building Brigidine Appeal. This was the third year of our Building Appeal and our special thanks go to Mr Peter McLean, this year's Appeal Chairman, and to his committee for their time and efforts. Without our fund-raising committee and our generous donors, we would not be able to provide our daughters with the standard of educational facilities they need and deserve.

There have been many less visible, but important activities during the course of the year which the Board consider essential to the future of the College. These include:

- Development of a strategic plan for the Board and the College. We must look to continually improve the College's performance and



Board of Directors

(Back) Dennis Robertson, Sister Jane Keogh, Karen Bowller (front) Sister Val McKenna, Joy Pitts, Neild McIntosh

thereby enhance its good standing and reputation.

- Succession planning for the leadership of the College is a key Board priority. Plans are being developed for the Principal and the Board itself.
- Formalising and documenting of Board and College Policies and Procedures has been a major project this year. Governance and compliance have become extremely important in the on-going management of the College (as in most organisations these days). As a result of the work that has been done, we now have a solid base to which we can refer and build on in the future.

A key aspect of the role of the Board is to ensure that the College remains faithful to its Mission Statement and to the Brigidine heritage. It is therefore essential that ongoing communication, mutual understanding and support exist between the Board and the Brigidine Congregation. As a Board and a College, we have been very fortunate to have the involvement and support of Sister Anita Murray as the Province Leader of the Brigidine Congregation, and the dedication and commitment of Sister Val McKenna and Sister Jane Keogh as members of our Board. We

genuinely appreciate and benefit from their involvement.

This year has required a significant time commitment from the Board of Directors and I would like to thank all directors for their time, energy and good humour (which can be tested as Board Meetings enter their fourth hour). In addition to Sister Val and Sister Jane, the Board consists of:

Mrs Karen Bowller,

Mrs Joy Pitts

Mr Dennis Robertson.

The Board fully supports the efforts and contribution made to the College community by the Parents and Friends Association. Our thanks go to the President, Mr Brian Austin, and to his committee for their great work during the year. We encourage all parents to be actively involved in the Parents and Friends.

Last but in no way least, on behalf of the Board, we congratulate the students and staff of the College on their work and successes over the year. We trust that those leaving Brigidine this year have enjoyed their experience at the College and we wish them all the very best for the future.

Neild McIntosh
Chairman



DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Without doubt, the most common question that I am asked is "What does a Director of Mission do?". This emerging role is now becoming more common in education and healthcare sectors, particularly in organisations and institutions where the day to day management is being passed on from members of a religious order to lay professionals. At Brigidine College St Ives, the Director of Mission helps the College community to constantly refer to and reflect on its stated mission, by seeking to critique and organise a Brigidine culture and value system that is in harmony with the spiritual, academic, pastoral, justice and co-curricular goals of the College.

In practical terms, the Director of Mission is responsible for a variety of College activities such as:

- The organisation and co-ordination of liturgical and prayer experiences, including our major College masses, class liturgies, assembly prayers and other seasonal and special liturgies;
- The organisation and facilitation of retreats and reflection days for students, staff and parents;
- The promotion and co-ordination of community service and social justice awareness activities;
- The organisation and promotion of parent enrichment programs,

including our "Brigidine by Night" Seminars;

- The fostering of close links and networking with church agencies, including the Broken Bay Diocese and the local parishes, and various welfare and charitable organisations;
- The promotion of ongoing awareness of our rich Brigidine heritage and Christian tradition.

Prayerful celebration is an important part of the life of the College. Throughout the year we have gathered to celebrate significant events, such as our Founders' Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, a memorial prayer for those who suffered in the US terrorist attack, and various other seasonal and special liturgies. Our senior students, capably led by Antonija Iljadica (President, Liturgy Society) and assisted by Mrs Ros Boyd and the Music Department, have been actively involved in the organisation of our liturgies. We extend sincere thanks to our local priests, particularly Fr George Kolodziej SDS, Fr Terry O'Brien, Fr Guy Carlson SJ, Fr Tom McDonough CP, Fr Michael Hickey CP and Fr Gerard Glynn CP, for their ongoing support of and ministry to our College community.

Retreats and reflection days are regular and important events in our annual calendar. This year's program also included a Parents' Reflection

Day which was well attended.

Groups of staff gathered each term for a reflection day focussing on our Brigidine tradition, and all students were provided with opportunities to participate in an overnight or one day retreat.

Throughout the year our students have undertaken a broad range of outreach and community service activities, from our regular visits to Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School to nursing home visits, from Blood Bank donations to charity collections at local railway stations. The efforts of Melisse Haataja (President, St Vincent de Paul Society) and Jessica Lockett (President, Pro-Life Society) have inspired others to be more involved in providing support for those in need.

Rising at the heart of the College property this year has been our new St Brigid's Chapel and Religious Education Centre which was opened and blessed in late November. This new complex, made possible through the generosity of so many members of our College family, symbolises and proclaims to all our commitment to education that is centered on the gospel and is faithful to the Catholic community and the Brigidine heritage.

Richard Quinn

THE OPENING AND BLESSING OF ST BRIGID'S CHAPEL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTRE - Friday 23 December 2001

St Brigid's was built in response to a need to centralise various resources that the College required. A report drawn up in 1998 identified a chapel, classrooms and staff rooms as being necessary to satisfy the College's immediate needs, and thus the idea of a multi-purpose building was born. Consisting of a Chapel, staffrooms and classrooms, Religious Education Resource Centre, kitchen, storage space and foyer, and surrounded by landscaped gardens, the actual building of the centre was begun in mid 2001 and completed relatively quickly to lock-up stage by September. The appropriately titled "St Brigid's Wish List", detailing fixtures and fittings needed to complete the Chapel, was offered to the Brigidine Community and the majority of items were spoken for within the first week of its release.

Almost 600 people attended the Opening and Blessing Ceremony. Sister Anita Murray, Principal from 1975 to 1989 and Province Leader of the Congregation of St Brigid, officially opened the building, while the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Bishop David Walker, blessed the new complex. Mr John Bowie, Principal, gave the Address of Welcome, Mr Neild McIntosh, Chairman of the Board of Directors, gave the Vote of Thanks, and Jessica O'Connor, Captain of the School for 2002, acted as MC. The Rite of Blessing was organised by Mr Richard Quinn, Director of Mission. The Year 7 students formed a massed choir and led the crowd in the National Anthem and the School song, accompanied by the Brigidine String Ensemble.

Of particular interest to the crowd who thronged through the centre at the conclusion of the ceremony for their first look were the beautiful stained glass windows of the Chapel, dedicated to the memory of two students who had died whilst at the College - Louise de Jong and Clare Malone. The stained glass doors to the Chapel were donated by the 2001

student body who had taken part in a Walkathon to raise the money.

Stunning in its simplicity, yet rich in beauty of design and heritage, the Chapel exceeded all expectations. It will stand as a testament to the foresight and generosity of the Brigidine Community who enabled the dream to become a reality, and a statement of the centrality of the College's Christian faith.

Extracts from the Occasional Address given by Sr Anita Murray, Province Leader

"...Less than fifty years ago this land where we are at this moment was an orchard owned by the Gaukrogers, one of the early families to move into St Ives and to begin growing citrus fruit. . . . As well as being prominent orchardists, the Gaukrogers also opened the first butcher's shop in Pymble, and because in those pre-refrigeration days you had to have a ready supply of fresh meat, they established their slaughter yards right here at the bottom of Woodbury Road - described as "a muddy dirt track down which the bellowing animals slithered to their death".

There is an old proverb which says: "a good beginning is half the work". And so this evening I would like to acknowledge and pay tribute especially to those first Brigidine nuns who laid the foundations of this school, in difficult circumstances, as all beginnings are difficult. They brought with them a certain charism and ethos grounded in the Brigidine motto of *Fortiter et Suaviter* - i.e. to live the gospel with strength and gentleness. It takes a lifetime to work out the far-reaching implications of those words. Those early Brigidines, as well as the first families and students of this school left us a rich legacy of vision, compassion and loyalty and this has been carried like a flame through these almost fifty years and is now well and truly being grasped, cherished and enriched by



Bishop David Walker blesses St Brigid's

our lay associates. We Brigidines thank John, his staff and the parent body for the way in which they have become guardians of the Brigidine tradition. A proof of that is that today it is a Chapel and Religious Education Centre that is being opened.

Brigidine College is a Catholic school and one that is centred around a tradition of prayer. The Gospel is the very reason for its existence. The fact that the first really major addition of new school buildings under the administration of John Bowie, the first lay Principal, is a Chapel, speaks very eloquently, I think, of his understanding and commitment to the whole enterprise of Catholic education. We thank you sincerely for that John.

Finally I would like to thank you, the parents, who have been so generous in your support of this venture. May these buildings continue to enrich the life of the school for many years to come. My prayer for the school and for all who study, work and play in it is Cardinal Newman's quiet prayer of confidence and hope:

*"So long thy power has blest me
It still will lead me on."*

ADDRESS BY PRINCIPAL JOHN BOWIE 23RD NOVEMBER 2001

(After welcoming the official guests, Sr Anita Murray, Province Leader and Bishop David Walker of the Diocese of Broken Bay and all parents, Mr Bowie reflected on the significance of our new Chapel and Religious Education Centre.)

"I am honoured to welcome the families and friends of the families of the late Louise de Jong, Clare Malone and Sonja Huddle. Louise de Jong and Clare Malone were former students who died in accidents while still in their respective Year 11s and Sonja, who was an ex-student, and who died in an accident in Austria 2 years ago. It is in the memories of Louise and Clare that our stained glass windows in the Sanctuary have been installed. I thank all those generous people, some anonymous, who have contributed to those beautiful windows. In the very near future, a memorial fountain for Sonja, donated by her family, will be installed in one of our front lawns. Louise, Clare and Sonja will be remembered always." . . .

Having had the vision to build St Brigid's, the College community is now challenged by the very building itself to formulate a vision of how best to use this wonderful asset. St Brigid's Chapel can be seen as being an oasis around which life swirls – an oasis for private reflection and prayer for staff, for students, for parents and for our neighbours. St Brigid's Chapel will also be a place for communal celebrations and prayers as well as being a venue for such discourses and learning as are consistent with the use of a Chapel. . .

Again, welcome to your St Brigid's: it is yours and it belongs to generations yet to come. We give thanks to God for this great gift but, more than that, we give thanks to God for the people who will use it. Schools exist to build young people, not buildings. Helping



A crowd of almost 600 people attended the opening.



Sister Anita Murray opens St Brigid's



The 2001 student leaders with some of the student donors by the stained glass doors that were donated by the student body of 2001.



Bishop David Walker blesses St Brigid's



Many ex-students took the opportunity to revisit their old school.

our parents to build young people remains our central focus and, with the help of God and this community, Brigidine College St Ives will continue to do so."

People of Brigidine



People of Brigidine

People of Brigidine

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (STAFF)

This year has seen considerable activity in a number of areas.

AWARDS

One very important issue relating to staff was the review and implementation of two Awards: that for Support Staff and that for Teaching Staff. Discussions concerning both Awards went smoothly and were ratified by the Industrial Relations Tribunal. This process takes place about every four years.

Two important resources and organisations in the industrial arena are the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations (CCER) and the Independent Education Union (IEU). Both groups, which at times can be viewed as protagonists, have been very professional and helpful in their observations and recommendations to the College. This has been especially so in the area of policy and procedures development eg. Job Share, Part-time Employment and Dispute and Grievance Procedures.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE (LSL)

Long Service Leave has emerged as an important consideration in planning the staffing patterns for each year. With the present distribution of staff and leave accumulation, there will possibly be an average of four or five staff on LSL each year. This pattern has emerged at Brigidine and most non-government schools in recent years.



Executive Team

Front row: Monica Appleby, John Bowie, Joy Bruce. Second row: Richard Quinn, Stephen Perry, Pat Moran

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OH&S)

Introductory Courses

Following recent changes to legislation and expectations in the area of OH&S, last year and this year staff have completed the following courses:

- Back Care
- Fire Fighting
- Chemical Safety
- First Aid

Staff training in first aid has mushroomed in recent years. Besides the general course, which is the minimum requirement for all staff and is refreshed every 3 years, there is the Certificate course, which many staff have undertaken voluntarily. Each year, a percentage of staff renew their CPR training. It has become

clear that for a tiny number of emergencies, a ready supply of oxygen is highly desirable. A few staff are undertaking an Oxy-Viva course in order to handle correctly the oxygen equipment which should be in place by the time you read this.

The College has been fortunate in having very knowledgeable and able instructors who happen to be from the PE Department. Joanne Baker has helped in organising first aid training for some years and in the last couple of years, Skye Wachter has been a well-regarded and qualified instructor for the staff.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

One of the important yardsticks for measuring a "worker-friendly" place of employment is the culture of staff development. The College continues its policy of encouraging each staff

member to undertake professional development each year. In 2001, staff went to many different courses and inservice opportunities.

The activities range from whole staff days, specific subject curriculum involvement across a continuum to perhaps the staff Yoga group that continues to meet each week after school at the College.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (STUDIES)

Another year is over with Brigidine enjoying more than a few successes. Not least was the successful completion of the first HSC under the new system!

Thanks to the leadership of the Heads of Department and the invaluable support of Information Services, the lead up to this year's HSC has been a smooth one. Girls can be confident in the high level of professionalism and expertise they have received.

For the first time, Brigidine

PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

One of the great privileges of being in the position of AP (Staff) is the way in which some staff invite you into a special part of their life where they may be working through personal and professional issues. The College certainly has a tradition of endeavouring to measure up to best practice in pastoral care of staff and

College policies aim towards this end.

Hopefully, the College is aligned with the lived reality that

"...staff are far and away our best resource".

Pat Moran

participated in the NSW English Literacy and Numeracy testing of all Year 7 students. The results of these tests have been used to develop strategies for incorporating literacy programs across the curriculum. I must take this opportunity to thank Mrs Nola McMullan and the Literacy Committee for their invaluable work in developing this program.

In all areas of the curriculum, there have been some rich and rewarding experiences enjoyed by the girls, as well as many successes. Once again, Brigidine's name featured strongly on the distinction lists of the many competitions that the girls had an

opportunity to enter.

As part of the Brigidine ethos, we aim to give each girl an opportunity to broaden her horizons and to participate in as many activities as possible, so that she can discover and develop her talents.

In 2001 we have achieved this aim thanks to a dedicated staff who are not only enthusiastic about their own subject areas, but who are also willing to share their interests and enthusiasm with the girls outside the classroom.

Miss Monica Appleby

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (PASTORAL)

Pastoral Care of students is a difficult thing to describe because it happens in so many ways and involves so many people. In every interaction with students, teachers and other staff guide and influence the young people with whom they work. More formally, Year Co-ordinators and Mentor teachers make a great effort to know and develop connections with their students. This skill is one of their greatest contributions to the growth and wellbeing of the girls. It is one of the most time-consuming, sometimes most difficult, but often most rewarding parts of teaching, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in this work.

This has been another year where every day so many people have shown their generosity and goodwill toward the College. The large number of parents dedicated to

assisting with Co-curricular activities for our girls is an outstanding feature of this College. The number of staff who voluntarily participate in sports and the Centre for Excellence activities is clear evidence of the way staff see their contribution to the development of our students as being something extending far beyond the classroom. Few other schools can claim such enthusiasm from their parents or staff.

One opportunity we have for ensuring connectedness with the College community is to encourage girls' participation in Co-curricular activities. The range of activities to choose from is enormous - and increasing. We are investigating some new Clubs including soccer, golf, volleyball, sailing and Tae Kwon Do, to add to the existing 10 Clubs. I am delighted with the appointment of Mr David Chant as Special Assistant (Sports). The girls are benefiting from his specialist sports' knowledge as he

works with the Clubs and organises our participation in interschool sports association competitions.

Each year the Societies of the Centre for Excellence develop new Associations to respond to the interests of the girls. I am grateful for the expertise and dedication of Mrs Jan Whiddon as Director of the Centre for Excellence. Only the girls are fully aware of the countless hours of encouragement and organisation that have gone into making the Centre for Excellence such a success this year.

Our trophy cabinet is testament to the successful training of our girls in so many pursuits. However, as encouraging as winning a competition may be, often the most significant outcomes are not to do with trophies. Rather, they relate to the personal growth that comes from friendships formed out of common interests, interactions with staff and parents and the learning that takes place in

the informal situations provided by co-curricular activities. Social skills, self-management and commitment are other outcomes of involvement in these groups.

The simple message to all students is – 'be involved'. There are so many opportunities for each girl to discover her talents and experience success. Don't let your chance go by!

Mrs Joy Bruce

THE SENIOR COORDINATOR

After the frenetic Year of 2000, in which so much was covered both within the school life as well as outside (as the year of the great Jubilee), with the Olympics, and other major extra curricular activities, it seemed for a brief moment that there might be less to do in 2001!

This year has been equally as full as the last, with many day-to-day activities being accommodated in a curriculum which seems to be ever expanding. It can be said that no two days are ever the same.

As 2001 progressed, so, too did the building of St Brigid's Centre, an activity that has been witnessed by many as they travelled between the Year 10 area and The Convent. Upon completion, St Brigid's, together with the sacred space, and offices, will house three additional classrooms and these will allow for smoother operations in 2002. This wonderful addition to Brigidine College is built on the site of the former tennis courts. To replace those courts, the Henry Lindo Tennis courts, at the rear of McCammon, were constructed prior to St Brigid's and were officially opened in June this year, following the Founders' Day Mass. On this day we were blessed with perfect weather for our school excursion to the mass celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral. At this special event in the school life of each student we were joined by students and staff of St Bernards Coonamble, to share in the Brigidine heritage.



ACADEMIC TEAM

Front row: DiAnne McDonald, Janine Martin, Roslyn Boyd, Monica Appleby, Lou Buckley, Marilyn Pretorius, Roslyn Mort, Julia Bevan
Second row: Jo Baker, Sherry Bremner, Michael Halliday, Michael Palme, Trish Byrne, Allen Carters, Sue Brown



PASTORAL TEAM

Front row: Maree Lindsay, Lisa Berry, Joy Bruce, Anne Walsh, Moya Morgan
Second row: Joanne Kachel, Maureen McDermott, Colleen McKeown

Throughout 2001, each year group has had many opportunities for excursions, camps, retreats, drama, as well as mainstream learning. In third term, we all participated in a fundraising walkathon around the local area to raise funds for the stained glass entrance doors to the chapel in St Brigid's. A fun-packed afternoon was had by all and the

doors have become reality. As the year draws to an end, we look forward to a 'new look' entrance to the school, thanks to the hard work of all associated with Brigidine College.

Steve Perry



Staff 2001

Row 5 : Virginia Reed, Andrea Foster, Amber Fanning, Chris Grzesik, Michael Palme, Allen Carters, Marilyn Lucas, Catherine Willoughby

Row 4 : Di Mills, Glenda Chidrawi, Daniela Borgert, Moya Morgan, Ros Boyd, Gwen Hill, Lou Buckley, Gina Mathlin, Lucille Flory, Nikki Greig, Nola McMullan, Annemarie Mitchell, Marilyn Pretorius, Sue Smith, Sherryl Bremner, Maureen McDermott, Therese O'Kane, Sue Brown

Row 3 : Robyn Stone, Vikki Atkins, Anne Walsh, Carol Notter, Philippa Goddard, Lorna Hall, Geoff Copeland, Michael Ford, Clive Meyers, Gary Leal, Robert Farr, Jennifer Gregory, Maree Lindsay, Barbara Stutchbury, Vicki Scott, Kerry Del-Grande, Jill Rolleston, Joanne Baker

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Absentees : Louise Akkik, Sue Appleton, Valerie Bohle, Carolyn Burgess, Joanne Cousins, Ingeborg Dean, Margaret Driscoll, Elizabeth Galvin, Anita Harris, Betsy Harvey, Carol Heal, Liz Heffernan, David Holmes, Noela King, Donna Littlewood, Sharon McKinnon, Peter Miller, Tamara Powell, Lydia Reboul, Alison Rylance, Eniko Sweeting, Skye Wachter

Principal : John Bowie

TEACHING STAFF

AKKILIK Louise BSc Dip Ed	FLOR Y Lucille B Fine Art H Dip Ed Cert Early Childhood	MORGAN Moya AMusA DipMusEd GradDip Rdng& Lang GradDipRE
APPLEBY Monica M Ed AdminBEC BA DipEd	FOSTER Andrea BA BTeach (Hons)	MORT Roslyn BSc DipEd
APPLETON Sue B SocialWork	GALVIN Elizabeth BSc DipEd	NIXON Karen B Math(Hons) Dip Ed GradDip Mkt Mgt
BAKER Joanne BEd (PE + Health)	GLEESON Diane CertEd BA(Hons) MA	O'KANE Therese BA DipEd MA
BARRS Julianne B Ed	GREIG Nikki BSc(Hons) DipEd	PALME Michael BEd DipHort
BASTICK Mark B Ed Dip Teach MA	GREGORY Jennifer BA DipEd	PERRY Steven BA DipEd TC
BERRY Lisa BA DipEd	GRZESIK Christine BSc(Hons) Grad DipEd	POWELL Tamara BA Dip Ed
BEVAN Julia BA(Hons)	HALL Lorna DipMusEd AMusA JP	PRETORIUS Marilyn BA(Hons) DipEd MED
BORGERT Daniela B Ed TAS	HALLIDAY Michael B Theol	QUINN Richard BEd Dip Teach MA(Theol.Studies)
BOWIE John BA DipEdAdmin MEdAdmin	HARVEY Betsy BA DipEd M Ec	REBOUL Lydia BA DipEd(France)
BOYD Roslyn B MusEd	HILL Mark BA DipTeach DipEdSt MA	REED Virginia BSc Cert LandscapeDesign
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BUCKLEY Lou BA DipEd Grad Dip	LAYTON Anne BSc Grad DipEd	STONE Robyn BA Dip Ed
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CHANT David BA DipTeach (PE/Health) M Ed	MARTIN Janine BSc DipEd GradDipAppSc(Computing)	WACHER Skye B Ed (PE and Health)
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	MORAN Patrick BSc DipEd BA GradDip ComputerEd MEd	



Front row: Kerry Del-Grande, Yvonne Davis, Helen Carlson, Kate Gardner, Vicki Scott
Second row: Sue Smith, Judy O'Reilly, Barbara Stutchbury, Vikki Atkins, Carol Notter

FRONT OFFICE

The Front Office team (often referred to as "The Engine Room") includes Yvonne Davis, our ever capable Receptionist, Staff Assistants Barbara Stutchbury and Kerry del Grande, who share the week and are our photocopyers extraordinaire; (Barbara is also our resident florist producing the many beautiful arrangements that grace the College) and last, but by no means least, Sue Smith, Office Assistant, who replaced Vicki Scott. Vicki was whisked away by our Principal, John Bowie - John's gain is our loss! Sue has quickly learnt that a good sense of humour is the call of the day! We welcome Sue and her valuable contribution to the team.

Our Office Manager, Kate Gardner, handles the hire of all the College facilities, as well as the catering requirements for College functions. Kate is on hand to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Front

Office, including the co-ordination of the Uniform Shop, Canteen and cleaning contractors.

The many and varied requests of students, parents, staff and other stakeholders are always handled with a smile and a "can do" attitude that contributes to a very friendly working environment.

COLLEGE CANTEEN

Vikki Atkins and her capable "helpers" have yet again provided the College students and staff with a variety of nourishing food. The weekly specials have again been very well received. Vikki has assisted in College catering for departmental functions and her willingness is greatly appreciated. A warm thank you to Vikki and her volunteers.

UNIFORM SHOP

2001 has again been a productive and busy year for Judy O'Reilly and her team of volunteers in the Uniform Shop. The opening hours have been extended to achieve a greater level of service for student and parents. Judy handles all sales and enquiries in a truly professional manner. Well done Judy.

IT SUPPORT

This year Carol Heal moved into an office adjacent to the Registrar/Administration Manager to continue her ongoing development of the database and support role to the Administration staff. With the increased reliance upon electronic records, this is a demanding and complex role including the development of the College web site, the introduction of a new version of our existing database and the training of staff in new software.

REGISTRAR

The Registrar's Office, together with IT Support, moved upstairs at the beginning of the year to a very welcoming environment for prospective students and parents. With enquiries coming from as far afield as Germany, the UK and SE Asia, the variety of applications is increasing, making this a very dynamic and interesting role.

During the year the College has welcomed students from the United States, Ireland, South Africa, Canada, France, Korea and Japan and almost every state of Australia. These students joined our new Year 7's in becoming part of our Brigidine community. The early anxieties that many newcomers experience soon disappears as they become involved in the many and varied activities the College has to offer. Parents also quickly develop friendships by being involved in the social and co-curricular activities of the College.

Applications continue to be received for Years 2001 to 2013 with a recent enquiry made regarding 2014. It has been interesting to note that a number of ex-students have applied for enrolment for their daughters for 2012 and 2013 in recent months from as far away as Hong Kong. The word is spreading ...

Helen Carlson
Administration Manager/Registrar



Belinda Young, Gwen Hill, Alison Rylance, Judy Dawson



Ground Staff

Gary Leal, Michael Ford, Peter Miller
Absent: David Holmes



Judy O'Reilly, Manager Uniform Shop and Vikki Atkins, Manager Canteen



(back row) Liz Heffernan (Library Assistant), Lucille Flory (Art), Philippa Goddard (Library Assistant), Denise Rutherford (TAS Assistant), (front) Judy Gerhardt (Science Assistant) and Margaret Driscoll (Science Assistant)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The tradition of fun and community spirit which has been the foundation of the Brigidine P & F was taken to a height that surpassed anything previously achieved.

The year commenced with Cocktail Parties for parents of Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and the traditional Year 7 and 10 Dinners. These events set the platform for hospitality and parents attended in great numbers. We followed with our support of the Grandparents' Day and Open Day and then topped it off with a highly successful Trivia and Games Night. This was a night to remember and confirmed to all that the spirit of the Brigidine community is vibrant and alive.

Funds were raised from the voluntary levy and the Games and Trivia Night. Our final (non-profit) night was a Dinner Dance on 20 October held at the Monash Country Club at Ingleside.

Funds were allocated during the year by way of a \$1000 grant to each of the eight sports clubs, a data projector to the value of \$5000, first aid kits to the value of \$1000, an upgrade to the Library Commander system, purchase of CPR mannequins, some \$8000 for improvements to the lighting in Romuald Hall and some \$10000 towards the Altar of St Brigid's.

I express my thanks to the Executive and General Committees of the P&F and to the wonderful and generous support of the College staff. It was an honour to be your president.

Brian Austin



The P & F Committee

Dom May, Pam King, Virginia Anania, Ann White, Jim Phelan, Richard Ferns and Brian Austin.

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Summing up the many and varied tasks of the Development Office is never an easy task, and this year having been such an extraordinarily busy year makes it no easier.

Encompassing the 3 major portfolios of ex-students, College publications and the Capital Building Appeal, the Development Office works in conjunction with the Development Team consisting of John Bowie, Monica Appleby, Joy Bruce, Helen Carlson and Richard Quinn.

The Development Team are responsible for organising so many of the events that happen at the College, regular events such as Open Day, Grandparents Day and the TAS/Art Exhibition, and deal every week with the sometimes enormous logistics that are required to make special events such as Founders Day, the Official Opening of the Chapel, the Walkathon and Speech Day the success that they are.

Publications to have come out of this office this year have been numerous, from the School Diary to the very popular "Bridge", the weekly newsletter, brochures such as the Appeal Brochure, St Brigid's Wish List, the new St Brigid's brochure, as well as St Brigid's Recipe Book and the launching of the Brigidine Business Directory, not to mention the Yearbook itself. Keeping an accurate

record of the year's activities through numerous photographs is also part of the Development Office portfolio, and finding the right photos for the right publication is never easy as there are always so many to choose from!

Many of the activities and successes of the Brigidine students have been featured in the local press with regular articles appearing in The North Shore Times, the St Ives Community News, the Ku-Ring-Gai Observer and the Catholic Weekly. The College has enjoyed tremendous support from these publications who are committed to supporting both the College and the local community with important community news.

Several reunions for ex-students were held this year, and it was wonderful to see so many ex-students attending the Opening & Blessing of St Brigid's. In each edition of "The Bridge" a selection of ex-students are featured and it is hoped that next year will see the beginning of a newsletter dedicated solely to ex-student news.

"It never rains but it pours" is the catch cry of the Development Office and Development Team, but would we have it any other way? Of course not!

Valerie Bohle
Development Officer



Building and Development Team

Front row: Helen Carlson, Monica Appleby, Joy Bruce, Valerie Bohle. Second row: John Bowie, Richard Quinn



VOLUNTEERS

Brigidine's vast army of volunteers are an integral part of the College, and there is no doubt that they make a unique contribution to its success. By selflessly devoting their time and energy, by supporting the school in so many tangible ways, the parents and friends of Brigidine epitomise the spirit of the College. This in turn is reflected by the students and their own attitudes towards the contributions that can be made.

The success of the Co-Curricular Programme, with its many Clubs and Societies, rests in the hands of volunteer parents who support the teaching staff, form committees, act as coaches, supervise activities and outings, and support field trips such as those required for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. The Parents and Friends Association, the Canteen and the Uniform Shop rely almost exclusively on volunteers, and so many of the College functions, such as Year Dinners and Cocktail Parties, see parents serving food, pouring wine, cleaning up and ensuring the functions are a success. Parents also offer their services to put together information packages and mail-outs, work that can sometimes be mundane, but where friendships are often formed over cake and coffee.

To each and every one of our volunteers - thank you for another wonderful and successful year!



"BUILDING BRIGIDINE" APPEAL



This year realised two long-standing dreams for the College - the Opening and Blessing of St Brigid's Chapel & Religious Education Centre, and the Opening and Blessing of the Henry Lindo Tennis Courts. Being involved in the "Building Brigidine" Appeal in such a year was of special significance to myself and the Appeal Committee. So many positive comments have been made, both from within the Brigidine Community and from outside it, on how St Brigid's has impacted upon the school's appearance, becoming the centrepiece for the College, and in a way defining our existence.

It has been immensely satisfying to watch the Henry Lindo Tennis Courts being used, and it was wonderful and indeed fitting that the first Mass celebrated in the new Chapel was for the departing Year 12 students who have contributed so much to the life of the College.

The Building Brigidine Appeal 2001 was well served by an outstanding committee that worked tirelessly for the school. The committee for this year was Cheryl Doyle, Richard Ferns, John Gordon, John Price, Ken Thomas and Mark Veyret. The committee represented an exceptional cross-section of parents with considerable experience of the school, and all shared the passion for the cause. That passion had led them to be significant donors to the building in previous years.

This committee was inspired and supported by the Principal, Mr John Bowie, and Ms Valerie Bohle who, in her capacity as Development Officer for the school, co-ordinated - from beginning to end - this year's Appeal. Beyond the call of duty, Mr Bowie and Ms Bohle committed many hours outside of school time underpinning the efforts of the committee. In this context, special thanks should also be given to Mrs Pattie Bowie who, with great passion and belief in the school, attended each of the fundraising cocktail functions and added considerably to the success of the project and also to the enjoyment of the evenings by each and every Year 7 parent.

For my part as Chairman, I can only say without any equivocation, that any success we've had this year came solely with the efforts of the aforementioned individuals who unselfishly gave considerable time and genuine enthusiasm for the task at hand.

As I attended by Year 12 daughter's graduation ceremony from the school at the end of September, I was reminded that she started in Year 7 six years ago, at the same time as Mr John Bowie commenced his term as Principal of the school. The success and excellence of the school over the past 6 years and the future goals that John and his dedicated teaching staff have for the school can only be achieved with the appropriate up-to-date infrastructure in place. When my daughter started 6 years ago, facilities at the school had already been established that were funded by those who came before us. Today it is our right and, dare I say, obligation to continue that tradition of building and enhancing this marvelous school's infrastructure. The parents of Year 7 clearly recognise that responsibility, and also can see that their daughters would be materially advantaged over the next 6 years while members of the school community.

I wish to thank not only my

committee but Mr and Mrs John Bowie and, of course, Valerie Bohle, for their unerring conviction and commitment to this year's appeal. Finally, and most importantly, I wish to thank those parents who embraced the ideal and were able to make a contribution to the school's future success with this year's "Building Brigidine" Appeal.

Peter McLean
Appeal Chairman

JOHN BOWIE'S "REFLECTIONS" - SELECTIONS

Each week the Principal, Mr John Bowie, writes a column in the College newsletter, "Matters", that begins with an inspiring quotation. These quotations come from a wide variety of sources. Sometimes the quotations are relevant to particular circumstances or events that may have occurred during the week; often they are simple reminders for us to carry with us as we travel through our daily lives.

"Daily life is the material of a spiritual life. It's that simple. It's so simple that few of us want to believe it. A spiritual life is not about escaping the world and its daily requirements - it's about infusing the world with a vision of the holy. Then we begin to weave real community - like a bright, whole tapestry where your task hinges on mine, your job mends where mine is worn thin. Here each brings a gift to the rest of the world so that we can live in harmony. For my job and your job is a grand business: it is to find God not just dwelling in the hot sun's eye - but discovering the divine in the earthly task at hand."

Gertrud Mueller Nelson

"Part of prayer is also the basic trust that for those who seek God sincerely, God will eventually come. As one Islamic saying has it, for every step you take towards God, God takes two steps towards you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running."

James Martin SJ, Good Company: The Fast Track from the Corporate World to Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

"Style - the person who remains gracious under pressure is a person with style."

Anonymous

"Remember that the sanctity of life in the hill villages of Afghanistan, among the winter snows, is as inviolable in the eye of Almighty God as can be your own."

**W E Gladstone,
British Prime Minister speaking during
the Second Afghan War 1879.**

"Lord in heaven, please listen to all those who are praying to you now. Those who are sad and crying, those who have lost friends and family. Those who are alone and frightened. Help them to remember, that you are there and you are listening. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

**A Child's Prayer,
National Day of Prayer 4 October.**

"Religions, too, now face their greatest challenge since Europe four centuries ago. Which will prevail: the prophetic vision of peace or the call to holy war? As a religious believer, I must face the fact that religion is not always a good thing. Usually it speaks to the best in us, but it can sometimes speak to the worst. Religion is like fire. It warms, but it also burns; and we are the guardians of the flame."

Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (UK) The Times, 8 October

"Our youth now seem to love luxury. They have bad manners and contempt for authority. They show disrespect for adults and spend their time hanging around places gossiping with one another. They are ready to contradict their parents, monopolise the conversation in company, eat gluttonously and tyrannise their teachers"

Socrates 469-399BC

IN PACE CHRISTI

The College was saddened by the loss of parents this year:

Mr Bernard Conlay, father of Aleisha (Year 12) and Alana (Year 9)

Mr Brian Gray, father of Joanne (Year 9)

Mrs Heather Ponticello, mother of Natalie (Year 7)

Mr Les Saxby, father of Lauren (Year 8)

Mr Greg Higginbotham, father of Kate (Year 12) and Jayde (Year 9)

Mr Michael George, father of ex-student Stephanie (Year 10)

*"I was thrust down, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.*

*The Lord is my strength and my song;
He was my saviour."*

(Psalm 117)

Students



Students

Students

Year 12

Au, Angela
Barrett, Emily
Bartik, Kirrily
Bennett, Louise
Bentley, Jill
Bird, Amy
Blenkinsop, Katherine
Blight, Jessica
Bomford, Esther
Bowler, Nicole
Bressi, Eleanora
Cannon, Jaya
Carapiet, Lisa
Caronna, Livia
Carter, Rachel
Conlay, Aleisha
Cox, Suzanne
Crawford, Amy
Daly, Lauren
Demidjuk, Zoe
Farrow, Claire
Fisk, Laura
Fitzgerald, Sarah
Fitzgerald, Emily
Fitzsimmons, Justine
Flanagan, Lauren
Flew, Erin
Fonseka, Dilini
Fourie, Alicia
Galletti, Rachel
Galletti, Sarah
Goff, Ashleigh
Golding, Jessica
Gordon, Lindsay
Gould, Ashleigh
Haataja, Melisse
Hagan, Lisa-Marie
Halpin, Emma
Halpin, Fiona
Hart-Davies, Jessica
Harvey, Jodi
Haxell, Katrice
Hennessy, Laura
Higginbotham, Kate
Higgins, Candice
Holmes, Jennifer
Hook, Kimberley
Hopcroft, Leah
Iacomino, Rebecca
Iljadica, Antonija
Johnston, Rhiannon
Kavanagh, Cassandra
Kensy, Julia
Kiely, Carolyn
King, Charlotte
King, Stephanie
Koorey, Olivia
Koudsy, Victoria
Kulmar, Sophie
Landon, Sarah
Layland, Gemma
Livingstone, Amy
Lockett, Jessica
Lockett, Samantha
Lyon, Jessica
Macedo, Ashley
Marshall, Daini
Martin, Cara
Martin, Natalie
Mason, Kahli
McArthur, Alexandra
McLean, Thea
McNab, Michelle
McNicol, Allison
Meredith, Monique
Miles, Louise
Mitchell, Sarah
Montgomery, Sarah

Morris, Tarryn
Nixon, Amanda
Norman, Shari
Oliver, Natalie
Perrin, Bernadette
Peters, Annabelle
Pocklington, Carla
Pogosian, Lilit
Pope, Sarah
Quick, Lauren
Randolph, Kate
Rashbrook, Christine
Raymond, Emma
Rickey, Lee
Ritchie, Fiona
Rose, Eleanor
Saouma, Priscilla
Searle, Nikki
Seeto, Grace
Sharland, Erin
Smith, Caitlin
Stoten, Christine
Stutchbury, Rebecca
Switzer, Corinne
Szalay, Yvette
Taranto, Sharna
Tarrant, Nicole
Termytelen, Natasha
Thomas, Julia
Torpey, Leeanne
Tracey, Ashleigh
Trani, Rosanna
Upton, Jessica
Vescio, Arabella
Wetton, Lara
Whittaker, Zoe
Wilkinson, Kelly
Williams, Georgina
Yen, Melissa
Zaarour, Lisa-Marie
Zampa, Tamara

Year 11

Anania, Kylie
Anderson, Susan
Anthony, Natalia
Armaly, Rachelle
Austin, Nadine
Bendixsen, Stephanie
Betts, Phillipa
Birkel, Nina
Bourne, Shelley
Brandon, Monique
Bressi, Veronica
Byrne, Melissa
Cains, Sian
Carroll, Alanah
Casella, Luisa
Chan, Wai-Ying (Karen)
Chang, Yuan-Ping (Kessa)
Chang, Han-Ya (Claire)
Chapman, Amy
Cheng, Sin Yee (Cindy)
Chida, Mitsuko
Clark, Merryn
Coggins, Erin
Coianiz, Gemma
Conway, Alison
Cook, Victoria
Cornale, Vanessa
Cornwell, Ashley
Corrigan, Lucy
Craighead, Clare
Cull, Emily
Daly, Lana
Doherty, Cara
Dormer, Kim
Doyle, Ashley
Droguett, Michelle

Duncan, Lucy
Durkin, Laura
Elliott, Megan
Espey, Joanne
Esposito, Bianca
Fanshaw, Brooke
Fitzgerald, Jessica
Gearin, Merette
Ghier, Cecile
Gibson, Jennifer
Gibson, Amanda
Goff, Lyndall
Grace, Alexandra
Griffiths, Amy
Haigh, Alarna
Halliday, Carly
Hamilton, Emma
Hampel, Nicole
Hare, Verity
Harris, Amylia
Hoffman, Carla
Holgate, Joelle
Hulme, Jennifer
Jarvis, Tahlea
Johnson, Clementine
Johnston, Nicholle
Keen, Elisha
Killham, Genevieve
Knowles, Janelle
Knox, Georgia
Koudsy, Antoinette
Kougellis, Rebecca
Kushkarian, Linda
Larsen, Brooke
Lau, Lillian Yee Lin
Lees, Jessica
Lloyd, Alison
Lloyd, Bonnie
MacDonald, Shelley
MacDonald, Penny
MacKay, Jane
Madsen, Tiffany
Manoukian, Linda
Mark, Elizabeth
Manning, Laura
McAllan, Sarah
McGrath, Chantal
McIntosh, Deborah
McKay, Samantha
McLaughlin, Angela
McMullan, Emily
Middleton, Jessica
Montague, Hayley
Morrison, Rebecca
Newport, Hayley
Ng, Amy
O'Connor, Jessica
O'Loan, Prudence
Pacholski, Thierry
Paine, Taliesha
Park, Jisun
Pearce, Hayley
Perry, Rebecca
Prentice, Melissa
Priestly, Danielle
Rickard, Kathryn
Robinson, Kara
Robinson, Meggie
Ronald, Nikki
Sernack, Elise
Sheraton, Elizabeth
Smith, Erin
Sourian, Tanya
Spence, Belinda
Stanton, Alana
Story, Amy
Tabrett, Kylie
Tan, Iris
Thompson, Stephanie
Tong, Georgina

Trani, Lisa
Vrachas, Melanie
Wang, Celestine
Westhoff, Rosie
White, Katherine

Year 10

Adam, Eleanor
Adams, Candice
Adams, Courtney
Allen, Kristy
Allsop, Courtney
Ammendola, Antonella
Anderson, Georgia
Anderson, Stephanie
Anderson, Tana
Ansell, Lauren
Aquino, Kathleen
Arrold, Elizabeth
Ashley, Claire
Au, Joanne
Azzouni, Amanda
Barin-Stephens, Rachel
Beilby, Sarah
Beilby, Melissa
Bentley, Natalie
Bingham, Kate
Bounkeua, Alisa
Brady, Louise
Bruce, Alyce
Buckingham, Shay
Cadden, Rebekah
Campbell, Sharla
Cavallaro, Gemma
Cave, Kassandra
Champion, Laura
Cobb, Justine
Cornelius, Aimee
Davidson, Helen
Davidson-Gluyas, Sophia
de Jong, Holly
Delaney, Angelique
Devitre, Sarah
Dick, Renee
Domjen, Briana
Donnelly, Bree
Dunn, Laura
Dye, Daisy
Edgar, Michelle
Eriani, Marisa
Errington, Alexandra
Farrow, Lauren
Fisher, Danielle
Fletcher, Sarah
Flew, Jaidi
Foley, Shara
Fraser, Stephanie
Gikas, Natasha
Gillig, Zoe
Gunns, Danielle
Hallett, Laura
Halsey, Nicole
Hamilton, Abbie
Haxell, Bree
Heasman, Laura
Ho, Katherine
Holmes, Louisa-Jane
Hook, Sophie
Hopcroft, Danielle
Houghton, Katie
Howitt, Erin
Hulme, Katy
Ingram, Laura
Jones, Nicola
Kendall, Holly
Kennison, Annabel
Kerr, Alison
Knowles, Suzanne
Kulmar, Alexandra

Kwan, Juliana
Kwon, Lauren
La Torraca, Deanne
Lane-Mullins, Ursula
Latty, Jessica
Lavac, Dominique
Lees, Emma
Lendich, Jessica
Lever, Kimberley
Lewis, Kirsten
Lodge, Emily
Lofgren, Anne
Mahon-Daly, Karla
Mainwaring, Tennille
Malcolm, Kirsty
Maloney, Kathryn
Mangen, Beckie
Marshall, Elisse
Martin, Annaleis
May, Jacqueline
May, Lucienne
McAree, Jessica
McIntyre, Aislinn
McIntyre, Kylie
McLean, Tess
McNicol, Jacqueline
Meers, Keren
Melrose, Samantha
Michael, Andrea
Moore, Lauren
Moore, Isabella
Moylan, Stephanie
Muscat, Natalie
Nash, Louise
Neylon, Georgina
Oda, Natsumi
Oliver, Tori
O'Loan, Ashley
Orton, Fiona
Patience, Hayley
Pearce, Jillian
Pek, Priscilla
Peters, Gemma
Phelan, Morgan
Pulver, Jemima
Randall, Clare
Raymond, Sarah
Redfern, Leanne
Robb, Anne-Renee
Sbaglia, Alicia
Seibert, Elizabeth
Selwood, Amanda
Selwood, Louise
Sheerin, Rebecca
Shohmelian, Dominique
Sirote, Ashley
Smith, Zoe
Staas, Ellen
Steger, Danielle
Stewart, Isobel
Stooke, Isabelle
Sturmer, Lana
Talwar, Meera
Targ, Alana
Thomson, Ashleigh
Tuttle, Stephanie
Vidaic, Simone
Vumbaca, Rebecca
Ward, Rebekah
Webb, Lauren
Westhoff, Alexandra
Wilcox, Kelly
Williams, Gabrielle
Williams, Amanda
Wotton, Katherine
You, Seung Min (Angela)
Zumbo, Monique

Year 9

Agostino, Stephanie
 Ashley, Jessica
 Ashley, Katherine
 Asimus, Angie
 Atkins, Lauren
 Bandarian, Ninette
 Blom, Madelyn
 Bowler, Brittany
 Brittain, Alana
 Browne, Alyse
 Brukarz, Caitlyn
 Buckham, Ursula
 Byrne, Louise
 Cahill, Hermione
 Cains, Navarre
 Cashman, Anna
 Cheng, Man Yee
 Chidrawi, Bianca
 Christofis, Tammie
 Coleman, Chloe
 Collier, Eliza
 Collins, Kimberly
 Conlay, Alana
 Constantine, Ashlee
 Cornale, Jessica
 Cranna, Imogen
 Crawford, Lauren
 Daly, Jenna
 Davies, Bo
 Davis, Natalie
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 Dormer, Hayley
 Doughty, Kathryn
 Duinker, Esther
 Duncan, Tara
 Dye, Emily
 Euers, Emma
 Farthing, Francesca
 Ferns, Emma
 Flanagan, Danielle
 Foran, Natalie
 Forbes, Emma
 Foster, Laura
 Gadsby, Jodie
 Gaisreiter, Rebecca
 Gibson, Alexis
 Glover, Jasmin
 Goes, Laura
 Goldsmith, Kate
 Gray, Joanne
 Gunawan, Pamella
 Hachigo, Miki
 Hamilton, Sarah
 Harris, Kristin
 Harry, Jessica
 Hart, Ashleigh
 Hart-Davies, Alice
 Hayman, Teresa
 Hayres, Amy
 Higginbotham, Jayde
 Hookham, Claire
 Horrocks, Amanda
 Jaroszewicz, Alice
 Jedrzejczyk, Tina
 Jeffries, Heidi
 Johnston, Hayley
 Judge, Rosanna
 Jugmans, Catherine
 Kowara, Tarita
 Kuper, Nikki
 Lau, Michelle
 Leach, Jacqueline
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 Lee, Kathleen
 Lemmetty, Saara
 Lewis, Stephanie
 Lincoln, Ashley
 Mailler, Ingrid
 Malouf, Lauren
 Marshall, Amy
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 McLean, Holly
 Mendes da Costa, Olivia
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 Montague, Tessa
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 Muddle, Peri
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 Nimmo, Julia

Nixon, Natalie
 O'Brien, Abaigeal
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 Rajguru, Kiran
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 Read, Megan
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 Rennie, Hollie-Anne
 Richardson, Samantha
 Roach, Alanna
 Roberts, Kate
 Robertson, Anna
 Schweikert, Kahla
 Seeto, Carla
 Smart, Aimee
 Smith, Clare
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 Smith, Amy
 Smith, Angela
 Stewart, Jennifer
 Stoten, Elizabeth
 Tan, Kathleen
 Taylor, Kathryn
 Thompson, Edwina
 Tong, Catherine
 Tulich, Michelle
 Van Beest, Lauren
 Veal, Clare
 Veil, Clarissa
 Veyret, Louise
 Villarreal, Samantha
 Ward, Gemma
 Webber, Michelle
 Weerasinghe, Surangi
 Wheatley, Amy
 Williams, Melissa
 Willick, Georgia
 Wynne, Jacqueline
 Younis, Anita
 Zaarour, Danielle
 Zarkovic, Natasha
 Ziems, Amy
 Zylstra, Briana

Year 8

Alessi, Joanna
 Anthony, Annika
 Aouad, Sarah
 Bayfield, Tess
 Bayfield, Petra
 Beattie, Alexandra
 Bennett, Louise
 Binfield, Katie
 Bird, Alyssa
 Bonner, Alisa
 Bromley, Amy
 Brown, Lisa
 Brown, Lauren
 Bruce, Hayley
 Brunner, Ashleigh
 Burgess, Lorelei
 Burns, Casey
 Burns, Michelle
 Bush, Miranda
 Butterworth, Jacqueline
 Cameron, Elise
 Casella, Catherine
 Castle, Nicole
 Cavallaro, Brooke
 Champion, Katrina
 Chen, Tiffany
 Chow, Ashleigh
 Ciampi, Valentina
 Cleaver, Amber
 Cleaver, Eden
 Coggins, Kirstin
 Cook, Amy
 Crino, Carmel
 Daley, Brooke
 De Florio, Amber
 De Laurier, Kathleen
 Devitre, Kailli

Di Stefano, Michelle
 Dickson, Claire
 Dilworth, Tasmin
 Doyle, Kristen
 Dunn, Bess
 Durazza, Sarah
 Farnsworth, Louise
 Favaloro, Ashleigh
 Ferris, Sally
 Fisk, Elle
 Foley, Alissa
 Foran, Stephanie
 Fox, Ashleigh
 Gavin, Clare
 Gavin, Jessica
 Gentle, Lucy
 Godsall, Jessica
 Gordon, Karen
 Haataja, Erin
 Hagan, Emma
 Haigh, Lizelle
 Halliday, Jenna
 Hamman, Daniela
 Hennessy, Ellen
 Holubkovic, Jessica
 Hume, Kylie
 Iemma, Melissa
 Jacobs, Cassandra
 Jarvis, Madeleine
 Johnson, Jessica
 Kaida, Kristina
 Kane, Charlotte
 Kavanagh, Natasha
 Kella, Sarah
 Kelly-Bradshaw, Lauren
 Koumi, Eva
 Kulmar, Lucy
 Kushkarian, Melissa
 Layton, Victoria
 Lloyd, Jennifer
 Lofgren, Jacqueline
 Long, Jessica
 Maclean, Mary
 Mahony, Avril
 May, Melissa
 McIver, Madeleine
 Mee, Ashleigh
 Menano-Pires, Stephanie
 Milewicz, Kasia
 Miller, Katie
 Moore, Kathryn
 Muldoon, Kaitlyn
 O'Connor, Elise
 Oliver, Shae
 Oliver, Kristi
 Orton, Clare
 Osborne, Katie
 Pacholski, Jacqueline
 Payne, Jessica
 Pearce, Tatum
 Phelan, Shannon
 Priestly, Tarryn
 Quirke, Clare
 Quirke, Sarah
 Raymond, Marissa
 Read, Philippa
 Redward, Angela
 Richardson-Sanchez, Sandra
 Richman, Amanda
 Ritchie, Sarah
 Rizk, Katherine
 Roberts, Felicity
 Romeo, Natalie
 Roy, Ashleigh
 Rozali, Angela
 Ryan, Clare
 Saxby, Lauren
 Schober, Alice
 Shepherd, Emma
 Smith, Amy
 Smith, Lara
 Spasaro, Johanna
 Staas, Isabel
 Stephens, Kieana
 Stewart, Elaine
 Story, Emma
 Strauss, Katherine
 Stynes, Jessica
 Summers, Caitlin
 Thomson, Rachael
 Ting, Wing Hang (Angela)
 Turner, Natalie

Van Der Gugten, Paula
 Van Rhijn, Alichia
 Viculis, Chantelle
 Vumbaca, Rebecca
 Vumbaca, Jessica
 Walz, Ann
 Wawn, Claudia
 Webber, Jacqueline
 Westhoff, Rebecca
 Willan, Elly
 Williams, Annalisse
 Williamson, Rebecca
 Woo, Melanie
 Young, Shona
 Zaarour, Kristina
 Zenon, Vanessa

Year 7

Acevski, Jacinta
 Alder, Grace
 Allen, Kimberley
 Ansell, Breeana
 Baker, Courtney
 Barclay, Clare
 Battaerd, Alysha
 Bayliss, Lara
 Beilby, Danielle
 Betts, Juliana
 Boreham, Sarah
 Bowditch, Claire
 Bransgrove, Emma
 Brown, Chloe
 Brown, Amy
 Brukarz, Eloise
 Bryant, Sarah
 Buckingham, Amy
 Bulla, Kayla
 Burge, Stephanie
 Burgess, Alice
 Buttarello, Veronica
 Carpenter, Phoebe
 Carty, Michelle
 Cashman, Holly
 Cattell, Katherine
 Cheney, Ashleigh
 Cheng, Kelly
 Choi, Jung Yun (Jenny)
 Cipollone, Simona
 Coleman, Alexandra
 Collin, Cassandra
 Collins, Susannah
 Cornell, Liesl
 Curran, Lisa-Astrid
 Daneel, Lauren
 Davern, Megan
 Davies, Grace
 Dawson, Sarah
 Dixon, Sarah
 Duffy, Victoria
 Dye, Lucy-Rose
 Eather, Chloe
 Eccles, Lucinda
 Edgar, Jennifer
 Ek, Kristina
 Euers, Laura
 Farnsworth, Karen
 Farthing, Courtney
 Fitzsimmons, Catherine
 Flett, Rebecca
 Followill, Emma
 Fox, Sarah
 Fox, Rebecca
 Francis, Alison
 Fraser-Hills, Bronya
 Gardiner, Sarah
 Gelonesi, Carmel
 Gennari, Claudia
 Gibson-Clarke, Jessica
 Gilroy, Samantha
 Glover, Carly
 Godsall, Heidi
 Gough, Madeleine
 Grant, Jessica
 Haines, Ella
 Hamilton, Meghan
 Hansen, Rachel
 Hayman, Katy-Marie
 Heafey, Monica
 Heber, Alexandra
 Heys, Emily
 Hill, Caitlin

Hillier, Madeleine
 Hines, Emma
 Hoffman, Chloe
 Hopton, Elle
 Hughes, Shianne
 Humphris, Danielle
 Jenkins, Katy
 Johnson, Caitlin
 Johnson, Lily
 Johnston, Eloise
 Keighery, Lisa
 Kelly, Savannah
 Kennett, Kathryn
 Kirkby, Jessica
 Knox, Ashleigh
 Lane, Bianca
 Langley, Lauren
 Leach, Courtney
 Lowry, Alicia
 Mackay, Rachel
 MacLennan, Lucy
 Maloney, Sarah
 Malouf, Gabrielle
 Mangen, Annie
 Marden, Emma
 May, Alana
 May, Ashley
 Mayne, Christina
 McArthur, Ailsa
 McCormack, Samantha
 McDonald, Fiona
 McKenzie, Hayley
 McRobie, Kate
 Meyerson, Holly
 Miller, Zoe
 Mills, Jennifer
 Mitry, Afifi
 Moore, Elizabeth
 Moore, Louise
 Moraza, Mischa
 Muldoon, Alyce
 Mulvihill, Jessica
 Neylon, Angela
 Nott, Eleanor
 O'Connor, Fiona
 O'Neill, Lauren
 O'Rorke, Leanne
 Osborne, Elise
 Pek, Vanessa
 Peters, Karina
 Ponticello, Natalie
 Pretorius, Haylie
 Robertson, Claire
 Samiri, Jasmine
 Saul, Hannah
 Searle, Kathleen
 Sherwood, Amy
 Shoppee, Kayla
 Sidhom, Katherine
 Sim, Alexandra
 Sim, Brianna
 Singe, Chloe
 Singh, Kara
 Smith, Harriet
 Sourian, Natalie
 Stanford, Isobel
 Steger, Monique
 Stewart, Belinda
 Swan, Monique
 Tait, Anna
 Thomas, Emelia
 Thurtell, Esther
 Topp, Emily
 Trickey, Elise
 Venteman, Rachel
 Walker, Bethany
 Ward, Natalie
 Wright, Tamara
 Wu, Laura
 Ziems, Simone



Front row: Julia Thomas, Mr John Bowie, Ashleigh Tracey. Second row: Monique Meredith, Claire Farrow, Amy Livingstone

COLLEGE CAPTAIN

"If you can imagine it you can create it.

If you can dream it, you can become it."

- William Arthur Ward

At Brigidine College, the students are encouraged to turn their dreams into reality. Whatever your dream may be, you can achieve it. We are so fortunate to be part of such a unique, warm and caring environment. The wonderful staff and the inspiring leadership of our Principal, Mr Bowie, have helped make this a College that stands by our motto, "strength and gentleness."

In 2001, we witnessed the exciting developments around the college, including the construction of the Henry Lindo Tennis Courts, and the St Brigid's Centre. This would not have been made possible without the generous contribution from so many parents to the Building Brigidine Fund. We look forward to seeing the positive effect these developments will have on Brigidine in the future.

Our Principal, Mr Bowie, has brought tremendous change to Brigidine over the years; he has shown his interest and concern for every aspect of school life, and we have learnt so much from his leadership. The class of 2001 is proud to be the first year to go through the 6 years at Brigidine College with Mr Bowie.

At Brigidine, we are blessed to have such an inspiring group of staff, where their roles venture far beyond their title - they not only act as teachers but also as friends. They continually show their interest in school life and their dedication to the well-being of the students. Over the past six years, I have felt the warm connection between the staff and students grow, and develop into a relationship that is unique to Brigidine.

As student leaders we were given the opportunity this year to organise a Walkathon to raise money for the 2001 Commemorative Doors in the new Chapel. This seemed a difficult challenge at first, to raise such a large sum of money, but thanks to the student body, this was not the case. We were so pleased that the students raised the desired amount, and became so involved on the day! Thanks to the staff, students and the special guest, 'Brigidine Bee,' the walkathon was a complete success! We are now able to admire the beautiful doors, and remember that we contributed to them.

I have enjoyed every moment of being College Captain, and I am sure Jessica O'Connor will find it just as wonderful in 2002. I have been so fortunate this year to witness the achievements of so many students, in various areas of school life. As much as this school has grown together, every one of us has also grown as a unique individual. Many of us have found our talents and interests. These interests have drawn us to different activities and in turn helped shape our lives. Some of us have excelled academically while others have helped improve Brigidine by participating in various activities.

The choices we have made have shaped who we are today: the people we met, the experiences we encountered, the lessons we learned. They have all made an impact on our lives and, in turn, we have also made a difference in the lives of others.

I would like to thank the staff, students and members of the Brigidine community for the wonderful opportunity of being College Captain. I will treasure all of the memories I have of my six years at Brigidine forever. I wish everyone luck for the future, and I hope that all your dreams come true.

Julia Thomas



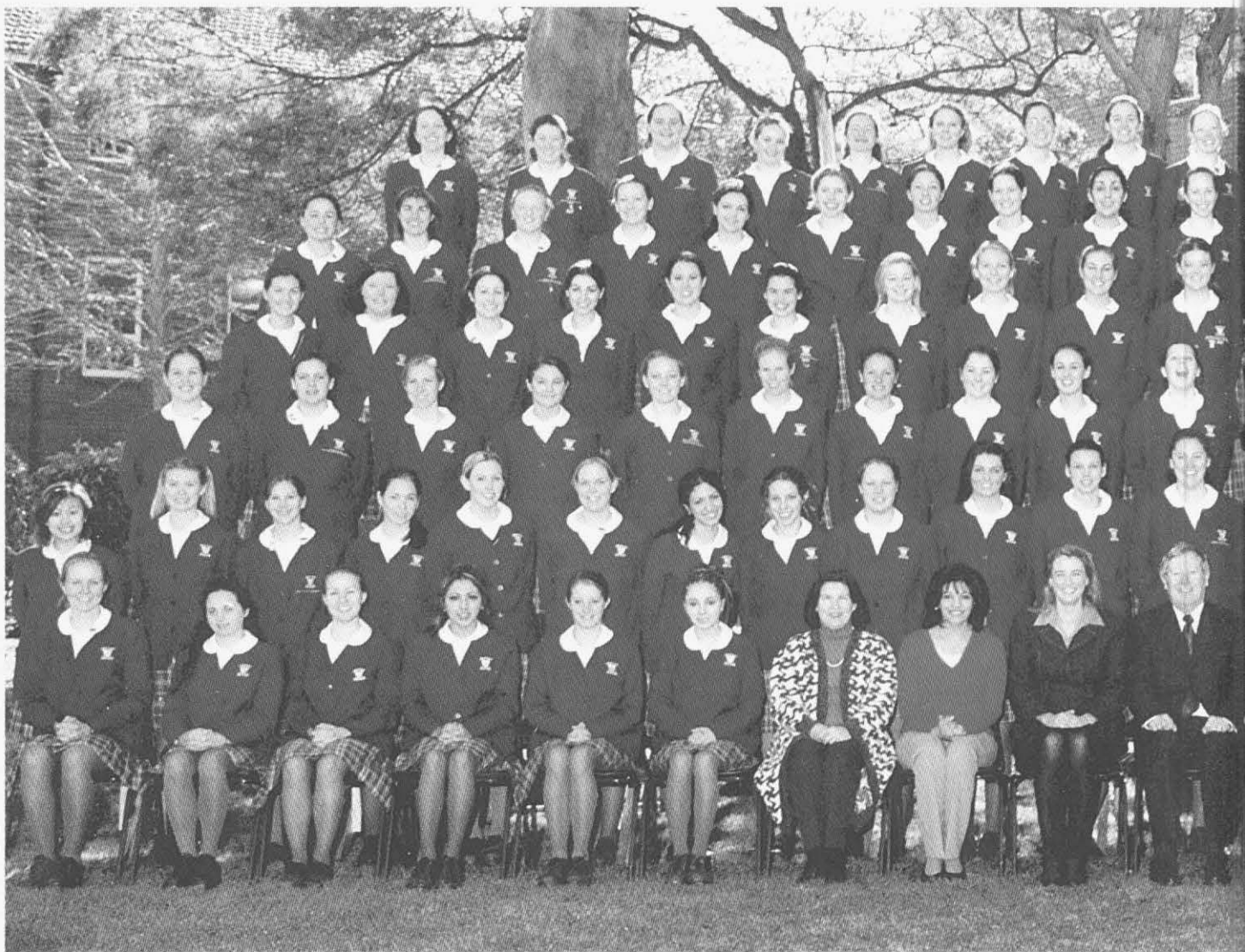
PEER SUPPORT

Front row: Vanessa Cornale, Shelley Bourne, Melissa Byrne, Alarna Haigh, Brooke Fanshaw, Danielle Priestly, Alexandra Grace, Rosie Westhoff, Merryn Clark, Hayley Montague, Shelley MacDonald, Amylia Harris, Stephanie Thompson
 Second row: Theiry Pacholski, Joelle Holgate, Elizabeth Sheraton, Ashley Cornwell, Amy Story, Tahlea Jarvis, Jessica Lees, Laura Marning, Hayley Pearce, Carla Hoffman, Jennifer Gibson
 Third row: Janelle Knowles, Erin Coggins, Luisa Casella, Ashley Doyle, Elisha Keen, Kim Dormer, Elizabeth Mark, Kylie Anania, Georgina Tong
 Fourth row: Emily Cull, Stephanie Bendixsen, Jessica O'Connor, Alison Lloyd, Nadine Austin, Emma Hamilton, Penny MacDonald, Megan Elliot



SRC

Front Row Jacque Lotgren, Merryn Clarke, Monique Meredith, Hayley Montague, Anna Robertson
 2nd Row Dominique Shohmelan, Tarryn Morris, Jessica Hart-Davies, Nicole Tarrant, Lisa Brown, Meggie Robinson
 3rd Row Georgina Williams, Alex Grace, Stephanie Thompson, Lisa Carapiet, Shannon Phelan, Sophie Kulmar, Suzanne Cox



YEAR 12

This year has been such a wonderful journey for us all. We have learnt an enormous amount about each other and ourselves. There has been much joy and laughter and we will keep that in our memories forever.

The enthusiasm with which Year 12 has participated in all the school's activities this year has been exceptional. The colourful athletics carnival and the entertaining walkathon in particular showed the Year 12's doing what they do best – motivating others to have a go and have fun.

2001 also saw the introduction of the new HSC and Year 12 have coped admirably with the help and support of their teachers. Their academic effort

combined with their interest in so many extra-curricular activities has meant that this year has been a hectic one for all involved.

The leaders for 2001, Julia, Claire, Amy, Monique and Ashleigh have displayed integrity and respect for their positions. They have set great examples for others to follow and won the admiration of those they have come in contact with.

I must thank all the Year 12 mentors who have helped in so many ways. Your dedication and care of 'our girls' has helped to make this a most enjoyable year.

As my first Year 12 group, you will be a hard act to follow. I have met so many special people this year and I am honoured to have been your

coordinator in your final year at Brigidine. I hope that you carry our message of Strength and Gentleness in your hearts as you leave here. Go now and make a difference.

Mrs Maree Lindsay



YEAR 12

ROW 1: Jodi Harvey, Katherine Blenkinsop, Emily Barrett, Priscilla Saourma, Sarah Mitchell, Lisa-Marie Zaarour, Mrs Robyn Stone, Mrs Glenda Chidrawi, Mrs Julianne Barrs, Mr John Bowie, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Sherryl Bremner, Mrs Sandra Stuart, Mrs Jan Whiddon, Mr Michael Palme, Carolyn Kiely, Alexandra McArthur, Julia Thomas, Christine Stoten, Lauren Quick, Louise Miles

ROW 2: Angela Au, Laura Fisk, Jessica Lockett, Jessica Blight, Lindsay Gordon, Justine Fitzsimmons, Livia Caronna, Charlotte King, Eleanor Rose, Aleisha Conlay, Emma Raymond, Lauren Daly, Claire Farrow, Melisse Haataja, Jessica Golding, Lee Rickey, Fiona Ritchie, Lilit Pogorian, Kahli Mason, Amanda Nixon, Nikki Searle, Sharna Taranto, Rosanna Trani

ROW 3: Amy Bird, Tarryn Morris, Kimberley Hook, Rhiannon Johnston, Nicole Tarrant, Esther Bomford, Kelly Wilkinson, Sarah Landon, Sarah Pope, Ashleigh Goff, Caitlin Smith, Fiona Halpin, Candice Higgins, Natalie Oliver, Olivia Koorey, Natasha Termytelen, Carla Pocklington, Alicia Fourie, Georgina Williams, Samantha Lockett, Rachel Galletti, Melissa Yen

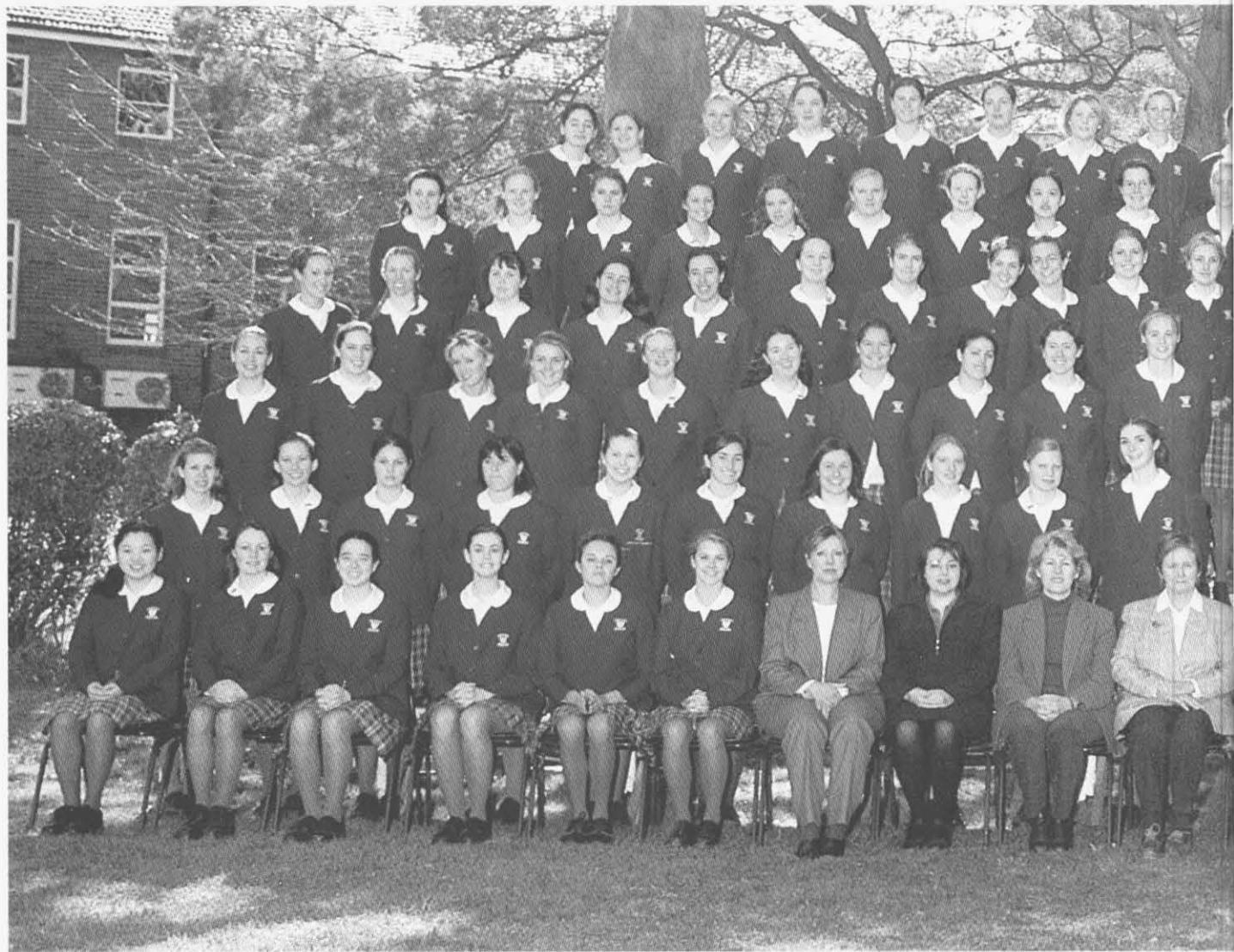
ROW 4: Amy Crawford, Ashleigh Gould, Eleanora Bressi, Rebecca Iacomino, Jessica Lyon, Zoe Demidjuk, Lauren Flanagan, Daini Marshall, Rebecca Stutchbury, Erin Sharland, Arabella Vescio, Tamara Zampa, Christine Rashbrook, Nicole Bowler, Dilini Fonseka, Kirily Bartik, Lisa-Marie Hagan, Suzanne Cox, Ashleigh Tracey, Kate Randolph, Yvette Szalay, Cara Martin

ROW 5: Sarah Galletti, Amy Livingstone, Leeanne Torpey, Sarah Montgomery, Victoria Koudsy, Thea McLean, Jessica Upton, Allison

McNicol, Lisa Carapiet, Laura Hennessy, Shari Norman, Stephanie King, Katrice Haxell, Annabelle Peters, Leah Hopcroft, Cassandra Kavanagh, Monique Meredith, Grace Seeto, Natalie Martin, Jill Bentley, Erin Flew

ROW 6: Julia Kensey, Louise Bennett, Corinne Switzer, Zoe Whittaker, Rachel Carter, Lara Wetton, Michelle McNab, Emily Fitzgerald, Sophie Kulmar, Antonija Iljadica, Sarah Fitzgerald, Bernadette Perrin, Jaya Cannon, Jessica Hart-Davies, Kate Higginbotham, Gemma Layland, Ashley Macedo, Jennifer Holmes

ABSENTEE: Emma Halpin



YEAR 11

2001's Year 11s have appeared to me to be like birds in Springtime - fiercely territorial in the swooping diving defence of each group's sector of the veranda or grassed area. By about midway through term two it was all sorted out. Every group had staked out their claim and understandings were in place. As a grade you then moved into the holistic stage, thank goodness. This was expressed through such things as impromptu whole grade cricket games, or meetings to organise the informal formal that you have when you are not having a formal. The days that you gathered together on the grass to organise "things" looked from a distance like a union meeting or a revolutionary meeting of some sort

and members of staff were nervous - thanks for being so subtle.

The opening metaphor of birds works on another level too. At times the Year Eleven area resembled a giant spreading gum tree. In its branches was a variety of wonderful and unique birdlife, all singing dynamically, sweetly and in spite of different compositions, in harmony.

Every good wish for a successful 2002 and beyond. You are a fantastic group of young people and it has been both a pleasure and a privilege to share with you the events of 2001.

It's all good!

Dr Maureen McDermott



YEAR 11

ROW 1: Amy Ng, Emily Cull, Kylie Anania, Rosie Westhoff, Merette Gearin, Alexandra Grace, Mrs Marilyn Pretorius, Ms Christine Grzesik, Mrs Lucille Flory, Mrs Maureen McDermott, Mr John Watts, Mrs Marilyn Lucas, Ms Lou Buckley, Mrs Virginia Reed, Mr Phil Shirvington, Melissa Byrne, Meryn Clark, Georgina Tong, Hayley Montague, Megan Elliott, Clementine Johnson

ROW 2: Brooke Fanshaw, Penny MacDonald, Sarah McAllan, Meggie Robinson, Thierry Pacholski, Susan Anderson, Veronica Bressi, Natalia Anthony, Alana Haigh, Nicole Hampel, Joanne Espey, Ashley Doyle, Lucy Duncan, Amy Chapman, Nadine Austin, Philippa Betts, Jennifer Gibson, Gemma Coaniz, Sin Yee Cheng, Kylie Tabrett, Jisun Park

ROW 3: Taliesha Paine, Janelle Knowles, Lana Daly, Laura Marniing, Alison Lloyd, Vanessa Cornale, Kim Dormer, Sian Cairns, Elisha Keen, Katherine White, Chantal McGrath, Cecile Ghier, Jessica Middleton, Ashley Cornwell, Jessica O'Connor, Lucy Corrigan, Alison Conway, Victoria Cook, Erin Coggins, Nicholle Johnston, Amanda Gibson

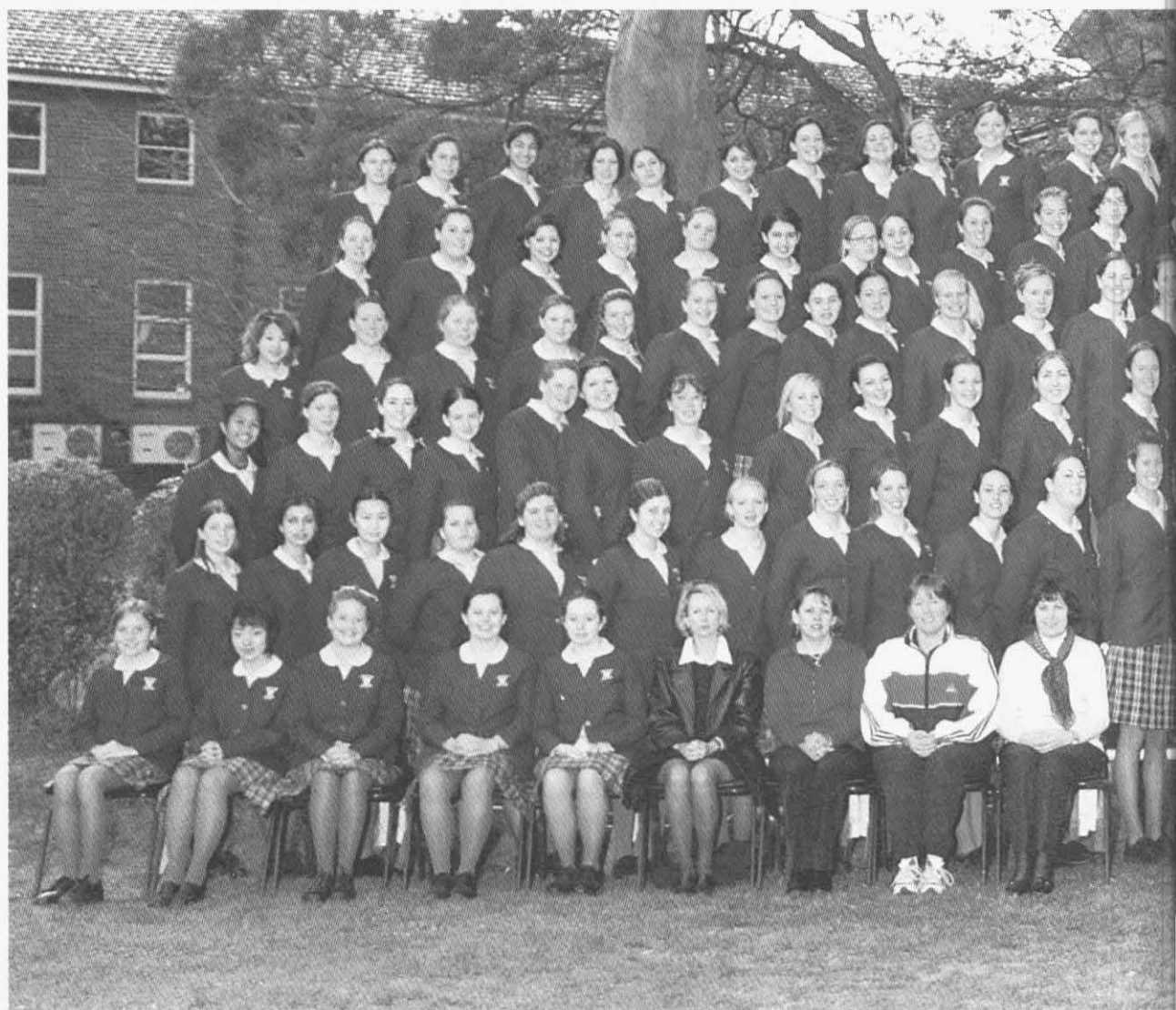
ROW 4: Erin Smith, Carly Halliday, Angela McLaughlin, Rebecca Kougelis, Linda Manoukian, Stephanie Thompson, Kathryn Rickard, Amy Griffiths, Jessica Lees, Genevieve Killham, Michelle Droguett, Carla Hoffman, Hayley Pearce, Emily McMullan, Laura Durkin, Elizabeth Mark, Deborah McIntosh, Hayley Newport, Brooke Larsen, Georgia Knox

ROW 5: Elizabeth Sheraton, Kara Robinson, Amy Story, Danielle Priestly, Stephanie Bendixsen, Alana Stanton, Shelley Bourne, Iris

Tan, Cara Doherty, Jessica Fitzgerald, Lyndall Goff, Han-Ya (Claire) Chang, Wai-Ying (Karen) Chan, Shelley MacDonald, Linda Kushkanan, Bonnie Lloyd, Amylia Harris, Luisa Casella, Emma Hamilton

ROW 6: Antoinette Koudsy, Lisa Trani, Belinda Spence, Rebecca Perry, Tahlea Jarvis, Elise Sernack, Jane MacKay, Samantha McKay, Monique Brandon, Tiffany Madsen, Nikki Ronald, Prudence O'Loan, Joelle Holgate, Rachelle Armaly, Bianca Esposito, Clare Craighead, Melanie Vrachas

ABSENTEES: Nina Birkel, Yuan-Ping (Kessa) Chang, Mitsuko Chida, Verity Hare, Jennifer Hulme, Lillian Yee Lin Lau, Rebecca Morrison, Melissa Prentice, Tanya Sourian, Celestine Wang



YEAR 10

It is a well known scientific fact that diversity within a biological population will contribute significantly to the survival of that population especially in changing environmental circumstances.

Extrapolating this idea to the population of Year 10 girls at Brigidine College St Ives in 2001, they should indeed survive exceptionally well, in a world which no doubt will be ever changing, as never in a group of girls have I encountered such diversity.

We have in one group the potential rocket scientists, those who win Robot competitions. We have public speakers extraordinaire. There are musicians, actors and dancers to

delight any audience. Then there are the sportswomen, all of whom show amazing dedication, be it to swimming, athletics, netball, tennis, horse riding and so many other sports as well.

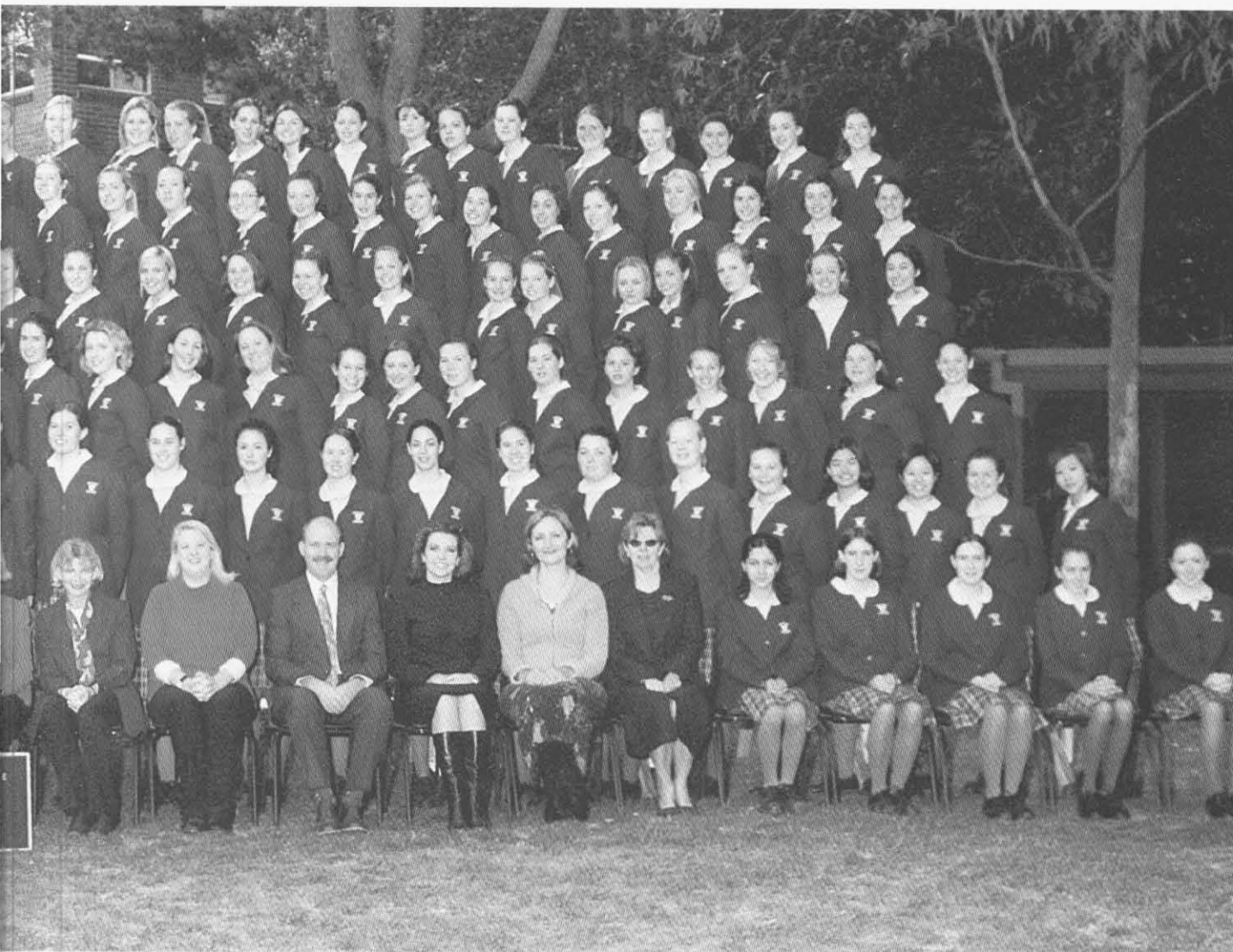
Naturally there are the socialites, who party with great energy. There are those wonderful, reliable girls who will drop everything to "collect the envelopes" because I have forgotten to organise someone. There are, of course, as in every year those charming ladies who never fail to greet the Year Co-ordinator each morning with a cheery "Good Morning Mrs Walsh"

With 150 such diverse individuals who knows what the day will bring? It is certainly never uneventful with

each girl at a particular place on her own unique journey.

Highlights of the year have been the Year 10 camp, where the behaviour of all was exemplary. This was followed in second term by the Year 10 Parents and Daughters dinner, where some 340 girls and parents were enthralled by our wonderful speaker Nadine Neumann. Nadine urged the girls to follow their dreams and persist in spite of setbacks, a pattern mirrored in her own life story which she narrated so charmingly. Nadine was an inspiration to all present.

We look forward in Term 4 to the Year 10 Reflection Day, which is always a most memorable occasion and also to the social event of the Year, the Year 10 Semi-formal. These occur after the



School Certificate and End of year exams, of course.

On behalf of the girls, I would like to thank the wonderful band of Year 10 mentors who have helped the girls and myself so willingly and thoughtfully this year.

To the Year 10 class of 2001, I would like to wish you well on the next phase of your journey, as you embark upon the senior school. I would hope that with the help of God you will be able to meet whatever challenges life presents you with.

Mrs Anne Walsh

YEAR 10

ROW 1: Laura Dunn, Natsumi Oda, Ashley Sirote, Lucienne May, Alyce Bruce, Miss S Cooper, Mrs S Brown, Ms J Baker, Mrs B Hunt, Ms P Byrne, Mrs A Walsh, Miss D McDonald, Mr M Halliday, Miss A Fanning, Mrs A M Mitchell, Mrs M A Brooks, Alicia Sbaglia, Amanda Selwood, Louise Selwood, Sarah Fletcher, Gabrielle Williams

ROW 2: Aimee Cornelius, Elizabeth Seibert, Juliana Kwan, Karla Mahon-Daly, Rebecca Vumbaca, Louise Nash, Zoe Gillig, Bree Haxell, Tess McLean, Sarah Devitre, Stephanie Anderson, Kimberley Lever, Tori Oliver, Stephanie Moylan, Laura Hallett, Isabella Moore, Alexandra Kulmar, Alexandra Westhoff, Shay Buckingham, Kathryn Maloney, Simone Vidaic, Anne Lofgren, Priscilla Pek, Rachel Barin-Stephens, Lauren Moore, Alisa Bounkeua

ROW 3: Kathleen Aquino, Erin Howitt, Suzanne Knowles, Stephanie Tuttle, Ellen Staas, Keren Meers, Sarah Beilby, Rebekah Cadden, Dominique Lavac, Laura Heasman, Nicole Halsey, Samantha Melrose, Abbie Hamilton, Shara Foley, Kirsty Malcolm, Isobel Stewart, Elizabeth Arrol, Ashleigh Thomson, Helen Davidson, Marisa Eriani, Jemima Pulver, Laure Corradi, Justine Cobb, Fiona Orton, Hayley Patience, Elise Marshall

ROW 4: Joanne Au, Zoe Smith, Rebecca Sheerin, Amanda Williams, Angelique Delaney, Jillian Pearce, Danielle Hopcroft, Natalie Muscat, Deanne La Torraca, Alana Targ, Renee Dick, Jacqueline McNicol, Lauren Ansell, Morgan Phelan, Isabelle Stooke, Kristy Allen, Sophia Davidson-Gluyas, Danielle Fisher, Annaleis Martin, Courtney Allsop, Jacqueline May, Lauren Webb, Danielle Steger, Beckie Mangen, Georgina Neylon, Ursula Lane-Mullins

ROW 5: Kate Bingham, Jessica McAree, Sharla Campbell, Katie Houghton, Holly de Jong, Dominique Shohmelian, Jaidi Flew, Natalie Bentley, Tana Anderson, Kassandra Cave, Kirsten Lewis, Holly Kendall, Kylie McIntyre, Alexandra Errington, Emma Lees, Claire Ashley, Daisy Dye, Katherine Ho, Gemma Cavallaro, Lauren Farrow, Alison Kerr, Aislinn McIntyre, Stephanie Fraser, Sophie Hook, Candice Adams, Emily Lodge, Lana Sturmer

ROW 6: Andrea Michael, Melissa Beilby, Meera Talwar, Anne-Renee Robb, Amanda Azzouni, Monique Zumbo, Bree Donnelly, Annabel Kennison, Briana Domjen, Sarah Raymond, Antonella Ammendola, Tennille Mainwaring, Leanne Redfern, Jessica Latty, Jessica Lendich, Louisa-Jane Holmes, Georgia Anderson, Clare Randall, Eleanor Adam, Danielle Gunns, Ashley O'Loan, Natasha Gikas, Laura Champion, Kelly Wilcox, Katy Hulme, Courtney Adams, Michelle Edgar, Louise Brady

ABSENTEES: Laura Ingram, Nicola Jones, Lauren Kwon, Gemma Peters, Rebekah Ward, Katherine Wotton, Seung Min (Angela) You



YEAR 9

Friendly, cheerful, happy and caring are some of the words that I would use to describe the Year 9 students of 2001. This group of students has involved themselves in every facet of school life - sport, science and maths competitions, debating, public speaking, the Dance Spectacular! and the musical.

In third term the girls were given a Religion assignment to complete as group work. From this came thoughtful, sincere plays, liturgies and individual reflections. It was pleasing to see the excellent work shown by Year 9 and to know that the

girls think deeply about the issues that confront them in their own lives and in our world today.

The same sincerity was shown on the Year 9 Reflection Day, when the girls were involved in different activities around the theme of Reconciliation. The atmosphere of that whole day was one of co-operation and togetherness. Well done Year 9 in all of these things.

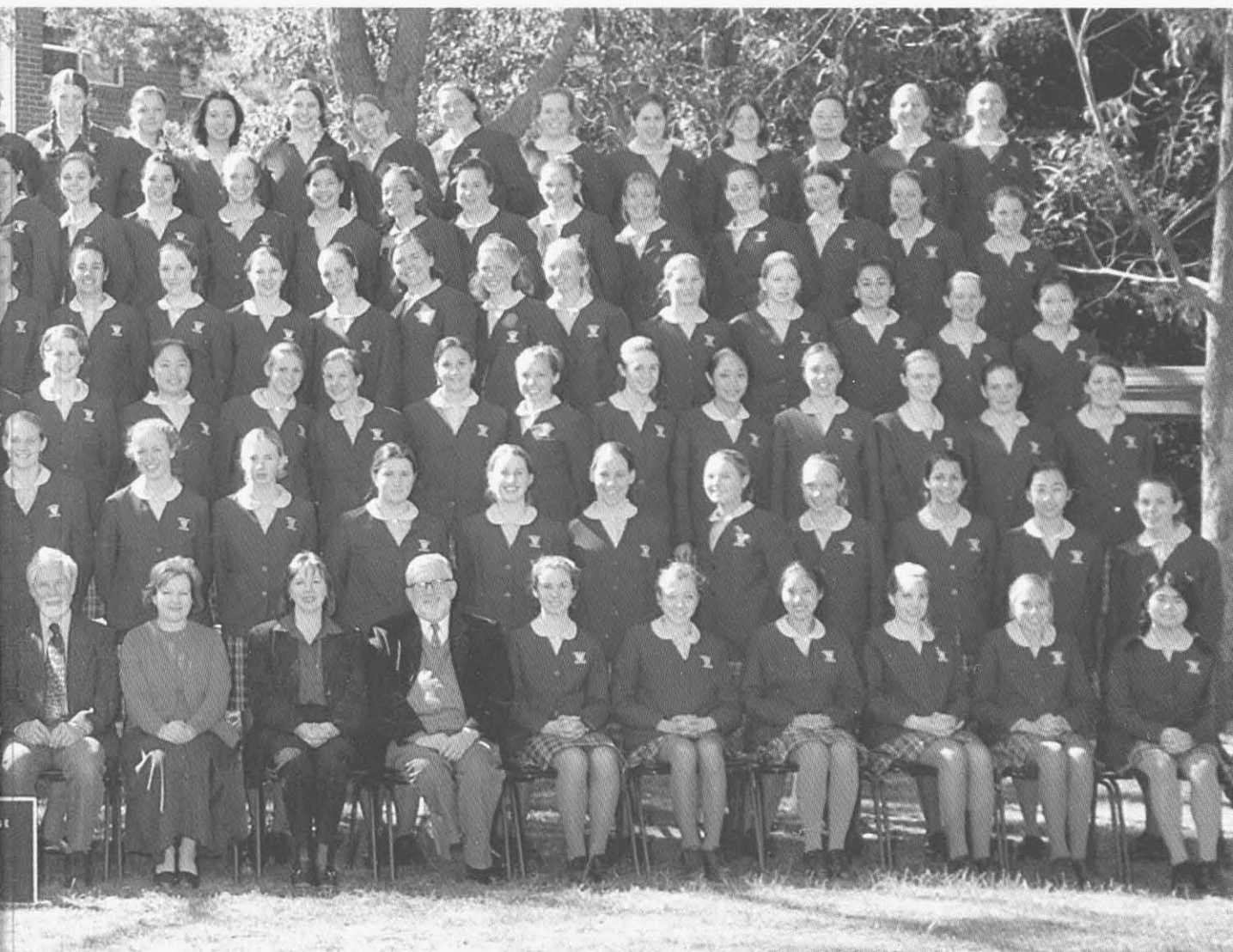
A special thank you to all the Year 9 mentor teachers for the support and care you have given to the girls and to me this year. Your hard work has made my job a very happy one.

It has been a pleasure working with

Year 9 this year and I hope you all keep your wonderful spirit into Year 10 and the senior school. I wish all of God's blessings, joy and success for the future.

Thank you

Moya Morgan



YEAR 9

ROW 1: Tammy Christofis, Anita Younis, Alexis Gibson, Amy-Jane Moseley, Danielle Zaarour, Ashley Lincoln, Mrs Ingrid Thompson, Mrs Lorna Hall, Mrs Karen Nixon, Mr Mark Hill, Mrs Moya Morgan, Mr Geoff Copeland, Mrs Anne Layton, Mrs Ros Boyd, Mr Allen Carters, Holly McLean, Natalie Foran, Kathleen Tan, Saara Lemmetty, Madelyn Blom, Miki Hachigo

ROW 2: Sarah O'Leary, Carla Seeto, Jessica Harry, Kimberly Collins, Tessa Montague, Stephanie Lewis, Michelle Pocklington, Pamela Gunawan, Gemma Ward, Peri Muddle, Katherine Ashley, Laura Goes, Natalie Davis, Briana Zylstra, Jennifer Stewart, Ashleigh Hart, Jessica Cornale, Lauren Van Beest, Amy Hayres, Briana Nelson-Young, Kathryn Taylor, Samantha Villarreal, Catherine Tong, Amanda Horrocks

ROW 3: Cristobel Peters, Amy Marshall, Jemma Euers, Natalie Nixon, Nikki Kuper, Celia Smith, Surangi Weerasinghe, Joselyn Price, Jodie Gadsby, Edwina Thompson, Samantha Richardson, Stefanie Reinboth, Kathleen Lee, Jennifer Lee, Nicola O'Connor, Chloe Coleman, Stephanie Agostino, Lissa Penning, Clare Veal, Tarita Kowara, Alanna Roach, Michelle Webber, Alice Hart-Davies, Lauren Crawford

ROW 4: Kiran Rajguru, Anna Robertson, Amy Smith, Teresa Hayman, Emma Ferns, Rebecca Gaisreiter, Angela Smith, Angie Asimus, Amy Wheatley, Louise Veyret, Tara Duncan, Emma Poole, Ursula Buckham, Bianca Chidrawi, Eliza Collier, Imogen Cranna, Sarah Hamilton, Heidi Jeffries, Kahla Schweikert, Abaigeal O'Brien, Alyse Browne, Georgia Willick, Lauren Malouf, Kate Goldsmith, Bo Davies

ROW 5: Joanne Gray, Ingrid Mailler, Amy Ziems, Francesca Farthing, Danielle Flanagan, Hermione Cahill, Anna Cashman, Rosanna Judge, Kathryn Doughty, Esther Duinker, Emma Forbes, Lauren Atkins, Sarah Rabbidge, Jacqueline Wynne, Catherine Jugmans, Megan Read, Tina Jedrzejczyk, Sarah Di Stefano, Jessica Ashley, Michelle Tulich, Claire Hookham, Caitlyn Brukarz, Kristin Harris, Amanda McCamey, Katherine Petrie

ROW 6: Ashleigh Meyerson, Jenna Daly, Elizabeth Stoten, Alana Conlay, Julia Nirmmo, Alice Jaroszewicz, Kate Roberts, Melissa Williams, Hollie-Anne Rennie, Aimee Smart, Olivia Mendes da Costa, Jessica O'Neil, Jasmin Glover, Clarissa Veil, Hayley Dormer, Man Yee Cheng, Natasha Zarkovic, Laura Foster, Emily Dye, Jayde Higginbotham, Navarre Cains, Louise Byrne, Michelle Lau, Brittany Bowler, Ashlee Constantine

ABSENTEES: Ninette Bandarian, Alana Brittain, Hayley Johnston, Jacqueline Leach, Kelly McLannett, Stefanie Rapisarda, Clare Smith



YEAR 8 - THE GREAT!

The Year 8 of 2001 could only be described as a delightful and cooperative group. During the course of 2001 we have experienced many memorable moments, including such events as the College Musical, in which Year Eight students had a significant contingent. Their representation was even more significant in the inaugural Year 8 Play. This event was a great success due to their spirit and goodwill. The Dance Spectacular! also highlighted the diversity of talent within the form.

This second year of high school has not seen a lessening of the enthusiasm that was evident in this group of students in Year 7 - rather it has

increased. The Tournament of Minds competition at Macquarie University saw successful 'Year Eighters' and the swimming and athletic sporting carnivals have given us hope of future Olympic representation.

It has been a most enjoyable year for me as their coordinator and I reluctantly hand them on. Well done Year 8 - The Great!

Ms Colleen McKeown.



YEAR 8

ROW 1: Sally Ferris, Mary Maclean, Louise Farrsworth, Philippa Read, Alisa Bonner, Emma Hagan, Mrs Nikki Greig, Mrs Gina Mathlin, Mrs Jennifer Gregory, Mr Justin Fitzgerald, Ms Colleen McKeown, Mr Robert Farr, Miss Kirsty Scott, Mrs Jill Rolleston, Mrs Keiko Hosogoe, Bess Dunn, Ashleigh Chow, Lorelei Burgess, Valentina Ciampi, Melissa May, Alichia Van Rhijn

ROW 2: Katherine Strauss, Clare Ryan, Kathleen De Laurier, Jennifer Lloyd, Felicity Roberts, Lucy Kulmar, Isabel Staas, Ashleigh Roy, Sarah Quirke, Brooke Daley, Miranda Bush, Sarah Durazza, Caitlin Summers, Marissa Raymond, Kristina Kaida, Rachael Thomson, Lisa Brown, Tatum Pearce, Amanda Richman, Hayley Bruce, Sandra Richardson-Sanchez, Michelle Di Stefano, Rebecca Williamson, Eva Koumi, Carmel Crino

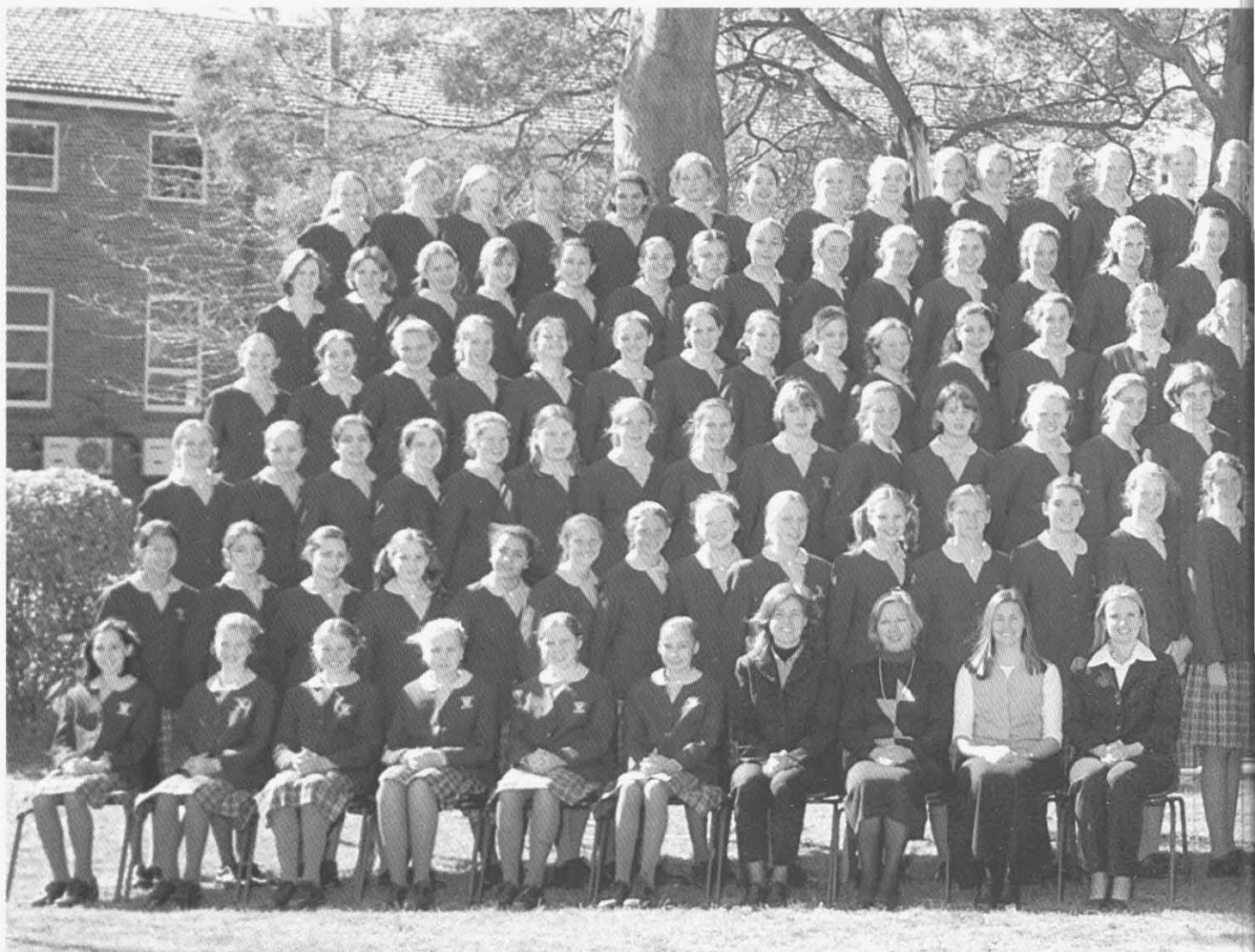
ROW 3: Cassandra Jacobs, Angela Redward, Shae Oliver, Kristen Doyle, Claudia Wawn, Kailli Devitre, Ashleigh Favaloro, Amber De Florio, Jessica Payne, Jessica Long, Kylie Hume, Erin Haataja, Elly Willan, Clare Quirke, Jacqueline Buttenworth, Lauren Brown, Jessica Gavin, Ann Walz, Louise Bennett, Ellen Hennessy, Clare Orton, Kieana Stephens, Shona Young, Angela Rozali, Jessica Godsall

ROW 4: Tasmin Dilworth, Melissa Iemma, Jessica Stynes, Emma Story, Lara Smith, Alice Schober, Sarah Aouad, Amy Bromley, Melanie Woo, Rebecca Westhoff, Katie Osborne, Stephanie Foran, Shannon Phelan, Ashleigh Brunner, Elise Cameron, Natasha Kavanagh, Wing Hang Ting, Madeleine McIver, Jessica Holubkovic, Kristina Zaarour, Tarryn Priestly, Jacqueline Lofgren, Elle Fisk, Kasia Milewicz, Joanna Alessi, Jacqueline Webber, Avril Mahony

ROW 5: Sarah Kella, Kristi Oliver, Eden Cleaver, Nicole Castle, Karen Gordon, Annalisse Williams, Vanessa Zenon, Claire Dickson, Kaitlyn Muldoon, Chantelle Viciulis, Sarah Ritchie, Emma Shepherd, Lauren Saxby, Casey Burns, Lucy Gentle, Victoria Layton, Lauren Kelly-Bradshaw, Kathryn Moore, Melissa Kushkarian, Jenna Halliday, Brooke Cavallaro, Elise O'Connor, Johanna Spasaro, Amber Cleaver, Tess Bayfield, Amy Smith

ROW 6: Petra Bayfield, Katie Miller, Charlotte Kane, Katherine Rizk, Kirstin Coggins, Alexandra Beattie, Rebecca Vumbaca, Alyssa Bird, Katrina Champion, Natalie Romeo, Amy Cook, Ashleigh Mee, Alissa Foley, Clare Gavin, Elaine Stewart, Jessica Vumbaca, Catherine Casella, Stephanie Menano-Pires, Tiffany Chen, Jacqueline Pacholski, Jessica Johnson, Lizelle Haigh, Annika Anthony, Katie Binfield, Madeleine Jarvis

ABSENTEES: Michelle Burns, Ashleigh Fox, Daniela Hamman, Natalie Turner, Paula Van Der Gugten



YEAR 7

Year 7 is always a special year as it marks the entry of new and eager students into their new and unfamiliar school. Excitement and nervousness abound as these girls "begin again" after having been the "older girls" in their primary schools. It doesn't take long before they become happy and confident in their new school environment. The girls you see in the photo here are not the same girls who began at Brigidine College in February. Instead, they are young ladies who have grown in confidence and friendship with one another.

This year we have indeed had a very busy time in Year 7. From social events such as our Orientation Camp

and Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day, through to more academic pursuits such as the ELLA and SNAP testing, the girls have had many opportunities to shine. And shine they have. The two words that come to mind when I'm asked about Year 7 2001 are talent and togetherness.

Firstly, talent. We are so fortunate to have the most amazing dancers, singers, speakers, sportswomen and musicians in Year 7 this year. They have shown us just what they can do in our Year Assemblies; our Year 7 Concert; the Dance Spectacular; the Public Speaking evening and the musical auditions for 2002. Talent also abounds academically, from outstanding results in Semester 1 exams to the many Year Coordinator Awards I have been presenting. They

truly have much to be proud of this year.

Secondly, togetherness. It has been great to see the girls make new friends and display such kindness and consideration for each other. The flowers and presents exchanged on birthdays as well as the support given to each other daily, is something that is a pleasure to be part of. Year 7 girls are not camera shy either- they love to have their photo taken with friends. This togetherness and care for one another, in good and bad times, is wonderful to see.

A very big thank you to my 9 mentor teachers who have been fabulous with Year 7 this year. I have greatly appreciated their support and initiative in this very demanding role. They are people of both strength and



gentleness, and the girls are very lucky to have such caring people to look after them.

My best wishes go with you Year 7 as you begin your second year of high school. Congratulations, and may you continue to give so much of yourselves to all who you meet throughout your schooling. It has been a pleasure.

Miss Lisa Berry

YEAR 7

ROW 1: Kayla Bulla, Heidi Godsall, Ashley May, Harriet Smith, Emma Hines, Alexandra Sim, Ms Catherine Willoughby, Mrs Julia Bevan, Ms Joanne Kachel, Ms Lisa Berry, Mrs Joy Bruce, Mr David Chant, Ms Daniela Borgert, Ms Andrea Foster, Mrs Nola McMullan, Mrs Therese O'Kane, Anna Tait, Ashleigh Knox, Alicia Lowry, Elizabeth Moore, Sarah Maloney, Emily Topp, Vanessa Pek, Sol Florez-Estrada, Natalie Ponticello, Kathleen Searle, Katherine Sidhom, Chloe Brown, Lauren O'Neill, Elle Hopton, Fiona O'Connor, Ella Haines, Rachel Venteman, Danielle Humphris, Courtney Baker, Amy Buckingham, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Kayla Shoppee, Samantha McCormack, Lauren Daneel, Cassandra Collin, Monica Heafey, Tamara Wright, Claire Robertson, Karina Peters, Veronica Buttarello, Savannah Kelly, Eloise Johnston, Carmel Gelonesi

ROW 2: Vanessa Pek, Sol Florez-Estrada, Natalie Ponticello, Kathleen Searle, Katherine Sidhom, Chloe Brown, Lauren O'Neill, Elle Hopton, Fiona O'Connor, Ella Haines, Rachel Venteman, Danielle Humphris, Courtney Baker, Amy Buckingham, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Kayla Shoppee, Samantha McCormack, Lauren Daneel, Cassandra Collin, Monica Heafey, Tamara Wright, Claire Robertson, Karina Peters, Veronica Buttarello, Savannah Kelly, Eloise Johnston, Carmel Gelonesi

ROW 3: Hayley McKenzie, Leanne O'Rorke, Kara Singh, Alison Francis, Holly Cashman, Simone Ziems, Emily Heys, Sarah Dawson, Jacinta Acevski, Holly Meyerson, Monique Swan, Stephanie Burge, Michelle Carty, Brianna Sim, Sarah Boreham, Isobel Stanford, Claire Bowditch, Gabrielle Malouf, Lucinda Eccles, Afifi Mitry, Chloe Hoffman, Sarah Dixon, Belinda Stewart, Jessica Gibson-Clarke, Jessica Grant, Lisa-Astrid Curran, Madeleine Gough

ROW 4: Emelia Thomas, Samantha Gilroy, Simona Cipollone, Mischa Moraza, Louise Moore, Eloise Brukarz, Katy-Marie Hayman, Jessica Kirkby, Emma Followill, Sarah Gardiner, Kathryn Kennett, Chloe Eather, Danielle Beilby, Kate McRobie, Courtney Farthing, Rachel Mackay, Caitlin Hill, Rebecca Flett, Katherine Cattell, Emma Bransgrove, Lily Johnson, Phoebe Carpenter, Elise Osborne, Shianne Hughes, Emma Marden, Kristina Ek, Laura Murray, Karen Farnsworth

ROW 5: Esther Thurtell, Jennifer Mills, Angela Neylon, Claudia Gennari, Alana May, Ailsa McArthur, Katy Jenkins, Monique Steger, Caitlin Johnson, Alexandra Heber, Zoe Miller, Grace Alder, Christina Mayne, Juliana Betts, Megan Davern, Amy Sherwood, Alexandra Coleman, Jung Yun (Jenny) Choi, Lara Bayliss, Alice Burgess, Catherine Fitzsimmons, Alyce Muldoon, Jessica Mulvihill, Sarah Fox, Rachel Hansen, Elise Trickey, Amy Brown, Lucy McLennan, Clare Barclay

ROW 6: Bethany Walker, Haylee Pretorius, Hannah Saul, Fiona McDonald, Jasmine Samiri, Eleanor Nott, Laura Wu, Alysha Battaerd, Jennifer Edgar, Laura Evers, Madeleine Hillier, Natalie Ward, Meghan Hamilton, Annie Mangen, Kimberley Allen, Bianca Lane, Breeana Ansell, Ashleigh Cheney, Kelly Cheng, Lauren Langley, Lisa Keighery, Liesl Cornell, Chloe Singe, Susannah Collins, Lucy-Rose Dye, Victoria Duffy, Rebecca Fox, Grace Davies

ABSENTEES: Sarah Bryant, Carly Glover, Courtney Leach, Natalie Sourian

Year 7 - "Talent and Togetherness"



Second Generation

Front Row: Kathryn Strauss, Sarah Fox, Ashley O'Loan, Ashley Westhof, Holly Meyerson, Ashleigh Meyerson, Melissa Iemma, Veronica Buttarello, Ashleigh Chow
 2nd Row: Rachel Bann-Stephens, Navarre Cains, Louise Bennett, Louisa Holmes, Sian Cains, Kayla Shoppee, Prue O'Loan, Peri Muddle, Kathryn Maloney, Sarah, Howard, Victoria Duffy

Academic



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COMPUTING STUDIES

2001 has been a particularly challenging year for the staff and students involved in the new HSC courses. Currently we are teaching Information Process and Technology and Software Design and Development in the senior years. I would like to thank the Computing Studies staff for their efforts during the year in helping all our students reach their potential.

Courses in the junior years continue to develop, offering our students the opportunity to develop skills in a range of applications. The following photos demonstrate some of the activities carried out by students during the year.

Janine Martin

Computing Studies Coordinator



Michelle Pocklington,
Francesca Farthing



Claire Hookham Hayley Johnston



Anita Younis



A CD cover created
by Anne and Priscilla



Manipulation of images
by Clare, Amy and
Gemma



A part of an animation sequence by Anne and Priscilla above and
Gemma below.



Using Web design applications, these work examples were created by Alex, Gemma, Sharla, Alyce, Alica and Louise. These designs include animations.



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DRAMA

"I never thought I would ever love a subject as much as I love Drama – I have found it really helps me expand my horizons" – Vanessa Cornale (Year 11)

YEAR 9

For many Year 9 students, this year has been their initiation into the wonderful world of Drama. Some may have expected to have classes where you "stand there and pretend to be a tree", but any Drama student will tell you that Drama involves academic theory study combined with practical activities. Year 9 study improvisation, playbuilding, scripted work, voice, movement, rituals, and theatrical traditions. All students attended the Sydney Theatre Company's amazing production of "The Stones".

YEAR 10

Year 10 students consolidate their skills from year 9, starting with a study of comedy. Beginning with contemporary comics such as Seinfeld, we trace back to commedia dell'arte and melodrama. Students then focus on Shakespeare in performance, before studying the more contemporary style of street theatre. All three Drama classes attended an evening performance of the Sydney Theatre Company's vibrant production of "The School for Scandal" at the Sydney Opera House.

Year 9 and Year 10 Drama students performed in the Drama Showcase held in the first week of October.

YEAR 11

What's the difference between Kosky and a gobo? What would happen if Stanislavski met Brecht? How do you use a barn door in Drama? Year 11 Drama students can tell you! The new Year 11 Drama course covers improvisation, playbuilding, acting, theatrical traditions and elements of production. To say Year 11 Drama students have had a busy year is an understatement. We have seen a wide variety of professional productions including "OnStage" (Seymour Centre), "King Lear" (STC), "Old Times" (Ensemble), "The Stones" (STC) and "Antony and Cleopatra" (Bell

Shakespeare Company). Many of our Year 11 Drama students have been active members of the Glen Street Theatre Subs Club.

A large group of Year 11 Drama students was involved in the Regional Final of the Shakespeare Festival held at Abbotsleigh. Our Music Composers (Kylie Anania and Emma Hamilton) and Duologue Actors (Emily McMullan and Rosie Westhoff) won the Regional Final and proceeded to the NSW State Final where Emily and Rosie were placed second in the whole state – a fantastic achievement. This is the third year in a row that we have placed second. In addition, many of our Year 11 Drama students were successful in eisteddfods, including Ryde, Warringah and Lane Cove, as well as the City of Sydney Performing Arts Challenge.

Some of our Year 11 Drama students (Stephanie Bendixsen, Danielle Priestly, Tiffany Madsen, Nadine Austin and Elisha Keen) were involved in the Riverview production of "Anything Goes" in March.

All students were involved in the Year 11 Drama Showcase in October, and many were involved in the Year 11 Play, *Much Ado About Nothing*. This year has been the largest group (36!) of Year 11 Drama students – it has been truly delightful to work with such passionate and motivated young women.

YEAR 12

Our 2000 HSC results were outstanding with nine of our ten students placed in the top 30% of the state, and with an average mark far exceeding the state average. Drama at HSC level requires students to write two essays on theory content (Australian Theatre, and Absurd Theatre), prepare and perform in a group performance, and complete a major work in either performance or design.

This year's major works were

Kath Blenkinsop	Performance
Self-devised	
Aleisha Conlay	Performance
Self-devised	
Laura Fisk	Costume Design
A Dream Play	

Lisa-Marie Hagan	Costume Design
A Dream Play	
Fiona Halpin	Costume Design
The Trojan Women	
Antonija Iljadica	Promotion Design
The Winter's Tale	
Jessica Lyon	Costume Design
Our Country's Good	
Natalie Martin	Performance
Self-devised	
Monique Meredith	Performance
Self-devised	
Tarryn Morris	Performance
Seneca's Oedipus	
Shari Norman	Costume Design
Our Country's Good	
Natalie Oliver	Performance
The Small Poppies	
Nikki Searle	
Performance	Cosi
Julia Thomas	Costume Design
The Winter's Tale	
Kelly Wilkinson	Promotion Design
Bran Nue Dae	

The Group Performances were "Ha Ha Ha", "Twisties", "Labels in the Mist" and "Short Front Long Back"

Many of the Year 12 Drama class joined Belvoir Street Theatre as subscribers, and we saw "A Cheery Soul", "The Laramie Project", "Emma's Nose", "Cloudstreet", "Aliwa", "Roulette" and "King Ubu". Lucy Evans from PACT Theatre also visited the Year 12 Drama class to discuss opportunities in the arts world. The Year 12 Drama class has demonstrated a high standard of professionalism and commitment. I hope that their love of theatre continues throughout their lives. Remember, get up and do, gang!

STAFF

A very welcome addition to the Drama Department in 2001 is Mrs Tamara Powell. It is truly a pleasure to work with someone so dedicated and professional, and I thank her for her significant and wonderful contribution to the mad and manic world of the Drama Department.

Remember, all the world's a stage!

Miss DiAnne McDonald

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: SIGH NO MORE!

The Shakespeare Festival is a prestigious international competition, and yet again in 2001 Brigidine College has achieved outstanding success.

The Regional Final was held at Abbotsleigh, with Brigidine College entered in the four categories of movement, music, duologue and scene. We won two of the four categories. Our Music Composers (Kylie Anania and Emma Hamilton) and Duologue Actors (Rosie Westhoff and Emily McMullan) were awarded first place, and were off to the State Finals.

To compete at the State Finals, our students had to complete a detailed logbook and face a 20-minute interview with the judges, as well as perform their pieces. Out of 44 schools, and hundreds of performers at the State level, a Brigidine College entry was awarded second place, even beating performing arts high schools. Emily and Rosie were awarded second place in the Duologue section performing a collage of scenes from "Much Ado About Nothing". They performed brilliantly and were widely complimented by a number of theatre professionals on their performance. Kylie and Emma, our Music Composers, wrote an original song to the words "Sigh No More" from "Much Ado About Nothing". They were ably assisted by our singing group (Alex Grace, Stephanie Bendixsen, Elisha Keen, Jenny Gibson, Rosie Westhoff, Danielle Priestly, Emily McMullan) and were the very first performers at the State Final. They set an extraordinarily high standard and had a lot of fun.

All Shakespeare Festival performers demonstrated tremendous energy and commitment during rehearsals and the Festival, often giving up their own time during school holidays and weekends. Congratulations, girls – you can now sigh no more!

Miss DiAnne McDonald



SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Front row: Brooke Fanshaw, Merryn Clark, Emma Hamilton, Kylie Anania, Nikki Ronald, Alexandra Grace, Danielle Priestly
Second row: Amylia Harris, Ashley Doyle, Joanne Espey, Miss DiAnne McDonald, Emily McMullan, Elisha Keen, Stephanie Bendixsen
Third Row: Jennifer Gibson, Rosie Westhoff, Carla Hoffman, Belinda Spence, Verity Hare

CAREERS

The 'new look' careers office has occupational and industry based folders, university, TAFE and private training provider handbooks, videos and CD software and job seeking information. All of this information is available for students to access so that they can obtain the latest information on industry, employment and tertiary education.

In May the Careers Day was held for years 10, 11 and 12. Jenny Hanson presented her "Always in Style" program. This program required the students to dress on the day as if they were attending a job interview. Jenny provided the students with a fresh approach to job seeking and gave them ideas for setting and implementing career goals. Not only did the students finish the day looking fashionable, but they were ready to meet, greet and conquer the world of work.

To assist Year 12 in making their career choices for 2002, they have had the opportunity to hear several guest speakers on varying career topics during their year assemblies. Jenni Dewar from Turning Point gave an informative overview of how work has changed

over the past twenty years, and the occupations that have been generated by information technology. Further, current students from the University of Sydney spoke to Year 12 on their experiences on the transition from school to university life.

An important excursion for all Year 12 is to visit the annual Tertiary Information Day held at Macquarie University. Over 120 tertiary providers were available to answer the students' questions and provide information on careers and courses available.

Finally, thank you to the Brigidine community for their wonderfully warm welcome during my first year at the college.

Mrs Joanne Cousins

ENGLISH

The New HSC

The highlight of Year 2001 has been the launch of the New HSC in Year 12. This has been a stimulating and exhausting but worthwhile task for the six Year 12 teachers. The New HSC has something to offer to every student, no matter what her ability, and most importantly, prepares all students for an increasingly changing, increasingly visual world.

An exciting innovation is the English Extension 2 Course, which allows the most talented students in English in New South Wales the opportunity to compile a Major Work. This might be the writing of a short story, a suite of poems, a script, or a critical response, or it might be the making of a film, or even the creation of a website or CD Rom relevant to English studies. The students are expected to work independently and engage in extensive research to inform their Major Work. I was invited to be a member of the marking team of teachers responsible for marking the Major Works statewide. The standard was high and the talent of many of the students remarkable. Nine Brigidine students submitted a Major Work this year and I am encouraged by the number of students who are interested in attempting English Extension 2 for the 2002 HSC.

2000 HSC RESULTS

The year began with the news of the excellent HSC results in English. Brigidine students performed admirably, with 64% in the 2U Contemporary course coming in the top 20% of the NSW candidature, 22% of the students in the 2U General course in the top 20% of the state and 47% in the 2U Related Course in the top 20% of the state. Four 2 Unit Related students were mentioned in the Merit List for achieving over 90% and earning a place in the top 1% of the state, and two in 3 Unit English. They were Bonnie Cleaver (2 and 3Unit Related), Emma Colton (2 and 3Unit Related), Shannon Rickey and Laura Galvin.

2000 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS

The results of the School Certificate Literacy Tests were also pleasing, with 61% of the Brigidine candidature scoring in the top two bands, compared with 24% statewide.

2001 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS ENGLISH COMPETITION

This competition, conducted annually by the University of New South Wales, provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in reading literary and factual texts, understanding

textual features of language, understanding syntactical features of language and spelling. A total of 475 000 students from Australia and New Zealand entered the competition this year.

Out of the 102 Brigidine students who entered, 20 achieved Distinction Certificates and 44 achieved Credit Certificates.

Finally, the English Department remains committed to offering the students at Brigidine the best possible education in English. We aim to inculcate in the students a love of reading, and a thoughtful, tolerant, empathic approach to the world, to help them to weather the vicissitudes of life and participate meaningfully in its joys.

Thanks must be extended to the staff in the English Department for their highly professional conduct, hard work and dedication, as usual: Mrs Sandy Stuart, Mr Jon Watts, Mrs Julianne Barrs, Mrs Diane Gleeson, Mrs Noela King, Mrs Sharon McKinnon, Ms Lisa Berry, Ms Tamara Powell, Ms Andrea Foster, Mrs Jenny Gregory, Mrs Robyn Stone and Mrs Nola McMullan (Learning Support).

Mrs Marilyn Pretorius

INTER HOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2001

The Annual Interhouse Public Speaking Competition organised by the English Department helps to keep the tradition of public speaking alive at Brigidine. The girls received their topic only 24 hours before, and they conducted themselves impressively. On behalf of the English department, I extend thanks to Ms Andrea Foster for organizing the competition and to all students who participated. Congratulations in particular, are extended to the Speaker of the Year, Melissa Prentice, and the other Finalists:

Year 7

Highly Commended
Meghan Hamilton and
Monica Heafey

3rd Place Claire Robertson
2nd Place Rebecca Fox
1st Place Bronya Fraser-Hills

Year 8

3rd Place Lauren Kelly-Bradshaw
2nd Place Clare Gavin
1st Place Jessica Johnson

Year 9

Highly Commended
Alana Conlay
3rd Place Natalie Davis
2nd Place Alana Brittain
1st Place Kathleen Tan

Year 10

Highly Commended
Ursula Lane-Mullins
Justine Cobb
3rd Place Sophia Davidson-Gluyas
2nd Place Annaleis Martin
1st Place Tess McLean

Year 11

3rd Place Emily McMullen
2nd Place Thierry Pacholski
1st Place Melissa Prentice

Mrs Marilyn Pretorius

HISTORY

What is History? This is the first question that History students tackle when they begin their studies at Brigidine. From then on they study topics such as the ancient Egyptians, life in Medieval Europe, the effects of colonisation on the indigenous peoples of North America and Australia. These topics are covered in Year 7 and 8.

In Year 9 the course is a mandatory one set by the Board of Studies and features Australia in the twentieth century. By the end of 2001 students have reached as far as the end of World War II. Elective History students in Years 9 and 10 have studied a variety of topics including Pompeii, ancient women, Bog bodies, the American, French and Industrial Revolutions and Civil Rights in the USA. They have also studied Jack the Ripper, the sinking of the Lusitania and the Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Year 10 have also produced some great work on Mussolini, John F Kennedy and Mohandas Gandhi.

Year 11 Modern History students have studied the Bodyline controversy, the fall of the Romanov dynasty, the Meiji restoration and the world at the beginning of the twentieth century. In Year 12 they have completed the first new HSC course with their studies on World War I, Germany 1918 to 1945 which included a study of the filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl and they have also studied Conflict in the Pacific 1937 to 1951.

Year 11 Ancient History students have studied History, archaeology and science, a case study on the use of preserved human remains as well as studies of ancient societies with the tomb of Tutankhamen and the use of Roman rhetorical writings to examine Roman provincial government. Mrs Kachel has guided the Year 12 Ancient History class through New Kingdom Egypt, Akhenaten, Roman Imperial Society and Augustus and the Julio-Claudians. Mrs Gleeson has taught the first Extension History course which has replaced the old 3 unit History courses. The case study was

convict women of Australia. The students produced a major individual research project over 4 terms and the topics were Mussolini, the Armenian genocide in World War I and Charles Perkins.

Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies are also part of the History Department. Mr Hill has taught the Year 11 students and they have enjoyed the case studies dealing with Women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Miss Appleby taught the first ever HSC Legal Studies class: their case studies included Consumers and the Family.

History students have been fortunate that they have been taught by enthusiastic and committed teachers. I thank them for their guidance to the students in their classes. Thank you to Miss Monica Appleby, Mrs Sherryl Bremner, Miss Andrea Foster, Mrs Diane Gleeson, Mr Mark Hill, Mrs Joanne Kachel, Mrs Nolea King, Miss Colleen McKeown and Mrs Sharon McKinnon. While Mrs King and Miss McKeown have been on well-deserved long service leave, their classes have been taught by Mrs Robyn Stone and Mrs Jill Rolleston.

Finally, a belated public congratulations from the History Department to Bonnie Cleaver (class of 2000) who came fourth in the state in 2 unit Ancient History for the 2000 HSC examination.

Sherryl Bremner



Angie Asimus and Rosanna Judge pose for the camera at the Centenary of Federation Exhibition



Kathryn Taylor, Briana Nelson-Young and Bo Davies at the Centenary of Federation Exhibition held at the Museum of Sydney in March



Some of the girls in 9Q pretend not to be having fun with Australian History.



Natalie Sourian, Ali Coleman, Lauren Langley and Kayla Bulla at the Museum of Ancient Cultures, Macquarie University.

HONOURS PROGRAM

This, the second year of the Honours Program, has been both educationally stimulating and rewarding. The Program aims to encourage students in the pursuit of excellence in education and to foster leadership qualities. Emphasis is placed on the holistic development of each student. As such, candidates are required to be involved in a wide variety of challenging activities.

The girls have undertaken additional academic research in the following subject areas: Religion, Mathematics, Science, English, Languages, History, Art, Computing Studies, Music and Geography. Their diverse interests are reflected in the widespread choice of co-curricular activities including Debating, Public Speaking, the Dance Spectacular and College Musical, Sport, Chess and Ink! In addition, students have given valued service to both the College community and the broader community. This has entailed contributions to the College Open Day, College athletics and swimming carnivals, Drama Eisteddfod, Youth Challenge, St Vincent de Paul Society, the Red Shield Appeal and the 40-hour famine.

Once again the Honours Students entered the AsiaWise Competition. This year division of the competition into junior and senior sections provided additional challenges. This nationwide competition covers a range of social science topics and aims to raise students' awareness of Australia and New Zealand as part of the Asia-Pacific region. Participation in the competition provides the opportunity to broaden general knowledge and to develop research and analytical skills. Congratulations to the current Year 9 girls who received the following awards in last year's competition:

High Distinction:

Eliza Collier, Ashlee Constantine, Kate Goldsmith, Vanessa Holden, Alice Jaroszewicz, Tina Jedrzejczyk, Jessica O'Neil and Kathleen Tan

Distinction:

Alana Brittain and Surangi Weerasinghe.

An exciting initiative, that proved to be both thought provoking and enjoyable, was a leadership-training program that involved Year 9 girls. The course was designed and presented by staff from the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) from the University of NSW. Students worked in groups and individually on a range of tasks. They developed an awareness of 'leadership', critically examined their own leadership qualities and examined the leadership qualities of some eminent leaders. GERRIC lecturers plan to develop this pilot program in co-operation with Brigidine and offer it to other schools in the future.

Term 3 saw the Honours students enter the first of many debates against other schools. Our girls debated two teams of boys from St Pius X College, Chatswood. The topic 'That science has gone too far' was debated with enthusiasm and humour. My thanks to Mrs. Moya Morgan and Mrs. Ingrid Thompson, for their willing and able adjudication, and to Mrs. Jan Whiddon for her generous assistance. Our term 4

debate will feature combined teams from Brigidine, St Pius X and Abbotsleigh.

Finally, a sincere thank you to members of the College staff who have willingly set, supervised and assessed numerous research projects and to Mr. John Bowie for setting and evaluating the annual 'Principal's Essay'. The essay topic this year sums up the rewards from participating in the Honours Programme - to students and staff alike - 'The best things in life... aren't things!'

Betsy Harvey



Ashlee Constantine and Kathleen Tan working in the library.



Tasmin Dilworth and other Year 8 students during the Brigidine versus St Pius X debate.



HONOURS PROGRAMME

Front row: Tasmin Dilworth, Philippa Read, Joanna Alessi, Annalisse Williams, Stephanie Menano-Pires, Angela Rozali
 Second row: Elaine Stewart, Clare Gavin, Louise Veyret, Caitlin Summers, Felicity Roberts, Nicole Castle, Mrs Betsy Harvey
 Third row: Jessica O'Neil, Clare Veal, Kristina Kaida, Eliza Collier, Kate Goldsmith, Kathleen Tan
 Fourth row: Jasmin Glover, Alice Jaroszewicz, Stefanie Reinboth, Jennifer Stewart, Tina Jedrzejczyk, Ashlee Constantine
 Absent: Man Yee Cheng, Alana Brittain

LANGUAGES

What better way to learn a language than by experiencing it first-hand. That is why the Languages Department at Brigidine recreates the ambience of each language's culture through rich visual classroom displays while exposing all students to a wide range of authentic language and cultural experiences.

Classes are regularly brought to life with role-plays, language games and 'Leap into Language' workshops. Creating opportunities to mix with native speakers is also a high priority, along with the use of the most recent multimedia resources including magazines, newspapers, television, language learning computer activities and web sites. We also successfully participate each year in national language competitions.

Our annual International Food Fair is always a greatly anticipated calendar event with a delicious mixture of traditional cuisines, representing over 25 countries.

Many Brigidine students are fortunate to be accepted into various cultural exchange programs. This invariably increases their confidence and gives added meaning to their studies. We have been especially lucky this year to host two girls from France, Laure Corradi and Cécile Ghier, who have given so many a chance to try out their language skills and learn about French life.

Following is a selection of the numerous experiences we have enjoyed this year.

Japanese

Language immersion at the home of a Japanese family - a visit to the Japanese school - shopping Japanese-style at Northbridge - Bento box lunches - origami - ikebana - traditional Japanese games - calligraphy.

Italian

A celebration of Carnevale with mask-making - Commedia dell'Arte puppet show - Italian movies - Visits to Leichhardt including 'La Fiamma' newspaper offices, restaurants and the Heritage Exhibition - the Festa Culturale at Club Marconi - Guest speakers - HSC Italian study days - Baci chocolates, gelato and antipasto - bocce.



Year 8 Italian students celebrating Carnevale Italian style.

French

Our annual trips to the Alliance Française for Speaking Competitions and its authentic French café - HSC French study days - a Year 10 French immersion day with a sit-down traditional breakfast and lunch - crêpes - lait grenadine - pâtisseries.



Anna Robertson (Year 9) introduces herself in Japanese at the Sydney Japanese School.

Many thanks to Mrs Keiko Aresh, Miss Monica Appleby, Mrs Jenny Gregory, Mrs Keiko Hosogoe, Mrs Annemarie Mitchell and Miss Catherine Willoughby for their tireless efforts and endless enthusiasm in making 2001 such an active and interesting experience!

Mrs Julia Bevan



Lunch at La Botte d'Oro in Leichhardt.

From front left (clockwise): Elisse Marshall, Tess McLean, Antonella Ammendola, Monique Zumbo, Amanda Selwood, Isabella Moore, Aimee Cornelius, Gemma Cavallaro.

LIBRARY

At a recent conference I attended, discussion centred on the skills that universities considered generic to a fully literate member of society. It was interesting to note that in addition to, and just important to, the traditional skills in literacy they assume students to be information literate and information technology literate. This means that if we are able to educate the girls here at Brigidine to be effective users of information and efficient manipulators of technology, the transition from school to university will be slightly less of a hurdle. For those students entering the workforce from school these skills are no less relevant. The structure of the Library at the College has been very much designed to facilitate the development of these skills. All sources of information have been brought together to ensure that any one source does not overshadow any other format.

Once again the Library has played host to a variety of College activities. Apart from a full range of visits by class groups gathering information for assignments we have also seen Medieval Day activities, the Asia Wise Competition, the Public Speaking Finals and so on. These activities assist in making the Library a space which serves the needs of the whole College community.

On numerous occasions this year visitors to the College have commented upon the wonderful displays on show in the Library and we are again indebted especially to the Art Department for their many and varied collections of students work which they so generously made available to us throughout the year. I really cannot remember a day when there was not some sort of artwork in the Library. We are indeed fortunate to have such creative students and staff. Science, English, History, Languages and Geography are some of the other subject areas that have helped to make the walls of the

Library so interesting and, in some cases, such fun.

I would like to thank Philippa Goddard and Liz Heffernan for the excellent job they do in the Library, and a special thank you to Mrs Janet Conway who had donated her valuable time to us on a regular basis - their help is gratefully received. Thanks also to Mrs Robinson who stepped in whilst I was away during the first term. But most of all, thank you to the girls who visit us and who make this such a wonderful place to work.

Allen Carters

COUNSELLING

What is Counselling?

Counselling is an opportunity for students to sit down and discuss any worries or concerns with an impartial, caring counsellor. The counsellor and student look at getting a clearer understanding of the problem and at possible strategies for change.

Who comes to Counselling?

Students and parents are all welcome to counselling. Sometimes students come in groups, sometimes alone. It is best to let the counsellors know if you want an appointment ahead of time so one of the counsellors can be sure to be available.

Why do students come to Counselling?

All of us encounter difficulties with family, friends and school from time to time. Talking things through can be a useful way of getting a different view on a problem, sharing the load and brainstorming ways of handling things.

Where is Counselling?

The counsellor's office is at the top of the stairs outside the entrance to Romuald Hall. There is a message box, pen and paper for students to leave their name and mentor group so we can get back to them. Parents are welcome to contact us on our direct line on 99886287.

Who are the Counsellors?

Ingeborg Dean and Sue Appleton share the counsellor's role at Brigidine. Sue Appleton is available on Monday and Tuesday. Ingeborg Dean is in the College on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

*Mrs Ingeborg Dean
and Mrs Sue Appleton*



LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE

The Learning Support Centre has continued to provide support for girls who experience difficulties with learning. Intrinsic in these programmes is a range of formal assessments which both clarify specific problems and monitor the success of intervention. Two tests are conducted in Year 7. These are the University of NSW Placement Test and the ELLA Test. For individual students, initial assessment is at classroom level. This is supplemented where necessary by broader cognitive testing and sometimes assessments conducted by outside agencies.

This year Brigidine has offered two additional services to the students.

A speech therapist works with students from different year groups. Students benefiting from the programme are those experiencing difficulties in getting their ideas down on paper. This may be due to poor vocabulary, an inability to sequence, poor memory or an inability to visualise. An additional area of weakness addressed by the speech therapist is articulation problems e.g. stuttering. The main strength of this programme is the regular valuable feedback to teachers and parents. Strategies are discussed to assist students both in the classroom and at home.

An occupational therapist ran workshops periodically to address handwriting problems. Two different courses have been run this year. The first course included girls from Years 7 - 9 and focused on letter formation and speed. The second course was directed at HSC students who felt they had handwriting issues when writing three-hour exams. The main issues here were fatigue and speed.

LITERACY COMMITTEE

With the introduction of the Ella Testing in year 7, a Literacy Committee was established to analyse more closely literacy issues at Brigidine. Discussion was centred on literacy across the key learning areas and how this can be addressed more effectively. I.T. has had an impact on general literacy. Teachers are seeing text message abbreviations creeping into written work. Colloquialisms from a range of media are also evident in the work of students who find it difficult to determine appropriate language to be used in specific situations.

Mrs Nola McMullan

MATHEMATICS REPORT

The first year in the third millenium saw a changing of the guard at Brigidine. Mrs Spiteri had moved into retirement at Beacon Hill and Mr John Paul decided after his year away not to return to Brigidine, but to continue with his Mathematics coaching at a private college in Ryde. Mrs Eniko Sweeting took a year's break from teaching to build her country hide-away in northern New South Wales, and she too has now decided to follow Mrs Spiteri's lead and move into the more leisurely lifestyle afforded by retirement. I thank all of them for their persistence and dedication to the job of teaching Mathematics in their time at Brigidine St. Ives

In their places, we welcomed Mrs Karen Nixon, Mrs Louise Akkilik and Mr Justin FitzGerald to the Brigidine Mathematics community. They have all settled in well, bringing their own special talents and skills to their classrooms, where they have enjoyed the ever-changing challenges of teaching Mathematics.

2001 saw the introduction of twice-weekly before-school tutorial sessions. These have been made available to any girls who wanted to improve their understanding of a topic or who needed to clarify any problem in their work. I thank Mr FitzGerald for his time and devotion to teaching, and for providing this service for the girls.

This year, the Year 7 students participated in the Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP) in term two. This is a NSW Government initiative to determine these students' numeracy levels for a better understanding of their needs in Mathematics. While the exam itself is excellent, with quite revolutionary questions, the lateness of the results for our use at Brigidine puts its future use in jeopardy.

Once again students in Years 7 to 11 participated in the Australian Mathematics competition in term 3. Unfortunately, its timing coincided with the Year 12 trial exams, which



made it difficult for these students to be involved. At the time of going to press the competition results were not in and they will be included in next year's report.

With the ever-changing face of curriculum development, the Mathematics department held an information evening for parents in March. Parents were provided with information about Mathematics at Brigidine and beyond, the ongoing N.S.W. syllabus changes, the arrangement of classes, and assessment organisation within each year at Brigidine and how much homework was expected of students. It is hoped that with this improved communication with our parents, Brigidine students will be in a better position to cope with their Mathematics studies. The evening was well received by all who attended and we hope it will become an annual event on the Brigidine calendar.

Technology has made its move into the Brigidine Mathematics classrooms this year! The Maths department was able to purchase a data projector to go with the department laptop. Powerpoint presentations and computer programs, which better show off the power of Mathematics have been more available to classes. Computer and internet classes have also increased as the need and expertise have risen.

Once again the fortnightly Task Centre classes continued for Years 7, 8 and 9. They were even extended to Year 10 for the first two terms, until the pressures of syllabus completion meant that all 10 lessons needed to be

devoted to course work. Students have puzzled over "Dominoes", "Blackbirds" and "MacMahon's Triangles", with some excellent work being done. Five pairs of faces have been included on the "genius" photo-board, which has been set up to display those students who have completed some of the more complicated puzzles.

Maths days for Years 7 and 12 were included in the calendar again this year. Year 7 worked through activities on shapes and solids in term 3 finishing the day working through origami steps to construct a multi-coloured cube. Year 12 spent their day on course material which prepared them for their H.S.C. exam. All Year 12 girls found the day very useful and it will continue to go ahead.

Eighty-eight of our Year 12 students completed the first of the new Mathematics syllabuses this year. This is by far the largest of the Mathematics courses, with 28 students working on the 2 unit Mathematics course and 5 students finishing the Extension 1 course. The General Mathematics syllabus, a more complicated and educationally more modern course replaced the twenty year old Maths in Society course and definitely presented these students with a challenge.

Finally, at the end of a busy year, I would like to thank all members of the Mathematics department for your support and continued enthusiasm throughout the year. Onward to 2002!

Mr Michael Palme

MUSIC

This year has been another busy and fulfilling year in the music department. Some of the special events were:

Term 1 "The Musical" – a rollicking time was had by all in the all-singing, all-dancing production of "Pirates of Penzance". In a return to the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, the girls discovered how much fun could be had in "an old show". Fierce pirates, beautiful maidens and terrified police performed brilliantly in a very colourful spectacular. We look forward to next year's production in the old west, "Calamity Jane."

Also in term 1, Year 8 enjoyed a performance from Terry Murray, a most entertaining English 'gentleman' with excellent guitar skills. For the rest of the semester, Year 8 tried to attain a similar standard of guitar playing.

Year 7 watched a performance called "Saxpose", an expose of the saxophone performed by Andrew Oh. Andrew is a musician with many years' experience, and entertained the girls with rock, funk, jazz and blues music.

Term 2 "The Music Camp" and "Spotlight on Music" – towards the end of the term we loaded buses and headed off for Vision Valley for the annual music camp. This year, the weather was perfect, the wood for the campfire was dry, and the power stayed on. Oh, and the music was excellent too. The concert from the music camp "Spotlight on Music" was a great success, the largest audience we have ever had, and word is obviously spreading about the excellent standard of music performances attained by the girls. So successful was the camp that we have decided to extend the length of our stay, aiming for a three-day camp next year.

Open Day was another feast of performances, this time from our girls. The Concert Band, Choir, String Ensemble and many soloists all showed off their talents to a most appreciative audience.

Term 3 "HSC Performances" – our Year 12 girls went on stage to display their many and varied musical talents, their showcase evening was most enjoyable, and we wish them all the best for their forthcoming exams.



CHOIR

Front row: Alicia Lowry, Esther Thurtell, Cristobel Peters, Elisha Keen, Karina Peters, Kara Singh, Karen Farnsworth
Second row: Kathleen Aquino, Monique Swan, Paula Van Der Gugten, Courtney Baker, Imogen Cranina, Eleanor Nott, Susannah Collins
Third row: Jennifer Mills, Karla Mahon-Daly, Lauren Kelly-Bradshaw, Ashleigh Roy, Rebecca Vumbaca, Elizabeth Sheraton, Jessica Harry

Our Concert Band and Choir were also busy this term with performances at various nursing homes around Sydney, a wonderful community service.

Amidst all these events, classroom music lessons continue with performance, composition, musicology and aural lessons for students from years 7 to 12. These lessons are the backbone of the music department, giving everyone the opportunity to experience, appreciate and learn about music – a window on life.

As I write this report, I am preparing to go on long service leave for term 4, leaving the reins of the department in the capable hands of Mrs Lorna Hall. I am looking forward to a long holiday and a rest, but I will miss the hustle and bustle of school life! Congratulations to all the students who have participated this year, it is your efforts, your time spent in rehearsals and performances that keep music such a vital part of our school, well done! Thank you to all the music staff for your untiring enthusiasm and dedication, with a special thankyou to Mrs Hall and Mrs Beston. You are tremendous colleagues.

Mrs Roslyn Boyd



CONCERT BAND

Front row: Emily Topp, Alexandra Sim, Ashley Sirote, Jennifer Edgar, Laura Ingram, Lorelei Burgess, Harriet Smith
Second row: Eleanor Nott, Clare Quirke, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Courtney Baker, Kayla Shoppee, Priscilla Pek
Third row: Sandra Richardson-Sanchez, Clare Gavin, Kate McRobie, Michelle Carty, Paula Van Der Gugten, Tamara Wright
Fourth row: Miki Hachigo, Kathryn Moore, Julia Nimmo, Francesca Farthing, Annalisse Williams



STRING ENSEMBLE

Front row: Angela Rozali, Courtney Adams, Kylie Anania, Julia Kensi, Candice Adams, Ninette Bandarian
Second row: Bianca Chidrawi, Jessica O'Connor, Clarissa Veil, Rosanna Judge, Janelle Knowles

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

What's new for 2001?

Year 12: This year has been a busy year with the new HSC. Miss Mathlin and her Year 12 class have experienced a more personalised approach to health with the new course changes. They have been learning to cope with their stress levels through Yoga classes conducted by Mrs Bartik, mother of Kirrily, Year 12. We thank her very much for her generosity and the wonderful skills she has passed on. The class supplemented their class work with a visit to Sydney University fitness centre for a fitness-testing laboratory. This proved very beneficial in assisting the students to visualise the physiology of exercise.

Year 11: We saw those girls who chose to study the Outdoor Education option of the course spend three days at Cataract Scout Park at Appin. It was an enjoyable experience which required the girls to undertake activities such as a commando course, caving, orienteering, hiking with packs and camping skills. Much was learnt in the practical setting.

Year 9 and 10: In addition to the senior course, the PDHPE staff has been active in trying to keep up with the needs and interests of students studying PDHPE and Sport Science in the junior classes. We introduced two new dance units of Jazz Ballet in Year 9 and Ceroc (Modern Latin American) dance in Year 10. Both of these units were extremely successful with some wonderful performances resulting from them. The revised Sport Science course introduced the sport of Golf to the practical aspect of the course. It was a big hit with the students. We supplemented lesson time with four trips to Paradise Golf and Par 3 Golf Course at Terrey Hills. The golf range gave the girls the necessary practice needed to develop their new skills. We hired the Professional services of Ms Gillian Rae from Paradise Golf who is one of only four female PGA

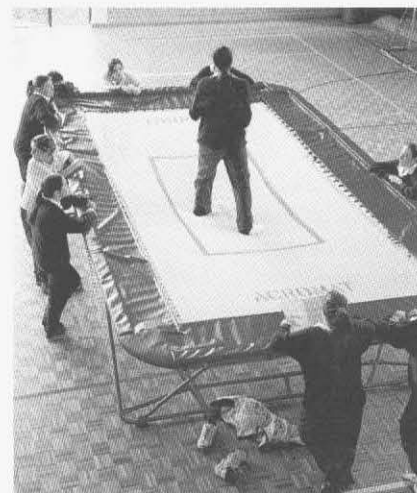


Golf Professionals in Sydney. I feel very privileged to be able to provide the girls with such a wonderfully skilled instructor.

Year 7: We continued to try new approaches and this applied to the Year 7 Aquatics program, which was moved from the Warringah Aquatic Centre to the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush. The change gave all students the opportunity to swim in what was the Olympic 2000 pool. The program had more of a focus on stroke correction and not just on non-contact life saving techniques. It proved a pleasant change of venue.

We welcome Mr David Chant to our Department in the role of Special Assistant (Sports) and welcome back Mrs Skye Wachter and Mrs Dianne Mills who have both returned from maternity leave. Our goal for 2002 is to continue to look for strategies that keep the students interested in learning and improving their movement skills and fitness.

Jo Baker



THE RELIGION DEPARTMENT

To Work To Love To Hope

When I first arrived in Australia 25 years ago I felt very lost and uncertain. Everything was so different from what I had been used to in Ireland. I have to be honest and tell you that there were times when I felt overwhelmingly lonely and isolated. This "migrant" experience I think lasted about two years before I gradually began to feel like an Australian.

During these two years I kept up a regular correspondence with my Grandmother back at home. She was very encouraging and supportive to me during those first years in Australia. I think her deep compassion and ability to be so encouraging may have been because as a young girl, she herself was one of the many thousands of young Irish women who left Ireland seeking a brighter future in America. Like me she knew her own "migrant experience", she knew what it was to feel different, feel left out and to be laughed at because she spoke with a strange accent. We shared some common ground and because of it, the great difference in our age was irrelevant.

Our common experience was to prove a lasting gift for me. In particular I remember one of her letters. It arrived during a period when I was feeling particularly despondent about my life in the "Lucky Country". She wrote:

"Mo chroí, (my heart) during those days when I was young and in America and I too felt so much like you do now, I always remembered my father's parting words as I boarded the boat which would take me off the island. Through tears and in Irish he whispered: 'Annie, always make sure you have people around you to love, always make sure you have work to do and do it well, and always make sure you have something to look forward to, to keep hope.' These parting words have always remained

Congratulations

The Religious Education and Philosophy Department congratulates Bonnie Cleaver on achieving 2nd place in the State with her Studies of Religion HSC 2000 result.



Back: Lisa Berry, Maureen McDermott, Julianne Barrs, Phil Shirvington, Michael Halliday, Richard Quinn
front: Ingrid Thompson, Anne Walsh, Colleen McKeown, Joanne Kachel

precious for me and I give them to you now in the hope that you will be encouraged by them.

I recalled these words the other day and I thought to myself that this is very much the ethic we in the Religion Department have tried to nourish within you during this year.

In many and various ways, your teachers have tried to teach you about love and about its place as a central virtue of our faith. Your teachers have also sought to foster within you a strong sense of the importance of your work and of the importance of setting and achieving high standards, and of course, in the spirit of St. Brigid, we have always wanted to fan the flame of hope that burns within each of your hearts.

Girls, these words of love, work and hope were given as a gift to me. We in the Religion Department pass this same gift on to you. If you have known a little more love this year, if

you have enjoyed your work, and if you have reached this point, just a few weeks before Christmas, with hope in your heart, then it has been a successful time.

Please don't feel shy to thank the teachers in the photograph above.

Mr Michael Halliday.

SCIENCE

2001 has been a demanding and challenging year for Science Educators across N.S.W. with the new School Certificate and HSC. This year will see all students across N.S.W. sitting for these new exams for the first time.

Welcome New Teachers

At the beginning of the year we welcomed two new teachers to the Science Department, Mr Robert Farr and Miss Kirsty Scott. Both come with high credentials and expertise and will bring fresh ideas to the department. We welcome you both and look forward to a long and happy association.

Celebrate Chemistry

This year "National Chemistry Week" was celebrated Australia wide and chemistry students in Years 11 and 12 at Brigidine took part in the "National Chemistry Quiz". The results are once again outstanding.

In Year 11, Jessica O'Connor gained a Distinction and Claire Chang, Emily Cull, Kim Dormer, Lillian Lau and Hayley Montague Credit awards.

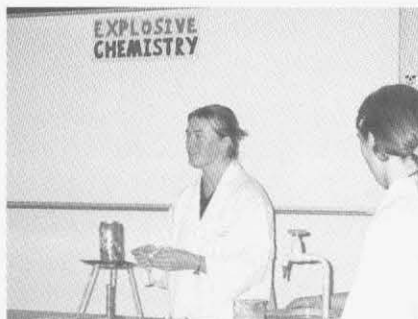
In Year 12, Dilini Fonseka gained the prestigious award of a High Distinction for the second time. Last year as a year 11 student Dilini also gained a High Distinction. In addition Kahli Mason gained a Distinction and Amanda Nixon and Erin Sharland Credit awards.

The Australian Schools Science Competition

This annual competition draws entries from the most able students in schools around Australia and New Zealand. A High Distinction is awarded to students who come in the top 1% of the state and a Distinction for students in the top 10%.

Year 7 Distinction:

Alana May, Hannah-Rose Saul, Jenny Choi



Year 8 Distinction:

Kirstin Coggins, Philippa Read, Ashleigh Chow, Sarah Kella, Joanna Alessi, Melissa Iemma

Year 9 Distinction:

Manyee Chang, Bianca Chidrawi, Eliza Collier, Clare Veal

Year 10 Distinction:

Juliana Kwan, Amanda Selwood, Clare Randall, Laura Ingram, Louise Selwood

Science Extravaganza "Siemens Science Experience"

Three year 9 students, Kate Goldsmith, Katherine Petrie and Surangi Weerasinghe have been selected to attend this annual event at Macquarie University in January 2002. This is a wonderful experience for girls with an interest in the fields of science, engineering and medical technology. Students will be participating in interesting experiments in university laboratories, attending lectures by top leaders in the fields of science, technology and engineering and finding out about career prospects in these areas. In addition they will make new friends with similar interests.

Visiting Speakers To The Science Department

On Tuesday June 12th, Mr Farr's Year 11 Physics class was privileged to have one of our parents, Mr O'Connor, who is a qualified pilot, speak to the class. He outlined the important role that Physics plays in flying. He explained some of the basic principles of flight, and the physics knowledge required to gain a private licence. This is, in fact, so similar to the knowledge required for a good exam mark in the Preliminary Physics Course!

Mr O'Connor's enthusiasm and ability to explain physics in an everyday context was appreciated by the class, some of whom had already expressed an interest in becoming pilots as a career choice. It was good to see how physics learned in the

laboratory has real-life applications- and interesting ones at that! Thank you, Mr O'Connor for your time and expertise.

EXCURSIONS / INCURSIONS

Year 11 - Ecology Excursion

Earlier in the year, Year 11 Biology and Senior Science students attended an ecology field day at Camp Kedron. This was a very valuable experience for all involved and complemented the work done in class.

Year 10 - Reptiles Alive!

Mr Bob Withey, a herpetologist from "Australian Reptile Displays" on the Central Coast visited the school and kept year 10 enthralled for one and a half hours with his entertaining reptile show. He was accompanied by his favourite live reptiles including a fierce snake, the deadliest of all. The giant python was the big hit of the day with the girls. They were able to drape the python around their necks and stroke it. Everyone learned a great deal (even the teachers), to complement the unit of work on Biodiversity.

Robotics Competition "Robocup"

Three year 10 students Juliana Kwan, Kelly Wilcox and Lucie May represented the school in this inaugural competition held at the Powerhouse Museum in August. The girls designed a robot using Lego Dacta, wrote a quite complex program and took part in a challenge against other schools. Congratulations on a fine team effort requiring considerable skill and logic.

We are hoping next year to set up a Robotics Group drawn from Year 9 students interested in learning skills in Lego construction and programming. Robotics is a fascinating area where you gain experience in design skills and logic.

The Junior Science Club

The Junior Science Club was a new initiative conducted this year with a small group of girls from years 7-9. The girls met weekly at lunch time under the watchful eye of Mrs Reed and Mrs Greig. Thank you to Mrs Reed and Mrs Greig for your time and assistance.

Farewell and Thank You

At the end of the year Mr Geoff Copeland is leaving after 21 years at Brigidine College. Mr Copeland was the Science Co-ordinator for a number of years then branched into the Design and Technology Department. He continued to teach HSC Chemistry and has been teaching senior Chemistry for many years. His knowledge is vast and his expertise in that field will be sorely missed. A very sincere thank you is extended from the Science Department.

Thank you to all members of the Science Department. It has been an incredibly demanding year with new courses, new programs and new textbooks. It would be remiss of me not to mention our two wonderful Laboratory Assistants Margaret Driscoll and Judy Gerhardt. Both ladies received a special award, an acknowledgement from the Principal for their continued efficiency and support for the science staff. CONGRATULATIONS.

Roslyn Mort

SOCIAL SCIENCES

We teach Business Studies to Year 11/12, Commerce to Year 9/10, Economics to Year 11/12, and Geography to Year 7-12. That's a lot of chalk and talk.

This woolly mammoth job requires lots of teachers. Because you'll have forgotten their names in ten years time, I'll list them here - Mr Mark Hill, Miss Patricia Byrne, Mrs Betsy Harvey, Mrs Barbara Hunt, Mrs Noela King, Mrs Marilyn Lucas, and Mrs Ingrid Thompson. This year we needed more so we were able to call on the services of Mrs Robyn Stone and Mrs Joy Bruce. Thanks to everyone and congratulations on a great year.

There are outstanding students in 2001. Some excel academically, some in practical application, some for extreme projects. We all know who

you are. Congratulations! You deserve to feel proud.

This year, for the first time in 35 years, Geography was compulsory in Year 9. These lucky girls will go on to do Geography in the School Certificate in 2002. Good luck, girls! They may go on to become town planners, environmentalists, ecologists, and use technology that today we cannot even imagine.

Commerce in Year 10 is tracking the dive of global stock markets. I'm writing this in the fallout from the 11 September terrorist attacks on New York and Washington and the daily news of readying for war. There are times when the Social Sciences demonstrate that they really are the study of real life.

Our daily lives are still filled with tests, assignments, excursions, projects and competitions. We still

think Byron Bay is a perfect gem of a place for fieldwork - compact, varied, beautiful, funky. I wonder what it will be like in ten years time, in 2010.

Social Science has to think about what will be happening in ten years time. How big will Sydney be? Will Brigidine College still be the best girls' school on the North Shore? Will the USA still be the world's largest economy? Will our air, soil and water be cleaner and more productive than ever? What will the Australian dollar be worth? The current exchange rate is AUD \$1 = USD \$0.48.

For answers to these questions, tune in to the Brigidine St Ives Yearbook 2010. The biggest question of all --- What will YOU be doing in ten years time?

Miss Patricia Byrne

TAS: DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE TAS DEPARTMENT

The workshop is a place for early starters – from 7.30am the doors are open to those who wish to catch up on project work or who simply seek extra help with wood projects. The office nearby always has some soothing classical music playing to make the atmosphere relaxed and inviting.

At the start of classes for the day, you will often find our kitchen assistant busily placing out trays with food orders for the girls to begin work in the food preparation area. These lessons always see the students full of enthusiasm, dressed in their aprons, chatting about their recipes, methods and colourful table settings, and excited about eating their creations. Foods ranging from simple snacks to gourmet meals, as well as some experimental activities, are produced in this spacious, bright work area.

In another area of the school, students will be busily laying out formal wear fabrics, learning how to pin a dart, neatening a seam on the overlocker, trying on a garment to have it altered for a better fit, following pattern instructions, altering a pattern, experimenting with beading, using fabric paint, stitching in a zipper – and the bell goes – and often reluctantly it all gets packed away until the next lesson. The excitement and enthusiasm is in creating that finished formal dress, or knit jacket and pants, or curtains and doona covers, or skirt, or more complex designs such as our major works this year.

Lunchtimes are always busy too, with students completing work in the food technology area, or going to the textiles and design rooms for extra help and more individual attention from the teacher, or heading off to the workshop to work on a continuing project.

The days are always busy in the workshop with planning designs and working out materials required, and

the excitement of actually starting a project. These can range from a simple wooden puzzle or toy, a silver ring, or a plastic clock to large wooden pieces of furniture. Students will be working on a scroll saw, or soldering their silver, or hammering nails, or using the sander, or glueing some shelving together, or creating a bowl on the lathe. There's a great deal of satisfaction in seeing the project come to completion. The students are very proud of their achievements.

In 2001 we welcomed Mrs. Burgess back on the TAS staff. She is part-time, with a beautiful little girl and a new baby on the way. We wish her all the best next year.

Miss Cooper announced her engagement and is planning to marry in the new St. Brigid's Chapel next year, and Sue Brown was replaced by Sarah Roberts in Term 4 as she took her Long Service Leave. Mrs. Whiddon has been busy in her new role as Director for the Centre for Excellence, and Miss Fanning and Miss Borgert have enjoyed their move to the workshop staffroom shared with Mr. Copeland.

It is a great loss to the department that Geoff Copeland is retiring at the end of the year, but we know how much he deserves the break from the constant business of teaching and overseeing the workshop. We all wish him much happiness and good health in his retirement – and maybe some more interesting travels!

We also wouldn't manage so well without the smooth and efficient assistance we receive from Mrs. Rutherford in the Food Technology area. Thank you to all the TAS staff who make all these experiences for the girls possible.

Mrs Sue Brown

VISUAL ARTS

The great diversity and creativity here at Brigidine are evident in the Year 12 students' art making practice. The Body of Work, the artmaking component of the new HSC Visual Arts course, is presented for the first time this year and artworks ranged from classical drawings of the human form to installations documented by photography. Mrs O'Kane and her dedicated students worked diligently and I congratulate them on their imaginative and skillful works.

The Year 11 three-day art camp was held on the property of Arthur and Yvonne Boyd at Bundanon. This plays a major part in the development of the students' understanding of artistic practice and conceptual development. The students were lucky to meet artists in residence at the property and to work with our guest artist Patrick Shirvington.

Once again I thank the Visual Arts staff, Mrs. Dexter, Mrs O'Kane and Mrs Flory for their enthusiasm and efforts in making 2001 such a successful year. A sad farewell to Mrs Kaye Dexter who is leaving us after 14 years in the Art Department. Her expertise, friendship and loyalty will be greatly missed not only by our department but the whole school. We wish her good luck.

Ms Lou Buckley

Year 7

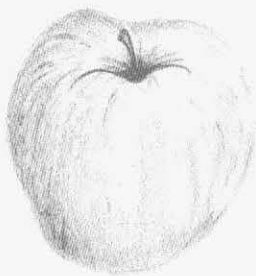
'The Best Arts in Sydney' by art critic Jennifer Mills Yr.7

For the next couple of months a 'not to be missed' attraction is the Archibald Prize Exhibition. There are paintings that everyone will like. Some have 'impasto' as in Nicholas Harding's portrait of 'John Bell as King Lear'. Two popular paintings for young people are 'Kingo and Boofhead, Lavender Bay' by Michael Bell in cartoon style and a portrait of 'Roy and H.G.'. At the Archibald a good time is had by all.

Year 9

'Jurassic Installation' by Yr 9: Bianca Chidrawi and Jessie O'Neil

The Year 9 students were invited to participate in the 'Visual Arts Week' celebrated at our neighbour school, Sydney Grammar Preparatory School. After much thought and planning, we resolved to create an installation based on a dinosaur/Jurassic theme. We salvaged materials at Reverse Garbage Centre at Marrickville (i.e. raffia, disposable plastic lids, wet suit offcuts etc.) and used techniques such as weaving, knotting, finger painting, drawing and sculpting. The boys created faces, scales, drawings, volcanoes and two large dinosaurs. This was a most successful and fun afternoon.



Mandy Cheng Yr 9 Apple



Bianca Chidrawi Yr 9 Graphite Drawing



Year 11 Bundanon Art Camp
Amy Harris, Erin Coggins

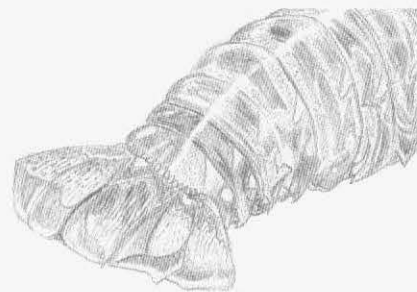


Year 10
Visit to the A.G.N.S.W.

Year 10

'Renoir to Picasso' a student insight: Renee Dick

I really enjoyed the exhibition because I got to see modern artworks that we had studied in Art this semester. Seeing works by Renoir and Matisse was great. My favourite work was "Bather with long hair" by Renoir. The colours were luminous, soft and tranquil.



Mandy Cheng Yr 9 Detailed study of Lobster tail



Year 9
Gemma Ward, Megan Read



Eloise Johnston Yr 7 Self Portrait



Miki Hachigo Yr 9 Still Life Drawing



Mrs Dexter and Elizabeth Siebert



Year 7 A.G.N.S.W. Excursion
Gabrielle Malouf, Kimberley Allen, Eloise Brukarz, Caitlin Hill



Rachel Galletti, Samantha Lockett, Nicole Tarrant and Magda Quinlan at the opening of TechnoVision.



Mr John Bowie congratulating Ashley Macedo at the opening of TechnoVision.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

This year will see the first of Brigidine's Vocational Education and Training (VET) graduates. Each of our students will achieve dual accreditation, receiving the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Certificate II in Business Services (Administration) and a Higher School Certificate (HSC) Record of Achievement with the unit value of the course.

Our Year 12 VET students have had an extremely busy and challenging

year. The launch of Brigidine's Practice Firm 'TechnoVision' was an exciting culmination to many months of preparation and hard work. Magda Quinlan, of the Catholic Schools Office, officially opened TechnoVision in June at a function attended by VET students, their parents and Brigidine staff.

TechnoVision is a simulated business that has been set up and run by students as part of their VET study program. Students conduct business with other practice firms throughout Australia in a simulated market economy. The products, goods and services, traded are virtual – they never arrive! Similarly, the money, financial, and regulatory institutions are fictitious. However, the business decisions, documentation and activity have to match up to the expectations and best practice of a real world business. Our thanks to Mr. Gary Holmes, Merchandising Manager of RetraVision (NSW) Ltd., for acting as our business mentor.

Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our wonderful Year 12 students in establishing the business, other VET classes will benefit in the future. Justine Fitzsimmons, Ashley Macedo, Lee Rickey and Jennifer Holmes made outstanding contributions to the successful operation of TechnoVision. Among other things, these innovative girls made a video that has been used to promote VET subjects in our diocese.

Before we began the task of setting up TechnoVision, all Year 12 VET students visited Stella Maris College to inspect their well-established practice firm. This proved to be a most enjoyable and informative excursion.

Each VET student has undertaken a mandatory one or two week period of work placement. This has provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable practical experience and enrichment of the curriculum in a busy office environment. We have been very fortunate to have the services of the North West Business Education Network in organising quality work placement positions for our girls. For the teaching staff, it has been very rewarding to see our students confidently working in a business environment as productive and professional members of a team.

Members of Brigidine staff have also been busy this year. Ms. Daniela Borgert, Ms. Patricia Byrne, Mrs. Joanne Cousins, Mr. Michael Halliday and myself have up graded our VET qualifications by completing Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training.

Finally, it would not have been possible to have achieved such a good outcome for our practice firm without the enthusiastic support of Helen Carlson and her team.

Betsy Harvey



Nicole Tarrant & Justine Fitzsimmons with Mr John Bowie



Lee Rickey, Gemma Layland, Nicole Tarrant, Jessica Golding, Jennifer Holmes, Justine Fitzsimmons, Jill Bentley, Erin Flew and Ashley Macedo

Spectacle



Spectacle



- 1 Year 12 Drama HSC Individual Performance
Natalie Martin
- 2 Year 10 Drama Commedia Dell'arte Performance
Rebecca Sheerin, Gabrielle Williams, Zoe Smith
- 3 Year 10 Drama Shakespear Performance
Kirsty Malcolm as Lady Macbeth
- 4 Year 10 Drama Commedia Dell'arte Performance
Ashley O'Loan, Morgan Phelan, Nicola Jones



- 5 Year 11 Drama Group Performance
Rosie Westhoff, Alex Grace, Nikki Ronald,
Danielle Priestly, Tiffany Madsen
- 6 Year 11 Drama Shakespeare Festival
Movement Performance
- 7 Year 10 Drama Shakespear Performance
Gabrielle Williams as Lady Macbeth



1 Year 10 Drama Shakespeare Performance
Morgan Phelan, Nicola Jones

2 Year 12 Drama HSC Group Performance
Tarryn Morris, Natalie Martin, Monique
Meredith, Julia Thomas

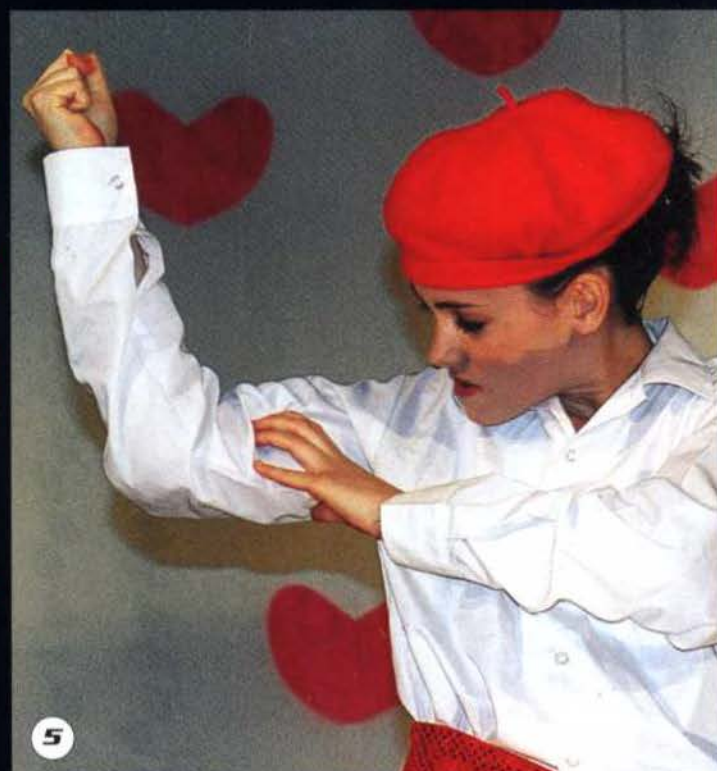
3 Year 9 Drama Ritual Group Performance

4 Year 12 Drama HSC Group Performance
Kelly Wilkinson, Aleisha Conlay, Nikki Searle

5 Year 10 Drama Shakespeare Performance
Natsumi Oda as Ophelia

6 Year 10 Drama Melodrama Group
Performance
Kathleen Aquino, Louise Brady, Rebecca
Sheerin, Laura Hallett

7 Year 11 Drama Shakespeare Festival
Macbeth Group Performance
Joey Espey, Ashley Doyle, Kylie Anania,
Stephanie Bendixsen, Amy Harris



- 1 Year 11 Play – Much Ado About Nothing
The comic characters led by Penny MacDonald and Tiffany Madsen
- 2 Year 11 Play – Much Ado About Nothing
The cast
- 3 Year 11 Play – Much Ado About Nothing
Emily McMullan and Rosie Westhoff
- 4 Year 11 Play – Much Ado About Nothing
Some of the lead characters
- 5 Year 11 Play – Much Ado About Nothing
Rosie Westhoff
- 6 Year 8 Play – Fossils
The cast
- 7 The Pirates of Penzance
Emily McMullan, Rosie Westhoff, Natalie Martin, Aleisha Conlay
- 8 The Pirates of Penzance
Natalie Martin, Aleisha Conlay, Emily McMullan
- 9 The Pirates of Penzance
Our beautiful maidens
- 10 The Pirates of Penzance
"With Cat-Like Tread!"

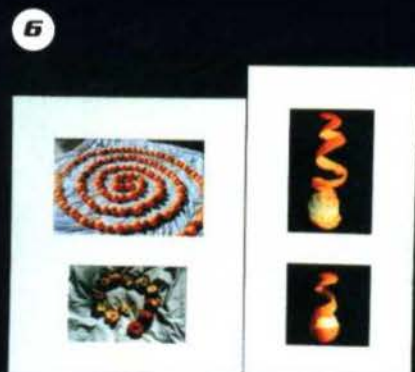
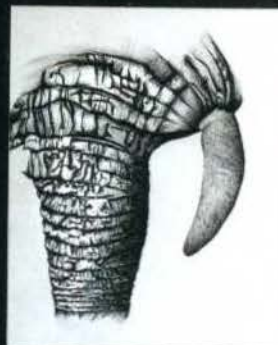




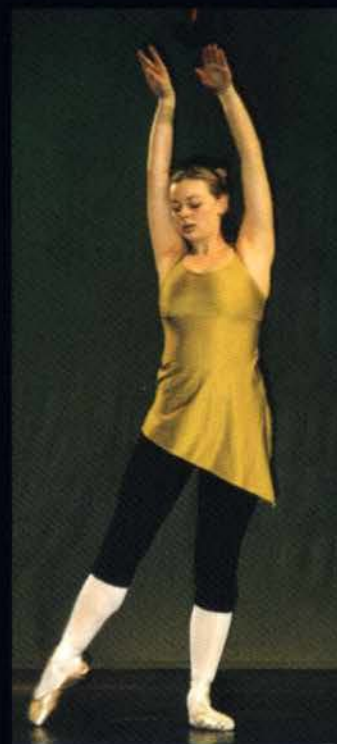
- 1 Sophie Kulmar "Introspective self reminiscing"
- 2 Nicole Bowler "Basic Instincts"
- 3 Eleanor Bressi "Neo Renaissance Torsion"
- 4 Jessica Blight "Elation to sorrow"
- 5 Rebecca Iacomino "Good night sweet prince"
- 6 Charlotte King "Let there be light"
- 7 Natasha Termytelyn "My brother's world"
- 8 Antonija Iljadica "Three Graces Adored"



- 1 Rachel Carters "Childhood and the after thoughts"
- 2 Jessica Lockett "Movements: poses with attitude"
- 3 Ashley Macédo "Shelf life"
- 4 Candice Higgins "Me Vacaciones"
- 5 Julia Thomas "Rouge Visions"
- 6 Christine Stoten "Immersion"
- 7 Natalie Oliver "Three Graces"



- 1 Jessica Upton "Role Models"
- 2 Livia Caronna "No greater power put me here but myself"
- 3 Katherine Blenkinsop "Huge and crinkled things"
- 4 Kirrily Bartik "Childhood: Pages open the doorway into the imagination"
- 5 Victoria Koudsy "Rose is scorned"
- 6 Esther Bomford "Life is for living: spiral metaphor"
- 7 Amy Crawford "Anatman"





Melissa Prentice & Laura Marning



Alisa Bounkeua & Kathleen Aquino



Karen Cheng & Jessica Fitzgerald



Kath Blenkinsop & Ursula Lane-Mullins



Tamara Zampa



Bree Donnelly



Rebecca Iacomino



Victoria Koudsy



Georgia Anderson



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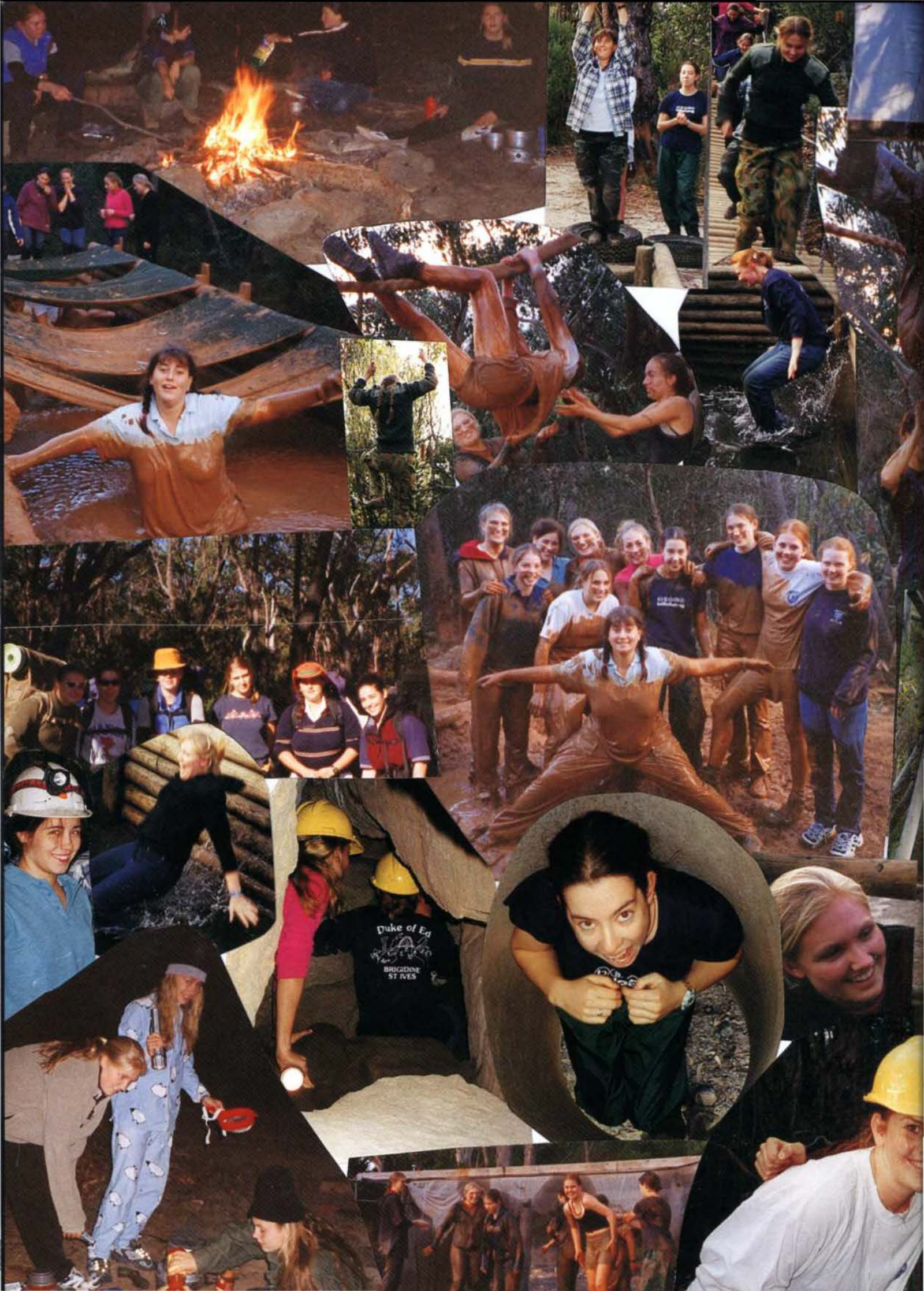
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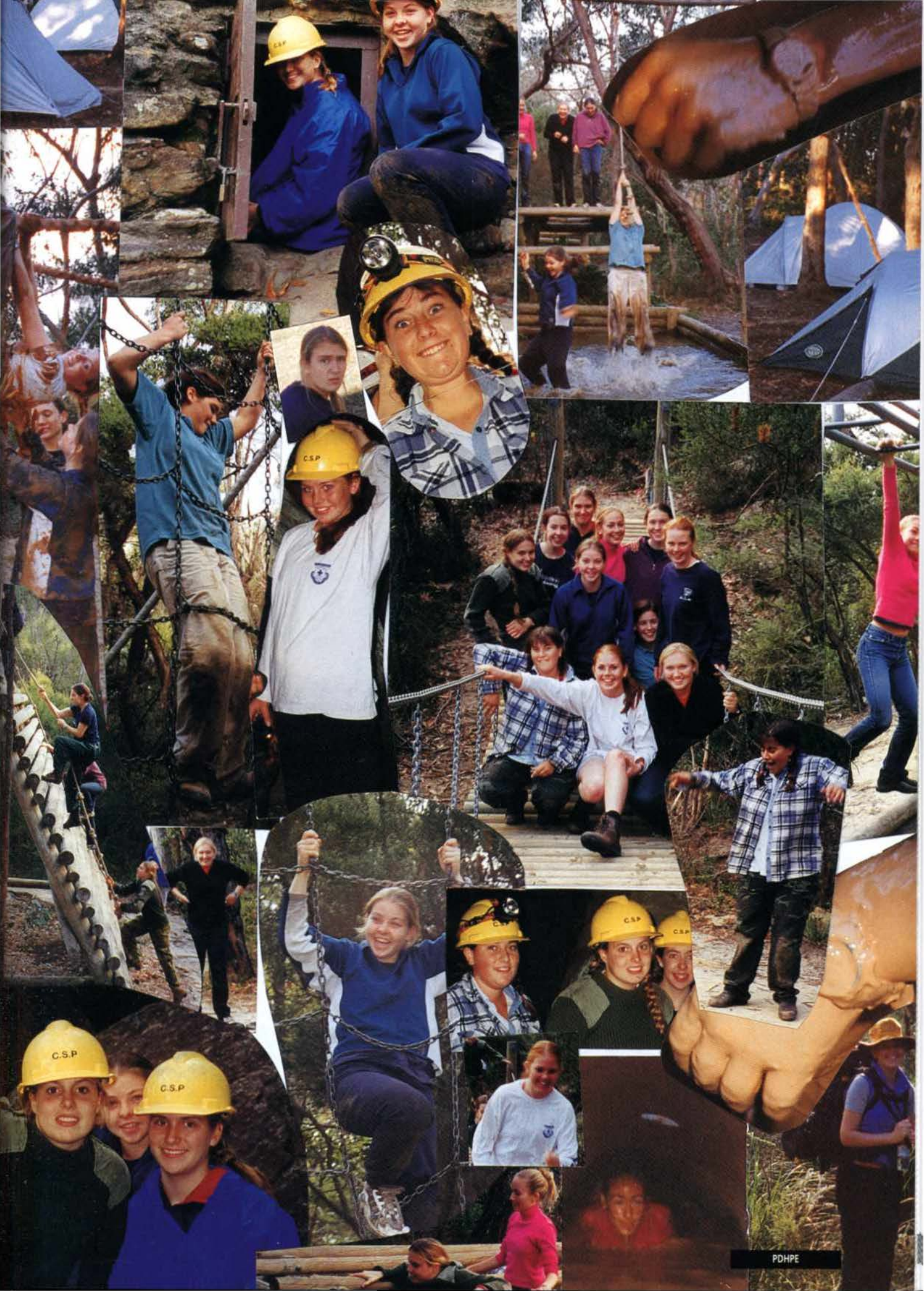


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Renee Dick & Teneille Mainwaring







TAS workshop

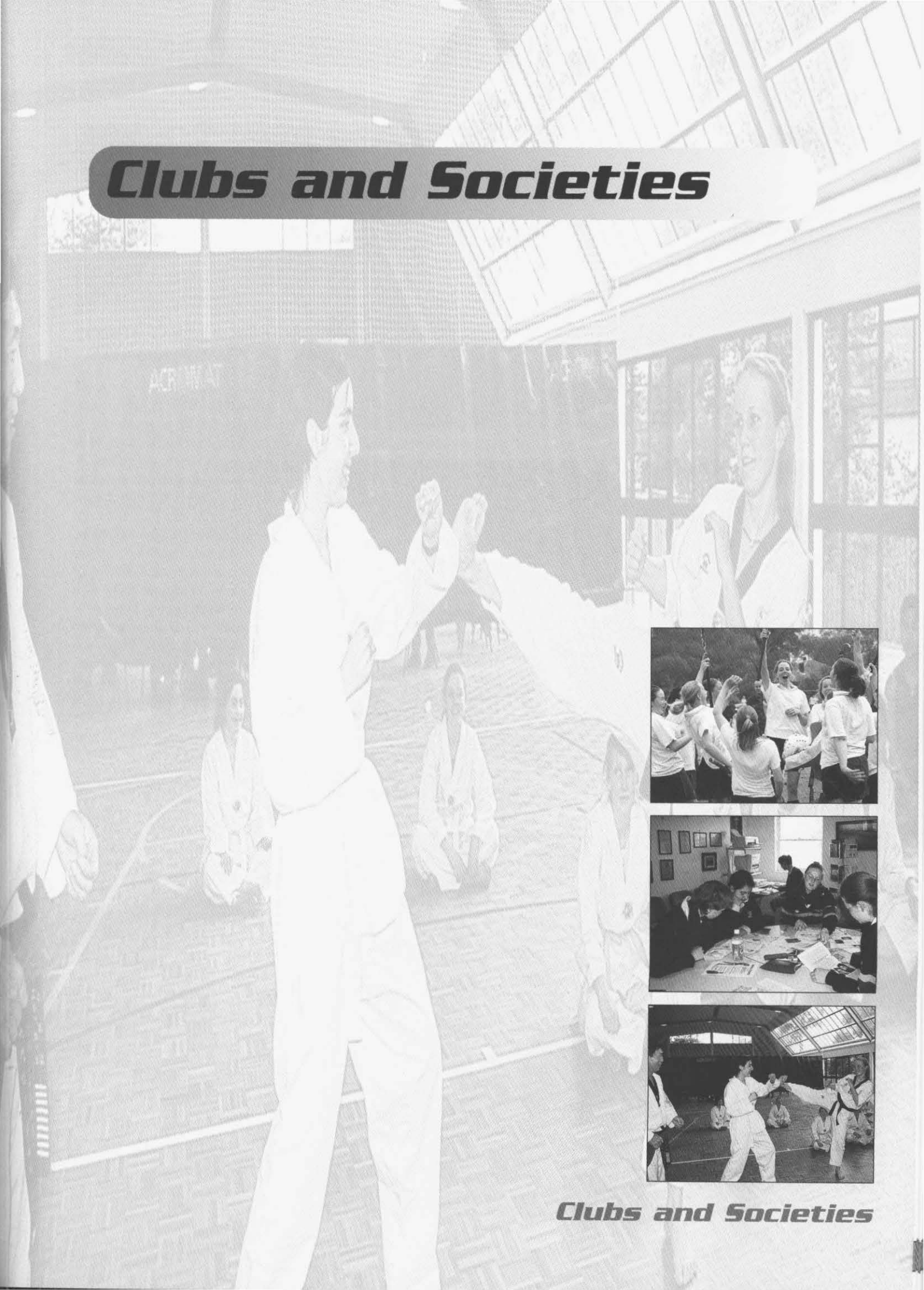


Founder's Day Year 7



St Brigid's

Clubs and Societies



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CLUB CAPTAINS

Front row: Melissa Yen, Leeanne Torpey, Leah Hopcroft, Kahli Mason, Louise Bennett
Second row: Nicole Tarrant, Stephanie King, Nicole Bowler, Claire Farrow, Lauren Daly, Arabella Vescio, Thea McLean, Jill Bentley, Carla Pocklington



SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

Front row: Jessica Lockett, Natalie Martin, Leeanne Torpey, Thierry Pacholski, Amy Livingstone, Rachel Carter
Second row: Tarryn Morris, Melisse Haataja, Erin Sharland, Antonija Iljadica



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Front row: Suzanne Cox, Nicole Tarrant, Tarryn Morris, Sophie Kulmar
Second row: Amanda Nixon, Allison McNicol, Arabella Vescio, Zoe Demidjuk



SPORTS CAPTAIN REPORT - ASHLEIGH TRACEY

The level of enthusiasm, involvement and success of sport at Brigidine this year has been at its highest. It is not only the dedication and commitment shown by members of the sporting clubs and teams this year, but the incredible school and house spirit at the Athletics Carnival and Walkathon, which not only makes for a more exciting event but also shows the unity of Brigidine. My aim for this year as sports captain was to have every student participate in some sporting event, competition or team in some way, either through competing or cheering. To start off my goal for the year, Brigidine came fourth in the IGSSSA Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Swimming Centre. Year 10 represented the school at IGSSSA Swimming and is to be congratulated on their phenomenal cheerleading skills!

This year's Athletics Carnival also

proved to be a huge success thanks to the wide participation, enthusiasm and the psyching up of everyone by the House Captains. After a close finish, Fatima took the annual house winner's trophy followed very closely by Prague, Lourdes and Kildare. The stands were empty as everyone desperately went in events to win their house vital points. The staff versus Year 12 race was thrilling with year 12 winning convincingly! A big thank you to our house captains for their unbelievable effort this year - Tarryn Morris and Arabella Vescio from Fatima, Suzanne Cox and Amanda Nixon from Prague, Sophie Kulmar and Zoe Demidjuk from Lourdes and Nicole Tarrant and Allison McNicol from Kildare. Not only have they organised their houses for the athletics carnivals, but have done spectacular performances in assembly and around the school, and were hilarious in the obstacle course at the walkathon! They were not only lively and enthusiastic but great leaders to work with.

The clubs at Brigidine this year have also had great seasons with more registrations, teams, and better results as a bonus.

The Walkathon that was held to raise money for the commemorative stained glass doors for St Brigid's Chapel also showed enormous house and school spirit. The walk itself was

fun and energetic and the novelty events afterwards were great fun and exciting to be a part of. The year twelve once again defeated the staff in the tug of war event, which demonstrated their persistence and determination.

Overall, this year has been a major achievement in the sporting arena. Records have been set and broken, championships won, personal bests achieved and, most importantly, happiness and satisfaction has been a result of the hard work everyone has put in. Thanks must go to the PD/H/PE staff, and other staff for helping me with my duties this year - thank you for your advice and guidance. The convenors of clubs, coaches, supporters, officials, and parents are the vital needs for clubs at Brigidine, so thank you for your time and effort into these clubs. Last but not least, thank you to the players of teams and squads and the whole student body for your unbelievable enthusiasm, excitement, participation, and motivation - without you I would not have achieved my goal for this year as sports captain.

I wish Carly Halliday, sports captain in 2002 and all of next year's house captains and club captains the best of luck!

Ashleigh Tracey

The following captains are to be congratulated for their dedication, leadership and energy in their clubs;

	CAPTAIN	VICE CAPTAIN
Netball:	Lauren Daly	Stephanie King
Basketball:	Arabella Vescio	
Hockey:	Melissa Yen	Thea Mclean
Waterpolo:	Nicole Tarrant	
Tennis:	Leeanne Torpey	Alison Lloyd
Swimming:	Jill Bentley	Leah Hopcroft
Softball:	Kahli Mason	
DEAS:	Carla Pocklington	
Debating:	Louise Bennett	

FATIMA

It is hard to believe that a whole year has already passed and yet it was one of great excitement and pure fun. Fatima started the year off on a bit of a wet note with the annual House Swimming Carnival being cancelled due to wet weather. However there was still a great deal of team spirit amongst the Age Champions who participated in the rain. The theme that was intended for the Carnival was "Fatima Fruitloops" which had many talking about crazy costumes they had made. However they can be put to good use for next year.

The introduction of a new SRC involved all the House Captains to attend meetings and to give their input on school issues. The system changed from members being selected from each mentor group to members being selected from each year group from each of the Houses. This new system provides more students with the opportunity to interact with the school body.

The next sporting event to take place was the Interhouse Athletics Carnival held at Narrabeen where Fatima excelled both on and off the sports track. The day started off with a lot of enthusiasm with the war cries, which seemed to get everybody into the team spirit for the day. Everybody took part in some way either cheering their friends along or participating in the novelty events. The day was an absolute success with Fatima being placed first. This position has not been achieved for seven years so congratulations to everybody.

The final event on the House Captains' agenda was to promote the Walkathon. All the House Captains and Vice Captains dressed up in eighties aerobics gear and danced around the assembly getting everybody motivated for the fantastic day, which was a complete success especially the three legged obstacle course which involved the House Captains versus the newly elected Captains for 2002. The day was

thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It has been an honour to represent Fatima this year and I have taken pride in doing so. I would like to thank my Vice Captain, Arabella Vescio, without whose help Fatima would not have been so successful, Fatima House for their excellent team spirit and enthusiasm, and all the Year 12s who put so much effort into making the house a success, especially Ashleigh Tracey, Sports Captain, for her motivation and help.

Once again well done to everybody and thank you for the experience you have given me. Congratulations to our new 2002 House Captain, Alex Gray, and her Vice Captain, Rosie Westhoff and good luck for next year.

Tarryn Morris

KILDARE HOUSE

What an awesome house! Kildare have done it once again, showing extraordinary house spirit in the Athletics Carnival, and doing a good job of it as well.

Although we did not win the Athletics or Swimming Carnival we certainly showed Fatima, Lourdes and Prague we are still a major threat to their success. Had the Swimming Carnival not been cancelled due to rain, Kildare may have been able to display all their magnificent enthusiasm and house spirit that has been shown in the past and will be shown again in the years to come.

So the Athletics Carnival was a mighty fine effort for Kildare. Being spotted competing in either an age champion race or a novelty race was great. Everyone participated and enjoyed themselves lifting the red and green spirit high.

The Year 12 Kildarians were out in

force, competing in every single novelty event with a strong determination to win and get that point score up, along with the cheering and screaming of Kildare war cries. What a buzz!!

The walkathon was a great house spirit event which brought the school together to cheer for their house captains as they danced, pranced and competed in a novelty obstacle course. The cheering and house spirit was excellent. Us - Kildare, Lourdes, Prague and Fatima house captains and vice captains battled out the obstacle course against the new house captains for 2002. Kildare did extremely well and had extraordinary fun at the same time!

It has been a great honour to represent Kildare and thank you to all the staff of Kildare

who have helped and supported Kildare throughout the year.

Good luck next year, Tiffany Madsen and Jessica Fitzgerald, House Captains of Kildare for 2002.

Keep your heads up Kildare and smile.

Nicole Tarrant



LOURDES HOUSE

This year the mighty Lourdes saw great success, huge participation and enormous enthusiasm from all its members.

The prominent orange and blue shone in triumph at the Swimming Carnival with Lourdes winning outright. It was our first success in a long time, convincingly beating our opposition and making it into school history.

Unfortunately as a result of the weather, only the serious competitors could participate, so not everyone could join in our glorious victory. The enthusiastic voices of our cheer squad of lifeguards were forced to retreat to another day of school and were unable to support our swimming greats.

Despite the absence of our cheer squad, our strong swimmers ricocheted down the pool taking out both the junior and intermediate relays as well as numerous other events. Many of our Lourdes swimmers made it to the prestigious race which saw the fastest swimmers in the school compete against each

other. Others took out age champion awards as a result of their enormous talent and ability.

The next big event, the Athletics Carnival, crept up suddenly in Term Three. It was fun-filled and exciting, with the whole of Lourdes fighting it out with the other houses in the war cries, yelling enthusiastically at the tops of their voices and getting into the spirit. It was a moment to be proud of filled with fantastic patriotism. Our dress sense was also incredible, with Lourdes arriving in a band of orange and blue, in original, unique and imaginative costumes, which made us stand out from the crowd.

Lourdes had some victorious and successful moments on both the track and the field. However, despite our talent and zest, and the huge encouragement and support from the house, we were unfortunately defeated by Fatima, and missed out on a second victory. I'm sure our talent will rise to prominence next year.

Congratulations to everyone in Lourdes for their hard work,

commitment and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see everyone filled with so much spirit, participating in a wide range of events. You made your house proud, and your great efforts were very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to all the other leaders of Prague, Kildare and Fatima, who made the competition possible and enjoyable.

Good luck to Lourdes and the enthusiastic leaders for next year. Keep the spirit alive. Go Lourdes!!!

*Sophie Kulmar (captain) and
Zoe Demidjuk (vice captain)*



PRAGUE

"We are Prague, Yes we are, We are Prague, Best by Far." What a fantastic year Prague has had, once again showing much enthusiasm and house spirit. The year began with the Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Unfortunately due to bad weather only the Age Championship events were held. Prague swimmers swam brilliantly but the house spirit of our less competitive swimmers was missed and we finished third at the end of the day. Congratulations to all the Prague swimmers who continued on to compete in the IGSSA carnival.

Prague's talents were really shown in the Athletics Carnival by winning the war cry at the beginning of the day and continuing to stay in the lead for most of the day. Not only were so many house points scored in the Age

Championship events but also the energy and enthusiasm carried on into the Interhouse events where the Praguarrians' purple and yellow colours outshone the rest. Many Prague girls also went on to represent Brigidine at the BBSSA carnival. Unfortunately we were narrowly defeated at the end of the day by Fatima but our house spirit, enjoyment, cheering and war cries were second to none.

Many thanks must go to our Vice Captain, Amanda Nixon and to our House Patron, Ms Colleen McKeown, for their continuous help and support throughout the year.

At the end of another

successful year I would like to wish next year's captains Meggie Robinson and Erin Coggins the best of luck. I am sure with the help of the rest of Year 12 and the support of the rest of the house they will keep the Prague spirit alive and lead Prague to victory.

Suzanne Cox



CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE "BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS"

2001 has been a very busy year in the Centre for Excellence. Apart from our regular weekly meetings, we've been involved in various Public Speaking Awards, the Tournament of Minds, Mock Trials, Chess Teams Tournaments and even a visit to State Parliament to name a few! We have had many successes including Thierry Pacholski (Year 11) being awarded the runner-up in the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2001.

We launched the Centre for Excellence this year by holding an 'expo' early during Term 1 in the quadrangle. The expo created a lot of interest in and enthusiasm for the activities that are run by the Society Presidents and a team of very generous staff who are prepared to give up their lunchtimes, afternoons and sometimes weekends to assist the students in 'broadening their horizons'.

The Society Presidents have all worked enthusiastically this year and have no doubt gained important leadership and organisational skills for their effort.

I wish to thank the following senior students for their involvement.

Erin Sharland (Year 12) - Archimedian Society President

Leeanne Torpey (Year 12) - Ciceronian Society President

Amy Livingstone (Year 12) - Periclean Society President

Rachel Carter (Year 12) - Socratic Society President

Thierry Pacholski (Year 11) - Justinian Society President.

This year we have introduced new lunchtime activities with special emphasis on the junior students. These include the Junior Science Club that is generously run by Mrs Virginia Reed and Mrs Nikki Greig and two art groups, the Art Club and the Drawing Board, organised and run by Nicole Bowler (Year 12) and Cara Doherty (Year 11), respectively, with



Mr John Baker, our Chess Coach, with Esther Duinker (Year 9) and Lizelle Haigh (Year 8)

the assistance of Ms Lou Buckley and Mrs Therese O'Kane.

Other staff members to whom I am extremely grateful for their time, encouragement of the girls and help in the following areas are:

Mrs Ingeborg Dean - Women's Issues

Mrs Ingrid Thompson - United Nations Youth Association

Mr Phil Shirvington - Mock Trial and School of Athens

Mrs Anne Walsh - Schools Conflict Resolution and Mediation

Mr Pat Moran - Psychology

Mrs Glenda Chidrawi - Young Inventors

Mr Robert Farr - Young Inventors

Mrs Lucille Flory - Photography Workshop

Ms Andrea Foster - Film Crew

Mrs Marilyn Pretorius - Ink!

Ms Marta Iljadica - Public Speaking

Dr Maureen McDermott - Public Speaking and Zonta Award

Ms Michelle Cooper - Animal Welfare

Finally, I must thank my dear friend and mentor Maureen McDermott, for her continual help and support in this, my first year as the Director of the Centre for Excellence.

Mrs Jan Whiddon



Legacy Junior Speaking Award District Final:
Sophia Davidson-Gluyas and Annaleis Martin (both of Year 10)



Angela Rozali (Year 8) at chess

LITURGY SOCIETY

The Liturgy Society has been a busy, vibrant society organising everything from assembly prayers to school Masses. The society has been instrumental in fostering an understanding of our faith, and I believe that our Masses allowed all students to develop their relationship to God.

On the 28th of February year groups gathered to celebrate Ash Wednesday, with students participating in the singing, reading and administering of ashes. In June a small group of year 12 students and I were fortunate enough to take part in a year 12 Diocesan Reflection Day with Bishop David Walker, where we discussed important issues about our faith and shared our thoughts freely in reflection.

I also took part in the Diocesan Year 12 Mass with a group of year 12 students. It was a wonderful experience to celebrate Mass with students from other schools. Our Graduation Mass has also been

planned and it is fantastic to see so many students who expressed interest and turned up to our weekly meetings and contributed their ideas and enthusiasm.

The highlight of the year, Founders' Day was celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral along with St Bernard's School, Coonamble. The Liturgy Society had an important role in organising this significant event, and the Mass was beautiful and moving. Many students sang in the choir, joined by members of the string ensemble and band. Students were also involved in reading, dancing, altar serving, book bearing and for the first time students were able to be Ministers of the Eucharist. I was honoured to say the Reflection on the day with Father George Kolodziej. The involvement of students in the Mass showed true school spirit.

I would like to thank all those who have been involved in the Liturgy society - the number of students involved this year has been truly wonderful. I would also like to thank the teachers, especially Mrs Boyd, Mrs



LITURGY SOCIETY

Front row: Aimee Smart, Mr Richard Quinn, Stefanie Reinboth
Second row: Bernadette Perrin, Antonija Iljadica (President), Monique Meredith

Hall and Mr Halliday, for their support. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Quinn for his kind help and hard work.

The Liturgy Society is not just about organising liturgy for its own sake but to involve students in the spiritual life of the school, and I have been privileged to serve the Brigidine community through the Liturgy Society.

God bless.

Antonija Iljadica

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This year has been a very busy one for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and we have participated in many fundraising events. The year started at the end of 2000 with the "St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal". This was a success, as always, with terrific participation from staff and students. We then moved to the year 2001, which brought on many more fundraising events for the needy of Sydney and the world.

The major projects we worked on were "Project Compassion", "St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal", and the "World Vision 40Hr Famine". Students and staff participated to a large extent in these projects, showing how much they care. We ran many sausage sizzles and hot dog stalls in order to raise money for different charities, and we also ran an Ice-Cream stall at lunch on a hot summer's day which proved to be a great success.

I would like to thank Mr. Quinn for



Front row: Tasmin Dilworth, Stephanie Menano-Pires, Kiran Rajguru, Melisse Haataja (President), Elizabeth Sheraton, Kate Goldsmith, Angela Rozali
Second row: Holly McLean, Rhiannon Johnston, Felicity Roberts, Samantha Richardson, Stefanie Reinboth, Angie Asimus, Surangi Weerasinghe, Erin Flew, Mr Richard Quinn
Third row: Ashleigh Gould, Eleanora Bressi, Charlotte King, Melissa Williams, Sian Cains, Livia Caronna, Michelle Lau
Fourth row: Amy Crawford, Kimberley Hook, Natasha Zarkovic, Lilit Pogorian, Rebecca Iacomino

all his help and support throughout the year, and also to the students and staff who were so helpful and generous.

You have all made a difference and

can feel proud of yourselves.

Thank-you.

Melisse Haataja

ARCHEMEDIAN SOCIETY

Another fantastic year has sped past and the Archemedian Society has seen the addition of more clubs. In addition to Film Crew, Chess Masters and Young Inventors Network, we now have the Photography Club and Junior Science Club.

This year the Young Inventors network ran extremely well, thanks to the help of Mrs Chidrawi and Mr Farr. Various puzzles kept the girls busy. In second term they began preparing for The Tournament of Minds. This is a highly prestigious competition run nationwide, and all their hard work and efforts paid off. The team of seven won Tournament Honours and are a great credit to Brigidine. Congratulations to Alana May, Aimee Smart, Courtney Baker, Eleanor Nott, Nicole Castle, Phillippa Read and Joanna Alessi.

Chess Masters also had an excellent year. Not only did girls from a range of year levels and chess standards enjoy friendly lunchtime competitions, but they also entered into various chess competitions against other schools and were able to put their skills to the test. A big thank you goes to Mr Baker who gave up his time to share his knowledge with the girls. Also for its third year the Brigidine Chess Gala Day was a huge success and remains the biggest all-girls chess competition in Australia. Almost fifty schools participated on the day, with participants ranging from Kindergarten to Senior school.

It should be noted that the Brigidine junior team came second. Thank you to Mrs Switzer for all her help on the day and in preparation for the big event.

This year the Film Crew ran for terms one and two. Miss Foster provided the group with her knowledge and experiences and there are big plans for this club in the future.

The Photography Club this year allowed the artistic talent of many Brigidine students to be displayed.



CHESS MASTERS

Front row: Tasmin Dilworth, Esther Duinker, Claire Bowditch, Felicity Roberts, Lizelle Haigh, Angela Rozali
Second row: Corinne Switzer, Aimee Smart, Erin Sharland, Joanne Espey, Kim Dormer, Kara Robinson, Angela McLaughlin



FILM CREW

Front row: Jennifer Gibson, Amylia Harris, Ashley Doyle, Kylie Anania, Emily Cull
Second row: Miss Andrea Foster, Erin Sharland

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Flory for giving up every Tuesday afternoon and sharing her expertise.

The arrival of the Junior Science Club this year was met with great interest from students. Once of week a group of keen students met, discussed and performed exciting experiments. They experimented with hydroponics, plants and various other interesting concepts. This was the first year this club ran and a big thank you to Mrs Reed and Mrs Greig for using their valuable skills to help the girls develop their interests in science.

On a personal note I must say how much I have enjoyed being the President these past two years. It's great to watch girls who have an interest and skill in something able to develop it further. Best wishes for next year, it's sure to be another fulfilling year for all those who take part.

Erin Sharland



JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

Front row: Ashleigh Chow, Alexandra Coleman, Alexandra Sim
Second row: Mrs Reed, Clare Gavin, Sarah Ritchie, Nicole Castle, Mrs Greig



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Front row: Joanna Alessi, Alana May, Nicole Castle, Mrs Glenda Chidrawi
Second row: Eleanor Nott, Aimee Smart, Erin Sharland, Courtney Baker, Philippa Read

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

The Junior Science Club was conducted for the first time this year with a small group of enthusiastic girls from years 7-9. They covered a variety of interesting topic areas.

In Term 1 they investigated the use and setting up of hydroponics. They grew some large tomato plants which unfortunately bore no fruit before the winter cold finished them! Luckily the girls had more success with carrots earlier in the year.

A large aquarium was donated to the school and research was carried out as to how to obtain a reptile licence and a turtle. An eastern long-necked turtle was donated by the Year 12 Biology class, much to the delight of classes using lab 3. Mrs Reed is now an official Reptile Keeper!

Growing crystals was another interesting activity and the girls grew some beautiful crystals: coloured sugar crystals in a variety of shapes and sizes and blue copper sulfate.

One particular copper sulfate crystal grew to a very large size.

The girls looked at some physical and chemical changes and undertook an introduction to the chemistry of metals. This led into the final project which was a chemistry-based experiment to recycle copper. The girls learned a number of important techniques in this process.

Overall the students have enjoyed working on a variety of projects and gaining experience in many different areas.

*Mrs Virginia Reed
and Mrs Nikki Greig*



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Front row: Jennifer Edgar, Clare Ryan, Lauren Langley, Tasmin Dilworth, Felicity Roberts, Kathleen Tan
Second row: Leeanne Torpey, Annaleis Martin, Sophia Davidson-Gluyas, Holly Kendall, Monica Healey, Amanda McCarney

THE CICERONIAN SOCIETY

Public Speaking

It is impossible to express the value of being able to speak well in front of an audience. This past year has seen many learn and refine this valuable skill through both coaching and competitions. I have had the pleasure of coaching the Year 7s and 8s, who are progressing into wonderful orators. Between lovely afternoon teas, playing hangman and of course learning of stance, impromptu speeches and how to effectively portray your message, we have had lots of fun.

Apart from being a busy and fun-filled year, it has also been very successful. Congratulations to Kathleen Tan (Yr 9) for making it through to the second round of the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA) competition, and to Annaleis Martin, Sophia Davidson-Gluyas and Holly Kendall for speaking so well in the finals of the Rotary Youth Speaks. In particular, congratulations to Sophia Davidson-Gluyas who has had a very successful year, participating in the finals of the SCEGGS Redlands competition and also the prestigious State finals of the Junior Legacy Public Speaking competition.



INK

Front row: Emelia Thomas, Katherine Petrie, Sarah Fletcher, Justine Cobb, Natalie Bentley, Tasmin Dilworth, Brittany Bowler, Eleanor Nott, Esther Thurtell
Second row: Natasha Kavanagh, Stephanie Thompson, Kristina Kaida, Caitlin Summers, Erin Sharland, Holly Kendall, Claire Farrow, Kaitlyn Muldoon, Angie Asimus, Clare Ryan
Third row: Angelique Delany, Zoe Smith, Annaleis Martin, Leeanne Torpey, Sophia Davidson-Gluyas, Tina Jedrzejczyk, Courtney Baker, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Stefanie Reinboth, Tana Anderson, Dominique Shohmelian
Fourth row: Amanda Azzouni, Anne-Renee Robb, Ashley O'loan, Samantha McCormack, Madeleine McIver, Katie Osbourne, Jessica Holubkovic, Isabel Staas, Felicity Roberts, Chantelle Viculis
Fifth row: Victoria Cook, Celestine Wang, Nikki Ronald, Merette Gearin, Samantha McKay, Leah Hopcroft, Angela McLaughlin, Amylia Harris, Louise Bennett, Alexandra Grace
Absent: Laura Fisk, Michelle McNab, Jessica Hart-Davies, Myrtle Edwards

INK!

The student magazine made huge progress this year, transforming from a single A3 sheet into an average thirty pages of informative, humorous, witty and thought provoking articles. We produced two fantastic issues, involving at least fifty students in the process.

INK! provides students with an outlet to have their say and it has been fantastic to watch it flourish over this past year. It has shown us some talented journalists, writers and poets. Thank you to all who wrote for the magazine, without each and every one of you we would not have been able to produce the distinctly student, and Brigidine-flavoured publication.

The standard of writing was excellent, and deadlines on the whole were handled well.

Thank you to my tireless group of editors, Erin Sharland, Claire Farrow, Louise Bennett and Elisha Keen who have assisted in bringing my vision of what INK! could be into materialisation. I am so proud of what it has become, and I hope it continues for many years.

Leeanne Torpey

HELLENIC SOCIETY

Named after the Hellenistic period in Greece c.330 - c150AD, the 'Hellenic Society' was initiated during fourth term to encompass the visual arts clubs operating at the College. These clubs are 'The Drawing Board' led by Cara Doherty (Yr 11), 'The Art Club' led by Nicole Bowler and 'The Photography Group' led by Mrs Lucille Flory.

The aims of the Hellenic Society is to bring together, encourage and nurture the creative Visual Arts students here at Brigidine. Hellenistic art was sophisticated, refined, sensual and emotional.

Ms Lou Buckley

THE ART CLUB

It has been an exciting year for the Art Club at Brigidine. Each week an enthusiastic group of students gets together to produce, discuss and further their love of art. Throughout the course of the year, each student experimented with a wide range of materials, enabling them to discover a medium they enjoyed. Activities ranged from charcoal drawing to acrylic painting and some fantastic works were produced. Each student then developed a major work which they completed over a number of weeks. Through the club, students were also given the opportunity to enter various art competitions and learn about current exhibitions. It was an enjoyable year for all involved.

Nicole Bowler



DRAWING BOARD

Front row: Grace Davies, Philippa Betts, Cara Doherty (leader), Shelley MacDonald, Anna Tait
Second row: Hannah Saul, Sol Florez-Estrada, Jung Yun Choi, Iris Tan, Karen Chan, Tiffany Chen, Georgina Tong, Ms Lou Buckley



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Front row: Kathleen Tan, Megan Read, Jennifer Stewart, Francesca Farthing, Ashlee Constantine, Brittany Bowler
Second row: Mrs Flory, Navarre Cains, Alice Jaroszewicz, Erin Sharland, Emma Ferns
Third row: Alexandra Heber, Wai-Ying Chan, Iris Tan, Leanne Torpey
Fourth row: Wing Hang Ting, Madeleine McIver



ART CLUB

Front row: Tiffany Chen, Alice Jaroszewicz, Nicole Bowler (leader), Nicole Castle
Second row: Elle Fish, Brittany Bowler, Emma Ferns, Kristen Doyle, Kasia Milewicz



WOMEN'S ISSUES

Front row: Luisa Casella, Tasmin Dilworth, Jessica Godsall, Sarah Kella, Jacqueline Pacholski, Rebecca Kougellis
Second row: Annabelle Peters, Emma Hamilton, Nadine Austin, Linda Kushkarian, Thierry Pacholski, Linda Manoukian

**UNYA**

Front row: Amy Livingstone, Ms Ingrid Thompson, Chantal McGrath
 Second row: Bernadette Perrin, Stephanie Thompson, Annabel Peters, Lauren Quick

**MOCK TRIAL**

Front row: Nadine Austin, Thierry Pacholski, Rebecca Kougellis
 Second row: Sian Cains, Phil Shirvington, Rebecca Perry

**SCRAM**

Front row: Katherine Petrie, Kate Goldsmith, Mrs Anne Walsh, Annaeis Martin, Holly McLean
 Second row: Sophia Davidson-Gluyas, Stephanie Thompson, Holly Kendall, Stefanie Reinboth, Surangi Weerasinghe, Amy Livingstone

JUSTINIAN SOCIETY

2001 has seen the Centre for Excellence, more specifically the Justinian Society 'broaden its horizons'. This year the Justinian Society has extended its reach with both the Mock Trial Team and the Women's Issues Forum growing in numbers and activities over the year.

Our Mock Trial Team had a fantastic

season. We had some terrific rounds winning two out of three of the competition rounds. Many thanks go to Mr Behm for his assistance in coaching; to Mr Shirvington for his unerring support of the team; helping with everything from coaching, to arranging supper after Trials; to Mrs Whiddon who facilitated the club and helped to expand its branches by introducing the idea that girls involved in the SCRAM competition in Years 9 and 10 could continue on to compete in Mock Trials; and most of all, many thanks to the team.

The Women's Issues Forum has become more actively involved in the community through the aid of Mrs. Dean. The Forum has begun a child sponsorship project and is now corresponding with a young Indian girl named Kalivani. This project has enabled us to have closer look at another culture. Kalivani is now living in a sort of Boarding School in the Karalyn Hills in India. Also the Women's Issues Forum has become increasingly involved with clubs like Zonta and their Young Woman in Public Affairs promotions and Women's News, an association that provides information on the developing status of women in all aspects of Australian society. Women's Issues Forum aims to promote the status and participation of women in society.

The Justinian Society has had a fantastic year and it has been a pleasure to be a part of it. Thank you to all the staff and coaches who assisted in making this year so stimulating. I look forward to continuing involvement in the society next year with Nadine Austin as the President.

PERICLEAN SOCIETY

The Periclean Society has been busy again this year with participation from girls in years 9 to 12.

For the forth consecutive year Brigidine had a team of girls participating in a nationwide mediation competition, Student Conflict Resolution and Mediation (SCRAM) run by the Australian Law

Society. The girls completed an exceptional two rounds of the competition under the careful guidance and training of Stephanie Thompson (Year 11), Mrs Anne Walsh and Mrs Jan Whiddon.

The United Nations Youth Association (UNYA) also had an involved year with Mrs Ingrid Thompson. Two of our year 11 members, Stephanie Thompson and Chantal McGrath, attended a State Mock United Nations Conference on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. The club was also active on Monday lunchtimes discussing world ethical economic and cultural issues.

Special thanks to the Director, Mrs Jan Whiddon, and the representative staff Mrs Anne Walsh and Mrs Ingrid Thompson.

Thankyou

Amy Livingstone

SOCRATIC SOCIETY

What is common sense? How do we know what exists? What is truth? These are the kinds of questions that the philosophy group deals with, while the psychology group is more likely to be discussing why we need to answer these questions. Is it in our nature? Or is a taught pattern of behaviour?

The Socratic society is a group of students who wish to discuss more than what happened on the weekend, and to delve into the deeper questions of life. It gives students an opportunity to put into practice their knowledge from having studied philosophy. There have been many discussions in the philosophy group, with a vast number of topics covered. Issues such as "The Mind /Body" problem and "What is Truth?" are a great way for the girls to gain skills in logical argument and learn about great philosophical figures from the past.

Established in 1998, and still going well, is the Psychology Association. In this group the great psychology figures of Freud, with his work of the unconscious, and many others have

been looked at. As well as these well-known figures and their theories, we have also looked at more modern sources. Films such as the "Matrix" have been part of discussions as we have tried to find the underlying principles of the film. Other contemporary books and articles were also used as the stimulus for group discussion, involving the girls with things that are relevant to them.

Thank you to the teachers who helped with the society and were so involved. On a final note, it is great to see girls from the younger years becoming part of this society (as before it was exclusively for senior students). My hope is that the society continues to grow and improve, and with such enthusiastic students and staff members it surely will.

Rachel Carter

PRO LIFE SOCIETY

The Pro Life Society promotes, respects and cares for life in all its forms, through active involvement in awareness-raising activities, discussion groups and education opportunities with issues such as:

- Environmental awareness (including clean up Australia campaign);
 - Red Cross Community Action, Red Cross Bloodbank and Calling Appeal;
 - Amnesty International; and
 - Animal Welfare Association with the co-operation of Miss Cooper.
- Some of the activities the ProLife Society have been involved in this year were:
- Year 10 and 11 students sold candles for Amnesty international early on in the year;
 - the Red Cross Bloodbank Donormobile, which visited the college on two occasions February and July. This was organised with the cooperation of Mr Copeland and we had an excellent response from our senior students and staff;
 - the Red Cross Doorknock Appeal;
 - regular Tuesday lunchtime visits to the Sir Eric Woodward

Memorial School;

- Year 7 to 10 students raising funds for Bandaged Bear Day;
- Legacy badge day;
- Daffodil day; and
- the Year 11 Senior First Aid students who helped with the Athletics Carnival.

ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP REPORT 2001

It has been another busy year for the Brigidine College Animal Welfare Group (BCAWG).

There were many issues to discuss, from bear bile farming in Asia to egg production in our own country. Although at times such issues caused us distress, anger and sadness, we learned about and were heartened by the many dedicated people, in so many organisations, who work in offices and in the field to encourage positive change in the way some human beings treat other species. Change is sometimes not as fast in coming as we would like it to be, but as more people see and are affected by such issues, there is reason for hope that the momentum of change will increase and the lives of some animals will improve.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks to the founding members of the Animal Welfare Group who are leaving Brigidine to enter the next phase in their lives. These Year 12 students have given their time, enthusiasm and love to the BCAWG and to its causes since we first met together three years ago. We learned more about the behaviours of animals and what might be driving them as we smiled and laughed at their antics in the videos we watched. Not only did we raise our awareness of animals, we raised some money too, for WIRES and other organisations.

It is to their credit that these girls did not hide from the upsetting issues, but wanted to know more and find out if there was any way we could help. We were inspired by the work of many people, including Jane Goodall,

Peter Singer, Geoffrey Masson, Professor Andrew Linzey and Mary Midgely. Reading about such people and their work showed each of us that animals matter, and that we should not devalue our respect for the welfare and rights of animals as childish or unimportant. Thank-you Laura, Jess, Jodi, Kate, Amanda, and Natasha for your support for the BCAWG.

In 2002 we welcome a new leader of the Animal Welfare Group, Vanessa Cornale, currently of Year 11. I have been impressed by Vanessa's interest and enthusiasm. I know she will be a great asset to our group in this role. To all Brigidine girls, from Years 7-12, who are interested in animals, please feel welcome to join us in 2002.

In closing this report I would just like to include a short prayer for animals which I found while researching the life of St Francis of Assisi.

"Help us to see that by restoring our relationship with you we also restore it with all your creation. Give us the grace to see all animals as gifts from you and to treat them with respect for they are your creation. We pray for all animals which are suffering as a result of our neglect. May the order you originally established be once again restored to the whole world through the intercession of Mary, the prayers of St Francis, and the merits of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Who lives and reigns with you.

Amen"

Ms Michelle Cooper



ANIMAL WELFARE

Front row: Jessica Lockett, Natasha Termytelen, Laura Fisk, Jodi Harvey
Second row: Ms Michelle Cooper, Vanessa Cornale, Amanda Nixon, Kate Higgenbotham



ST IVES YOUTH THEATRE

Front row: Kathleen Searle, Cassandra Jacobs, Alison Francis, Rachel Hansen, Haylie Pretorius, Megan Read, Sarah Fox, Veronica Buttarello, Leanne O'Rorke, Bethany Walker, Madeleine Gough, Eloise Johnston
 Second row: Bo Davis, Emma Bransgrove, Alice Burgess, Jacinta Acevski, Louise Veyret, Amy Wheatley, Fiona O'Connor, Cassandra Collin, Stephanie Burge, Madeleine Hillier, Chloe Singe
 Third row: Kathleen Tan, Eloise Brukarz, Katy-Marie Hayman, Hayley Pearce, Nicole Hampel, Clare Randall, Ashley Doyle, Tennille Mainwaring, Clare Veal, Jessica Kirkby
 Fourth row: Lauren Langley, Danielle Priestly, Amylia Harris, Rosie Westhoff, Kylie Anania, Lucinda Eccles, Kathryn Kennett, Elise Osborne

GLEN STREET SUBS CLUB

Now in its third year, the Brigidine College Subs Club comprises of staff, students, parents, ex-students and other interested members of the Brigidine community. We join the subscription season of Glen Street Theatre at Frenchs Forest – at 101 members, the Brigidine Subs Club is their largest group subscriber. It offers everyone the opportunity to view a wide range of professional theatrical productions, and is open to all ages. This year we saw *The Best Bits of The Broad* and *Two Men, Circus Oz*, *Girl Talk*, *The Tempest*, *Life After George*, *Hydra*, *Certified Male*, and *Morning Sacrifice*. Come along and join us in 2002!

Miss DiAnne McDonald
 Drama Co-ordinator



GLEN ST THEATRE SUBS CLUB

Front row: Ms Jo Baker, Mrs Helen Carlson, Miss Colleen McKeown, Miss DiAnne McDonald, Miss Chris Grzesik, Miss Michelle Cooper, Mr Clive Meyers
 Second row: Penny MacDonald, Chantal McGrath, Elisha Keen, Ashley Doyle, Hayley Pearce, Fiona Halpin, Stephanie Bendixsen
 Third row: Emily Lodge, Antonija Iljadica, Clare Randall, Stephanie Thompson, Zoe Smith
 Fourth row: Brittany Bowler, Natalie Martin, Merryn Clark, Kylie Anania, Ashlee Constantine

PERFORMING ARTS

It has been an amazing year for the performing arts at Brigidine. From 'Pirates' to 'Fossils', everyone who has been involved in all facets of these productions has shown exemplary talent and dedication.

Our first taste of performing arts came from the far off shores of Penzance. Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance' proved a huge success. This was truly a credit to the college. A big thank you to the production team: Miss DiAnne

McDonald, Ms Ros Boyd, Mrs Ingrid Thompson, Mrs Nola McMullan, Mrs Maree Lindsay and Mrs Lorna Hall, for sacrificing so much of their valuable time and expertise.

Our second success came from the first Year 8 play which was directed

by Miss Tamara Powell. Fossils was not only a first rate production, it also gave the cast a chance to perform in front of an audience, and for many it was their debut. Keep up the great work girls, I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot more of you on the Brigidine stage in the future.

The next success came from our musicians. Fresh from music camp over seventy students provided a great night's entertainment at the 'Music Cabaret Night'. This fabulous night couldn't have been possible without the exceptionally dedicated Music Department: Ms Ros Boyd, Lorna Hall and Mrs Moya Morgan.

Following the achievements of previous Globe Shakespeare Festivals, this year was no exception. Congratulations to Music and Duologue for reaching the State Finals, and the duo Rosie Westhoff and Emily McMullan, for gaining a Highly Commended at State level.

And now we come to Year 12 HSC Drama and Music. Never have I seen so many stressful people in one place at one time! I can safely say that if it weren't for copious amounts of chocolate, the HSC Drama and Music nights wouldn't have been the high standard they were.

Other highlights of the year included the famous year 11 play. A terrific interpretation by Miss DiAnne McDonald of 'Much Ado About Nothing' displayed the array of talent at Brigidine.

And last, but certainly not least, the Dance Spectacular! concluded the performing arts year with a bang! The inaugural Dance Spectacular, produced by Mrs Judy Dawson, proved that not only can Brigidine girls act and sing - they can dance too!

All in all this year has been one of the most successful years of performing arts in Brigidine's history. Again well done to all involved in the various performing arts productions for 2001!

Natalie Martin



EISTEDDFOD DANCE

Front row: Ashleigh Knox, Belinda Stewart, Catherine Tong, Anna Robertson, Mischa Moraza, Shinanne Hughes
Second row: Claire Robertson, Natalie Muscat, Melanie Vrachas, Katherine White, Casey Burns, Sarah Dawson, Phoebe Carpenter



DRAMA EISTEDDFOD YR 11

First row: Kylie Anania, Alexandra Grace, Rosie Westhoff, Amylia Harris
Second row: Carla Hoffman, Ashley Doyle, Emily McMullan, Nicole Hampel, Danielle Priestly



DRAMA Yr 10

Tennille Mainwaring, Clare Randall



PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

Front row: Julia Thomas, Kelly Wilkinson, Natalie Martin, Miss DiAnne McDonald, Tarryn Morris, Laura Fisk, Monique Meredith
Second row: Shari Norman, Jessica Lyon, Fiona Halpin, Aleisha Conlay, Emily McMullan

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME

This year has seen a number of challenges and many memorable moments, resulting in increased respect from within the school environment for the DEAS Club. It was yet another year of growth in the number of members who are actively completing their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. With 107 registered members, the DEAS Club is continuing to grow, as are the number of girls receiving their awards.

There are many components that must be completed before the award is issued. The girls must complete various hours of service, skills, physical recreation and expeditions.

An example of a service that our awardees of 2001 participated in was Gift Wrapping at St Ives Shops. As a part of this component many awardees partook in complimentary Christmas Wrapping. Many devoted hours were spent wrapping presents for the St. Ives community, and all the girls asked for was a small donation to the Malcolm Sergeant Foundation. These charitable girls raised nearly \$2000 for children with cancer and their families through their commitment and wrapping efforts.

The types of expeditions that the girls are offered through the DEAS Club at Brigidine are continuing to grow. The girls can participate in horse riding, kayaking, cycling, hiking and skiing. Through these expeditions girls are confronted with challenges that extend their capacity as young adults. The time that they experience away represents a period of maturity and individual responsibility and becomes a life long memory.

A recent expedition where the girls were extended beyond their everyday limits was kayaking. Ms Baker and Miss Scott kindly took the girls down the Barrington River, where they were confronted with elements of nature. This successful trip saw to the learning of group dynamics and life skills in every individual.

Thank you to Ms Baker, Mr Cox, Miss



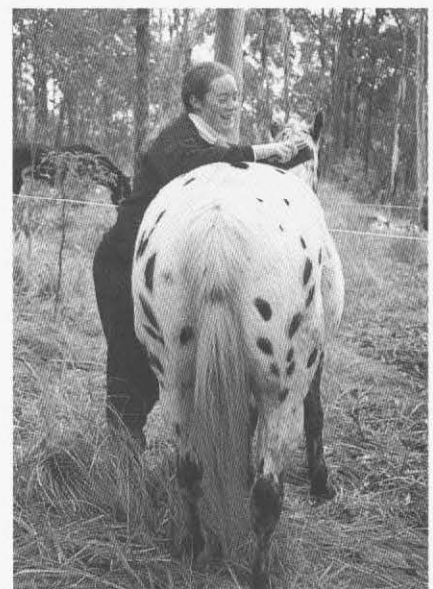
DEAS CLUB

Front row: Sarah Fletcher, Hayley Montague, Amanda Horrocks, Ashlee Constantine, Emma Ferns, Danielle Flanagan, Ms Jo Baker, Carla Pocklington (captain), Celia Smith, Candice Adams, Amanda McCarney, Brittany Bowler, Courtney Adams, Holly McLean
Second row: Lissa Penning, Erin Coggins, Melissa Byrne, Celestine Wang, Nikki Kuper, Alexandra Kulmar, Lauren Ansell, Jacqueline McNicol, Arabella Vescio, Tess McLean, Gemma Ward, Cara Doherty, Shelley MacDonald, Michele Pocklington, Cara Martin
Third row: Nicola O'Connor, Penny MacDonald, Suzanne Knowles, Alison Lloyd, Nicole Bowler, Alice Jaroszewicz, Kathryn Ashley, Chantal McGrath, Jennifer Stewart, Rebekah Ward, Sian Cains, Meggie Robinson, Victoria Cook, Jill Bentley
Fourth row: Angela Smith, Merryn Clark, Kate Roberts, Stephanie Agostino, Jessica Ashley, Kathleen Lee, Emma Poole, Sarah Rabbidge, Lauren Atkins, Jodie Gadsby, Elizabeth Mark, Janelle Knowles, Bianca Chidrawi, Leah Hopcroft

Scott and many others who have generously given up their time to support this dynamic club, as without your time our awards would not have been achieved. The DEAS Club would not be a club today without the continued support of the DEAS committee. It is this panel of parents that is the spine of the DEAS Club, making it as memorable and exciting as it is.

A special thank you goes out to a particular member of the panel, Ms Jo Baker, who continually provides immeasurable dedication, support and guidance and without whom such opportunities would not be available or realised.

Carla Pocklington





Debating

Front Row Laura Murray, Tasmin Dilworth, Sarah Gardener, Jessica Kirkby, Joanna Alessi, Eleanor Nott, Annaleise Williams, Hannah Saul, Suzie Collins, Beth Walker, Emelia Thomas
 2nd Row Elaine Stewart, Zoe Smith, Annaleis Martin, Kirsty Lewis, Holly Kendall, Kylie McIntyre, Erin Sharland, Leeanne Torpey, Sophia Davidson-Gluyas, Rebecca Sheenin, Angie Asimus
 3rd Row Michelle deStefano, Louise Bennett, Chantelle Vicullius, Clare Gavin, Chantal McGrath, Claire Farrow, Jennifer Stewart, Tina Jedrzczyk, Ashlee Constantine, Felicity Roberts
 4th Row Celestine Wang, Amy Harris, Jasmin Gover, Courtney Baker, Bianca Chidrawi, Natasha Zarkovic, Elizabeth Sheraton, Kayley Devitre
 5th Row Vanessa Zenon, Natalie Romeo, Surangi Weerasinghe, Casey Burns, Katie Moore, Gabrielle Malouf, Simona Chipaloni

DEBATING

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties"

Such was said by John Milton, the English Poet, in 1644 - and such is believed by the Debating Club at Brigidine, after another successful year. We were involved in two competitions this year: the Independent Schools Debating Competition (ISDA), and the Catholic Schools Debating Competition (CSDA). This is the second year we have been involved in the prestigious ISDA, and although none of our teams made it past the initial rounds, our teams learnt a lot about a wide variety of obscure topics - from politics to the United Nations, and exactly how many delegates there are within it.

We were successful in the CSDA competition, with several teams getting very close to the next round - notably, both senior teams - as well as one team who succeeded in making it to the eliminations, although they did

not reach the quarter finals.

Our junior teams have also enjoyed a variety of friendly debates with schools such as Riverview College and St Augustine's College, which has been great for developing the girls' skills.

Congratulations to all of 2001's great debaters, and good luck to all in next year's competitions. Good luck also to Chantal McGrath, the new debating captain, who will no doubt do an excellent job in assisting the coordination of our competitions.

Louise Bennett

EQUESTRIAN REPORT

During the last year the Brigidine Equestrian team has expanded to now consist of six riders and their trusty steeds. The team members are Danielle Beilby (Year 7), Amber De Florio (Year 8), Melissa Beilby (Year 10), Sarah Beilby (Year 10), Ellen Staas (Year 10) and Hayley Montague (Year 11). These girls took part in 4

competitions, namely Pymble Ladies' College Dressage Day at St Ives, Galston High School Showjumping at Castle Hill, the Barker College One Day Event at Oakdale and the Northholm Derby Day at Glenorie. Everyone had a great time competing and we achieved pleasing results. Thank you to our parents for their support and to Mrs Greig for providing us with the opportunity to compete.

Hayley Montague



EQUESTRIAN

Front row: Amber De Florio, Melissa Beilby, Hayley Montague
 Second row: Sarah Beilby, Ellen Staas, Danielle Beilby

NETBALL

Netball has continued to grow at Brigidine. The 2001 netball season has been yet another successful year. The club has been strengthened, as there is an increasing number of girls participating in netball.

Brigidine netball participates in the Ku-ring-gai competition, played on Saturdays. This year there were 22 teams entered into the competition. The majority of the teams were successful in reaching the semi-finals. Seven of these teams went on to play in the grand final. Of these seven there were three premiers – B3, Cadet 3, Intermediate 7. Congratulations to the coaches of these winning teams, Joanne Daly, Fiona Murray, Sarah Rabbidge and Fran Farthing.

It has become an inaugural event that the students of Brigidine St. Ives and Brigidine Indooroopilly participate in an exchange program. Last year a chosen team of girls from St. Ives visited Indooroopilly, and this year the Indooroopilly students came to visit St. Ives. This event would not have been possible without the support and effort of Mrs Joy Bruce, Mrs Joanne Kachel and Miss Gina Mathlin. We thank you for your time and organisational skills.

The college also entered teams into the Broken Bay Carnival and the SCECGS Invitational Carnival in which the girls participated with much enthusiasm and enjoyment, representing the college with pride and dignity.

Thanks must go to our president, Mrs Keri Sheraton, for her time and devotion to the club, ensuring the club's success. Thank you to all other committee members for your help and effort during the season: Tini McKimm, Jo Daly, Pam King and Brian Austin. Thanks must also go to Nadine Austin for helping train the umpires.

We would like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by all other volunteers including all coaches, managers, umpires and parents for your ongoing support throughout the season. The club could not run without you.

Good luck to the incoming captains for the 2002 season - we are assured of the clubs continuing success.

Lauren Daly
Netball Club Captain

Stephanie King
Netball Club Vice-Captain



NETBALL-INDOOROOPILLY EXCHANGE

Front row: Yvette Szalay, Zoe Demidjuk, Kelly Wilkinson, Kimberley Hook
Second row: Olivia Koorey, Lauren Daly, Stephanie King, Eleanor Rose



NETBALL B3 PREMIERS

Front row: Sophie Kulmar, Eleanor Rose, Zoe Demidjuk, Yvette Szalay
Second row: Olivia Koorey, Stephanie King, Emma Raymond, Lauren Daly, Kelly Wilkinson



NETBALL SCECGS SENIOR

Front row: Tahlea Jarvis, Jennifer Stewart, Deborah McIntosh
Second row: Nadine Austin, Holly Kendall



NETBALL GALA DAY UMPIRES
Ashlee Constantine, Aimee Smart, Kathryn Moore



NB SCEGGS JUNIOR BLUE
Front row: Grace Alder, Courtney Farthing, Amy Buckingham, Kimberley Allen, Laura Euers
Second row: Jung Yun Choi, Monique Steger, Rachel Venteman, Madeleine Hillier, Fiona McDonald



NETBALL SCEGGS SENIOR
Front row: Yvette Szalay, Zoe Demidjuk, Kelly Wilkinson, Kimberley Hook, Sophie Kulmar
Second row: Melisse Haataja, Olivia Koorey, Emma Raymond, Lauren Daly, Stephanie King



NETBL BBSSA INT. PREMS
Front row: Danielle Steger, Ashleigh Brunner, Stephanie Agostino, Tatum Pearce
Second row: Katherine Ashley, Elly Willan, Briana Zilstra, Jennifer Stewart, Kahla Schweikert



NETBALL SCEGGS JUNIOR GOLD
Front row: Ashley May, Sarah Fox, Bronya-Fraser-Hills, Michelle Carty, Louise Moore
Second row: Chloe Brown, Amy Sherwood, Erin Haataja, Lauren O'Neill, Caitlin Hill



NETBALL BBSSA SENIOR
Victoria Cook, Nadine Austin, Holly Kendall, Tahlea Jarvis, Deborah McIntosh

**NETBALL BBSSA JUNIOR**

Front row: Ashley May, Sarah Fox, Louise Moore, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Michelle Carty, Fiona McDonald
 Second row: Chloe Brown, Amy Sherwood, Erin Haataja, Lauren O'Neill, Caitlin Hill

**NETBALL CADET 1**

Front row: Victoria Cook, Deborah McIntosh, Laura Marning
 Second row: Danielle Hopcroft, Briana Zylstra, Jennifer Stewart, Nadine Austin

**NETBALL CADET 2**

Front Row: Georgia Knox, Bonnie Lloyd, Hayley Newport, Clementine Johnson
 Second Row: Prue O'Loan, Jane MacKay, Genevieve Killham, Brooke Larson

**NETBALL CADET 3 PREMIERS**

Front row: Rachel Barin-Stephens, Jacqueline May, Kate Bingham, Louise Brady
 Second row: Ashley O'Loan, Morgan Phelan, Jacqueline McNicoll, Gemma Cavallaro

**NETBALL CADET 4**

Front row: Ashleigh Meyerson, Danielle Zaarour, Briana Nelson-Young, Brittany Bowler
 Second row: Emma Ferns, Peri Muddle, Sarah Rabbidge, Francesca Farthing

**NETBALL CADET 5**

Front row: Amy-Jane Moseley, Michelle Pocklington, Nicola O'Connor, Caitlyn Brukarz, Lauren Malouf
 Second row: Jasmin Glover, Natalie Davis, Megan Read



NETBALL CADET 5

Front row: Laura Ingram, Lana Sturmer, Kate Roberts, Michelle Tulich, Amanda McCamey
Second row: Amy Ziems, Aimee Smart, Jessica Cornale, Melissa Williams



NETBALL CADET 6

Front row: Laura Champion, Stephanie Anderson, Amylia Harris, Danielle Priestly
Second row: Andrea Michael, Elizabeth Mark, Tennille Mainwaring, Penny MacDonald



NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 1

Front row: Louise Moore, Michelle Carty, Ashleigh Brunner, Tatum Pearce
Second row: Elaine Stewart, Amy Cook, Kathryn Moore, Jung Yun Choi



NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 2

Front row: Luisa Casella, Stephanie Foran, Kylie Hume, Shannon Phelan, Sarah Aouad
Second row: Jennifer Lloyd, Sarah Quirke, Marissa Raymond, Clare Quirke



NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 3

Front row: Christina Mayne, Ashleigh Cheney, Holly Meyerson, Monique Stegar
Second row: Alexandra Sim, Katy Jenkins, Ailsa McArthur



NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 4

Front row: Surangi Weerasinghe, Angela Smith, Natalie Foran, Bo Davies
Second row: Hermione Cahill, Rosanna Judge, Amy Wheatley, Stefanie Reinboth

**NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 5**

Front row: Brianna Sim, Lisa Keighery, Emma Bransgrove, Chloe Eather, Eloise Johnston
 Second row: Alana May, Kayla Shoppee, Elizabeth Moore

**NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 5**

Front row: Jacqueline Lofgren, Vanessa Zenon, Lana Daly (coach), Georgia Knox (coach), Karen Gordon, Elise O'Connor
 Second row: Clare Ryan, Paula Van Der Gugten, Lauren Saxby, Jacqueline Butterworth

**NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 5**

Front row: Jessica Vumbaca, Valentina Ciampi, Alisa Bonner, Melissa Iemma, Joanna Alessi, Rebecca Vumbaca
 Second row: Laura Ingram (coach), Jessica Gavin, Emma Shepherd, Natalie Romeo, Lana Sturmer (coach)

**NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 6**

Front row: Melissa May, Brooke Cavallaro, Jessica Stynes, Laura Murray
 Second row: Kirstin Coggins, Jessica Long, Tarryn Priestly

**NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 7**

Front row: Lisa-Astrid Curran, Simone Ziems, Emily Heys, Holly Cashman
 Second row: Francesca Farthing (coach), Rachel Mackay, Danielle Beilby, Fiona O'Connor, Cassandra Collin, Sarah Rabbidge (coach)

**NETBALL INTERMEDIATE 7**

Front row: Victoria Duffy, Rebecca Flett, Jessica Kirkby, Emma Hines
 Second row: Shona Young, Katy-Marie Hayman, Briana Nelson-Young (coach), Sarah Dixon, Alyssa Bird



NETBALL 12A

Front row: Ashley May, Clare Barclay, Bethany Walker, Alysha Battaerd
Second row: Laura Wu, Alexandra Coleman, Courtney Farthing, Eloise Brukarz, Sarah Fox



NETBALL - 12D

Front row: Esther Thurtell, Vanessa Pek, Jennifer Mills, Kayla Bulla
Second row: Simona Cipollone, Lucinda Eccles, Tennille Mainwaring (coach), Stephanie Burge, Hannah Saul

BASKETBALL CLUB

This year has been exciting for everyone in the Basketball Club. The club expanded with new members on our committee and new junior players. Throughout the season we have had many close, fantastic and heart-stopping matches.

We began the year with entering a senior team in the BBSSA Basketball Gala Day. The team played very well with many great wins in the earlier rounds. We fought through tough competition in the semi-finals to make it through to the grand final. Our opposition, Stella Maris, were big and strong and keen to defend their title. Unfortunately we lost by 8 points and were runners-up for the competition. It was a hard-fought day but we all enjoyed it! To our disappointment we could not enter junior or intermediate teams as the Swimming Carnival was on the same day as the competition.

At Brigidine we have many talented players, and five girls were chosen to play representative basketball for Manly Warringah, Northern Suburbs or Sydney City Representative Associations. Congratulations to Melissa Kushkarian, Jessica Payne, Jennifer Lee, Linda Kushkarian and Arabella Vescio.

Prior to the spring competition commencing, the assistant coach of

the 2000 Sydney Flames came out at lunchtime and gave the girls skills training and distributed some posters. It was a good turn out and the girls enjoyed it and learnt some new moves.

Upgrading of the uniforms was required, however the same colours were kept with just a slightly modified design and the latest basketball material. The year 7 and 8 teams were the first to display our fashionable uniform, the best looking teams on the court!

This year we had a strong and keen interest by our junior players. We entered four teams into the local Manly Warringah Basketball Association Competition. These four teams are year 7, year 7/8, year 8 and year 9. All teams have played well with great enthusiasm and commitment. We have had many great and exciting wins, narrow nail biting losses and graceful losses. All teams improved every week and became better and stronger not only as individual players but as a team as well.

However these teams could not have come this far without the tremendous effort by parents, friends, managers and especially by coaches. A special thank you and much appreciation to our coaches Amy Bird, Linda

Kushkarian, Arabella Vescio and Dee Gadsby of the local competition, and Jenny Bentley and Nina Kushkarian of the senior BBSSA team. Furthermore, the first three coaches mentioned are senior students at the College who have volunteered their time to help out our teams and they have done an excellent job. I would like also to thank all parents and friends on the Basketball Club Committee for their time and effort this year, it has been outstanding.

We have had an exciting and successful year and I hope the club continues to build and become a stronger force within the College Clubs and the basketball competitions locally and at representative levels.

Arabella Vescio

**YR 7-8 BASKETBALL**

Front row: Jessica Godsall, Clare Gavin, Sarah Kella, Jung Yun Choi
 Second row: Arabella Vescio (coach), Natalie Ward, Brianna Sim, Amy Sherwood

**YEAR 8 BASKETBALL**

Front row: Alice Schober, Shannon Phelan, Jessica Payne, Melissa Kushkarian
 Second row: Lisa Brown, Stephanie Foran, Linda Kushkarian (coach), Natalie Romeo, Lucy Gentle

**YEAR 9 BASKETBALL**

Front row: Danielle Flanagan, Esther Duinker, Lauren Atkins, Nikki Kuper
 Second row: Katie Lee, Gemma Ward, Sarah Rabbidge, Louise Veyret, Jodie Gadsby

**BBSSA BASKETBALL**

Front row: Linda Kushkarian, Arabella Vescio, Jennifer Lee, Natalie Bentley
 Second row: Jill Bentley, Holly Kendall, Amy Bird

**YR 7 BASKETBALL**

Front row: Carmel Gelonesi, Kathryn Kennett, Jacinta Acevski, Jessica Mulvihill
 Second row: Courtney Baker, Amy Bird (coach), Afifi Mitry

ATHLETICS

The Athletics season was a brief but exciting one commencing with the Inter-house Carnival in the cold and windy conditions of Narrabeen in late August. When the dust had finally settled, the House standing tallest was Fatima. Well done to Captains Tarryn Morris and Arrabella Vescio for mobilising their cohorts so well. Some outstanding performances came from record breakers: 16 years Danielle Fisher (100m and 200m), Nicola Jones (Javelin and Discus), 15 years Justine Cobb (800m), Angelique Delaney (Javelin), Briana Zylstra (High Jump), 12 years Lauren O'Neill (High Jump), Monique Swan (Multi Disability 200m).

Congratulations to Age Champions:
17 years - Carly Halliday, 16 years - Danielle Fisher, 15 years - Justine Cobb, 14 years - Tatum Pearce, 13 years - Louise Moore, 12 years - Kelly Chang.

The results from this carnival were used to select the Brigidine College team to compete in the BBSSA Carnival. In a tremendous team effort the Brigidine squad finished first overall in the Intermediate Age Division, and second in both the Junior and Senior Age Divisions. Great job girls!

As a result of their quality performances at this meet 16 Brigidine girls qualified to represent Broken Bay at the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Championships at Homebush. Congratulations to Sophie Kulmar, Merette Gearin, Danielle Fisher, Nicola Jones, Bree Donnelly, Justine Cobb, Angelique Delaney, Briana Zylstra, Tatum Pearce, Elise Cameron, Katie Moore, Louise Moore, Sarah Fox, Kelly Cheng, Lauren O'Neill and Caitlin Hill.

A big thank you to Mr. Brian Austin for his work in preparing a number of these girls for their performances. Brigidine is fortunate to have many talented athletes in its ranks and we look forward to them displaying their abilities once again next year.

Mr David Chant



BBSSA ATHLETICS TEAM

Front row: Petra Bayfield, Jessica Godsall, Louise Moore, Sarah Fox, Madeleine Hillier, Ashleigh Tracey, Lauren O'Neill, Chloe Brown, Kelly Cheng, Sarah Fletcher, Grace Davies

Second row: Breeana Ansell, Danielle Hopcroft, Natasha Zarkovic, Hayley Pearce, Katherine White, Briana Zylstra, Nadine Austin, Elise Cameron, Danielle Fisher, Kirstin Coggins

Third row: Caitlin Hill, Victoria, Cook, Sophie Kulmar, Abbie Hamilton, Genevieve Killham, Lauren Ansell, Tatum Pearce, Justine Cobb, Kathryn Moore

Fourth row: Katie Houghton, Merette Gearin, Allison McNicol, Erin Haataja, Nicola Jones, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Suzanne Cox, Carly Halliday, Angelique Delaney

Absent: Bree Donnelly, Antonija Ijadica, Holly Kendal, Georgina Neylon, Hayley Montague, Tana Anderson, Katherine Ho, Katherine Ashley, Tasmin Dilworth, Elise O'Connor, Elizabeth Moore, Rachel Venteman, Liesl Cornell



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Front row: Petra Bayfield, Louise Moore, Madeleine Hillier, Merette Gearin, Victoria Cook, Janelle Knowles, Fiona McDonald, Chloe Brown, Sarah Fletcher

Second row: Lauren O'Neill, Natalie Bentley, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Katherine White, Caitlin Hill, Justine Cobb, Kathryn Moore

Third row: Sarah Dawson, Stephanie Tuttle, Kirstin Coggins, Sophie Kulmar, Nicola O'Connor, Angelique Delaney, Holly McLean



ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPS

Front row: Tatum Pearce (14 years), Carly Halliday (17+ years), Danielle Fisher (16 years)

Second row: Kelly Cheng (12 years), Justine Cobb (15 years), Louise Moore (13 years)

HOCKEY

This year saw the Brigidine Hockey Club at its largest, expanding from the four teams entered in competition in 2000 to seven teams for 2001. This sudden popularity for the sport and great level of participation must have been due to the inspirational efforts of the Australian hockey teams in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games! And so, through hard work and determination all seven sides competed to their best ability despite their level of skill and experience.

Throughout the season the girls, with their great enthusiasm took defeats with pride and wins with glory as they learned great team spirit. This was particularly true of the Brigidine 7 team made up of Year 7 girls who overcame the daunting occasion of their first hockey game ever, as well as their unfamiliarity with team mates to show great enthusiasm right from the beginning, effectively leading to their Grand Final win against Mount St. Benedict. These girls are to be commended for their excellent achievement, proving that great sportsmanship and enthusiasm are the keys to success.

Our next two teams, Brigidine 5 and 6, consisted of girls in Year 8, many of whom had also never played hockey before. Although not as successful as the Year 7 team, these girls showed exceptional dedication and enthusiasm throughout the entire season. Brigidine 4, our Year 9 hockey team as well as Brigidine 3, our second Year 10 team are also to be congratulated on their efforts this year as these teams were again mainly made up of beginners. Well done girls - with a little more persistence you can build on your skills for next season!

This brings us to our final two teams, Brigidine 1, consisting of girls from both years 11 and 12, and Brigidine 2, the first year 10 team who met in what was to be one of Brigidine Hockey's most competitive semi finals yet. Both sides played to their absolute best standard with all girls



First row: Thierry Pacholski, Merette Gearin, Thea McLean, Melissa Yen, Leah Hopcroft, Sarah McAllan
Second row: Bernadette Perrin, Allison McNicol, Katherine White, Tarryn Morris, Nadine Austin
Third row: Gemma Coianiz, Michelle Droguett, Susan Anderson, Clare Craighead



Front row: Zoe Smith, Alexandra Kulmar, Tess McLean, Bree Haxall, Justine Cobb, Stephanie Tuttle
Second row: Holly de Jong, Isabelle Stooke, Deanne La Torraca, Clare Randall, Katie Houghton



Front row: Sarah Devitre, Lauren Ansell, Laura Heasman, Eleanor Adam, Isobel Stewart
Second row: Aimee Cornelius, Kirsty Malcolm, Elizabeth Arrol, Zoe Gillig

showing great team spirit and sportsmanship, however, only one side could make it to the Grand Final and unfortunately for the senior team, it was Brigidine 2 who proved to be the better side that morning, winning 2-1 in what was a most exciting and intense game. All the girls must be commended for their mammoth efforts placed into this game. Unfortunately, however, Brigidine 2 could not keep up their winning streak in the Grand Final, losing 2-0 to North Sydney Girls High in what proved to be a very tough game as the girls put in their best efforts considering the hot and windy conditions in which they had to play. Better luck next year girls!

Congratulations to all who played this year, it was yet another great season and we hope that you and many more will decide to participate in hockey next year.

A special thank you to all the coaches and managers for the time and support they gave throughout the season, particularly to Mr Peter Buckham, the Hockey Club President who fulfilled his first year under this role most successfully. Other members of the committee are also to be thanked and acknowledged for the hard work they have put into the club to make it the success that it has been this year. Good luck to the Hockey Club for the following years, may it continue to grow and be as successful as it has been this year.

Melissa Yen
Hockey Club Captain

Thea McLean
Hockey Club Vice-Captain



Front row: Amanda Horrocks, Tess Hayman, Kristin Harris, Josalyn Price, Alana Brittain, Tessa Montague, Saara Lemmetty
Second row: Samantha Villarreal, Gemma Ward, Emma Poole, Ursula Buckham, Bianca Chidrawi, Jenna Daly



Front row: Katherine Strauss, Eden Cleaver, Lauren Brown, Katrina Champion, Alexandra Beattie, Annalisse Williams
Second row: Holly de Jong (coach), Lucy Kulmar, Amy Smith, Rebecca Westhoff, Miranda Bush, Jessica Payne, Amy Bromley, Katie Houghton (coach)



Front row: Sarah Kella, Lizelle Haigh, Kaitlin Muldoon, Caitlin Summers, Felicity Roberts, Tasmin Dilworth
Second row: Kailli Devitre, Wing Hang Ting, Katie Osborne, Kristina Kaida, Madeleine McIver, Melanie Woo



Front row: Madeleine Gough, Chloe Singe, Catherine Fitzsimmons, Caitlin Johnson, Haylie Pretorius, Kristina Ek, Amy Brown
Second row: Jasmine Samiri, Breeana Ansell, Lara Bayliss, Sarah Boreham, Ursula Buckham (coach), Megan Davern, Meghan Hamilton, Lily Johnson

SOFTBALL

The 2000-2001 season saw the most successful season for Brigidine Softball Club yet. Each Saturday morning, our four teams were found playing in the Manly Warringah competition on the diamonds at Freshwater.

With this season came many challenges for our teams; new players and teams getting to know one another, learning to play and work together as a team, as well as dealing with numerous injuries. Despite these challenges, all teams managed to have a very successful season. Players made new friends, had lots of fun, and developed new skills, many of which are lifelong skills such as working in a team, which is a very important part of the game. All players, whether they were old or new, gained new softball skills and learnt and grew with the new experiences each game brought.

The great improvement and success of our teams can be seen in the fact that two of our teams, the Barracudas and the Braves, made the semi-finals of the competition, with the Braves going on to the finals. Although none of our teams won the competition, it was a great effort by all of our teams to do as well as they did. None of this would have been possible without team support from members, parents and teachers, or the help of all the wonderful coaches, who provided enthusiastic encouragement to the teams.

An important event of the season was the annual Fundraising Dinner, held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club. This year, the dinner was combined with the presentation of awards, and was an extremely successful evening, with everyone, players and their families, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

A big thank you to Drew Clark, the softball club president, and his wife, Tina, without whom the Softball Club would not have begun four years ago, nor would it be the success as it is



BBSSA Softball

Front row: Angelique Delaney, Holly Kendall, Ashleigh Tracey
Second row: Alison Conway, Carly Halliday



NSW CCC SOFTBALL

Angelique Delaney and Carly Halliday

today. Without a doubt, the Brigidine Softball Club will continue to grow and be a source of enjoyment for many students in the future

Kahli Mason.



SOFTBALL BRAVES

Front row: Carla Pocklington, Jessica O'Connor, Kahli Mason, Merryn Clark, Megan Elliott
Second row: Alison Conway, Kim Dormer, Allison McNicol, Amy Bird



SOFTBALL BOBCATS

Back - Jessica Holubkovic, Amber de Florio, Merryn Clark, Alison Conway, Rachel Thomson
Front - Avril Mahony, Sarah Kella, Michelle di Stefano, Tarryn Priestly, Jessica Godsall, Tasmin Dilworth



SOFTBALL BANDITS

Front row: Jessica O'Neil, Jessica Long, Lana Sturmer, Rebekah Gaisreiter, Heidi Jefferies
Second row: Stephanie Lewis, Emily Dye, Kylie Hume, Sarah Di Stefano, Laura Foster
Absent: Lauren Moore



SOFTBALL BARRACUDA

Front row: Alexandra Westoff, Ashlee Constantine, Annaleis Martin, Tara Duncan, Ursula Buckham
Second row: Gemma Ward, Emma Poole, Kylie McIntyre, Fiona Orton, Jessica Ashley

SWIMMING

There is no other way to sum up this year's swimming season other than successful and enjoyable. We all had a lot of fun, and came out with some brilliant results for 2001.

Throughout the year, our swimming club held swimming squads at Terrey Hills Swimming School twice a week, available to everyone in the school. These proved to be popular, especially during the summer terms and should continue throughout the next years, as it only seems to be growing in interest and popularity.

Because of bad weather, our annual school swimming carnival held at West Pymble pool was cancelled. So, instead of having our interhouse carnival with the whole school there, the more serious swimmers were the only ones to compete on the day, competing for a position in the highly talented swimming squad to represent Brigidine at higher levels of competition. The winner was the Lourdes. Congratulations to all those girls representing the house and the captains, as well as all the girls competing on the day.

The first carnivals that the representative squad attended were the Pittwater House and Monte Invitational Carnivals. Both these carnivals, while being tough competition, were of a fun and friendly nature, Brigidine took first place overall in both of them.

Brigidine also held our own invitational carnival this year for the third year at Warringah Aquatic Centre in March. Our school invited seven other top schools in the area to compete. It was a very successful carnival, for both our swimmers and organisers. Brigidine, again took first place in the overall point score for the night. A very big thank you must go to our organisers and officials of the night who successfully ran a smooth and efficient carnival. If it was not for them, swimming at Brigidine would

not be where it is now. Well done and thank you. Also, a thank you to everyone who helped out on the night, including parents and staff, and also the many students who came either to support their friends or to help on the night. It was very much appreciated by everyone and lovely to see.

As a swim team, we also attended the IGSSA carnival (Independent Girls Schools Sports Association) held at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. This carnival is recognised for its extremely high standards of swimming, which was definitely displayed by all schools attending. At this carnival we are one of the much smaller schools, competing in the first of three divisions from twenty-five schools. Our girls swam extremely well on the day, finishing with fantastic individual and team results, bringing home many medals and personal best times. We were placed third overall. As well as this, we also won the overall first place point score for the Intermediate division alone. Congratulations and well done girls! Thank you and congratulations also to Year 10 for coming along to cheer and support the swimmers in a fantastic way on the day. I hope that the next grades to join the team on the day will be able to live up to the standards you displayed with enthusiasm and school spirit, along with loud cheering voices.

From this carnival, six girls (Kristi Oliver, Natalie Bentley, Danielle Hopcroft, Tori Oliver, Kim Lever and Victoria Cook) were selected to represent the IGSSA team to compete at the CIS (Combined Independent Schools) carnival. These girls again, after great performances, were selected for the all schools state team, where they competed against the top swimmers in New South Wales. Here they all achieved brilliant results, and proved to definitely be a talented group of swimmers. Kristi and Victoria were then selected to represent at the National championships in Perth which was

held in September.

The Broken Bay Diocese swimming carnival is another carnival we attend annually. We are renowned for a high performance at this carnival, and we lived up to that expectation this year, coming home with many places in individual and team races, and also bringing home with us overall first place in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions for the third year running. Well done girls.

I had a busy, yet very enjoyable year being Swimming Captain and would like to thank everyone (swimmers and helpers – Ms Baker, Mr Jay Oliver, Mrs Jenny Bentley, Mr Mark Hopcroft and Mrs Lyndee Cook and many other parents) for their continual effort and brilliance throughout the season. This has been another, if not the most, successful year for Brigidine swimmers. Well done girls and good luck for the future!

Jill Bentley and Leah Hopcroft



NATIONAL SCHOOLS TITLES REPS
Victoria Cook, Kristi Oliver

**SWIMMING CLUB**

Front row: Grace Davies, Chloe Brown, Caitlin Hill, Meghan Hamilton, Yvette Szalay, Jill Bentley (captain), Leah Hopcroft, Cara Martin, Carly Halliday, Sarah Fletcher, Fiona McDonald
 Second row: Shae Oliver, Natalie Bentley, Zoe Demidjuk, Ashleigh Brunner, Kimberley Lever, Emma Raymond, Hollie-Anne Rennie, Kristi Oliver, Danielle Flanagan
 Third row: Rachel Venteman, Nicole Tarrant, Victoria Cook, Jodie Gadsby, Jasmin Glover, Alice Jaroszewicz, Janelle Knowles, Danielle Hopcroft, Grace Alder

**IGSSA SWIMMING TEAM**

Front row: Sarah Fletcher, Grace Davies, Jill Bentley, Leah Hopcroft, Cara Martin, Danielle Flanagan, Chloe Brown
 Second row: Caitlin Hill, Ashleigh Brunner, Kimberley Lever, Emma Raymond, Meghan Hamilton, Yvette Szalay
 Third row: Natalie Bentley, Victoria Cook, Casey Burns, Nicole Tarrant, Danielle Hopcroft
 Fourth row: Kristi Oliver, Tatum Pearce, Rachel Venteman, Zoe Demidjuk, Shae Oliver

**BRIGIDINE SWIMMING AGE CHAMPS**

Front row: Natalie Bentley (15 years), Danielle Hopcroft (16 years), Victoria Cook (17+ years)
 Second row: Grace Alder (13 years), Ashleigh Brunner (14 years equal), Kristi Oliver (14 years equal), Grace Davies (12 years)

**BBSSA SWIM TEAM**

Front row: Sarah Fletcher, Grace Davies, Jill Bentley, Leah Hopcroft, Grace Alder, Chloe Brown, Fiona McDonald
 Second row: Yvette Szalay, Caitlin Hill, Ashleigh Brunner, Kimberley Lever, Emma Raymond, Meghan Hamilton, Cara Martin
 Third row: Natalie Bentley, Victoria Cook, Casey Burns, Nicole Tarrant, Danielle Hopcroft
 Fourth row: Kristi Oliver, Tatum Pearce, Rachel Venteman, Zoe Demidjuk, Shae Oliver

**CIS SWIMMING REPS**

Front row: Danielle Flanagan, Kimberley Lever, Danielle Hopcroft
 Second row: Kristi Oliver, Victoria Cook, Natalie Bentley

**ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING TEAM**

Front row: Natalie Bentley, Kimberley Lever, Danielle Hopcroft
 Second row: Kristi Oliver, Victoria Cook

TENNIS

This year was a very successful one, filled with lots of fun and considerable achievements in Tennis. Brigidine entered many new competitions, providing players with a standard of tennis previously unattainable. These competitions included the Independent Girls Secondary Sports Association (IGSSA), the Schoolgirls Saturday Morning Competition and the Northern Suburbs Junior Competition, upon which Brigidine certainly made their mark. We also managed to earn the title of State Catholic Champions. In other news, we gained two new tennis courts and introduced a new tennis shirt.

For the first time Brigidine entered the Schoolgirls Saturday Morning Competition. However, we didn't merely enter it, we came runners-up in the first division with team one consisting of Danielle Steger, Alison Lloyd and Lauren Ansell. Team two, Tana Anderson, Bianca Chidrawi and Jennifer Lloyd won the second division.

These excellent results put both of our teams in the first division of the highly regarded IGSSA competition, occasionally placing spectators in the awkward position of Brigidine vs. Brigidine. Danielle Steger, Alison Lloyd, Tana Anderson and Bianca Chidrawi made up team one, finishing in fourth place. Team two, consisting of Gemma Euers, Jennifer Lloyd, Lauren Ansell and Arabella Vescio, performed excellently. Thankyou to our coordinators for this competition, two ex-students who are both accomplished tennis players - Lisa Sharland and Teresa Pitts.

In fourth term last year Brigidine won the Broken Bay Diocese Gala Day with a brilliant team of twelve players. For the next round of this competition only four players were required, and the four chosen were Danielle Steger, Tana Anderson, Alison Lloyd and Bianca Chidrawi. These girls went on to win at Wollongong, becoming the State Catholic Champions, and then went on to compete against the Independent Schools champions, PLC. Unfortunately this remarkable team lost, but they were



NSW CCC TENNIS CHAMPS

Front row: Tana Anderson, Bianca Chidrawi, Danielle Steger
Second row: Lauren Ansell, Alison Lloyd



IGSSA TENNIS TEAM

Front row: Jennifer Lloyd, Lauren Ansell, Arabella Vescio, Alison Lloyd
Second row: Danielle Steger, Bianca Chidrawi, Tana Anderson

even on sets and lost by only one game. This was an incredible match that produced some fantastic tennis.

Brigidine also experienced success in the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association Junior Competition in our first year of entry. The competition was large, with twenty-one divisions, and also mixed, with many teams discovering that they were the only girls in their division. Unhindered by this, all teams performed very well. Team two, consisting of Anne Lofgren, Catherine Jugmans, Lauren Kelly-Bradshaw and Clare Gavin, came runners-up in Term Two. Moreover, in Term Three, Leeanne Torpey, Erin Sharland, Anne Lofgren and Catherine Jugmans made up team one and won their division. Captains of these teams made it possible for this competition to run so smoothly - thankyou very much to Pricilla Pek, Alana Roach, Katie Osborne and Angela Rozali who



SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS COMP TEAM

Front row: Danielle Steger, Alison Lloyd, Leeanne Torpey, Bianca Chidrawi, Jennifer Lloyd
Second row: Tana Anderson, Erin Sharland, Lauren Ansell, Arabella Vescio, Katie Osborne



HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI DIST TENNIS TEAM

Front row: Kathleen Tan, Anne Lofgren, Clare Gavin, Paula Van Der Gugten, Priscilla Pek
Second row: Brittany Bowler, Amanda McCarney, Madeleine McIver, Catherine Jugmans, Lauren Kelly-Bradshaw, Angela Rozali



NORTHERN SUBURBS COMP TENNIS TEAM

Front row: Claudia Cennari, Kathleen Tan, Leeanne Torpey, Liesl Cornell, Alichia Van Rhijn
Second row: Anne Lofgren, Katie Osborne, Erin Sharland, Clare Gavin, Priscilla Pek
Third row: Angela Rozali, Amanda McCarney, Catherine Jugmans, Lauren Kelly-Bradshaw

organised their teams so well.

The Year seven tennis day was most successful, with all involved having lots of fun and meeting new people. It also gave our tennis coach, Mr. Keith Smith, the chance to see the up and coming tennis players for Brigidine. It became evident throughout the day that there are many talented players.

We have been very fortunate to have a great committee that has worked together and really created a feeling of unity within the tennis club. Thank you to Mrs. Sue Torpey who has put in endless hours of work to ensure that the club runs smoothly. Thank you to our wonderful treasurer, Mr. Ray Osborne, our secretary Mrs. Michelle Steger and Mrs. Glenda Chidrawi. Thank you also to my vice-captain, Alison Lloyd who has been my saviour many a time.

And finally, thank you to Mr. Keith Smith, our tennis coach. Thank you for the many hours and all the effort you have put into making tennis at Brigidine so successful. None of this would be possible without your dedication.

As captain, I will always be grateful for the lessons I've learnt, the friends I've made and the fun I've had. This has been a great year because of each and every member of the tennis club and their commitment to this great sport. This upcoming term will see no less than fifteen teams in the Schoolgirls competition. This means that the tennis club has more than doubled in size over the last year. And judging by the depth of tennis now evident within Brigidine, the next few years will also very successful.

Leeanne Torpey

VOLLEYBALL

Brigidine entered two teams in the inaugural Term 1 Friday night Barker Invitational Tournament. Despite having little experience in the game, students from both teams acquitted themselves admirably. The girls had a lot of fun learning the rules and team plays and trying to grasp what can be very difficult game skills. As the season progressed the girls' knowledge of the game improved,

their skills became more refined and their ability to play as part of a team was evident.

By the end of the season the Year 9/10 team had finished in sixth place while the Year 11/12 team were worthy runners-up to a strong Santa Sabina 1 side. Well done to both groups of girls. Special mention to Lauren Quick (Year 12) and Katie Lee (Year 9) for winning the Most Improved Medals in their respective teams.



JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Front row: Sarah Fletcher, Nikki Kuper, Ursula Lane-Mullins, Brittany Bowler
Second row: Kathleen Lee, Mr D Chant (coach), Elizabeth Arrol
Absent: Katherine Ho, Ashleigh Hart, Kelly Wilcox, Claire-Louise McNicol



SENIOR VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Front row: Julia Thomas, Hayley Pearce, Leah Hopcroft, Carly Halliday, Lauren Quick
Second row: Elizabeth Sheraton, Kim Dormer, Vanessa Cornale, Katherine White, Sian Cains, Erin Coggins, Mr D Chant (coach)
Absent: Jennifer Batt-Rawden

WATERPOLO

2001 has been a very successful and enthusiastic year for Waterpolo, with five teams entering the Northern Suburbs Waterpolo competition held at Warringah Aquatic Centre.

Out of the five teams the Year 7 Red team, coached by Bob Sim, and the Girls Open B team, coached by Barry Kilham,



WATER POLO OPEN A

Front row: Cara Martin, Zoe Demidjuk, Nicole Tarrant (captain), Ashleigh Tracey, Yvette Szalay
Second row: Miss Gina Mathlin (coach), Suzanne Cox, Leah Hopcroft, Jill Bentley
Absent: Charlotte King, Ashley Macedo



WATER POLO OPEN B PREMIERS

Front row: Hayley Newport, Erin Coggins, Jessica Middleton (captain), Jackie May, Ashley Sirote
Second row: Danielle Hopcroft, Kathryn Rickard, Genevieve Killham, Abbie Hamilton, Victoria Cook
Absent: Mr Barry Kilham (coach), Kim Dormer



WATER POLO 7 BLUE

Front row: Harriet Smith, Chloe Brown, Fiona McDonald, Grace Davies, Heidi Godsall
Second row: Lily Johnson, Meghan Hamilton, Caitlin Hill, Nicole Tarrant (coach), Rachel Venterman, Lauren Daneel, Ashleigh Tracey (coach)

reached the semi finals, with the Open B team going on to be premiers of their division. This is a great achievement for the Brigidine Waterpolo club. Well done!!

Waterpolo is becoming increasingly popular at Brigidine with the growth of the club as well as its success in the pool. This is also due to the inspiring coaches Mr Grant Coggins, Mr Bob Sims and Miss Gina Mathlin.

I had the privilege, along with Ash Tracey, of coaching a Year 7 team this season, which I found very rewarding and I was overwhelmed with their skill level and eagerness to learn.

Overall the season was one of fun-filled competition and growing friendships. An excellent effort from all teams and especially the Girls Open A team (Year 12) who were victorious in FUN!

A big thank you to Miss Gina Mathlin for her coaching, wonderful support and friendship towards all the girls this season.

All the best of luck to the captains for 2002, Jessica Middleton and Erin Coggins.

Nicole Tarrant



WATER POLO 15 YEARS

Front row: Melissa May, Georgie Neylon, Celia Smith, Eleanor Adam (captain), Kirstin Coggins
Second row: Nikki Kuper, Casey Burns, Kylie Hume, Shannon Phelan, Tatum Pearce
Absent: Mr Grant Coggins (coach), Danielle Flanagan



WATER POLO 7 RED

Front row: Claire Bowditch, Lucy Eccles, Amy Sherwood, Chloe Eather, Elise Trickey
Second row: Kate McRobie, Michelle Carty, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Brianna Sim, Tamara Wright
Absent: Mr Bob Smith (coach)

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PRINCIPAL'S ESSAY

"The Best Things In Life... Aren't Things!"

by Annalisse Williams Year 9

"Smile at whoever needs cheering up, even though there is sorrow in your soul; devote the necessary time to prayer, without haggling; go to the help of anyone who looks for you; practice justice and go beyond it with grace and charity."

A few of the best things in life I believe are using the talents given to us from God; going out of our way in order to help others (even if it puts us in an awkward position); standing up for what we believe is right; and showing compassion for others. Crucial to understanding what are the best things in life is to view our life not from a human or self-centred perspective. We should try to see things as God would see them and live how God would like us to live. We must try to live our life as God would wish, and important for doing this is living the Christian and human virtues well.

Using the talents we have been given from God and practicing virtues are much more important than preoccupation over things. God has given us gifts such as strength and gentleness in order for us to use. We all are different and have different talents. This is one of the reasons we were put here on earth. Just as a jigsaw puzzle with its many pieces combine to make a beautiful picture, so we with our different talents can combine to make a beautiful world.

Helping others if they are in need is an important quality in life. Giving of your time, money and self may be hard, but realising the importance of putting others first shows strength of character and gentleness of heart. The peace and happiness that comes from giving of self to others far outweighs any passing joy that the novelty of things can give. Standing up for what you believe is right – the virtue of fortitude – is also important. It takes strength to speak the truth particularly when there are many around you who do not hold

the same values. When one is ridiculed for their beliefs, it takes courage to be strong and yet to continue to defend the truth can help lead others to the truth. This virtue can have a far more reaching effect on people's lives than any things. Being just and fair to one another is the mark of charity.

Loving others is much more rewarding than things. "God who created man out of love also calls him to love." "Christ died out of love for us, while we were still enemies" The Lord still loved us even when we were His enemy. In the same way we need to love all, even those who go against the grain.

The best 'things' in life are not 'things'. 'Things' are items or objects and are materialistic. Although we need basic 'things' such as food, shelter and clothing, too much of these things can lead to greed and selfishness. When we are consumed with the gaining of 'things' as an end in themselves, we lose the sensitivity to see the needs in others. It takes strength not to give into materialism because we are conditioned to be soft on ourselves. The media constantly tries to convince us that we need 'things' even though in fact this is not always the case.

The best 'things' in life aren't 'things'. The best 'thing' in life is life. "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end." Life is the greatest gift God has given us, how we live our lives is our gift to God.

An example of a person who lived her life as a gift to God was Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa's "faith gave her strength but it also gave her the capacity of relentless love." Mother Teresa used her God given gifts. She showed strength and gentleness throughout her life. Mother Teresa showed strength in her constant stance for what is true. In a climate of over population and great poverty in India she stood firmly for the truth and spoke out strongly against abortion and contraception. In a society where the poor were viewed with contempt, Mother Teresa showed gentleness,

love and respect for each person's human dignity. Her compassion and care towards others was like a beacon lighting the way. The number of lives she touched both directly in her work with the marginalised of society and through her example and words could never be compared to any kind of 'thing'. The legacy she has left to the world through her example has continued through her order of the Sisters of Charity. 'Things' can lose novelty value, can break, become outdated and discarded, however, compassion and love continue. Like the throwing of the pebble in a pond, love and compassion reaches out to others in ever expanding ripples.

Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop also used the gifts of strength and gentleness throughout his life. Not only was he talented in many sports, including a champion boxer, runner and a member of the Wallabies, 'Weary' was an army surgeon during World War II. While a prisoner of war he faced the constant experience of brutality, starvation, and death with a great interior strength and serenity. One of the men in captivity with him wrote "When despair and death reached for us Weary stood fast, his only thought for our well-being."

After the war, 'Weary' took care of men and women who spent years as prisoners of war and returned to being a surgeon. He did much to reconcile former wartime enemies. Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop lived a life by using his gifts in the service of others.

Both Mother Teresa and Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop used the best 'thing' they had in life – they used their life in order to help the lives of others. They have shown that human beings are more important than things. By their selfless lives they demonstrated that others come first – not themselves or 'things'. They were witnesses through their actions, their strength and their gentleness, of the inestimable value of humanity and human life. This is a value that humanity does not share with 'things' – the value of being children of God.

YEAR 7 CAMP

Thursday March 1, 2001

Thousands of huge bags were piled all around us (half full of lollies), as we left discussing what it would be like at camp. After arriving, we raced off the bus and gathered in the Hall. The Camp Manager talked to us and we were then allocated to our Mentor groups.

At recess, we discovered a large grass hill which we soon filled with joyful laughs as we all held hands in a gigantic chain and ran down, trying desperately not to trip over.

This was harder than we at first thought. We were all divided into two groups as we went to do activities. The first half of us went down to the rock pool at Collaroy Beach and the other half went rockclimbing, abseiling or had fun on either the giant swing or the flying fox. The rock pool was so cold, but we still had loads of fun. As lunchtime closed in on us, we wrapped ourselves in warm towels and headed back to camp to get changed.

After our lunch, we swapped activities. Even my Mentor teacher had a turn at abseiling. We felt terrified when we saw the size of the wall we had to abseil down, but we soon got over our terror and listened hard as it was explained to us how to wear the safety equipment and how to abseil. Bianca Lane was the bravest and volunteered to go first. After watching her come down, we couldn't wait to have a go ourselves. Even Miss Borgert went down – after much deliberation.

We had afternoon tea and some supposedly quiet time in our cabins before our last talent quest practice with our Mentor groups. After dinner, we raced excitedly to our cabins to get organised for the talent quest. Mr and Mrs Bowie arrived and sat at the back with the other teachers to watch. There were so many acts. It was fantastic. It showed some of the remarkable talent we have in Year 7 this year. We finished off the night with a pyjama fashion parade which was heaps of fun.

When the time came to sleep, we switched off our lights and sat in bed whispering and laughing with mouths full of lollies.



Friday March 2, 2001

After a good night's rest (not), we woke and headed for breakfast. Our peer support leaders arrived singing a song enthusiastically and told us they had a fun disco planned with lots of lollies and chips. We had lots of fun with our leaders and enjoyed our last meal before leaving for home. On the bus, we still managed to finish off our lollies (or those who didn't fall asleep did anyway.)

I know I speak for all of us when I say we had a great time. Thank you to the teachers for making it possible. We really enjoyed it, and hope next year's Year 7 will too.

Lauren Langley 7Q



YEAR 7 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE

On 31st May, Year 7 students had a chance to play wheelchair basketball for the very first time. We lined up first thing in the morning in the Gym and watched as several wheelchairs were brought in. The wheelchairs had 3 small wheels and 2 big wheels which were to be attached. A man called Jerry Houston entered and introduced himself. Firstly he explained that he had been in a racing accident in his early twenties and the operation he needed afterwards meant that he would be paralysed from the chest down. It was not long after recovering that he decided to take up wheelchair basketball as a sport. He has played for the Australian team for a few years now, and competed in the Atlanta Olympics where they won a gold medal.

We were even lucky enough to see the medal. Soon we were lining up and learning how to sit in the wheelchair and control it, and bounce a ball at the same time. He made it look so easy. I found out that not only was it a great sport to watch from the sidelines, but it was fantastic to be a part of. It was extremely hard and took a lot of muscles, but we still had lots of fun. We really appreciated Jerry coming to Brigidine because it was great to have a chance to participate in such a fantastic sport. Jerry also left us with a very important message, and that was to always have a goal and stay focused on that goal. It was a great day.

*Bronya Fraser-Hills 7T
and Jennifer Choi 7S*

YEAR 7 LIFE

A Sacred Journey to a Sacred Place

Our day at Mary Mackillop Place marked our first excursion since we began at the College. The trip was joyful and full of fun. At our destination we were greeted by the helpful sisters who gave us a brief introduction and told us the life story of Mary Mackillop. We learnt how brave and generous she was, a lesson for us all. We visited the museum which had many things that belonged to Mary and also things that were used by her such as a needle and thread. We then visited the chapel which contained her tomb, and here we prayed. This was a day that all Year 7, throughout our Brigidine years, will never forget.

Veronica Buttarello 7Q

ANTIPODEAN EXPEDITION TO SOUTH AMERICA FOR A MONTH

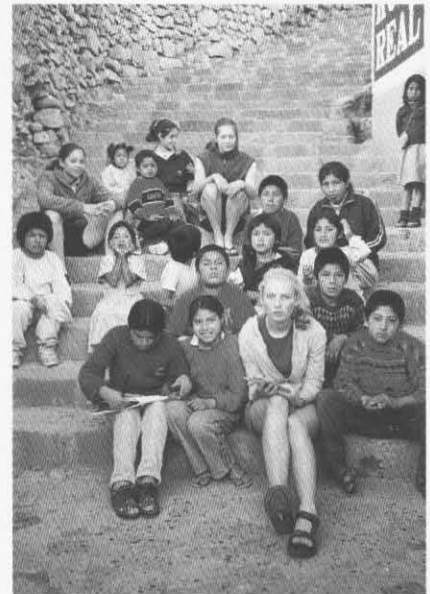
During December and January 2000-2001, 5 Brigidine students (Daini Marshall, Candice Higgins, Genevieve Killham, Megan Elliott, Amy Chapman) and Ms Jo Baker were part of a 17 person team which took part in a leadership expedition to Bolivia and Peru for 31 days. During the four weeks our leadership skills developed enormously. The main focus of the expedition was to be independent and manage all the organisational aspects ourselves. We were set a daily budget and given a rough itinerary from which to structure our daily tasks. We were essentially 'on our own'.

Starting in Bolivia we experienced a poverty-stricken world which we had never seen before. The cultural differences between South America and Australia were phenomenal. Moving onto Peru we grew accustomed to the high altitude through short hikes on the Island of

the Sun (Isla del Sol) in the middle of Lake Titicaca. This was all in preparation for the infamous Inca Trail. If there is one part of the world that is truly breathtaking both physically and emotionally, the beautiful Inca Trail is it. The views and experiences we know we will never forget.

During the week of Christmas, we spent 6 days at an orphanage for deaf children. Not only did we have to struggle with the Spanish language but we also now learned to sign. It was our way of giving something back to the local community. This week gave us a true sense of enjoyment and the true sense of giving to children less fortunate than ourselves.

South America is a truly magical place, and through our ups and downs I am sure that we can all recognise that the life experiences we gained will be guiding us for the rest of our lives. Many thanks to Ms Baker for being there for us during the hard



The children from the Orphanage in Cusco Peru

times and in her great leadership throughout the whole expedition.

Genevieve Killham (Year 11)



The group at Macchu Picchu

YEAR 10 EXCURSION TO A JAPANESE RESTAURANT

On the 13th June the Year 10 Elective Japanese class went on an excursion to Sushi Joy Japanese Restaurant and Tokyo Mart in Northbridge. I really enjoyed it because I like Japanese food but had never been to a Japanese restaurant before. It was also educational because it gave us hands-on experience instead of just learning from a book. We were able to say a few things to the waiters in Japanese. This was good because it taught us how to use our Japanese Language skills in a real life situation. The food was delicious. We had a large packed lunch which consisted of noodles, deep fried tofu, fish, prawns in batter, deep fried sweet potato, sushi and miso soup. After the restaurant we walked down to the Tokyo Mart which sells lots of Japanese sweets. I loved the excursion and the people were very nice. I think that it was a good experience and I would love to do it again.

Daisy Dye (Year 10)



Year 10 students trying to use chopsticks at the Japanese restaurant.

Left to right - Holly Kendall, Isobel Stewart, Juliana Kwan, Daisy Dye, Louise Selwood, Katy Hulme & Annabel Kennison

JAPANESE HOMESTAY

The Japanese homestay was a fantastic experience for me. I had a great time. The family that I stayed with consisted of Mr and Mrs Kimura and their two very cute young daughters, Noriko, who was 4 years old and Kieko, who was 6 years old. The day started off by going to a delicious Chinese and Portuguese Restaurant. Mrs Kimura ordered about nine different dishes consisting of noodles, rice, pork and

many other things. Once we had finished we went back to their apartment where we made different animals and boxes out of origami paper. We then watched a Japanese video. After that Mrs Kimura made sushi with us which was a fantastic experience. Once we had each made two sushi rolls we sat down and enjoyed a delicious dinner of sushi, noodle dishes, fruit salad, Japanese green tea and a very appetising Japanese chocolate dessert. Our parents then came to pick us up. They sat around the dinner table for a while and enjoyed some of our sushi. The family then generously gave us some Japanese gifts. We thanked them and went home.

I recommend homestay programmes to everyone who is given the opportunity. I know that I have learnt a lot more about the Japanese culture from just half a day of staying with a Japanese family. It was a lot of fun as well!

Amber Cleaver (Year 8)



Japanese host families and Brigidine students with Mr. John Bowie and Mr. Inokuma, Cultural Committee Chairman in the Japanese Society.

YEAR 9 EXCURSION TO THE SYDNEY JAPANESE SCHOOL

On Friday 31st August, the Year 9 Japanese class of seven students accompanied by Mrs Hosogoe went to the Japanese School in Terrey Hills.

As soon as we arrived, we were introduced to the six Year 9 students who were all Japanese. We introduced ourselves in Japanese and learned to understand each other's introductions. After that, we all went into a tatami room to experience the typical Japanese culture. The room had a straw floor and special cushions to kneel on. Before we went in we had to remove our shoes and leave



Year 9 excursion to the Sydney Japanese School.

Left to right: Louise Veyret, Michelle Lau, Pamela Gunawan, Anna Robertson, Kimberly Collins, Mandy Cheng & Clare Smith



Year 9 girls having a Science lesson at the Sydney Japanese School

Left to right: Mandy Cheng, Kimberly Collins & Clare Smith

them neatly outside. We all knelt around a small wooden table and played a variety of games.

Soon after, we made our way to the food technology room and made Japanese pancakes for the farewell party for a member of their Japanese class. During this time we had recess as well. The bell then rang for the next period, and we got ready for PE prac. As we ran down to the huge oval, the Japanese PE teacher was waiting for us. Years 7 to 9 were all there in straight lines ready to play soccer. There was mud everywhere, and by the end of the lesson the boys were covered in it!

We then went upstairs to change into our uniform again and started our lunch. During lunch time, Kim Collins and I went for a walk around the school grounds until we bumped into a few kindergarten children who were extremely cute. We asked them questions in Japanese which they understood. After lunch, we went to a Science class. I did not understand a word the teacher said, but I acted as though I did. Overall, we had a great time. Everyone was so friendly, and we didn't want to go home. It was a successful day.

Anna Robertson (Year 9)

WITH CAT-LIKE TREAD!

The best Brigidine musical ever? Certainly many of the audience members though so, after they laughed, applauded, cheered and thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of this happy production. Both Friday and Saturday night performances received standing ovations! After months and months of afternoons and weekend rehearsals, it was so obvious that everyone, both on and off stage, had a marvellous time – lots of humour and energy were evident everywhere.

Who could ever forget

- the bright and colourful sword-fighting pirates with their cat-like tread
- the beautiful maidens with their crazy signs
- the bumbling police tarantara-ing on stage
- Emily, The Pirate King's, 'footfall'!
- The magnificent Mabels – Monique and Stephanie
- The fast-paced Major-General's song with Brigidine references
- The tap dancers tricky tune
- Sally and Mary's scene stealing appearance
- The orchestra's involvement in the pirate band
- The Pirate King's swordfight with Mrs Boyd
- Mrs Thompson's colourful and vibrant costumes
- The fantastic choreography by Mrs Lindsay
- The crazy police and their scooters
- The start as the marching police rounded up the audience in the quadrangle

Finally, what are we to do? We've climbed over many rocky mountains to reach that beautifully blue sky and dried many a glist'ning tear. Many poor wandering ones inhabit our stage exclaiming 'pour oh pour the pirate sherry'. But too late, the Sergeant approaches with a cat-like tread proclaiming 'Tarantara'. Stay, we must not lose our senses! Away! Away!

Congratulations to our lead performers – Emily McMullan, Aleisha Conlay, Monique Meredith,

Natalie Martin, Stephanie Bendixsen, Marisa Eriani, Stephanie Thompson, Imogen Cranna, Natasha Kavanagh, Elisha Keen, Danielle Priestly, Clare Randall, Rosie Westhoff, Natalie Davis and Kelly McJannett. We pay special tribute to three of our Year 12 students – Natalie, Aleisha and Monique who have appeared in every Brigidine College musical since Year 7. These girls started in chorus parts and have progressed to take lead roles. We hope they continue to perform on and off stage!

Congratulations to the huge amount of students involved both on and off stage – we had large choruses of pirates, maidens and police, not to mention our wonderful orchestra and backstage crew who do everything from make-up to canteen to sound and lighting.

Congratulations to the production team – it is terrific to work with so many energetic and enthusiastic young people such as Mrs Ros Boyd, Mrs Lorna Hall, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Ingrid Thompson and Mrs Nola McMullan. The production team works tirelessly to ensure a fabulous show for everyone! Stand by for our 2002 production of Calamity Jane!

Miss DiAnne McDonald
Director/Producer

MUCH ADO ABOUT SOMETHING!

The Year 11 Play is a proud tradition at Brigidine College and this year's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" contained the largest cast ever assembled. Thirty six performers and ten crew members did a fantastic job after months and months of rehearsals! For the third year in a row, the Brigidine College Year 11 Play demonstrated how Shakespeare could be performed in a contemporary and relevant way, to be appreciated by all ages. The audience arrived through the Romuald Hall doors to be greeted by a white set covered with red hearts. The red and white theme continued as all characters were costumed in red and white (except the

baddies who wore red and black). The fun and enthusiasm on stage was matched by the enjoyment of the audience as they watched the baddies prance around the stage, (including Nicholle's amazing entrance to the Hamster Dance, and Alex's Love is in the Air dance!), the beauty of the wedding scene (waiting for Stephanie's slap), the fun of the kung-fu fighters (not to mention our energetic Elvies – Penny and Tiffany!), Ashley's love-god speech, Rosie's melodramatic fall from the platform followed by the beret-wearing moment, and the vitality of the revelling scene with all performers dressed in white performing under a UV light – fabulous!

The leads were Emily McMullan, Rosie Westhoff, Amy Harris, Ashley Doyle, Stephanie Bendixsen, Danielle Priestly, Alex Grace, Stephanie Thompson, Penny MacDonald, Tiffany Madsen, Elisha Keen, Kylie Anania, Nicole Hampel, Lucy Corrigan, Emma Hamilton, Laura Marning, and Merryn Clark.

The goodies were Melissa Prentice, Jennifer Gibson, Amy Story, Angie McLaughlin, Belinda Spence, Joey Espey, Elizabeth Mark, Verity Hare, Gemma Coianiz.

The comic clowns were Phillipa Betts, Megan Elliott, Meggie Robinson, Carla Hoffman, Rebecca Morrison.

The baddies were Nadine Austin, Georgia Know, Thierry Pacholski, Nicholle Johnston and Alarna Haigh.

The production crew were Vanessa Cornale, Chantal McGrath, Alison Conway, Sarah McAllan, Joelle Holgate, Prue O'Loan, Michelle Drougett, Hayley Pearce and Emily Cull.

Thank you to the many Brigidine College community members who supported the production.

As the cast know "If Cupid can do this, Cupid is no longer an archer; his glory shall be ours, for we are the only love- gods".

Miss DiAnne McDonald
Director/Drama Co-ordinator

**YR 8 PLAY**

Front row: Lorelei Burgess, Jacqueline Lofgren, Kirstin Coggins, Tarryn Priestly, Sarah Kella, Jessica Godsall, Tasmin Dilworth; Second row: Rachael Thomson, Tatum Pearce, Casey Burns, Kylie Hume, Stephanie Foran, Clare Ryan, Jessica Holubkovic; Third row: Brooke Fanshaw, Angela McLaughlin, Joanne Espey, Hayley Pearce, Rosie Westhoff, Alexandra Grace; Fourth row: Clare Orton, Rebecca Westhoff, Madeleine McIvor, Shannon Phelan, Kathleen De Laurier, Wing Hang Ting

**YEAR 11 PLAY**

Front row: Danielle Priestly, Georgia Knox, Emily Cull, Kylie Anania, Angela McLaughlin, Sarah McAllan, Miss DiAnne McDonald, Elisha Keen, Joelle Holgate, Alexandra Grace, Merryn Clark, Nicholle Johnston, Megan Elliott
 Second row: Penny MacDonald, Thierry Pacholski, Ashley O'Loan, Chantal McGrath, Ashley Doyle, Joanne Espey, Nicole Hampel, Nadine Austin, Stephanie Thompson, Lucy Corrigan, Vanessa Cornale, Meggie Robinson
 Third row: Alison Conway, Gemma Coianiz, Verity Hare, Belinda Spence, Emily McMullan, Carla Hoffman, Elizabeth Mark, Jennifer Gibson, Emma Hamilton, Phillipa Betts
 Fourth row: Amylia Harris, Alana Haigh, Rosie Westhoff, Hayley Pearce, Michelle Droggett, Laura Marning, Melissa Prentice, Stephanie Bendixsen, Amy Story

FOSSILS!

In June, after several months of afternoon and weekend rehearsal, the inaugural Year 8 Play, Fossils, was performed to packed houses! The audience was truly appreciative of the talented and hard-working cast and crew, who brought Manuel Aston's Australian play to life on stage. The cast had the audience in stitches many times throughout each performance with their funny and funky take on the troublesome and turbulent relationship between teenagers and their parents.

The cast was led by the extraordinary talents of Jacqui Lofgren, Tatum Pearce and Kirsten Coggins. They were ably supported by the following group of amazing young performers – Rachel Thomson, Sarah Kella, Rebecca Westhoff, Tasmin Dilworth, Jessica Godsall, Lorelei Burgess, Tarryn Priestly, Maddy McIver, Anglea Ting, Clare Ryan, Clare Orton, Katie de Laurier, Stephanie Foran, Jessica Holubkovic, Kylie Hume, Shannon Phelan and Casey Burns.

Thank you to the staff, students and parents who supported this production and helped make it so fabulous!

Mrs Tamara Powell
Director

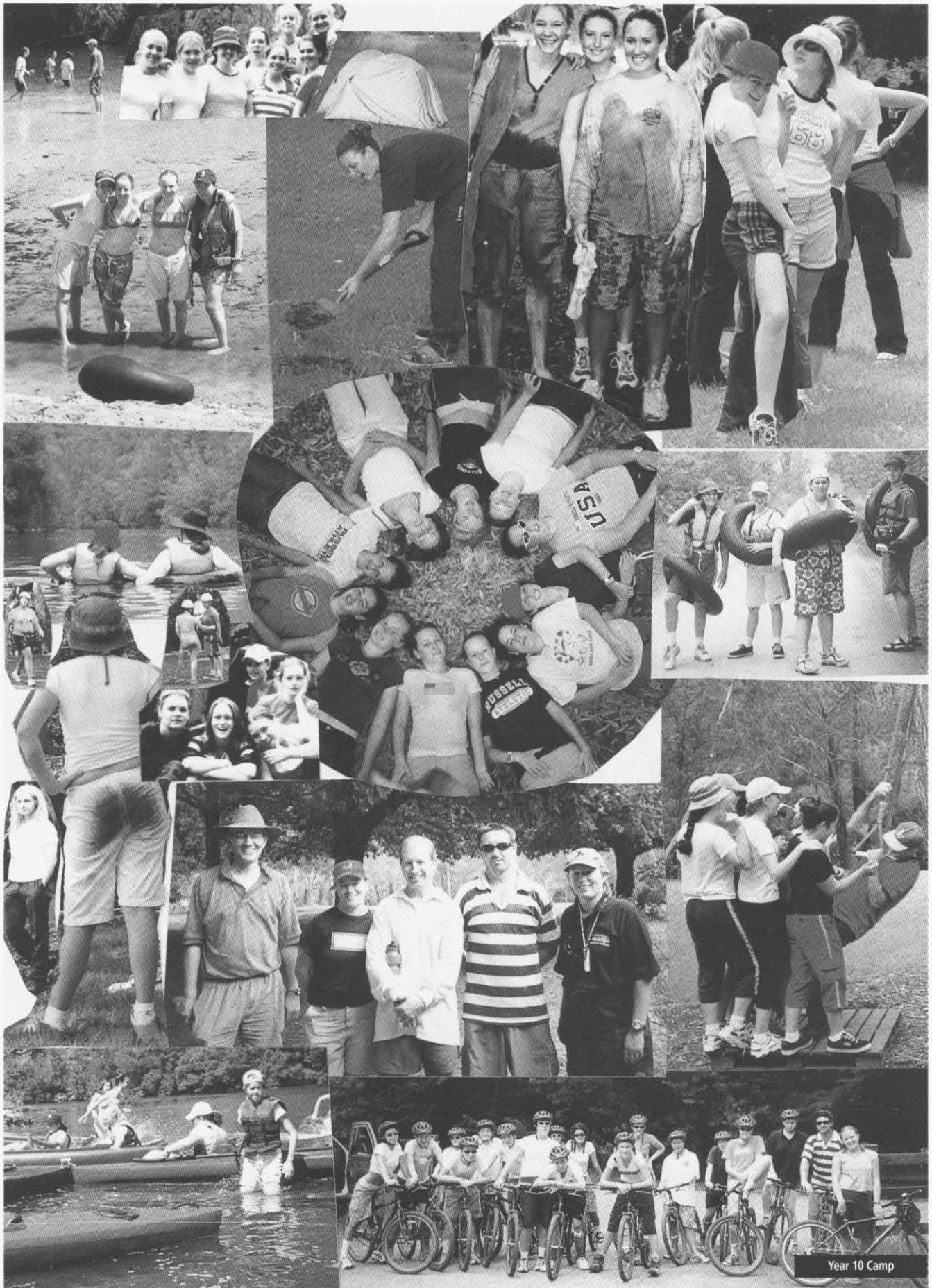


Carly Halliday, Merette Gearin and yabbie, making friends.

BIOLOGY YEAR 11 EXCURSION

On the 16th May, Mrs Greig, Mrs Chidrawi, Mrs Walsh and 48 Year 11 students were delighted at the prospect of using the bush outdoors as their classroom for the day. We visited Camp Kedron at Ingleside to study the local ecosystem, meeting the requirements of the Preliminary Biology and Senior Science courses.

Our visit included a lecture by Don Miles on plant and animal adaptations. The girls were formally introduced to *Rattus fuscipes* (the bush rat) and were involved in many hands-on activities such as using outdoor microscopes, quadrat studies and testing water quality in local streams. A special congratulations goes to Sian Cains who completed the entire excursion on crutches!





Languages

YEAR 9 REFLECTIONS

In term three Year 9 Religious Education students had to work in groups, developing a play, liturgy and poster around the idea of reconciliation. Each student was also asked to reflect on the process of working as part of a group, and on what they had learned from the assignment.

Here are some of their thoughts....

"To forgive is something special and it comes from the heart. It helps us to heal wounds, not ordinary wounds like cuts or grazes, but something much deeper inside that people cannot touch or reach. Sin separates us but forgiveness reunites us, and with it can bring hope, acceptance and dignity, and help us to live a life free from anxiety and guilt. Forgiveness is not only between people but with God as well. When we sin we alienate ourselves from God, but when we ask forgiveness, we reconcile, and our sins are wiped away. We look forward to a fresh start and pray that we will try not to sin the next time around."

Stefanie Reinboth

"I gained from the experience of doing this group assignment an insight to the true meaning of reconciliation. This task has stimulated me to study the philosophies of Mother Theresa on human relationships and the Bible in a new context. It has also encouraged me to research on Australia's past, present and future with its dealings with Aboriginal and the talks of reconciliation. But it is most rewarding to know that I am able to apply this knowledge to solve every-day problems.

An apology is an expression of regret offered for some fault, failure, insult or injury. This is an important stage in the process of reconciliation. When we apologise, we recognise our fault and wish to be forgiven. It is not

always easy to forgive someone who has betrayed and abused your trust to them. But, "If you want people to like you, forgive them when they wrong you. Remembering wrongs can break up a friendship" (Proverbs 17:9).

Reconciliation is a state when people are brought together in agreement or harmony. "Reconciliation begins first, not with others, but with ourselves. It starts with having a clean heart within," (Mother Theresa). A quotation from Proverbs 10:12 is also in support of this statement, "Hatred stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offences." I believe if we all have the "clean heart within", there would be less suffering in the world.

From this activity, I've learnt how to develop a more harmonious relationship with others. The key is to control your emotions because "If you cannot control your anger, you are as helpless as a city without walls, open to attack." (Proverbs 25:28)."

Mandy Cheng

"Working in a group has also taught me that everybody has their own individual skills and talents in different areas. These range from having excellent artistic skills to having good technical skills, e.g. using a computer, to just being a willing and helpful person. Each individual attribute is important and special and can be used for the same amount of benefit as any other person's attribute. It has taught me that I shouldn't judge someone too hastily, but look for the good in them and focus on that, instead of complaining about one small mistake. The Bible says in James 5:9-10, "Do not complain against one another, my friends, so that God will not judge you."

Overall, working on the group assignment has been a valuable learning experience for me. I have enjoyed working with the other people in my group and in turn learning from them."

Tessa Montague

"We cannot go into every day with anger, prejudice and the intent of hurting people. Instead we must concentrate on reconciliation, putting differences aside, joining together and making a better life... We got through the assignment by hard work, sharing ideas, putting time and effort in, fixing problems that arose, communicating with each other, trusting others and working together with good relationships."

Brittany Bowller

"This group assignment has really made me stop and think about the happenings of the world today. All of the work on reconciliation makes you remember everything that is going on in the world today with every different issue. Reconciliation is defined as 'coming together' and whilst doing this assignment we have 'reconciled' to produce the end result.

During this assignment, I basically learnt the real importance and meaning of reconciliation as previously to this I didn't have a real understanding. I had known the other girls in the group since primary school, but ever since we came to high school, the friendship that used to be strong in primary school had pretty much ended. We didn't really say much to each other or have anything to do with one another. But, ever since the assignment, we have come together more and the friendship that was once there a few years ago has started up again. The social side of the whole assignment has improved the communication between us and now in the corridor, instead of walking right past each other, there is a simple, 'hello' which says that this assignment has brought us together and recreated the friendship."

Sarah Hamilton



Finale



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THE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

*Speech Day,
Friday 6th December 2001*

Dr Maureen McDermott, distinguished guests, staff, students, ladies and gentlemen. I have much pleasure in welcoming our guests, Mr Neild McIntosh - Chairman of the Board, Mr Brian Austin - P & F President for 2001 and Fr Terry O'Brien. I also welcome all staff, parents and students of the College.

I record the apology of Dr Brendan Nelson, Member for Bradfield and now Commonwealth Minister for Education, and Mr Andrew Humpherson, Member for Davidson.

I especially welcome Sr Anita Murray: not only is she the longest serving Principal of our College, from 1975 to 1989, but also she concludes at the end of the year as Leader of this Province of the Brigidine Congregation. We all owe much to her continued interest and love for our school.

I welcome in the Official Party staff members Mr Geoff Copeland, Mrs Kay Dexter and Mrs Eniko Sweeting who this year are concluding several years of distinguished service to the girls of this school. The sense of loss of their leaving us reminds us that Brigidine is indeed a community. Communities to be such, work together, play together, laugh together, celebrate together, change together and grieve together.

This Brigidine community in 2001 has certainly experienced all of the above. The sad loss of 5 parents - Mr Brian Gray, father of Joanne (Year 9), Mrs Heather Ponticello, mother of Natalie (Year 7), Mr Les Saxby, father of

Lauren (Year 8), Mr Greg Higginbotham father of Kate (Year 12) and of Jayde (Year 9), and Mr Michael George father of ex student Stephanie (Year 10, who left the College in June, 2001), together with those other relatives and friends who have been mourned throughout the year - have caused us to draw upon the strength that is characteristic of a good school community.

Today, however, is a day of celebration and in particular a celebration of the academic life of the College. But this day would not happen at all without the extraordinary organisational ability of Mrs Joy Bruce, who I thank on behalf of us all.

It was pleasing to have our Subject Heads in the academic procession since it is they who, working with Miss Monica Appelby, Assistant Principal (Studies), especially set the tone for the academic achievements of our students. Brigidine is fortunate in being in a position to enable faculty staff to concentrate on their primary responsibilities of teaching well, and of helping girls to learn well.

Our HSC results continue to be extremely strong and we have students at various universities studying a variety of disciplines - from medicine and law to commerce, to accounting, to engineering, to design: our ex-students can also be found furthering their studies in literature and psychology as well as the information technologies.

In our Class of 2000, once again the Brigidine students performed very well at the HSC exams: their average score was above the State average in 91% of the 43 courses that we taught.

In terms of the University Admission Index (UAI), the Brigidine girls performed extremely well once again with some 18 students of a class of 95 scoring over 90 UAI. This places 20% of our girls in the top 10% of the State, a very worthwhile result indeed that, once again, confirms that Brigidine students are well prepared by competent teachers for public examinations, including the HSC.

Particularly pleasing were the results for girls who scored in the 70s and 80s (UAI) and who were so delighted with their results. Time after time, girls reported that they had earned a score higher than that which they had anticipated; those girls too are, of course, very much to be congratulated on their efforts. The year 2000 was a very fine year for our HSC Results and we look forward to continued strong results from our girls in future years. Indeed, the academic calibre of all our Years, 7 to 12, is very impressive.

However, the HSC and the UAI are not the be-all and end-all: they are steps on the way. Indeed, a major issue for all schools is to find a balance between relevance and timelessness. The tradition of a liberal education, namely, that schools are to help with one's broad education, is being challenged by those who would have schools emerge as training institutions.

Training is short term and work centred; education is for personal development and confidence. Training reinforces things seen and heard each day. Education pursues ideas and experiences that are not of the every day. Both are needed; who delivers which becomes the question.

Brigidine unashamedly pursues

breadth and is committed to a Christian humanism in schooling. Our wonderful Centre for Excellence, being led this year so imaginatively by Mrs Whiddon, embodies this tradition of challenging our boundaries. Our various Clubs and Societies, co-ordinated so expertly by Mrs Bruce, offer a range of activities and challenges that are probably unique to Brigidine. From drama to debating, musicals to mock trials, from swimming to the St Vincent de Paul Society, to DEAS, and all points in between, Brigidine offers so much to these young women in their formative years. But there is much more to be done: all girls from Year 7 to Year 10 should be in at least one CCA and the school will be moving to that goal next year.

Our wonderful Chisholm Centre has a special place in our school and we can all learn from the special students in the Centre. Similarly our Year 8 and Year 9 Honours programme offers so much challenge to those in need of such.

Our forthcoming Student Exchange Programme, whereby 6 of our Year 10 students of 2002 will spend 4 to 5 weeks at our sister school, The Brigidine School Windsor, London, commences this coming April/May. It is an exciting prospect, just as it will be to have the 6 Windsor students with us: if successful, it could well become an annual occurrence. This, together with moving towards forming the Aero Club, Dance Club, Volleyball and Soccer Clubs, are continued signs of enthusiasms and inventiveness for our students.

Our education at Brigidine must also be an education of the heart as well as an education of the spirit.

Thus today we celebrate this diversity and this education of the mind. Our education at Brigidine must also be an education of the heart as well as an education of the spirit. It has been said often that the heart of education is the education of the heart. But higher still, is the life of the spirit. It is the only life that can satisfy. The events of September 11th challenge us to

maintain our sense of dignity and self-possession when the forces of evil seem to control the day. To gain perspective about the daily dance of events, we need to be open to go up to the balcony above to see the patterns of movement on the dance floor. If we do not see the patterns we can be swamped by mere events. Being educated, and not merely trained, therefore remains our goal for our students.

The Opening of St Brigid's was, of course, one of the many highlights of the year. St Brigid's is an oasis for all the Brigidine community for generations to come. It is a place for private reflection and prayer as well as for gathering together, and it belongs to all the Brigidine community. It is yours and it is yours to use well. It is a significant aid to acquiring that perspective on life that is an essential part of the educated person. The two pivotal symbols of a Catholic school are its library and its chapel: one symbolises learning, the other symbolises the spiritual nature of being human. We will forever be in debt to our extraordinarily generous donors and other benefactors. Thank you.

I thank the parents of the school for your continued enthusiasm for it and involvement in it. Whether it be at a P & F social function or the sports sidelines or in the canteen, there one can find our parents, vitally interested and involved in their daughters' progress. Thank you to all of you for bringing so much energy to these endeavours. Some 300 adult volunteers helped us this year. As this is the International Year of the Volunteer, let us thank our many Brigidine volunteers, young and old!

Thank you to the staff, both faculty and management staff - you all are crucial to this enterprise and you can look back on a year of outstanding achievements. Few schools can boast the competencies and enthusiastic generousities of the staff at Brigidine College.

On behalf of the College I thank the Board of Directors, led by Mr Neild

McIntosh, for their very careful guidance of the College. They care greatly about the school and have a great love for it. They are an essential part of the success that the students enjoy.

My thanks to the members of the school Executive who in their weekly meetings deal with the busyness of their own portfolio as well as the unpredictable whimsies of the Principal! My thanks to the College Development Team and Building Committee whose members have turned visions into realities.

I congratulate the student body for all your contributions throughout the year but especially your support for the installation of the Commemorative doors for your Chapel, those beautiful stained glass windows that you paid for by your involvement in the Walkathon. The doors will forever remind generations to come of this year 2001.

Students, as you all look back on your year of 2001, I hope that you do so with a sense of belonging to a fine school, and of having contributed positively to its reputation and renown. Often you have been challenged to "do good for your school so that your school can do good for you": this challenge applies to us all.

It is an honour, and quite humbling, to be your Principal. Your school will continue to challenge you, and refuse to accept behaviour unworthy of you. You accomplish so much and you do it with the graciousness we have come to expect from you. Our standards are set high and cannot be compromised by the few. No matter how good we are, we can always improve! Such, indeed, is the challenge of life. I have never been Principal of a school in 2002 before, nor have you yet been a student. Together, however, we can make 2002 a great year!

To Julia Thomas, Captain of the College in 2001, and her Senior Leaders I give thanks on behalf of the whole school community: you have been wonderfully enthusiastic and thoughtful leaders of the student body.

Thank you for your helpful year with Mrs Lindsay who, thanks to you, has had a most interesting initial year as Year 12 Co-ordinator!

To all the departing Year 12s, I hope that you leave us equipped to continue to develop those perspectives on life about which I spoke. You are challenged to renew our Church and to transform our world.

It is my hope that you leave us

academically competent, that you are aware of your world and of your own capacity to make a difference to Australian society. I pray that you may leave us spiritually strong, certain in your beliefs and certain of your values and I pray also that you leave us very "Brigidine" – strong and gentle in all things. Thank you for your years at Brigidine. It is a world out there where there is too much inequality, too much hurt, too much hatred and not

enough people who want to make a difference. May you be part of the solution. Our Church needs you in it. Australia needs your gifts. Thank you, Year 12: go in peace and go with our love for you.

Mr John Bowie

**EXTRACTS FROM THE
SPEECH BY DR MAUREEN
McDERMOTT, GUEST
SPEAKER AND YEAR 11
CO-ORDINATOR**

"I suppose that if I were to give a title to my talk today the term "The Brigidine Spirit – a work in progress" might well fit the bill. . . .

We have not the illusion of security that other generations lived under. We realise that we cannot hold things to be certain. In science, for example, we once thought that Newton's theories supplied us with many of the answers. In time Newton's ideas, while still being useful, have been replaced by Einstein's theories. And now within the last year, experiments at the sub atomic level in the laboratories of Princeton University have begun to demonstrate that Einstein's theories are showing inadequacies too. . . .

I am not equipped to know in depth what constitutes the Brigidine spirit. I have had three wonderful and fulfilling years here at Brigidine but three years' association is hardly long enough to give expert status. Some people here in the hall, particularly the Brigidine sisters, know it and have lived it intimately. . . .

There were of course the values of strength and gentleness, strength of purpose and gentleness of application. . . . Linked to the concept of strength is the active awareness that the world is crying out for social justice and there is a great deal of focus at Brigidine on that need. . . .

Strength and gentleness; striving for academic excellence; loyalty, hospitality and moderate ambition for material goods - many good organisations have some or even all of these qualities in different measure. Is there another component? . . . I think I know what this glue-like quality that binds it all together is. It's the quality of goodwill - a quality that is in short supply pretty well everywhere in the world, particularly in these times, but I think that there are truckloads of it at Brigidine!

This quality manifests itself constantly. In the friendliness, helpfulness and laughter of the student body. It's the way a student notices and cares about the sadness that they have noticed in a peer (and which causes them to absent themselves from a class so that they can be a source of comfort!); the friendliness and ease of approach that marks our colleagues in the reception area and the various offices throughout the College. The parent body also represents tremendous goodwill in its friendly co-operativeness and efforts to advance the College.

My teaching colleagues? Another lady of goodwill, my mother, used to say that it is important not only to share peoples' sorrows but also to share their joy - even if things are not going to well for you. She implied that the sharing of joy might be the harder task. Now isn't that interesting? I have observed, however, that the staff room at Brigidine College is a place where both joy and sorrow are shared equally. . . .

Knowledge held to be fact can and will be replaced by the findings of ongoing research. But a spirit, an ethos that gives life to its organisation, is also subject to impermanence. Of course it must breathe and stretch and modify itself or it is not a living organism. But unlike assumed knowledge it must strive to stay attached to its original inspiration. I am wary of coming out with some sort of venerable advice or platitude on leaving Brigidine, like guard or more properly nurture what is the essence of the Brigidine Spirit, because it is extremely precious and its retention is not certain - but there, I've said it!! . . .

In our fairly recent past we were all part of another spirit - the Olympic Spirit. Indeed at this time last year we listened with admiration and wonder to the athlete Priya Cooper. So to conclude today I am going to slip back to the feelings of that time and borrow one of Mr. Samaranch's famous lines. And I know what you're thinking - Maureen McDermott is leaving Brigidine 'and the winner is Brig-i-dine!'

Well - I want to say this. I have worked at and have been associated with many schools throughout my life, a long time ago as a student and then both as a teacher and a parent, and without doubt Brigidine has been 'The Best Ever'.

Thank You."

Dr Maureen McDermott

SPEECH DAY



The Official Party congratulate Dr McDermott after her address.



Year 7 students with their certificates



Dr Maureen McDermott, guest speaker, congratulates Brigidine Medal recipient Leeanne Torpey.



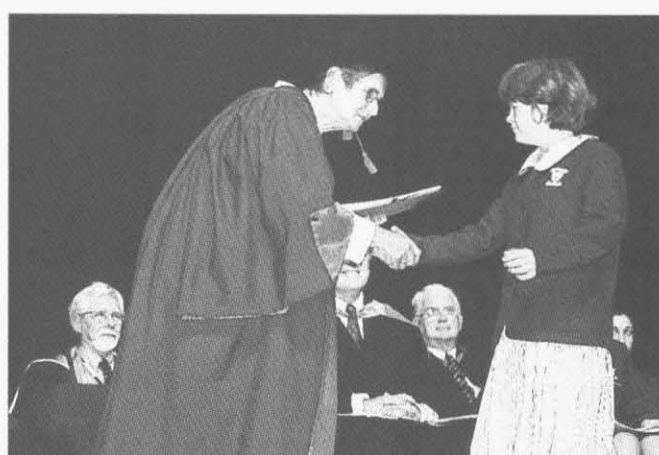
The Senior Vice Captain for 2002, Kylie Anania, acted as MC and addressed the gathering



Dr McDermott with Dilini Fonseka, Dux of the College 2001



Aleisha Conlay provided a Musical Interlude with a swinging rendition of "Downtown" and "All that Jazz"



Dr McDermott presents the Chisholm Centre Award to Year 8 student Mary Maclean.

BRIGIDINE COLLEGE ST IVES PRIZE LIST FOR 2001

YEAR 7

Alysha Battaerd	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Juliana Betts	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Jennifer Edgar	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Alison Francis	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Samantha Gilroy	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Fiona McDonald	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Vanessa Pek	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Karina Peters	Chisholm Centre Award for Improvement in English
Lauren Daneel	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Bronya Fraser-Hills	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Danielle Humphris	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Claire Robertson	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Amy Sherwood	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Monica Heafey	Outstanding Academic Achievement
	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
Ashleigh Knox	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
	Brigidine Year Award for Year 7

YEAR 8

Joanna Alessi	1st Geography
Claire Dickson	1st Science
Tasmin Dilworth	1st History
Michelle Di Stefano	1st Music (Equal)
Karen Gordon	1st Japanese
Erin Haataja	1st PDHPE
Natasha Kavanagh	1st Music (Equal)
Mary Maclean	Chisholm Centre Award
Katie Miller	1st Visual Arts
Sandra Richardson-Sanchez	1st French
Felicity Roberts	1st English
Natalie Romeo	1st Italian
Alice Schober	1st Design Technology
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Elaine Stewart	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
Ashleigh Chow	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Clare Gavin	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Jessica Godsall	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Kristina Kaida	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Eva Koumi	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Sarah Ritchie	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Nicole Castle	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Elle Fisk	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Melissa May	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Kasia Milewicz	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Kathryn Moore	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Marissa Raymond	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Clare Ryan	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Paula Van Der Gugten	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Alicia Van Rhijn	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Rebecca Westhoff	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Kirstin Coggins	Outstanding Academic Achievement
	1st Mathematics
Jacqueline Lofgren	Brigidine Year Award for Year 8

YEAR 9

Bianca Chidrawi	1st Design & Technology
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Mandy Cheng	1st Mathematics Advanced
	1st Commerce
	1st Japanese
	1st Science
	1st Visual Arts
Eliza Collier	1st French
Kathryn Doughty	1st Philosophy
Emma Ferns	1st Computing Studies (Equal)
Natalie Foran	1st Textiles & Design

Kate Goldsmith	1st Computing Studies (Equal)
	1st Italian
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Katherine Petrie	1st PDHPE
	1st History
	1st Geography
	1st Food Technology
Stefanie Reinboth	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education (Equal)
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
	1st German (Distance Education)
Clarissa Veil	1st Mathematics Standard
Melissa Williams	1st Australian History
Surangi Weerasinghe	1st Mathematics Intermediate
Anita Younis	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Alana Brittain	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Jasmin Glover	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Alice Jaroszewicz	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Anna Robertson	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Madelyn Blom	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Tina Jedrzejczyk	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Nikki Kuper	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Tessa Montague	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Julia Nimmo	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Lauren Van Beest	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Imogen Cranna	Outstanding Academic Achievement
	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education (Equal)
	1st English
	1st Music
	1st Drama
Aimee Smart	Brigidine Year Award for Year 9

YEAR 10

Lauren Ansell	1st Design & Technology
	1st Sports Science
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Alisa Bounkeua	1st Japanese
Gemma Cavallaro	1st Mathematics Intermediate
Laura Dunn	1st Drama (Equal)
Lauren Farrow	1st Elective History
Katy Hulme	1st Italian
Laura Ingram	1st Textiles & Design
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Nicola Jones	1st Drama (Equal)
Annaleis Martin	1st Food Technology
Lucienne May	1st French
Georgina Neylon	1st Mathematics Standard
Priscilla Pek	1st Music
Gemma Peters	1st English
	1st Geography
	1st Visual Arts
	1st PDHPE
Rebekah Ward	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Morgan Phelan	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Louise Selwood	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Amanda Selwood	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Isabelle Stooke	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Shay Buckingham	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Holly Kendall	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Suzanne Knowles	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Gabrielle Williams	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Angela You	Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Juliana Kwan	Outstanding Academic Achievement
	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
	1st Computing Studies
	1st Commerce
	1st Science
Kelly Wilcox	1st Mathematics Advanced
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
	Brigidine Year Award for Year 10

YEAR 11

Kylie Anania
Veronica Bressi
Sian Cains
Luisa Casella
Lucy Corrigan
Cara Doherty
Jenny Gibson

Emma Hamilton
Nicholle Johnston
Georgia Knox

Jessica Lees
Alison Lloyd
Angela McLaughlin
Linda Manoukian

Jessica Middleton

Hayley Montague

Jessica O'Connor

Rebecca Perry

Melissa Prentice
Celestine Wang

Rosie Westhoff
Tahlea Jarvis
Elisha Keen
Elizabeth Mark
Deborah McIntosh
Jisun Park
Ashley Cornwell
Ashley Doyle
Rebecca Kougelis
Linda Kushkarian
Lisa Trani
Claire Chang

Stephanie Thompson

PRELIMINARY COURSE

1st Music
1st Food Technology
1st Business Studies
1st Italian Continuers
1st Extension English (Equal)
Clare Malone Memorial Prize for Visual Arts in Year 11
1st Music – Course 1
1st Ancient History
1st French
1st Fundamentals of English
Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Studies of Religion 2U
1st Geography (Distance Education)
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
1st Business Services – (Office Administration)
1st Software Design & Development
1st General Mathematics
1st Extension English (Equal)
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
1st PDHPE
1st Senior Science
1st Economics
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
1st English Advanced
1st Chemistry (Equal)
1st English Standard
1st Information Processes & Technology
1st Textiles & Design
Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Studies of Religion 1U
1st Legal Studies
1st Modern History
1st Biology
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Louise de Jong Memorial Prize for Drama in Year 11
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Outstanding Academic Achievement
1st Mathematics
1st Mathematics Extension 1
1st Japanese
1st Physics
1st Chemistry (Equal)
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
Brigidine Year Award for Year 11

YEAR 12

Lisa Carapiet
Aleisha Conlay
Justine Fitzsimmons
Rebecca Iacomino
Carolyn Kiely
Charlotte King

Stephanie King
Jessica Lyon
Thea McLean

Ashley Macedo
Daini Marshall
Natalie Martin

Kahli Mason

Louise Miles

1st Geography (Equal)
1st Music (Equal)
1st Business Services – (Office Administration)
1st Textiles & Design
1st English Standard (Equal)
1st Visual Arts
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
1st PDHPE
1st English Standard (Equal)
1st Modern History
1st History Extension
1st Food Technology
1st General Mathematics
1st Drama
Performer of the Year (Drama Department)
Scarf Award for Commitment to Studies
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
1st French Continuers
1st French Extension
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement

Sarah Pope

Rebecca Stutchbury

Arabella Vescio
Melissa Yen
Louise Bennett
Nicole Bowler
Rachel Carter
Eleanor Rose
Kirrily Bartik
Zoe Demidjuk
Sophie Kulmar
Allison McNicol
Annabelle Peters

1st Information Processes & Technology
1st Geography (Equal)
1st Business Studies
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
1st Software Design & Development
1st Senior Science
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
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Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Merit Certificate for Academic Application
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SPECIAL AWARDS

Sophia Davidson-Gluyas
(Year 10)
Claire Farrow

Amy Livingstone
Monique Meredith
Bernadette Perrin
College Life

Erin Sharland

Julia Thomas
Leeanne Torpey

Ashleigh Tracey

Sister Norma Clare McKay Perpetual Award
1st Philosophy
College Award for Vice Captain of College
Vanessa Kirk Memorial Prize for Ancient History
1st Legal Studies
1st Economics
College Award for Vice Captain of College
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Jenny Laird Memorial Award for Contribution to

Silver Jubilee Trophy for Service and Loyalty
Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Studies of Religion 1U
1st Japanese
1st Biology
Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement

College Award for Captain of College
Feain Perpetual Trophy for Leadership & Loyalty
1st English Advanced (Equal)
1st Music (Equal)

College Award for Sports Captain of College
Sportswoman of the Year
Pierre de Coubertin Award (NSW Olympic Council)

YEAR 12 ACADEMIC PLACINGS

Second (Proxime)

Lara Wetton

Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Studies of Religion 2U
1st English Extension 2
1st English Extension 1
1st Italian Continuers
1st Italian Extension

First (Dux)

Dilini Fonseka

1st English Advanced (Equal)
Joseph Maurer Shield
1st Mathematics
1st Mathematics Extension 1
1st Physics
1st Chemistry

Melisse Haataja

Leeanne Torpey

Brigidine Parents and Friends Award

Brigidine College Medal

TEACHER-IN TANDEM. FAREWELL ADDRESS TO YEAR 12

by Mrs Julianne Barrs.

Some of you may remember a few years ago when the Italian actor and director Roberto Benigni won the Academy Award for best film for his movie "Life Is Beautiful", he spoke in broken English, yet I had never seen anyone convey their emotions so effectively. I recall him saying that he felt an "ocean of gladness" and what better way to express to you how I feel today? Thank you so much Year 12 for asking me to make this speech. It really is an honour and I hope that I can do you justice.

My first memorable experience of this group was when they were in Year 9 and with my first mentor group we headed off to entertain the patients at the Elanora Nursing Home. Imagine if you will fifteen Britney Spears holding their esteemed elderly audience spellbound...Well...it was nothing like that! (Mind you, the patients were captivated, or should I say captive, as Matron had locked all the doors.)

We were fortunate to have Leeanne with us, our one talented singer and musician, but in spite of this our renditions of "Moon River" and "The White Cliffs of Dover" were quite ordinary and it was a relief to all when that part of the visit came to an end. What happened next though made me see these girls in a new light...they proceeded to do what they do best – they were themselves. The kindness and interest which they showed towards the patients floored me and I have never felt so proud of a group of students. Needless to say, I was thrilled to inherit you as a Mentor group again to share your final year of school.

Some may be wondering what my credentials are for making this speech since I only first met these girls in Year 9, but I was very fortunate to have taught nearly every one of them



in Year 10 in what must have seemed a reversion to primary school for some students whose company I kept up to four periods a day for Religion, History and double English. While I am fairly certain that you have only the vaguest memories of Alexander the Great, the Aztec Empire and "The Merchant of Venice", I hope that you will recall that it was enjoyable and that we had some laughs.

We often say that each year group has its own character; this particular cohort is made up dare I say of nearly an over-supply of personalities (sometimes more than one in some of you). The year was already bursting at the seams with personality and then along came Tarryn Morris. Tarryn, not only will we fondly recall your Steve Biko chant, the hard yards that you put in in preparation for the Walkathon, but we will also have an enduring image of you as Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Many of you may have noticed and wondered about the bizarre phenomena with the twin situation in Year 12. Let us consider the facts...there are the Fitzgeralds, the Halpins, the Locketts, the Galletis and there were the Tranis. (Note that Rosanna outlasted Rita at Brigidine and we are still wondering whether there was a sorry ending to one of

their colossal fights that we all used to hear about.)

I have enjoyed hearing about the eighteenth, the plans for the future, the driving tests and the post-HSC cruise! The photos produced from the various parties have been very enlightening – Arabella at one party dressed as a nun, then Arabella as a goliwog, then Arabella as an albino at Amy's "A" eighteenth. She has worn many disguises but somehow has always been recognisable!

It was impressive to see that despite the demands of study that Year 12 students got into the spirit of Founders' Day and contributed to the International Food Fair by making some gourmet treats. Some of you may have sampled a very special treat called "Latvian Ladies Fingers" – Ashleigh Goff and Caitlin Smith lovingly cooked these delicacies according to their own secret recipe. Thankfully nobody was hospitalised in the aftermath so we are safe to talk about it now. Somehow I do not think that these two are going to be causing the likes of Jamie Oliver and Nigella Bites any lost sleep!

You have heard yourselves referred to as guinea pigs, being the first cohort to experience the new HSC courses, but what an extremely talented group of guinea pigs you are. There is a significant depth of talent in this group. The creativity and skill would have amazed anyone who got a glimpse of the major works as they took shape down in the senior art room (and it seems very unfair to us mere mortals that people like Rebecca can be renowned for their art as well as their textiles).

Girls, you know that Mr. Meyers has very high standards, but I have actually heard him pay tribute to the clever girls in his Maths class (even though rumour has it that you tease him about his domestic skills).

One of you said to me recently that she could not have possibly worked any harder this year. To those of you who have shown such exemplary self



discipline and motivation it must feel very satisfying to know that you have been so committed and met your goals. You deserve to do well and will do well in life simply through the positive attitude and work ethic you have already forged for yourselves. It would be remiss of me not to mention Dilini who is not only an outstanding student, but a hard worker. Perhaps the most impressive thing of all though is the way that she has been so humble in her success. I also believe that it is a great credit to your year that you have collectively been so supportive of those who have made outstanding academic achievements.

On behalf of the staff I would now like to pay tribute to our school leaders for the year 2001:

Claire, we know that Natasha Stott-Despoja is your role model, but I don't think that she should be too complacent about her leadership with you about to leave school. Thank you for your many contributions. Amy, you too have shown the school great service and have always done so with your trademark smile. And Monique,



your positive, cheerful presence and your integrity have made a significant impact. Ash, as our Sports Captain you have been the local hero of Brigidine. Everywhere you go around the school I hear girls from every year saying hello to you. When you spoke at assemblies everyone listened. Finally, Julia, you have been a loyal and devoted captain. When the demands of your role were significant you were unfailingly gracious, calm and willing.

The five of you have your own unique, outstanding qualities and the school is very grateful for your stylish leadership.

Mrs.Lindsay said to me one day that you girls don't realise how much you give us just by being who you are. You help us in ways that you would not even be aware of – teaching is very much a two way experience in that regard. You have been very fortunate to have had co-ordinators who have been very generous with their time and who have always shown a keen interest in your well-being. For some of you leaving is going to be a very difficult thing, especially you Carla, whose obvious attachment to Mrs.Lindsay manifested itself in you sleeping on the floor of her cabin on the Year 12 retreat.

I think that you girls are beautiful and I'm not talking about "beauty" according to what the media would have us believe it is. I am referring to the beauty that comes from being grounded in goodness. You are people who are much loved, you are happy people; there is always laughter in the air wherever a group of you gather, and you are people who give love freely. That is what makes you beautiful. You have been given so many opportunities at Brigidine and have formed good friendships. Never take anything like this for granted.

One of your most endearing qualities is your genuine, friendly naturalness. This is something which to you would probably not seem at all out of the ordinary. I have walked along the

path to McCammon and fallen into step with Eleanora. Without any reservation she grabbed my hand and beamed hello. I went to the Hockey one Saturday and Thea was there watching her sister Tess play. When I said hello she impulsively put her arm around me – "Hi Mrs.Barrs". Earlier this year Nicole and I traveled home together from a performance of "King Lear" in town. As we joined a queue to buy our train tickets we were chatting and laughing. A lady in front of us turned around and asked me if we were sisters. How could I explain that we were teacher and student? The explanation would not have seemed adequate. There is a natural way that you connect to people which for me is almost indescribable. The warmth that you exude has touched us.

With that in mind I would like to finish with a prayer that has given me a lot of direction. It is, as you are all too aware, a complex world that you are flying out into, but if you remember to value the seemingly simple things like laughter, friendship and love, then your lives will continue to be very rich.

So, on behalf of the staff to the Year 12 students of 2001:

I like the people around me
I like joy, and this way joy comes back to me.

I like friendship, and this way my life is blessed and my days are full of smiles.

I don't have to possess a single thing to enjoy it at all.

There is so much to gain if I concentrate on little things and on the people around me.

There are so many surprises and so many wonders to be discovered.

Thankyou for all that you have given us and remember that Brigidine will always be your school and that you are always welcome back to share with us your experiences.



Angela Au



Emily Barrett



Kirrily Bartik



Louise Bennett



Jill Bentley



Amy Bird



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Jessica Blight



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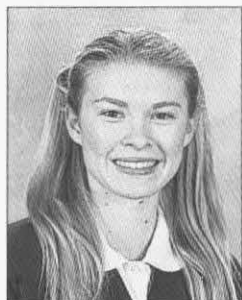
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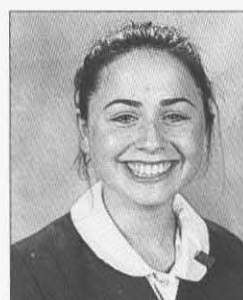
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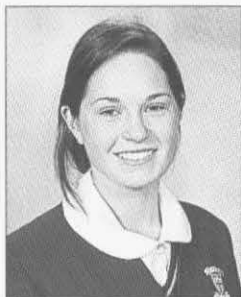
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Laura Hennessy



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Candice Higgins



Jennifer Holmes



Kimberley Hook



Leah Hopcroft



Rebecca Iacomino



Antonija Iljadica



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Johnston*



*Cassandra
Kavanagh*



Julia Kensy



Carolyn Kiely



Charlotte King



Stephanie King



Olivia Koorey



Victoria Koudsy



Sophie Kulmar



Sarah Landon



Gemma Layland



Amy Livingstone



Jessica Lockett



*Samantha
Lockett*



Jessica Lyon



Ashley Macedo



Daini Marshall



Cara Martin



Natalie Martin



Kahli Mason



Alexandra McArthur



Thea McLean



Michelle McNab



Allison McNicol



Monique Meredith



Louise Miles



Sarah Mitchell



*Sarah
Montgomery*



Tarryn Morris



Amanda Nixon



Shari Norman



Natalie Oliver



Bernadette Perrin



Annabelle Peters



Carla Pocklington



Lilit Pogosian



Sarah Pope



Lauren Quick



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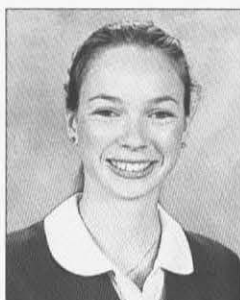
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Lee Rickey



Fiona Ritchie



Eleanor Rose



Priscilla Saouma



Nikki Searle



Grace Seeto



Erin Sharland



Caitlin Smith



Christine Stoten



*Rebecca
Stutchbury*



Corinne Switzer



Yvette Szalay



Sharna Taranto



Nicole Tarrant



*Natasha
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Julia Thomas



Leeanne Torpey



Ashleigh Tracey



Rosanna Trani



Jessica Upton



Arabella Vescio



Lara Wetton



Zoe Whittaker



Kelly Wilkinson



Georgina Williams



Melissa Yen



*Lisa-Marie
Zaarour*



Tamara Zampa

Angela Au

Application of Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, St Vincent de Paul Society Member

Emily Barrett

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Fashion Parade Participant, Textile & Design Competition Award

Kirrilly Bartik

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant

Louise Bennett

Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, Ciceronian Society Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Debating Club Captain, Debating Club Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Student Newspaper, Tournament of Minds, Year 11 Play Participant

Jill Bentley

Swimming Club Captain, Swimming Club Member, Academic Achievement Award, Athletics Club Member, Basketball Club Member, Biathlon Team Member, Cross Country Team Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Peer Support Leader, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Athletics team member, Surf team member

Amy Bird

Basketball Club Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Softball Club Member, Voluntary Community Services, Softball Coach, Basketball Coach, BBSSA Basketball Gala Day (2001), BBSSA Softball Team Gala Day (1998)

Katherine Blenkinsop

Chess Masters, Choir Member, College Musical, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Jammers Music Group, Peer Support Leader, Philosophy Group Member, Student

Representative Council Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Year 11 Play Participant

Jessica Blight

Basketball Club Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Gymnastics Team Member, Peer Support Leader, St Vincent de Paul Society Member

Esther Bomford

Fashion Parade Participant, Blood donor

Nicole Bowler

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Cross Country Team Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Art Club Captain

Eleanora Bressi

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Representative Council Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant

Jaya Cannon

Application to Studies Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Textile & Design Competition Award

Lisa Carapiet

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Archemidian Society Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Interhouse Public Speaking, Student Representative Council Member

Livia Caronna

Basketball Club Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Broken Bay Youth Forum

Rachel Carter

Academic Achievement Award,

Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Philosophy Group Member, Psychology Association Member, Socratic Society Member, Socratic Society President, Student Newspaper, Art Club Member

Aleisha Conlay

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, College Musical, Fashion Parade Participant, Film Crew Group Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Jammers Music Group, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Softball Club Member, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Year 9/10 Play Participant (All Stops Outs), "Romeo and Juliet" Participant (crew), Music Cabaret Night Participant, Year 12 Music Night Participant, Year 12 Drama Night Participant, Drama Night Participant (2000)

Suzanne Cox

Principal's Silver Award, Principal's Bronze Award, College House Captain, Academic Achievement Award, Athletics Club Member, Biathlon Team Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Cross Country Team Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, String Ensemble Member, Swimming Club Member, Waterpolo Club Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Dance Spectacular, Olympic Opening Ceremony, Music Cabaret Night

Amy Crawford

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Softball Club Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

Lauren Daly

Netball Club Captain, Netball Coach, Netball Umpire, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Touch Football Team Member, Voluntary Community Services, Indooroopilly Netball Exchange, SCEGGS Gala Days, BBSSA Gala Days

Zoe Demidjuk

College House Vice-Captain, Academic Achievement Award,

Application to Studies Award, Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Waterpolo Club Member, Netball Gala Days - SCEGGS and BBSSA, Indooroopilly Netball Exchange Program, Year Co-ordinator Award, Mentor Awards, Swimming Team Member, Athletics Team Member

Claire Farrow

College Vice-Captain, Debating Club Captain, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Ciceronian Society Member, CSDA Public Speaking, Editor - School Newspaper, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Justinian Society Member, Mock Trial Competition, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Psychology Association Member, Public Speaking Association, Shakespeare's World Member, Student Newspaper, Toastmasters School Youth Leadership Award, Writer's Pen Member, Year 11 Play Participant, National Schools Constitutional Convention in Melbourne

Laura Fisk

Application to Studies Award, Animal Welfare League, Choir Member, College Musical, Film Crew Group Member, Peer Support Leader, Periclean Society Member, Schools in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Convenor, Shakespeare's World Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant

Emily Fitzgerald

Application to Studies Award, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Schools in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Convenor

Sarah Fitzgerald

Application to Studies Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School

Justine Fitzsimmons

Principal's Bronze Award, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward

School, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Waterpolo Club Member, Tennis Lessons – Yr 7 & 8

Lauren Flanagan

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Student Representative Council Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Bali Tour – 1999, Dance Spectacular Performer, Opening and Closing Olympic Ceremony, Pacific School Games – Opening and Closing Ceremony, Australia's Wonderland Dance Group, Ryde Eisteddfod Dance Group

Erin Flew

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Interhouse Public Speaking, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Year 10 Community Service, Salvation Army Raffle Tickets, Red-Nose Day Merchandise Seller

Dilini Fonseka

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Editor - School Newspaper, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outstanding Academic Achievement, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Textile & Design Competition Award, Voluntary Community Services, Participant in Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games – Dancer

Alicia Fourie

Liturgy Society Member, Sydney Youth Forum, Year 11 Play Participant

Rachel Galletti

Choir Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Student Representative Council Member, Tournament of Minds, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 9-10 Drama Nights

Sarah Galletti

Application to Studies Award, Chess Masters, Choir Member, College Musical, Concert Band Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team

Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Student Representative Council Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, 9-10 Drama Night

Ashleigh Goff

College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Film Crew Group Member, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Swimming Club Member, Tournament of Minds, Year 11 Play Participant

Jessica Golding

Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Debating Club Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Fencing Team Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, St Vincent de Paul Society Member

Lindsay Gordon

Academic Achievement Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Representative Council Member

Ashleigh Gould

Melisse Haataja

St Vincent de Paul Society President, Basketball Club Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Peer Support Leader, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, World Vision Youth Leadership Convention, World Vision 40 Hour Famine, Study Tour Semi-Finalist, Broken Bay Youth Forum

Lisa Marie Hagan

Emma Halpin

Basketball Club Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Year 11 Play Participant, Shakespeare Club Crew Year 10

Fiona Halpin

Academic Achievement Award, College Musical, Performing Arts Society Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Shakespeare Festival, Subs Club, Olympic Games Dancer, Dance Spectacular

Jessica Hart-Davies

Debating Club Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Peer Support Leader, Year 11 Play Participant

Jodi Harvey

Academic Achievement Award, Animal Welfare League, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, College Musical, Concert Band Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Taekwando

Katrice Haxell

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Voluntary Community Services

Laura Hennessy

College Musical, Cross Country Team Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

Kate Higginbotham

Academic Achievement Award, Animal Welfare League, College Musical, Film Crew Group Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Schools in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Convenor

Candice Higgins

Basketball Club Member, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Swimming Club Member, Bali Tour 1999, Peru Expedition 2001

Jennifer Holmes

Netball Carnival – CASSA, KNA Netball Umpiring, Dance Club Member 1997

Kimberley Hook

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Peer Support Leader, Softball Club Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Representative Council Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Women's Issues Forum Group, World Vision Youth Leadership Convention (2001), Netball Team - Indooropilly Brisbane in 2001 (hosted member this year), SCEGGS Netball

Carnival Representative, BBSSA Netball Carnival

Leah Hopcroft

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Archimedean Society Member, Athletics Club Member, Biathlon Team Member, Choir Member, College Musical, Cross Country Team Member, Debating Club Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Hockey Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Philosophy Group Member, Political Issues Forum Member, Psychology Association Member, Softball Club Member, Student Newspaper, Student Representative Council Member, Swimming Club Captain (Vice), United Nations Youth Association, Volleyball Team Member, Waterpolo Club Member, Women's Issues Forum Group, Year 11 Play Participant

Rebecca Iacomino

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Editor - School Newspaper, Fashion Parade Participant, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Representative Council Member - Year 11, Textile & Design Competition Award, Editor - Year 12 Yearbook

Antonija Iljadica

Liturgy Society President, Application to Studies Award, Application to Studies Award, Athletics Club Member, Choir Member, Ciceronian Society Member, College Musical, Concert Band Member, Cross Country Team Member, Debating Club Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Interhouse Public Speaking, Mock Trial Competition, Public Speaking Association, Writer's Pen Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Brigidine Youth Theatre, Brigidine Year Award (Yr 10), Taekwondo

Rhiannon Johnston

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Textile & Design Competition Award

Cassandra Kavanagh

Academic Achievement Awards, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Debating Club Member, Duke of Edinburgh

Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Year 11 Play Participant

Julia Kensy

Principal's Bronze Award, Application to Studies Award - Music (Year 9), Choir Member, College Musical - Orchestra (Years 8-11), Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, String Ensemble Member, Public Speaking Competition 1996, Highly Commended, Music Camp - (Years 7-12), Music Cabaret Nights - (Years 7-12), Performed with String Group at Corpus Christie Art Show, Founders Day Masses and other masses at different times in the Church year.

Carolyn Kiely

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Debating Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking - Finals, Netball Team Member, Peer Support Leader, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Student Representative Council Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, College Musical, Athletics Representative - 1997,

Charlotte King

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Athletics Club Member, Basketball Club Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Cross Country Team Member, Fashion Parade Participant, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Waterpolo Club Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Yearbook Organisation

Stephanie King

Netball Club Vice-Captain, Netball Team Member (Umpire), Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Netball Gala Days - BBSSA, CGSSA and SCEGGS, Indooroopilly Netball Exchange Program

Olivia Koorey

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member (Coach), Student Representative Council Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Bali Tour 1999, Netball Gala Days - BBSSA, CGSSA and SCEGGS, Indooroopilly Netball Exchange Program, KNA Netball Umpire, Athletics Team Member - BBSSA, IGSSA and CCC, Subs Club

Victoria Koudsy

Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Textile & Design Competition Award

Sophie Kulmar

College House Captain - Lourdes, Application to Studies Award, Athletics Club Member - Broken Bay, CCC ('96-'01), College Musical, Concert Band Member ('96-'99), Cross Country Team Member - Broken Bay, CCC ('01), Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Netball Team Member ('97-'01), Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Psychology Association Member, Student Representative Council Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Netball Sceggs Carnival, Netball Gala Day

Sarah Landon

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Choir Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, CSDA Public Speaking

Gemma Layland

Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Concert Band Member, Debating Club Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Representative Council Member

Amy Livingstone

College Vice-Captain, Periclean Society President, Principal's Bronze Award, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Film Crew Group Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide &

Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Schools in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Convenor, Schools in Parliament, Shakespeare's World Member (Stage Manager '99, '00), Student Representative Council Member, United Nations Youth Association, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Year 11 Play Participant, IGSSA Religious & Ethical Questions

Jessica Lockett

Principal's Silver Award, Principal's Bronze Award, Prolife Society President, Animal Welfare League, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

Samantha Lockett

Animal Welfare League, College Musical, Fashion Parade Participant, Film Crew Group Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Prolife Society Member, School Representative of Australian Business Week, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Years 9 & 10 Drama Nights

Jessica Lyon

Academic Achievement Award, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Performing Arts Society Member, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant

Ashley Macedo

Principal's Silver Award, Principal's Bronze Award, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Waterpolo Club Member

Daini Marshall

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Peer Support Leader, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services,

Athletics - BBSSA, IGSSA, CCC, Swimming - BBSSA, Bali Expedition (1999), Peru/Bolivia Expedition (2000)

Cara Martin

Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Cross Country Team Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Hockey Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Softball Club Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Athletics Representative, Bali Expedition (1999), Year 12 Yearbook Editor

Natalie Martin

Performing Arts Society President, Shakespeare Festival Regional & State Finals, City of Sydney Performing Arts Challenge, Academic Achievement Award, Archemidian Society Member, Choir Member, Ciceronian Society Member, College Musical and Music Cabaret Nights, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Film Crew Group Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Jammers Music Group, Justinian Society Member, Mock Trial Competition, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Public Speaking Association, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Shakespeare's World Member, Student Representative Council Member, Toastmasters School Youth Leadership Award, Tournament of Minds, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Brigidine Drama Group, Youth Speaks - Rotary Club, Drama Showcase, Jubilee 2001 Drama Group, Music Camps

Kahli Mason

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Softball Club Captain, St Vincent de Paul Society Member

Alexandra McArthur

Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Voluntary Community Services

Thea McLean

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, College

Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Hockey Club Captain (Vice), Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Shakespeare's World Member, Year 11 Play Participant

Michelle McNab

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, Debating Club Member, Netball Team Member, Peer Support Leader, Student Newspaper,

Allison McNicol

College House Vice-Captain – Kildare, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Athletics Club Member, Cross Country Team Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Hockey Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Socratic Society Member, Softball Club Member, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Athletics Representative Team, BBSSSA, CCC State Athletics, Pittwater House Invitational Swim Meet, Netball Gala Day Team, Ski Trip

Monique Meredith

College Vice-Captain, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", CSDA Public Speaking, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Jammers Music Group, Liturgy Society Member, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Performing Arts Society Member, Shakespeare's World Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Representative Council Member, Sydney Youth Forum, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Women's Issues Forum Group, Year 11 Play Participant, Jubilee Performer, Shakespeare Club, Shakespeare Festival, City of Sydney Performing Arts Challenge

Louise Miles

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, College Musical, Fashion Parade Participant, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Shakespeare's World Member, Student Representative Council Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Southern Cross – Cultural Exchange Student to France (3 months)

Sarah Mitchell

Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking Finalist, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

Sarah Montgomery

Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

Tarryn Morris

College House Captain, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Hockey Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Jammers Music Group, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Performing Arts Society President (Vice), Shakespeare's World Member, Student Representative Council Member, Year 11 Play Participant, City of Sydney Performing Arts Challenge, Shakespeare Festival (State Finals), Jubilee 2001 Performer

Amanda Nixon

College House Vice-Captain, Animal Welfare League, Application to Studies Award, Cross Country Team Member, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Schools in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Convenor

Shari Norman

Animal Welfare League, Chess Masters, Choir Member, Film Crew Group Member, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Peer Support Leader, Schools in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Convenor, Shakespeare's World Member, Tournament of Minds, Year 11 Play Participant

Natalie Oliver

Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Peer Support Leader, Bali Tour '99

Bernadette Perrin

Academic Achievement Award, Archemedian Society Member, Chess Masters, Ciceronian Society Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Hockey Club Member, Justinian Society Member, Liturgy Society Member, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Scribblers Creative Writing Group, Student Representative Council Member, United Nations Youth Association

Annabelle Peters

Application to Studies Award, Application to Studies Award, Chess Masters, Ciceronian Society Member, Netball Team Member, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Periclean Society Member, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, United Nations Youth Association, Women's Issues Forum Group

Carla Pocklington

Principal's Bronze Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Duke of Edinburgh Club Captain, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Softball Club Coach, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Community Services

Lilit Pogolian

Application to Studies Award, Debating Club Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member

Sarah Pope

Olympic Games Opening Ceremony Tap dancer, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Netball Coach, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services- (St Vincent de Paul), Year 11 Play Participant, BBSSSA and CGSSA Netball Gala Days

Lauren Quick

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Netball Team Member, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, United Nations Youth Association, Volleyball Team Member

Kate Randolph

Debating Club Member, Fashion Parade Participant, St Vincent de Paul Society Member

Christine Rashbrook

Academic Achievement Award, Chess Masters, Concert Band Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Fundraising for Selena Murray Fund, Shakespeare Festival

Emma Raymond

Application of Achievement Award, College Musical, Concert Band Member, Cross Country Team Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, St Vincent de Paul

Society Member, Student Representative Council Member, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Community Services

Lee Rickey

Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Interhouse Public Speaking, Japanese Exchange Homestay Program, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Vocational Education Training Award

Fiona Ritchie

College Musical (Band and make-up), Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Gymnastics Team Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Voluntary Community Services, Administration manager of Techno Vision Practice firm, Principal's award (Year 8 project)

Eleanor Rose

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Hockey Club Member, Netball Team Member, Softball Club Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Business Studies Competition High Distinction (3rd in State), Economics Award (High Distinction), Netball – Sceggss, BBSSSA, Indooroopilly, Basketball Gala days

Priscilla Saooma

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Peer Support Leader, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Volleyball Team Member

Nikki Searle

Choir Member, College Musical, Concert Band Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Jammers Music Group, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Performing Arts Society Member, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Student Representative Council Member, Swimming Club Member, Tennis Club Member, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Year 11 Play Participant, College Drama Nights, Music and Cabaret Nights

Grace Seeto

Chess Masters, College Musical, Gymnastics Team Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, College Year 12 Music Night, Cabaret Night

Erin Sharland

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Archemidian Society President, Choir Member, Ciceronian Society Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", CSDA Public Speaking, Debating Club Member, Editor - School Newspaper, Film Crew Group Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Justinian Society Member, Mock Trial Competition, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Outstanding Academic Achievement, Peer Support Leader, Public Speaking Association, Shakespeare's World Member, St Vincent de Paul Society Member, Student Newspaper, Tennis Club Member, Tournament of Minds Facilitator 2001, Voluntary Community Services, Young Inventors Network & Mastermind Competition, Centre for Excellence Founding Committee Member, Rotary Youth Speaks

Caitlin Smith

Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Choir Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Peer Support Leader, Tennis Club Member, Year 11 Play Participant

Christine Stoten

Rebecca Stutchbury

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, School Representative in National Bank Language Competition, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Year 11 Play Participant, Shakespeare Club (1999)

Corinne Switzer

Archemidian Society Member, Athletics Club Member, Chess Masters, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Psychology Association Member, Voluntary Community Services, Business Services Administrative Manager (Practice Firm)

Yvette Szalay

Academic Achievement Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Hockey Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Netball Team Member, Peer Support Leader, Swimming Team Member, Touch Football Team Member, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Surf Team member, Netball - Sceggs, BBSSA, Indooroopilly

Sharna Taranto

Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Swimming Club Member, Voluntary Community Services

Nicole Tarrant

College House Captain, Athletics Club Member, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Student Representative Council Member, Swimming Club Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Waterpolo Club Captain, Bali Tour 1999, CEO Practice Firm, Swimming Representative BBSSA, IGSSA, Athletics Representative BBSSA, IGSSA, Waterpolo Gala Day

Natasha Termytelen

Animal Welfare League, Application to Studies Award, Cross Country Team Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Outreach Program - Sir Eric Woodward School, Voluntary Community Services

Julia Thomas

College Captain, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Jammers Music Group, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Performing Arts Society Member, Shakespeare's World Member, Volleyball Team Member, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Jubilee 2000 Performer, Pacific School Games Dancer, Olympic Games Opening Ceremony Dancer, Shakespeare Club (Romeo & Juliet performance), City of Sydney Drama Eisteddfod, Shakespeare Festival, College Dance Spectacular

Leeanne Torpey

Tennis Club Captain, Ciceronian Society President, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Choir Member, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, CSDA Public Speaking, Debating Club Member, Editor - School Newspaper, Fashion Parade Participant, Interhouse Public Speaking, Justinian Society Member, Mock Trial Competition, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Public Speaking Association, Student Newspaper, Student Representative Council Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Tournament of Minds, Rotary Youth Speaks

Ashleigh Tracey

College Sports Captain, Principal's Silver Award, Principal's Bronze Award, Application to Studies Award, Athletics Club Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Concert Band Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Interhouse Public Speaking, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Peer Support Leader, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Softball Club Member, Swimming Club Member, Touch Football Team Member, Voluntary Community Services, Waterpolo Club Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Softball Representative BBSSA (CCC Tournament), Athletics Team Member BBSSA, Ski Trip

Rosanna Trani

Choir Member, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Fashion Parade Participant, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Student Representative Council Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Voluntary Charity Fundraising

Jessica Upton

Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Textile & Design Competition Award, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Netball Coach, BBSSA Netball Gala Day

Arabella Vescio

Basketball Club Captain, College House Vice-Captain, Application to Studies Award, Athletics Club Member, Cross Country Team Member, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Tennis Club Member, Year 11 Play Participant, Basketball Coach, BBSSA Basketball Gala Day, IGSSA Tennis

Lara Wetton

Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, College Musical, Editor - School Newspaper, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, String Ensemble Member, Student Newspaper, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Year 11 Play Participant, Southern Cross Cultural Exchange participant (home stay in Italy)

Zoe Whittaker

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Swimming Club Member, Textile & Design Competition Award

Kelly Wilkinson

Netball Coach, Netball Team Member, Film Crew Group Member, Peer Support Leader, Performing Arts Society Member, Shakespeare's World Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, Year 11 Play Participant, Indooroopilly Representative Team 2000-01, BBSSA Netball participant, Sceggs Netball participant

Georgina Williams

Academic Achievement Award, College Musical, Interhouse Public Speaking, Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Student Representative Council Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

Melissa Yen

Hockey Club Captain, Academic Achievement Award, Application to Studies Award, College Musical, Community Service Yr 12 "Street Retreat", Interhouse Public Speaking, Softball Club Member, Student Representative Council Member

Lisa-Marie Zaarour

College Musical, Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Open Day Tour Guide & Assistant, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services

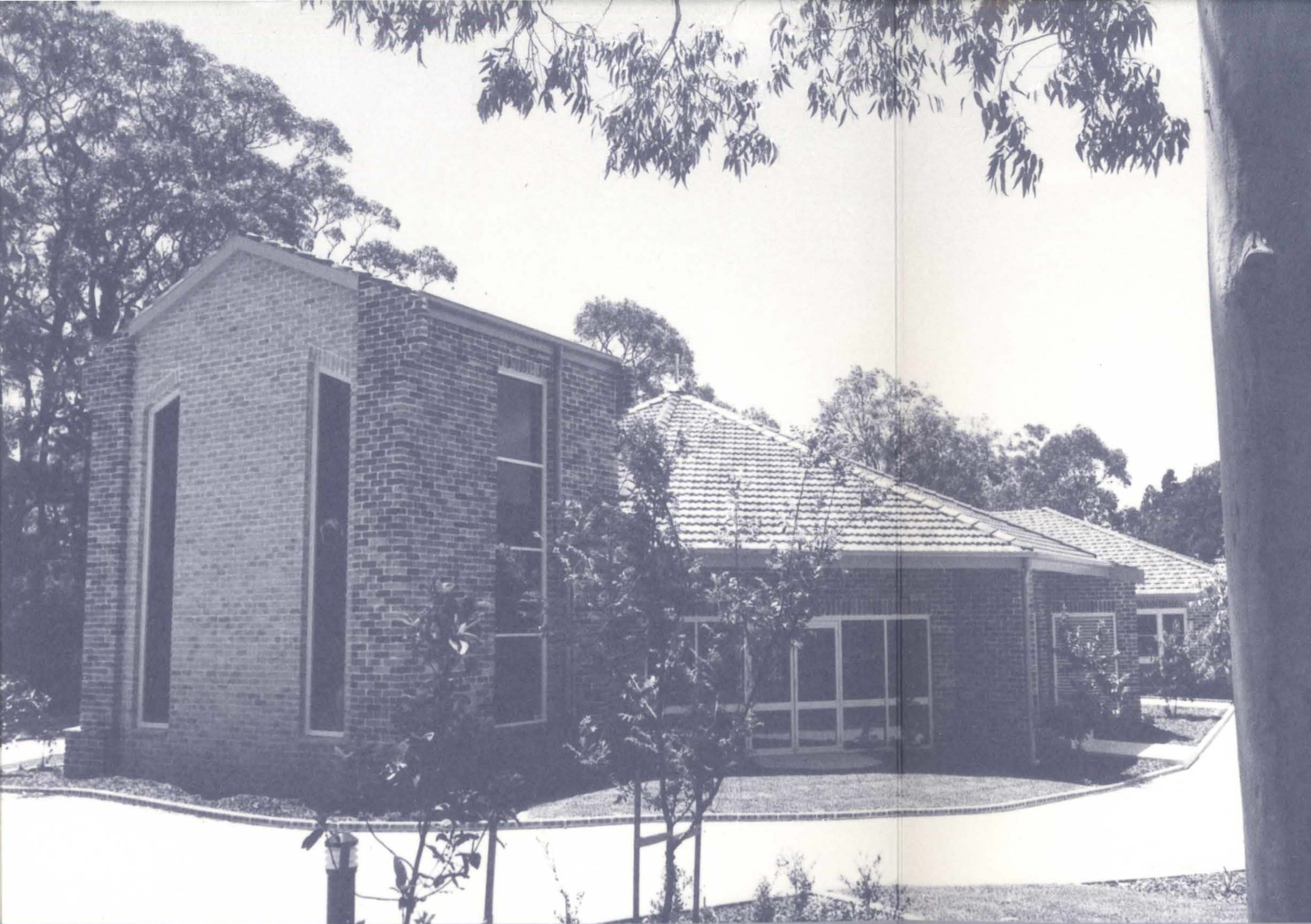
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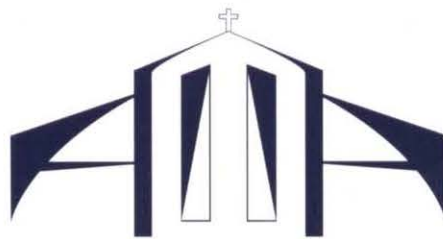
Application to Studies Award, Basketball Club Member, Fashion Parade Participant, Netball Team Member, Voluntary Charity Fundraising, Voluntary Community Services, BBSSA Basketball Gala Day

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Due to a publishing oversight, Thea Mclean's photo on Page 137 was omitted and another inserted in its place. We apologise to Thea and her family for this omission. The correct photo is reproduced here.







St Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell,
Bless ev'ry fireside, ev'ry wall and floor,
Bless ev'ry heart that beats beneath its roof.
And every tongue and mind for evermore.

Bless ev'ry hand that toils to bring it joy.
And ev'ry foot that walks its portals through.
This is my wish today, my constant prayer.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell,
Bless ev'ry fireside, ev'ry wall and floor,
Bless ev'ry heart that beats beneath its roof.
And every tongue and mind for evermore.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

