

THE ANCHOR



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President's Report

Welcome to the March 2024 edition of the ANCHOR.

Another year is underway at Williamstown High School. The new Senior Centre for the year 12 students is going to be ready this year! It has been promised for the last couple of years but looks like it will finally be finished. See the note from the W-files later on in this issue.

We will be continuing our reunion focus on the class celebrating it's 50th anniversary since finishing at WHS. This year it will be the turn of the Class of 1974. This group has been having their own independent reunions about every 5 years so they are well organised. There is a list of names from the class photos later on in this issue. The reunion run by the WHSESSA will be on Wednesday 4 December.

We are continuing the maintenance of our archives when time allows. We have many old photos, uniform pieces, hats etc that have been collected over the years. These are stored at WHS and used in displays from time to time.

As the years go by our numbers are dwindling. There are fewer and fewer people interested in belonging to organisations such as ours. Younger ex-students have many more means of staying connected to each other than we ever had. Throughout the COVID period and into the present your committee is continuing to press on as best we can.

We are always in need of some younger ex-students to join us and take the association into the future. Without some serious renewal the association will eventually have to cease operating.

If you know of any youngsters (any-one under about 65!!!) who might be interested please get in touch.

Hold Fast

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Year 12 Study Centre and Stage 2 Performing Arts Centre

This year, after several delays, we will complete the building of stage two of our performing arts and VCE study centre. At the opening assembly, I promised the Year 12 students they would be moving into that space on day one of Term 2. I am pleased to say, at this stage, my promise will be easily met with final works slightly ahead of schedule. Both these facilities will be amazing additions to the Pasco environment, and we look forward to our students greatly benefiting from these additions.

2023 VCE Results

The results achieved by our Class of 2023 were exceptional. We were very pleased to see 28 Year 12 students achieving ATARs of more than 90, with 65 percent attaining over 70. We had four students achieve a perfect study score of 50 in the subjects of English Literature, Media, Outdoor & Environmental Studies, and Creative & Digital Media. Our dux, Sophie Page, achieved an ATAR of 99.15.

With 99 percent of the cohort successfully obtaining their VCE certificate, the Year 12s also achieved our equal highest median score of 32, which together with a WHS record 12 percent of VCE study scores over 40, continues to place us amongst elite schools in terms of VCE outcomes.

We also celebrated our first year of the VCE VM program, with students sharing they are now working full time in their chosen career pathways as a direct result of completing this program. Katie Hogan received the VCE VM outstanding student award.

A majority of our students continue to receive first round tertiary offers. It is pleasing to hear many of these individuals with their diverse pursuits attribute their success and the doors that have been opened to them to their time at WHS. We wish the Class of 2023 the best of luck with their future endeavours, and we look forward to hearing of their achievements in years to come.

Class of 1974

The class of 1974 are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. As part of those celebrations we would like to invite them to our end of year reunion. The following list shows the names of those who completed their Form 6 in 1974.

ARMAND , Alan
ASHMOLE , Wayne
ASHWORTH , Janette
BELL , Jeff
BLUNT , Ian
BLUNT , Tim
BOLD , Robin
BOLD , Tim
CHAMBERS , Gillian
CHAN , Tom
DINGEY , Peter
DOWLING , John
FECHNER , Raelene
FLEISCHER , Susan
FOORD , David
GODDING , Glorina
HALL , Trevor
HILL , Tim

JORGENSEN , Sandra
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KARKAR , Dina
KEHAG , Julie
LASZLO , Barbara
LESTER , Bruce
LIVINGSTONE , Rosalie
McDOWELL , Sheryl
McGRATH , Ian
McKAY , Doryea
MESSINA , Edward
Miroslav ???
MURPHY , Guy
NASH , Peter
OTTER , Doug
OWEN , Meredith
PENTREATH , Ann
PETERSON , Vicki

PORTER , Jill
ROBINSON , Bruce
ROBINSON , Jenny
SAHAAR , Linda
SAKER , Neil
SEGA , Vicki
SERENELLA ???
SHARPLES , Ron
SHAW , Ron
SHEILL , Margaret
SMALLMAN , Linda
TOWNSEND , David
VAN WYNGARDEN , Geoff
VUKSEVIC , Ljiljana
WARE , Phillip
WINTER , Jane

WHS Form 1a 1969

The start of their journey through Williamstown High School

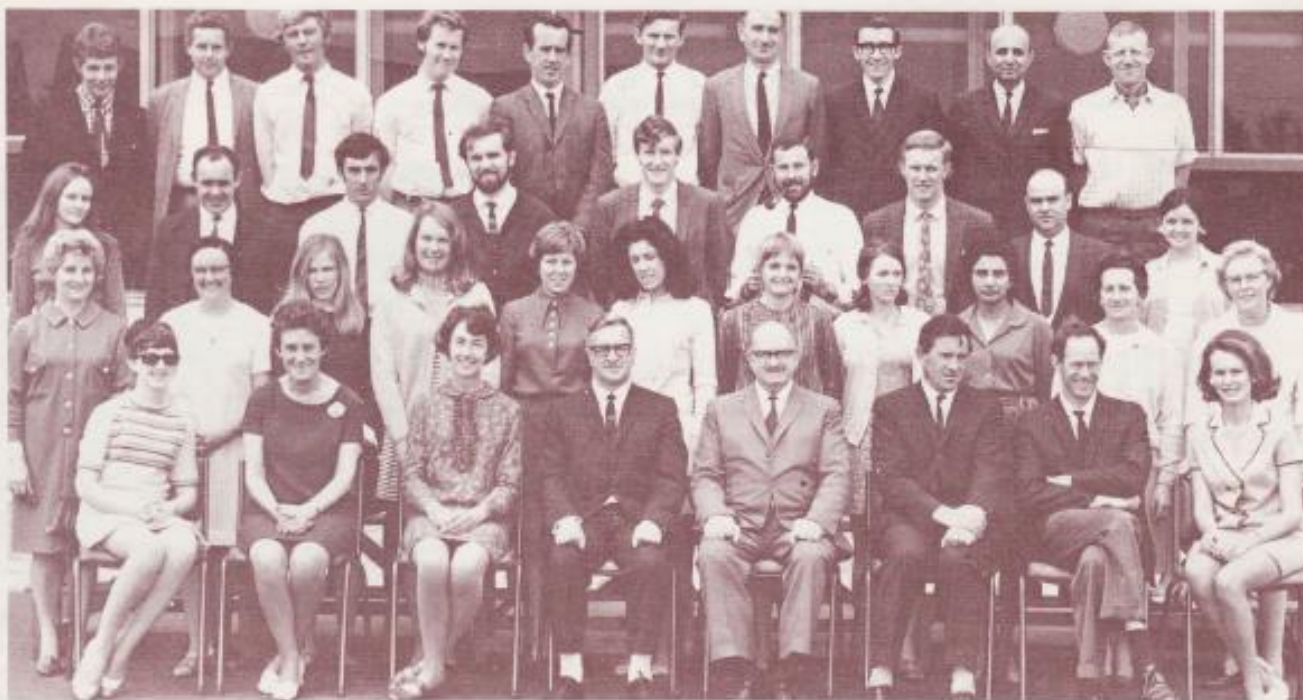


Back : Unknown , Unknown , Unknown , Unknown , Unknown , Colin Armond , Andrew Reece , Doug Otter , Trevor Hall , Ian Domony , Tom Hill , Tony Oliver
Row 2 : Brian Clarke , Heather Phillips , Sally Olver , Susan Fleisher , Sonia Scopf , Jacqueline Welch , Judith Loyd , Linda Smallman , Greta Cummings , Julie? Baulch , Heather Powley , Rosemary Wing , Andrew Murray
Row 3 : Sandra Jorgensen , Pauline Walker , Sharon Briscoe , Jennifer Pitts , Susan Penniquick , Sheryl McDowell , Janine Cameron , Helen Gunn
Front : Terry Allsop , Irene Constantinou , Gary Ravenscroft , Jane Morse , Judy Gorin , Glenda Marr

From High Tide 1969

Here is the Williamstown High School teachers photo from 1969.

Amongst them are some very long-term teachers at WHS. Harry Forecast, Dennis Henstridge and Brian Halloran were three of these. Also present at the time was Ron Tandberg who went on to become more famous for political cartoons in The Age than he ever was as an Art teacher at WHS. He also contributed many early cartoons to the editions of High Tide that came out in the 1970s.



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Also from High Tide 1969

A couple of interesting adventure stories from WHS students

Une Promenade de la Bicyclette à la Werribee River.

Four intrepid pioneers set out one Sunday to rediscover Werribee — the hard way.

With cries of "Forward Ho" and "Watch out for that puddle!" we set out at 7 am like true explorers. We passed through Laverton at about 8 am and continued on behind the R.A.A.F. base, pedalling frantically against what seemed like a roaring gale. Even the cows were moving faster than we were.

It was an amusing sight for the driver of a passing public Works truck to see a group of girls down on all fours trying to reassemble a bike chain.

After this slight mishap we had to travel on three miles of gravel road studded with pot holes like quarries. This can be disastrous, especially when a fellow rider cannot mount a bike without falling over every time. Thus we wasted much time. There are no houses and very few trees along this stretch of road so there was quite a panic when the heavens opened up for several minutes. Bikes were thrown to the ground and there was a sudden rush for the one raincoat and one groundsheet that we had brought with us. When the rain stopped, looking like the proverbial drowned rats, we pedalled on in the hope that the main road was not far ahead.

But in vain! Another two miles of gravel.

Oh the joy when vehicles could be seen in the distance. We rode into Werribee shortly after.

Cries for food & water could be heard all over Werribee until we had lunch at the unbelievable time of 10.30 at Chirnside Park. People in the street stared at us. I wonder why? Our feeling could be summed up in four single phases.

- We've done it! They said we'd never make it.
- That will show them!
- Food! Food!
- Oh! My backside!

For those who don't know Werribee on a Sunday the main exciting diversion of the inhabitants is to watch the grass grow. We therefore left about 12.30 That is after a long long rest and a large ice cream.

2.15 — Triumph!!!!

We arrived back at Williamstown tired and hungry.

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At school on Monday most were extremely surprised to see us fit and in one piece. When asked whether we would do it again we replied, "Of course, Geelong next time. Or maybe the Moon!"

B. WYATT
K. BICKNELL
and Co.

ACTIVITIES

Sport at Williamstown High School

Sport at Williamstown High School is a fun filled occasion. We all, of course, enjoy sport very much and always punctually attend it every Wednesday afternoon.

There are many different types of sport played at Williamstown High. Amongst the most popular are volleyball, tennis, table tennis, football and, of course, swimming.

For Sport we have a teacher allotted to us, to organise the game. This teacher usually bubbles with enthusiasm about the game and is quite happy to play on endlessly. Even if it means "through sleet or hail or rain or shine". The teacher is supposed to be an expert on the game and encourages us on to victory against the opposing side.

He or she is a great sportsman and we watch in complete wonder at his acrobatic skills as he dashed valiantly around the field in his short pants, runners and little white socks.

All the students simply love sport and we all play enthusiastically. We wear, for girls only, a brilliant blue tunic (a Paris original) and of course the conventional runners, either black or white.

As you can imagine, the sport is wonderfully run with everyone competing and striving to gain victory for their glorious, respective houses. In all, it is something to look forward to and a memorable occasion to all who participate.

S. DOGGER

Sailing

"Cast off the stern mooring"

"Cast off"

"Pull in the sheets"

"Righto!"

It was a Saturday afternoon and we were just about ready to go out to St. Kilda. Jeff swung the tiller down-helm and we headed out into the bay. After a while it became becoming gusty, the wind freshened to 30 knot. Suddenly Jeff jumped out on the trap. I did likewise. We were really heeling over and Jeff was having some trouble with the mainsheets.

"We're going over!" shouted Jeff, still straining with the mainsheets. With a splash and a bang we toppled. I fell backwards over the port side, while Jeff has been flung over the stern. Finally I woke up that Jeff was out of sight. Then a head popped up. I yelled to him and pointed to the boat which, by now, was about twenty yards from him. He started swimming towards the overturned catamaran and, by the time he had reached it, I had it almost upright. With his help we righted it in no time. With the jainsail billowing out, we took up our course to St. Kilda Marina.

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