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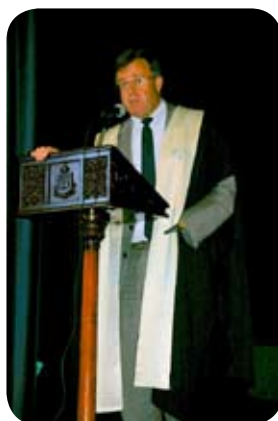
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**Dr K A Jaggar,  
Headmaster**

The mood at High is optimistic. Our school community is supporting the school and its future directions strongly. To celebrate our 100 years in the AAGPS, more than \$700,000 has been spent on facilities and ground improvements. We are forging ahead with our Site Development Plan 2000-2010 and with everyone's help, hope to complete its bold objectives with the construction of the new Library and Performing Arts Theatre.



# Game, Set and Match

The School celebrated the opening of its new tennis courts on 13 September 2006.

The four concrete courts are a first class facility for one of the school's most successful sporting groups. They were funded using a ground-breaking public-private partnership model. While the courts are on Departmental land they were developed by the Foundation, which now operates them on a commercial basis.

The project was driven by former Tennis Mistress, Helen Tuthill, who has guided High to three GPS premierships, the last in 2004.

The courts have been sublet to Carl Nielsen who is High's resident professional coach.

**Tennis - Wise  
Coaching and  
Court Hire**

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The Headmaster and the Hon Christine Robertson MLC opening the courts



The Hon Christine Robertson thanking Helen Tuthill





Sir Roden Cutler, VC Memorial Gates

# Sir Arthur Roden Cutler VC



Sir Roden Cutler, VC as Governor

Arthur Roden Cutler was a great Australian. He was the Governor of NSW, 1966-1982, the longest serving holder of that office. During his time, he was recognised as the 'people's governor', one who was as comfortable amongst manufacturing workers as diplomats and royalty.

the highest military award for bravery. Of the 800,000 Australians who served in WWII only 20 received this decoration.

At High Roden Cutler was a champion swimmer, prefect and captain of the rifle team. His association continued as an old boy. He was patron of the Old Boys' Union and an honoured guest at many functions.

A permanent memorial, the Sir Roden Cutler VC Memorial Gates, has been erected on Anzac Parade. They will form a fitting entrance to the new library (page 8) and a reminder of



Roden Cutler, VC as a young soldier

He was also a distinguished diplomat serving as both Australian delegate to the UN General Assembly and Consul General in New York. His first posting, at only 29, was as High Commissioner to New Zealand.

His actions in the Syrian Campaign of 1941 earned him the Victoria Cross,

Sir Roden's legacy of service in all places.



# Sir Roden Cutler Charities

Sir Roden Cutler Charities operate in Sydney and assist people who are infirm, aged, incapacitated, disabled, intellectually impaired or delinquent.

Year Eleven was proud to support Sir Roden Cutler Charities on 29 May, 2006, by assisting with the Sir Roden Cutler Wheelchair Roll from Manly to Sydney High. During the day they collected money and raised the charity's profile, operating from Circular Quay through to the SCG. They were co-ordinated by the School's Prefect body and raised several thousand dollars.

The wheelchair roll will be reversed in 2007, beginning at High on 24 May after the official opening of the Cutler Gates.



The Headmaster, Lady Cutler, prefects and three supporters of Sir Roden Cutler Charities



The school prefects who coordinated the fund raising



*For your diary...*  
Major General  
Michael Jeffery,  
Governor-General,  
will open the Sir  
Roden Cutler VC  
Memorial Gates on  
24 May 2007.

## Major donors for the Sir Roden Cutler VC Memorial

*The High Club Ltd*

*Keith Kent*

*Edward Martin Wrighter*

*The Class of 2005*

*Bondi Waverley RSL*

*Harold Quinton*

*Kerry Rubie*

*SHS OBU*

The headmaster also wishes to thank all those who gave \$75 to help celebrate 75 years at Moore Park. Without your help this project could not have been completed.



The right hand pillar, displaying Sir Roden's coat of arms.

Further donations (non tax-deductible) for the Sir Roden Cutler VC Memorial Gate Project are welcome. They will help pay for the uplighting and expansion of the fence and garden beds. Any donation over \$5,000 will be prominently acknowledged in our donor garden, unless requested otherwise.

# High Cadets at Bisley



Sydney High School Cadets (Sgt A Ho, Cpl C Lam, Cpl D Stojanovic, Cdt I Nadkarni and Cdt P Wu) competed as part of the Australian Defence Force Cadet (ADFC) rifle team against cadets from Britain and Canada at Bisley, Surrey, England during the break at the end of term three.

They were led by Major Richard Knowles, the officer commanding the SHS Cadet Unit. Captain Billingsby diligently performed the duties of team adjutant.

In England the team competed in the Inter-service Cadet Rifle Meeting and

the Schools' Meeting matches, competing against cadets from Britain's most established Public Schools.

The boys had a great time off the range as well. They spent a day in London, saw the Fleet Air Museum, were put through parts of the Royal Commando Training Facility and visited Portsmouth.

The team won ten medals, beating many of the best English Public Schools. Justin Hill (02), the school rifle club coach, accompanied the team.

Sydney High cadets

first visited Bisley in 1911, when attending the coronation of George V. Every trip that has gone since has been led by the Officer Commanding of the SHS Cadet Unit. High has travelled to Bisley regularly for the last five years, since the trip was resurrected by the late Captain John Fittler. The Defence Department were key sponsors for the tour.

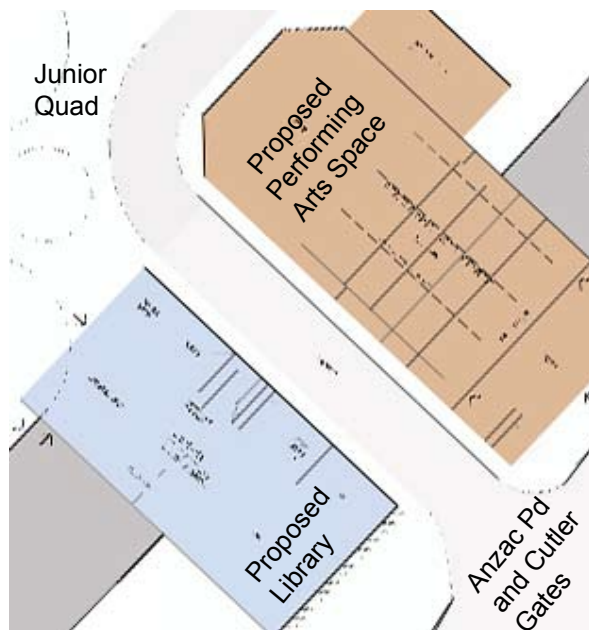
SHS Cadet Unit currently has a parade strength of 70 and is expanding under the guidance of Major Knowles. Cadets is voluntary and spearheads the school's leadership program.

# New Library and Performing Arts Space

A library is the intellectual hub and showcase of a school. At High, the 43 year old KJ Andrews Library is too small for our 1140 students. We need flexible spaces for learning and researching with high speed wireless Internet access to deliver the modern curriculum.

The cultural core of a school is demonstrated by its performing and creative arts capacity. High has a great tradition in debating, music, visual arts and drama. We have no large meeting or performing space to use other than the Great Hall.

Our vision for the 125th anniversary of High is to join the Killip Wing and McDonald Building with a two stage, two level structure that will provide a wireless technology Library and a 270 seat, tiered theatre with a large ground-level stage



The ground floor

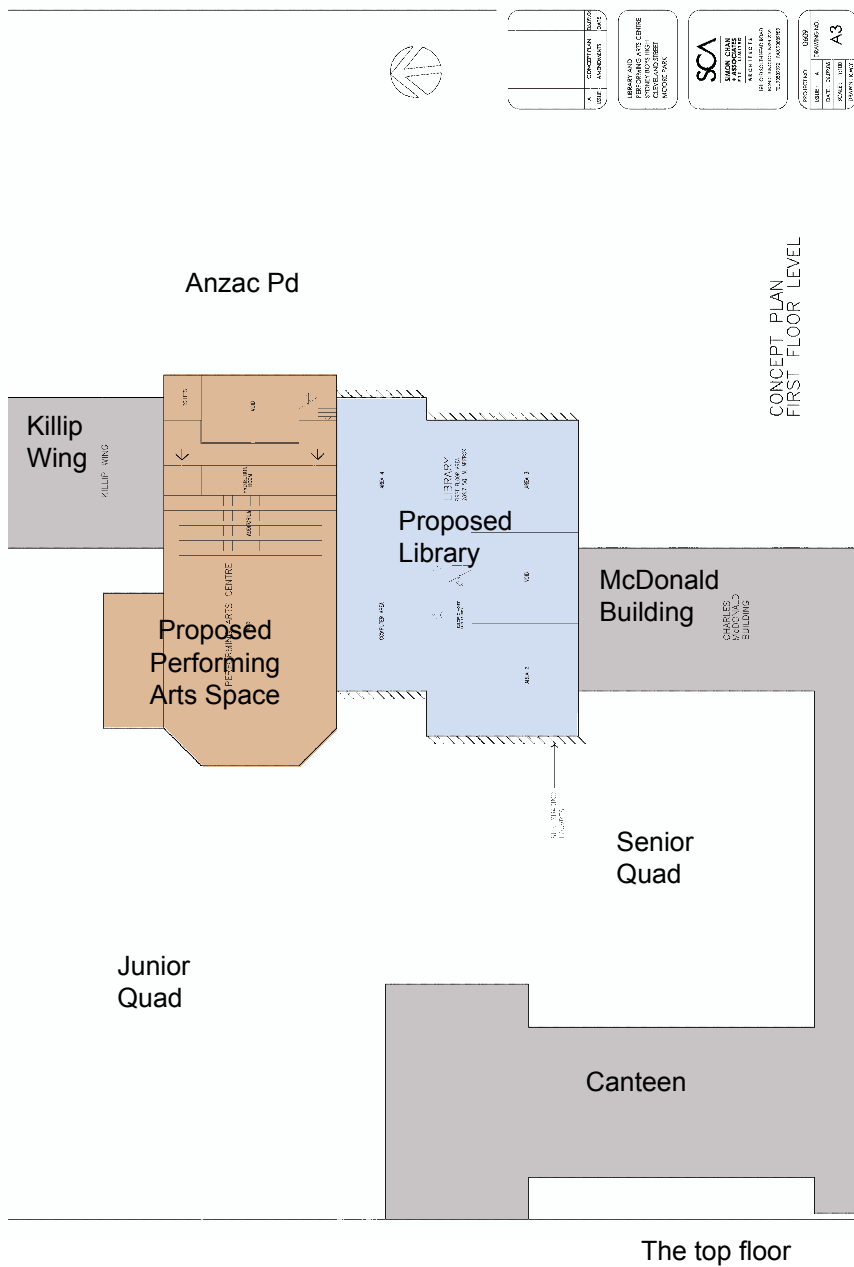
area. Road access to the Junior Quad from Anzac Parade will be maintained via a colonnade supporting the raised first floor of the library. The Sir Roden Cutler VC Gates will form a grand entrance.

The project will be financed by the School family. We believe that in combination with the facilities upgrade completed over the

last five years, a new Library and Performing Arts Centre will restore High's pride of place in state education. We have the brains but we need the buildings in which to develop them.

Help us to make this vision a reality and celebrate 125 years of excellence in education by contributing to the Sydney Boys' High School Building Fund.





# International Night 2006

High held its inaugural International Evening last term. The night celebrated multiculturalism at High, several areas of the world being represented through cuisine or performances.

It was characterised by light-hearted fun. The guests were led to the Great Hall by a Chinese dragon, entertained by belly dancers and an illuminated Indian Bollywood dancer. The night culminated in all and sundry joining our Greek Dancers for an energetic routine! Phillip Roser and James Morgan, two



school prefects, entertained the crowd throughout the night. Paul Pang and Jason Phu dazzled the crowd with their performances on piano and chinese violin respectively. Jason will be sitting his HSC with this instrument after

adopting it little more than a year ago.

The night was also used to launch the P&C's parent mentoring scheme, an initiative designed to assist parents with the transition from primary to high school through a buddy system.



Many thanks to Mrs Roser, Year twelve mother, whose efforts allowed this night to occur. The International Night was a success due to many hours of loving labour and was a testament to her dedication and ability.

# The High Armada



The Breakfast Club of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, in conjunction with Pacific Sailing, has provided High with three full scholarships to train on international J24 yachts. At the end of the training the chosen boys will have opportunities to crew on CYC members' yachts.

These scholarships will nurture the skills the boys have acquired during regular afternoon and weekend sailing. SHS

sailing is set to grow with the establishment of the SHS Sailing Association Inc, operating from the Woollahra Sailing Club. Parents, boys, old boys and friends of the school are welcome to join and use Sydney High's facilities, including boats. High has purchased 5 Optimists, 2 Pacer and 4 Laser class skiffs and is looking to expand this fleet in the future.

The Sailing Committee seeks to raise funds through selling the

naming rights to these boats. The cost is a \$500 tax deductible donation. All sponsors are welcome. Other contributions to sailing's development are also welcome.

High sailors have won the Pacer class of the CHS Championship for three years. Phil Kurts also won the Laser (an Olympic class boat) in 2006. For further information contact, Ms Boukatos, SHS Sailing Mistress on 93616910.





In 2006 High won the NSW Inter-School Junior Chess Championship, GPS Chess Championship and Open and Junior divisions of the Scots College Invitational. Proposals for a team to travel to the Australian Chess Championship in Canberra are being examined.



## Archives

To celebrate 125 years of education to matriculation, High will establish a web-based database of archival images. The school already has an extensive collection of images in its archive. This project will ensure the preservation of High's history well into the future. Downloads will be free of charge. Sports photographs will be uploaded first, followed by form/class images.



**Top:** SHS Masters in 1896

**Bottom:** The Mary Ann Street building, located in Ultimo, occupied by High 1892-1928





2006 Debating **GPS Premiers**, Sriram Srikumar, Romesh Abeysuriya and Faraz Amin hold the Louatt Shield. They are the first High team to win the prestigious GPS trophy since 2000 and are joint premiers with St Ignatius College.

visit: [www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating](http://www.sydneyhigh.org.au/debating)



Mr Ayre has joined the staff as the inaugural Head Teacher, Sport. His office is in the Cecil Rubie Study Centre.



This window was made by Tom Crocker (01) as part of his HSC project in Industrial Arts. It now graces the main staircase.



### **The Inaugral Ken Baret Memorial Dinner**

Will be held at Woollahra Golf Club, located on O'Sullivan Road  
Bellevue Hill on 6 December 2006 at 7:00 for 7:30pm.

RSVP: Judith Shuttleworth (0427070569)

The Dinner is hosted by Norm Lamerton (51)  
President of the High Club Ltd

## **Ken Baret (1921-2006)**

Ken Baret (40), was a longstanding director of the High Club Ltd and an officer of the SHS Foundation and OBU. He was also a senior ranking member of the NSW Police Force. At school he swam, dived and rowed. He also played cricket, football and shot-put.

He set a GPS shot-put record in 1939, which stood unequalled until another High boy, coached by Ken Baret, broke it 35 years later. Ken only came to High for three years (38-40), yet, his dedication from graduation to death was testament to his love of the School.



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## **Raymond Leslie Casey Bequest**

The School has been fortunate to receive a bequest from an old boy, Raymond Leslie Casey (50-54). The \$130,000 was left to the SHS Foundation Inc.

The funds have been invested and the dividends will be used to benefit individual students and support

School projects.

Mr Casey, who died in December 2005, is pictured right as a member of the 1954 Senior Athletics Team (CHS Champions).

Mr Casey's generosity will be recognised by hanging his portrait and bequest details in the foyer.





## Trifecta

Sydney High School has once again asserted itself as the premier volleyball school in NSW. In 2006 the first grade team were GPS, NSW and CHS Champions, the latter for the second consecutive year.



# High Rugby Friends Inc

High Rugby Friends Inc (HRF) is High's newest social group. It aims to build a winning culture within the High rugby community, however, its members also have a great time. As a social arena for parents, old boys and supporters of Rugby, members gather at McKay for home

games and enjoy a generous spread of pumpkin soup, dips and the odd beverage.

Be proud, get involved and join High Rugby Friends!



Chris Whittaker (92)  
Patron of High Rugby Friends Inc.

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