



CHESSMOVES

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SITUATION REPORT:

At the start of August in our second year, we have just over 300 financial members, with subscription renewals (at only \$10 a year) still coming in. If you're in touch with any former students who have not yet renewed - or haven't joined - urge them to do so. It's all in the interests of the school and its present and future, as you will see hereunder.

Financially, we have something over \$5000 in hand, before the costs associated with the very successful Vocational Breakfast held on July 29th.

Your committee is now looking at its programme of future activities, and details will be forthcoming shortly. In the meantime, some information about what has been happening in connection with the school, is happening or is about to happen.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC:

The school's Friends of Music group has embarked on the very worthwhile purchase of a new grand piano. All they now need is financial help to pay for it. Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure which explains how you can help. Please do so if you can.

VOCATIONAL BREAKFAST:

After last year's pioneering work, the first full-scale CHESS breakfast for VCE students was held in the school hall on Wed. July 29th. Some fifty CHESS members and 75 students shared orange juice, cereal, toast and coffee while the ex-students shared their work experiences with the present ones, passed on some tips about how to fight their way into the outside world, and offered continuing advice over the difficult months ahead. The comments afterwards were positive, Principal Ann Rusden and careers advisor, Sean Hill, were warm in their praise, and the St John's Children's Homes at Canterbury benefitted by the donation of the unused supplies of breakfast goodies.

SPORTS HALL/GYM APPEAL:

The following former students, all notable in their various fields of endeavour, have agreed to be patrons of the appeal.

Glenys Beasley, Brian Blythe, Kwong Lee Dow, Peter Gronn, Barbara Van Ernst, Lindsay Kline, Bryan Naylor, Alan Schwab.

The projects will be formally launched at the school on Friday Oct. 30. Architects have now been instructed to proceed with detailed drawings so that tenders for construction can be called and financial arrangements are being negotiated. Chess proposes to run evenings and teams for Badminton, Basketball, Netball and Volleyball as well as 'Keep Fit' classes once the Sports Hall is available.

SCHOOL EVENTS:

Music:

After a most successful joint concert with Canterbury Girls' Secondary College (Mangarra

Road) in the Great Hall of the National Gallery on June 29th, preparation is now well advanced for two other notable events:

Participation in the South Street Competitions at Ballarat over the weekend starting Friday Aug 21, in which the Stage Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra and Concert Orchestra will all take part and the now-annual trip to Sydney by the Choir to sing at the oldest church in Australia, the Garrison Church at the Rocks, at the Battle of Britain Commemoration Service.

A.V.G. JAMES LECTURE:

In the tradition set by speakers like Senator John Button, Justice Michael Kirby, Dame Leonie Kramer, Professor Kwong Lee Dow and the school's own historian Robert Ewins, this lecture will be delivered by Professor Barry McGaw, Director of the Australian Council for Educational Research. His very timely topic will be "Pathways to Tertiary Education". The lecture evening is held at the school, at 8pm on Tuesday Aug. 18. Questions will follow and so will supper. Ex-students are very welcome to attend.

Science:

136 students from CHS were entered in this year's Australian Schools Science Competition, with no less than 52 of them being awarded certificates, which included 28 Distinctions, 23 Credits and 1 Certificate of Achievement. The Distinction level ranks its winners among the top 10% of science students in the state.

Sports Hall: "THE CAMBERWELL CUP":

To demonstrate their support for the work that is being done by the entire school community to push the Sports Hall project through to completion, students are taking part in an "Alternative Melbourne Cup" on Friday Oct 30. It promises to be a lot of fun and something that should push the other event on the First Tuesday in November well into the shade! The day will include the laying of a foundation plaque and the launching of the Fund Raising Appeal.

CHESS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

Your committee has been working on a document to set out clearly our aims and objectives, and our reason for existence. The following draft has now been approved by the committee, after considerable discussion and is set out below. The committee welcomes any comments or suggestions from members.

Our mission is to:

- Provide the opportunity for past students to either stay in touch or re-establish contact with old school friends.
- Keep ex-students informed about what's currently happening at their old school.
- Provide material and moral support to the school community.
- Enable current students to draw on a deep and broad vocational and career advisory resource.
- Provide past students with an opportunity to network for personal or business advantage.

The vision that drives us is of a school culture in which graduation is just one milestone along a journey of mutual support that extends from young teenage, through young adulthood to the ultimate fulfilment of personal potential and which reflects the collective values of students, parents, staff and ex-students.