

RYDE HIGH SCHOOL

Fourth Annual Speech Night and Presentation of Prizes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL 8 p.m. 5th DECEMBER, 1963

Chairman: Mr. S. T. Beal, P. & C. President.

Programme

1. Piano Solo: "*Malaguena*" (Albeniz) Elizabeth Prees
2. Principal's Report Mr. R. N. Crawford, B.A., Dip.Ed.,
M.A.C.E.
3. School Choir: "*The Heavens Are Telling*" (Haydn)
4. Occasional Address Mr. John Thornett, Australian Rugby
Union Captain
5. Choral Group: "*Ave Verum*" (Mozart)
6. Presentation of Prizes
7. Expression of Thanks Mr. R. L. Rushbrooke, B.Sc. (D.H.M.)
- 8.

Melody and Movement, 1963

- i. "*Gymnastics Can Be Fun*"
- ii. *Waikiki Run* (Modern Expressive Dance)
- iii. Choral Interlude
- iv. *Polovtsian Dance* (from "*Prince Igor*")
- v. Instrumental Interlude
- vi. *Mexican Hat Dance* (Folk Dance)

Gymnastics: Mr. E. Flanders.

Dances: Miss G. Johnston and Angela Spence.

Musical Direction: Mr. M. W. Gray and Mr. C. K. Baxter.

Lighting: Mr. L. Bishop and Mr. W. Poole.

God Save The Queen

Ryde High School Staff—1963

PRINCIPAL:

R. N. CRAWFORD, B.A., Dip.Ed., M.A.C.E.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

R. L. RUSHBROOKE, B.Sc.

ENGLISH/HISTORY:

M. E. LAKEMAN, B.A., B.Ec. (Master).
Miss M. COFFEY, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Librarian).
E. A. DOYLE, B.A.
Miss M. S. HILL (plus Typing).
F. McLAUGHLIN (plus Maths.) (Careers Adviser).
W. G. PRIEST, B.A. (Editor of "Amity").
Mrs. J. SLOMAN, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Supervisor of Girls).
Miss D. E. SNAPE (plus Typing).
B. J. TRAINOR, B.A. (Business Manager of "Amity").
V. J. WILLIAMS, B.A.
Mrs. M. WOOD, B.A., Dip.Ed.

MATHEMATICS:

J. E. PENMAN, B.A. (Master).
E. AKED.
Mrs. N. LAKER, B.Sc. (Careers Adviser).
I. R. MEARS, B.Sc. (plus Science).
A. S. OTTERY.
J. W. PATTERSON.
Miss A. MICHIE (till May).
Mrs. P. WALKER, B.A., Dip.Ed. (from May).

SCIENCE:

R. RASSACK, M.Sc. (Master).
L. BISHOP.
Mrs. R. BISHOP, B.Sc.
Mrs. R. DAVIS (plus Maths.).
P. C. ELLIOTT.
Miss B. HANSELL (plus Commercial).
J. E. HOWARD (plus Manual Arts).

LANGUAGES:

R. G. ANDERSON, M.A. (Master till March).
H. W. TAYLOR, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Master from March).
Mrs. G. DALGLEISH, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Mrs. A. GAUT, B.A., Dip.Ed.
R. SADLER.

COMMERCE:

A. R. KNEALE, B.Ec. (Master).
J. D. REID (plus Physical Education).
A. R. SLOMAN.
J. SPARKS, B.Ec.
Mrs. P. FARRANT, B.A. (till June).
J. S. CONNOR, B.Ec. (till May).
J. S. RICHARDS (from May).

MANUAL ARTS:

L. W. PINSON, Dip.M. Arts (Master).
R. BRADLEY.
N. T. BYRNE.
A. JONES.
A. G. LIDDLE.
A. W. POOLE, Dip.M. Arts.
B. REECE, Dip.M. Arts.

HOME SCIENCE

NEEDLEWORK:

Miss K. MORROW (Senior Assistant).
Miss H. J. COLE (plus Physical Education).
Mrs. H. McDONALD.
Mrs. E. McMANUS.
Mrs. I. DUNKLEY (till August).
Miss B. CHAPMAN (from September).

MUSIC:

M. W. GRAY, B.A., L.T.C.L., Dip.Mus. (Special Master).
C. K. BAXTER, D.S.C.M.

ART:

Mrs. D. HOOD.
Miss D. JUKNAITIS.
J. KLIMEK, M.A. (till March).
J. GIBBS (from March).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

E. R. FLANDERS, Dip.Phys.Ed.
Miss G. JOHNSTON, Dip.Phys.Ed.

CLASS TEACHERS:

B. W. MAITLAND.
V. WHITING.

SECRETARIES:

Mrs. J. LUGTON.
Mrs. L. STOWE.

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1963

BRIAN NOBLE (Captain)
ALAN WILDMAN (Vice-Captain)
PETER BUCHANAN
RICHARD DAVEY
BRUCE GRANT
GEOFFREY HUGHES
WILLIAM INABINET
JEFFREY JAMES
PETER SMALL
GRAHAM WHITE
PETER WHITE
KEITH FOULCHER
COLIN RODGERS

MARALYN ADAMS (Captain)
KERRY FIELD (Vice-Captain)
CAROL BICKERTON
MARY CALVER
REET PAARTALU
DIANE TREMBATH
LORRAINE BUGGIE
ROBYN BURNS
DIANA CARR
JOY DAVEY
FRANCES ETTY
LYNETTE FREESTONE
BARBARA HARRIS
SUE PAULL
DIANE SOUTHGATE

Principal's Report

THE SCHOOL:

In 1963 Ryde High School has "grown up." This year, for the first time, the School has provided a full range of courses for classes at all secondary stages. This year, after being fawelled in the traditional manner, our first twenty-six pupils sat for the Leaving Certificate and passed out of the School. In these circumstances and as this will be my last Speech Night as Headmaster of Ryde High School, I feel that it would be appropriate that this Report should include a brief review of the four years since the School was established.

REVIEW:

When Ryde High School opened in 1960, only Stage I of the building was completed. Now the School has a well-planned modern building with an attractive well-equipped Assembly Hall, an excellent library, modern equipment and facilities. Next year a new Senior Block will be constructed.

On the first enrolment day the twenty-five teachers of the Staff received some six hundred new pupils accompanied by nearly as many parents, all anxious to find out about this new-type, regional, co-educational High School. To-day we have fifty-seven teachers and the present enrolment of nearly 1,100 pupils is increasing steadily. Parents have assessed, accepted and approved the benefits that a school of this type has to offer, and have given it outstanding support.

In the beginning this School (unlike more fortunate recently built high schools) had no prepared playing areas. Thanks to positive effort and planning, the co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils and the invaluable help of Ernie Caletti, the School now has playing fields second to none.

The first pupils of the School had had little opportunity for proper training in sport, particularly in swimming. This year Ryde High School promises to be "Champion Sporting School" of the Northern Suburbs Zone and outright winner of the Zone Swimming Carnival. For the first time pupils won titles in Combined State Carnivals and gained interstate representation. For the third time in succession Ryde High School won the State Trophy for the highest number of Life-Saving awards gained by a co-educational secondary school.

In studies this new School has already gained distinction: last year one pupil won one of the four coveted National Mutual Scholarships for the State. Four pupils gained Intermediate Bursaries and three others qualified—an outstanding performance. The standards of the School have been approved and praised by departmental officers.

Traditions of high quality musical performance have been established. Three Gilbert and Sullivan operas have been produced and groups of pupils have been selected for Town Hall concerts and telecasts.

Through Clubs and School Socials pupils have been given valuable social training which will help them to take their place in later community activities. "Service Efforts" by pupils have raised £500 for the benefit of the local hospital and many charities. Pupils have been praised for their mature sense of responsibility and their pride in the School.

The School has accepted the responsibility not only of training its pupils, but also of helping them to find the right career, as shown in the highly successful Careers Night held this year. Many employers have shown their confidence in the School and its standards by seeking its help in recommending suitable employees.

The School magazine "Amity" has brought many favourable comments from experienced (and critical) observers, including many visitors from distant parts, other States and overseas.

Our conspicuously active P. & C. Association of 2,000 members, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Library Committee and many other parent groups have helped the School in countless ways. Combined parent-teacher-pupil co-operation has raised £10,000 for the School in three years and provided exceptional modern facilities and equipment. A Scholarship Fund has been established to assist pupils of merit to continue their senior studies.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Ryde High School owes a deep debt of gratitude to many organisations and individuals: to the P. & C. and the Ladies' Auxiliary, not only for their wonderful money-raising efforts, but even more for their untiring help and support in countless ways; to the "Library Ladies," who have given up every Tuesday to assist with the classification and maintenance of books; to the Mayor, Aldermen and Officers of the Ryde Municipal Council for sympathetic assistance in many matters; to Mr. F. Downing, M.L.A., who has spoken for the School on many occasions; to local organisations, clubs, businessmen and individuals for assistance to our Library, Magazine and Scholarship Fund; to all the donors of prizes and trophies you will see presented to-night; to the West Ryde Lions' Club for the beautiful Life-saving Trophy and for the equipment presented; to the editors and staffs of local newspapers for helpful publicity.

Ryde High School has been fortunate in having such a capable, keen and co-operative Staff, all of whose members have served the School loyally and well. Particular mention must be made of: The fourteen "Foundation Members" of the original Staff who helped the School through its first difficult year and who are still with us, including our popular Deputy Headmaster, Mr. R. Rushbrooke, who has just received well-merited promotion as principal of another high school; the Subject Masters and Senior Assistants who have developed such high standards and given invaluable help in administration; the Careers Advisers who have helped to place hundreds of pupils in suitable occupations; the Sportsmasters and Sportsmistresses whose efforts have met with such outstanding successes this year; the members of the Music Staff and their many assistants who have established such high standards of performance; the Editors of the highly creditable School magazine "Amity"; our highly competent and long-suffering secretaries—in short, each and every member of the Staff for their efficiency, enthusiasm, loyalty and co-operation. They deserve your thanks as well as mine.

CONCLUSION.

This will be my last Report as Headmaster of Ryde High School, which I leave with many happy memories—and many regrets.

But as I look back over the past four years and consider the School as it is now, I feel with satisfaction that the task I set myself has been achieved—that between us we have built "A School to be proud of."

I leave Ryde High School confident that it will ever continue in the words of its Motto:

"Onward to Better Things"

Sport

This year Ryde High School promises to be "Champion Sporting School" of the Northern Suburbs Zone, which conducts competitions between nine high schools (Ryde, Marsden, Hunter's Hill, Chatswood, Mosman, Forest, North Ryde, Pittwater and Naremburn).

During 1963, Ryde High School has won the Inter-School Swimming Carnival, eight inter-school sporting premierships and has gained its first representative successes in combined State secondary and interstate sport. Judith Hamilton became our first interstate basketball representative and Katrina Graham brought distinction to herself and the School by winning four individual sub-junior championships and helping the relay team to victory at the Girls' Combined Athletics Carnival—an unbeatable performance. Our girls helped the Northern Suburbs Zone to gain the second highest point score in the State, winning the Sub-Junior Relay Shield and the Championship Cup.

In each of the three years that it has competed, Ryde High School has won the State Trophy for the highest number of awards in Life-saving from co-educational secondary schools. We hope to continue these successes from the present courses of training.

The School wishes to thank all those parents, friends and pupils who have presented trophies and cups for inter-school and for inter-house competitions.

BOYS' SPORT:

(Sportsmasters: Mr. E. Flanders and Mr. W. Poole.)

Boys of the School have an impressive inter-school sporting record for 1963: *Rugby Union*, premiership; *Soccer*, premiership; runners-up in the other three grades; *Tennis*, premiership in three out of four grades and runner-up in the fourth; *Cricket*, incomplete, but likely winners.

GIRLS' SPORT:

(Sportsmistresses: Miss G. Johnston and Miss H. J. Cole.)

In addition to the outstanding successes mentioned above, Ryde High School has had a most gratifying year in girls' sport. After our win in the Zone Swimming Championships, some of our girls represented the Zone at the Combined Schools Swimming Carnival.

During the winter nine teams played regular weekly matches against other schools and won the Junior Tennis, being undefeated for the second year in succession. The senior tennis team were runners-up in their division. House competitions catered for those not involved in inter-school sport.