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GIRLS' SPORT VICTORIA OFF TO A GREAT START

In its inaugural year, Girls' Sport Victoria (GSV) is presenting opportunities, challenges and rewards to all 16,500 young women for whom it was formed. A group of Melbourne independent girls' schools has formed to develop GSV, a uniform entity through which girls' sport in participating schools can be supported, conducted, promoted and administered.

The GSV competition for 2001 involves weekly competition and sporting carnivals each term. For Term 1 softball and tennis have been played in weekly competition and a combined swimming carnival has taken place. Weekly sport for the remainder of the year will cover netball, hockey, volleyball, soccer, basketball and cricket and there will be carnivals in cross country and athletics.

Lowther Hall's involvement in GSV has been positive and successful, with very high levels of participation from students in Years 7 to 12. There have been many wins recorded with the Senior tennis team and the Junior softball team scoring the most victories.

Members of the successful Junior softball team. Back row: (L to R) Samantha Cole, Samantha Elia, Lauren Clarke, Chloe Gepp, Kaitlin Sala, Melissa Yee, Judith Lee. Front row: (L to R), Elyse Mann, Leah Rampling, Anna Tesch

HANDS ON SCIENCE

Primary Science Day on 27 February, an annual event hosted by the Science faculty and Year 8 students, was overwhelmingly supported by local schools. Over three hundred Year 5 and 6 students from Essendon, Keilor and Pascoe Vale Primary Schools were first to secure a place for a variety of "hands on" learning sessions.

The visiting students worked in small groups on a range of scientific and mathematical activities, guided by Lowther Hall's Year 8 girls, who assisted them through a number of experiments, learning games and investigative activities.

Essendon Primary students ponder science as Lowther Hall students Jana Yacoub (left) and Simone Steel demonstrate 'acids and bases'.

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FRONT COVER: Junior School students celebrate their first week in the "Junior School Village", their home for 2001 while construction of the new Junior School takes place.

MOONEE VALLEY FESTIVAL

Lowther Hall joined the community spirit and made a large contribution to the 2001 Moonee Valley Festival, held on February 23 to 25. Year 5 students dressed in colourful costumes and took part in the Federation River Spectacular, a show featuring fireworks, dance, music and puppetry that took them down the Maribyrnong River on a floating barge.

On Sunday 25, Queen's Park was the focus of the Festival. The Lowther Hall Stage Band, led by Mr Corey Hall, entertained a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Cottage Stage. On the other side of the lake the Lowther Hall tent, manned by staff and students from Junior and Senior School who volunteered their time, was a busy hub of activity. All were kept busy with free face painting and handing out information about the school, as well as catching up with current school families and discussing many aspects of life at Lowther Hall with interested members of the local community.

Year 12 students Fiona Phan (left) and Sunshine Le, set to work painting Kelsey Collins' face at the Moonee Valley Festival.

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR LONG SERVING STAFF

Mrs Wendy Lewis (right) is farewelled by School Captain Bryony McCormack and Deputy School Captain Grace Nicastro.

Mrs Wendy Lewis

Mrs Wendy Lewis resigned from Lowther Hall at the end of the 2000 school year, to take up the position of Business Manager at Trinity College, at the University of Melbourne. For three years she had undertaken the role of Deputy Principal (Head of Administration), overseeing the business of the school as well as teaching and contributing to the leadership of the education program. She played a full part in the life of the school; students and staff held her in great affection and she is much missed.

Wendy's association with Lowther Hall is longstanding, from her years as a student (CIass of '75), to her two earlier periods of employment as Business Manager. The relationship will remain, in her membership of the Old Grammarians' Association. We wish her well for her new work.

Ms Noelene Williams

Ms Noelene Williams commenced her teaching career at Lowther Hall in 1988, as a teacher of Humanities and, in particular, Geography, where her students have benefited from her knowledge of and expertise in her subject area. In her thirteen years she has undertaken significant positions namely as Head of Humanities from 1990 to 1995 and Head of Grant House from 1996 until now. Our loss is MLC's gain and we wish her every success as she takes up her new position from the start of Term 2.

Ms Noelene Williams

DR NORMAN FARY

Member of the Lowther Hall School Council, Dr Norman Fary

Dr Norman Fary joined the Lowther Hall Council at the start of 2000. He has had a distinguished career in education as a classroom teacher, teacher educator and school administrator.

He taught Economics, History and Geography in Victorian secondary schools at Casterton, Colac and Bendigo and for a year at Pollard's Hill School in London, before moving into Teacher Education as a foundation member of staff of Rusden College, which later became Deakin University.

As a Commonwealth Exchange Senior Lecturer, Dr Fary was on the staff of Shoreditch College of Education in London for a year. Soon after his return, he was appointed Coordinator of a Diploma of Education program at Hawthorn Institute of Education.

Dr Fary maintains that his move back to schools again, as Deputy Principal, and in 1999 as Principal of St Leonards College in Brighton, was a great way to spend his final twelve years as a full time educator. "It gave me the opportunity to bring theory and practice in education together again," he says.

His expertise and experience make him a valuable contributor as a director of the Board of Lowther Hall and he continues further links with education as a member of the Council of International House in the University of Melbourne and as a reviewer for government, independent and international schools.

TWILIGHT SUPPER CLUB

A new event appeared on the school calendar during Term 1. The Twilight Supper Club, held in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre, provided an opportunity for Lowther Hall families to meet with the Music staff and hear them perform.

Spirited and entertaining performances ranging from piano solos to opera and a jazz quartet entertained the audience of parents, students and friends.

Off stage, the Friends of Music and the Student Music Executive worked as a team to ensure that the evening ran smoothly and successfully. Proceeds raised during the evening will go towards the purchase of a new piano and the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

Members of the Music staff (pictured), performed with friends and students at the Twilight Supper Club.

NEW BEGINNINGS – NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

COURTNEY BOWLER

BMus BEd

Courtney joins the Lowther Hall staff as teacher of Preparatory, but she is no stranger to the school. She spent her entire school life at Lowther Hall and counts many present and past members of staff as her friends.

Courtney studied at the Australian Catholic University and combined her deep love of music with teaching qualifications. Courtney and her fiancé Rob are being married in September. Her hobbies are music and going to the races.

DONNA CARR

BEd (Phys. Ed)

Donna has joined the Junior School staff, teaching Physical Education and Information Technology. Lowther Hall is Donna's first teaching position after graduating from the Victoria University of Technology and she is enjoying the teamwork amongst the staff and students.

Donna is a football fan. She supports Collingwood and works as a trainer at Williamstown Football Club. She enjoys playing netball and the many extracurricular activities in the life of a PE teacher.

ELENI GOULAS

BEd (Primary) Dip T RSA C/TEFLA (Cambridge)

Eleni joins the Junior school staff as teacher of Year 5. She has held many teaching positions since 1990. These include teaching Prep, Upper Primary classes and working as a 'transition co-ordinator', overseeing the step from Primary to Secondary education.

Eleni's career achievements include working as Head of the Department of Individual Learning at St John's College Preston. This role involved co-ordinating programs for ESL (English as a Second Language), new arrivals, remedial, integration and gifted and talented students.

Her hobbies include gardening (especially bonsai), opera, art, reading, badminton and squash.

VICKI HOBAN

B AppSci (Phys Ed) Grad Dip (Secondary)

Vicki is Director of Sport at Lowther Hall. Her previous teaching experience was at Westbourne Grammar School, where she taught PE and sport at both junior and senior levels. She also has several year's experience managing recreational facilities for the YMCA.

Vicki is also an experienced sports trainer in the areas of first aid, rehabilitation and fitness programs. She is a volunteer trainer with the Western Region Football League.

In addition to health and fitness, Vicki loves travelling (so much so that she was married in Ireland), bush walking and gardening.

SARA MACGREGOR

BEd (Early Childhood Education)

Sara is teaching Kindergarten at Lowther Hall's Child Development Centre. She previously taught at Westbourne Grammar. She is thoroughly enjoying her new environment and new students.

Sara is interested in health and fitness, especially swimming.

THE REVEREND JOY LETTS

BD BSW MEd (Admin) BEd TITC

Lowther Hall's new Chaplain, believes that schools are exciting places to be. Joy was a teacher and deputy principal with the Ministry of Education for seventeen years before studying and training in social work, her main areas of interest being grief and loss and drug and alcohol issues.

After studying theology, Joy became an Anglican priest and her ministry has been a combination of parish and chaplaincy experience. She worships at St Paul's Canterbury, where she is the honorary associate priest. Joy enjoys travelling and has spent time living in England (on teacher exchange) and the USA.

She says "Being part of a gathered faith community is an essential part of my identity as a Christian and lots of enjoyment too. There is a sense that my working life has gone full circle and I am back in school again! There is much to learn and that is good because I am committed to lifelong learning. Lowther Hall is a happy place to be and I look forward to being known by and getting to know the Lowther Hall community."

JILLIAN MCLAREN

BEd DipT

Jillian comes to Lowther Hall as a teacher of Year 6 following several years teaching at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar and elsewhere. She grew up in the local area and has always felt an affinity with Lowther Hall, after learning that her mother once taught Prep in the Monkey House.

Jillian has many interests including music, foreign movies, French cooking and reading architectural journals. She is thoroughly enjoying her new students.

CATHIE MAHON

DipT (Primary) Grad Dip (Human Relationships Education)

Cathie is welcomed back to Lowther Hall as a Year 6 teacher. During 2000 she spent time teaching in the Junior Library in a replacement position. Cathie has previously taught in State and Catholic schools and she has also taught Adult Literacy and worked in Special schools.

Whilst studying at Deakin University and later at the University of Melbourne, Cathie furthered her interest in music, sociology and human relationships education. When not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her three children Jessica 20, a physical education student, Stephanie 18, studying nursing and Matthew 13, currently in Year 8.

LYNETTE MATHEWS

BLd DipT (Primary)

Lynette joins the Junior School staff in the role of Learning Strategies/ Educational Support teacher. She has spent the past 22 years teaching, either permanently or part time.

Her experience includes teaching in State and Catholic primary schools, kindergartens and early childhood centres, as well as TAFE and Adult Education classes. She also has experience as an Educational Support Teacher, Literacy Coordinator, Special Development School teacher and Performing Arts teacher.

Lynette and her husband Basil have two daughters Kate, 15 who is a Year 10 student at Lowther Hall and Ellen 11. She has a wide range of interests including horse racing, AFL (the Magpies) tennis, beach holidays, overseas travel, theatre and English comedy.

JENNY THOMAS

BEd (Art and Craft)

Jenny is Lowther Hall's new Head of Visual Arts. She previously taught senior school Art at Toorak College, Mount Eliza and has also worked at the Woodleigh School on the Mornington Peninsula.

Jenny is a practising artist. She exhibits large, mixed media drawings at several showings each year. She lists her hobbies as visiting galleries and museums, working in her cottage garden, bushwalking and shopping. Along with art, travel is a passion for Jenny and she has a trip to Italy planned for later this year.

MARIA TRUFITT

BA Dip Ed Grad Dip (Ed Admin)

Maria joins Lowther Hall as a part-time teacher of French for Years 7, 9 and 10. Over the past 17 years, she has taught French, German, Italian and Religious Education at nearby St Columba's College, where she was a student.

Maria's interests are art, antiques, history, theatre, opera, reading, dining out and travel. Her daughter, Chiara has started school this year.

Dr PETER WHITE

BSc (Hons) MEd PhD

Peter is the new Head of Science and Mathematics at Lowther Hall. He has been teaching for the past 18 years in a variety of settings, with many years experience as a head of science.

Peter has done most of his study at the University of Melbourne, where he has lectured in educational leadership. He is married and a dog owner.

MURIEL WROBLEWSKI

BA DipEd BTheol

Muriel is the new Head of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Lowther Hall. She has many years teaching at both girls' and boys' schools in the Catholic system and most recently held the position of Religious Education Coordinator at Mentone Girls' Grammar.

Muriel enjoys working with young people, listening to their ideas and being involved in their development. She is especially enjoying sharing philosophical ideas with the students at Lowther Hall.

Muriel is interested in reading, theatre, art and design and golf.

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR LOWTHER HALL FAMILIES

Paige West and Sean Lumb at their wedding in January.

During the Summer holidays, Lowther Hall was the venue for the wedding of an Old Grammarian and two Baptisms were performed for babies of staff members in the Chapel of St Clare of Assisi.

Paige West, who completed Year 12 in 1990 and now resides in Brisbane, married Sean Lumb in the shadows of the Mansion during January.

The Reverend Jean Penman, retiring Chaplain, baptised Hugh Freeman, son of Registrar Sandy Nelson and her husband Dennis, and Joshua Hall Atkinson, son of Physical Education teacher Sally Hall and her partner Paul Atkinson, before families and friends. Ms Nelson and Ms Hall are currently on maternity leave.

Joshua Atkinson, his parents Paul and Sally during his baptism.

The Reverend Jean Penman baptises Hugh Freeman in the Chapel of St Clare of Assisi.

REUNION – Class of 1961, Class of 1971

The first reunion planned by the school for 2001 was held in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre on Saturday 10 March. Members of the Class of 1961 and 1971 celebrated their forty and thirty year milestones with a return visit to Lowther Hall, which included a great deal of catching up, a tour of the school as it is today and photographic displays from the school's Archives.

The next planned reunion, for the class of 1981 celebrating 20 years out of school and the Class of 1976 celebrating 25 years out of school, will be held on Saturday May 26 at 1.30pm.

Members of the Class of 1961 and the Class of 1971 re visit the Mansion.

LOWTHER HALL OLD GRAMMARIANS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2001

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VCE 2000: CAREER DESTINATIONS

Congratulations to the Class of 2000. The excellent VCE results that last year's Year 12 students achieved, have enabled most students to enter the tertiary course of their choice and follow their chosen career path. Almost 60% of the students received their first choice offer and most were offered one of their first three choices. The University of Melbourne was the most popular choice of tertiary institution, but a wide range of tertiary institutions and an equally wide range of courses were chosen.

Lowther Hall congratulates each student on her results. The Class of 2000 contains many success stories. Students who have achieved the highest academic standards and students, who through utter determination and effort have exceeded the expectations of themselves, their families and their teachers.

ENTER ANALYSIS

Students with an ENTER of over 95.

21% of the Class of 2000 obtained an ENTER score of 95 or above, placing them in the top 5% of the state.

Congratulations to the students who achieved an ENTER score of over 99, placing them in the top 1% of the state:

Antoinette Cerantonio
Qin Si Da
Elli Jacovides

The following students achieved an ENTER score of over 95, placing them in the top 5% of the state:

Fiona Black
Kathryn Clancy
Sophia Gielewski
Rachel Grant
Sarvath Hussain
Catherine Ibrahim
Ceri Le Feuvre
Chui Ha Li
Eleni Tzimas

The following students obtained an ENTER of 90 or above, representing 40% of the Class of 2000 in the top 10% of all students in the state. These are excellent results.

Josephine Barbaro
Naomi Chainey
Lyndal Cockrum
Amy Gavaghan
Brigid Maiden
Sarah Moore
Monica Przybyszewski
Stephanie Randles
Alicia Snowden
Lauren Taylor
Adele Weston

SUBJECT RESULTS

34 students achieved a study score of 40% or more, placing them in the top 8% of the state for that subject.

Special congratulations to Antoinette Cerantonio and Elli Jacovides who achieved a perfect score (50/50) for English.

Accounting
Sophia Gielewski
Chui Ha Li
Sarah Moore

Art
Fiona Black

Chemistry
Qin Si Da

Classical Societies and Cultures
Elli Jacovides
Eleni Tzimas

Dance
Jacinta White

English
Fiona Black
Antoinette Cerantonio
Naomi Chainey
Qin Si Da
Rachel Grant
Sarvath Hussain
Elli Jacovides
Ceri Le Feuvre
Brigid Maiden
Monica Przybyszewski
Alicia Snowden
Lauren Taylor
Eleni Tzimas

English ESL
Chui Ha Li

French
Elli Jacovides

Further Mathematics
Lauren Davis
Elizabeth Fricke
Sarvath Hussain
Eleni Tzimas

Geography
Elizabeth Bramich
Lauren Davis
Eleni Tzimas

Health and Human Development
Emma McCracken
Adele Weston

History: Renaissance Italy
Elli Jacovides
Antoinette Cerantonio

Information Technology:
Josephine Barbaro
Kathryn Clancy

Japanese:
Fiona Phan

Mathematical Methods:
Sophia Gielewski
Chui Ha Li
Bryony McCormack
Emily Tao
Melia Wong

Physics:
Qin Si Da
Ceri Le Feuvre

Physical Education:
Fiona Edwards
Elizabeth Fricke
Amy Gavaghan

Political Studies:
Antoinette Cerantonio
Kathryn Clancy
Alicia Snowden

Psychology:
Fiona Black
Lyndal Cockrum
Rachel Grant
Brigid Maiden

Specialist Mathematics
Qin Si Da

VET: Hospitality
Hayley Bulman

VET: Hospitality, Design and Technology
Elise Ingram
Adele Weston

Visual Communication and Design
Fiona Black
Sophia Gielewski
Kylie Standing
Lauren Taylor

All girls attempting to complete their VCE this year were successful, representing a 100% pass rate.

VCE HIGHLIGHTS

ELLI JACOVIDES

When Elli discovered that she had achieved an ENTER score of 99.5, she recalls that she was shocked and excited, but essentially satisfied, because she had worked for the whole of the 2000 school year with one aim – excellent results.

Elli studied Mathematics Methods, Classical Societies and Cultures, History: Renaissance Italy, English and French during Year 12. She is now studying Arts/Law at the University of Melbourne. She is happy with her choice of course, finding the content interesting and the wide range of career options open to her promising.

Elli attended Lowther Hall for the whole of her school life from the age of three and a half. She achieved the leadership positions of Prefect and Captain of Lees House and participated in many aspects of school life, including performing arts and fundraising. "I benefited a great deal from my many years at Lowther Hall. I felt a great sense of security and belonging and this sense of school spirit helped me to achieve and contribute to many activities," she says.

Elli's battle with cancer, which prevented her attending most of Years 9 and 10 has been well documented, but the support of her family and school were a great inspiration. As result of her illness, Elli has a positive attitude and a balanced approach to life. Although she is the first to admit that she studied extremely hard, Elli says with conviction that she did enjoy Year 12. "I used my school time and study time effectively, which allowed me time for rest and relaxation. This is the best advice I can offer to VCE students," she says.

CERI LE FEUVRE

Ceri was more than happy with her ENTER score of 98.5. She gained the marks required to study Engineering/Science at the University of Melbourne, which will help her to fulfill her dream of working in the aerospace industry.

Her love of all things aeronautical began with a visit to the Melbourne Air Show a few years ago. "I would like to eventually design the wing structures of planes," says Ceri, who is also taking flying lessons.

Ceri began her secondary education at Lowther Hall after attending Macedon Primary. She took part in House activities, was a keen member of the school swimming team and during 2000 was the Captain of the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme, gaining her Gold Award in the same year.

After spending the summer holidays travelling around England and Europe visiting relatives, Ceri is living at Melbourne University's Whitley College.

ANTOINETTE CERANTONIO

Antoinette didn't expect an ENTER score of 99.05, but she is thrilled that her consistent hard work led to very high results. Her excellent marks in English, Mathematics Methods, Japanese, History: Renaissance Italy and Political Studies, have enabled her to study Commerce/Arts at the University of Melbourne.

Antoinette attended Lowther Hall from Prep to Year 12 and believes that the many opportunities she was offered as a student leader, team member and public speaker have equipped her very well for university life and a future career as a journalist.

Year 12 was undoubtedly the busiest year of Antoinette's school life. She was a Deputy School Captain, Chronicle Captain, compere of the House Performing Arts, a member of the organising committee for the Regional Schools Constitutional Convention and an enthusiastic member of the senior tennis team and the soccer team. "I was always doing something and I think it helped to give my study balance," she says.

QIN SI DA

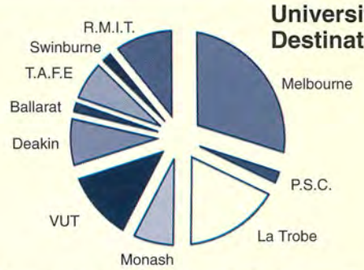
Qin Si achieved an ENTER score of 99.1. She achieved excellent results in Chemistry, English, Specialist Mathematics, Physics and Business Mathematics. She remembers Year 12 as a year of hard work, but at the same time, a year of considerable rewards. Qin Si has begun studying Commerce/Law at Monash University, Clayton and is finding the course content extremely interesting. "I have more time allocated for research and reading than I do contact hours, so I am learning to adjust my study timetable," she says.

Although not entirely sure which career path she will follow at this stage, Qin Si is considering a future position in a company environment. She is already making friends in her course and has run into a former classmate on campus.

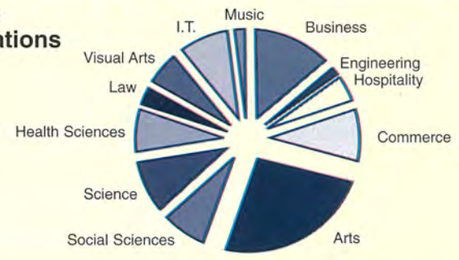
Qin Si entered Lowther Hall at Year 9 from Upfield Secondary College. She particularly enjoyed Years 10, 11 and 12, after her first year of adjustment. She was active in Hindley House activities, including fundraising and is most grateful to members of staff for their support and friendship.

TERTIARY PLACEMENTS FOR 2001

University/T.A.F.E. Destinations



Course Destinations



Almost 60% of the class of 2000 were offered their first choice of course and most were offered one of their first 3 choices.

NEW BEGINNINGS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

This year sees a new emphasis on student leadership. The Assemblies of Dedication recognise Year 6s and Year 12s as leaders. The Peer Support Scheme means that Year 11 and 10 students are working with all of Year 7 and Year 8, acting as buddies and mentors. Students are involved in planning for Colours and awards, in Canteen matters, in a wide variety of activities and in organising school events.

Prefects for 2001. Back Row: (left to right) Megan Taylor, Renee Farina, Katrina White, Natasha Millson, Vanessa Busacca, Nicole Le Sueur, Rebecca Breen. Front Row: (left to right) Rebecca Adams, Bryony McCormack, Grace Nicastro, Morgan Jolly, Melia Wong.

Left to Right: Bryony McCormack (School Captain), Ms Noelene Williams, The Revd Joy Letts, Bishop Andrew St John, Ms Noelene Horton, Mrs Robyn Kronenberg, Grace Nicastro (Deputy School Captain).

Year 6 and Year 8 students took on the role of guides for Open Day. Left to Right: Michelle Kowalczyk, Charlotte Hodge, Siobhan Ward, Nicole Filipovic, Penny Carter, Renata De Marco.

Staff and students manning Lowther Hall's information stall at the Moonee Valley Festival.

Junior School leaders with Revd Joy Letts, Ms Noelene Horton and Mrs Noella Kershaw, Head of Junior School.

Activity Captains 2001

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2001

Thursday to Saturday 26-28 July	*School Play* – DINKUM ASSORTED – Joan M Garde Cultural Centre
Saturday 8 September	*Spring Concert* – Joan M Garde Cultural Centre
Tuesday 4 December	*Service of Carols* – St Paul's Cathedral
Wednesday 12 December	*Exeunt* – Melbourne Town Hall

For further information about any of these events please contact the Community Relations Department at the school on 9337 5011.