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LEADERS . . . OF THE SCHOOL

From the Principal

LEADERS are born and made! Every one of us has leadership potential, the ability to show the way to others in learning or in musical ability, in sporting skills, in caring about other people, in decision making and more. Leadership can be learned, by observing those around us, by undertaking particular experiences, by taking training courses and by sheer practice in showing initiative and solving problems.

We are all leaders and followers, both of which require special skills. This issue of the Lowther News celebrates some of the leaders in our school. All members of the community are valued. All at times display leadership.

Noelene Horton

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mr Mark Armour is the new Chairman of the Lowther Hall School Council. Mr Armour, a Manager with ANZ, has been a member of the Council since 1996 and has contributed a great deal with his business expertise.

Mark has a long family association with Lowther Hall. His daughter Caroline is currently in Year 10, his sisters attended the school and his mother, Mary, has been a student and music teacher, as well as past President of the Old Grammarians' Association. His grandfather, Mr Harold Colwell, also served on the School Council.



Mr Mark Armour

THE STUDENTS

The Senior School Assembly of Dedication, was held on Friday 1 February in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre. The service was led by the Right Reverend Andrew Curnow, Bishop of the Northern Region and Registrar of the Diocese of Melbourne.

Bishop Curnow delivered a challenging address to the students on the theme "Love Gives the World a Future" and the Principal's Award for Outstanding VCE Results in 2001 was presented to Emily Tao by Ms Noelene Horton.

During the service, the dedication of the School Captain, Chanelle Black, Deputy School Captain Nicolette Quinn and the Prefects took place, as did the dedication of the Activity Captains and all Year 12's.

The Year 12 students were given candles lit from altar candles. They processed and encompassed the gathered school community with the light, as a symbol of God's presence and their promise and responsibility as school leaders. At the Valedictory Service, at the end of the school year, the students will symbolically carry the light out into the community and the world.



After the Senior School Assembly of Dedication. Left to Right: Dr Susan Leslie, Chanelle Black, Revd Joy Letts, Bishop Andrew Curnow, Ms Noelene Horton, Nicolette Quinn, Mrs Robyn Kronenberg.

The Junior School Assembly of Dedication was held on Friday 15 February in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre. The service was led by the Reverend Joy Letts and Mrs Noella Kershaw, Head of Junior School, with the theme of "Helping Others".

Ms Noelene Horton presented badges to the Junior School Captain, Julia Busacca, Junior School Deputy Captain, Adriana Musemici and House Captains and Deputy Captains. The Year 6 students were also given a candle as a sign of God's life among us.

The service concluded with the Junior School students' beautiful singing of "Brother Sister Let Me Serve You" and the Blessing "Go Now in Peace". Many family members and friends were present to encourage and support the Junior School community.



Junior School Leaders with Revd Joy Letts, Ms Noelene Horton & Mrs Noella Kershaw.

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FRONT COVER: Ms Noelene Horton celebrates the opening of the new Junior School building with Year 2 students.
Photo courtesy Newsphotos.

LEADERS . . . NEW STAFF



Julie Anthony *B Applied Science (Phys Ed), DipEd*

Miss Julie Anthony joins Lowther Hall as Physical Education Coordinator.

Her role includes organisation of aerobics training and competition.

Julie previously worked at Our Lady of Mercy College in Heidelberg, where she taught Physical Education, Health and Sport to Years 7 to 12 as well as Year 7 History and Geography. Julie has coached and participated in a number of sports including gymnastics, swimming, diving and squash.

Outside of school hours, Julie plays State League netball (which requires a large commitment) and enjoys training in the gym. She is also a committed Collingwood supporter and loves to watch them play.



Wing Chan *B Music, Grad Dip Ed (Secondary)*

Ms Wing Chan is a new face in the Music faculty, where she is teaching class music and piano.

Wing studied music at the Australian Catholic University and gained her teaching qualifications from the University of Melbourne.

As a first year teacher, Wing is enjoying her new environment and meeting her students and colleagues. When not teaching or playing music Wing enjoys playing badminton.



Marion Myers *B Science (Hons), Dip Ed*

Mrs Marion Myers joins the Lowther Hall community as a teacher of Mathematics and Science for Years 7 to 12.

She has been committed to education for over 20 years and has taught in a number of independent and Catholic schools around Melbourne.

Marion, who was born in Mauritius and speaks French, studied at London University and taught in the UK before migrating to Australia, where she continued her studies.

She has two sons, Glenn aged 16 and Scott aged 12. Her interests include walking, music and dancing, and she supports the Melbourne Tigers Basketball Club.



Cheryl Penberthy *BEEd, Grad Dip Ed (Administration)*

Mrs Cheryl Penberthy joins the staff as Deputy Head of the Junior School. She is excited by the role that includes teaching Year 6.

Cheryl has 22 years teaching experience in the State system and has taught all year levels, from Prep to 6. She has a strong focus on the achievement of high Literacy and Numeracy skills.

Cheryl worships locally at St John's Uniting Church in Essendon and is enjoying being part of the Christian community at Lowther Hall where she believes the care for each student stands out. When not teaching, Cheryl enjoys spending time with her husband Leigh and three children Laura, Richard and Thomas.



Alicia Slater *BA (Hons), Grad Dip Ed, AmusA*

Mrs Alicia Slater joins the English faculty and also teaches History and Philosophy and Religious Education.

She completed her studies at Sydney University and has previously taught at Melbourne Girls Grammar.

Alicia loves reading, bikeriding, bushwalking, watching films and plays and meeting a wide range of people. She plays piano, flute and cello and enjoys translating Latin. With her husband Paul, she worships at St Jude's Anglican Church, Carlton.

Alicia is looking forward to working as part of the Lowther Hall community and getting to know all of her students.



Rachelle Turnbull *B Ed*

Miss Rachelle Turnbull joins the Junior School staff as teacher of Year 4.

Lowther Hall is Rachelle's first teaching position after graduating from the Victoria University of Technology and she is thoroughly enjoying working with the staff and students in the new Junior School. Rachelle enjoys weekends away, canoeing and horseriding. She and her fiance Adam are being married in September.



Lynne Vero *BA, BLitt, DipEd, Grad Dip Library and Information Studies, Certificate of Education (LOTE)*

Ms Lynne Vero joins the staff of Lowther Hall as French teacher and Head of Languages.

She has taught in the State system over sixteen years and spent several years as a public librarian whilst on family leave.

A committed Francophile, Lynne has travelled to France a number of times, including trips with student groups. She has trekked in Mauritius and the Reunion Islands and enjoyed the beaches of New Caledonia.

Lynne's favourite hobby is teaching French to teenage girls, but she also loves her family, walking, reading, French cinema and socialising with good friends.



Paul Wentford *MA, BA, Dip Ed*

Mr Paul Wentford is Lowther Hall's new Head of Drama and Dance. Born in England, Paul spent his school years and early university years in New Zealand before making Australia home in the late '70s.

He previously taught English and Drama at Camberwell Boys' Grammar and was Head of Drama at St Michael's Grammar.

Paul trained as an actor in New Zealand and has had a continuing career in the theatre as an actor and director. He is looking forward to directing Lowther Hall's production of the musical Oklahoma, which will be staged in August. Paul's other interests are photography, cooking, movies and travel.



Pamela Wood *Dip Art and Design, Dip Ed*

Ms Pam Wood joins Lowther Hall in the new position of Art Specialist for Prep to Year 6 and she is looking forward to displaying the colourful and creative artworks of the girls in the new Junior School building. She is also teaching Philosophy and Religious Education up to Year 7. Pam has had an extensive and varied career teaching all areas of the Arts in primary and secondary schools, most recently Haileybury College.

Pam is a cat-lover, and she enjoys all the cultural activities that Melbourne has to offer. She paints religious icons and loves to cook and entertain.



Catherine Woods *BEEd, DipT (Primary/Special Needs)*

Miss Catherine Woods is new to Lowther Hall and Australia. After four years living in London she came to Lowther Hall in Term 4, 2001 in a replacement position, on her way home to New Zealand. This year she is teaching Prep and has settled in Melbourne.

Catherine grew up and studied in New Zealand and taught in Christchurch and Wellington, before heading overseas. During her time in London she taught at the Ormond Street Children's Hospital and travelled extensively throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Her teaching experience includes working as a coordinator in the areas of literacy and numeracy, early years and special needs. Catherine has a wide range of interests including supporting New Zealand rugby, skiing and snowboarding, trekking, sea kayaking, travel and sampling fine Australian and New Zealand wines.



LEADERS . . .



Celebrating the completed project. Left to right: George and Frosa Adams (past parents), Town Planner David Whitney and Chairman of the Property Committee Peter Malcolm.



Left to right: Dr Lorraine Baker, Revd Peter Horman, Pat Horman and Councillor Don Cornish, Mayor of Essendon.

DEDICATION AND OPENING OF

The sun shone through the clouds just in time on Tuesday 26 February for a significant moment in Lowther Hall's history, the Dedication and Opening of the new Junior School Building.

A large gathering of friends of Lowther Hall including members of the School Council, staff, students, past students, parents, local politicians and representatives of the team of architects and builders who were responsible for the construction of the building, attended the ceremony.

The Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Reverend Peter Watson performed the Dedication Ceremony, offering prayers of dedication and unveiling the Dedication Plaque.

The Opening Ceremony was performed by Professor Judith Kinnear, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of Sydney. In her address, Professor Kinnear spoke of the loving relationship her mother



Archbishop Watson learns about story writing from Prep student Manisha De Silva during visits to Junior School classrooms.



Professor Judith Kinnear, assisted by Archbishop Watson, cuts the gold and blue ribbon to officially open the new Junior School building.



Students and friends of Lowther Hall attend the Opening Ceremony

NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Mary Adelaide Koops developed with Lowther Hall and learning during her all too brief two years as a student in the 1920's. Professor Kinneer explained that the close relationships her mother shared with the staff and students, and the joy she received from learning about the world, were major influences on her life.

After the Archbishop and Professor Kinneer cut the gold and blue ribbon and the doors were officially opened, the Junior School at work became the focus. Year 6 students took visitors on guided tours of the building, which included discovering classrooms and spending time with students and teachers.

Later in the day Lowther Hall's annual Open Day took place. Visitors from the wider community were invited to see the students at work and tour the school's facilities, with the new Junior School being a major focus.



Deputy Principal Mrs Robyn Kronenberg (left) is joined by former Deputy Principals of the school. Left to right: Mrs Deborah Seifert, Mrs Wendy Lewis, Dr Heather Schnagl and Mrs Carol Hodgson.



Ms Judy Maddigan, Member for Essendon, with Junior School Captain, Julia Busacca (left) and Deputy Captain Adriana Musumeci.



Old Grammarians. (Left to right) Nan Harrison, Irene Alford, Margaret Royston Jackie Dalzell are joined by former Principal Elizabeth Pike (front).



LEADERS . . . THE FUTURE

EMILY TAO

With an ENTER score of 99.6, Emily Tao achieved the highest results in the Class of 2001.

She was presented with the Principal's Award for Outstanding VCE Results at the Assembly of Dedication on 1 February.

During 2001, Emily studied English, Physics, Chemistry, Specialist Mathematics and University Maths (University of Melbourne). She completed Mathematics Methods whilst in Year 11.

Emily came to Lowther Hall in Year 9 after being awarded a scholarship. She had attended Primary school at St Brendan's Flemington and Years 7 and 8 at Essendon Keilor College.

She is now beginning a new and exciting stage of study at the University of Melbourne, where she is taking on a double degree in Arts Commerce/Information Systems. "I have always wanted to do a broad ranging subject like Commerce, which offers many different careers and I believe a thorough knowledge of technology is vital to these careers", Emily explains.

Emily recalls that Year 12 was a challenge, just as she expected it would be. She believes that efficient use of study time helped her to achieve at the highest level and she believes that having two close friends who were doing the same subjects was a motivating factor. "We kept each other on the job and we had an instant discussion group," she says.



Emily Tao

SUNSHINE LE

Sunshine worked hard towards her VCE results and is extremely happy that her efforts paid off. With an ENTER score of 99.35, she has chosen to study Dental Science at the University of Melbourne.

"I thought about several different courses- from Optometry to Visual Arts, but I am really happy with my final choice," she says.

Entering Lowther Hall from nearby St Columba's College, after being awarded a Year 9 scholarship, Sunshine continued to build on her academic achievements. During Year 12, she studied English, Specialist Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and University Mathematics (University of Melbourne), and completed Mathematics Methods in Year 11, like her friend Emily. Last year she took a break from studying piano to allow more time for other subjects, but is now keen to get back to playing music.

At university, Sunshine is looking forward to meeting new friends and experiencing the independence of tertiary study and she hopes to catch up with a number of Lowther Hall classmates on campus.



Sunshine Le

BRYONY McCORMACK

School Captain for 2001 and Lowther Clarke Scholar, Bryony McCormack capped off a year of high achievements with an ENTER score of 99.35.

Bryony began her school days at Lowther Hall in Year 6, 1995 after being awarded the first Tangara Scholarship, whilst attending the Greenvale Catholic Primary School. In Year 12 she studied English, Chemistry, Specialist Mathematics, Music Performance-Piano and Music Styles. She also completed Mathematics Methods in Year 11.

At the University of Melbourne she has chosen to study Arts /Law with the aim of practising Law in the future. Bryony is an accomplished pianist and currently teaches music theory part-time. She is planning to sit her AmusA exam this year and then teach piano as well. She also excelled at debating and has plans to join the university debating club, in addition to coaching Lowther Hall's teams.

Bryony contributed a great deal to life at Lowther Hall. She rowed, swam, debated, sang in the Senior Vocal Ensemble and played in tennis and soccer teams. She believes her disciplined approach to study, making the most of her school time and the dedication of the teaching staff helped her to achieve in all areas.



Bryony McCormack

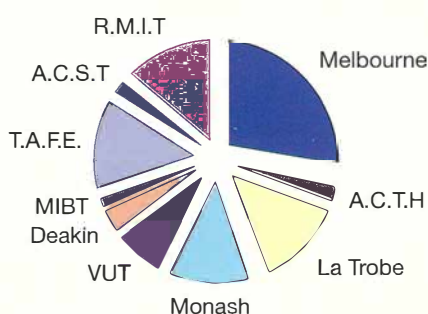
VCE 2001 Career Destinations

Lowther Hall's VCE Class of 2001 students achieved impressive results and all who applied will gain entrance to the tertiary courses of their choice.

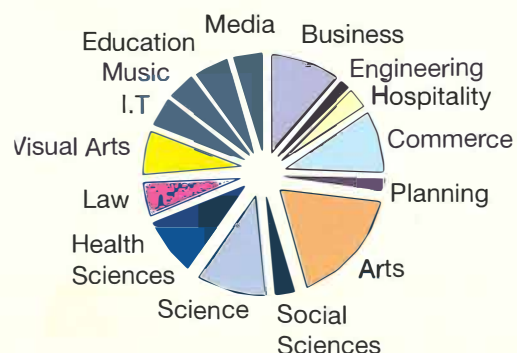
- Three students achieved an ENTER (Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank) of over 99, placing them in the top 1% of the state.
- Nine students obtained ENTER scores of above 95, placing them in the top 5% of the state.
- 19% of Lowther Hall students were placed in the top 5% of the state.
- Twenty students obtained an ENTER score of 90 or above, representing 32% of the Class of 2001 in the top 10% of all students in the state.
- Enter scores of 85 or above were achieved by 48% of the class, placing them in the state's top 15% and 52% of Lowther Hall students obtained an ENTER of 80 or above, placing them in the top 20% of the state.
- 48% of scores were A or A+
- Six students successfully completed a first year university subject (Biology, Mathematics or Philosophy) as part of their Year 12 studies.
- 60% of Year 11 students successfully completed one or more Units 3/4.

TERTIARY PLACEMENTS FOR 2002

2002 University/TAFE Destinations



Course Destinations 2002





THE STAFF

Two new positions have been created at Lowther Hall in 2002.



Dr Susan Leslie

Dr Susan Leslie, Head of Grant House, has been appointed as Director of Students.

Her role involves the continuing overseeing of pastoral care of Grant House students and the monitoring of their academic progress. Dr Leslie also takes responsibility for the oversight of the pastoral care of Senior School students, ensuring stronger links between year levels, pastoral and academic monitoring procedures across year levels, pastoral staff operating according to a shared vision.



Mrs Nene Macwhirter

Mrs Nene Macwhirter, has been appointed as Director of Studies.

In this position she oversees curriculum development in Senior School and liaises with Junior School staff on curriculum issues, with the aim of continually developing a curriculum which is challenging, broad and appropriate. She is responsible for the coordination of student teachers throughout the school and leads the staff development team which deals with teachers' professional development and teacher appraisal.

Many members of staff also study and take on positions of responsibility in other education organisations. Recent achievements include:-

Mrs Brigid Cooper, Lowther Hall's Archivist has been elected as President of the Association of Catholic Archivists (ACA), a group that provides a support network for archivists and opportunities for professional development. Brigid spends two days each week at Lowther Hall, looking after the items that

tell the story of the school including photographs, publications, documents, uniforms and badges and has contact with past students in relation to her work. She also does archival work for the Brigidine Sisters and St Paul's College, North Altona.

Mrs Nicola Sabbadini, Head of Humanities, recently completed a Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Asian Studies, held at Victoria University and subsidised by the Association of Independent Schools of Victoria (AISV). Nicola is now using the knowledge gained to develop new courses which look at the Asian region and Australia's place in it.

Dr Peter White, Head of Mathematics and Science, has a continuing association with the Australian Council of Educational Administration (ACEA). Peter currently edits or assists in the editing of ACEA publications *Leading and Managing*, *Hot Topics* and *ACEA Monographs*. Peter forged links with ACEA whilst studying Educational Administration and Leadership, culminating in a PhD.



Left to right: Mrs Brigid Cooper, Dr Peter White, Mrs Nicola Sabbadini

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS' EXPO

As a participant in the 2002 Independent Schools' Expo, held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March, Lowther Hall enjoyed the opportunity to let the wider community know about the dynamic people and programs that make up our school.

Over the two days, hundreds of visitors to the Expo stopped by Lowther Hall's distinctive stall to learn more of our values and objectives as a school for girls. A number of staff members, students and some school families volunteered their time to talk to members of the public about their part in the Lowther Hall community. The staff and students also enjoyed the chance to network with their peers from other independent schools throughout Victoria and catch up with friends and acquaintances.

Lowther Hall also participated in the Student Art Gallery, with paper collage posters representing modern and traditional Japanese art, created by Year 11 students. The Flute Ensemble and Senior Vocal Ensemble were part of the Student Musical Performances program.



Ready for the opening of the Independent Schools' Expo. Left to right: Daniela Cerantonio, Elena Jacovides and Mr Richard Hunt, Coordinator of Years 7 and 8.



LEADERS . . . IN DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

In December 2001 Lowther Hall celebrated the achievements of Johanna Letcher and Ceri Le Feuvre.



Johanna Letcher, accompanied by His Excellency John Landy, Governor of Victoria, after the Gold Award Ceremony at Government House.

Johanna, a member of the Year 12 class of 2001 and Ceri, who completed Year 12 in 2000, were presented with their Gold Certificates for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme by the Governor of Victoria, John Landy, at a Government House ceremony attended by over 150 students from throughout Victoria. They were accompanied by their families, Deputy Principal, Mrs Robyn Kronenberg, and Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, Mr Gary Garner.

Johanna received the added honour of being invited to speak on behalf of the Gold Award participants at the ceremony. In a carefully prepared speech she outlined the rewards she had gained from taking part in the Scheme to the highest level. Dedication, persev-

erance, service, travel and encouragement were key words in her address.

"I never visualised myself as being a speaker in such a large and important public forum, but the confidence I gained from taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme, helped me to accept the challenge," she says.

Johanna's ability to speak about her Duke of Edinburgh experiences were first noticed by regional coordinator Jackie McKenzie at Lowther Hall's Information Evening for Year 9 students. "I spoke 'off the cuff' about how I achieved my Gold Award and I guess my enthusiasm made my words worth listening to because after that I was asked to do the Government House speech", Johanna explains.

To achieve her Gold Award, Johanna travelled to Malaysia to prepare a detailed report comparing lifestyles in Malaysia and Australia. She spent a year as a weekly fundraising volunteer for the Epilepsy Foundation, achieved first aid qualifications and trained and competed with the School's aerobics teams.



Johanna makes her speech on behalf of the 150 Gold Awardees.



Lowther Hall's representatives at the Gold Awards Ceremony. Left to right: Mr Gary Garner, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, Johanna Letcher, Ceri Le Feuvre and Deputy Principal, Mrs Robyn Kronenberg.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2002

Saturday 22 June at 7.30pm

Winter Concert - Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

Thursday 8 - Saturday 10 August

School Musical, Oklahoma - Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

Thursday 24 - Saturday 26 October

Art Show - Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

Tuesday 3 December at 8.00pm

Service of Carols - St Paul's Cathedral

Monday 9 December at 8.00pm

Exeunt - Melbourne Town Hall

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