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Sunglasses – A New Sunsmart item
of School Uniform!

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Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Principal.



Mr Clinton Golding, educator and lecturer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2008

MAY

Thurs 1 – Sat 3

School Musical: Seussical
Clocktower Centre
Moonee Ponds

JULY

Sat 26, 6:30pm

Evening of Song
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

AUGUST

Fri 29, 7:30pm

Spring Concert
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

OCTOBER

Fri 10 – Mon 13

Art and Design Exhibition
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

DECEMBER

Thurs 4, 8:00pm

Carols Service
St Paul's Cathedral

Wed 10, 6:00pm

Exeunt
Melbourne Town Hall

For further information about any of these events please contact the Community Relations Department at the School.

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CLINTON GOLDING ON THINKING AT LOWTHER HALL

Clinton Golding is a member of the Education Faculty at Melbourne University. His particular area of expertise is in Thinking and Learning and how best to develop a "thinking culture" in schools. Clinton has been working with staff at Lowther Hall since the beginning of 2007 and this year he spoke at the Parent Forums during Term 1 about ways in which parents can help their children to become more effective thinkers. Clinton is our expert "guest Principal Thoughts columnist" for this edition of Lowther News. Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Principal.

Following the best theories of education and learning, Lowther Hall is committed to fostering effective, responsible, independent thinkers.

Earlier theories of education and learning held that thinking was irrelevant to education. The theory was that our thinking ability was set at birth and so we could not learn to be better thinkers. We were destined to be 'good' or 'bad' thinkers and there was nothing that schools could do about this. Also, it was believed that complex thinking is unnecessary for learning. All students need to do to learn is to memorise the information given to them.

These views about thinking and education were mistaken. Now, schools like Lowther Hall realise how essential thinking is for a proper education: Thinking can be taught and improved and quality thinking is necessary for learning and life.

We can learn to be better thinkers in the same way that we can train to be a better runner or learn to type faster and more accurately. Learning to think more creatively, clearly or critically requires practice and coaching, but it can be done.

Students need to learn to think in better ways because good thinking is essential for deep learning and understanding. Real learning cannot happen by isolating and transmitting information to students and instead requires active thinking and processing. Without this thinking all we get from school is the fragile knowledge we remember long enough to write down in an exam and then promptly forget. We might be able to use what we have learned in a game of trivial pursuit, but we do not really understand it and we cannot apply it in real-life situations.

Students also need to learn to think for themselves to deal with the challenges of the future and to lead a successful life. The Lowther girls of today will be faced with: more information than any one person can memorise; contradictory views, theories, beliefs and values, all claiming to be correct; uncertainty and change in their work and personal life, such as having to change careers several times; national and global problems which we currently do not know how to solve such as the energy crisis and the challenge of global poverty. They need to be able to think for themselves to deal with these issues.

Given the commitment Lowther Hall has to these cutting-edge views of education, the school places great importance on the development of thinking. Because of this, you will notice changes in the teaching and learning at Lowther as the teachers work to implement the new theories of thinking in more and more effective ways.

Mr Clinton Golding

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The Student Council and Editors Cinzia Posega and Alana O'Neill launch *The Mansion Messenger*.

STUDENT COUNCIL LAUNCH *THE MANSION MESSENGER*

Lowther Hall's Student Council for 2008 has launched an exciting initiative - the School's own newspaper titled *The Mansion Messenger*.

The monthly paper features commentary, letters to the editor, social justice information, interviews and the Student Council noticeboard. Co-Editors, Year 11 students **Alana O'Neill** and **Cinzia Posega** state that the aim of *The Mansion Messenger* is to provide an opportunity for each member of the school community to express views and ideas on relevant issues of concern to us all.

The Student Council is led by Deputy School Captain **Carla Bellomarino** and comprises Deputy House Captains and elected representatives from Years 7 to 10.

SUNGLASSES AN ADDITION TO SUNSMART POLICY

In a positive step to protect students' eyes from harmful UV rays Lowther Hall has introduced sunglasses as a new item of uniform.

The sunglasses which come in three styles, one for Kindergarten to Year 4, one for Years 5 to 8 and another for Years 9 to 12 students, feature a school insignia and the student's name.

Girls are encouraged to wear the protective glasses whenever outdoors, including travelling to and from school, in the school grounds and for PE classes and sport where appropriate.

STUDENT LEADERS TO THE ALLIANCE OF GIRLS' SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN PERTH

Each year the Alliance of Girls' School Australasia holds a student leadership conference. We were lucky enough to be invited to attend this five day experience. The conference was called "Journey to Inspire" and focused on teaching school leaders important tools in leadership as well as life.

In 2008 the conference was held at Penrhos College in the Perth suburb of Como. Once we had arrived at Penrhos we settled into our dorms (usually occupied by the school's boarders) and started introducing ourselves to the more than 150 girls attending the conference.

Our days were spent learning essential leadership qualities such as balance, innovative ideas, motivation, team work and, of course, making new friends from around the world.

One of the highlights of the trip was 'The Amazing Race', where teams frantically raced around Perth trying to solve puzzles and tasks, before coming back together as one big group to see our achievements.



Student leaders for 2008 at the Assembly of Dedication with Bishop Philip Huggins, Mrs Carolyn Grantskains, Ms Tracy Healy and Ms Elisabeth Rhodes.

We found the experience rewarding and inspiring. We hope to implement the skills we have learnt relating to communication, meeting management and using 'feedback sandwiches' in our work as student leaders this year.

Montana Alessi
School Captain

Carla Bellomarino
Deputy School Captain





Kwong Lee Dow Scholars
Alana O'Neill, Charlotte Blake,
Ada Vuu and Suvini Perera
with Careers Coordinator
Mrs Nadija Anin.



Mrs Clare Enright with Japanese students
during her study tour.

ACHIEVEMENTS

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Year 11 students **Charlotte Blake** and **Alana O'Neill** along with Year 12 students **Suvini Perera** and **Ada Vuu** have been selected by the University of Melbourne as Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars. A tailored program of events and activities provided by the University of Melbourne will support and enhance their secondary studies, as well as provide the opportunity to interact with other young scholars and members of the University community.

STAFF MEMBERS ATTEND PRESTIGIOUS SUMMER SCHOOLS

Two Lowther Hall staff were selected to attend the Federal Government's Summer Schools for Secondary Teachers. Teachers from throughout the Commonwealth had to undertake a rigorous selection process to be invited to attend. Staff attending were required to be leaders in their subject area.

Mr Martin Gibbs, Head of Humanities, attended the Australian History Summer School for Teachers in Canberra during January. Following studies on the social history of Australia, Mr Gibbs has written a new Year 10 Australian History course which focuses on the history of multiculturalism, immigration and the White Australia Policy.

Mathematics teacher **Mrs Deborah Lilly** attended the Mathematics Summer School at the University of New England, Armidale NSW. Mrs Lilly reports that the course featured international guest speakers covering topics such as neuro-science, internet learning, 21st Century Maths and engaging Middle School students.

JAPAN STUDY TOUR

During the Summer Holidays, I was privileged to be invited to spend three weeks at the Urawa Japanese Language Institute near Tokyo. The Japan Foundation Sydney provided grants to 23 teachers of Japanese language throughout Australia, allowing them the opportunity to improve their language skills and teaching methodology and to deepen their knowledge of Japanese culture.

During our three week stay we participated in calligraphy, the tea ceremony, attended Kabuki at the famous Kabukiza in Gion and were spectators at Sumo wrestling competitions. We also stayed with a host family, visited a local primary and secondary school and spent a night at an Onsen (thermal springs).

A main aim of the program was to have the opportunity to collect authentic resources for use within our classrooms. We worked in groups to develop resources suitable to the year levels we were teaching in Australia and spent time with high school students putting our work into practice. The tour was a fantastic way to inspire and refresh our enthusiasm for promoting the Japanese language in our classrooms.

Mrs Clare Enright

JAPANESE CULTURAL ESSAY AWARDS

Three Lowther Hall students received awards in the Japanese Cultural Essay Competition, conducted by the Embassy of Japan in Canberra.

Elise Cannan (Year 10) received an Outstanding Achievement Award and Year 8 students **Chelsea Gillis** and **Holly Wulf** received Highly Commended Prizes. The girls received their awards in a ceremony held at the official residence of the Consul General of Japan.

Elise Cannan and Holly Wulf at the Cultural Awards presentations, with Japanese Consul General, Mr Hasegawa.





Victorian Schools Junior Championships.
Year 10 Division 1 Single Scull winner,
Emma Thomason with Ms Tamara
McPherson (coach).

Year 12 Morongo medallists
Hannah Fitzpatrick,
Kaitlyn Pryor, Kelly Brady,
Kristen McCann and
Stephanie Naylor.



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Being awarded a scholarship to attend Victoria University's five day Sports Camp for basketball at the Footscray campus during January was an amazing opportunity.

At the camp we worked on improving our basketball skills such as shooting, dribbling, defending and playing in teams. We tried a number of training techniques such as spinning class (cycling) and weights training. We learned many new basketball skills which we know will help us to be better players for Lowther Hall in the GSV competition and made new friends.

It was a great experience.

Brianna Muldoon
Year 10

Bonnie Su
Year 9

LOWTHER HALL STUDENTS TO AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Lowther Hall students **Rebecca Delmenico** and **Emma Thomason (Year 10)** and **Alice Backwell (Year 11)** for qualifying to compete in the 2008 Australian Rowing Championships, held at Penrith NSW in March.

Rebecca rowed in a composite crew to reach the semi finals of the Under 17 Coxed Quad Scull. Emma competed in a Double Scull and also made it through to the semi finals in Under 17 competition. Alice represented Lowther Hall in the Under 19 Single Scull and the Schoolgirl Single Scull. Her highlight was winning her seeded final of the Schoolgirl Single Scull in a photo finish.

HEAD OF SCHOOLGIRLS ROWING

Lowther Hall entered its largest squad, 46 rowers, at the Head of Schoolgirls Regatta, Geelong in March. This regatta is the culmination of the schools rowing season for girls and the largest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Our single scullers gained continued success with **Lucy Trembearth** winning first place and a medal in the final of the Year 9 event, **Emma Thomason** placing second in the A final of the Year 10 scull and **Alice Backwell (Year 11)** gaining 4th place in the Open Division 1 A final.

The senior crew completed a solid season with a win in the Open Division 1 C final. All girls in this crew, **Hannah Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Naylor, Kristen McCann, Kaitlyn Pryor** and their coxswain **Kelly Brady** were awarded Morongo Medals (for Year 12 students who have competed in the Head of Schoolgirls for 3 or more years). Our two Year 10 crews racing in Division 1 and 2, both made it to the B final for 2nd and 3rd placings and our Year 9 crews (all but one consisting of Year 8 students) made it through to C and D finals. The crews displayed great improvement over two days of racing and gained valuable experience for future seasons.

Stephanie Naylor
Rowing Captain

GSV FINALS

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 Indoor Cricket Team and also the Junior A and Senior B Tennis Teams on making it through to the GSV (Girls Sport Victoria) semi finals. This is the first year that Lowther Hall has entered teams in the indoor cricket competition. We look forward to following the progress of these teams.





VCE Art students get creative with sunglasses at Art Camp.



Year 4 students take time out on the State Library lawns.

ART CAMP

On Celebration Day late last year, while others were getting ready to bombard the sausage sizzle, the VCE Art girls were boarding mini buses, ready for the start of a creative awakening. We were armed with our brand new visual diaries and it felt like Christmas had come early as we unveiled the large array of materials that we had to work with.

Arriving in Toolangi, we embarked on what would be one of many observation and drawing sessions. Basking in the afternoon sunlight, we traced the shape of nature into our books, cementing memories in those pages until it grew too dark to see. Over the next few days we wandered through the Toolangi Sculpture Trail, gaining inspiration for the creation of our own ephemeral artworks.

The inaugural Art Camp proved an excellent opportunity for VCE Art students to get to know each other and provided a wonderful beginning for our artistic journey for 2008.

Claire Grech
Visual Arts Captain

YEAR FOUR STUDENTS VISIT STATE LIBRARY

All the girls in 4D and 4R were excited early in Term 1 because we were going to the State Library of Victoria in the city. We were ready to learn lots about Melbourne and its history.

Librarians Bethany and Rochelle were our guides and were able to take us on a tour of many rooms and interesting places in the Library. There were collections of newspapers, computers, art works and of course, books! Bethany and Rochelle told us information about John Batman, Charles Joseph La Trobe, Sir Robert Haddoe, Ned Kelly and William Buckley. It was lots of fun learning about all these people at the State Library.

The teachers who accompanied us were Ms Caluzzi, Miss Harris and Mrs Millar.

Alexandra Wilkinson and Natalie Baliviera

HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS

This year's House Performing Arts Competition was based on the theme "Life as a Fairytale". Each House was required to create a performance (which included drama, dance, singing and musical accompaniment) based on an historical event, intertwined with a fairytale. The mini production also needed to explore global issues.

After six outstanding performances the judging panel awarded first place to Lees House for its performance of *The Ugly Duckling*, which explored discrimination towards people with differences in our society. Perry House was runner up for its performance of *The Three Billygoats Gruff*.

Each year preparation for the House Performing Arts Competition brings together students from Years 7 to 12 and many enduring friendships are made.

Sarah Durso and Jessica Maitland
Drama Captains



Kelsey Holbrook, Carla Bellomarino and Adriana Musumeci take to the stage for Perry House.

Olympic Champion and former Governor of South Australia Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson visits Year 5 students.



OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST MARJORIE JACKSON-NELSON AC MBE VISITS YEAR FIVE

Year 5 students were recently surprised and excited when Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, one of Australia's most successful athletes, known during her running career as "The Lithgow Flash", knocked on their classroom door with her gold medals in hand.

Mrs Jackson-Nelson is the grandmother of former student Mardi Corcoran, who completed Year 12 in 2005 and is now in her third year of nursing studies. She made time during a visit to Melbourne to speak to the Year 5 girls about her outstanding athletics career and showed footage of her Olympic and Commonwealth Games Gold Medal events. She answered the girls' many questions on the life of an elite athlete and the many challenges to be the best.

In July 2007 Mrs Jackson-Nelson retired from 6 years as Governor of South Australia. She talked to the students about this role and her ongoing work fundraising for Leukaemia Research.

LOWTHER HALL FOUNDATION COCKTAIL PARTY

At the end of 2007 members of the Lowther Hall Foundation were invited to gather with the Foundation Committee, School Council and members of staff for a garden party at the home of our Principal Carolyn Grantskalns and her husband Ervin.

It was a lovely summer evening, where we were treated to fine finger foods and waiter service, while being soothed and entertained by sisters Charlotte and Stephanie Nicdao on piano and flute.

The event recognised the donations, pledges and bequests made by parents, staff, Old Grammarians and other supporters during the inaugural year of the Lowther Hall Foundation.

Having ended the year on such a positive note, I am sure that our current and future members will be looking forward to many memorable occasions as we see work begin on our first project, the refurbishment of the Cultural Centre.

Congratulations and thanks to all those involved, it has been a great start!

Mr Lorne Cole
Foundation Chairman

SCHOOL FOUNDATION WELCOME DRINKS FOR PARENTS

The Mansion provided an atmospheric backdrop for the drinks party hosted by the Lowther Hall Foundation, welcoming all parents, staff and members of the School Council to the 2008 school year.

The Chair of the School Council, Mr Peter Malcolm, and the Chair of the Foundation, Mr Lorne Cole, welcomed all in attendance. It was a wonderful time to meet up with old friends and make new acquaintances as parents explored both floors of the Mansion. Many ventured on to the balcony to experience the wonderful views.



Principal Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns and Chairman of the School Council Mr Peter Malcolm with Junior School parent Mr Leigh Sheehan at the welcome drinks for parents.

A dynamic team of parents from the Lowther Hall community was active in the organisation and running of this most successful and enjoyable event.



Lucy Dang

VCE RESULTS

Congratulations to the Class of 2007. Lowther Hall's VCE students have again achieved excellent results.

Of particular note:

- All girls attempting to complete their VCE in 2007 were successful, representing a 100% pass rate.
- 7 students obtained an ENTER (Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank) of 95 or above, representing 11% of our girls in the top 5% of the State.
- 17 students obtained an ENTER of 95 or above, representing 26% of the class of 2007 in the top 10% of all students in the State and 40% of students obtained an ENTER of 85 or above placing them in the top 15% of the State.
- 14% of study scores were 40 or above placing these girls in the top 8% of the State.
- 44% of scores were A or A+.

These results mean that the vast majority of students have been offered the tertiary course of their choice. Enrolments at Lowther Hall comprise the whole of the ability range and with rare exceptions students stay at school until the end of Year 12, yet the VCE results always demonstrate high attainment levels when compared with all Victorian students. This fact is a credit to the hard work of the girls and their teachers.

LUCY DANG

DUX OF 2007 AND LOWTHER CLARKE SCHOLAR

Lucy Dang was Lowther Hall's top VCE student for 2007. Lucy achieved an ENTER of 99.85 and has elected to study Medicine/Surgery at Monash University.

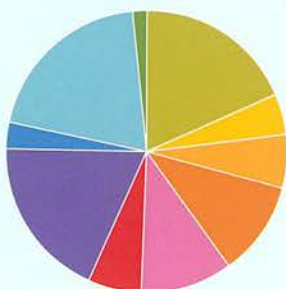
During 2007 Lucy studied English, Chemistry, Specialist Mathematics and University Biology (taught at Lowther Hall by Mrs Bernadette Caulfield). In Year 11 she completed Units 3 and 4 of Chinese Second Language Advanced (achieving a VCE Premier's Award for a perfect score of 50) and Mathematical Methods.

Lucy actively participated in the life of the school and in Year 12 was Debating Captain, Orchestra Pianist and accompanist for Assemblies and Chapel Services and a member of the Senior Badminton team.

Lucy has been awarded a Merit Scholarship for Medicine at Monash University based on her UMAT and ENTER scores and an interview. She recently attended Monash Medicine camp at Phillip Island and has joined the Monash Association of Debating and the Chinese Debating Club.

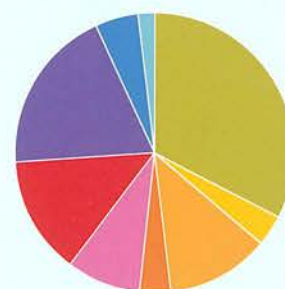
Lucy says "I treasured the time I had at Lowther and especially appreciated the endless opportunities we were given to extend ourselves in all disciplines and to grow in a loving and supportive environment".

2007 VCE Students Tertiary Destinations



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| ■ Melbourne | ■ Deakin |
| ■ ACU | ■ TAFE |
| ■ La Trobe | ■ Swinburne |
| ■ Monash | ■ RMIT |
| ■ VU | ■ Ballarat |

2007 VCE Students Course Destinations



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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ■ Society & Culture | ■ Health Sciences |
| ■ Hospitality | ■ Creative Arts |
| ■ Management & Commerce | ■ Education |
| ■ Environmental Studies | ■ Engineering |
| ■ Science | |



VCE 2007 students and their University mentors Bethany Woodhead, Sara Consiglio, Simone Steele and Michelle Hoggan at the University Mentoring evening.



Lauren Busacca prepares for VCE Top Dance Performance.

UNIVERSITY MENTORS PROGRAM 2008

The University Mentors Program is an initiative of the Lowther Hall Old Grammarians' Association. The first meeting for 2008 was held at the school in February. Members of the Class of 2007 met with past students who were already studying at the University they will attend this year. The mentors will continue to be available to the first year students for support and guidance throughout the academic year. Further information on the University Mentors Program can be obtained from LHOGA Committee member Bryony McCormack bryony.mccormack@hotmail.com or Lowther Hall's Careers Coordinator Mrs Nadija Anin aninn@lowtherhall.vic.edu.au.

VCE 2007

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Four members of the Class of 2007 **Ruth Campbell**, **Nicole Jagger**, **Stefanie Markidis** and **Alicia Sabato** are studying Journalism at RMIT University.
- **Stefanie Markidis** has also joined the team at *Youthcentral*, a Victorian Government youth website, as a roving reporter.
- Eleven students have elected to study New Generation courses at the University of Melbourne in Arts, Science and Environments.
- **Lauren Busacca** was invited to take part in the Top Class program for high achieving VCE Dance students. Lauren is studying for a Bachelor of Contemporary Arts – Dance at Deakin University. Lauren is also coaching Lowther Hall's Year 7 and 8 Theme Dance squads and is a member of Melbourne's *Hollabak* dance troupe.
- Four students have accepted positions at Victoria University through the Partnership Portfolio Program. They are **Diana Hudson** (Exercise Science and Human Movement), **Ellen Smallhorn** (Nursing), **Georgina Thompson** (Advertising) and **Bethany Woodhead** (Accounting).
- **Juliana De Marco** achieved her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at the end of 2007. She has begun studying Psychological Science at La Trobe University Bundoora.

VCE 2007 COURSE DESTINATIONS

Below is a cross section of courses that students from the Class of 2007 have chosen to study.

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Exercise and Sport Science at Deakin University Melbourne

SIMONE BERTELLI

Criminal Justice Administration at RMIT University

ASHLEY CRAVEN

Architecture at Monash University

BIANCA DE PASQUALE

International Business at RMIT University

CLAIRE GORRIE

Science (New Generation) at the University of Melbourne

NADA KALAM

Engineering at the University of Melbourne

ELLEN MATHEWS

Media and Communications at the University of Melbourne

KAREN MCGREGOR

Environments (New Generation) at the University of Melbourne

VI-VAN NGUYEN

Orthoptic and Ophthalmic Sciences at La Trobe University

LUCY RAMSHAW

Film and Digital Media at Deakin University

MARIE ROMANO

Textile Design at RMIT University

GEORGINA THOMPSON

Advertising at Victoria University

SIOBHAN WARD

Arts (New Generation) at the University of Melbourne





Mrs Pat Barber (nee Fleming), former student and boarder from 1943-1954, kindly donated Chronicles, a blazer pocket, hat bands and a Lees House Pennant to the School's Archives.

Several students from the Class of 1999 attended the wedding of Raissa Anin to David Moloney at St Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in North Melbourne. Pictured with Raissa (centre) are Roshi Weeratunge and Alev Sayit. Raissa is the daughter of staff member Mrs Nadija Anin.



LHOGA NOTICEBOARD

LHOGA NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

To be held on Thursday 12 June 2008 at 8:00pm at the School.

Purpose of Meeting: To vote on an increase in the fees for Life Membership from 2010 onwards.

All members are welcome to attend.

LHOGA PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

**Joan M Garde Cultural Centre
Sunday 25 May 2:00pm – 3:30pm**

The Old Grammarians Committee members invite you to join them for refreshments prior to a musical recital by past students and LHOGA Music Scholarship recipients.

There is no charge for this event but donations would be most appreciated. Proceeds will go to the Lowther Hall Music Program and the purchase of musical instruments.

**RSVP 9 May
Mrs Mary Armour
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LHOGA COMMITTEE 2008

PRESIDENT	Donna Doughty
VICE PRESIDENT	Mary Armour
VICE PRESIDENT	Courtney O'Brien
SECRETARY	Sue Isles
TREASURER	Kay Trounson
COMMITTEE	Val Fautley Jocelyn Hannemann Bryony McCormack Jessica Meilak Danielle Romagnano

REUNION DATES 2008

Sat. May 10:	Class of 1993 Fifteen Year Reunion School 4.00pm – 6.00pm	Fri. September 5:	Class of 2003 Five Year Reunion School 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Sat May 17:	Class of 1983 Twenty-Five Year Reunion School 4.00pm – 6.00pm	Sat. October 4:	Golden Mitre Club Reunion School 1.30pm
Sat. July 26:	30 to 50 Year Reunion School 5.00pm Old Grammarians are invited to attend the Evening of Song in the Cultural Centre at 6.30pm.	Fri. October 10:	Class of 1998 Ten Year Reunion School 5.00pm – 7.00pm
		Sat. October 11:	Mornington Reunion Royal Hotel Mornington 12 noon



Danielle Walker



Helen Chapman

PAST STUDENT PROFILES

DANIELLE WALKER

Danielle was awarded an Indigenous Scholarship in 2004 to attend Lowther Hall for Years 11 and 12. After completing her VCE studies in 2005 she began studying for a Bachelor of Education (Primary) at Deakin University, within the Institute for Koori Education (IKE).

In addition to her Education studies, Danielle works at the University of Melbourne in the Centre for Indigenous Education as a Project and Administration Assistant. She says that this work has taught her many valuable and relevant skills and allows her to see a different side of the education system. Danielle also works part time in the fashion industry and is aiming to travel to Paris later in the year.

Of her time at Lowther Hall Danielle says "The Indigenous Scholarship was such a great opportunity. The students and staff were incredible. My only regret is that I was only there for two years."

HELEN CHAPMAN

Helen attended Lowther Hall from 1982 to 1987 and was the School Captain in her final year. From a young age she spent long, enjoyable hours at country airfields, first observing, then assisting her glider pilot father and she was inspired to study Aerospace Engineering at RMIT.

The aeronautical industry has shown major growth over the past two decades and Helen has enjoyed the career opportunities it has presented. She was one of the few female aeronautical engineers in Australia when she secured her first employment at Bankstown NSW.

For the past fifteen years Helen has worked at Hawker de Havilland, a subsidiary of Boeing and spent six of these years in Seattle USA. Since returning to Australia Helen has held the position of Leading Engineer, managing a team of twelve in the testing of the Boeing 787 Moveable Trailing Edge. "Anything that moves on the back of the wing is my responsibility" she explained!

Helen looks forward to further career challenges, whether in Australia or overseas. She says that her work as a Leading Engineer requires much dedication and long hours but the rewards come from being part of a team in an industry where innovations are always being developed.

ANGELA CASSAR

Angela attended Lowther Hall from 1982 to 1993. She has spent the last fifteen years forging a successful career in Environmental Law, which began by gaining a Bachelor of Science (Hons), followed by an Honours degree in Law, part of which was undertaken in Canada at the University of British Columbia.

Angela's high marks in both degrees enabled her to receive an Australian post graduate Award Scholarship to complete a PhD in Law. Her thesis was titled "Improving the Implementation of International Environmental Agreements in Australia and China". Aspects of this work have been published in academic journals. She spent time as an intern in Switzerland and Washington DC, while studying full time.

After completing her studies, Angela obtained a position as a Fellow at the World Resources Institute in Washington DC and worked in the USA for two years tackling world environmental problems. Upon her return to Australia, she practiced Law for fifteen months, before becoming a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne in the Australia – China Centre working on Water Resources Research. This position involved frequent travel to China and the coordination of cooperative research projects between Australia and China in the area of water resources management.

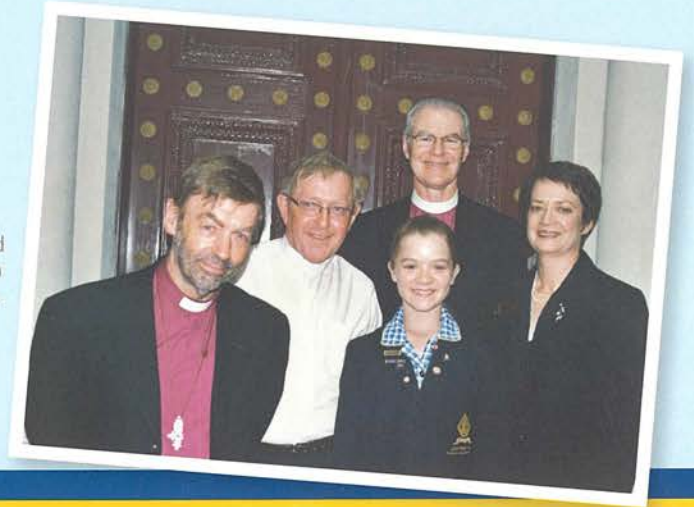
Angela has recently published "Doing Business in China: An Australian Cultural Perspective" and speaks to corporate groups looking to increase business opportunities in China. She is currently lecturing in Land Law and Management for the Environment at the University of Melbourne.



Angela Cassar



Bishop Philip Huggins, Reverend Alan Colyer and Archbishop Philip Freier with the Junior School Captain Tamara Cole and Principal Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns.



ARCHBISHOP'S MISSION AT LOWTHER HALL

From March 11 to 13 Archbishop Philip Freier led a mission to the Northern and Western Region of Melbourne. During the mission, themed *Fact, Faith and Freedom*, Dr Freier presented addresses on how each of these themes relates to Easter.

The Revd Alan Colyer, vicar of the parish of Moonee Ponds and Ascot Vale and a regular visitor to Lowther Hall at services for staff and students, coordinated the Mission.

The Joan M Garde Cultural Centre was the venue for the final evening. Mrs Sarah Hobba, Lowther Hall's Faith Coordinator, played a large role in the successful running of the evening which brought together clergy from the Northern and Western Region, their parishioners and members of the Lowther Hall community. A Year 11 vocal trio and the Festival Singers performed during the service to great acclaim.



The Archbishop with members of the School Council Reverend Dr Helen Granowski and Reverend Bill Beagley.



Some of the members of the congregation at the Fact, Faith and Freedom Mission.

Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School

presents

SEUSSICAL™

Music by
STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Lyrics by
LYNN AHRENS

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Co-Conceived

by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE

Based on the Works of Dr Seuss

by arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd
exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

at

The Clocktower Centre

Thursday 1st May 7:30pm

Friday 2nd May 7:30pm

Saturday 3rd May 1:30pm (matinee)

Saturday 3rd May 7:30pm



Tickets are to be booked through: The Clocktower Centre

750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds 3039 Telephone : 9243 9191

Adult: \$25 Concession: \$15 Family: \$60

