



Pathways to Success

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Speech Day

Old Scholars invited to attend

Friday 30th November 2012

10am to 12noon

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SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

"We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"



From the Principal

Salisbury High School has had an impressive start to 2012 celebrating the many successes of our Year 12s. We have been able to maintain wonderful staff and our students' attendance records for this year to date indicate they are well connected to their studies.

All students at Salisbury High School aspire to achieve their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) and go on to further study through either attending TAFE or University. We achieved an impressive 92.6% SACE completion. We celebrate the fact that our top University student, Dylan Hoskin, achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of 99.95. Dylan has chosen to study Electrical Engineering at the University of South Australia and has been awarded a Uni SA scholarship of \$20,000 plus a further \$60,000 scholarship through NAMIG (Northern Adelaide Manufacturing Industry Group).

2011 has been an exciting and successful year for Salisbury High School. Whilst the global economic turndown caused frustration and heartache for many countries and people, like our great country



Australia, our school community remained strong and focused on achieving our best.

Every year, we are able to celebrate many highlights, and 2011 is no exception. We have made several significant improvements to our school including the improvement of our gymnasium, a paved path leading to the Language courtyard flanked by an avenue of established flowering ornamental pear trees and the completion of our Trade School Centre.

Our school continues to be characterised by a commitment to making a difference for our students. Student assessment results indicate we have achieved just that! Improved grades show that, at each year level, students have achieved more A and B grades than previous years. We strive for success through quality teaching and learning ensuring all learners have the opportunity to achieve their best.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you all for having faith in Salisbury High and strongly supporting us in what we do. We appreciate your effort, contributions and trust you will continue your most welcome and much needed support.

Ann Prime – Principal

Old Scholars are welcome to attend our
Open Night - 16th May 2012
BBQ 5pm - .Principal's address 6pm

Your story wanted

We love to hear what our Old Scholars have been doing – your story could well be the inspiration a student might need. Please write or email Cheryl on cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au

Phyllis Allen and Tony Southgate

Phyllis attended Salisbury High School in the early 1960s, having started in second year after attending Enfield High in first year. She went to Gepps Cross Primary. Her husband, Tony, went to Salisbury North Primary and St. Augustine's School. He spent his first high school year at Christian Brothers' College before coming to Salisbury High in second year in 1962.

Phyllis and Tony lived close to each other in Salisbury North: Phyllis in Downton Avenue and Tony on Bagsters Road.

Phyllis and Tony were the oldest children of their families: Phyllis' siblings being Robert, Judy, Joan and Brenton, who all attended Salisbury High, and Tony's being Anita and Darryl who attended colleges elsewhere.

When prompted to remember some old schoolmates, Phyllis revealed, *I can't remember all the names of my school friends, just first names: Kerry, Barbara, Linda, Sue, Mick, Larry and my memory's gone from there.* Some of Tony's friends at school were Rick Vidovich, Gary Carling, Barry MacDonald and Skeet Townsend can't remember the rest, Tony said.

Phyllis still sees an old school friend, Larry Moore, who was the heart throb at school. Recalling her time at Salisbury High, Phyllis fondly remembers lunchtimes with a crowd of mates: Mick Durham, Larry Moore and friends all at Mick's house to muck around, being cool and says, the most fun was leaving school.

After leaving school, Phyllis found some part-time Christmas work at Cox Foy's department store in Rundle Street before starting her first full-time job with Bosch Ltd. Tony took on an electrical mechanic apprenticeship.

For the past 20 years, Phyllis and Tony Southgate have been the Principals of Southgate Events Management (SEM), successfully designing and managing major events. Their success lies in a fresh and innovative approach to each event, always using new and interesting ways of stimulating and entertaining. Southgate Events Management has successfully organised and managed the Clipsal 500 V8 party for more than ten years.

In 2001 the Department of Transport enlisted Phyllis and Tony's expertise to develop the opening of the Crafer's Highway's Heysen Tunnels. SEM has also organised royal visits, state dinners, fashion parades and other high profile events.

SEM were contracted to take the Aussie theme to San Diego, USA, to stage a State Dinner, entertaining delegates attending an international Bio-Technology conference. South Australian food and wine was shipped to the USA for the event and a celebrity Chef from South Australia attended to oversee preparation of the banquet. SEM were then contracted to stage a similar function in Toronto, Canada.

Phyllis and Tony have lived in Queensland since March 2010 and Southgate Events Management continues to design, stage and manage events around the world.

2011 Lipdub Video

On 16th November 2011 all the staff and students took part in the LipDub Project which was produced by the Year 10 Digital Media class. The first step was choosing the music and the class decided on The Potbelleez's *Don't Hold Back* and Sneaky Sound System's *UFO*, two Australian artists.



The finished video was uploaded to YouTube and received over 4000 views in the first week. It was featured on the Adelaide Now website, Messenger Press and has appeared on websites around the world. The feedback and comments were extremely positive, none moreso than from IlanKidron, a.k.a.iKid, the lead singer of The Potbelleez, who sent an email to the school and then phoned to congratulate us. The video can be found by searching for Salisbury High LipDub on YouTube. **Ryan Westell – Salisbury High Teacher and Old Scholar**

Website and History of Salisbury High

We are currently working on updating the Old Scholars information on our web site, particularly our History Timeline. If you have any history you would like added please contact me. Bruce Jackson emailed to ask if Mr and Miss Salisbury High could be added for 1977. His wife Christine Jackson then Christine Hawkes won the coveted title with a young gentlemen Brian Kelty winning the Mr Award. Christine now lives in Malabar a suburb of Sydney and has fond memories of her time at Salisbury High.

Cheryl Bermingham

Moving House?

If you are moving house, please let us have your new address as, unfortunately, when letters are returned as undeliverable we are not always able to trace you.



Patron's note



With this issue we welcome the newest Salisbury High School old scholars; those students who completed studies last year and now, as young adults, enter the next exciting phase of their lives. To these new old scholars, we hope they will become successful members of the community and continue to be involved with Salisbury High in some way, providing inspiration and encouragement to future students.

The year 2011 saw Salisbury High rewarded with some amazing achievements by its dedicated staff and students. Some highlights include:

- An increase in A and B grades from previous years
- Excellent SACE and ATAR results (see Principal's Report).
- At the Australia Museum Eureka Awards in Sydney, Salisbury High topped the nation in science teaching
- The senior Special Education class was awarded regional winner of the 2011 Public Teaching Award for innovative engagement with business and the community
- The *Winners* boys school football team won the 2011 Power Cup, defeating Murray Bridge High at AAMI Stadium last June. The match was played as a curtain raiser to an AFL game. This provided Salisbury High School with great exposure
- Salisbury High was the only public school that participated amongst 200 students in the Maths MASA quiz night and one of its teams narrowly came second overall after correctly answering mathematical and general knowledge-based questions. The team came first in the mathematics section

- A trade school building was completed allowing interested students to pursue careers in the construction industry. The trade centre also took delivery of a Wacker Nuesson Bobcat excavator
- The school hosted a number of students from Japan, proudly boosting its prestige on an international level

These achievements highlight the commitment and dedication of the school population and it is to be congratulated and encouraged. May we always aspire and see the year 2012 bring even greater rewards and accolades to our Salisbury High.

Richard Maurovic

Reversing the Trend

32 students studying Pure Maths at Stage 1 are aspiring for Engineering, Medicine and Science/Mathematical related University pathways.

Salisbury High School is reversing the trend in student choice with Year 12 Physics, Chemistry and Specialist Maths delivered on school site as a result of increased enrolments and successes in these Science and Maths subjects.



Year 11 Pure Mathematics class - Teacher Mr John Mackey

The community is aware of significant improvements in results for academic subjects over the last three years in Stage 2.

With SACE completion above State average, an increasing number of families are choosing to access our educational programs.

In 2011, 45 students achieved an ATAR (University entrance score) and, of these, 38 students successfully gained University entry. An impressive 84% success rate and our highest ATAR score of 99.95

Greetings from Canberra

Thank you for continuing to send newsletters and information about the Old Scholars of Salisbury High School. Maryanne and Margaret Ferguson were at Salisbury High from 1967 to 1971. Our sister Betty attended from 1969 to 1973 and was Dux of the school in 1973. Our mother moved to Canberra in 2009 and so after 50 years at 129 Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury North she now calls the 'capital' home.

Speech Day 2012

If you would like to be involved in this year's **Speech Day – Friday 30th November 2012** either as a Guest Speaker or would like to donate a prize please contact Cheryl Bermingham at the school on 818 20 200 or email cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au.

Speech Day 2011

We wish to acknowledge the generous support of the following

Old Scholars

Delwyn Ayling
Dr Jeffrey Baden
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Mr & Mrs Potter
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Leesa Vlahos MP
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Carol Cox de Vore



Delwyn Ayling



Dorothy Griggs



Denise McKenzie



Marilyn Potter



Graham Moss



Steve Hore



Richard Phillip



Robert Styling



Class of 2011

Kenn Bunn

Kenn Bunn (now residing in the UK) came to Australia with his parents in 1955, returning in 1961. Ken was one of the first students at Salisbury High School in 1959, and included in his archival high school memorabilia is an original ticket for the first High School Dance (held in a hall opposite the Salisbury North shops).

Ken has written a book about his experiences in South Australia – *The Kangaroo Connection – Personal Recollections of South Australia 1955 to 1961* beautifully handwritten and with original illustrations, which includes stories on Salisbury High.

A copy of the book is held at Salisbury High if anyone is interested in publishing. There are just over 80 short stories of Kenn's personal recollections of South Australia from 1955 to 1961. They make interesting reading with stories on Humbug Scrub, Outer Harbour, St Kilda, In the Orange Groves, Finsbury Hostel and many more. Please find below three of his stories.

Salisbury High – Always Aspire

Salisbury High was new in fifty nine and I was one of its first pupils ... there at the beginning in an exciting and busy period as the school searched to establish an identity. It seemed an almost impossible task.

The teachers came from a variety of disciplines covering fresh from university to traditionalist with years of experience, plus those from Europe, and even one from America. I initially felt it would take a long time indeed to develop something 'Educationally Australian' from such an amalgam. As it turned out the teachers did an exceptional job as they quickly and professionally applied their individual talents ... with pupils that came from just about every European country you could name, not forgetting the Australians.

The school uniform occasionally posed a problem for the Head. There were those who didn't want to wear it and who made slight adjustments in defiance of the rules, with the tie being a 'prime picking' target. It was easy to pull out the coloured threads and alter the widths of the various stripes. This made the tie just different enough for the rebellious few without prompting any action by teachers over the matter. Other variations were not so readily tolerated. White or grey shirts and grey trousers were compulsory. Inappropriate shoes were 'out'. The school had a uniform and if you wanted to attend the school you wore the uniform, which the majority of us did with pride.

Some teachers you just wouldn't forget ... like Mr America 'Everyone thought he was really 'with it'. His accent alone guaranteed him a place on the popularity stakes, and when it came to verbal dialogue he was 'ultimate cool'. If someone wasn't paying proper attention in class for example he wouldn't just tell them to concentrate in plain English. Out would come the much more effective 'OK sonny go back to the party and when the bell rang to end an 'American' lesson, 'OK everybody out' was always the catch phrase. He OK'd everything.

The music teacher made a very significant contribution to the early traditions of Salisbury High. Mr Laycock established a choir and wrote a school hymn, and whilst my own none musical abilities totally excluded me from having any connection with a choir I was proud of the fact that he hand written and illuminated manuscript of the hymn on permanent display was mine.

Sport at Salisbury was an important aspect of the educational plan and there were those athletic types who excelled. For some reason my personal athletic achievements have never quite left the starting block as they had done in previous years. I think I was probably more interested in other things ... and when it come to physical education lessons it was unanimously agreed these were never anything to look forward to. The Italian 'Keep Fit' teacher exerted us all intentionally beyond normal limits. His definition of a fit person was someone who had exercised to the point of exhaustion ... and would then feel infinitely better after a short rest. There was no way of avoiding the pain.

But school is first and foremost a place of learning. It is the knowledge gained here that has a lasting effect and moulds personalities. And a good school can without doubt give its pupils many lifetime advantages. By sixty one there were many who said they went to a 'great school' for the 'Educational Edge' they had acquired at Salisbury High.



PETER

Peter – Appearances Count

Peter came to Australia from Glasgow in Scotland. He was just an ordinary normal sort of a boy whose only unusual feature seemed to be his accent which he was constantly endeavouring to alter into 'good Australian English' as he called it. He had jet black straight heavy hair, short and parted, and wore dull clothes. Then, almost overnight as they 'say'

Peter realised that a few minor personal changes might make him the different person he wanted to be. He liked the way Italians dressed and started to emulate them with close fitting patterned shirts and tapered trousers with razor sharp creases. It was his hair however that really made him stand out. A crew cut, plenty of 'grease' and in came the waves as his hair grew long and was continually combed back. A trim every two weeks then kept his appearance totally unaltered and as far as girls were concerned Peter had found a winning visual formula. Assured self confidence followed and since confident people seem to enjoy life more then he had acquired an advantage.



Annastasia

She was the girl with a beautiful name, long golden hair and an eye catching smile ... but she was shy and she was different ... didn't mix with the other girls at school and certainly didn't associate with boys.

She'd been asked out by every boy in Salisbury High who thought he had a chance. The continual rejections only encouraged more to ask. It became apparent Anna had a secret which affected what she did and where she went but she wasn't telling. Speculation about her took up many a break time discussion with nobody ever coming close to guessing the reality and that's the way it seemed to have been with Anna for as long as anyone could remember.

Anna needed someone she could trust who wouldn't ask questions or pry into her past, just talk about the everyday things everybody else talked about. I was that someone, though the situation expectedly took an extra dimension. Half the school was hoping I'd learn Anna's secret and tell, and we became the focus of considerable attention. What I didn't know I couldn't repeat and despite all persuasion was determined to keep it that way



Then we became aware of our personal feelings towards each other. When the question of dating came into the conversation, I wanted to but wouldn't ask because I didn't want to add my name to a long list of rejections. Anna wouldn't tell me why she couldn't ... that would have meant revealing the secret I had resolved not to know. Were we ever going

to get out together we both wondered. It occurred to me that a completely 'new' approach was needed though at first I had no idea what that was going to be. I put my brain into over drive and blanked, until a friend's parental comment suggested a possible solution. Instead of asking Anna for a date, I'd ask her parents if I could ask her for a date. Unusual perhaps, but Anna agreed.

I was the first boy in Salisbury High to walk Anna home. Her mother wasn't there, just her Dad, who kindly invited me in for a cup of tea, and then I suppose to give us something to initially talk about showed me is collection of Polish stamps. Anna was Polish. We soon eased into a relaxed chat ... and just when I thought I had the opportunity to explain my intentions Anna was asked to leave the room. Suddenly I felt very nervous. I was about to be told the 'secret' secret and must confess I now really wanted to know. My mind was in a whirl. I sat intensely still, with both ears tuned.

Anna hadn't always been shy. Quite the opposite in fact. At this point I was in a cold sweat of tense anticipation and almost holding my breath in case I missed a single word of what was to follow. Anna used to have a lot of friends ... but not the kind you'd come into contact with at or around school. These were older boys with cars who spent their nights 'cruisin'. As soon as the word 'cruisin' was mentioned the implications were evident and her Dad seemed instinctively conscious that I knew something about 'cruisin'.

Anna was called back into the room and the full story infolded. I was speechless, my mouth wouldn't move though I remember thinking to myself there was nothing wrong with 'cruisin' with the right company. Anna hadn't been riding with the right company. She'd had a traumatic experience with lasting emotional consequences so it was understandable her parents had adopted a protective attitude. I reached over to Anna and held her hand. We got her Dad's permission to go out together, which we did, many times ... and I kept Anna's secret as promised

School Hymn

Copy of a letter Kenn received from the Principal, Mr Martin in 1976. The hymn was painted on a metal frame and to this day is still on display at the school.

Peter - Appearances Count and Anastasia

are stories about Peter Buchan and Stasia Matylski. Kenn would love to get in contact with them -

does anyone know there whereabouts? If so please let me know and I



will pass on detail s. Thanks. Cheryl Bermingham



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27th May, 1976.

Mr. K. Bunn,
"Wood Dalling House",
Cross Keys Lane,
Casthead,
Tyne & Wear,
U.K.

Dear Mr. Bunn,

Thank you for your letter received this week. The illustrated copy of the school hymn stood on the shelf above the old book room until remodelling took place in September 1975. It now stands in the window ledge in my office. The composer of the tune, Mr. Rick Laycock, has now returned to the school as a Deputy Principal.

I am enclosing this with a copy of the school tie which cost A.\$3.55. There is only one quality. I am pleased to hear of your pride in the old school tie. Your letter came on the same day as I was under attack by a mother who considers ties anachronistic and was endeavouring to defy our requirement for ties with jumpers. I could not resist the temptation to point out the difference in attitude.

Salisbury High is a school of which I am very proud though we have an element of low immoral standards and high anti-social tendencies. The school peaked at 1260 in 1975 and has 1140 this year. There is now a third wing, added in 1971 and a large gymnasium cum multi-purpose hall added in 1975. Eleven aluminium transportable units set on the lawn at the front of the administrative wing but are only a temporary measure, though how temporary one sometimes wonders.

I am just in the process of completion of an Honour Board going back to the commencement of the school. I shall refer to your letter when speaking to the next assembly about it.

Yours sincerely,

A.W. Martin
PRINCIPAL