



SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL

“We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success”

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From the Principal



Australian Business Excellence Awards

Why shouldn't a school be externally evaluated and put to the test? Our students are continually assessed about what they know and can do, so we thought it would be great for the school to enter into the Australian Business Excellence

Awards and see how we compared with other organizations. The process has been extremely rigorous with a team of interstate evaluators spending three days seeking information by examining records, asking many questions and interviewing students, staff, parents, community and educational leaders.

Businessman and evaluation team leader, Ian Gaunt said “from what we have seen from staff and students so far this is a school worthy of recognition. This is an impressive school which is well respected and well admired by its community.”

We are pleased to say that our students, staff and community were consistent and highly positive and I am very proud of them.

The school is up against 30 businesses in the highest level category of the ABEA and if we did win an award it would be fantastic for the school community. We will find out in early May if we have been successful with the awards being presented in Sydney in May.

Helen Paphitis - Principal

Wanted 1959 Yearbook

Do you have a copy of the 1959 Yearbook amongst your memorabilia?



If so it would be very much appreciated if you would contact Cheryl Bermingham on 8182 0200 or cberming@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au so that we can organize a copy.

You would make an overseas Old Scholar very happy.

Open Day and 45th Birthday

You may be interested to know that on **Sunday 23rd May** we are having our Open Day from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Staff and students will be here showing our visitors our facilities and curriculum programs. There will be information sessions and tours for Year 7 parents and families and our Old Scholars.

As part of our 45th Anniversary we are inviting Old Scholars to attend our Open Day to catch up on our school news as well as on old school mates.

If there are other events Old Scholars want to organize please contact Cheryl or Dorothy on 8182 0200.

Information sessions

1pm and 2pm

Tours

1.30pm and 2.30pm

Old Scholars welcome address 12.15pm.

Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Cheryl on 8182 0200, fax 8180 2001 or email cberming@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au if you are able to join us.

Helen Paphitis - Principal

Public Education Campaign

The Australian Education Union (AEU) wishes to highlight the excellence achieved by our public education system is hoping to develop a register of successful and/or prominent publicly educated individuals (the only criteria being that they must have completed their secondary studies at a public school).

They would be pleased to hear from any of our Old Scholars who would be happy to be included in this register and receive public acknowledgment. The register would be useful for:

- speakers at public education events
- positive media in support of public education
- human interest stories in the AEU Journal
- advertisements supportive of public education

If interested please contact Andrew Gohl at the AEU (08) 8272 1399 or email aeusa@aeusa.asn.au direct

Reconciliation Youth Ambassadors Ball

Salisbury High School in partnership with the Reconciliation South Australian Inc is hosting the 2004 Reconciliation Youth Ambassadors Ball at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Saturday 5th June 2004.

The event portrays Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people working and walking together in harmony. This is supported by many schools, community, government and non government agencies South Australia wide.

We would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to you, business colleagues, family members and friends to join us during Reconciliation Week to celebrate this special night for our young students. Tables of ten are now available for booking.

We look forward to your company on this exciting night. Further information can be obtained by contacting Cheryl Bermingham or Julianne Schiller on 8182 0200.

Where they are now!

Lindy Harkness (nee Axford)

Salisbury High School was a major part of my adolescence for 5 years from early 1974 to late 1978. I travelled to school by train each day (the new Parafield Gardens High School became available for those in the year immediately behind me.) My experiences at Salisbury High School have left me with good memories and a fond affection for the school. I have really enjoyed seeing the school profile emerge with success and congratulate all those who have contributed to that process.

I was always one of those kids whose reports repeatedly echoed, "has potential BUT lacks focus and is too easily distracted...(so do the reports of my children!)"

In my senior years at school some of the teachers helped me to start to glimpse some of my potential, although the ability to focus was a far longer time coming.

School highlights for me were some of the extra-curricular activities- hiking through Flinders chase in Year 9, Aboriginal cultural exchanges to Alice Springs and Darwin and singing with the choir at the festival theatre, and in my final year winning Miss Salisbury High (no one was more surprised by that one than I was!)

Those teachers who saw my potential and inspired me rather than show their irritation at my lack of focus helped me to gradually change my self perception to one of competence rather than incompetence and I am forever grateful!

One of my more embarrassing school memories is of a play completely created and produced by a group of us Year 8 students being included in the school production. I cringe at the thought now - as no doubt the seniors who had to endure the play did then - however even in this experience there is an indication that Salisbury High School had a culture of have a go and we'll support you. A great foundation for the creative approaches the school is so famous for now!

I left school after a distracted Year 12 and went on to train as a Registered Nurse at Adelaide Children's Hospital. After getting married and having my first child Sarah (now 19) I went on to do Midwifery and my Child and Youth Health certificates. Living in Port Pirie for four years with my husband (Chris Harkness) as the local Uniting Church Reverend, and with a second Child Joshua (now 13) I became well known on radio and TV as the local 'women's health nurse'. On my return to Adelaide I took a position at the Women's and Children's Hospital as unit Head of the

Immunisation service and I have since converted this to a private General Practice and am practice manager for this ICGP service. Lachlan our last child is now 4 and I have finally got my University credentials with a Post Grad Dip.

I keep up with some old friends from Salisbury High School such as Lesley Gardener (Neville) another ministers wife, Malcolm Rice (Tas.) and Karen Tregonning (Vic.), Karen (Wood) and Steven Ambler (just back from the UK). My husband/best friend of 21 years is still a Uniting Church Minister, and we are now at the Church of the Trinity in Goodwood.

I may be Writing as an 'Old' Scholar' but I still see myself in some ways as that naive, vague but happy Salisbury High School student, making my way in life like I made my way to school daily, having a go and learning from my mistakes. I owe that courage to have a go in part to those that influenced me as an adolescent such as my parents and some of the Salisbury High School teachers.

So if you're a student at Salisbury High School - enjoy your time there and never be afraid to have a go at anything you want to put your mind to - and if you're an adult guiding these students....hold the mirror to their potential and inspire them to go for whatever they can achieve...even if they do drive you slightly batty!

Peter Stokes

Thankyou for the excellent newsletter that I have been receiving for some time and always enjoy reading the various articles and I thought that it is about time that I offered a contribution.

I emigrated to Australia from Berkshire, England with my parents in 1974 and I finished third year at the Woodville High School while residing at the Pennington Migrant Hostel.

My father eventually found a job at the Uniroyal tyre factory (now Bridgestone) and my parents purchased a home in Salisbury. Although my father sadly passed away in 2000, my mother still resides at the same house.

I completed my secondary schooling at the nearby Salisbury High School in 1975 and 1976 and I remember crossing the railway tracks each morning and afternoon until they built the pedestrian underpass and bridge. I can remember fracturing my ankle playing soccer (the PE teacher said at the time "it's not painful enough to be broken!"). I had to climb the stairs to my home class on crutches until I was eventually provided with a special desk outside the Principal's office (I think I preferred climbing the stairs!).

