On Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October, hundreds of ex-students, teachers and community members visited Galston High School as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations.

On Saturday night they enjoyed catching up with old friends and past teachers. The entertainment was provided by the McCoy family who had devised a fantastic playlist of music from the 1970s and 1980s.

On Sunday there were displays from the decades, guest lectures, food and entertainment. Thank you to Helen Knight (Head Teacher Home Economics from 1972 - 1995), Tom Richmond (Head Teacher English History from 1974 - 1981) and David Harvey (student from 1972 - 1977 and first School Captain) for their fascinating reflections on their time at Galston High School.

It was a lovely opportunity for so many ex-students, who have very fond memories of their time at Galston High School, to once again celebrate what is great about their local school.

Helen Knight  
Tom Richmond  
David Harvey
Upcoming Events

This Week

Monday 3 November
Bronze D of E
Year 10 Exams

Tuesday 4 November
Year 10 Exams
Year 12 Business Studies Excursion - Lamont

Wednesday 5 November
Year 10 Exams

Thursday 6 November
Grade Sport Semi Finals

Friday 7 November
Year 9 Premier’s Debating Challenge - Cigana

Saturday 8 November
Celebration Sing Out rehearsal at Chatswood HS 10am-3pm

Sunday 9 November
Celebration Sing Out rehearsal at Sydney Town Hall 10am-3pm
Celebration Sing Out Concert at Sydney Town Hall 7-9.30pm
Gold D of E

Next Week

Monday 10 November
ESSA Testing
Gold D of E
Maths General Assessment Task

Tuesday 11 November
ESSA Testing
Gold D of E
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Wednesday 12 November
ESSA Testing
Gold D of E
Year 9 Peer Support Training

Thursday 13 November
ESSA Testing
Grade Sport Finals
Gold D of E
Year 12 SLR Assessment Task

Friday 14 November
ESSA Testing
Ext 2 Study Day - Prior
Gold D of E
Year 9 Peer Support Training

Still to Come

Monday 17 November
White Card Training - Draper
Year 12 Hospitality work placement
Year 7 Swim School

Tuesday 18 November
P&C Meeting
Year 12 Hospitality work placement
Year 7 Swim School

Wednesday 19 November
White Card Training pubs 1-2 - Draper
Year 12 Hospitality work placement
Year 7 Swim School
Year 9 History Excursion - Lamont

Thursday 20 November
Year 12 Hospitality work placement
Year 7 Swim School

Friday 21 November
Movember BBQ - Wells
Year 12 Hospitality work placement
Year 8 Sydney Opera House - Andrus

Homework Club

Homework Club will be held every Wednesday in Room 2 from 3.15 - 4.15pm

Come along for help with homework and assignments.

Afternoon tea will be served!

Teachers from Maths and English will be available to assist you. All students and staff welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all there.
The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme has operated since 1988. It is a youth development program in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy.

The program is designed to develop:

leadership skills, team work, communication skills and create a strong sense of community responsibility.

The young person/student selected to participate will be a part of a twenty four strong youth crew. They will meet the challenges of sailing a tall ship, including: Climbing the thirty metre mast, setting sails, navigating, keeping watch and taking the helm. They live between the decks with other young crew from a diversity of places and backgrounds. Voyages last eleven days sailing in Australian waters.

At Galston High the program is sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank. This opportunity is given to Year 11 students who are invited to apply for a 10 day voyage. The students are asked to complete an application which they then submit. Once the applicants have been shortlisted they are invited to an interview. The interview panel consists of three members who are the Year 11 Year Advisor, Mr. Gary Mangan from Bendigo Bank and the Head Teacher Welfare.

The students are asked a series of questions in the interview. After this process a successful applicant is chosen.

Once again this year there were a number of high quality applicants and this made the decision difficult as all students’ submitted strong applications and performed well in their interviews, and while we would have liked to send all of them, unfortunately we could only choose one candidate.

This year it was:

• Robert Barker

Congratulations to Robert we look forward to hearing about his adventures on his return.
Eliza Florian - School Captain

Dural Public School was where I went for my primary years of education, and was where I had the opportunity to meet a number of the 2015 prefect team. Being a smaller school, I was lucky enough to know almost everybody, and was given the opportunity to thrive in the welcoming, caring nature that is Dural Public. During primary school I loved to get involved in all things musical, and was a member of the choir and dance groups. Being a part of the warm, family nature of small school communities is something I loved, and I am extremely excited to be a part of the Glenorie Public School and Middle Dural Public School communities in the coming year.

The subjects I am studying for the HSC are Advanced English, Music 1, Business Studies, Modern History, Hospitality and Drama.

After I complete the HSC, I would love to be able to take steps in continuing my love for singing and music, whether this is as a hobby or as a possible career goal is one of the questions I have been pondering when thinking about life after school. I definitely want to attend university, and have been looking at a number of courses ranging from a Bachelor of Music to Psychology. I have a genuine love for helping others and feel as though a career as a school counsellor, or counsellor for young people would be extremely rewarding.

Coming to Galston High in Yr 9 I was nervous about being the ‘new kid,’ especially after moving schools a number of times previously. All my worries were cast aside after my first day. Knowing a few people from my primary school, I was met with friendly, familiar faces, and even some new ones I did not know. The friendships I made within my first days are now my closest friends, and I owe that to the friendly, welcoming school culture, that is Galston High.

What I love about Galston High are the extra-curricular opportunities offered to us. Within my first term, my love for singing was recognised and I was quickly put in the choir, singing in assembly and by the end of the term was even lucky enough to be cast as Gabriella in our 2013 production of High School Musical. Through these platforms I have been introduced to a broad new group of friends within our school community, bonds that transcend the year groups and have made me feel involved in school life. Galston High School has, and continues to help me grow and learn, not only academically, but also as a person.

I feel extremely privileged to take on the role of School Captain for 2015, working alongside Robert Barker, and the outstanding prefect team. I will endeavour to make the most of this opportunity given to me, and am eager to get started. Although nerve-wracking and slightly daunting, I am very excited to have the chance to make an impact, hoping to help my peers understand their full potential as leaders and role models whilst embracing the core values of Galston High School.

Angelique Borton

Equestrian Training Day

Thank you so much for putting these days on. My daughter Rae was finally able to attend with her horse and not just be a spectator. What a confidence builder for her. She was so nervous at the beginning, as we had not had the horse out very much. However, with such a wonderful controlled environment and great instructors, her confidence increased tremendously.

This of course influenced her riding noticeably. It was a great day. Just about all the horses behaved themselves.

We were very lucky with the weather, the wind had died down and being overcast meant we didn’t all get burnt to a crisp. The other thing that is so beneficial with these days is that it is a great leveller.

It doesn’t matter what year you are in at school, on the day all the kids looked after and kept an eye on one another. What lovely up and coming young adults.

Thank you again and please keep these days up from what I have seen they are very beneficial for many of the children.

Angelique Borton
Robert Barker - School Captain

My name is Robert Barker and I am the 2015 School Captain at Galston High School. I attended Hillside Public School which was, and is a great small school with a great environment to learn and grow in. Being a small school, Hillside had many benefits that you would not have in bigger primary school. The relationships you had with all the teachers in the school was great and you knew everyone in the school by name. This created a great environment during recess and lunch times where big games of handball, basketball or soccer could be played with kids from all years participating. The weekly fitness groups held every Monday morning allowed for the older students of the school to be leaders and mentors for the younger students and created great relationships with kids from other years.

The subjects that I am studying this year for my HSC include; Standard English, 2 Unit Maths, Chemistry, PD/H/PE, Modern History and Extension History. With these subjects I hope to study Sports Coaching or some other sports related area at university or follow my cricketing career. Some extra-curricular activities that I have or am participating in at Galston High School is the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, a house leader, knockout cricket teams and sports gala days. Galston High has many different subjects and activities to offer all students and this is what I enjoy the most about Galston. You can chase after whatever you desire to do, try out many new things and develop a wide range of skills due to the range of subjects and activities that Galston High School offers. This creates the great learning environment that is at Galston and the friendships that can be created due to all the possible common interests that you can have with all the students in your own year or in the years above or below you.

With this role of leadership at Galston High School I have ambitions to continue the great work that has been started by the previous years of prefects in the school, in the community and in the local primary schools. My colleague Eliza Florian and I hope to continue to provide the opportunities for the community and the local primary schools to experience what Galston High School is like.

Literacy & Numeracy Tips for Home...

Tip #5

After analysing NAPLAN data, one of the key areas for students to focus on in Numeracy is when it involves words. Here are some ways to address this.

Discuss how words in everyday contexts can also have mathematical meanings.

Words such as ‘more’ and ‘all together’ may suggest addition but depending on the phrasing they can have a different meaning eg, "What is three more than five?" and "Five is three more than what?" use the same words but have different meanings.

Words with mathematical and non-mathematical meanings eg, volume, index, interest and table.

Prepositions should not be overlooked in mathematical word problems because they give context by showing place and time. For example:

Mia drove from Sydney to Brisbane and Cooper flew from Brisbane to Sydney.

Leo caught a train to the city 15 minutes before the express train.

Reduce the length of the rope by one-third and reduce the length of the ribbon to one third.

Consider how prepositions change the meaning of the question.

Litarcy & Numeracy Team
Georgia Medcalf - Vice Captain

My name is Georgia Medcalf and I am vice-captain at Galston High School. The first primary school I attended was the Hills Grammar School from Kindergarten to year five, then in year six I moved to Dural Public School. I loved both schools I attended because they both taught me about different aspects of life and there were so many great opportunities that came my way at both schools. My favourite part of primary school was being able to participate in different sporting activities. I am an avid sports fan and I particularly enjoy softball, dodgeball, European handball, touch football and water polo.

I am currently doing several subjects at Galston High school which include PE, modern history, ancient history, general mathematics, advanced English and extension 1 and extension 2 English. I am really enjoying the wide variety of subjects available at Galston High, and being in so many classes has allowed me to gain many new friendships with both my teachers and peers.

When I finish school I am still unsure of what career I want to follow. However I do know that I want to help people, particularly the younger generations. I have a passion for the youth of today and I believe I can use that passion to leave an impact on people's lives and help change the world. This is partly why I am excited to be working with Arcadia Public School as I have heard it is a welcoming school community with a great community conscience combined with a positive learning environment.

I am privileged to be the vice-captain of Galston High school and look forward to working with my colleague Stephen Dudley to reinforce our school values of respect, responsibility and personal best through our leadership roles.

Stephen Dudley - Vice Captain

The primary school I attended was Arcadia Public School. Due to its size, by my final year I knew every last student by name, a feat I can hardly say holds true for Galston High. This allowed me to connect on a personal level to each student and teacher at Arcadia, which I doubt most schools can boast. This is why I loved Arcadia Public as a school, as the teachers there were friends, and each year group was very close knit.

For my HSC Year, I am studying 2 Unit Maths, as well as Extension 1 and 2 Mathematics, Advanced and Extension English 1, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

My plans after the HSC are something along the lines of studying Medicine at a University, and defer for a year provided I achieve my required ATAR and perform well in my UMAT exam. In this year I may work and hopefully travel overseas in order to cool down before the long period of study ahead of me. In the case that I do not receive the ATAR I want, I will probably study another area as an undergraduate for Medicine. Though it is a long time away, I plan to use my study to work overseas to provide medical care in third world countries, and specialise in an area of Medicine that works for me.

At Galston High, I believe I have not taken advantage of the large range of extra-curricular activities available to us as students, and I would encourage all students to participate in as many of these activities as is possible. However, I have participated in leadership roles such as Peer Support and House Captain as well as joining musical activities for more of a hobby. I have also been a part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme for the past 3 years,
which has been a major part of my school life for that time.

I enjoy school life at Galston High as the community is similar to Arcadia Public in its intimacy, despite the size. I know most, if not all, of my teachers on some sort of personal level. This may be attributed to the school’s impressive leadership and extra-curricular schemes, such as the leadership teams and Duke of Edinburgh. The school’s teachers are also non-confrontational, which encourages students to ask questions.

I am very excited for my leadership role as vice-captain of Galston High School. I understand the importance of the role, and will do the best to fill the shoes of the previous leaders of our school. I hope to make a massive impact on the school that I know my family is proud of for giving one of the best educations, education-wise and community-wise, in the state.

40th Anniversary thank you

Just wanted to say thanks for the 40th School Reunion. I was in the ’72 crowd and really enjoyed seeing the old friends and school mates who were able to make it again.

Thanks for all the effort and lovely food. The music was a real highlight and we thoroughly enjoyed it, what a great family team, love to hear more of them.

Looking forward to the next reunion, though hopefully not in 40yrs!

Sincerely,
Helen Jenkins (nee Oxley) & Ron Jenkins
Dural Scouts are celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year and are holding a 75th Anniversary Dinner. Please would you consider listing the details below in your school newsletter:

Venue: Dural Country Club
Date: 15 November 2014
Time: 7:30 pm
Price: $65 per person
RSVP: 7 November 2014
Includes: 2 Course meal and soft drink (Cash bar), Trivia, Silent Auction, Great Prizes, Live Entertainment, Loads of fun.

Please complete this booking form and forward a scan via email to mark@sonmar.com.au or post it to
P O Box 210, Galston, NSW, 2159
Name ______________________________________________________________________________
Number of tickets _______ x $65 = $_________
Best contact details for you: ______________________________________________________________________________

Cheques payable to 1st Dural Scouts or
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Please use your "surname - 75th" in the description/reference cell.

Any questions feel free to contact:
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