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“Everything old is new . . . again”



1. Last Kinawah, some Peter Allen lyrics were used to illustrate the value of keeping dreams alive and preserving the best aspects of the past and this time we are pleased to feature some stories that continue in that vein.

2. Far from throwing the past away Warwick Christian College has welcomed us at a number of special occasions. To help keep the history of the campus alive for both the local and school communities we will be part of the Southern Downs Heritage Festival on April 22 following the school's Anzac Day Service the day before. SCPSA members will be there to show visitors through the school buildings and to share some of their own personal memories of them.

3. Our old girls are proud to show off the new St Catharine's Badge, displayed outside the entrance to their old Assembly Hall. This badge, together with a plaque detailing the unique history of

the hall, will be taking pride of place on the wall just as soon as cyclones and schedules permit.

As was briefly noted last Kinawah, multi-talented Vice President, John Bayliss, was responsible for restoration of the masonry Slade badge (shown above) over the Old Boys War Memorial Honour Room door. He has done a fabulous job with it but would be the first to say that there is no "I" in the word Team!

The other St Catharine's buildings that have been relocated up to the "School on the Hill" will also be on show. The boys too, will be ushering visitors through some of the dormitories and classrooms and the Old Boys War Memorial Honour Room. They are all primed and ready to relate some of the vast store of stories amassed from days gone by. Devonshire tea will be served on the verandah of Slade House.



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Editor's Notes...

LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING FOR SCPSA JUST NOW... No sooner had the March April Kinawah been dispatched than I had the pleasure of an unexpected phone call from Dr Eric Donaldson OAM with whom I had a most entertaining and enlightening conversation. Prepare to be amazed when you read all about it in **Old school ties...** on page 8!

AS PROMISED LAST ISSUE, the article about the St Catharine's buildings relocated up to the Slade Campus has finally landed on these pages. It makes for some fascinating reading. I feel certain there will be information included that will be new to nearly every one of us—across ALL the different eras. I am sure you will discover just what a huge debt of gratitude is owed by the Anglican Church, the entire Warwick community and lastly, by all of us to **Eddie Prince** for the incredible task he took on and succeeded in accomplishing when he was headmaster of Slade. **A war, a boom and a bust** begins on page 4. I have relied heavily on Eddie Prince's book, *Yes Sir*, and Ray Geise's record of the Sisters of the Society of the Sacred Advent for some of the more obscure details included in the article.

SLADE CAMPUS WILL BE REVISITED BY US on Friday, 21 April for the **WCC Anzac Day Service** and Saturday April 22 for **Southern Downs Heritage Week**. Talk about a trip down memory lane... Hope all our old St Catharine's girls approve of the new signage on the old Assembly Hall!

OLD AND INTERESTING is back this time and features the long ago **St Catharine's Jubilee celebrated in 1959**. There is a good chance some mothers and grandmothers are represented among the old girls who were present for this history-making occasion all dressed so typically for the era. Calls immediately to mind all kinds of mental images of grandmothers, great aunts—and our teachers. Barely a head or hand which lacks an accessory to be seen!

FINALLY, I need to apologise for a typo in the March April Kinawah. Margaret Stewart, St Catharine's School Captain in 1965 was at school 1962 to 1965 (not 1967 as I accidentally put).

Joan (Clothier) White

Till next time I leave you with this thought

In the book of life the answers aren't in the back.

Charlie Brown

LOST AND FOUND

"Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return in many days"...

When Ron Cameron's emailed Kinawah returned undelivered I thought he was another with whom we had lost contact.

Fortunately when I mentioned this to our President who shares Ron's Bollon roots, (unbeknown to me since I had no postal address for him) Steve Cooke was able to direct my search more accurately.

After talking to Ron I seriously doubt he has seen any of the emails that have been sent recently or otherwise. All of this highlights how reliant we are upon contact details being kept up to date.

We simply cannot do this without your cooperation...

Here are the next few names of others we are currently unable to confirm contact details for.

In the F's, and G's this time:

Rob Frederick	1967-1969
Alan Geldard	1966-1966
Heather Gemmell	?-1977
Roy Gillespie	1966-1967
Brad Givney	1974
Debbie Givney	
Bronnie Givney	
Owen Glover	
Diane Gray	

If you know any of these who may have died we need to know.

If you can otherwise help find a missing contact we would be very glad to hear from you.

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Cookie's Corner

NINETY-ONE YEARS THIS YEAR SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF SLADE, NINETY-NINE YEARS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND GIRLS SCHOOL IN WARWICK AND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT YEARS SINCE ITS PREDECESSOR WAS ESTABLISHED IN COLLEGE ROAD, STANTHORPE: A lot of shared history has come and gone in those years. A

small sample of that was published in the Winter Spring edition of Kinawah last year and we have continued the theme this time with **A war, a boom and a bust**. The baby boomers among us had little real grasp of the leap of faith, the hardships or the history that the founders of our schools or those early students and their parents experienced—most certainly not while we were still at school. Yes, we heard the words but how could we, in our youthful innocence, come close to properly understanding them. Madeline Blyth shared some of her war-time school experiences in a 2016 Kinawah and we read about her ties to the lost HMAS Sydney last issue. On April 21 and 22, during the Southern Downs Heritage Festival we again have the opportunity to reflect on some of that history at the Slade Campus as we look around with pleasure and gratitude at the fact that it still exists for the purpose it was built. There will now be more chapters in the history of the campus to be written but time will tell exactly how they unfold.

Macansh House loses two of its own: We bid farewell this issue to two fine old Macansh House Captains, Ian Bryant and Bruce Campbell. Sad times for us all.

Last issue we welcomed past student, David Jackson, as our first Kinawah sponsor: The suggestion, was made by Pat Spies last AGM, to consider paid advertising. This way to offset the cost of sending hard copies of Kinawah to those financial members who don't use email has now been put into effect. If you would like to help us in the same way please let us know.

Invitation to sign the visitors book at the Slade Campus on your way through Warwick: While you are there you might like to check out the newly badged old St Catharine's Assembly Hall (still called Slade Hall since this is part of its history too) or take a trip down memory lane and visit the museum as many others have done. You will need to call in at the office for the key to the museum and safely return it afterwards. We are in the process of putting together a Welcome Back Package to enable chance visitors, who often call in, to re-establish contact with us.

2017 AGM and Reunion Dinner, July 29: We'd love to see you there. The poster for this that was featured on page 11 in the March April Kinawah will be emailed out again. Please note that unless you have already managed to book accommodation at one of the more usual venues there is plenty of dormitory accommodation available at the school. **Book through Kel on 0410 733 122.**

Until next time, read on . . .

What's on: SCPSA 2017

- **March 9**
New Domain Name for old past students website goes live:
www.scpsawarwick.com
- **April 21**
Anzac Day Service
WCC
- **April 22**
Heritage Festival focuses on Slade Campus
- **July 20**
Jumpers & Jazz 2017
kicks off
- **July 29**
AGM & Reunion Dinner
WCC
- **October 14**
Breakfast Creek
Reunion

Remember that what you have now was once among the things you only hoped for **Epicurus**

1946 Slade School leaders with Bruce Campbell circled



A war, a boom and a bust ...

The acute anxiety and austerity of the war years will not soon be forgotten by anyone who attended St Catharine's or Slade from 1939 to 1945. Thankfully the war came to pass, it didn't come to stay. The slit trenches that were dug in 1942 to offer some sort of protection against enemy fire and fragmentation bombs along with the old army hut moved in for use as a hospital were never needed for the emergencies they were meant to provide for. A thanksgiving service held in the school chapel celebrated the end of World War II. After this St Catharine's girls joined in a joyful victory procession in Warwick, an all-day picnic and, during the following week, attended two dances with Slade boys. Those who had been evacuated from schools in Brisbane were now able to return home. Everyone looked to the future with fresh optimism and Parkinson House was acquired in 1950...

St Catharine's School Expansion . . . excerpt from Kinawah, November, 1962

THE SALE WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED OF "GLENLYN", the home of Mr and Mrs John McNamara, in Palmerin Street, Warwick, adjoining St Catharine's Church of England Girls' School, to allow for the further expansion of class rooms and dormitories included in the school's building programme.

Glenlyn, built in early twentieth century design, set well back from the street amid trees, shrubs and lawns provides one of the most attractive homes in Warwick and would be a very valuable asset to the school. It increases the [school's] frontage to Palmerin Street to nearly 800 feet.

Built at a cost of more than £5000, a new block at St Catharine's was [also] officially opened by the State Treasurer, Mr T.A. Hiley. The block comprises a science laboratory, six music practising rooms and a recital hall. The laboratory will be used for teaching Physiology and Zoology as well as Chemistry and Physics. The recital hall is being named after the late Sir Edwin Tooth, [who donated £1000 which sum was put together with a further £900 donation from the Parents and Friends of the School]. Another benefactor, Mr T.B. Dunstone, donated a piano for the recital hall. The principal, Sister Rachael, said that the foundation stone of the new block was laid on December 1, 1961 by Canon Sharwood, M.A., Warden of St John's College, Queensland University.



'Glenlyn', renamed Glover House after St Catharine's bought it around 1962, was and still is, a fine, Colonial Federation style five-bedroom home built between 1918 and 1920 by former Warwick politician, G.W. Barnes. The home's features included a curved front bay window and underground wine cellar. Glover House became the Senior girls' dormitory complete with a library and, in later years a small television set on which some of us remember looking at the Apollo 11 moon landing, live, in 1969. Private piano lessons, Speech and Drama practical exams and Senior French Oral exams were conducted in the front rooms. It became a private home again after St Catharine's campus was sold and sub-divided.



St Catharine's Church of England Girls School Warwick 1948 entire student body

Following World War II Archdeacon Hoog was appointed rural Dean and Rector of St Mark's Warwick, thus beginning his association with the 'School on the Hill'. At the time of his retirement in 1962, his daughter, Dorothy, could claim to be the only female Slade Old Boy, having taken science classes there at one time. Dorothy did not hold this distinction forever. Several St Catharine's girls attended science classes at Slade from 1970 onwards and then became fully integrated into the school in 1971 when it became co-educational. The times they were a changing...



In 1961 Massey House, a converted shop/dwelling, moved in next to Mytton House alongside the dining room, was opened as a primary school dormitory but in 1965 it became home to the first girls who came as Grade 8 secondary school students.

Enrolments at both schools had traditionally relied greatly upon students from country areas who attended as boarders as this was

the only way those from more remote areas could be educated past primary school or, in some cases, at all. In 1970 a severe drought affected many rural areas in Southern Queensland. This impacted on enrolments at both St Catharine's and Slade and, coupled with earlier changes to the Education Act including the abolition of the Scholarship and the establishment of State Secondary Schools all over Queensland, placed pressure on both schools.

The student body, blithely oblivious to school financial operations and difficulties had no inkling that fees were in arrears for many whose parents were banking on better seasons that never arrived. Certainly we never had any knowledge, who among us might fall into this category. New Guinea entrants from Anglican contacts had also dwindled and disappeared as government assistance and grants were discontinued.

Sister Kathleen was again in charge of St Catharine's and although she was successful in obtaining two grants – \$2000 for science equipment and \$1650 for books for the library – it was decided by the Diocesan Council that, in order to help make





St Catharine's/Slade Primary School 1969

both schools financially viable, some of the St Catharine's girls, Years 9 and 10 Science students, would go up to Slade for their lessons. The primary school sections had already combined with Slade in 1966 taking their lessons first in Mytton House and later in Parkinson House. Regardless, by 1971, the situation was no better and it was decided that the Sub Senior forms of the two schools would be combined with staff from both to share the teaching. Using Sister Kathleen's hard won new science facilities, two Science subjects, Zoology and Biology were taught at St Catharine's.

The close of 1971 was the end of an era, this being when the Sisters withdrew from St Catharine's, both schools combined and became co-educational. The girls lived for a time at St Catharine's and were taken by bus to Slade each day. They moved up to Slade as boarding students in 1975.

When Eddie Prince, who had come to Slade as a member of the teaching staff in 1956, was appointed headmaster in 1974, enrolments were very low and a large sum of money had been borrowed from the Brisbane Diocese to meet the salary and wages bill at the end of 1973. Because of this the Diocesan Council rather than the School Council controlled finance and the headmaster had no authority to initiate any capital expenditure without asking permission from the Finance and Property Board of the Diocese.

Under Mr Prince's stewardship enrolments slowly increased and were accepted using the following criteria. First the applicant must be able to pay the fees either privately or by grant or a mixture of both. Secondly, as far as could be verified, he or she should be law abiding. Religion, academic ability, home circumstances or need could not at this stage be part of the criteria. The practice of waiving or lowering of fees for some students ceased. No one was permitted to become a debtor and fees were to be paid in advance. With these criteria established, requests from government and welfare agencies able to fund applicants began to trickle in. Other schools were reluctant to accept indigenous students yet these were the disadvantaged people who lived in the bush and the Federal Government assisted with some of the funding for them.

No student was excluded because of a racial policy and these simple criteria were suitably rewarded with increased enrolments. Our indigenous students were not a separate class within the school and were usually blessed with supportive parents. In the same way, co-education soon became the norm with the many benefits silencing its critics.

Apart from his responsibility for St Catharine's to the School Council and therefore the Diocesan Council, Mr Prince was responsible for the well being of the girls to their parents and to the City Council in respect of health and safety. Council rates and expenditure was high so full amalgamation with Slade became inevitable but also with a view to considered and responsible stewardship of the assets within St Catharine's campus.

The largest, most historic, most nostalgic and

most beautiful building was White House on the Locke Street side. 90 short-comings received from the Fire Safety Board alone meant either their rectification or an order to be served for its closure. In view of the balance sheet at the time there was no way to finance such improvements. This left no other option but to evacuate the building which is what happened. Much later, after the sale of the campus, White House accidentally caught fire and was razed to the ground. This was a terrible loss for the new owner but sadly vindicated this painfully difficult decision.

In view of prevailing circumstances at the time there was no possibility of selling the campus as a school. With due diligence the buildings that had been home to so many St Catharine's girls were assessed as to how and what could best be salvaged.

The two demountable classroom blocks built between 1965 and 1966 north of the parade area outside the assembly hall seemed the place to start. By sacrificing the tennis court north of Chapel House at Slade, a ready made flat site for both buildings was provided at no cost.

Local house removalist, Ivan Watt brought the classroom blocks up to Slade at a cost of \$10,000. They fitted in as if they had always been meant to be there. By now Slade was able to finance this from its income.



The Church of England Girls School opened in Warwick 1918 using 'Mie Gunyah', a house owned by T. Macansh. Most of the teaching staff lived in its second storey private rooms each furnished with a bed, a wardrobe, a table, chair and bookshelf. Within five years of the Sisters taking charge of it as St Catharine's C.E.G.S. for the Diocese in 1937, enrolments had grown to 150, mostly boarders. This called for better and more extensive accommodation and classrooms. In 1942 a major upgrade to White House saw the existing, large, ground-floor common room converted to dormitories with additional bathrooms. A new room was added to the front verandah and the whole building was re-roofed and painted. With such healthy enrolments it was also necessary to extend the chapel. The chapel, which was a converted stable, was then able to hold the entire school. Evening prayers and the Angelus were held at the chapel nightly before the evening meal and a weekly morning Communion service saw Senior students serve as altar girls to assist officiating clergy. Around this time the new Domestic Science Room opened in 1960. Sporting and leisure facilities included tennis courts, basketball courts and of course, music, speech and drama for which St Catharine's was renowned.

“ an assembly hall
big enough for
any gathering...”

One weekend Mr Prince and the Slade boys removed the cyclone fence from the Locke Street and Palmerin Street frontages and transported it to Slade taking a few more weekends to erect it along Horsman Road to join up with the fence David Markey, a local old boy, had put up some years before. When Mr Prince first came to Slade in 1956 there were no fences anywhere in the school area and few sealed roads on the school side of the Condamine River except the Weewondilla Hill Road and the road to the school gates.

The next project was grant driven since Slade had no way of affording new buildings as the need arose. On the plus side, Slade, through the Diocesan Council, did have control over the buildings at St Catharine's and set about securing funding to relocate the finely built, timber assembly hall.



On the 20th March, 1954 St Catharine's Assembly Hall was officially opened with a special performance of Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Ernest. The hall was home to much of the cultural focus of the school with New Girls' Concerts, inter-house plays, singing, verse speaking, old style reel-to-reel movie screenings, such as Macbeth and Hamlet, socials, ballroom dancing lessons, Junior and Senior Public Examinations, daily assemblies (sometimes with visiting missionaries as guest speakers) and, of course, Speech Days all part of its history. Participants practised diligently there each year for Warwick Eisteddfod performances and were rewarded with more than their fair share of success and enhanced self confidence as a result.

Slade until this time had no hall other than the dining hall for assembly, its chapel being too small. St Catharine's Hall was big enough to seat the entire school community together for Speech Day with all the parents and friends and was an asset that Slade clearly lacked. The Ministry of Education eventually came up with \$19,000 and in 1977, in the early hours of the morning, the hall was moved in three separate sections and reassembled on brand-new prepared foundations along the Horsman Road frontage of Slade. An Old Boys appeal raised a further \$6,000 and the rest of the total \$36,000 removal cost was met from



savings that the school supplied.

In order to qualify as a multi-purpose classroom area, the school designed and built, with Dario Giori's versatile skills, three large solid screens on huge castors which formed movable partitions for enclosing separate areas for the many uses for which the building was planned. These included art and crafts, drama, dance, games and when moved out of the way, an assembly hall big enough for any gathering. Its fine stage and small side rooms (the old props and costume room and Speech and Drama 'studio') proved some of its finest assets. Later, when the chapel was converted to a dormitory, the hall was also used for worship. Modern stage lighting was also added in due course and dances and other social occasions were accommodated there too. Slade still had no facilities for woodwork and metalwork. Manual Arts had not been considered part of an academic education but with the need for such practical skills, especially for those from rural backgrounds, this want was partially met by night school classes at Warwick State High School. However, the number of students able to be accommodated and the evenings available were restricted. To solve this shortcoming, St Catharine's music centre, opened in 1962, eventually filled the bill. The large room at one end, referred to as the recital hall, where Kitty Gladwell taught her music (and a small number of singing) students, for so many years, was adjoined by small practise rooms, built of timber and each containing a piano and stool. They were described as resembling shearers' quarters and were moved into the gap between Barnes House and Roberts House after the existing 'gym' had been moved beside the swimming pool. It was opened for use in 1978. In subsequent years larger sums were spent on woodworking machinery, computer

graphics and an extension to the building for metalwork. All were built and equipped to standards by this time demanded by the Queensland Department of Education for Manual Arts. For some years boys from the Christian Brothers College shared these new facilities since they had no manual arts centre of their own at this time.

There was one building that could not be relocated. It was St Catharine's Science Block. This was not the Science facility mentioned in the St Catharine's Expansion article in the 1962 Kinawah. That duly became the Art room when the new Science Block was built around 1966 with a Commonwealth grant won by the Sisters. The new lab stood alongside the demountable classroom blocks and was much more spacious and better equipped than the one at Slade. With the considerable skill of Dario Giori, the lab was raided to refurbish the Slade Campus facility replacing the entire furniture and stock. There was more than could be used in the smaller location but some of the surplus was later able to be adapted to update St Catharine's home science building which was also moved to Slade in due course.



St Catharine's Church of England Girls School Home Science building proudly opened in 1960. Almost unbelievably, at the time of writing, that very model of a modern major...domestic icon, Mrs Forsyth, is still living in her own home in Brisbane.

The fine brick, empty science block was the most valuable and best conditioned building still at St Catharine's. There remained three houses all in need of renovation and the rest were derelict old timber structures worth little in concrete terms. The Commonwealth, after a lengthy time, released the custodians, the Anglican Church, from the complexities of disposal of a grant-built property whose use had ceased. It was then legally able to be disposed of as seen fit. So it came to pass that

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St Catharine's land and all that still stood on it was eventually sold to a local entrepreneur.

The Science Block was the foundation for a large and desirable residence. With White House gone the developer gradually sold all the house blocks and modern brick homes now occupy the site.

Proceeds of the sale to the developer were not squandered. Rather, they were wisely invested and used to build a large boarding house on the Slade Campus some years later. It should be acknowledged that Mr Prince, in the years between 1974 and his retirement in 1991 after clocking up 34 years at Slade, far surpassed any expectations that might have been exacted from him in his management role and all within the context of upgraded employment conditions for staff that were long overdue in line with minimum working and pay standards of the day.

Mr Prince was quoted in 1978 as saying that the combined student body of 130 brought in something like half a million dollars to the community each year and that this money, because the students came from places all over the state and beyond, was new money—money that stayed in the community...

18 January 1978

Slade booked out

WARWICK: Slade School is delighted with enrolments for this year.

The boarding section is fully booked out, for the first time for some years.

Principal, Mr Eddie Prince said this week that a total of 118 boarders (63 boys, 55 girls) had been accepted.

4 day children are expected to boost the school's total enrolment figure to 122 and there are still vacancies for day students in Grades 10 and 11.

A big factor in the increase in enrolments (15 up on last year) has been the recent opening of a new 10 student block for Junior boys.

The block was formerly a recreational area but the utilisation of St Catharine's Hall freed the building for this purpose.

The balance sheet at the end of 1973 showed a loss of some \$40,000. When Mr Prince retired at the end of 1990, the school was in its best financial position ever. It was fully equipped with fully maintained buildings and resources, substantial funds in the school's bank account and adequate enrolments in spite of on-going battles with government departments for student funding. His successor should, by rights, have been able to keep it going with the caveat, as Mr Prince cautioned, the ongoing husbanding of funds

was kept up but, in spite of Mr Prince's volunteering all possible assistance, he was never consulted.

The Slade School closed at the end of 1999.

Slade School a fond memory for Eddie

By MADELEINE LOGAN March 2007

FROM THE SPOT OF BITUMEN he kissed every time the last bus load of boarders left for Christmas holidays to the building trucked up Weewondilla hill in pieces



one rainy afternoon, Eddie Prince knows every inch of the Slade School. Sadness fills the silence as the former college headmaster walks past classrooms once filled with teenagers.

"I avoided coming back here the first year after I retired," he said as he

looked from the footpath into the campus that dominated his life. "Now I often drive past it." Each vacant desk has a story. It was where a boy first learnt the basics of algebra or a girl was introduced to the glory of Shakespeare. Back in his Glennie Heights home, filled with memorabilia gathered over more than three decades at the Slade School, Mr Prince reflects on its past and uncertain future.

He has either painted, re-furnished, built or funded every building on the campus and can recount the development of the historic landmark since it was established in 1926.

Mr Prince came to Australia from England to work at Slade as a 33-year-old ex-army major. It became his life passion. He spent 34 years at the school, 17 of those as headmaster. "When I left it was in a very good condition," he said. "There was no debt. Whatever they did after that was up to them."

Nine years later the facility closed. During the interceding years, memories of the early days, when young boys moved from Brisbane to the Warwick school to escape the effects of war became distant. Except for in the minds of old boys like John Armbruster, who attended Slade from 1947 to 1953.

As for any teenage boy, some of his fondest memories involved the rare opportunity to mingle with the opposite sex.

"One of the highlights of the year was Ascension Night dances with the girls from St Catherine's," Mr Armbruster said.

The Junabee farmer made life-long friendships during his years as a boarder.

He remembered a dedicated staff; one stand-out was Ben Farrell who spent many hours developing the campus.

"While I was there, about five teachers left Slade to re-build a school in Papua New Guinea after a volcano erupted in Poppendetta," Mr Armbruster said.

"Other students included a number of boys who had to leave college to help their parents during the war and came back to complete senior when they were of voting age."

Mr Armbruster joined his fellow past pupils in the sorrow of seeing the school closed in 1997. Three years later there were hopes of rejuvenation when Churchie took over from

the Anglican diocese of Brisbane and the Horsman Road site opened as the Slade Campus of the Anglican Church Grammar School in 2000. But it lasted only five years. Mr Prince fears the future of the school could be similar to the former Warwick Anglican girls' school, St Catharine's, which closed in 1971. That campus was sold, with little left to identify the Palmerin Street site.

"Slade was a great asset for the Anglican Church. We helped so many children from multicultural backgrounds," Mr Prince said. He shudders at the possibility the facility, developed with Government education grants and past pupil's fundraising, could be sold to developers and auctioned off piece by piece.

"It would be devastating," he said. "That is not what we were working for."

"We had to fight every inch of the way for the development of the school and I became an expert at getting money from the Government."

"It is a valuable property and should be used for the reasons the money was given to the school." His dream: to see the campus continue as a site for residential education."

Sadly Eddie Prince died in March, 2011 aged 88 years without seeing the fulfilment of his dream. A tribute to him, Goodbye Mr Chips, was published in Kinawah shortly afterwards. He was also a published author and penned two books, entitled *Sir* and *Yes, Sir!: Slade School and other stories*.

Milestones for Slade Buildings

- 1926** School founded in Slade House
- 1927** Barnes House *Dormitory Block*
- 1929** Classroom Block
- 1955** War Memorial Block & Honour Room
- 1961** Second Classroom Block
- 1964** Completion of Science Block *Physics*
- 1965** Headmaster's Residence Built
- 1967** Roberts House *Dormitory Block*
- 1968** Swimming Pool
- 1968** New Tuckshop and Dispensary
- 1971** Library Building
- 1976** Barnes House converted to girls *Dormitory*
- 1976** Two Classroom Blocks moved from St Catharine's
- 1976** Old Domestic Quarters renovated as *Dormitory*
- 1977** Multi-purpose building erected
- 1977** Home Science building installed
- 1977** Cyclone fences erected around grounds
- 1978** Manual Arts Centre opened
- 1978** Complete renovation of Slade House
- 1979** Hospital and Matron's Quarters renovated
- 1980** New Kitchen and Dining Hall
- 1983** Edward Prince House *Dormitory Block*
- 1985** Staff Residence built on to Barnes House
- 1987** Staff Residence built near Roberts House
- 1988** Undercroft of Prince House built in
- 1992** Extension to Roberts House



**Saturday, October 14
11 AM FOR LUNCH**

Breakfast Creek Reunion 2017 ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER Slade/St Catharine's Past Students 2 Kingsford Smith Drive - Breakfast Creek. 4020

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Old school Ties ...

DR ERIC DONALDSON, (Slade 1950 - 1953) who lives not far away from me, had just opened his electronic, full colour copy of Kinawah recently and been reading *We were the class who started in 1960* when he rang me. Lyn Kennedy had noted that former head girl, Diana Roberts, had stayed with her in 2015 while visiting from London and that both had set out for a trip down memory lane by driving out to see Di's father's old church, St Augustine's, in the town where she used to live. When they finally found the site after some difficulty, both girls were sadly disappointed to find the church they remembered had vanished. An unrecognisable über-modern structure was masquerading in its place. *Just have to go with the facts, they lamented, and try to think of it as PROGRESS.* Then, to put it in modern day psychospeak, they *moved on.* Well Eric, in his quiet, unassuming way, can now shed some light on this *BRUSH WITH PROGRESS.* He told me that some years ago, around 1981, after enjoying an ale or two with friends, he found himself in conversation with a warden of the local Anglican church. The warden, who had also partaken of an ale or two, happened to mention that the church had just signed off on its sale for the sum of \$600. Eric, responded that he would have paid twice that—if he had known it was on the market. Familiar with the building, Eric felt it had greater significance than to be sold up and disposed of in such a manner. However, with his mind on an impending overseas

trip, he thought no more about it. Imagine then, his surprise when his wife, Judith, telephoned him in the United States to inform him that the sale had fallen through and did his throwaway offer still stand? Eric instructed Judith that she'd better buy it and so became the owner of the church building which was duly moved, minus its bell tower (apparently still deemed desirable) onto his property on the outskirts of Oakey. The soulful toll of the bell signed off on its departure and the parish busied itself planning its new building. There were some interesting and quite unexpected outcomes to sort out, however, in the form of the church's large memorial stained glass window with its portrait of a fallen serviceman. None of the leadlight windows in the old building apparently suited the new one that was planned but Eric, a Vietnam Veteran, firmly believed that such an expensively acquired asset should not be in his possession. Eventually a distant relative of 'the man in the window' was found in Sydney and said asset was ultimately shipped off to his family. Coincidentally, another warden at that time was another former Slade boy, Alan Murray. Alan and his wife, Grace, who played the organ at St Augustine's at the time, moved away from Oakey and mostly out of touch. Eric, who is now widowed, quipped that I was quite welcome to visit him but that his hospitality might be limited to buns and bore water! I plan to take him up on his offer. After all that shared history we need to see a photo or two and a newsy story...
Our thanks to Eric for this and page 1 photo.



FRED ALLEY REMEMBERS cleaning up and weeding at **Glengallan Homestead** as a boarder at Slade School 1960 to 1963. **Fred**, from Woodford and fellow old boy, **Lex Noble**, were in Warwick for the 2015 **AGM and Reunion of the Slade and St Catharine's Past Students Association.** They stayed in their old dormitory at what is now Warwick Christian College. "Nothing much has changed," Lex said, of the dormitory no longer used for boarders. "I remember when I was at school, the Warwick Rodeo was a big thing." Fred and Lex were part of a large crowd at the **Glengallan Homestead Markets.** "W.B. Slade was involved in Slade School and Glengallan," Fred said. "It is remarkable what has been done with Glengallan Homestead - I remember when it was falling down." Twice a year, Lex travels from Mansfield in Victoria—where he sells real estate—to Queensland for school reunions, one in Warwick and one at the Breakfast Creek Hotel in Brisbane.

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Bruce Safford Campbell 1928-2017

We farewell 1946 School and Macansh House Captain and salute a fine romance

With the benefit of a good strong Scottish name Bruce Safford Campbell was born 1928 on the 14th of July, Bastille Day, in Cleveland to decorated soldier Colin and his wife, Doris. As the last of six boys Bruce always suspected that his mother had been hoping for a girl! The family moved from its small crop farm in Cleveland to Little Norman Street, Southport when Bruce was two. They owned three houses, all alongside each other and named after military camps Colin had been associated with. Two of them still remain but Colin relocated the third up to Mt Tamborine in 1940 as a hideaway from the Japanese.

When Bruce was three, the family moved to Breaker Street, Main Beach—a large two storey house with six bedrooms on a couple of acres, named after his father's last military camp, 'Monte Video'. Here they had a cow, veggie patch, chook-run and, in Bruce's words "too much lawn to mow with a push mower"!

As boys, Bruce and his brothers and friends entertained themselves playing cricket and racing go carts in the street. The large storm-water drains that emptied into the Broadwater were a great place to hide during low tide.

Bruce walked to class barefoot over Jubilee Bridge to Southport State School collecting splinters along the way. Life was very active. They were members of the Surf Life Saving Club and Bruce loved school athletic days and cricket. He was an exceptionally handy off spinner. Sports were a big part of Bruce's childhood and he excelled at all he tried. The end of his primary schooling came amid World War II when Southport State School had been taken over by the military. He then came to Slade School, Warwick as a boarder.

Bruce, who was close to all of his siblings, and especially, Don and Ian, was fourteen when Don, who was in the Air Force, was killed over East Timor. Boarding school days left their stamp on Bruce, particularly in shaping the man he became. He successfully completed his final year of school twice, due to being considered too young the first time! In his final year Bruce was school prefect, school

captain and captain of all his sporting teams (except rugby of which he was vice captain). He also received Leadership and Academic and Sporting Achievement awards. His name was inscribed on the honour board and he was also presented with the Complete Works of Shakespeare, a prize which he treasured.

Colin died while Bruce was still at Slade, after years of ill health. Consequently his mother had a huge influence on his life, instilling in him consideration and respect for others.

Bruce graduated from Queensland University in 1950 after studying Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Geology, with a Chemistry major. He started his first paid job at the QLD Irrigation and Water Supply Commission in Brisbane and was quick to realise that the way of the future was chemical engineering and this is the career path he followed.

His marriage to Beverly Hinkfuss in 1952 resulted in seven children, David, Peter, Martin, Gordon, Linda, Chris and Kate. With the Campbell proven record for siring sons and, like his mother before him, wanting a daughter, both girls were adopted. Between 1952 and 1998 the family lived in many places in eastern Australia: Canberra, Yarrowonga, Tasmania, Melbourne, the Dandenong Ranges area and Narre Warren. A holiday place was also acquired at Loch Sport on the Gippsland Lakes where Bruce's purchase of a second-hand hut of hardwood walls and a galvanised roof was bolted together at the start of every holiday. Bruce enjoyed family holidays here on the water with his ski boat immensely.

The family survived the tragedy of the Ash Wednesday bushfires, and, shortly afterwards Bruce started growing proteas which he loved. This was something that kept him busy before and after his retirement. The King Protea was his stand out favourite.

Sadly Bruce and Beverley lost their third son, Gordon in 1998, aged 39. Not long after this the couple separated.

“ There was another Slade connection that he never forgot...

Bruce had kept up his connections with Slade which he always remembered very fondly but there was another Slade connection that he never forgot. Joan Hinton and Bruce had met while she was a St Catharine's girl all those years ago but time and circumstances meant they would not cross paths again for almost sixty years. Bruce had clearly never forgotten taking her to the circus in Brisbane. He once told Joan's daughter, Sherree, that even many

years later when he looked at her, he still saw the beautiful young eighteen year old in the gorgeous red dress from so long ago.

He came north from Melbourne looking for her in 2000, and they finally found each other again at a Slade and St Catherine's School Reunion in Brisbane in 2001. In his journal he wrote that he was 'brave this time', and determined not to allow circumstances to stand in their way. After visiting Joan in Kingaroy, Bruce returned to Phillip Island, phoning her frequently and piquing her family's interest, due to Joan's not so casual comments about this former Head Boy of Slade who had come all the way from Melbourne to see her!

On his second visit north in 2001 Joan's children met Bruce for the first time. They were thrilled to see her so happy. Glenn, Paul and Sherree were honoured that he saw each of them as if they were his own. Bruce wrote in his journal that he felt his family had grown to ten children, who were all very special to him.

1 June 2002, Bruce married Joan at a beautiful garden wedding surrounded by his clan at Judy and Glenn's home in Brisbane. They enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon on Norfolk Island before beginning life together in Kingaroy. Joan's family remain forever grateful to Bruce for giving her sixteen years of love and joy.

Bruce quickly became involved in Joan's world of golf, Meals on Wheels, church and choirs, and the monthly "Dilly Girls" Poker Sessions. Between Veterans' Golf tournaments, they loved caravanning, heading south to visit Bruce's family, north to Cairns and to Veterans' Golf Tournaments all over Queensland. Bruce's brothers and their families were also close by on the Downs and Northern NSW and there were visits to them, as well as to the theatre and the ballet.

They enjoyed many wonderful overseas trips together before exploring 'Ardtarig' and Loch Striven, the home of the Campbell Clan on the island of Bute in Scotland.

Bruce and Joan enjoyed happy times at a family cabin at Fingal with extended family but finally opted for a sea change, in 2015 when they bought a unit in Kingscliff, their 'forever holiday house', closer to Joan's children and the ballet in Brisbane.

Joan's family feel blessed to have had Bruce's gentle presence as example, friend, mentor and parent at Joan's side for sixteen years.

He said he came north to marry Joan with a "heart full of happiness to settle into life with his 'Lady in Red' for as many years as God has given him" and for that we join with his family in gratitude at this sad time.

Our thanks to Bruce's family for sharing this information and the wonderful photos of him.

BRYANT, Ian Godfrey 1939 - 2016

BRYANT, Ian Godfrey, late of Vaucluse and formerly of Warren, passed away 12th December, 2016 aged 77 years. Ian's Funeral Service was held at St Michael's Anglican Church Vaucluse on 19th December 2016 followed by Final Prayers and Committal at Eastern Suburbs Crematorium Matraville. Our condolences are extended to Ian's wife, Christine and his family.

Born November 6th 1939, Ian was at Slade from 1955 to 1958. Remembered as Frosty by some of his school fellows, Ian was School Captain and Macansh House Captain in his Senior year, 1959. He was awarded Half Colours in Football, was a Cadet U/O and Rhodes Prize Winner. Ian had a brother Roderic Leonard at school from 1957-58

CAMPBELL Bruce 1928 - 2017

CAMPBELL, Bruce Safford, late of Kingscliff, passed away peacefully in palliative care on 19th March, 2017 following a fall. He was aged 88 years. Bruce's life was celebrated by family and friends at South Tweed Crematorium on Friday 24th March. Bruce, sometimes known at school as Curly, came to Slade from Southport during World War II. As can clearly be seen below, he was an accomplished all-rounder.

He was at Slade 1942 - 1946 and was Slade School Captain and

Macansh House Captain in 1946.

He did Junior in 1943 and Senior 1945 and 1946 gaining Colours in Athletics, Cricket, Football and Swimming and played in the school Tennis Team. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant in the Slade School Cadet Corps.

Bruce also collected the following prizes:

1945 - Sylvia Dixon Cup (Physical Training)

1946 - Rhodes Prize and Bush Brotherhood Prize;

Morton Cup (Best All-round Athlete)

His wife Joan, nee Hinton, was at St Catherine's until 1947.

Our thoughts are with the family in their time of loss.

**FIVE SEASONS**

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season to nurture and grow
souls for tomorrow

men in high places
promise young men in battle
pride of the summer

colours in autumn
for the seasoned and fallen
cited for glory

lost in deep winter
old men still see dead faces
and dare to ask why

endless dark mourning
mothers lament young lives spent
by faceless others

five seasons of man
when will it cease to be thus
from cradle to grave

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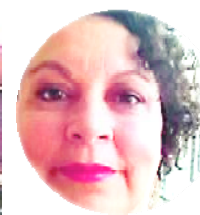


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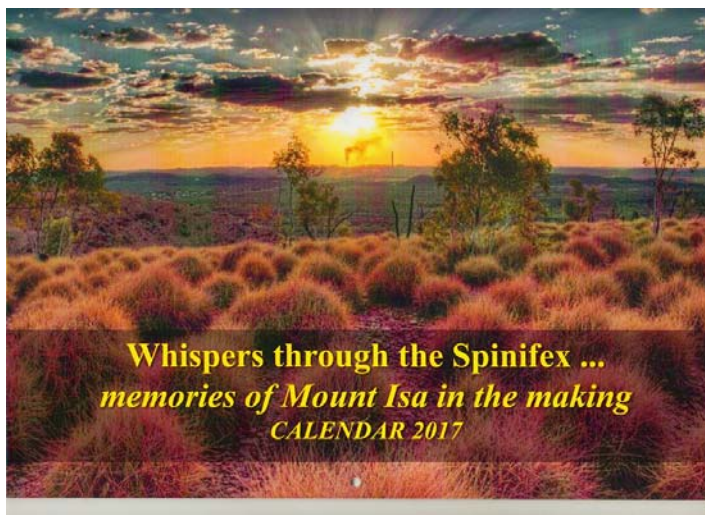
Members of the Slade Campus Past Students' Association are committed custodians of the history of Slade School and St Catharine's Church of England Girls School, and of the two schools which preceded the formation of St Catharine's Warwick, St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School, Stanthorpe and CEGS Warwick and the Warwick Christian College. Members of the Association may include Past Students and Members of Staff of Slade School or of St Catharine's Church of England School, or of The St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School Stanthorpe, or The Church of England Girls School, Warwick or Warwick Christian College and their descendants, Past Students of any other School, who have attended the Campus and Members of staff of any other school, who have attended the Campus.



St Catharines/Slade School Facebook



The Facebook page now has 231 members. As it is a closed group you will need to ask permission to join. Be ready to enter in a brief run down about yourself once accepted. Kim-Maree Burton 1965 - 1969 has been busy. She posted the following Dec 30, 2016:



OMG - I wonder what Sisters Lois, Angela, Moira and Miss Cant would have to say about 'Buster' writing a book? They'll be shaking their heads in heaven...with bewilderment. Whispers through the Spinifex is shown at left.

please check out the link. nla.gov.au/anbd.bib-an58864594

Whispers is not a book of fiction rather a compilation of 50 of the 200 odd articles that I've written on the historical social fabric of Mount Isa, for the North West Star, over 4 years.

David Brown Feb 24
Does anyone know the where-

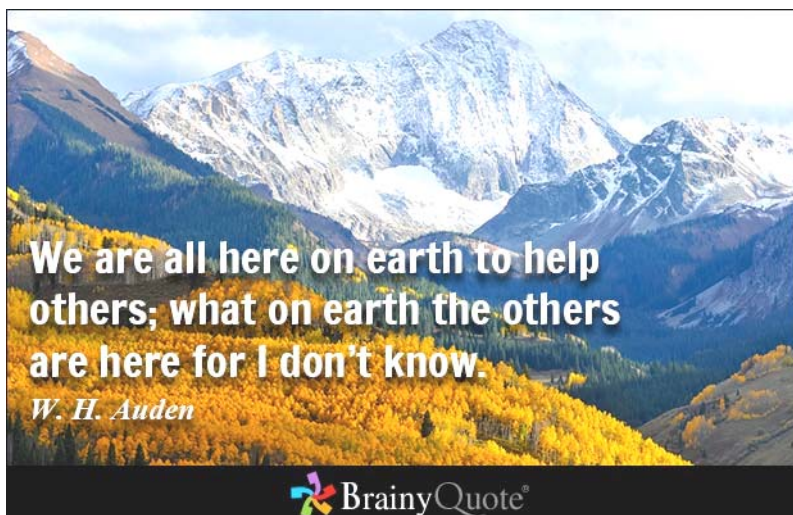
abouts of John Mills, Cris Lloy, Steven Hull, Jill McNamara, Sally Whyatt, Jane Ferrier or anyone from the Class of 1972. Am chasing others for the Brekky Creek reunion this year...

Elizabeth Ann Raymond Mar 12 I was one of the ... boarders of St Catharines, but it's sad that it no longer stands.

...If someone has a photograph of Maud Walker, who was 'Matron' at Highfields, during the 50s, I would dearly love to see it...she was my Aunt.

Still more Humour with byte

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☺ At a recent wedding ceremony at St John's Cathedral the Dean asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. Now was the time to speak or forever hold one's peace. The silence was broken by a beautiful young woman carrying a child walking slowly towards the Dean. Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride slapped the groom and the groom's mother fainted. The Dean asked the young woman, "Can you tell us why you have come forward? What do you have to say?" The woman replied "We can't hear at the back". Fixing the cathedral's acoustics has been put down as a priority.

☺ The president of a big bank fell off a seagoing yacht. While his friends frantically sought a life preserver, a sailor shouted, "Hey, can you float alone?"

"Of course I can," gasped the floundering banker, "but this is a hell of a time to talk business."

