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Kentian Scholarship Foundation

The Kentian Society, in conjunction with the School Council, has established the Kentian Scholarship Foundation.

This should expand the provision of scholarships, bursaries and prizes to students prepared to enrol at Kent Street SHS.

The Kentian Scholarship will still be awarded annually via the Foundation.

Importantly, all donations and bequests to the Foundation are tax deductible.

There may be some vacant positions on the Management Committee so if you can take minutes or do bookkeeping, please contact Bill Prince via the website.

A maximum of 4 meetings will be held annually.

2010 Kentian Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Kelsie Downey, winner of the 2010 Kentian Scholarship.

From next year the value of the Scholarship has been increased to $750 payable over two years.

KSSHS 70th Anniversary

The first meeting of the organising committee was held on November 4th, 2009. It is anticipated that an open day will be held in late October, 2010.

If you would like to join the organising committee, contact the Principal, Rod Beresford at the school. (Telephone: 9262 0500).

1950 to 59 Morning Tea

A number of ex-students, mainly Kentians, attended a morning tea in the conference room, during 3rd Term.

Thanks to the Year 12 Hospitality and Catering class for the excellent food and service, they provided.

Next year the 1960 to 69 groups will be invited.

There are only 20 invitations available.

If the number of acceptances is greater than that, first preference will be given to Kentian and others who have contributed, in some way, to the operation of the Society or the School.

The remaining places will be raffled.

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Kent Street Senior High School

Principal's Report

This year 142 Students graduated, compared with 97 in 2008.

Year 12 Final Assembly and Presentation Ceremony

The Year 12 Final Assembly and The Presentation Ceremony were a great success.

The Year 12 Final Assembly was held on 27th October, 2009 and The Presentation Ceremony was held on 28th October, 2009.

The Presentation Ceremony was held at Church Of Christ Function Centre in Como. This year 142 Students graduated, compared with 97 in 2008. More than 550 parents and friends attended the celebration.

The TEE Dux was Kelsie White and the runner-up was Chernoh Bah. The VET Dux was Salvador Deveraux-Dix. The winner of The Principals' Prize was Chernoh Bah.

School President Sarah Walley received the leadership award. She is the first indigenous student to be elected as leader of the Year 12 Graduating Class.

Independent Public Schools

With the State Government making substantial changes to schools and Kent Street has the opportunity to become an Independent Public School in 2010.

Kent Street will explore this possibility in 2010 with neighbouring schools eg Como Secondary College and surrounding primary schools.

National School Pride Program

The school has spent the $200,000 funding it was granted on a range of maintenance problems.

Kent Street was the first School to complete its work.

The problems included painting of buildings and 180 doors, new signage to every room, repair of brickwork, paving and limestone walls to the arts quadrangle and repairs to some gutters and downpipes.

Trade Training Centre

A new Trade Training Centre In Metal Fabrication is to be built at a cost of $3 Million near the heritage Manual Training facilities. Final approvals and planning will occur early in 2010.

New Toilet Block

The work on the new toilet block is well underway on the southern side of the School.

The builder, Fox Constructions, expects the block to be ready for week 3 of Term 1 next year. The old block will not be decommissioned until later.

Rod Beresford

Principal

Kentian Week



This is now an annual event

Front Left to Right: *Principal Rod Beresford, Doug Corker, Stan Kailis, Christopher Lesiter, Bobbie Halliday, Elaine Linfoot, Maureen Walkemeyer and Eva Vlahov.*
Back Left to Right: *Barrie Butler, Bill Prince, Bob Linfoot, Otto Walkemeyer and Deputy Principal Phil Currie.*

This is now an annual event and this year was held on Wednesday 5th September.

A number of ex-students met Year 8's to conduct an orientation event with the Year 8 Society and Environment classes.

The day consisted of: a talk in room 4 with Barrie Butler, Bob Linfoot and Elaine Linfoot and a tour of the school grounds with Doug Corker and Bill Prince.

And there was also a display of memorabilia in The Kentian Centre with Christopher Lesiter, Maureen Walkemeyer and Otto Walkemeyer and Eva Vlahov, Stan Kailis and Bobbie Halliday discussed their experiences at Kent Street.

Barrie Butler, the fourth person to enrol at Kent Street Senior High School took part in the talk in room 4.

Thanks to everyone who participated. If you would like to join us next year, please contact us early in 1st Term, 2010.

Ken Pascoe, Head of the Society and Environment Learning Area, said the students found the day was interesting.

Former Students Snap Shot

"Where are they now" Adam Vilaca



Adam graduated from Kent St SHS last year (2008). He was awarded the Young Governor of WA in 2008.

Adam was always a highly motivated student of Politics and Community Service.

He represented WA at National Student Constitutional Convention in 2008, during the conference he worked closely with the Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Adam was recently elected unopposed as the councillor for the Victoria Park Ward of the Town of Victoria Park.

We understand that at 18 years of age his is the youngest local government councillor ever to be elected in Australia. Well Done Adam!

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Editors Note: There are now two Town Of Victoria Park Councilors who are former students of Kent Street Senior High School: Adam Vilaca and Keith Hayes.

Adam was recently elected unopposed

Media Mentions

Have you seen Kent Street Senior High School or The Kentian society mentioned in the media?

If so, please email us with the name of the article and the name and date of the publication that it appeared in so that we can source a copy for our archives.

Alternatively you send the article to our postal address or email us with a link to the article.

Have you seen Kent Street Senior High School or The Kentian Society Inc mentioned in the media?

Volunteers

The Society is still looking for volunteers to help with management and with the archives.

The Management committee meets monthly, during the school year.

Achieving is done on Thursday mornings, between 9:30am and 12 noon.

So if you have some spare time, plea se contact us.

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