I am often challenged by members of the community to explain why I am so enthusiastic about the education of boys being best achieved in a boys’ school. Here is my answer.

Schools that educate only boys enjoy some powerful advantages over those that serve both boys and girls. Boys’ schools are able to develop their resources, choose their teachers and design their programs with only one goal in mind – to meet the educational and developmental needs of boys on their journey to becoming young men.

During recent decades, ground-breaking brain research using FMRI (functional magnetic resonance imaging), investigations into the developmental differences between boys and girls, and studies of the sociology of schools have all helped us understand how to best educate boys and girls. At the same time, ironically, it has become clear that an alarming number of boys – most of whom are attending coeducational institutions – are not succeeding in school. This well-documented and broadly publicised phenomenon, coupled with new knowledge about learning, has led to a re-examination of many assumptions underlying current educational practices. One of the results has been a growing understanding of the benefits of single-gender educational settings and an increased awareness of the advantages of boys’ schools.

While many types of school provide stimulating and safe learning environments, I believe a boys’ school is better able to focus on encouraging full participation by boys in all activities (arts – visual, manual and performing; academia; sports; community service; leadership; worship). In turn this encourages and promotes self-expression, sensible risk-taking and a respect for the many different paths to manhood a young student may take.

In boys’ schools there is the freedom for leaders and staff to develop educational programs tailored to meet the developmental needs of boys, where boys can gain confidence in their ability to learn without being compared to girls – who, as a cohort, often mature more quickly in areas such as literacy. Similarly, books and curricular materials that excite boys can be integrated into all aspects of the school’s program. These advantages are enhanced by the opportunity for boys to be taught and coached by staff who especially want to work with them.

Boys’ schools by their very nature provide an environment free of cross-gender distractions, in which boys need not waste energy posturing or trying to live up to the gender stereotypes they often feel pressured to follow. Boys will quickly tell you that focus on academic tasks and achievement in extra-curricular activities can be paramount in their education expectations and in our type of school they enjoy frank and direct communication with staff about their development and growth.

At The Hutchins School I believe we have developed a setting in which boys develop strong bonds of friendship and camaraderie with peers and teachers so that the impact of positive male role models can have its fullest effect and where a distinctive esprit de corps enriches the lives and education outcomes of boys.

Mr Warwick Dean
Headmaster

NEW WINDOWS IN THE CATHEDRAL

During October a special service was held at St David’s Cathedral to mark the dedication of two stained-glass windows bearing the crests of Hutchins and Collegiate. The purpose of these windows is to mark the significant historical links between the two schools and the cathedral.

The idea was the brainchild of Old Boy Mr Max Darcey. Mr and Mrs Darcey both have a long association with both schools and the cathedral.
BISHOP’S VISIT TO HUTCHINS

The Bishop of Tasmania the Rt Revd John Harrower OAM spent a day as an official visitor at Hutchins in third term, visiting a range of classes from the Early Learning Centre (ELC) through to the Senior School. These events are an important link in the School’s relationship with the Anglican Church.

For the fourth year Hutchins has topped the Red Cross Winter Blood Challenge. The idea behind the challenge is for organisations such as schools, workplaces and community groups to facilitate donations of blood during the winter months. Congratulations go to Mr Mike Fishburn and the boys who co-ordinated the activity this year.

HUTCHINS AGAIN TOPS WINTER BLOOD CHALLENGE

Former Headmaster Dr John Bednall (1987–1996) has been honoured by the renaming of the Centre for Excellence as the John Bednall Centre for Learning Support.

Dr Bednall was instrumental in establishing the Centre in the late 1980s, and it is pleasing that his vision is being recognised in this way. Interestingly, 2009 also marks the departure of the last of the “Bednall Boys”. Many of this year’s leavers had just started in 1996 when Dr Bednall was Headmaster.

JOHN BEDNALL HONOURED

Deputy Headmaster Mr Barrie Irons hosting the renaming ceremony with Dr Bednall online from Qatar on the screen in the background.

2009 Long term Leavers – several of these boys had just started at Hutchins when Dr John Bednall finished as Headmaster – the last of the boys from that period of the School’s history!
Who was the most successful person in the last century?

One internet survey suggested answers such as Elvis, Yitzhak Rabin (Israeli prime minister assassinated in 1995), Adolf Hitler, Mohandas Gandhi and Ronald Reagan (former US president).

I suspect your answers would be quite different. Some of these were good people, some were undeniably evil. These lists often tell you more about the people who fill out internet surveys than anything else!

What is it, then, to be successful? Almost unanimous among the rich and famous is the testimony that there is something fleeting about the great moments. They are elusive after the event.

These people echo an ancient sentiment. Ecclesiastes is a book of the Bible that expresses the experience of the great king of Israel, Solomon. He says, “I drank, I laughed, I built, I bought, I collected great wealth, I had my selection of beautiful women (AND chose them all), I was greater than any other Israelite in the history of the world”.

His conclusion? “But it was all a chasing after the wind – meaningless.”

I could spend a lot of time wishing you great success but is this honestly what I would love to see in your life? Solomon questioned the value of his success and I do not wish you success in those terms. In your life, there will be many potential avenues and, with them, many temptations. How will you deal with the pitfalls and the dangerous offers?

In Luke 4, Jesus is given some tasty options. Before he begins his ministry, he is tempted by Satan. As a hungry man, he is offered a simple meal. He is then given a glimpse of wealth and power, and urged to take it. Finally, Jesus is tempted with self-doubt.

The first temptation is at the point of his weakness – six weeks of fasting in the wilderness. It is no surprise that food will be the lure. “Make these stones into bread.” Is his trust in God or will he act self-indulgently?

Jesus replies, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone’.”

Moses said this to Israel. “Trust in your God, the one who created you and saved you. Food will just keep your carcasses from the birds for a few weeks. Desire spiritual food.”

The second temptation is for wealth and power. Jesus has no followers, no power, and no home. Satan shows him the nations, puts his hand on his shoulder and says, “Man, you could be king of the world... If you bow down and worship me, all will be yours”.

Your temptation will come from the shortcut: “I could wait and earn it or I could take it now”.

I know a man involved in the collapse of one of the biggest companies in Australia. All he had to do was keep quiet and he would never have to worry about money again, but he spoke up. He will learn to live with the regrets.

What will you do when the shortcut, that moment of pleasure or gain, is on offer? Evil can never deliver anyway. Not with a shortcut. It never has and never will.

Jesus says, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only’.”

The third temptation is for Jesus to doubt both his identity and his God.

Jesus responds, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test’.” Jesus withstands the temptation and remains faithful even to the cross. This is a far harder road than Satan’s offer. But Jesus knows that the devil offers him a false path. It is the way to disaster and spiritual failure.

Some people are successful on false roads.

They live on bread alone.

They worship gods of their own making – money, career, beauty, even health.

They doubt the truth and reject their identity as a child of God, made in his image.

They avoid relationship with God.

So, in this sense, I don’t wish you success.

So, what do I wish for you? I DO wish you success in terms of the sense of purpose and meaning that the story of the temptation of Christ conveys.

Refuse the shortcut and resist those who offer you cheap solutions. Find satisfaction in the deeper things and always be open to the voice of Jesus Christ in your life.

In short, in the words of Micah:

*He has showed you, O man, what is good.*

*And what does the LORD require of you?*

*To act justly and to love mercy*  
*and to walk humbly with your God.*

Rev Matt Gray
BUILDING PROGRAM

From time immemorial librarians have closely guarded the contents of their libraries – all sorts of card index systems, overdue notices and security devices designed to stop books and equipment “going missing”.

But what happens when the whole library building disappears?

We recently found out here at Hutchins. The Nettlefold Library was handed over to the builders on 9 November and by the end of the week it was gone!

The demolition is part of the program to build a new Library/Learning Centre, due to be opened in 2010. And, unlike most items that are borrowed from libraries, what we will eventually get back will be bigger and better than before.

In the meantime, the Toppin Room has been put to work as a temporary library.

HUTCHINS LINKED IN TO AARNET

In November Hutchins officially launched its connection to the Australian Academic and Research Network. Until recently this high-speed data access system was the domain of the universities and connecting to it is a major plus for the School. Connection provides Hutchins with fast (up to a gigabyte per second), secure and reliable communications access which opens the doors to services and collaboration that were not previously possible.

As examples of the system at work, the connection enables Chinese Language classes to video-conference with our partner school in Beijing, English classes can interact with actors at the Globe Theatre in London, Science classes can speak face-to-face with climate change experts and teachers can discuss education issues with leading experts anywhere in the world.

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Earlier this year some of the ELC boys went on an excursion to Bonorong Wildlife Park where they got up close with one of the koalas.

Year 2 boys have spent part of the year learning to knit. Judging from the looks of concentration this might well be the perfect activity to keep boys occupied!

ELC Summer Sports Day is always enjoyed by the boys, parents and staff, and after a very wet winter it was great to get some fine weather for this event!
One of the great projects this year has been a “reading buddies” program involving Year 5 boys spending time reading with Year 3 boys.

Grandparents’ Days provide a great opportunity to showcase the talents of the boys as well as allowing grandparents to get a glimpse of what their grandsons are doing at Hutchins. This year’s Junior School Grandparents’ Day was no exception. As always, the Wakakirri performers showed what they have been working on all term.
CHINESE LESSONS IN JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 boys have been spending time in their Chinese classes learning to write Chinese script, under the guidance of teacher Mr Erik Marr.

SPECKY MCGEE VISIT

Hutchins recently hosted a special visit and book signing with Specky Magee authors Felice Arena and former AFL star Garry Lyon, shown here with some of the boys who attended the event in the auditorium.

YEAR 7 CLARENCE BEACH CLEAN-UP

One of the projects taken on by Year 7 boys this term has been a clean-up at Clarence Beach.
The Outdoor Education program runs across the School, and part of that program this year has been the Year 8 trip to Freycinet National Park – a great challenge for many of the boys (and the staff as well).
School of Performing Arts students presented a “Rat Pack” Cabaret night in July. The auditorium was transformed into a typical Las Vegas performance venue with nibbles and drinks for the audience as well as a variety entertainment show for the audience. Be sure not to miss the next SPA Cabaret event!

Well done to the Year 10/11 Business Management students whose Business Plans were selected as State Finalists in the CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition 2009.

Congratulations to Henry West, Charles Haward and Nanak Narulla, who were judged as the State Winners.

Henry and Charles’ plan, Ciclovida, was awarded the State Winner in the group section. This name combines the Spanish words for ‘cycle’ and ‘life’. Ciclovida is a cycling lifestyle centre located in Melbourne’s CBD. It will provide bike lockers and change-room facilities to members, all in the one location where they can also get their bike serviced, buy any bike-related products or clothing and grab something to eat.

Nanak’s plan, Indulgence Cupcakes, was awarded the State Winner in the junior individual section. This upbeat patisserie will bring a luxury snack-time experience to Hobart. The cupcakes will be elaborate creations abundantly topped with colourful icing, lollies and various toppings.

Recently the Theatre Performance class presented Third World Blues by David Williamson as its finale show.

The play is set in a 1972 Melbourne lounge room and "explores the impact on two young men who were conscripted, their wives and their friends, as well as the changing attitudes within Australian Society. It explores ambition, corruption, fidelity, mateship, marriage, sexual politics, violence and responsibility. All this and more in the claustrophobic confines of a lounge room with a few beers, jeers and the odd game of table tennis. Where were you in the '70s?" (Catherine Fitzgerald, State Theatre Company of South Australia, 2001)

Roland Lawrence, Robert Mallett and Connor Sweeney took the lead roles and successfully presented this gripping and emotionally challenging piece. The Drama Studio was transformed into a typical '70s lounge complete with retro fittings and the ever-present tunes of Elvis from the record player. The whole cast performed with excellence and dedication.

State Finalists in the CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition 2009
Back Row: Anton Roberts, Henry West, Will Bowden, Henry Jones, Charles Haward
Front Row: Constantine Patiniotis, Allen Chen, Nanak Narulla
Global Challenge is a subject choice for Year 9. We study the culture and other aspects of Thailand and then, in the May holidays, embark on an expedition to experience the country. There is a reason that it is called a “Global Challenge”.

On 29 May we embarked on a journey of a lifetime. During our subject classes, we had learned to speak some Thai, learned about the culture and raised funds for our community service project. All of this would make the trip so worthwhile.

The Prem Tinsulanonda International School was our base camp and we stayed in three-storey apartments that had all the necessities.

We spent the first few days exploring the school and local village life by going on bike rides. We adjusted to the hot and humid climate so that we could prepare for the hikes, abseils and rock climbs.

Some of our most memorable activities were:

- the elephant nature park, where we washed, bathed and fed the elephants;
- Thai cooking jungle-style using bamboo, banana leaves and open fires;
- a trek in the pouring rain up a mountain through the steaming jungle to the hill tribe village;
- the 60km+ water raft down the rapids which lasted for two days;
- the Flight of the Gibbon where we were attached to a zip-wire and went around the treetops like a gibbon; and
- a challenging kayak across a dam where some of the scenes from Rambo 4 were filmed.

We experienced farming Thai-style by visiting the local buffalo farm and rice fields. We also stayed on houseboats which were only supported by empty plastic drums.

The most rewarding part of the trip was the community service. We were asked to erect a fence around an orphanage to make it more secure for the children. It involved carrying 50kg concrete poles across a muddy rice field. Many of us got stuck and others had to rest. We then had to dig the holes with nothing but plastic cups and a few steel rods. When we had finally finished, everyone felt a great deal of satisfaction in doing something significant for people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Our time at the Orphanage for Poor Children was a great way to conclude the trip. The last evening was spent at the Night Bazaar in Chiang Mai. This was an experience-and-a-half that all of us will never forget.

Sam Johnston • Jack McMeniman

Hamish Ikin and Josh Symonds.
In addition to the annual Jazz on a Winter’s Eve, this year the Big Band has gone on the road with a number of concerts here and interstate. In September the band travelled to Queensland, while in October they performed at the Tulip Festival in the Royal Hobart Botanical Gardens.

These opportunities are a great experience for the boys.

On the lawns of the Botanical Gardens.

Taking it to the streets at Dreamworld in Queensland.

The annual jazz night always kicks off with a performance by the talented staff in the Music faculty.
The first week in August marked the 163rd anniversary of the founding of Hutchins and, as in past years, it was well celebrated.

Boys from Years 8 to 12 attended a special cathedral service to mark the occasion on the day itself (3 August), while boys from Year 7 went on a special “history walk” to investigate the sites in central Hobart of significance to Hutchins – such as the Old School, Ingle Hall and the memorial plaque to the Rev Hutchins in St David’s Park.

On the same day, Junior School celebrated with its Anniversary Assembly and the cutting of a special anniversary cake – something that has become a significant tradition at the School.

On the Thursday the boys were treated to a special “Raise the Flag” rock performance by some of Australia’s best rock musicians, while on the Friday we saw Old Boys and students debate the topic “That Hutchins has become too Pink” (with victory going to the Old Boys’ team of Mr Josh Munnings, Mr Marcus Turnbull and Mr Sam Thompson).

The busy week also included a well attended luncheon for past Chairs of the Board of Management, the Hutchins Foundation, the Old Boys’ Association and the Parents’ Association as well as Benefactors (the first time we have brought all these groups together), the dedication of some new plaques in the Memorial Garden, a get-together for Old Staff and an Old Boarders luncheon (both of these events were also a “first” for Anniversary Week). The week was capped off by a record attendance of 150 Old Boys at the Annual Anniversary Reunion Dinner.

During Anniversary Week we also dedicated six plaques to be added to the Memorial Garden outside the Chapel. These plaques were in memory of Geoffrey Colman, Kenneth Downie, David Eddington, Henry Baldwin and Jeffrey Boyes – all benefactors and supporters of the School. Photo shows Lachlan Grueber (Year 7) with his father Mr Richard Grueber and grandfather Mr Stephen Grueber. Lachlan is the grand-nephew of 1943 Senior Prefect Geoffrey Colman.
CO-CURRICULAR SUCCESS

The Hutchins School co-curricular winter program in 2009 has been extremely successful. From the sports arenas, drama studios, music halls, and debating and public speaking competitions, young men at Hutchins have travelled a path of self-expression, gaining lifetime experiences that will stay with them forever. Tours to New Zealand, Brisbane and Sydney and countless intrastate trips have given our boys an opportunity to become the best they can be.

Notable performances were:

- Athletics Aggregate boys champions
- Australian Rules Football SATIS state premiers First XVIII
- Australian Rules Football SATIS state premiers Second XVIII
- First Basketball team SATIS state premiers
- Badminton Ampol Cup champions
- Cross-country junior and aggregate boys champions
- Dance Troupe state dance eisteddfods and commendable mention in the Sydney dance eisteddfod
- Drama productions with stars Roland Lawrence, Robert Mallett and Connor Sweeney
- Debating finalists
- Hockey First XI SATIS state premiers, Hockey South premiers and successful tour to New Zealand
- Music tour to Brisbane and success in the Clarence and Hobart music eisteddfods
- Sailing success at Interdominion Sailing, beating New Zealand
- Soccer First XI SATIS state shared premiers
- Soccer Second XI SATIS state finalists
- Rugby Under 16 and Under 18 state finalists
- Water Polo Southern Schools premiers

Thanks must go to our coaches, managers and assistants of groups in 2009. We have 123 outside coaches and supporters and without the assistance of these tremendous people our co-curricular programs could not go ahead. The strength and spirit of the co-curricular program at The Hutchins School is our teaching staff. Their dedicated, committed effort to our programs is to be commended.

Mr Wayne Brown
Director of Co-curricular

INTERDOMINION SAILING

After winning the Nationals in July, the Hutchins Team Racing sailing squad travelled to Brisbane in October to represent Australia and compete for the Interdominion Secondary School Team Racing Championship. This was the School’s seventh attempt at winning the Interdominion. The squad consisting of Elliott Noye (Captain), Rohan Langford, Chris Jones, Tom Kennedy, Lewis Noye, Nelson Brown and Luke Phillips travelled to Brisbane on Monday 5 October. Upon arriving in Brisbane, the team joined up with the other Australian schools for some on-water and tactical sessions co-ordinated by Hutchins Sailing Coach, Mr Murray Jones. Racing started on Wednesday 7 October and Hutchins got off to a flying start, winning eight of their first nine races on day one. As the New Zealand schools adjusted to the conditions, racing became very tight and Hutchins finished day two of the regatta with a three-race lead. On the final day of the competition the pressure was on Hutchins to maintain their lead and claim the Interdominion Trophy, a feat not achieved by an Australian school since 1996. New Zealand and Australia traded wins throughout the day and the Hutchins team was able to maintain its three-race lead and win the event. Special thanks must be given to Coach Murray Jones. His knowledge, experience and dedication to Hutchins Sailing over many years has been outstanding.

First and Second teams with their State Australian Rules trophies.
TOM CHAPMAN  
ROWING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Captain of Boats Tom Chapman on his bronze-medal performance representing Australia. On 8 August, Australia capped off a sensational World Junior Rowing Championships in Brive la Gaillarde, France, by winning medals in the four finals it contested.

The Australian junior men’s four, Daniel Brighthope (Victoria), Michael Poulter (Victoria), Thomas Chapman (Tasmania) and Tom Gatti (Western Australia) won a bronze medal behind Great Britain and Romania. They were in second place through the 1000m mark but were overtaken by the Romanians in the third quarter of the race. Australia crossed the line in a time of 6:08.29.

Hamish and Huw Peacock continue to throw objects around! Huw, who is currently a Year 11 student recorded a new personal best to finish fifth in the hammer throw at the World Youth Titles, while older brother Hamish (2008) also managed a personal best, just being edged out of a place in the javelin.

Ben Savva (who was at Hutchins from Kinder until Year 5 and would be a 2009 leaver) has become the Queensland Junior Lawn Bowls Champion.

VET (Vocational Education & Training) COURSES

The number of boys choosing to undertake hands-on training in Hospitality continues to grow at Hutchins and the Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations) course has had students queuing up to take part. Run jointly with Workskills Training and delivered by Paul Bonnicha, the Licensee of The Duke Hotel, Hobart, the course combines classroom-based learning with practical training in the bar, kitchen and restaurant of the hotel, during mid-week lunch trade.

One of this year’s students, Andy Buchanan, has wanted to become a chef for many years, and saw this course as a great start to his career development. Andy has now commenced an apprenticeship at Flathead Restaurant and we wish him well for the future.

Another exciting innovation in the VET area for 2010 is the introduction of cooking at Hutchins. In a pilot program, twenty boys will study three core modules from the Certificate I qualification and, in partnership with Industrylink Training and Alliance Catering, Hutchins students will take to the kitchen in Burbury House to cover basic cookery methods, food preparation and presentation. Stay tuned for updates on that program next year.

Middle School Water Polo – left to right: Andre Postma (Coach), Cam Brumby, George White, Alex Hay (Coach), Jack Pereira, Henry Garrett Ben Simpson, Manoli Marios, Wil Smith, James Thompson, Jock Mure, Sam Padgett.

Hospitality students helping out at the Art Prize: Matthew Clark, Andy Buchanan, Lincoln Reynolds, Julian Brown (at back) Griffin Windhurst and Josh Vasicek (in front).
The eleventh Hutchins Art Prize was opened at the Long Gallery by His Excellency the Honorable Peter Underwood AC, Governor of Tasmania, who also announced the prize winners. A great roll-up of guests at the exhibition’s Gala Opening enthusiastically responded to the news that the $15,000 acquisitive award had been won by distinguished Tasmanian printmaker Milan Milojevic for his woodcut and digital print *Pinnacle grouse (after Audubon)*. Fiona Cabassi from Victoria won the runners-up award for her fanciful installation *Amongst the curling skies, 2009*, which was purchased by Hutchins and is destined for permanent display in the new foyer of the Junior School extension.

Hutchins boys contributed to the success of the Gala Opening. The Hutchins Jazz Guitar Ensemble provided lively musical accompaniment to proceedings and Hutchins Hospitality students circulated expertly with trays of finger seafood.

A record 2000 visitors viewed the exhibition over the twelve days of its duration. Feedback to organisers was invariably complimentary.

The Hutchins Art Prize, a nationally respected award for artists working on paper, depends on magnificent support by sponsors and volunteers allowing it to function largely as a cost-neutral event. Members of the HAP Committee work feverishly to run the Gala Opening and stage the show. The Hutchins Foundation underwrites a wonderful cultural initiative.

Mr John Ancher
Curator, Hutchins Art Prize

Mr Ian Ross has been one of the stalwarts of the Hutchins Art Prize. Without the strong committee of which Ian is a part, this event simply would not be possible.
During 2009 gifts have been received from the following people. We thank them sincerely for their support.

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THANK YOU, BEN!

Some of the “unsung” heroes at Hutchins are the boys (led by staff member Mrs Jean Moore) who work behind the scenes making sure all the audio-visual things happen at various events and activities around the School. One of these boys, Ben Cross, finishes this year. It is a testament to his dedication that, on the day of the Leavers’ Lunch, it was Ben who was busy packing up and putting away when the event was over.

Thanks Ben – and those who work with you: your support is greatly appreciated!

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION

A DAY AT THE RACES

The Parents’ Association organised a highly successful Day at the Races in early October, taking over the corporate area at Elwick racecourse for a wonderful afternoon. We received great support for the event from sponsors Andrew Jones Travel, Shepperd Bros Plumbing, The Carpet Company, IRIS Computing and David Williams Builders.

One of the features of the afternoon was the silent auction of a Max Angus watercolour, which Mr Angus had generously donated. Other donations were received from IRIS, Luke Wagner, Orlando Wines and the Lieutier family.

The event raised some $5000 for the Parents’ Association. This money goes back to the School in a variety of ways through the Parents’ Association grants and other support provided to the School.

We are already planning a repeat event for 2010!

Year 7 mothers Mrs Philipa Stevens, Mrs Robyn Withers, Mrs Penny Reiss and Ms Raewyn Tietjens enjoying their afternoon at the races.

OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Hutchins School Old Boys’ Association (HSOBA) in August saw Nicholas Dwyer elected as President, Ralph Jackson and Adrian Bold elected as Vice Presidents and Mat de Gouveia as Treasurer. Mike Gozzi, Nick Slugocki, Tom Vincent and Robert Dick were all elected as committee members.

The same meeting also saw the release of the Old Boys’ Strategic Plan for the next five years. The plan is intended to support the School’s Strategic Plan, and focuses on key areas such as mentoring, school support and networking as well as governance.
Old Boy and author Mr David Kirby (1941, no. 3585, Dux of Middle School for 1935) recently presented the School with a copy of his magnum opus, Hobart’s Tram Trilogy, describing the trams that carried Hobart’s travelling public between 1893 and 1960 – a book that took seventeen years of extensive and painstaking research. Included with the donation was a copy of a letter from his occasional research assistant and former Hutchins student, Geoff Nowell (1930, no. 3063), who remembered the classrooms of the Old School at 181 Macquarie Street:

The rooms had mostly pine board ceilings and bare worn hardwood floorboards. A tall desk with a Dickensian stool placed in front of the fireplace or dumpy cast iron stove using the minimum fuel. The warmth was mostly absorbed by the master’s backside. The two-seater desks had cast iron sides with hinged seats. The backs and seats were suitably shaped, undoubtedly originally best quality available. The hinged seats were always manipulated to produce the maximum noise when the class had to stand or were dismissed. The tops were of course heavily carved with the initials of future doctors, lawyers, politicians, war heroes, etc. Some of the original varnish remained on the seats but it had worn off the tops and was replaced with a strange grey patina of sweat, sneeze spray, etc. School seats were often blamed for that dreadful health curse, worms, prevalent during those depression years. Pine wood lockers were provided. Many doors were strained due to keys being lost and opened by other means. Worn dilapidated world maps were on the walls showing the red marks of the Great British Empire on which the sun never set. The ceilings often had a pen embedded in them. Painting had not been renewed for years.

As well as donating his book and a 1898 photograph showing Headmaster H H Anderson with his students, David Kirby included some reminiscences of his own. He remembered former teacher of Remove A (grade 7), Mr R S Waring, as “a thorough gentleman, and a lovable character with his walrus moustache, mortar-board covering a shock of white hair, and his Lancastrian accent”. Home room for Remove A was “the Big Schoolroom”, the large room beside the bell tower with arched, diamond-pane windows – originally home to the Hutchins crest which now adorns the entrance to the Chapel of St Thomas. On cold days “Old Bill” would stroll along the front of the room from wall to wall while the boys studied, “quietly clapping his hands together in an effort to keep warm”.

He was on medication at the time, and would tell the boys to put their heads down and get on with their work while he popped his pills. ... With weekly tests, and occasional moving of desks according to results achieved, the top boys enjoyed a position close to the fireplace and its warmth, while those at the bottom of the class of almost forty were placed near the bell tower corner of the room. The latter had the advantage of ringing the bell to signify the end of each period.

How times have changed! Thanks to Mr Kirby for his contribution to the Hutchins Archives and Heritage Collection.
RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Physics notebook, belonged to student Mark Edward Shearman (1976, no. 6664) – donated by former staff member Mr V Osborn, May 2009.

Postcard of Hutchins School, Macquarie Street, Hobart, c1870 – donated by Mr D C P Brammall, June 2009.

Letters to Thomas Murdoch from Manager, Bank of VDL, 1891; from Hobart firm of Solicitors, Dobson, Mitchell and Allport, 1898 – donated by son, Mr T B Murdoch, June 2009.


Photographs, assorted, on cardboard backing – donated by Mr I R McIntosh (1949, no. 4105), via Mr D C P Brammall, August 2009.

School Magazines: September 1914 to December 1928 – belonged to J A Saddler (1914, no. 2074), donated by nephew, Mr D C P Brammall, August 2009.

Athletic sports programme 1935, Prospectus c1924 – belonged to Wilfred Tytheridge Bennett (1931, no. 3097) – donated by Mrs Rosemary (Bennett) Rae, August 2009.


Documents and photographs: belonged to former staff member, the late Jeffery M Boyes – donated by cousin Ms Ruth Binny, October 2009.

Book: Hobart’s Tram Trilogy, by David Kirby; photograph (Headmaster H H Anderson and students, 1898); documents – donated by Mr D Kirby (1941, no. 3585), October 2009.

Photographs (2) of cup awarded to H L S Tasker (1924, no. 2690) for best bowling average, 1926 – donated by daughter Mrs Jenni Ong, via her grandson Callum Calder (Year 2), October 2009.

Grateful thanks to our donors and volunteers for their generosity and assistance.

Margaret Mason-Cox
ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN

150 YEARS OF OLD BOYS

This year’s Ray Vincent Lunch marked the 150th anniversary of the very first formal get-together of past students in November 1859.

We were especially delighted that the sesquicentenary celebration was able to be held at Hadley’s Hotel, the same venue at which that first event was held 150 years ago. There would be very few organisations that can make this claim!

OBITUARIES

We are saddened to report the passing of the following Old Boys.

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Fathers, grandfathers, sons, brothers and uncles who attended the Ray Vincent Lunch.
Once again we are amazed at the world-wide distribution of our Old Boys and the enormous range of activities and interests they are pursuing!

In September Algie Page (1927) became the second Hutchins Old Boy this year to turn 100. Whilst Algie is not in as good health as his counterpart “Lockie” Rait (who turned 100 in May – see last issue), we did pass on our best wishes and congratulations to his family.

Peter Shelley (1962 and a former President of the Old Boys’ Association and also a former member of the Board of Management) reports that he retired from the seafood industry in 2006, and is now living in Margate (Tasmania) and enjoying family, gardening, fishing and travelling.

Former staff member and 1975 leaver Scott Young was in Hong Kong in August and caught up with classmate (and 1975 Dux) Stuart Valentine for an impromptu “anniversary lunch”.

Another 1975 leaver Pip Holmes has spent twenty-five years at Montrose Veterinary Centre and is now working as a locum vet for Tasmanian Animal Hospitals.

Mark Tiller (1978) is in the UK working for London Underground, and has developed a strong interest in photography.

Andrew Wallace-Barnett (1984) has recently moved to New York and writes “we’ve been here for a year now and loving it – starting to settle down a bit. Quite a year to arrive in NYC and work in finance – no chance of being bored!”


Great to see Craig Webb (1984) being recognised for his work with his Raptor and Wildlife Reguge at Kettering. Craig was the Environment category award winner in the inaugural “Pride of Australia” Awards announced at the end of November in Sydney

Nicholas Boyd (1985) has been back in Melbourne for a couple of years (having spent time working overseas in the UK and Spain). He has started a company called

AquaGen (www.aquagen.com.au) which is developing a new renewable wave power technology (and looking for venture capital to support the project!).

Natasha Cica (1985) has been appointed as Director, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Ethics at the University of Tasmania. She takes up the position in December 2009. (Natasha was a Prefect at Hutchins during the time when the School enrolled a small numbers of girls in the senior years, and was also our Webber Lecturer in 2006.)

Earlier this year Paul Wyatt (1987) and Jason Muir (1991) won the Etchell World Championships (sailing) held at Brighton, Victoria. A great effort. Their crew convincingly won the championship with two heats still to go. This achievement is all the more outstanding because competing crews included the likes of John Bertrand and several Olympians. Paul has recently started up a corporate advisory firm, 2 Business Advisory, and is married to Kate. They have two children, Charlie (12) and Sybella (9).

Julian Penwright (1987) has been in Melbourne for eleven years and is a senior creative in an advertising agency. For the last four years he has also written and co-presented a humour-based radio chat show broadcast nationally on the ComRadSat radio network. He has also written, co-produced and presented a TV show for Channel 31 in Melbourne, which earned a nomination for Best Writer and Best Presenter at the National Antenna Awards, and has written a 160,000-word novel that he is hoping to have published. He regularly gets together with a group of 1987 leavers in Melbourne (Andrew Yeoland, Robert Price, Neil Mulcahy, Edward Kemp and Chris Thompson) and comments how wonderful it is that all their kids are growing up together and get to hear all the lies their dads can think of about their school days.

Paul Hudson (1988) is branching out a bit in addition to his duties as an assistant coach at Collingwood (and playing in the Masters Gaelic International Rules series in Ireland late in 2009), Paul and his father Peter have turned their hand to some wine-making, and have produced a 2006 Hudson Estate Shiraz. The label features photos of both Peter and Paul holding the respective 1971 and 1991 AFL/VFL Premiership Cups. Prices start at $95 a dozen for the cleanskins, $120 for the labelled wine and from $295 a dozen for signed collectors’ editions. Contact Paul on 0420 967 781 for more details.

Former HSOBA President Josh Munnings (1988) is now Manager Human Resources at Glenorchy City Council. His wife Emma (another of our “rare” Old Girls from 1988) is working full-time at Collegiate where their three daughters (Madelaine, Hannah and Alice) go to school.

Lachlan Keating (1991) is living in Rangiora, 30km from Christchurch, New Zealand, and playing football (yes AFL!) for the mighty Christchurch Bulldogs. He is working as
Regional Manager (South Island) of Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand. He and his wife Kirsty have two daughters, Lily (3) and Phoebe (18 months).

**Bryce Taplin** (2000) is currently a project manager working for international services firm GHD in Canberra. He has recently been involved in project managing design and construction for the $58m Edmund Barton Building refurbishment project in Canberra. He is currently studying a Masters of Business Administration.

**Jonathon Owen** (2001) dropped us a line. He has spent the last six years in the Army as an infantry soldier. Currently with the rank of Corporal, he is posted at the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Townsville. His brother **Simon** (1995) has become a paramedic in Hobart and **Marcus** (1997) has recently moved to London.

**Jonathon Cook** (2003) has completed his studies in Education and looking to start teaching in 2010. Jonathon was our guest speaker at the Old Boy Lunch for the 2009 Leavers at the start of their final week, and delivered a valuable message about the need to be flexible in career directions.

Jonathon’s brother **Jacob** (2006) has just graduated from WAAPA (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts) and received the Lindsey Anderson Award for the most outstanding graduate. We wish him well in his professional music theatre career.

Congratulations to 2009 leaver **Marcus Davies** on being the first Tasmanian selected in the 2009 AFL Draft. Marcus goes to Carlton, and joins four other Old Boys who are currently in the AFL in various capacities. These are **Simon Taylor** (Hawthorn), **Tom Allwright** (Geelong), **Paul Hudson** (Assistant Coach at Collingwood) and **Stefan Grun** (on the senior umpiring panel).

Flashback to 2004, when Michael Hodgman, brother Peter and son Will formed the Old Boy team for the annual Old Boy v Students debate.

**SALUTE TO MICHAEL HODGMAN**

As we were finalising this issue of Magenta and Black the announcement was made that **Michael Hodgman** (1955) was retiring from politics after forty years of service to the community. Michael first entered politics in 1966 as the Member for Huon in the Legislative Council, served as Federal Member for Denison from 1975 until 1987 (during which time he served as a Minister in the Fraser Government). He was elected to State Parliament in 1992 and, with only a short break between 1998 and 2001, has served his electorate of Denison in that capacity ever since. Michael officially retires at the next State Election (in March).

Michael remains one of modern Hobart’s most colourful characters, renowned for his rousing speeches (including several appearances at various Old Boy v Student debates over the years).

Michael's late father William (1927) was also a long serving Member for the seat of Queenborough in the Legislative Council, Michael’s son **Will** (1986) continues the family political tradition as the current State Leader of the Opposition.

Many of the updates from this section have been taken from the Old Boys’ Communications Directory – a great resource to keep up to date with what your old classmates are doing.

Why not log in and see for yourself (and perhaps update your own information while you are there).

Go to www.hutchins.tas.edu.au/oldboys

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| 9 February  | Term 1 commences |
| 10 March    | Parents’ Association AGM |
| 1 April     | Early Learning Centre (ELC) Grandparents’ Day |
| 2 April     | Start of Easter break (Good Friday) |
| 12 April    | School resumes |
| 16 April    | Middle School and Senior School Grandparents’ Days |
| 21 May      | Term 1 ends |
| 15 June     | Term 2 commences |
| 3 July      | Magenta and Black Masked Ball (Parents’ Association) |
| 19 July     | Mid Term break |
| 20 August   | Junior School Grandparents’ Day |
| 3 September | Term 2 ends |
| 21 September| Term 3 commences |
| 21/22 October | Royal Hobart Show/Mid Term break |
| 14 December | Term 3 ends |