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Overseas interest in area

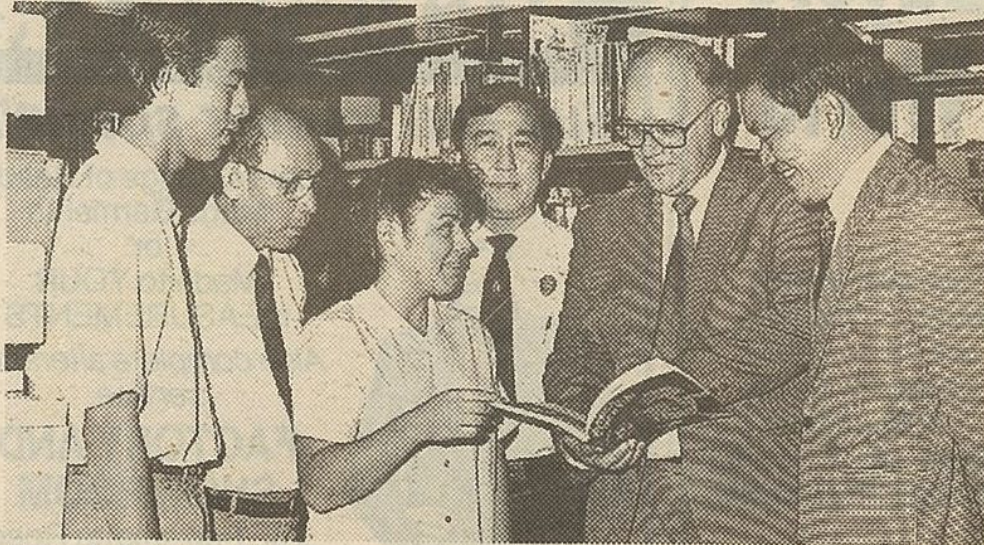
CABRAMATTA High School was put under the microscope last week when delegates from the Organisation of Economic and Corporate Development (OECD) paid a visit.

The eight delegates, who were all educators or educational administrators, hail from Yugoslavia, Switzerland, USA, Denmark, UK, New Zealand and Canada.

They were in Sydney for an OECD conference on educational, cultural and linguistic pluralism in schools.

School principal Brian Loader said the visitors, who toured the school and spoke with students, were most interested to see how well children from so many different cultural backgrounds mixed in the classroom and the playground.

More than half of Cabramatta's pupils are from non-English speaking backgrounds, which creates some major challenges for staff.



From left Richard Pons, school captain, Truong Guoc from the Indo Chinese Association, pupil Carina Ramirez, Dr Hoc Ku Huynh, from the Chinese Mutual Descendants Association, Brian Loader principal, and Alderman Phoung Ngo

Mr Loader said the school ran an English as a Second Language course and an intensive language course for refugees.

"Spanish is compulsory for all Year 11 students, and we also offer a unit for Year 11 students to learn Mandarin," he said.

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Cabramatta High School girls . . . aiming for respect

Girls reach out to fame

CABRAMATTA High School has launched a program to help girls strive for the stars.

Supporting Girls As Learners, is a series of half day seminars which aim at increasing Year 9 and Year 11 students' awareness of women's careers and lifestyle opportunities in the 90s. Deputy principal Veronica Necyporuk said the program's catchery, "Girls are great", was often acknowledged by students "but deep down they don't believe in it".

"Research shows that girls in primary school have high self esteem but by 14 it plummets," Ms Necyporuk said.

She says negative cultural and media stereotyping undermines young women's images of themselves.

Dolly Magazine editor Marina Go was a guest speaker at the seminar.

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Wednesday, March 11, 1992

Girls are great!

GIRLS can do anything! The message echoed loud and clear at the launch of a new program, Supporting Girls As Learners, at Cabramatta High School last week.

The launch, to give a high profile to the program, presented a number of successful women to the Year 9 and 11 students.

The program is aimed at increasing girls' confidence and self-esteem, developing inter-personal skills and increasing general awareness of technology.

Eight successful women featured at the launch, including editor of Dolly magazine, Marina Go; director for the Bankstown cluster of schools, Pam Peelgrane; co-ordinator of Cabramatta Community Centre, Jan



XUAN Ly, My Xuyen and Linda Ton — students jumping at the idea that girls can do anything

Collie; and the school's deputy principal, Veronica Necyporuk.

Their advice to the students: girls can do anything and be anything they want to be — journalists, mothers, swimmers, explorers, carpenters, builders or bus drivers.

"Cabramatta High School is aware of the

changing role of women in today's society and of the special needs of girls' education and training," said Brian Loader, the school's principal.

"That is why the school has developed the program Supporting Girls As Learners, to help meet the needs of girls in our changing world," he said.

— DAI LE

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Tuesday, May 26, 1992



Television stardom . . . students earned praise for their contribution to the debate on multiculturalism

Students earn their fan mail

CABRAMATTA High students have become minor television celebrities after a television appearance prompted loads of fan mail.

A group appeared on the ABC's talk show *Couchman Across Australia*.

Principal Brian Loader and the 18 pupils have been inundated with letters praising their "intelligent, mature and articulate" contribution to the debate on multiculturalism, Australian identity, immigration and conflicts overseas.

Among the admirers was entrepreneur and adventurer Dick Smith. "What an

incredible group of students you have," Mr Smith said. "You and your teaching staff must have felt very proud of their performance. I personally was very impressed.

"There is no doubt that Australia does have a great future, especially when you see such capable and articulate young people in our high schools."

The chorus of praise from other "ordinary" Australians was equally flattering.

One said: "It was wonderful to hear young people who believe we can learn to understand and value the many cultures which our country now encompasses."

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June 16, 1992

10 chosen in state rep side

TEN Fairfield City soccer players have proved to be among the state's best after their team finished second in the NSW Combined High School's Carnival at Inverell in north-west NSW.

At the end of the 10-team tournament which lasted three days, two NSWCHS representative teams were announced.

Two players from Westfields Sports High School in Fairfield and one from Cabramatta High School were chosen to play in the A squad.

They were Darren Iocca, who was also named player of the tournament and top goal scorer, Pat Marando and Johnny Ghiso.

Daniel Blanco and David Mitrovic, also from Westfields Sports High School, were included in the B squad.

They will represent NSW at the All-Schools Carnival later this year which involves representative teams from the Catholic and Independent schools.

The teams will also have the chance to play in the Inter-State Schools Carnival in Canberra later this year.

Other squad members were: Dragan Mitrovic (Westfields), Angus Nguyen (Bonnyrigg), Soner Omac (Cabramatta), David Petrovic (Cabramatta) and Ufuk Talay (Cabramatta).

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Young trio invincible in check-mate challenge

By AMBER DE NARDI

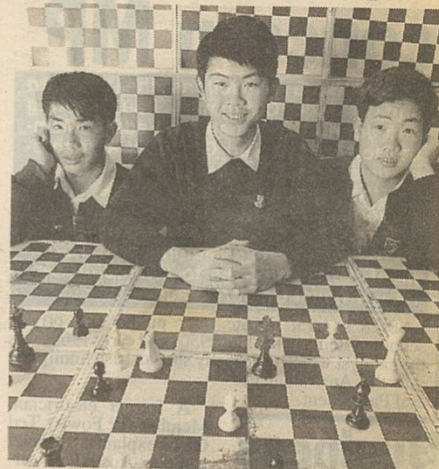
THE word "check-mate" leaves a very satisfying taste in the mouth, every time you say it.

It means you've won — it means you've beaten an opponent, fair and square, through the use of logic and well-planned strategies.

And three students of Cabramatta High have had the pleasure to utter that word many times during the Rapid Play Schools Team Chess Challenge, especially last week, when they came up with the best moves on the day.

The Cabramatta High Under 16 Chess team with Phuoc Nguyen Au (captain), Ly Chau and Thai Binh Vuong won the championship on August 9 at the Shore Inn Hotel, Artarmon.

More than 60 teams representing 50 schools,



CABRAMATTA High School's victorious Under 16 chess team are: Phuoc Nguyen Au, Ly Chau and Thai Binh Vuong

both primary and secondary, took part in the chess challenge.

Phuoc was unbeaten in all his rounds and was judged the most outstanding individual player, while Ly was the best 14-year-old player.

They each were awarded a trophy plus \$75 prize money.

All three players received \$50 for being members of the winning team, which earned a trophy and chess computer for their school.

Ly scored further success a few days later when he challenged more than 200 players from interstate and overseas in the Australian Rapid Play Chess Open.

Ly was unbeaten in 11 rounds and his smart moves and quick thinking enabled him to overcome older and more experienced adversaries.

He was awarded a trophy and \$300, and his teachers and school friends are delighted with the credit and recognition he has brought to Cabramatta High.

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Tuesday, September 8, 1992

— Bridge over English troubles —

A SPECIAL program for newly arrived students to Australia is achieving excellent results at Cabramatta High School.

The Year 11 bridging program is aimed at students who have been learning English as a second or other language for three years or less. It allows them to develop language skills so they can go on to tertiary study after the HSC.

The school has 24 bridging students, including 21 from Vietnam.

"Most of our bridging students have come directly from intensive English centres," teacher Gina Di Ramio said.

"Usually over 18, they find going into a junior year is not appropriate and going straight into Year 11 is too hard.

"Most of the students have had a lot of schooling in their own country and just need time to catch up before studying senior work for the HSC."

Vinh Kien Ouy, 19, is a bridging student

by DIANA GATTELLARI

who moved to Australia in May last year after 11 years in a Vietnamese refugee camp. His education began at age 11 in a community school with more than 70 students. Lessons were one hour long, five days a week, and the only subject taught was languages.

"Kien had a very disruptive education in Vietnam and has worked extremely hard to get to the senior level he is at," Ms Di Ramio said. "He values the education he is getting here because so much of it was taken away from him in Vietnam."

Patricia D'Amico, 18 of Fairfield, came to Australia from Argentina almost two years ago and spoke very little English.

"My English has improved much more with the bridging program than it would if I went into Year 10 and did mainstream English," Patricia said.



Bridging language barriers . . . Gina Di Ramio (left), Rebecca Pham, Nea Tran, Vinh-Kien Ouy and Patricia D'Amico

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Tuesday, September 29, 1992

The professional approach

by LYNDA FALLON

SUCCESSFUL career women visited Cabramatta High School for the Girls As Learners program during Education Week.

The Girls As Learners program encourages female students to expand their career horizons.

It helps the girls to consider further education and raises their awareness about professions and occupations available to women.

Teacher Gail Ballantyne said the program also involved workshops on self-esteem, health education and communication skills.

Co-ordinators invited female speakers from a variety of occupations to talk to Year 9 and 11 students as part of the program.

Women from a variety of professions gave a brief overview of their careers and conducted workshops with the girls to answer questions.

Professions represented included the police force, TAFE, CES, beauty consultancy and community work.

Sydney University professor Ilze Dalins said more and more girls were entering male dominated courses such as engineering.



Prani Pons, of Year 11, talks to Detective Diane Mulley from Campbelltown Police

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Wednesday, October 21, 1992

Artist strikes gold



Ha Lieu

CABRAMATTA High School Year 7 student Ha Lieu received a gold award at the 22nd International Children's Art Exhibition presentation night on Friday, September 25, at Grace Bros, Chatswood.

Ha was formerly a student at Cabaramatta Public School.

The exhibition and the awards were jointly sponsored by the Art Education Society of NSW and Pentel (Australia) Pty Ltd, with the aim of promoting children's art in all age groups.

On display at the exhibition were art works entered by students from all over NSW as well as a number of outstanding art works from students in Japan.

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Wednesday, October 28, 1992

These pupils make up the numbers

Summer school for Bich, Liyang

By DAI LE

STUDENTS at Cabramatta High School really know how to do their sums. And the proof's in the pudding.

Outstanding performances by two students have been recognised by the National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS) and the Westpac National Maths Competition.

And for their efforts they have been rewarded.

Bich Ho Tran, 17, becomes the first Cabramatta High student to be selected to attend NMSS in Canberra next year.

He is one of the 20 NSW Year 11 students selected and one of only 100 students nationwide eligible to attend the mathematics institution.

Four years ago, Bich Ho and his family made a calculated move immi-

grating to Australia from Vietnam.

The move has certainly paid off for the young student.

The school's maths head teacher, Terry Lee said when Ho was told about the news, Ho was reluctant to go because he would not be able to study his Maths.

"We told him this is an honour to be chosen for the Summer School," Mr Lee said.

"There was also a problem with his family.

"He has never left home so, it was difficult at first. But I explained to his parents that the Summer School was very important.

"The family's financial situation is very poor as well, having to look after five children.

"So, the school have agreed to contribute a part of the Summer School cost."

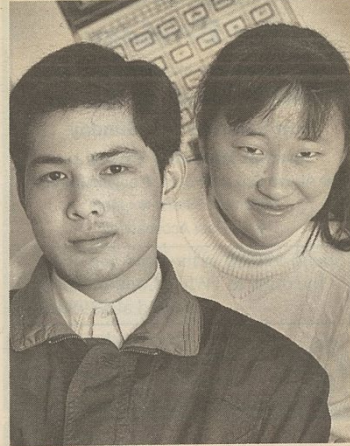
As for Ho, he wants to be a Maths teacher.

He said his parents are happy for the opportunity.

The NMSS is in its 22nd year of operation, and provides an intensive two weeks mathematics program — geared at a higher maths not included in the school curriculum.

There is no emphasis on the competitive side of the subject; students are able to progress at their own pace.

Students attending NMSS study up to six hours a day with plenty of time left over for leisure activities.



BICH Ho Tran (left) and Liyang Liu scoring the highest points for Cabramatta High School. Photo by Andrew Belford

Former members of the NMSS are now chemists, doctors, engineers, geologists, lawyers, physicists, teachers and academic mathematics.

Liyang Liu, 19, is in Year 12 and came in at the top one per cent for the Westpac National

Maths Competition.

Liyang came to Australia from the province of Huvei in mainland China, two years ago.

Her parents decided to come to Australia because "they think living in Australia provides a more prosperous life."

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(From left), public relations students: Melissa Woods, Carolie Vernon, Sharon Barclay, Christina Gretton and Ariya Bounpraseuth

Pupils test skills in public relations

CABRAMATTA resident and former Cabramatta High School vice captain, Ariya Bounpraseuth, hosted the final presentation of his public relations campaign in style. Ariya, a final-year student at the Sydney Institute of Technology together with third-year students in the Advanced Certificate of Public Relations, presented their campaigns to clients, in-

cluding the SBS Television Youth Orchestra, at the Boulevard Hotel.

"The presentation of the campaign is the culmination of three years of tomorrow," Ariya said.

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Tuesday, November 12, 1992

Art in many dimensions



Lorraine Yeomans inspects some of the paintings in the Cabramatta High School art exhibition

CABRAMATTA High School students displayed their artistic talent in an innovative exhibition last month.

The exhibition was held in the school's common room and sparked an appreciative response from parents and teachers.

The works included black and white drawings, paintings, sculptures, collages, lino prints and pastel work. Some of the works were depicted in two and three dimensions.

The artworks were by students from Years 7 through to Year 12 and the exhibition was organised by Year 11 students and co-ordinated by art teacher Lorraine Yeomans.

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Wednesday, November 25, 1992

Pupils study via satellite

CABRAMATTA High School has recently had the Acesat Satellite Receiving System installed to provide educational programs which will help students when they join the workforce.

The satellite system allows the school access to the three Aussat satellites, which means students can use training and educational channels produced by educational institutions throughout Australia.

These channels will mean high school students can complete TAFE courses by correspondence while keeping up with their school studies.

The program has been set up by the Commonwealth Department of Education's Disadvantaged Schools Program to improve employment prospects for students.

Principal of Cabramatta High, Brian Loader, said the system would broaden the school's curriculum.

"Our students will benefit by choosing alter-

native patterns of study by accessing courses, such as TAFE," Mr Loader said.

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Tuesday, December 1, 1992

WORLD CHAMP

Brian's years of training pay off

THIS man may look gentle enough, but he can be mighty mean on the karate mat.

He is Cabramatta High School physical education teacher Brian Peakall, the newly crowned world heavyweight karate champion.

Brian won the title on Saturday, November 21 before 8000 spectators and millions of television viewers at the world karate championships in Grenada, Spain.

He left no doubt about his superiority, scoring a 5-0 points decision against his French opponent in the final after disposing of five others in earlier fights.

A crashing mid-section punch towards the end of the three minute bout shook the Frenchman.

By the following Wednesday Brian was back teaching at Cabramatta High and receiving the plaudits of the students and staff at a school assembly.

Brian, who is now 23, started out in karate at 14 and began international competition at 19.

He gained experience at two previous world championships and fought some of the world's best exponents of the martial art on a

trip to Europe before the championships in Grenada.

He said he was indebted to the Australian Karate Federation, headed by Cabramatta MP John Newman, for financing his trip.

Brian trains six days a week, morning and afternoon, under coach Richard Bradford.

He said to reach the top in karate you need speed, agility, a tactical sense, ringcraft, experience and plenty of hard training.

He doesn't have a girlfriend, simply because his life is taken up by teaching and karate, he said.

"Karate can be extremely hurtful if used as a form of self-defence when under attack," Brian said.

"But self-discipline is an integral part of the art and injuries are rare in competition."

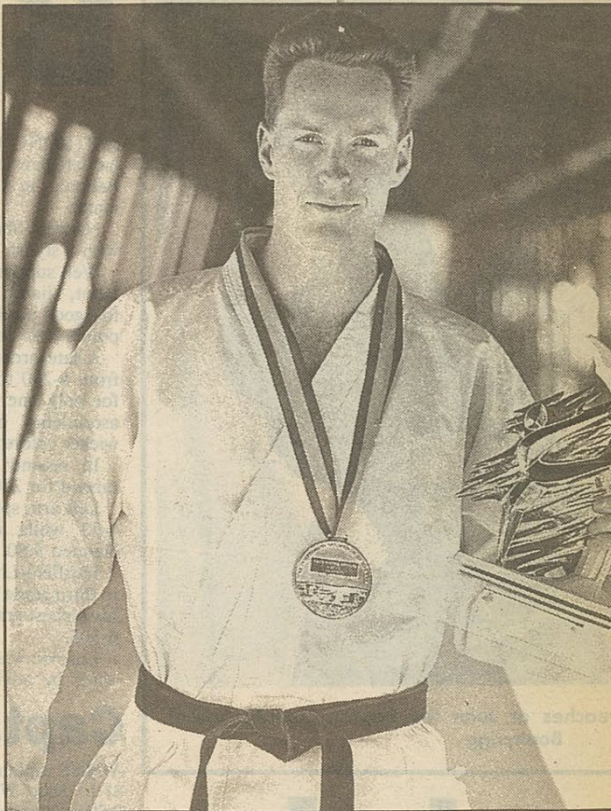
He has never had a fight outside the karate mat. And he is certainly not the kind of person to seek one.

Brian's title was one of two won by Australia at Grenada.

Newcastle's Charlene Machin took out the women's lightweight world championship.

He said Australia was now a

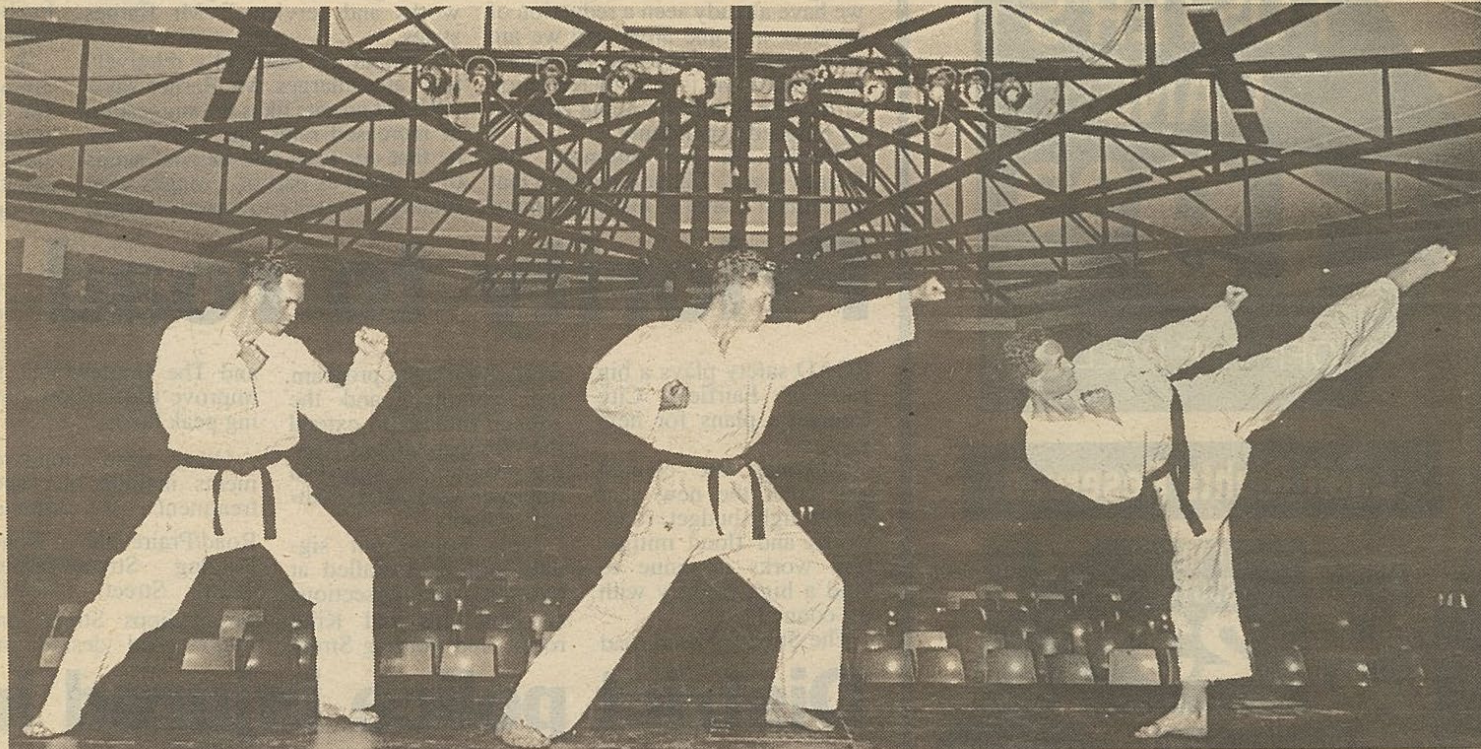
world leader in karate.



Brian Peakall . . . 188cm tall and heavyweight karate champion of the world

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Peakall power stuns the karate world



A STUDY in power with grace: world heavyweight karate champion Brian Peakall goes through a kata, after work at Cabramatta High School. Photograph by Andrew Belford

By DAMON LEACH

CROPPED ginger hair, slight build and smiling eyes hardly fit a movie director's image of a lethal karate exponent.

No, one can't imagine Cabramatta High School teacher Brian Peakall fitting the movie role of a heavy dude with a bad attitude!

But the 23-year-old bloke from the west has proven himself to be one of the craftiest fighters in the world, in winning one of Australia's first gold medals at the Olympic-recognised World Karate Championship, held in Spain.

Australians faced competitors from 78 other countries in the 11th multi-style world karate championships.

Peakall won the kumite (fighting) men's heavyweight, over-80kg, world title, and Aussie team-

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Our top achievers

STUDENTS in Fairfield City area performed well in the 1992 HSC, according to Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER).

According to figures provided by the NSW Department of School Education, at least 10 local students are listed among the State's top HSC students in government high schools.

Top local achievers include:

Duc Long Trieu (99.95 from TER perfect rank of 100) of St Johns Park High School; Liyang Liu (99.75) of Cabramatta High School; Setthy Una (99.35) of Fairfield High School; and Thu Minh Thi Huynh (99.25) of Canley Vale High School.

Melissa Anne Girdham (98.60) of Prairewood High School; Try Khahn Tuong (97.90) of Fairvale High School; Luke Richard Eve (94.60) of Hoxton Park High School; Jinyang Liu (mark unavailable); and Dominico Nguyen (mark unavailable) of Cabramatta High; and Radek Barnert of Prairewood High were the other top local achievers.

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Wednesday, April 7, 1993

McGrath gives car to school

A LATE model Holden Barina is Cabramatta High's latest acquisition.

And it didn't cost them a cent thanks to the generosity of McGrath Holden Liverpool, who donated the car to enable students to learn to drive.

The Student Driver Training (SDT) has been a popular course at Cabramatta High for more than 20 years. The Barina is only the third Holden car which has provided the service.

SDT courses are conducted by volunteer teachers from the school who take L-drivers for lessons twice a week for two terms — either before or after school.

The teachers don't take the students for their licences, however — that final episode is left entirely up to the student and the RTA.

Principal, Brian Loader, said there are many advantages to learning how to drive at school.

"First of all, the Barina has dual control, which is something parents don't have in their car, so it makes learning a lot safer," he said.

"Then the students get quality tuition — teachers know the road rules, they're familiar with the roads in the area, and are usually very experienced drivers themselves.

"Students pay \$40 for two terms, at two lessons per week — that's so much cheaper than private lessons."

"And another important factor is that the students hop in a car with someone they know and trust."

Fairfield mayor Alderman Toni Lord, who was present with a number of other special guests when Mr McGrath handed over the keys, said that the students stand to benefit tremendously from the kind gesture.



DELIGHTED by the thought of driving lessons in a new Barina are Cabramatta High students (from left): Phuong Chau, Rebecca Dwyer and Simon Watson

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Wednesday, April 28, 1993

School farewells fond friend

SAYING good-bye to a friend is never easy.

But when that friend has also taught you many wonderful things, shared many beautiful thoughts and earned your respect and admiration — well, it's enough to bring tears to the eyes.

That's how students at Cabramatta High felt when they heard that the deputy principal, Veronica Necyporuk, was leaving them to take up the position of principal at East Hills Girls' High.

Veronica's career triumph came at the end of a happy and very industrious climb to the top.

She migrated to Australia with her parents in 1950 from Ukraine, and shortly afterwards settled in Cabramatta, where she still lives with her husband — whom she describes as "incredibly understanding" — and two daughters.

"For as long as I can remember, I wanted to be a teacher. I had very supportive teachers throughout my student life, and they showed me what tremendous satisfaction there

By AMBER DE NARDI

was in teaching," Veronica said.

However, teaching was not an easy field to get into when Veronica started to fulfil her dream.

"First of all, you had to pay your own way," she said.

"And young women like me, who married young and had children, had to arrange their own child-minding service — which usually meant leaving them with understanding husbands while you went to night school."

Veronica's teaching career, which started with teaching fashion at night at TAFE, was punctuated with bouts of part-time study, first to become a home economics teacher and then at Macquarie University to attain a Bachelor of Arts and Education.

"I notched up a total of 12 years' part-time study — but, then, I believe in life-long education," she said.

Before Veronica came to Cabramatta High as deputy principal two

years ago she taught at Rooty Hills and Fairfield, and now her expertise and experience will take her to East Hills Girls' Technology High School.

"It's not so much the promotion that matters to me, but the chance to work at an all-girls' school. I've always felt girls' education issues were very important — especially in technology."

"School education is taking off in every respect — there are so many more opportunities for everyone now. Schools are linking up with TAFE, universities and the business sector. Students are even involved in school decisions."

And now that she is a principal, will Veronica stop learning?

"Not at all. I'll be back at uni to do a course in education for gifted children," she said.

But among all the smiles and excitement, Veronica admits there is one lump in her throat.

"It's so difficult leaving a school which I have grown to love. I've seen many wonderful projects start and bloom."



LOVED and respected — former deputy principal of Cabramatta High, Veronica Necyporuk, will be sadly missed by her students

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PROUD Cabbra Coaches receive their certificates of recognition at a special appreciation ceremony at Cabramatta High School

Coaches on the ball!

A GROUP of 30 Cabramatta High School students took on the coach whistle and cap last term to introduce some keen youngsters to various sports.

The unique coaching incentive was mainly aimed at improving basic sports skills which some local primary school children lacked.

At the end of the program, not only did their game improve but the children got to understand and enjoy sport a lot more.

Co-ordinator of Sports at Cabramatta High, Raelene Allen said the high school coaches from Years 9 and 10 were involved in modified sports only, including Min-key (junior hockey), Netta (junior basketball), T-Ball and Mini Soccer.

One Cabramatta West primary school pupil, Eric

Coelho, thought it was great to be taught by students who are just a little older.

"They seem to understand our problems better, and they were very friendly. We all got to know a lot more about sport," Eric said.

Ms Allen added that "the coaching program was not only beneficial to the primary school children, but to the coaches themselves as it helped them develop leadership, organisational and communication skills".

The project was so successful that it will become an on-going event as part of the High School Program Cabramatta Links (with local primary schools).

In appreciation for the work and success of the Cabra Coaches, a ceremony was held at the school early this month where parents, teachers and the coaches and their trainees attended.

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[SPORT]



STUDENTS at Cabramatta High mob Marconi goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer on a promotion tour with his soccer mates. The club gave the school 1000 free tickets to their successful semi-final

Arok spills just a few tiny gems

By MATTHEW WATSON

FRANK Arok can be tight-lipped at the best of times about his tactical approach to big matches and his opposition, big or small.

Asked to outline his plan of attack, Arok usually plays his cards close to his chest, preferring to talk about the personal qualities of his players and play up the importance of sticking to your own guns and playing to individual strengths, rather than adopt a particular tactic for each match.

Perhaps it's a safety mechanism which protects him from revealing his aces before all cards have to be on the table.

But a grand final has forced the man many have described as a tactical genius to let a few rays of sunshine shine from his bag of tricks.

On the eve of what

could be Marconi-Fairfield's fourth National Soccer League title, Arok opened up a little and shed some light on the methods which have been used to return Marconi to the top flight.

And he also spoke of the plan to topple champions Adelaide City from on top of the national pedestal.

"We've played a certain brand of soccer and

worked hard at constantly improving," Arok said.

"For the last 15 rounds of the competition, we settled for solid performances which we could repeat, an aggressive brand of soccer.

"It's a combination of a lot of things which are not easy to explain.

"Most of our preparation got underway on February 17 and we've been slowly building our inten-

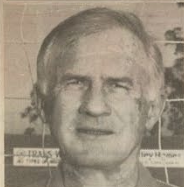
sity since then to the point where we're really not doing that much now.

"Our program has been a success and the reason we're not doing anything special in training now is because we are already a special team."

Half jokingly, Arok said he was hoping for a repeat of the final game of the regular season at Marconi Stadium where Adelaide shot to a 3-1 lead in the first half, only to have Marconi storm back in the second half to win 5-3.

NSL Grand Final

ADVERTISING FEATURE



FRANK AROK: Aged 60. Master coach in his first season with Marconi. Born in Yugoslavia. Has had great success with St George and especially with Australian national teams. A hard but affable taskmaster who really gets to know his players and brings out the best in them. His preparation of his team for the grand final is very thorough.



STEVE CORICA: Attacker and midfielder. Aged 20. Born in Innisfail, Queensland. Previously played for Innisfail United and Australian Institute of Sport. Played for Australian under 16s and under 20s, Olympic team and Australian Schoolboys and chosen in Socceroos squad. Also played against Portugal in World Youth Cup semi-final.



GEORGE JOLEVSKI: Defender, midfielder. Aged 24. Born in Melbourne. Previously played for Preston, Kedah in Malaysia and Sydney CSC. Answers to nickname of Jolly. Played for Socceroos. Other favorite sports are golf and tennis. Enjoys watching sport on TV. Ambition is "to win as many games as possible with Marconi".



TONY PEZZANO: Reserve goalkeeper. Aged 32. Born in Sydney. Previously played for Sydney City, APIA Leichhardt and Wollongong. Married to Linda. Most memorable match was first appearance in NSL in 1977 against Sydney Olympic. Has had an injury free career in soccer. Enjoys playing golf and watching sport on TV.



IAN GRAY: Midfielder, sweeper and club captain. Aged 29. Australian born. Club employee. Ian has played 204 games in the NSL and has been with Marconi since 1985 and is an Australian representative. He has been out for several games through injury but expects to be fit for the grand final.



JEAN-PAUL DE MARIGNY: Defender. Aged 29. Born in Mauritius. Self-employed. Married to Donna. Previously played for APIA Leichhardt. Played in 1989 grand final and played five times for Socceroos. His biggest disappointment was the 1991-92 season and his biggest thrill in soccer was gaining a contract.



BLAGOJA KULESKI: Defender. Aged 29. Married. Full time soccer player. Born in Prilep, Macedonia. Kuleski's previous professional soccer experience was with Yugoslav clubs. Most memorable game was against world champions Red Star Belgrade. Hopes to take up coaching when he retires as a player.



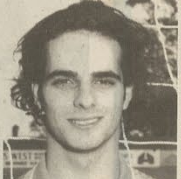
MARK SCHWARZER: Goalkeeper. Aged 20. Born at Auburn. Previously played with Blacktown Soccer Assn. Missed early games this season with broken bones in foot — an injury he describes as his biggest disappointment — but came back brilliantly. His biggest thrill is simply playing soccer. Also enjoys basketball. Ambition is to play overseas.



MATTHEW BINGLEY: Defender. Aged 21. Born at Auburn, Sydney. Previously played for St George. Played for Australia against Portugal in 1991 World Youth Cup. Relaxes by playing golf and listening to music. Regards family and Frank Arok as the greatest influences on his soccer career. Ambition is "to win everything possible".



ANDREW HARPER: Striker and midfielder. Aged 25. Born in Sydney. Physical education teacher. Previously played for St George under coach Frank Arok. Marconi's leading goal scorer for season with 17 goals. Also enjoys rugby league, surfing and netball. Professional ambition is to reach his full potential.



FABIO MACOLINO: Midfielder. Aged 18. Born in Sydney. Previously played for St George. Joined Marconi last year. Macolino played for Australia in World Youth Cup in Australia this year and was disappointed at not making final. Professional ambition is to retire at 34. Plays squash to help with fitness.



UFUK TALAY: Aged 17 and Marconi's youngest player. Born in Sydney of Turkish parents. A student at Cabramatta High School. His hero is the famous Brazilian player, Pele. Made his NSL debut this season against Morwell Falcons. A brilliant, cool headed youngster who has blossomed under Frank Arok's coaching. Ufuk also enjoys a game of tennis.



STEVE CALDERAN: Defender. Aged 30. Born in Sydney. Played only for Marconi and is club's longest serving player. Has won two championships with the club. Also played for Australia. Biggest disappointment was suffering injuries. Hobbies are reading and relaxing in the pool. Ambition is "to create a comfortable lifestyle for my family and myself".



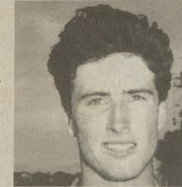
DARREN IOCCA: Attacker and midfielder. Aged 18. Born in Sydney. Came up through Marconi Juniors. Made debut in NSL against Parramatta this season. Biggest disappointment was losing to Brazil in World Youth Cup semi-final. Biggest thrill was playing for Australia. Hopes to play in Europe.



GRAEME PAINE: Defender. Aged 19. Born at Hornsby, Sydney. Student. Came to Marconi from Coffs Harbour. Graeme is a protégé of former top player and coach Leo Baumgartner. Favorite local player is Marconi's Ermanno Pelucchi. Enjoys fishing for relaxation. Hopes to eventually play overseas.



KIMON TALIADOROS: Attacker. Aged 25. Born in Durban, South Africa. Accountant. Previously played for South Melbourne. Taliadoros likes to play cricket in his spare time. Played for Australia against Moscow Torpedoes in 1990 and has made seven international appearances. Ambition is to win NSL title.



LUKE CASSERLEY: Defender. Aged 19. Club employee. A product of Marconi Juniors. Played for Australia in youth international matches in 1992. Made his NSL debut against Melbourne CSC in 1991. Favorite relaxations are surfing and playing golf. Ambition is to play full time soccer.



GLENN JOHNSON: Attacker. Student. Aged 20. A product of Marconi Juniors. Johnson has matured greatly under coach Frank Arok's guidance. Enjoys surfing in summer when he is not playing soccer. Johnson plays the guitar for relaxation. Johnson says his father was the biggest influence on his soccer career.



ERMANNO PELUCCHI: Midfielder. Aged 26. Came to Marconi this season from Verona club in Italy. A professional soccer player with much finesse. Says his father was the greatest influence on his soccer career. Ermanno likes to go snow skiing whenever possible. His immediate ambition is to help win Sunday's grand final for Marconi.



GARY VAN EGMOND: Defender. Aged 27. Born at Mona Vale, Sydney. Married. Nickname is Dutchy. Had a spell playing in Holland before returning to Marconi. Played for Australia against Nigeria at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul. Worst injury in soccer was a broken leg. Ambition is to win championships.

NSL Grand Final

ADVERTISING FEATURE

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Kiwi youth focus on Cabra High



NEW Zealand student reporters Kirsten Parker (far left) and Hannah Grainer (third from left) with hosts

from Cabramatta High, Nadia Shelestov and Lisa Ton (far right)

TWO student reporters from New Zealand paid Cabramatta High School a visit this week, to learn what it was like to attend a multicultural school.

The pair are on an Australian visit as part of an incentive called Youth Focus, a newspaper fortnightly feature, dedicated to presenting stories written solely by secondary school students.

Chaperone/teacher/editor Mike Regan said Youth Focus, a section of the Wellington Evening Post, had been successful with readers because they get to know how youngsters view real-life situations.

By AMBER DE NARDI

At the beginning of every year, for the past 12 years, Youth Focus has sought applications from senior secondary school students expressing an interest in writing for the section.

"We send the students to cover suitable, newsworthy stories, train them and edit their work."

"In the past, student reporters have gone to France and Japan. It's a mind-opening opportunity to experience different cultures," Hannah Grainer from Queen Margaret School in Wellington said.

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Tuesday, August 10, 1993

sport

Top team

CABRAMATTA High School team has scored a resounding win in the NSW high schools indoor soccer championships.

The event was held at the EG Whitlam Centre at Liverpool on July 29 and 30.

Cabramatta's team won all its seven games, defeating Ashfield's De La Salle College 8-1 in the final.

In an earlier game Cabramatta defeated last year's champions, Eagle Vale, 7-2.

Cabramatta's team was captained by Ufuk Talay, who plays for Marconi Fairfield in the National Soccer League.

John Celic, of the Cabramatta team, scored 16 goals during the tournament and was the leading scorer.

The Cabramatta team was: Ufuk Talay, Johnny Ghiso, David Petrovic, Kiet Anh Duong, John Celic, Khai Chin Yip, Fabian Morales, Davis Alvarez, Peter Katar and Mehmet Dogan. Coach was physical education teacher Brian Peakall.

Cabramatta will now play in the national championships at Fairfield indoor soccer centre at Bonnyrigg in September and if successful could play in international games.



Winners are grinners . . . members of Cabramatta High School's indoor soccer team have plenty to smile about

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Wednesday, August 11, 1993

Smart students making all the right moves



CHECK out the check-mates at Cabramatta High!

Four students recently put their school well and truly on the board by becoming finalists in the Metropolitan South West region NSW Junior Chess League.

The chess enthusiasts were undefeated in all the qualifying rounds, and earned their position by beating James Ruse Agricultural High School in the

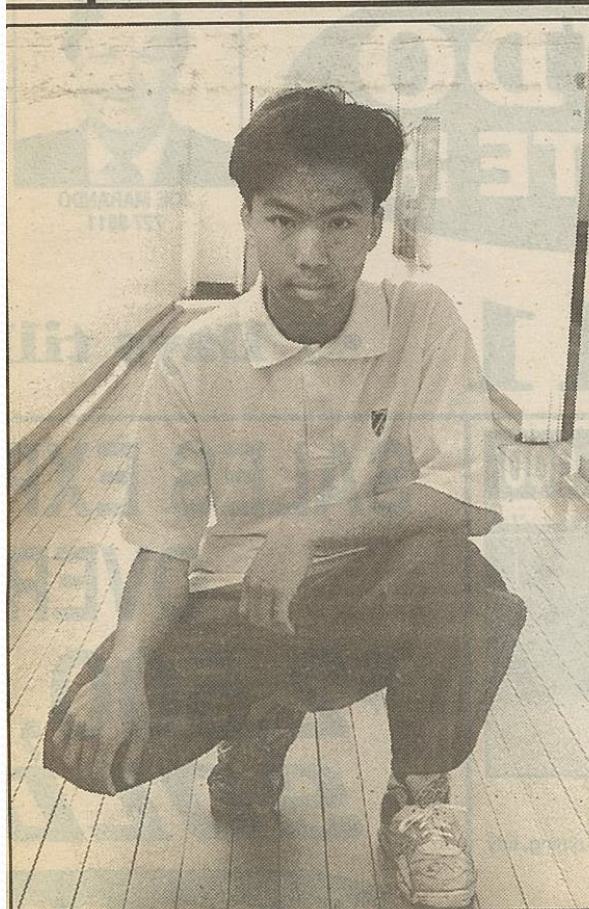
State quarter-finals.

The formidable four are expected to play in the semi-finals against the winner of the Metropolitan East — Metropolitan North clash later on this month.

ABOVE: Four heads are better than one: Cabramatta High students (from left) Lu Phong Huang, Trong Nhon Lam, Ly Cham and Jay Shu Khuu.

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Tuesday, September 7, 1993



Ready to race . . . Khanh Lieu is hoping to make athletic history

-Racing to take title

FLEET-FOOTED Khanh Lieu of Cabramatta High School has a chance to make school athletics history.

Khanh, 12, may become the first boy of Vietnamese parentage to win a State high schools athletics championship.

He will certainly be trying hard to win when he competes in the State high schools inter-regional carnival at Narrabeen on September 9, 10 and 11.

Khanh gained selection when he won the 100-metre sprint for 12 year olds at the recent metropolitan south-western region carnival.

He lowered the old record by one tenth of a second to win by a metre in 12.5s.

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, September 20, 1993

Schoolboy in national side

EIGHTEEN-year-old Cabramatta High School student Johnny Ghisso has been chosen in the Australian schoolboys soccer team to play in Japan and China early next year.

Johnny was picked on the strength of his displays in the recent interstate schoolboys series in Darwin in which he starred for the winning NSW team.

Another local boy selected in the national side is goalkeeper Leslie Pogliacomi of Westfields Sports High School.

"I feel it is a great honor to be selected in the Australian schoolboys team," Johnny told the *Advance*.

"I am really looking forward to the Asian tour and hope to play well."

Johnny was born in Uruguay.

He played soccer there before coming to Australia with his parents at the age of 11 and settling in Canley Vale.

At that stage Johnny could speak no English.

He played soccer for a Uruguayan migrant team based at Penrith and later joined Marconi juniors.

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Great honor . . . Johnny Ghisso is thrilled to be chosen in the Australian schoolboy team
Picture: NICK BLOUKOS

But for some reason Marconi let him go and he is now looking for another club.

A striker and midfielder, Johnny has captained the Cabramatta High School team in the Commonwealth Bank Cup.

His soccer heroes are the great South American players Pele and Maradona and he says he would not mind playing again in Uruguay when he is older.

Johnny, who is completing his HSC year at Cabramatta High, said: "I would be happy if I can eventually play professionally in the National Soccer League."

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Wednesday, September 22, 1993

African experience at Cabramatta High



RIBBON Dancers at Cabramatta High on Co-Operation Day

THE ultimate African experience came to Cabramatta High School last Friday, in celebration of Co-Operation Day.

Students and visitors were given the chance to be part of Doudoumba — a special musical presentation based on traditional African instruments, including the Doudoumba (drums from Senegal), the Don Do (talking drum), the Shekere (large gourd covered in beads) and the Abtenben (bamboo flute from Ghana).

Rhythmic chanting and animated dance also featured in the program, and the emphasis of the entire performance was audience participation.

The musical extravaganza was presented by Yaw and Philippe who are members of the highly acclaimed African-Caribbean band, Kalabash.

Doudoumba headed an impressive entertainment line-up which started in the morning and continued all day long.

Another impressive cultural concert featured Ribbon Dancers from China, and a number of students from the school amazed spectators with the graceful, beautifully co-ordinated ribbon movements.

More dancing from Greece, Laos and New Zealand followed.

Co-operation Day finished off with a joint performance of students from Cabramatta Primary and Cabramatta High.

The entire day had the atmosphere of a carnival, with lots of food provided to tempt hungry appetites, and a great variety of stalls displaying international products and information.

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Tuesday, October 26, 1993

No doubt, they are the champions

by ALLAN CLEAVER

CABRAMATTA High School's brilliant indoor soccer team has made it a double by taking out the NSW and Australian schools championships in the one year.

The team won the NSW high schools indoor championship played at Liverpool's EG Whitlam Centre last July.

More recently it convincingly won the senior Australian schools indoor championship held at Centennial Stadium, Minto.

To win their group the Cabramatta boys beat Keira High (Wollongong) 2-1, Condell Park High 9-1 and Erindale High (ACT) 2-0.

They went on to beat Narwee High 13-2 in a quarter-final, Kenmore High (Queensland) 6-1 in a semi-final and South Oakleigh (Victoria) 9-3 in the final.

The team scored 46 goals (Johnny Ghisso 17, David Petrovic 14) and conceded only eight in six games.

Team coach Gianni Alfonsi said the Cabramatta boys showed an array of individual skills and superb teamwork to score goals as good as those scored by the Brazilian indoor team on its recent tour.

Three of the Cabramatta players, Johnny Ghisso, Ufuk Talay and John Celik, are in the train-on squad for the senior mens Australian indoor team to compete in the 1995 World Indoor Cup.

The team is grateful to its sponsors, Cabramatta High School principal Mr Loader, the student representative council, Stan's Real Estate and the Club Marconi.

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, November 30, 1993

They'll be kicking off in Canada

CABRAMATTA High School students David Petrovic and Davis Alvarez have won new honors in the highly competitive world of indoor soccer.

The two boys, both 17, have been selected in the Australian high schools indoor team to play in Canada in January.

David is a striker-defender and Davis is a goalkeeper.

They both live in Cabramatta and were members of their school's team which won national and State indoor soccer titles.

David, whose parents were born in Serbia, started playing soccer at eight with Fairfield Police Boys Club.

He later played with Avala and more recently played with the metropolitan south-west regional high schools team which won the State championship.

Davis, whose parents migrated from Chile, started playing with Colo Colo club at eight and has since played with Mt Pritchard.

He also played in his school's title-winning indoor soccer teams.



Davis Alvarez and David Petrovic have been selected to play in the Australian schoolboy indoor soccer team

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Wednesday, January 19, 1994

Hard work the key to top marks



THE tops at Cabramatta High and what they plan to do: back row from left: Grzegorz (Chemical Engineering), Long (Physiotherapy), Hsing (Pharmacy). Middle row from left: Narmine (Pharmacy), Van (Dentistry/Medicine), Jun (Pharmacy), Hai Du (Pharmacy). Front middle: Lisa (Pharmacy).

TOP-scoring HSC students at Cabramatta High School have proved the worth of hard work and determination.

One student, Narmine Soas, who arrived in Sydney from Egypt only two years ago, said once she'd set herself a goal, she was determined to achieve it.

"I was determined to get the highest marks I could. My ambition is to become a pharmacist, so I worked very hard," Narmine said.

All of the students agreed that hard study is the only thing that wouldn't let them down.

"Students should not just rely on the teachers," Narmine said.

"Everyone has the chance to get the best results — if they want to badly enough."

However, she said the teachers at Cabramatta High were very helpful — particularly with students

whose English was not the best.

"And of course, the support parents give their children during Year 12 and the HSC exams is invaluable."

The Cabramatta High top ten include: Jun Yu Ying with a TER of 99.55; Van Ngo Tuong, 98.6; Ho Bich Tran, 96.5.

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, March 15, 1994



Brooke Atterton and Sladjana Kupresak have been chosen to represent the region

Top team

THREE players from the Fairfield-Liverpool area have been selected in the metropolitan south-west region secondary schools girls tennis team.

They are Nicole Burley, 15, of Hoxton Park High School, Brooke Atterton, 13, of Westfields Sports High School, and Sladjana Kupresak, 15, of Cabramatta High School.

They will compete in the State

Combined High Schools individual tennis championships at Gosford from March 15 to 17.

Brooke will play No 1 for the region in the under 15 division and the other two girls will play in the open division.

Forty-two girls representing schools from Bankstown to Picton played at Sunnybrook Tennis Centre last Friday before the regional team was chosen.

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, April 26, 1994



Debating an issue... The Cabramatta High School junior debating team Azrianne Rahman, Tatjana Cupac, Alyona Markovtzev and Felicity Pearce

School set to prove oratory

THE race is on again for the 1994 Commonwealth Bank junior and senior debating competition.

Cabramatta High School is just one school gearing up to compete in the competition.

Both competitions, in their eleventh year of sponsorships with the Commonwealth Bank, are conducted by the School Education Department.

Open to all government schools, students up to

Yr 10 will compete for the Teasdale Cup in the junior competition and students in both government and non-government schools will be in the running for the David Verso Trophy in the senior competition.

Other local schools in the region which will compete include Westfield Sports High School and Fairvale High School.

Cabramatta High School principal Dennis MacKenzie, who chairs the state debating and public speaking executive committee, said debating and public speaking was something the department encouraged.

Mr MacKenzie said debating helped develop personal confidence and enhance language skills in students.

"Self esteem is so important in terms of everything we do in life," he said.

"It is good for people to take a point of view and argue it rationally and intelligently.

"The department is pushing this sort of competition because it sees the importance of oral language skills," Mr MacKenzie said.

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, May 17, 1994

Table tennis

CABRAMATTA High School student Lee Ngovhas won the NSW Combined High Schools under 16 years table tennis championship.

Lee was born in Vietnam and has been in Australia for only four years.

He started playing table tennis two years ago at the Fairfield Cabramatta Police Citizens Youth Club.

To take out the CHS under 16 championship Lee won his lead-up matches convincingly and took out the final 2-0 against a Canley Vale High School opponent.

Lee is a member of the Cabramatta High School team to play Canley Vale High School in the metropolitan south-west table tennis final on Thursday.

Lee is a Year 9 student at Cabramatta High School.

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Tuesday, May 24, 1994

Lee looks for a win

TABLE tennis player Lee Ngov 'of Cabramatta High School, will be eager to take out his second championship within a month when he plays for his school tomorrow.

Lee, a Year 9 student, recently won the NSW Combined High Schools under-16 singles championship.

Tomorrow he plays for Cabramatta High against neighbors Canley Vale in the final of the metropolitan south-west championships.

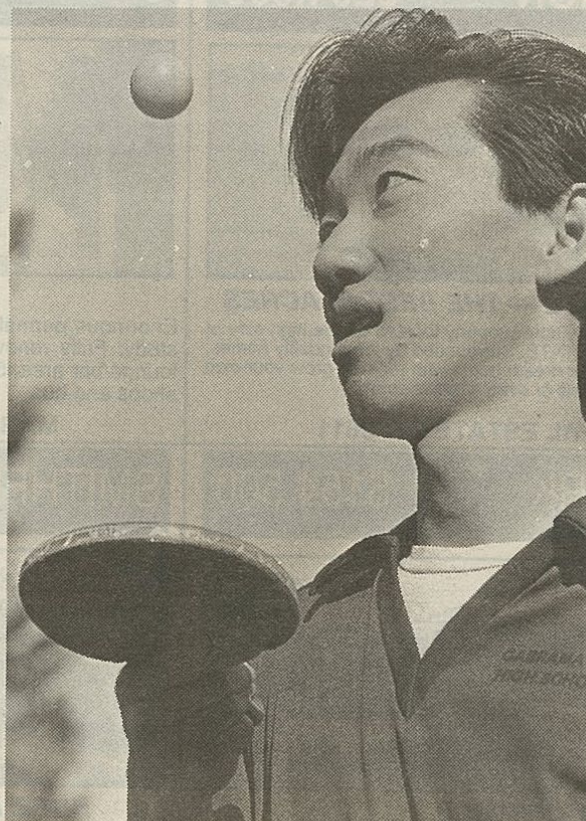
The winner will represent the region later this year in the NSW CHS titles.

Lee has been playing table tennis for only two years. He practises daily with his brother Dennis, 18, who also plays for Cabramatta High.

Dennis reached the quarter-finals of the NSW CHS championships.

The regional final will be played at 1.30pm tomorrow at Fairfield Police Citizens Youth Club at Cabramatta.

Both Ngov boys are self-taught players and do not receive any coaching.



On a mission . . . Lee Ngov competing for singles titles

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, May 24, 1994

Come see Cabramatta

EVER wished you could travel around the world without winning the lottery? Boy, have I got something to tell you!

In Cabramatta you can be around the world without spending a fortune because Cabramatta is a multicultural society where you can find all sorts of shops you've never dreamed you could find here in Australia.

Don't worry about rumors — it's not true and to find out, come and see for yourself.

Cabramatta is the place to be to get rid of your boredom. This is where you can shop, shop, shop until you drop, drop, drop.

All shops are open seven days a week.

There are lots of material shops to choose from and gift shops as well.

After a day in Cabra you won't want to go home and cook, so why not try some Asian foods in our restaurants?

You name it and we have got it.

If you don't like Asian food, there is takeaway chicken and chips.

Chinese New Year is celebrated and the celebrations in Cabramatta are so well known, they are placed in the tourist calendar.

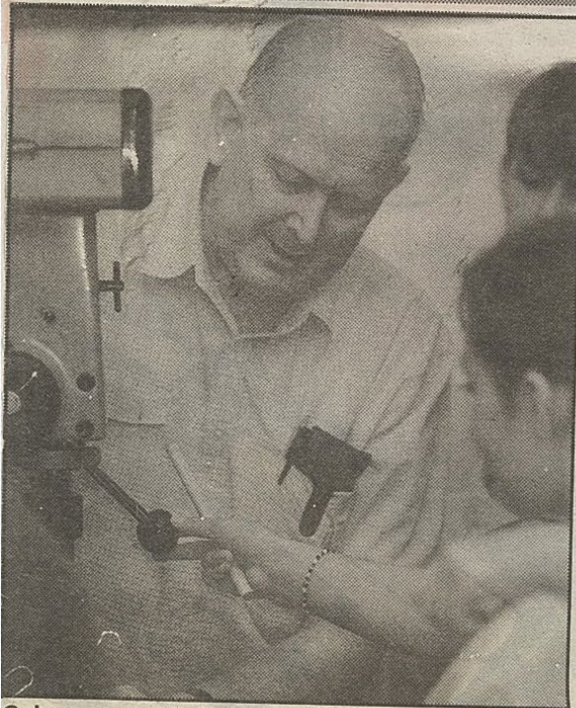
People come just to see Cabramatta celebrate Chinese New Year — not to China, not to Hong Kong, but here in Cabra.

Emily Ya, Year 10
Cabramatta High School

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, May 31, 1994

Art with a heart



Cabramatta High industrial arts teacher Allan Birkett just before his retirement

CABRAMATTA High School teacher Allan Birkett says the thing he'll miss most about teaching is the kids.

"They're great fun," he told *The Advance* last week.

Mr Birkett, who retired recently, said: "As far as getting on together they're superb. We've got none of the racial tension you seem to get everywhere else."

Mr Birkett began at Cabramatta High as a fulltime casual in 1971 and joined the permanent staff in September 1972.

The popular Industrial Arts teacher's classes included woodwork, metalwork, technical drawing and engineering science.

He also served on the school's management and finance committees.

Mr Birkett described Cabramatta High as a progressive school. "I think it's the leader in a lot of the changes in schools at the moment," he said.

"For example, we have some seniors starting at 8.30am and then some go to TAFE in the afternoons. It's a very flexible timetable.

"It's a school that's always changed to accommodate a changing population."

Mr Birkett said he had not decided what he would do in his retirement but he would "probably muck around with woodwork a bit, making kids' toys and things".

Robert Kirk, head industrial arts teacher at the Cabramatta High since 1987, described Mr Birkett's rapport with students as "excellent".

"I have nothing but praise for him," he said.

"I've seen him with some of the worst students at this school and they've just melted in the palm of his hand."

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, June 1, 1994

Cabra wins judges' nod

JUDGES at the NSW inter-school mock trial competition have handed down a positive verdict in favour of Cabramatta High School.

Cabramatta High year 10 students won through to round four of the Law Society-run competition by beating a team from East Hills Girls High.

Cabramatta boasts a string of successful mock trial teams since 1981.

A mock trial is a simulated legal case in which sides argue for a party to a court action.

In its latest success, Cabramatta convinced adjudicator Gary Donovan with a strong case that earned congratulations for its quality, research and advocacy skills.

Out of 430 schools that started, Cabramatta remains in the final 64 of the State-wide competition of private and public schools.

Pictured are members of the all-conquering Cabramatta High team.



Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, June 8, 1994

Cabramatta blitzes chess opponents

THE concentration is mind-numbing as Cabramatta High School chess team members, Nhan Trang Lam, Jay Shu Khuu, Lu Phong Huang and David Centelles prepare for the next round of the Commonwealth Bank Chess titles.

These boys are blitzing the opposition in the regional championship.

The wins so far include defeats of Benilde High (4-0), Mt Saint Josephs (4-0), James Busby (3-1) and Liverpool Patrician Brothers (4-0).

All team members are in year 10.



Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, August 24, 1994



SOME of the host students from Cabramatta High enjoying a cruise on Sydney harbour

CABRAMATTA High School recently played host to two exchange students from Barcelona, Spain.

Mirentxu Pascual and Natalia Garcia spent five weeks with year 12 students Alejandra Posadas and Claudia Mancía.

The two exchange students visited Sydney's major tourist attractions

Spanish visit

during an excursion with the year 11 Spanish class.

Mirentxu and Natalia said they enjoyed every minute of their school experience and quickly adjusted to their chosen courses.

"We especially liked

the senior Spanish group because we made many friends," they said.

"But the one point that really amazed us at Cabramatta High was the variety of cultures working together harmoniously."

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Wednesday, October 5, 1994

Dick Smith tells kids his secrets

FAMOUS adventurer Dick Smith revealed some of his secrets for success to Cabramatta High School students during a recent visit to the school.

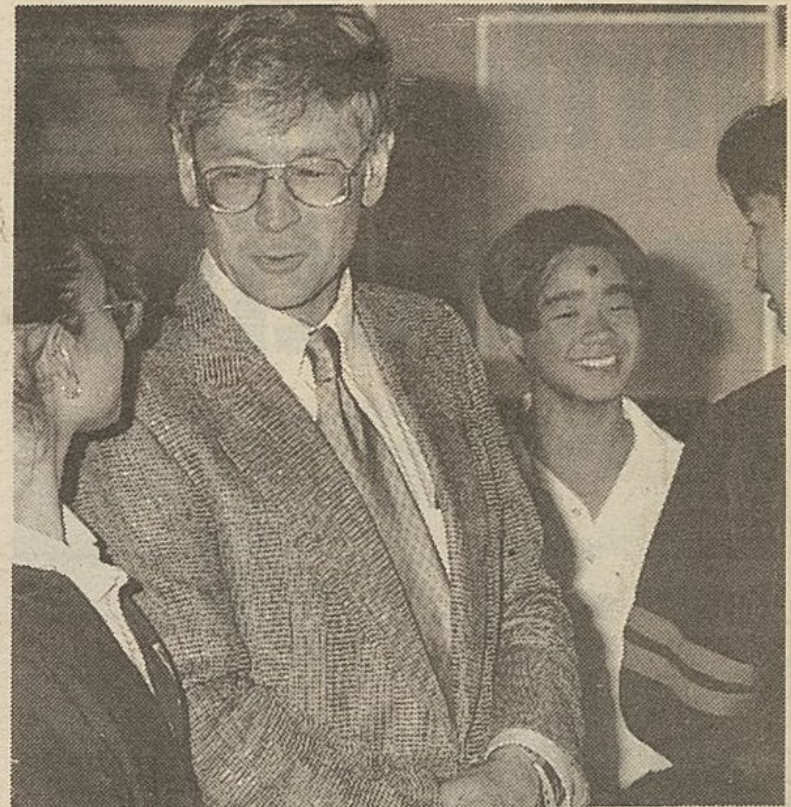
Dick Smith spoke about what it means to be an Australian – from humble beginnings, his school life to how he got where he is today and his adventurous flights to the Antarctic.

His visit was part of an ongoing awareness program where guests from different countries speak

about their culture, customs, clothing and language during school assemblies.

Some of the main language groups in the school such as Anglo-Saxon, Vietnamese and Chinese have already been represented and speakers from the Cambodian, Laotian and Serbian communities will also give talks.

Head teacher for Human Society and its Environment, Patrice Simpson, said the assemblies helped raise student self-esteem.



ADVENTURER Dick Smith talks to Cabramatta High School students

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, November 2, 1994



THE good-looking 'birds', Gigdey Aydin, My Ai Ngo and My Xuyen Bui.

Photo by ARMEN DEUSHIAN

Play on birds and freedom

THESE good-looking 'birds' were cast members of the recent Cabramatta High School production of *The Birds*.

Based on the play by Aristophanes, *The Birds* is set in ancient Greece.

The story is about King Tereus (My Xuyen Bui), who hates being human because he has to live by laws. So he asks the gods if he could be free, like the birds.

The gods turn the king into a Hoopoe Bird, and he lives in peace – until two humans (Alice Huynh and Sophie Tang) hear of the legend and decide they want to escape from the 20th Century.

Hope and Truman search for the birds and ask if they

could live with them, too.

They persuade the birds to build a new city in the clouds and tell them they would be able to control the airways and be gods.

Various 20th century icons such as pop stars and sport stars enter the new city.

Humans introduce new concepts to the birds and gradually destroy their culture and introduce ideologies such as religion, work ethic, wealth, class structure, taxes, punishment, gaol, commercialisation and ideas of power.

There is rebellion among the birds, and their society is destroyed.

Fairfield Advance

Tuesday, November 8, 1994

Talented trio rewarded

THREE dedicated Cabramatta High School athletes have won annual blues awards for outstanding performances in the past year.

They are tennis player/track athlete Sladjana Kupresak, cross country runner/swimmer Irene Palmer and soccer player and versatile sportsman John Celik.

The blues awards were presented by the Bernera Zone Sport Association at a ceremony at Cabramatta High last Friday.

Sladjana is a highly promising tennis player with a fine array of shots and excellent court coverage.

She has represented the metropolitan south-west region in the State CHS championships during the past two years, earning a ranking of 19th in the State.

Sladjana has also excelled in athletics at school and zone levels.

She has been described as "a true sports person with unquestionable behavior and enormous potential."

Irene Palmer, in her first year at high school, has performed well in athletics, especially cross country running, at school, zone and regional levels.

She has also represented Cabramatta High in swimming. John Celik has represented Bernera zone at soccer for the past three years, showing great skill and leadership.

John has also represented his school at basketball, athletics, swimming, tennis and indoor soccer.



Effort rewarded ... Irene Palmer and Sladjana Kupresak show off their medals

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Wednesday, December 7, 1994

Students at snow



YEAR 9 of Cabramatta High School will not forget their excursion to the Snowy Mountains in a hurry

SIXTY five Cabramatta High School students attended a Sport and Recreation Camp at Jindabyne in the Snowy Mountains recently.

The children were given the opportunity to experience an environment very different from the one they were used to, teacher Vivienne Weighton said.

The highlight of the week were the two days spent skiing at Charlottes Pass and Thredbo, she said.

There was still a lot of snow and some of the more creative students made a snowman, she said.

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Wednesday, January 18, 1995

Presentation



WILLIAM Power was recently presented Cabramatta High School's perpetual award for Junior Citizenship by State Member for Cabramatta, **Reba Meagher**, for demonstrating consistent and positive attitudes at school.

The award was donated by the Lions Club of Cabramatta/Cabravale.

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, February 8, 1995

Message was right

STUDENTS from Cabramatta High won prizes for their support of a recent don't drink and drive sticker competition.

Sydney Kings basketball star Dean Uthoff congratulated Le Hoa Thi Phan, Quang Thao Vuong, Youkhana and Svetlana Sarytsyna for designing the best sticker promoting the "0.02 Means No Drinks" message.

The prizes were part of a Youth Health and Roads and RTA campaign.

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, March 8, 1995

English still a hope for Cabramatta's reunion

THERE will be plenty of gossip about old school days and almost 15 years of catching up to do when Cabramatta High School's Class of '81 (Year 10) holds its reunion next month.

Almost 200 former students and 48 former teachers have been told about the reunion, which will take place at the South Terrace Function Centre, Bankstown, on Friday, April 7.

A follow-up picnic for the

By LOUISE MILLS

families of students and teachers will be held at Merrylands Central Gardens on Sunday, April 9, at 10am.

Organiser Adel Galbraith (nee Adalgisa Gemmellaro) said the enthusiasm expressed about the reunion had been overwhelming.

"Ex-students and teachers are coming from all over the country

and every walk of life," she said.

Mrs Galbraith said the evening was guaranteed to be memorable.

She hopes it will lead to follow-up reunions every five years.

Former Cabramatta High School student and entertainer Jon English has been invited to be guest of honour, she said.

"He's at present preoccupied with the stage show *Pirates of Penzance*, but his attendance is not

out of the question," Mrs Galbraith said.

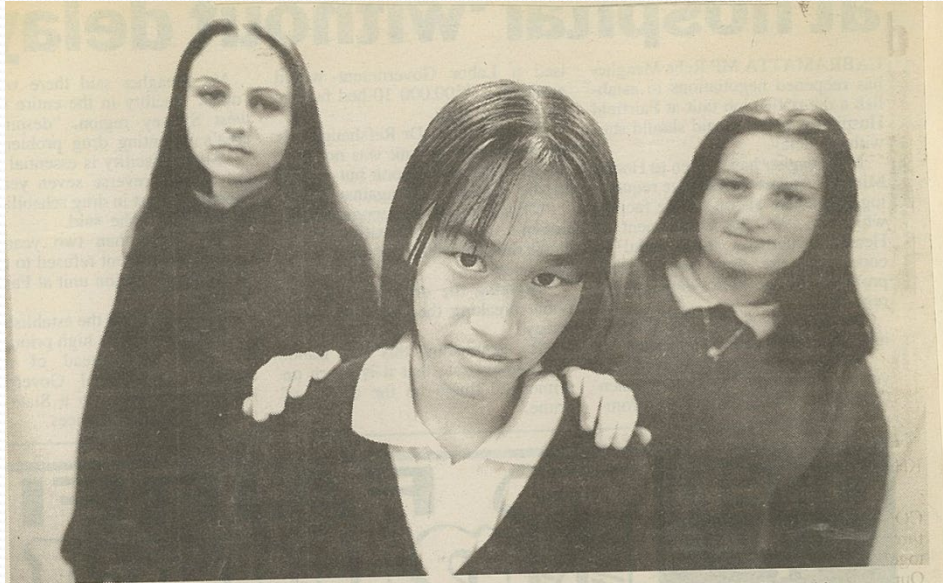
But there are almost 20 Asian students who have silent phone numbers and whom it has been impossible to contact.

"They were all valuable members of our form and everyone wants them to be there," she said.

If you would like more information about the reunion, ring Mrs Galbraith on 646 1309.

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Wednesday, May 17, 1995



'BARRISTERS' Tatjana Kupac (left) and Felicity Pearce (right) with 'witness' Emily Ya

Cunning Cabramatta budding barristers set to go for jugular

THESE Cabramatta High School students are about to swap book and pen for wig and pen.

As part of the Law Society of NSW's Inter-School Mock Trial competition, the Year 11 and 12 pupils will try to convince "magistrate" Bruce Bunyan that the defendant from rival Benilde High School was illegally growing and supplying marijuana.

"We're preparing for quite a fight and, as a barrister, part of my tactics will be to attack the credibility of the witness," Legal Studies student

Tatjana Cupac, 16, explained.

She will be helped during the trial by Year 11 colleague Azrianne Rahman.

"I acted as a witness in the last case we contested and it was quite unnerving," Azrianne said.

"My advice to any witness is to keep their cool while under cross-examination and be comforted by the support of their barrister."

The NSW and ACT competition began 14 years ago, said mock trial co-ordinator Robyn Cross.

This year nearly 3000 students

from 352 government and private schools will take part in the series of mock trials in a bid to gain more experience for those wanting to enter the legal profession.

Solicitors who are members of the NSW Law Society are allocated to each team.

They coach the students in all aspects of the law.

The cases are based on actual trials, Ms Cross explained.

The girls refused to reveal their strategy for the case, but promised it would be a challenging argument.

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Wednesday, March 29, 1995

“Still making mistakes”

CABRAMATTA High School student Katarina Novakovic (pictured above) was placed third in a regional history public speaking competition.

She was the only girl and the only student from a non-selective public school to get a place in the competition which saw students from 24 schools vie for the prestigious trophy at St Patrick's College, Campbelltown, recently.

The competition was won by a student from Hurlstone Agricultural College, Glenfield.

Students were given a week to prepare a five to eight minute speech on what Australia remembered of the 50 years since World War II.

“I spoke about the bad things that happen on both sides during war,” Katarina said.

“There were so many lives lost, but we are still making the same mistakes.

“We haven't learnt anything.”

Katarina, a Year 10 student, said she had built up confidence to speak in front of crowds through speaking at school assemblies and being a member of the Student representative Council. — LOUISE MILLS.



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Pavicevic, 19, burning tracks

CABRAMATTA High School has produced a racing car driver with all the makings of a future champion in 19-year-old Andrej Pavicevic (pictured right).

On Sunday, before a crowd of 10,000 fans at Oran Park, Pavicevic beat a field of 32 touring car drivers to win the first round of the inaugural Kumho Suzuki GTi Cup series over 10 laps.

It was his third major victory in as many months. Last month, the part-time engineering student from Canley Heights became the youngest driver to win a race at Bathurst.

And he did it with style.

"I now hold the lap record at Bathurst of 2min 53.7sec," Pavicevic said proudly.

That was in the Australian production car championship series, which he currently leads by 20pts in his class (up to 1600cc).

In January, he won the Tasmanian leg with his Suzuki Swift GTi.

"I'm currently leading the championship by 20 points, ahead of Michael Simpson and Ric Shaw," Pavicevic said.

"The event will move throughout the east coast of Australia with the next race being at Lakeside, Queensland, on April 23."

In only his second year of full-time motor racing, Pavicevic thinks nothing of the dangers of touring car racing.

His father used to race overseas as a hobby.

"It was in my blood," Pavicevic said.

"You get the odd bump and bruise, but that's what you accept.

"My ambition is just to keep on racing.

"I love doing it, and intend moving up into the 2-litre category against the likes of Brabham, Brad Jones, and Paul Morris."



Apparently, he has no fear of travelling at speeds beyond 160km/h.

"We just don't have crashes," Pavicevic said.

"I always bring the car home in one piece . . . drivers who don't have brain-fade."

As for the Hoxton Park Road illegal drag racers, Pavicevic said: "They should put their money where their mouth is and race at Eastern Creek.

"They are causing themselves, and residents in that area, a lot of unnecessary trouble."

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Students help out fellow students



CABRAMATTA
High students (from left) Derek, Nu, Vivian and Somchay enjoying the barbecue hosted for students involved in the Peer Tutoring Program last week.

The program involves Year 10 students teaching Year 7 students who have learning difficulties or poor reading skills to read.

The students work together on a one-on-one basis for half an hour each day.

Teacher Geraldine Thorley said many new arrivals had poor reading skills and/or learning difficulties.

"Some can read but have problems with comprehension so we build those associated skills into the learning," Ms Thorley said.

"Everyone benefits because the Year 7 students learn to read and the Year 10 students gain a sense of responsibility."

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ANCIENT history students from Year 11 at Cabramatta High School are on their way to the State finals after a regional win in the Macquarie Ancient History Drama Festival. Students researched ancient Greek drama and made colourful costume copies of clothes from 500BC. They also performed an excerpt of an Aeschylus play, *The Choreiphoi*, one of three plays from the Orestian trilogy.

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1995

Cross country champions

CABRAMATTA High School finished first among eight schools competing in the recent Bernera Zone cross country running carnival at Bass Hill. Cabramatta High with 95 students competing had the highest number of participants, but nevertheless the school's top placing was well earned. The school took out the teams event with the highest points tally while one of its students, John Palmer, won the 16 years boys event. It's the first time Cabramatta High has won the event.

The school's runners were coached for the event by teacher Jenny Lawrence. Runners who filled places at the zone carnival will now compete in the metropolitan south-west region cross country championships later this year.

● Meanwhile, Canley Vale High School competitors performed with credit at the recent Lansdowne zone cross country championships held at Fairfield Showground. Although they were the underdogs to Fairfield, Fairvale, Bossley Park, Prairiewood and St Johns Park high schools, the Canley Vale team finished second overall and filled the first three placings in the senior boys event.

The senior boys placegetters were Tai Khu, George Tihanyi and Eam Ton in that order.

Bossley Park High School came first in the overall competition.



Plenty of stamina . . . Cabramatta High School's cross country champions

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Tuesday, August 29, 1995

Torrid chess test

FOUR Cabramatta High School students who made it to the State finals of a school chess championship were unexpectedly defeated during a torrid clash.

Year 11 students Jay Shu Khuu, LuPhong Huang, David Centellas and Manh Kang Vo, were knocked out in the first round of the finals despite battling for more than three hours. They had progressed through the regional section of the Commonwealth Bank Cup Chess Competition to win a place in the State championships.

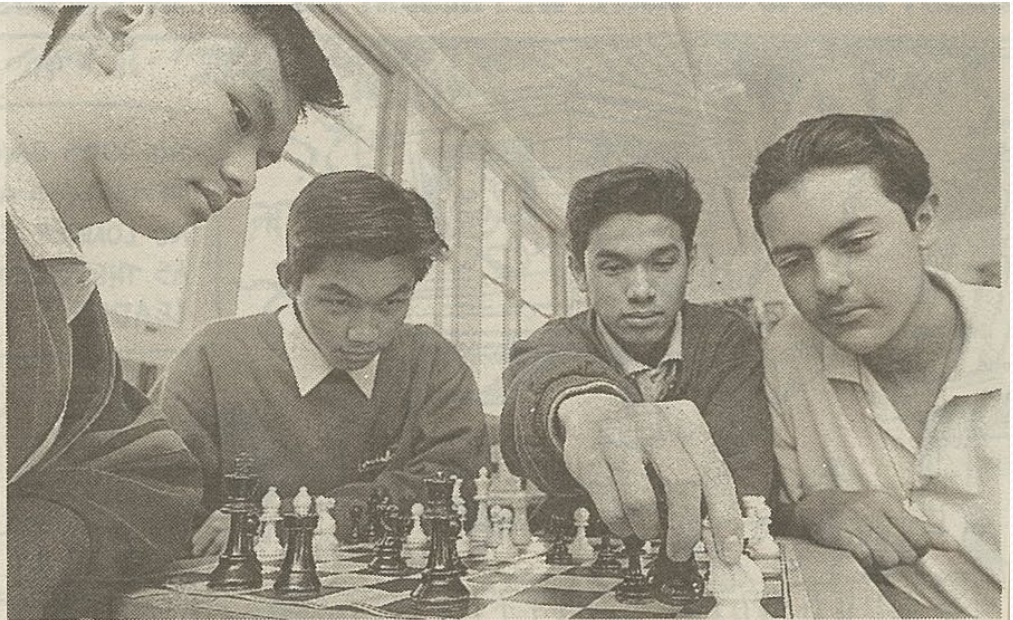
Team manager and coach Brenda Schmidt said the regional championship was a round robin competition which attracted teams from 40 schools.

"The competition is open to private, public and independent schools," she said.

Cabramatta won all 10 matches before finally succumbing to Leameah High school in the final round.

But Ms Schmidt said they were not too disappointed considering the skill of the players.

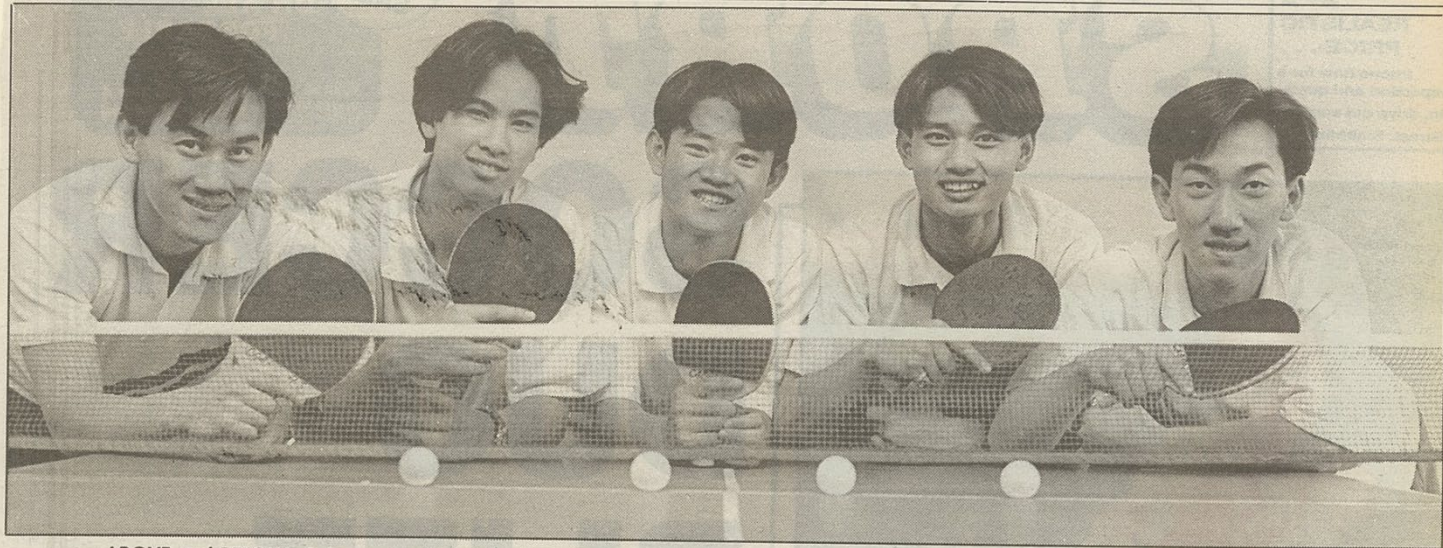
"Leameah have a world ranked player and it still took him over two hours to beat Jay," she said.



Checkmate . . . Cabramatta High School students practise their chess playing skills

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Tuesday, September 12, 1995



ABOVE and BELOW: Cabramatta High School students are a force to be reckoned with in table tennis and netball and table tennis

Reaching goals in sport

CABRAMATTA High School students have enjoyed success in 1995 in netball, table tennis and athletics.

The Cabramatta team reached the final of the south-west regional boys' netball knock-out competition only to be beaten by Westfields Sports High School.

The Cabramatta boys put up a stout performance but went down by 20 points.

They had won their earlier games 26-24 against Fairvale High School and 23-13 against Campbelltown High School.

The Cabramatta team was: Dennis Ngov, Keith Luu, Christian Rivas, Yan Liu, Phyl Vann, Thi Duong, Tam Tran, Tu Duong, Mel Foaga and Long Tran.

The school's table tennis team won the regional championship for the second successive year by defeating Chester Hill High

School in the final. They went on to play in the State knockout competition but were eliminated in their second match. Nevertheless, they are ranked among the top four schoolboy teams in NSW.

The team was: Dennis Ngov, Lee Ngov (last year's State under-16 champion), James Cao, Can Hung and Viet Hung.

In athletics, Jeremy De Lepper became under-15 years zone champion and went on to be second in the long jump and third in the triple jump at regional level. Don Quiang Zhang finished third in the shot put in the 13 years category at the regionals.



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Tuesday, September 5, 1995

Getting top results

THE pride and commitment at Cabramatta High School has shone through in 1995 with excellent results in all areas of the school.

Not only does the school boast a high academic record but in sport, leadership, community involvement and police links students at the school have excelled throughout this year.

Cabramatta High School students hold regular open meetings with local police.

The friendly relationship makes for open discussions about important local issues confronted by students and the general public.

On the sporting field, the school recently took out first place

in the competitive Bernera Zone cross country running carnival. They beat eight other schools to take out the title and showed tremendous enthusiasm by having 95 competitors — the highest number of entrants.

Senior students have also helped the youngsters at nearby primary schools by teaching students through the Cabralinks program.

Dedicated Cabramatta High School's Year 9 Human Society class taught Aboriginal Culture and History to eager Year three students at Cabramatta West Public School.

It has helped the students involved learn valuable leadership skills and responsibility which can only help the area when these kids leave school and enter the workforce.

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Maths mentor . . . Vo Ngo with Pauline Constantinidis

'Miss C, my maths teacher'

THERE is no one quite like her. Special and unique she is, with her caring ways and her great sense of humor. To me she is more of a friend than a teacher and always such a pleasure and joy to be around with.

She plays jokes with us (students) in many ways and never once did I see her without a smile on her cute, childish face. Though at times when we are down, like when we failed our exams, she would lift

us up using her comforting words. She gave us the faith and strength to believe in ourselves.

Never to give up, always to strive and never to take a negative dive. She cared for us as few can, giving all, taking none. I don't know how to repay her but I do know that we all appreciate and thank her very much for everything she had done for us.

— VO NGO, Cabramatta

Woman who inspires

ALGEBRA and multiplication play an important role in the life of math teacher Pauline Constantinidis – but coaxing the best out of grateful students is her talent.

Last week, her status as “favorite teacher” became public knowledge.

A student's letter of praise and heart felt thanks for Miss Constantinidis' special classroom efforts earned first prize in a Teacher Tribute competition run by the University of Western Sydney.

Year 10 maths class student Vo Ngo did not tell the Cabramatta High School teacher about the tribute.

When told by the *Advance* she had been the subject of the competition's winning entry, Miss Constantinidis gasped with delighted surprise.

“Oh, I feel totally fantastic, thrilled to bits,” she said.

Praise for her year 10 maths class was quick to follow.

“The kids are so nice, there is not one lazy person in the class,” she said.

Miss Constantinidis has taught at Cabramatta High School for 10 years and has no plans to leave.

“The kids here have a great attitude and are so keen to learn,” she said.

“Many come from immigrant families and have language difficulties but they try so hard.”

Vo Ngo winners' prize was a \$100 book voucher.

Her winning entry is published in full underneath the photo on this page.

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, November 1, 1995

It's a testing time for these students

By KATRINA ADAMSKI

CABRAMATTA High students could not contain their happiness at finishing the second half of their HSC English exam last Friday.

Principal Grahame Kidd said 115 sat the exams and about 40 would go on to university.

He said they valued their education and thought it was "cool" to do well in the HSC.

"Most studied traditional subjects – English, maths, legal studies, physics and chemistry – but the school offered alternative courses such as retailing, automotive industries and catering," Mr Kidd said.

"Part of the students' culture is to achieve and many of them find the school a safe haven, which is probably our best-kept secret.

"Some of the students haven't been in the country for more than a few years so they have some problems with the literary subjects, but they all do their best.

"Last year 10 were in the top 10 per cent of the State and there were 40 placements at tertiary institutions."

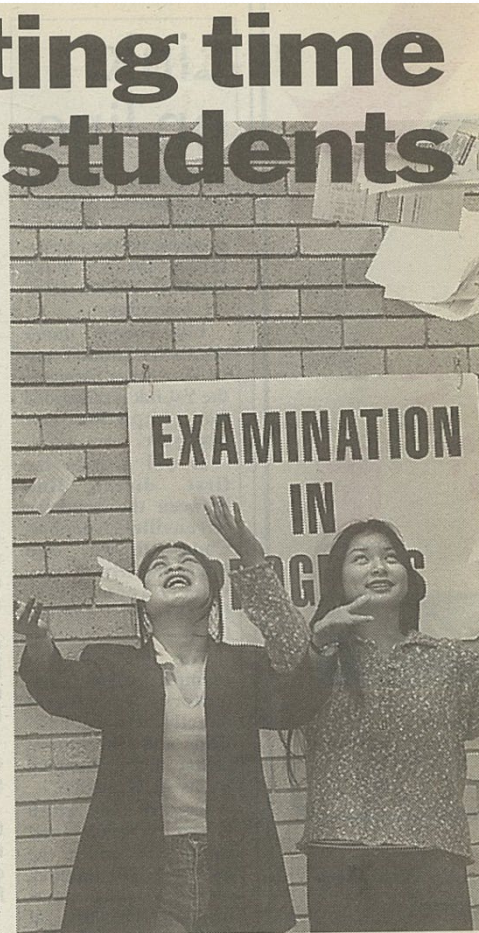
Truc Do, 18, of Mt Pritchard, arrived in Australia seven years ago – she spoke no English and had not attended primary school in Vietnam.

She now has six more HSC exams to prepare for and hopes to study material engineering at the University of Technology, Sydney.

Relieved at completing 2-unit general English, Mai Huynh, 18, of Cabramatta, said her teacher made the subject fun, while emphasising its importance for work.

"I've been in Australia for 11 years and racism used to be an issue – I would get picked on," Mai said.

"But I have adjusted well and now I want to study hospitality management at TAFE."



IT'S over ... Truc Do and Mai Huynh after their English exams – Photo Sam Rutherford

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, December 13, 1995



Students get hands-on lessons in archaeology

ONE of the students (pictured above) from Cabramatta High and Cabramatta West Primary schools who had a "hands-on" experience when they visited an archaeological dig at the Dawes Point, Sydney, excavation site.

They were required to take on various roles including geologists, archaeologists, sketchers and palaeontologists.

Cabramatta High teacher Sophie Cotsis said by actually taking part in the

activity students learnt about the different jobs involved in history and archaeology.

"They dug and excavated, then recorded, photographed, cleaned and classified all they found," she said.

"They also had to put together an overall picture of what might have occurred on the site in the past."

Layers of coloured soils represented time periods and the natural phenomena that occurred.

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Wednesday, January 17, 1996

194 locals make it to merit list of NSW's top 5000

THIRTY six government schools in the metropolitan south-west region had 194 students in the Top 5000 TER scores in the State.

All government high schools in the Fairfield district had HSC candidates who scored in the Top 5000.

Eight students were from Fairfield High School, five from Bonnyrigg High, five from Fairvale High, five from Westfields Sports High, four from Bossley Park High, four from Canley

Vale High, four from Prairiewood High, three from Cabramatta High and three from St Johns Park High.

Outstanding TER's were scored by Linda Ton from Cabramatta High with 99.4 and Tu-Hoa Luu from Westfields Sports High with 99.45.

Tu-Hoa also came first in the State in chemistry while Silvana Polo from Prairiewood High placed first in Spanish and Salwa Ahmed from Birrong Saturday School of Community Languages was first in Arabic.

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, January 17, 1996

Linda studies her options

LINDA Ton of Cabramatta (pictured) has a pick of virtually any university or course with her near perfect TER of 99.4.

The 18-year-old former Cabramatta High School student also placed in the Top 10 1995 HSC order of merit list for the metropolitan south-west region.

Although still confused about all the choices available to her, Linda said she would probably opt to study medicine or optometry at the University of NSW.

"It was only in Years 11 and 12 that I really concentrated on science," she said.

"Business studies are not right for me because I can't understand the concepts, but biology comes naturally."

Linda migrated to Australia from Vietnam with her family when she was two years old so she had no problem adjusting to the school system.

Cabramatta High has a large percentage of students who are still learning English and Linda said problems were often created when they spoke in their own language.

"We only spoke English in the classroom and our languages in the playground, so it did create a problem for the students who couldn't speak English that well," she said.

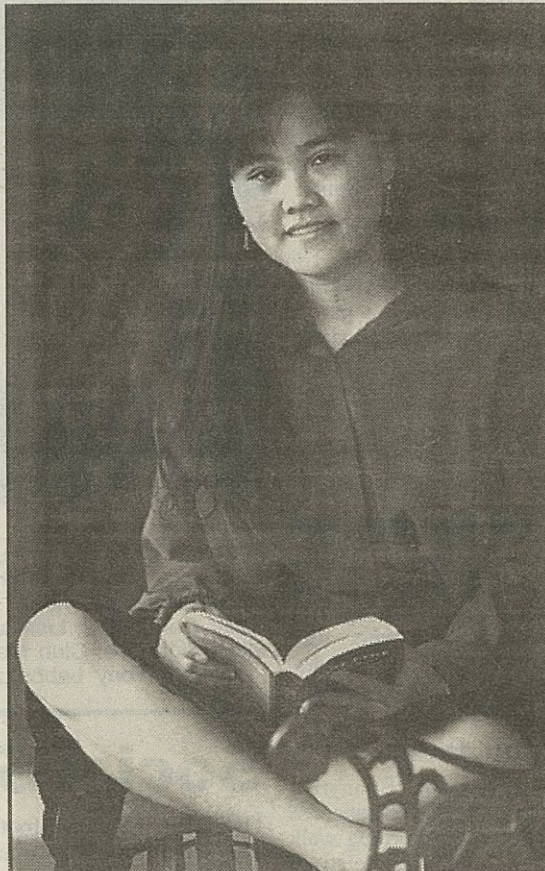
"But the teachers were really helpful and there for you."

Linda said she found the HSC workload stressful and difficult at times because the assessment deadlines for each subject fell at the same time.

She expected a TER in the mid 90s and was surprised when she scored close to a perfect 100.

Linda studied general English, 3 unit maths, chemistry, biology and business studies.

"I didn't have a set timetable for studying and I tend to leave things to the night before," she said.



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TALENTED students Linda Ton (front), Xuan Ly, Wendy Cheung, Raymond Kuoch, Xu Jin, Shi Jin, Feng Ly and Andrew Tang. Missing were Cuoi Tang, Ngoc Nguyen, My Bui, Thien Bui, Andrej Medic and Kien Luu.

A salute to top 14 achievers

CABRAMATTA High's top HSC students' achievements were recognised at a special ceremony last Friday before they embarked on their courses at university.

Principal Graeme Kidd said each received a near-perfect TER and came in the top 20 per cent of the State.

Linda Ton, of Cabramatta, was dux of the school with a TER of 99.4 which placed her in the top 2 per cent of the State with fellow student Cuoi Tang.

Linda topped off her outstanding achievements with a first place in biology and general English in the metropolitan south-west region,

and Feng Ly came first in Chinese.

Mr Kidd said he was delighted with the results of last year's diligent and dedicated students.

He said many came from a non-English speaking background and were new arrivals to the area, and that their success was especially praiseworthy.

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Wednesday, March 13, 1996

Students dig history

School ground 'finds'

CABRAMATTA High students dug up bones, pots and a very old gramophone in one of the school's playing grounds last week.

Ancient history teacher Sophie Cotsis said she buried the items six months ago so the Year 11 and 12 students could learn how an archaeologist works.

"We simulated a real archaeological dig so the students could recover the items themselves rather than learn from a textbook," she said.

"I buried the items in different layers to show the time periods and the kids are now classifying their finds."

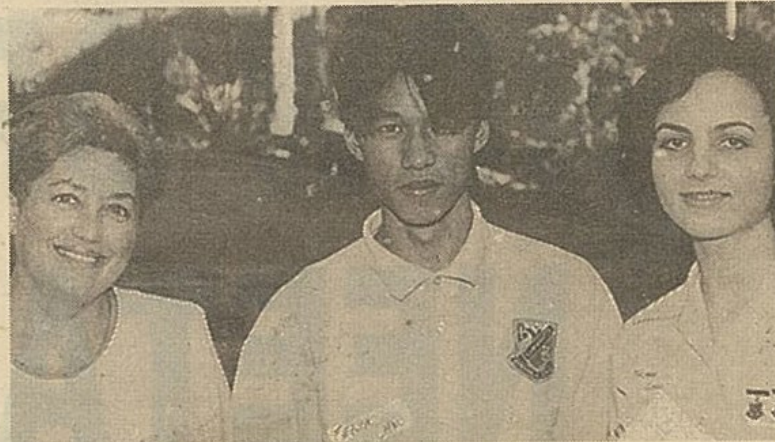


DIGGING school... Vo Ngo, 17, classifies her "archaeological finds"

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Greening grant



ENVIRONMENT Minister Pam Allan (left) presented Cabramatta High's captain Felix Chau and vice-captain Tatjana Cupac with a \$500 grant from the Environment Protection Authority.

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Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Rising to musical challenge

CABRAMATTA High students and teachers received a framed certificate from Fairfield mayor Maria Heggie recently for preparation for the 1996 Rock Eisteddfod Challenge.

The presentation was made at McDonald's Lansvale, a sponsor.

Students and teachers devoted a lot of time, effort and creativity into preparing their performance and look forward to the competition.



ROCKIN ON ... Alice Huynh, operator Tony Spinks, Oanh Nguyen, Yan Liu, Mai Tu, principal Graeme Kidd, Tina Nguyen, organiser Leanne Ryan and mayor Maria Heggie

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Wednesday, June 26, 1996



VO Ngo of Cabramatta High ... won Aboriginal archaeology trip.

Photo: ANTHONY JOHNSON

Aboriginal heritage study

RECENT Vietnamese arrival Vo Ngo of Cabramatta High has won the Earthwatch Environmental Fellowship competition.

The win also pays her to attend a research expedition on origins of the Kuku Yulanji Aboriginal people on the Mitchell-Palmer limestone belt in far north Queensland from July 1-13 with an

By KATRINA ADAMSKI

international team of volunteers assisting Dr Bruno David.

"I believe that we should have an understanding and knowledge about ancient Australia and Aboriginal heritage," the Year 11 student said.

"The research project will pro-

vide a perfect opportunity for me to develop skills in the field through a cross-section of disciplines in archaeology."

Head teacher Patrice Simpson said, "Earthwatch volunteers will participate in all aspects of archaeological excavations and surveys and work as a team in this multi-disciplinary project."

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Tuesday, August 6, 1996

School in rock semis

by CRISTINA ERRIGO

CABRAMATTA High School students are getting ready for a musical showdown when they vie for a place in the 1996 Triple M Rock Eisteddfod final on Thursday.

The students, who will be up against 6000 others across the State, have been hard at work preparing for the National Drug Offensive challenge since December.

Cabramatta High School teacher Leanne Ryan said Cabramatta's entry was based on the theme Lost in the System.



Hitting the stage . . . students rehearse for the big night under the direction of teachers Ms Cotsis (left) and Leanne Ryan

"Through dance and contemporary music we have tried to show how, in the furious pace of our lives, some children get lost in the system," she said.

"Alienated from their home, these children seek refuge in the streets unaware of the horrors awaiting them. Unloved and unwanted, they drift further and further towards the point of no return."

Ms Ryan also said although it was the first time the school had entered the rock eisteddfod, they were hoping to do well.

"It has certainly been a fantastic learning experience for us and if we don't get to the final, there is always next year."

Heats will take place at the Hills Centre, Carrington Rd, Castle Hill. The final is at Sydney Entertainment Centre on July 22 and 23.

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Tuesday, August 6, 1996

Exams a testing time



Sigh of relief . . . Year 10 students Katie Tian, Sokli Tang, Kieuyen Tran, Phath Yem and Lang Leav are glad to put the school certificate behind them

YEAR 10 students at Cabramatta High School have breathed a sigh of relief after sitting their School Certificate.

Joined by thousands of others across the State, the students sat an English paper and science exam on Wednesday and a mathematics test on Thursday.

Most students found the tests quite reasonable. Year 10 student Sokli Tang, who wants to become an interior decorator, said: "On the whole the tests were okay, especially English in which I had done a lot

of preparation." Katie Tian, who was undecided about which career she wanted to pursue, also preferred the English paper.

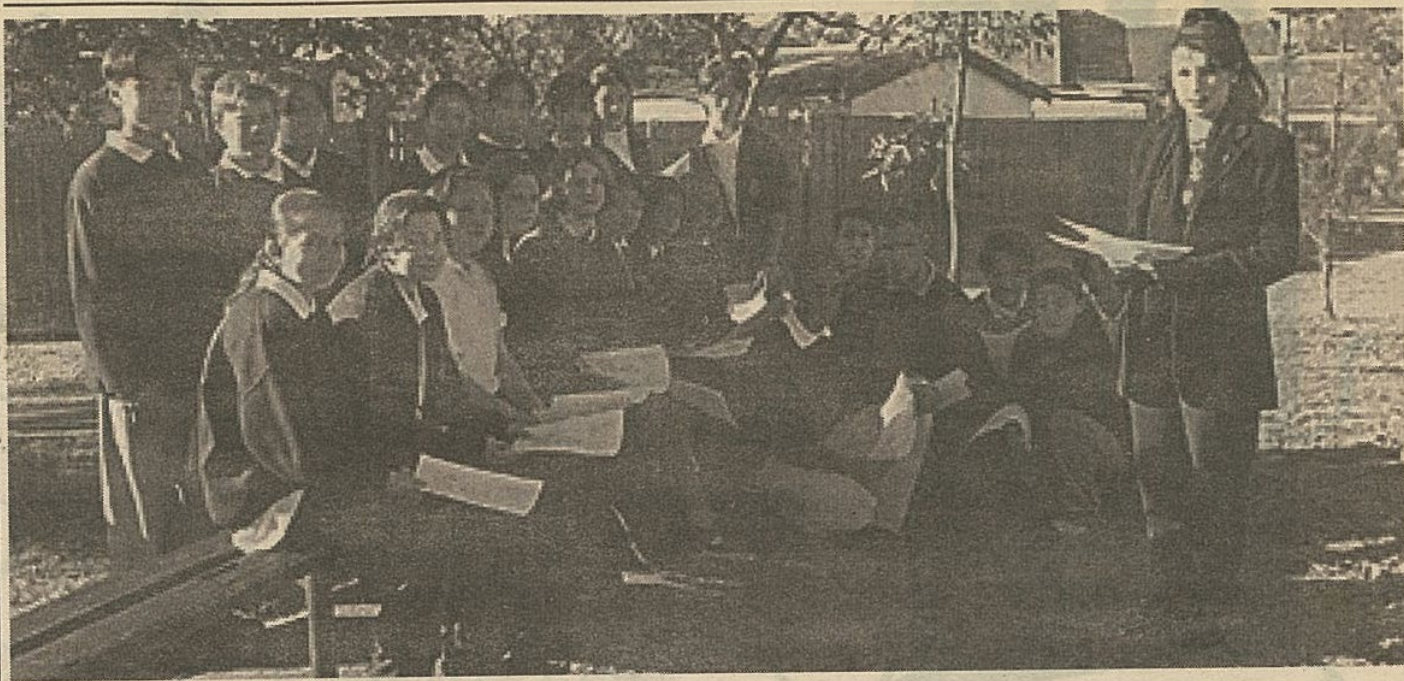
"Out of all the tests, I would have to say I found English the easiest," she said.

"The science and maths papers were quite difficult and I was glad to get them over and done with."

Katie and Sokli were among the 80,044 students across NSW who took the School Certificate and will now have to wait until December 12 for their results.

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Wednesday, August 7, 1996



Students solving problems

CABRAMATTA High School has introduced a program to encourage students to solve their problems peacefully without resorting to violence.

The peer mediation program, a joint Department of School Education and NSW Community Justice Centres project, is co-ordinated by Josie De Luca,

pictured above with her students.

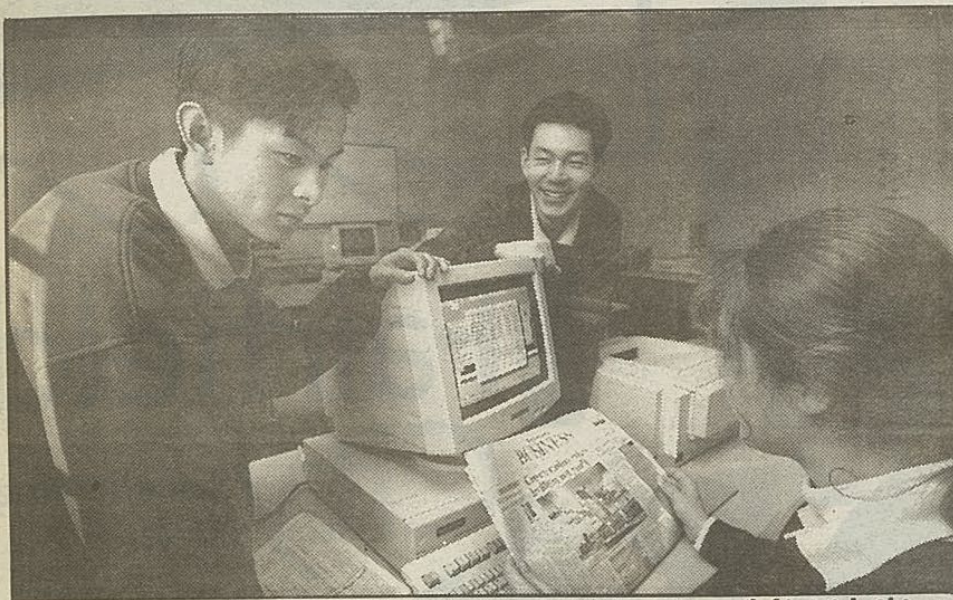
"A peer mediation session avoided the need for the deputy principal to suspend a student so he is now a big supporter," she said.

"Our students develop skills in conflict resolution through the process of mediation."

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Tuesday, August 20, 1996

Wanted — tycoon tutors



Hard work ... Cabramatta High School students Tung Dang (left), Nick Shi and Katarina Novakovic check out the business forecasts

CABRAMATTA High School needs volunteer mentors to make its Australian Business Week Program a success.

The program, which is carried out each year from September 9 to 13 at various high schools across NSW, provides senior students with the chance to make management decisions necessary to operate a business for a simulated period of eight quarters.

Business mentors act as guides in the decision-making process. Business studies teacher John Steinmetz said mentors should be available nearly all of Monday and Tuesday and a few hours for the rest of the week.

"We realise that business people don't have a lot of time on their hands as it is but if they could spare what time they do have to help us, we would be very grateful.

"Even retired business people are most welcome at the school. Students could learn a great deal from their past knowledge and experience," Mr Steinmetz said.

Cabramatta High School has already secured the services of 2UE sales executive Jim Balzen, Balance Accounting chief executive Ian Briggs and Fairfield Mayor Maria Heggie. Business people interested in helping can ring John Steinmetz on 9726 2424.

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Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Eisteddfod stars shine

THEY dazzled like the stars on Broadway - 63 Cabramatta High people did their school, and Fairfield, proud in the 1996 National Drug Offensive Rock Eisteddfod last week.

The school finished just out of the top three in the grand final, in their first Rock Eisteddfod effort for more than seven years.

The team won the open division (for schools who have not made it to the grand final before), of their August 8 heat and went on to compete against 14 of the State's top schools in what has become the fiercest of inter-school competitions.

Their nine-minute piece looked at the plight of children lost in the system, focusing on homelessness, drugs and violence.

The concept was brought alive through the use of music, dance, drama and amazing sets.

Teacher Leanne Ryan said the judges' response was positive, two of them giving the school first place.

"The students were so enthusiastic and a bit overawed by the Sydney Entertainment Centre but are all hyped up for next year's effort," Ms Ryan said.



ROCK Eisteddfod finalists Chan Chan (from top), Milica Draca and Michelle

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SERIOUS business: (back row, from left), Tony Spinks, Jim Spain and Neel Kamal Maharaj with students (front, from left) Mai Tu, Andre Mate and Lee Soun Ye.

Youth make learning more relevant through business

CABRAMATTA High School is leading the way in making education more relevant through practical business experience during Australian Business Week, September 9-13.

It is the first school in the region to trial the one-week Australian Business Week group's program which aims to strengthen links between students and the community.

One hundred and forty year-11 students will combine with local business owners and teachers to

learn the demands of the corporate world. Teams of 10-12 students operate a company through computer simulation, and students are expected to make business decisions that could effect the company's bottom line.

Students choose a product name, logo, mount a trade display, make a television commercial and finally present a company report. Each group is judged in these areas and team work to determine the overall winner.

"[students] are thrust into teams

where they will be working together and given roles to play and they carry responsibilities," organising teacher John Steinmetz said.

"We are hoping to challenge students who are not as able in the classroom."

The project has been supported by Fairfield Council, Fairfield police and other community groups and is expected to be introduced by the Department of Education to all schools in the next two years.

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Wednesday, September 25, 1996

It's into study mode



HSC Review chief Barry McGraw ... students' futures in his hands



VIET Ha Au of Cabramatta High is one of more than 62,000 Year 12 students now going into study mode for the HSC exams, which start on October 28.

Education bodies and parents' groups are calling for major HSC changes, including separating the TER, to ease the pressure exams put on students.

The HSC review chief, Professor Barry McGraw, has received 1000 submissions and 300 'hits' on the review's Internet site.

Professor Barry says the Government should decide early next year what changes will take place.

Students are advised to take a short break every hour when they're studying to stretch their legs.

Education authorities also recommend summarising, word associations, practice exams, and the development of a study timetable to guard against cramming.

Setting aside time each day for relaxation is most important.

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Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Tongue twister

FAIRFIELD Mayor Maria Heggie with the winners of Cabramatta High's Business Week program. During Education Week, J Company and five other teams developed and marketed a fictitious product, Tongue Twister, a lollipop which would cause you to speak in foreign languages.



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Wednesday, October 2, 1996

Cultural parity

SOME of the 40 Cabramatta High Year 11 students went north for a cultural exchange with Monte Santo Catholic College, North Sydney, recently. Unsure of the perceptions of their northern counterparts, the students shared their experiences of growing up in Cabramatta and found they had a lot more in common than they first thought. The reciprocal visit happens in term four.



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Tuesday, February 25, 1997

An English country garden

HOME and family are paramount to entertainer Jon English.

Jon's country home, which he shares with wife Carmen and their four children, is a 14ha property on the edge of the Hills district.

The property abounds with family pets including four dalmatians, pet goats, chickens, two cats and a donkey.

The house is open plan, comfortable and lived in — none of this dressed-up decorator-style magazine look for this easy-going couple who have successfully brought up four well-adjusted children.

"We wanted our kids to grow up normally," Jon said.

Recently the English family bought a second home, also open plan, nearer the city to make life easier for Jon's showbiz commitments.

"I now have a city address and country retreat," Jon said putting on a rather grand voice, then laughing.

No matter how the money comes rolling in from his showbiz successes, Jon does not change from the unpretentious easy-going guy you are more likely to run into in the supermarket than in a trendy up-market restaurant.

Jon, a big guy in all senses of the word, is a very private person who shuns the limelight and is "never, no never, well hardly ever" as the late lyricist W S Gilbert (The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance and HMS Pinafore) would have said, "seen on the rent-a-crowd round".

He is also a man full of surprises who has lived by a code instilled in him by his parents and which he has used in bringing up his own children. "The over-ruling aspect in life is respect — people must



Family comes first with Jon English

behave well and earn your respect," he said.

Jon grew up and went to school in Cabramatta. He played junior football for Parramatta and is still a great Parramatta supporter

although he admits to having a soft spot for Penrith.

"I'll be supporting Penrith in Super League and Parramatta in rugby league and when possible I'll be there at the matches," he

said. As a child the family travelled a lot. At school Jon was discouraged from studying music and instead was told to work hard so he could be a school teacher with a regular job and income.

It was the era of the Beatles and the young Jon wanted to be like them. He took up playing the guitar (self taught) and admits he was a "bodgie" guitar player. During his final years at high school he went to school each day and in the evenings would head for Kings Cross where he played in the band at Whisky A Go Go, starting work at 8.30pm and finishing around 3.30am.

"I did my homework during the breaks," he admitted.

He had a steady girlfriend, Carmen, who was at the same school.

"At the weekends I'd take Carmen with me and we'd do our homework together during the breaks," he said.

Jon and Carmen married young. They have four children, two girls and two boys, and are due to become grandparents towards the middle of the year.

For the past four years Jon has been on the road with The Mikado and Pirates of Penzance and now HMS Pinafore which has just opened at the State Theatre in Sydney.

While on tour he lives a bachelor existence as he and Carmen like their home life to run normally.

But when the curtain comes down on that final performance each week he beats a hasty retreat from theatre to airport to catch the first available plane home.

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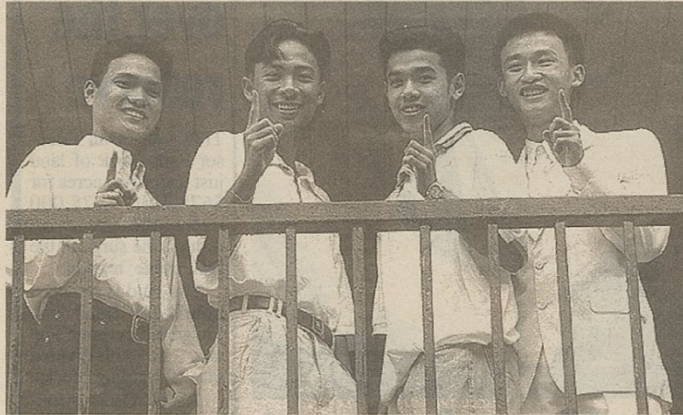
Driver training

CABRAMATTA High's captain Boris Kljajic accepts from Robert McGrath, of McGrath Holden Liverpool, the car he has donated to its driver education program. Teachers in their own time have been teaching students how to drive.

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Cabramatta VERY High



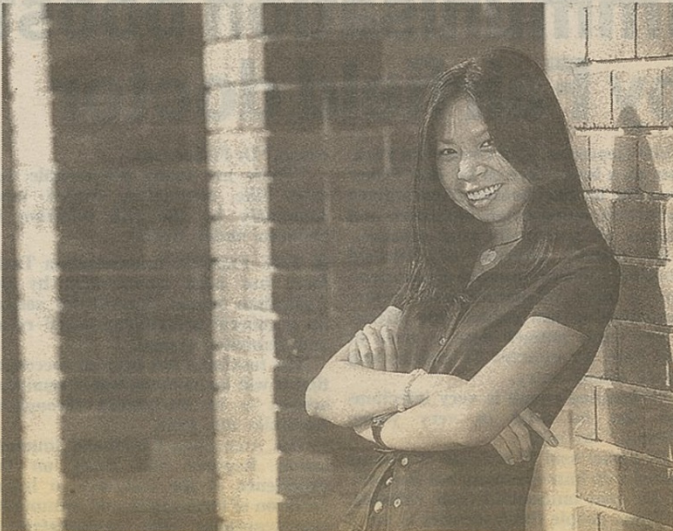
CABRAMATTA High's Giang Song Doan (from left), Duc Hiep Nguyen, Lu Phong Huang and Hai Jian Liang attended a special morning tea last week at which the school celebrated the achievements of its 1996 top HSC achievers. The four were among the top 20 per cent. Hai Jian Liang, who topped the State in 2 Unit Chinese with a mark of 99.40, celebrated again later that day at Darling Harbour when presented with the Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Higher School Certificate.

French accent on learning

DINH Gia Vuong (right), of Hamilton Road, Fairfield, came equal first in the HSC's 2 Unit Z French exams. Her achievement reflected her family's heritage, in which the educated classes learnt French in the former French colony of Vietnam. Now 18, Dinh is enrolled in a science course at the University of NSW

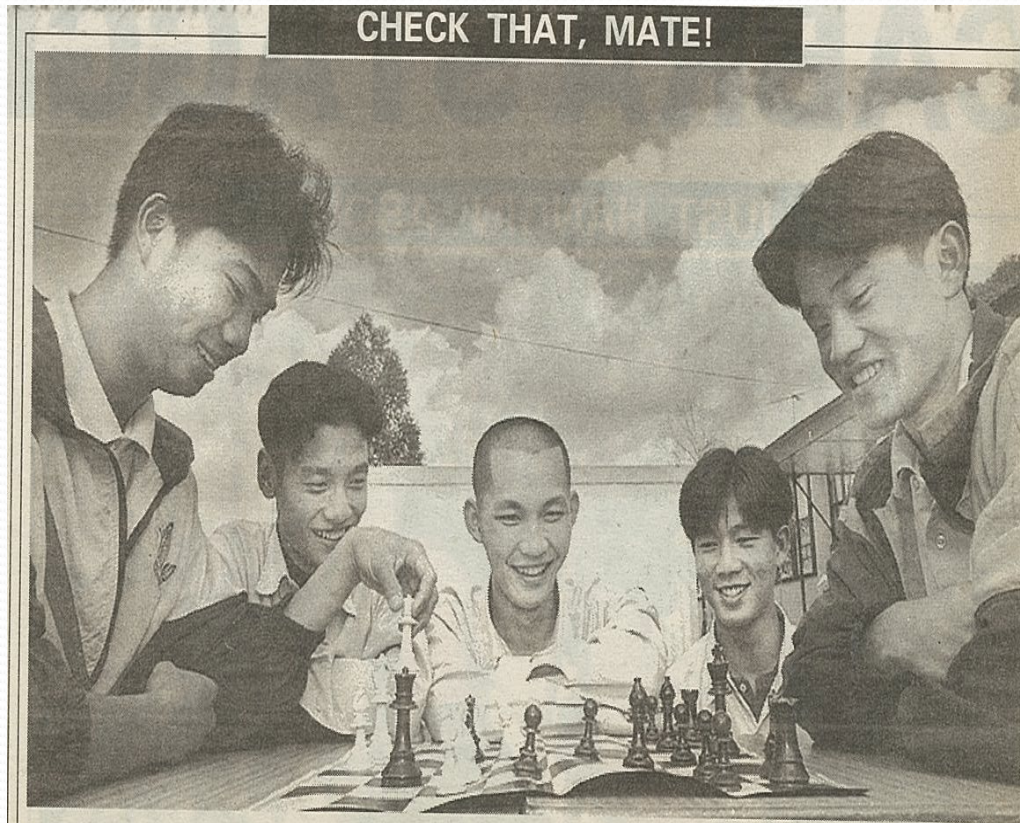
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CABRAMATTA High School chess players Phu Long Huynh, 19, and Can Hung Giang, 17, got in some practice this week in the lead up to the finals of the Sydney South West Chess Competition to be held this Friday as fellow players Thai Tran, 18, Manh Khang, 19, Kieng Pheng Lin, 18 looked on. More than 50 schools, mostly private, from all over the Sydney and Newcastle regions competed in the regional divisions. Cabramatta senior team beat Merewether, Mater Mana and Marcellin. Cabramatta junior team defeated Marist Brothers Penshurst and Ascham Ladies College

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Tuesday, August 12, 1997

Winning student

CABRAMATTA High School student Lim Heng Tea was on the winning team at the recent State Program of Australian Business Week held at UTS Sydney.

He will now compete in the national program in Geelong in December.

Another Cabramatta student, Maurice Tran, was a member of the team which finished runners-up.

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Tuesday, August 26, 1997

Swanning about at training

THE Sydney Swans came to Fairfield earlier this month to coach Cabramatta High School students on the finer points of Australian rules football.

Team Swans is part of the State Government's Youth in Sport initiative which is being tested in Wagga Wagga, South Sydney, Bathurst, Shoalhaven and Fairfield/Cabramatta.

Young people who have not had much sporting support and do not have much money have been targeted for the program.

The NSW/ACT Australian Football Development Foundation, Sport and Recreation Department and the Fairfield/Cabramatta Police Community Youth

Club are also involved in Team Swans.

After playing football with the Swans, 15 Cabramatta High students were asked to take part in a weekend coaching clinic with the Swans at Narrabeen at the end of the month.

The Swans will coach up to 75 students on the Friday night and then again before their game against Geelong on the Saturday afternoon, which the students will stay to watch.

Sunday will be left free for other recreational activities. Team Swans organiser Richard Arranz said students who went to the camp would not only learn basic football skills but also build up their self-esteem and mix with teenagers from other areas.



New recruit . . . Cabramatta High student Cuong Le, 13, gets some tips from Sydney Swan Shannon Corcoran

PHOTO: Daniel Griffiths

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Wednesday, September 10, 1997



Now go out and sell it

CABRAMATTA High principal Grahame Kidd with students Tuyen Hua, Dau Veng Hong, Houy Lim and Chi Lih Tran, before the school's Business Week program this week, in which motivational speakers from industries and organisations addressed classes. To give students an insight into business, there was an exercise in developing a product and finding ways to market it, including making a promotional video. **Photo: NATALIE BOOG**

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Tuesday, September 16, 1997

School's 'up with the best'

CABRAMATTA High School principal Grahame Kidd says the NSW education system — and, in particular, its implementation at Cabramatta High — compares well to the best overseas has to offer. Mr Kidd has recently returned from a trip to the US where he studied educational institutions and attended an International Principals' Conference in Boston.

In other Cabramatta High news, the school has continued its good record at sporting carnivals, with a string of successes in recent times. These include: A FIRST placing for the girls, second placing for the boys and second placing overall at the zone cross country carnival.

THE 12 years boys' relay team placed second overall at the zone athletics.

DON Qiang Zhang will compete in the shot put at the State finals.

THE boys' volleyball team again reached the State finals, finishing 10th.

Cabramatta High's chess team also progressed through to the State finals where they were beaten by Sydney Grammar in the quarter finals.

And the artistic students are not to be outdone, with the school's Vietnamese dance group proving a hit with the local community, performing in public on a number of occasions.

Mr Kidd congratulated students Angelina Draca and Huoy Lim for their efforts in the Quota Club's student of the year quest, while Huoy joined fellow Year 11 student David Ton at the Sydney Schools Convention.

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Tuesday, December 2, 1997



Mind your language . . . Cabramatta High Chinese language teacher Xiaoying Qi with Helen Li, 16

Review no danger to curriculum

CABRAMATTA High School will continue teaching community languages if stripped of its specialist languages title.

Principal Grahame Kidd said he was not concerned about a review into the performance of specialist schools.

"We will still proceed to offer community languages to meet students' needs — accountability does not worry me," he said. "Cabramatta is one of the few schools in the State that offers Vietnamese.

"We are hoping to offer Khmer and Serbian in the future as the ethnic composition of the school changes."

Mr Kidd said his only concern was comparing the performance of Cabramatta with a North Shore school because "you can't do it".

Westfields Sports High School principal Phil Tucker said he approached the State Government with an idea for a specialist sports school eight years ago.

The Fairfield West school opened two years later. "There was a need for a specialist sports school to complete the trilogy of a performing arts school and conservatorium of music," Mr Tucker said.

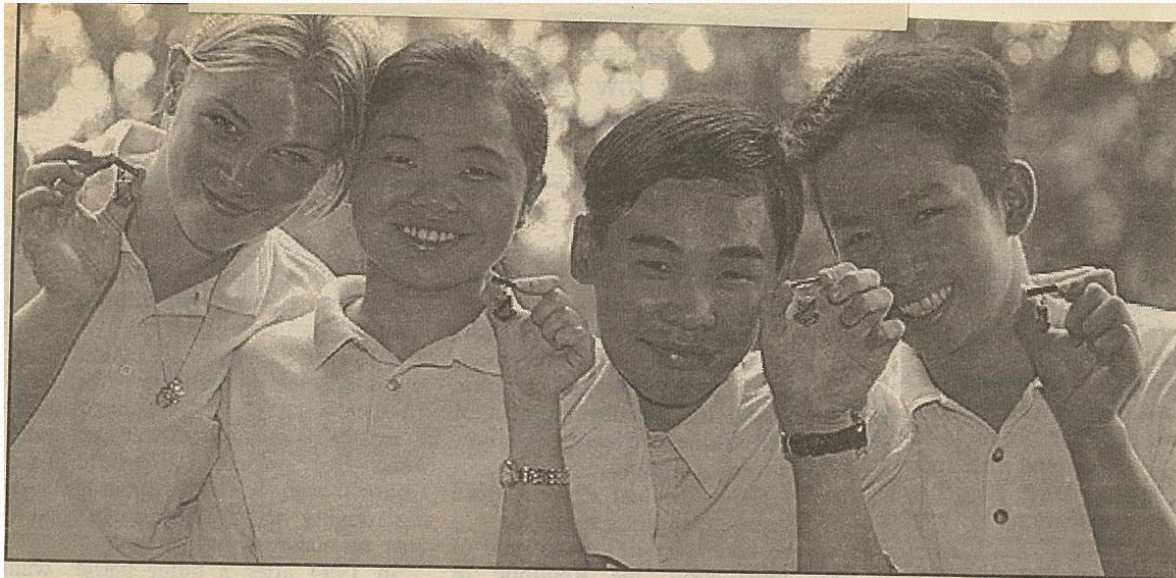
"Our results are proven — there is a partnership between education and sport (at Westfields).

"I don't believe we will be stripped of our title.

"The Education Department is still sending overseas schools to visit us due to the success of the concept."

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Cabramatta high school

The smiles on their faces show this quartet does not fear the burdens of student leadership. From left: Vice-captain Angie Draca, 17, has lived in Cabramatta all her life with her Serbian born parents. She enjoys reading and art and would like a career in journalism. School Captain Huoy Lim, 17 from Canley Heights came to Australia as a baby from Cambodia. She enjoys netball and touch football and looks forward to a career in business or politics. School Captain David Ton, 17 from Cabramatta originally hails from Vietnam. He enjoys football and cricket and would like a career in aviation. Vice-captain Tuan Duong, 18, came to Cabramatta from Vietnam 10 years ago. A sport enthusiast who loves basketball, cricket and tennis, he wants to run his own business when he has finished the HSC.

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Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Life goes on after the HSC

The tensions of the HSC over, Lilly Cheung, Tina Nguyen, Vuong Nguyen, Jie Mei Wang, Tina Cant and Hop Vu from Cabramatta High School look relaxed around books after scoring high TER results.

The school is proud that 10 students achieved a higher than 80 per cent TER in last year's HSC.

Maths, as usual, was a strong subject but especially pleasing were the very good English results.

Jie Mei Wang scored the top TER result with 97.65 and is studying Pharmacy at Sydney University.

Lilly Cheung also performed extremely well achieving a TER score of 96.8 and is now studying commerce at Sydney University. Many of the top students chose engineering, computing science and commerce as their faculties of choice.



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Wednesday, March 11, 1998



In for a 'wheel' good time

STUDENTS from Cabramatta High School have wheels – thanks to community help.

The bus, which was bought in November, has already taken students to places as diverse as Sydney Opera House and Bundeena.

This week, NRMA in Fairfield was the latest local business to lend a helping hand by offering free roadside assistance.

Fuel and oil is supplied by Metropolitan Fuel Distributors in Fairfield, and donations came from Cabra-Vale Diggers, Cabramatta Rugby League Club, as well as from student fundraising.

"It's going to make the students more mobile," said school principal Grahame Kidd.

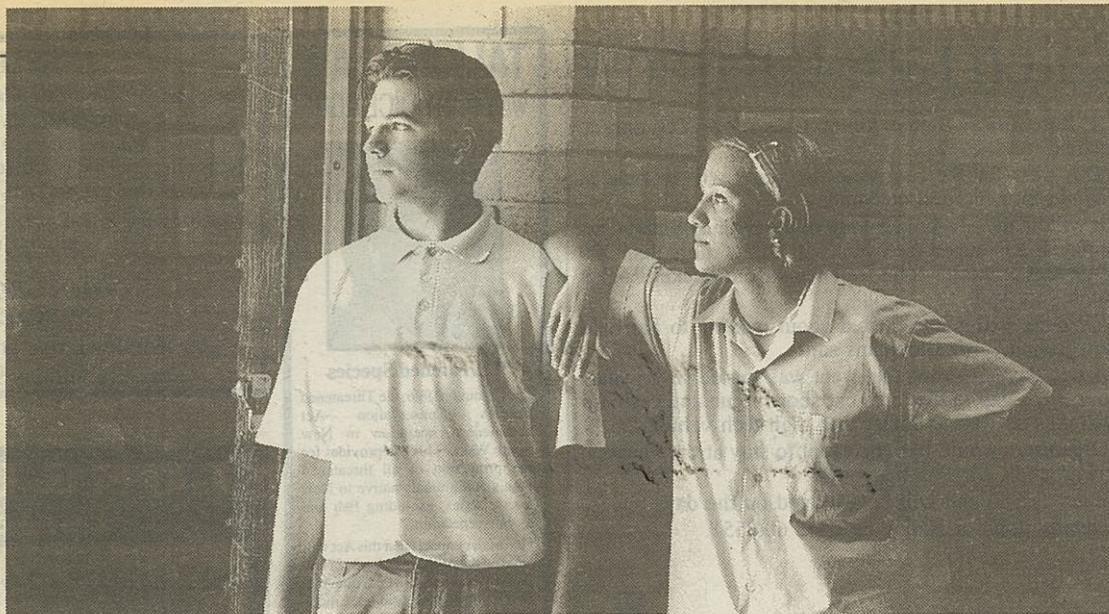
"A lot of our students don't get out of the Cabramatta area, part of the exercise is to widen their experience of Australian culture as a whole."

Photo: NATALIE BOOG

■ HAVE wheels, will travel: Students from Cabramatta High are pictured with principal Grahame Kidd and the bus, which helps them get out and about.

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Tuesday, March 31, 1998



Chasing a dream . . . students Aleksandar Popovic, 17 and Drazana Matic, 18

Students get ready to rock

THE Fairfield district's hopes of success in the 1998 Rock Eisteddfod challenge rest with two schools.

Cabramatta High is the only local school which will compete in the open division, while Patrician Brothers Fairfield is competing in the small schools division.

More than 30 Cabramatta students began their 1998 Eisteddfod assault earlier this month in the first of many after-school meetings and rehearsals.

The production will be a Dream or Nightmare, the theme which outlines the behaviour of a bad girl who has nightmares and a good boy who has dreams.

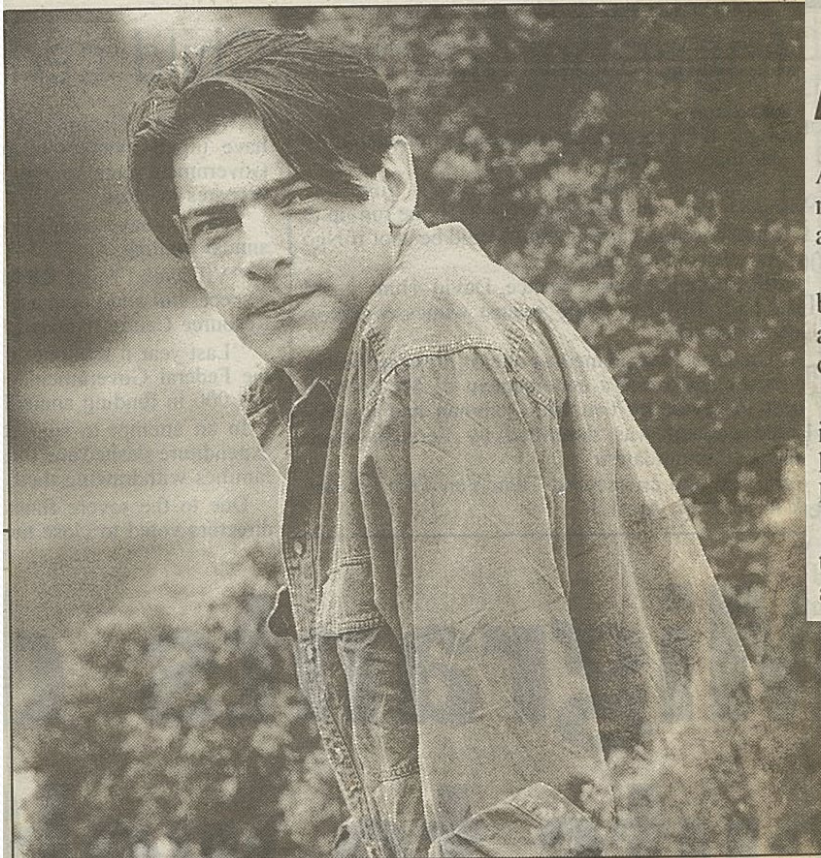
Production ideas and themes were a collective effort of students and drama-trained teacher Lisa Treloar-Lister.

The school entered the eisteddfod in 1996 and began preparations for the 1997 challenge, but students could not commit to the demanding hours for two consecutive years.

Heats are set for June and an opportunity to perform in the finals before a packed Sydney Entertainment Centre comes in August.

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Jorge Gonzalez . . . travelling to Thailand as a volunteer
PHOTO: Daniel Griffiths

A helping hand, by Jorge

A CABRAMATTA local is off to the more humid climate of southern Thailand as an Australian Volunteer Abroad.

Jorge Gonzalez will teach English and business computing skills for two years at a Surat Thani University community college as part of an AVA program.

"The area's tourism industry is booming and my job will be to set up English language courses relevant to tourism," Mr Gonzalez said.

Originally from Uruguay, he migrated to Australia in 1978, became a teacher and worked at Cabramatta High School.

Also a trained interpreter and a former SBS journalist, he is making the trip out of curiosity and to make a contribution to the region.

The visit will be particularly interesting given the Asian financial crisis, he said. But his experiences as a migrant and in his working life have shown him how important it is to be able to communicate with others and access information.

"My job will be to make sure local people are in the best position to take advantage of the economic growth that is happening in their town," he said.

For details on AVA, call 9211 1277.