



Unley High School turns 100 in 2010

Unley High School will be celebrating its centenary in 2010. This **Centenary Bulletin** is the second in a series that the school will provide over coming months to keep the school community informed about the various activities that are planned, both in the lead up to 2010 and in the centenary year itself.

Major Events

Our Centenary Committee has continued to plan for the major events to celebrate our centenary.

On-line bookings will open soon for the dinner on Saturday 1 May 2010 at the Goyder Pavilion at the Show Grounds. We are lucky to have a central venue with good parking, modern facilities, and enough room to provide for the large number of people we expect to attend. We have already invited some guests, including Deputy Prime Minister, Ms Julia Gillard, one of our past scholars. Please mark your social calendars with this special event: we hope families of the whole school will attend, along with many past scholars and staff.

A special Open Day will be held on Sunday 2 May 2010, and a special assembly at school for old scholars and past staff should be interesting (Monday, 3 May 2010).

Buy a Brick Paver

Please consider becoming a “remembered family”, by purchasing a brick paver and helping us modernise a portion of our school. The pavers could last many years, and family members always look back on these contributions with pride. A brochure promoting this centenary activity is available from the school.

Photographs, please

Many photographs of school activity have been collected since about 1970, but we do seek photographs of participation in school life, of past students and staff, from earlier times. If you have an “old box somewhere” with a few snaps in it, please take the time to look through and find those photographs. We will scan the photographs and return the original to you. (And, if you could write a quick paragraph about the event in each photograph, that would be most helpful, too.)

Cinema Advertisement Competition

As part of the process of bringing our current students to consider what it means for the school to reach this centenary milestone, we will run a competition for students. Using not more than 35 words, students will write several sentences that could form the “voice over” for a cinema advertisement. Each month during terms two and three we will offer \$50 prizes to a student from Years 8 and 9, and a similar prize to a student from Years 10, 11 and 12. Winning entries will be published to the school, and we might even produce some cinema ads. Please encourage your students to participate.

Centenary Quiz Night Friday 13 November 2009

Celebrating a centenary brings many opportunities for our school community to gather and reminisce, to have fun, to contribute again to our wealth of tradition. Please plan to join us on Friday 13 in November – will you forget that date? – and help set the pace for the Big Year. Organise a party of ten to position your family as the team to beat in our Centenary Quiz Night.

Plan to Attend

<i>Friday 13 November</i>	2009	Quiz Night
<i>Friday 12 February</i>	2010	Centenary Launch
<i>Saturday 1 May</i>	2010	Gala Dinner
<i>Sunday 2 May</i>	2010	Open Day
<i>Monday 3 May</i>	2010	Assembly with Past Principals and Scholars
<i>Saturday 28 August</i>	2010	Centenary Greek Spring Dance



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The History of a State Institution

Probably more students have passed through the doors of Unley High School than of any other school in the State. Dr Craig Campbell is preparing a new history of our school, and it is eagerly awaited. One moment of the past was the Jubilee celebrations of 1960, and here I quote the message published in the Jubilee Magazine, written by the Principal of the day, Mr L. S. May.

Message from the Principal (1960)

In 1910 our school began its life in an unpretentious manner as continuation classes at the Unley Primary School. Mr. L. H. Jefferies was the first assistant-in-charge and on the opening day in January he enrolled 107 students. Classes remained at this school for five years under increasing difficulties of accommodation and under the successive direction of Messrs. I. L. Rossiter and B. J. Gates.

On the day that our troops landed at Gallipoli, 25th April, 1915, the school, then 318 strong, moved into the original building at the Kyre Avenue site, Mr. Gates remaining in charge as the first Headmaster. As the years went by the school gradually increased in numbers and, in each of the years 1923, 1929 and 1937 additional wings were officially opened by the Minister of Education of the time. The school had grown to 960 in 1940 when Mr. Gates, after years of loyal and devoted service, retired.

Mr. Gluis, who succeeded him, was soon faced with the problems of further increasing student numbers and fully occupied grounds. Temporary relief was afforded by the purchase of the land between the school and Victoria Terrace and the erection thereon of a number

of prefabricated rooms. It was soon apparent, however, that even this enlarged school would not provide sufficient accommodation for all the boys and girls in the district who would later seek admission. Ultimately twenty acres in the south-west corner of the Waite property was set aside for the future Unley High School.

Mr. Gluis retired in 1950 and he was followed in turn by Messrs. R. A. Potter (1950-1955), L. Carthew (1955-1958), A.O. McPherson (1958-1959) and J. P. Giles (acting for two terms 1959). Each of the Principals gave strong leadership to the school and made very worthwhile contributions toward its development.

Three years ago most of the girls of the school moved to the temporary structure which had been erected in the north-west corner of the new grounds, and this year 940 of our 2100 students occupied our new permanent building which was officially opened last month by the Minister of Education, the Hon. Baden Pattinson.

Our school has now celebrated its Jubilee and during the 50 years of service to the State it has built up an enviable reputation and tradition. All should be justly proud of its record of achievement which was made possible by the united efforts of staff, students and parental bodies.

It is for us of the present school to maintain and, if possible, enhance its prestige. If, day by day, we perform our task, whether it be within or without the classroom, to the best of our ability we shall make our contribution to the heritage which is ours and when school days are over we shall take our place in the community as educated individuals—a true product of Unley High School.

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