



JHS Alumni Inc.

President's Report for 2008-2009

2008-2009 has seen a stabilising of activities from the initial period when JHS Alumni was established. This should not be viewed as a slow down in momentum but more a consequence of all of the hard work undertaken in the first year and in the preceding time surrounding the 50th Anniversary of the school.

The management committee has met on a regular basis to plan and facilitate events or activities that work towards the aims and objectives of the Alumni and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all Committee Members for their commitment and enthusiasm over the past 12 months.

Membership of the Alumni currently stands at 51 which is a good improvement on the previous year. Hopefully more past students and past and current staff can be encouraged to join our ranks in the future.

The interest in getting together and rekindling old friendships and reliving school day memories has been witnessed by several reunions over the past 12 months. The "Sixties from Sixty" group have made it an annual event on the long weekend in June and there have been regular lunch gatherings of staff. In July, the 1985-1990 cohort go together after 20 years and there are three more events planned for 2009 involving groups from 1986 to 2001.

The JHS Alumni Archives housed in the JH Algie Library continue to receive items and have been highly valuable in providing photographs and memorabilia for reunions. The website, www.jhsalumni.com.au continues to be visited although not a great deal of work has been afforded the site of late. It is hoped that this will be rectified in the near future.

The Alumni has continued to award scholarships and the annual prize giving award to current students of the school. Over \$2000 was awarded to students in the past 12 months to assist them in attending events outside of the normal school curriculum. These have included the National Youth Science Forum, sporting tours and championships in netball, athletics and women's cricket, residential programs offered by the National Art School, a National Youth Leadership program, a National Dance Sports competition and examination entrance fees for tertiary study.

JHS Alumni Inc. continues to serve a viable and worthwhile function in preserving the history of Jesmond High School and in supporting the current students of Callaghan College Jesmond Campus. I commend the activities of the Alumni to its community and encourage all past students and all past and present staff to become involved in its activities and assist the management committee in its future development.

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