



JHS Alumni Inc.

President's Report for 2009-2010

The past year has been a relatively quiet period for the Alumni which may well be a function of the limited number of people who are actively involved in our operations. Nevertheless, the management committee has continued to meet 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 once again, to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all Committee Members for their commitment and enthusiasm over the past 12 months.

Membership of the Alumni has declined from the previous year and current stands at 40. This is disappointing and a concerted effort needs to be made to widen our membership base.

The latter part of 2009 saw three very successful reunions that were combined with tours of the school during the day. These events demonstrate quite clearly the interest that former students and staff have in getting together, rekindling old friendships and reliving school day memories. Unfortunately, there have not been any reunions so far in 2010 but hopefully the planned Picnic Day in October will entice some people "back to school"!

Almost \$1500 was awarded to current students of the school over the past 12 months to assist them in attending events outside of the normal school curriculum. This brings the total to \$6000 since the Alumni was established. Scholarships are awarded for academic, cultural, community and sporting pursuits. The annual JHS Alumni Award to a graduating Year 12 student was presented in 2009 to Sammantha Mavin for her significant contribution to improving the wellbeing of the school community and the physical school environment during her time at the Jesmond Campus.

In 2010, funding was given to paint a chess board in a section of the grounds where metre high chess pieces are used to provide some recreation during the day. The Committee also approved signage for a photo gallery to recognise the sporting stars of the current school and is currently purchasing a glass cabinet to display student work and items of Jesmond memorabilia. The cabinet will be placed in the foyer of the Administration building and will hopefully promote the Alumni to current students.

Despite the falling membership and limited input from those outside of the management committee, JHS Alumni Inc. still has an important role to play in preserving the history of Jesmond High School and in supporting the current students of Callaghan College Jesmond Campus. I encourage all past students and all past and present staff to become involved in the coming year, to work together to build on what is a very solid foundation and to develop our association into an active and vibrant entity.

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