

SCHOOL NOTES + SPORT REPORT.

The academic year for 1968 was quite successful from the point of view of the students.

In the Higher School Certificate there were 147 candidates. 42 obtained Commonwealth Scholarships.

The number awarded Teachers' College Scholarships is now known.

2 students secured 4 level I passes.

9 students secured 3 level I passes.

Total number of Level I passes was 96

School Certificate

164 Candidates.

35 Commonwealth Scholarships

43 gained 6 advanced passes.

25 gained 5 advanced passes.

These figures are only statistics but they do represent a considerable amount of effort on the part of these students.

Changes of Staff since the last report:

At the end of 1968 the following members of staff were transferred

- Mr W. Galvin on Promotion.

Messrs P. Danks, O. Haberl, G. Lindsay, R. Childs.

New Members since February:

Messrs T. Lynch; R. Wright; N. Winney; I. Dunn; G. Landrey; I. Kelso; G. Collins; R. Pratt; R. Davies.

Mr J. Waters transferred on Promotion

Mr B. Barnett resigned.

Miss G. Joseph was added to the staff as Clerical Assistant- Library.

The Choir participated in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod and performed very ably again although the numbers were smaller -

The Chess Club flourished as usual.

The Film Club was introduced and now has a strong following.

The 'Otis' Committee produced many fine editions of their newspaper.

The I.S.C.F. functioned each Tuesday.

The Art Club shows great interest and displayed some fine work in the Hunter Valley Competition and the Sun Art Show.

The A.T.C. Unit had the opportunity to attend Annual Camp which was held in August at The Forest Hills Base at Wagga Wagga. Some cadets did very well in the N.C.O. Courses.

The Senior Cadet Unit is to be congratulated on again winning the Shortland Shield Trophy for 1969, making 3 years in succession. Annual Camp has just been completed at Singleton. Cadets in Specialist Courses scored very high ratings.

S.W.A.S.S.C. raised a record \$434.00 for charities.

The Library Committee has been given added activity and has performed much useful work.

The P. & C. Asscn has spent \$3,000.00 on equipment which has been put to considerable use.

A Rotary Inter-Act Club was formed which carried out useful tasks around the school and raised money to assist its ventures.

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## NEWCASTLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

### SPORTS REPORT.

I present the report of sporting activities of Newcastle Boys' High School for the years 1968 to May, 1969.

The School Swimming Carnival was again held under the divisional system. However, because of heavy rain it was only possible to hold divisions of the 50 metres freestyle. In other events it was possible to hold 1st division events only so that a team could be chosen for the Area Swimming Carnival. The pointscore held with the limited events run placed Hannell in first place at the Carnival.

The swimming squad performed very well at the Area Carnival finishing second to old rivals, Maitland. This year, as with last year, our strength was in our relays where we won five of the seven relays, four of them in record time. Our good swimmers have now moved up through the age divisions so that now our need is for strong swimmers in the 12 and 13 years divisions.

Age division champions' names for our School Carnival appear in the Prizegiving Programme.

An intensive period of Life-saving and Learn-to-Swim was held during third term for First Form boys. The emphasis was on improving the standard of swimming of the boys and a period of time was used to check the proficiency of each of the boys for the four strokes needed for Life-saving. The most pleasing aspect of this intensive period was the improvement made by the weaker swimmers. 195 awards were gained by boys in Life-saving.

The 63rd Annual Athletics Carnival was held in April and after one false start because of rain we managed to get a good day and complete a very successful carnival. Once again the juniors of the school competed in strength and there were large entries in all events. Our strength remains in the junior distance events, no doubt due to the work done by the boys in their Physical Education lessons. The highlights of the carnival were the distance events and the relays where some interesting finishes were witnessed. The carnival concluded with 4 x 400 yds. relays in each age division, an event probably run only by this school at a school carnival.

The Zone B Carnival was held early this year with Maitland making a re-appearance. Once again they were too strong for the opposition; however, at the end of the day we could take consolation in the performance of some of our younger athletes, particularly the 440, 880 and mile competitors.

In the summer months swimming, cricket, tennis, basketball, squash, golf, gymnastics and weight training are available as the boys' choice of sport. Some of these have to be restricted to Senior years.

In the winter the boys have the choice of Rugby League, Soccer, Australian Rules, Tennis, Basketball and Golf as inter-school or inter-house competitions and Squash, Gymnastics and Weight training for sport. Each boy is so graded within his chosen sport that he competes with and against others of his own age and comparable ability.

This year again, Sixth Form students enjoy the privilege of engaging in sport or study at school. Many avail themselves of the opportunity to do both; many are still worthy participants in our representative teams, especially in the winter months.

Once again a large number of boys from the school have been chosen in Area and State teams. Twenty-one from the school have been chosen in State Teams during the past twelve months. Some of these have moved into these teams directly from school sport while others have gained this honour with sport outside the school. The accomplishments will be tabled later in this report. These boys are warmly congratulated on reaching such a high standard, and it shows just reward for the time and effort they have put into their sport.

Our 1st Grade Rugby League Team enjoyed a fine season during 1968 and won the Zone B premiership. They were defeated in the University Shield match by Maitland in the Area Final after a bruising match. We were, however, very proud of our team in the way they played the game. As yet we have only played trials this year but the team is shaping up well and it is now mainly a matter of working at team play to ensure a good season.



Our Tasman Cup Soccer Team was defeated in the final of that competition by Tech. High after defeating them in the Zone B competition. We must pay tribute to the play of the Tech. High Team in the final when they became the top Schoolboy team in the State. The team this year is shaping up well and we hope for continued success in this competition.

Our Shell Cup Basketball team has played one match so far and we are hoping they can duplicate the performance of last year's team in reaching the Quarter-finals. The Team still comprises young players and I believe next year will be our big year for basketball. The team last year was defeated by Meadowbank by 13 points. Meadowbank later went on to win the competition for the second year in a row.

The Open Cricket Competition for 1968 saw our First and Second Teams as co-premiers in this competition. This year, with more teams in the competition, the boys are assured of a more satisfying season. However, it seems the first team will again take out the premiership. With players of the standard of Robert Wilkinson, Gary Gilmour and Stephen Hatherall, who all represented the state, and a number of other boys playing 1st Grade District Cricket in this team, we must expect good results. The last two of these boys have been chosen in the Australian Schoolboys' Team to tour the West Indies at Christmas.

Ten students have been awarded "Blues", the School's highest sporting honour. This year it was decided that no bars would be presented as it is felt that once a boy has achieved the "Blue" there is no point to giving him a second "Blue".

The wide variety of sporting activities available to the boys of the school necessitates the provision of adequate sporting equipment. Such equipment must be constantly maintained, and with the purchase of new material at regular intervals the needs of the school are well provided for.

This year a considerable sum of money has again been spent on clothing grade teams. With all the teams correctly attired, the teams play as a unit and represent the school well with great team spirit.

The Basketball courts built through the co-operation of the P. & C. and the Council are a great acquisition to the school and played no small part in enabling the school to win both the Senior and Junior 2KO Shields in the Hunter Valley Basketball Competitions.

The school extends its thanks to the many sporting associations which have assisted us with donations of sporting material. Such equipment has been put to good use and is very much appreciated. We would particularly like to thank the Rugby League for their continued support.

Our thanks also are offered to those Officials, Umpires and Administrators who have helped to foster sport in our school; to the Principal, Staff and Students of neighbouring schools and those further afield whom we have engaged in competition.

We are indebted to the many Parents and Friends of the school who have billeted our guests during sporting commitments and to those who offered such warm hospitality to our own students engaged in similar fixtures away from home.

We thank members of Staff who have coached our teams and prepared them for competition.

The following page lists the record of achievements of the boys of the School during 1968 and 1969, other than those which appear on the Programme.

The following boys were outstanding in sport and were chosen in Newcastle Area Representative Teams:-

Open Area Cricket - G. Gilmour, S. Hatherall, R. Wilkinson (Captain), R. Walker.

15 Years Area Cricket - S. Rayfield, M. Murray, N. Kellner, I. Davis, T. Edwards.

Open Rugby League - P. Howlett, D. Parker, S. Gill, D. Parke, K. Powell.

9-stone Rugby League - R. Worth.

Australian Rules - C. Gregory, P. Percy, G. Duncan, P. Rickard, S. Bray, J. Duggan.

Athletics - B. Isherwood.

Swimming - G. Blundell, J. Buxton, B. Taggart.

The following boys were chosen in State Teams:-

Open C.H.S. Soccer, 1968 - E. Howell, T. Smyth, R. O'Hearn, R. Shand.

Open C.H.S. Soccer, 1969 - G. Valentine, D. Pitt, M. Gill.

Basketball - Under 16 - W. Cropper.

Under 18 - P. Idstein.

Cricket - Open - R. Wilkinson (Captain), G. Gilmour, S. Hatherall.

15 years C.H.S. Green Shield - S. Rayfield, M. Murray, N. Kellner,  
I. Davis, T. Edwards (Captain).

Rugby League - Russell Worth (9 stone vs. Papua-New Guinea).

Baseball - G. Gilmour, chosen in Australian Team after Interstate series.

Surfing - G. Price, State and Australian Cadet Surf Champion.

Rugby Union -

State Country Under 18 Team - P. Hawkins, P. Clark, R. Wilkinson, S. Bland, G. Davis.  
S. Bland was last year's State Vice-Captain.

C.H.S. Team - P. Clark.

Australian Rules - C. Gregory.

Sailing - G. Pinfold.

Badminton - J. Layman.