

# Mission Statement

**To develop young people who are inquiring, knowledgeable and caring, and who are committed to learning, success and global citizenship.**

## History of Cairns High

Cairns State High School was founded in 1917 as the first high school in Cairns. It was initially an annex of the Cairns Central State School. The high school was moved to its current location in 1924 which then hosted both the high school and technical college. In the early 1980s the TAFE College moved to its current site leaving Cairns High as the sole occupant of the 5 hectare block.

By establishing valued traditions and incorporating latest innovations, the school has evolved into the highly sought after high school it is today. Cairns High is now an international school and is accredited with the Council of International Schools. The prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is now offered in the Senior School.

In 2014, the iconic Administration block was added to the Queensland Heritage Register. Cairns High has recently undergone considerable refurbishment to cater for over 1650 students including Year 7 students in 2015.

In early 2017 the school will celebrate its 100 year anniversary.



*The iconic A Block back in 1945*

*Past Students and Staff of Cairns High are encouraged to register as members of CHAPS.*

*Visit the Past Students webpage on the Cairns High website for more information including the CHAPS Membership Form*

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership for CHAPS is via donation of an amount of your choice. The Golden Reunion Class of 1964 has launched CHAPS with a generous contribution of seed money for a scholarship fund. Donations towards membership will also contribute to this fund.



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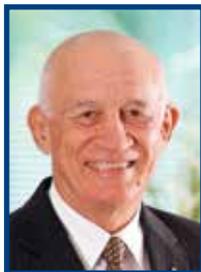
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## Cairns High Association of Past Students (CHAPS)

*Join, Connect and Celebrate with a community of fellow past students to continue Cairns High traditions and to support ongoing innovation.*

**Connect | Celebrate | Continue**



### *Mayor Bob Manning*

My time at Cairns State High School had both high points and low points—a great preparation for life with its many ups and downs! The Principal at the time, Norm Crosswell, had a huge impact on my future life as he so often guided me into school leadership. I realise with age that my education is an ongoing journey which will never end. I value the chance to meet with past students and to share our life's stories. I consider CHAPS a wonderful initiative.



### *Erin Holland*

**Miss World Australia 2013**  
**An active philanthropist with a Bachelor of Classical Voice**

My time at Cairns High was extremely enjoyable! I whole heartedly believe it was due to the incredible tuition of the Cairns High Performing Arts program that I have excelled in the entertainment industry in Australia.

Without the support and training of the quality teaching staff, I never would have embarked upon what has thus far been a successful and rewarding career that is growing every day.

Having an alumni network is a wonderful way to stay in contact and provide an invaluable mentoring system to current students.



### *Ron Tong*

**Past President Cairns Chamber of Commerce and recent Director Advance Cairns**

As the oldest high school in Cairns, I believe that it is an important part of the school's tradition to put in place an alumni association. CHAPS allows for the past students to continue their connection with the school. It presents an opportunity for them to contribute and provide assistance and a guiding tradition for future students who are yet to make their mark on the world.

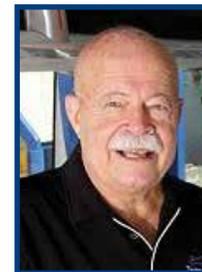


### *Bill Cummings*

**Cummings Economics**  
**2015 Cairns Regional Council Citizen of the Year**

After school, in Canberra I mixed with peers from all over Australia, this instilled in me that my schooling was excellent. Indeed, I felt that the variety of opportunities: sports, school cadets, drama, choirs, school dances, the school house and prefect system, had given me a broader education and training for life than many others.

Having CHAPS will help current students appreciate the words "Valued Traditions". Past students should reconnect with the school and show their support for the school's ongoing success.



### *Charles Woodward*

**CAPTA Group**

A longstanding benefactor of the Cairns community including in his role as Director of COUCH.

CHAPS will not only act as a great catalyst for past students to meet and network, it will also be a means of giving back to your old school.

Our class of 1964 has got the ball rolling with a scholarship. We strongly encourage other past students to also become involved and contribute to the alumni association to improve the future of our youth.



### *Kendall Gilding*

**Seven Network Journalist**

The time we spend in high school shapes the people we become when we enter the real world. We should celebrate the achievements of current and past students, and take great pride in where we've come from.

Cairns High positioned me to achieve all of my career goals. I gained valuable life skills at Cairns High by becoming School Captain. Cairns High helped me live out my dream in journalism.

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Mrs Angela Toppin  
Principal



Cairns State High School continues to uphold its reputation for the provision of quality education through its variety and diversity of programs of excellence.

Many distinguished and inspirational people have entered classrooms, walked across the Quadrangle and run on the Oval at Cairns State High School. Many have exited the iconic A Block after hearing their last school bell as well respected and pioneering Australians, both within the region and further abroad.

CHAPS is a way for past students to connect and to celebrate their many successes and to

- develop a scholarship fund for students
- form bonds with the community of past students
- provide networking opportunities for past students
- accumulate the stories of Cairns High's history
- assist reunion organisers

In 2017 Cairns High will celebrate it's 100 year anniversary. I wish to encourage all past students and members of the school community to get involved and retell the story of this wonderful school.