

NBHS 1949 Leaving for CHS Swimming Championships

This wonderful item was received by email on 18 July 2019, from John McKenzie, Year of '53 and School Captain.

He writes:

As part of your gathering-in of photos for the web-site, herewith a 1949 Press photo of a mixed group of Boys' High and Tech High students on Newcastle Railway Station, early on a March morning, about to board a train to Sydney for that year's CHS Swimming Championships.

Not all team members left from Newcastle Station. Others were collected from Stations along the way but most of us got off at Hornsby and were taken down the North Shore Line to North Sydney Station by Messrs. Fountain and McFarlane ("Black Jack" not Charlie) and their Tech high counterparts.

There, after a burst of good natured mirth and cat-calling, outside the station, from our old hands, directed at a boater hat being worn by a passing boy from Shore School, we separated to go to our traditional "brother" schools for allocation to our respective hosts or "billets", from volunteer students thereof.

The Tech. people went across the road to their brother school, North Sydney Tech. and we hiked up Miller Street to ours - North Sydney Boys High.

The Championships themselves commenced the following day and ran for two days.

I was in first year - great adventure.

I've done my best to name the people in the pic. Sequential *numerals* have been inserted for those whom I can't remember (or didn't or don't know) starting in the front row with "1" for the youth between John Sticpewich and Ralph Pullinger.

(By the way, "N" is for N.B.H.S. and "T" is for Tech High.)

A copy of this is going to some contemporaries who may be able to help.

Here goes, from the front row, naming and numbering from left to right.



Front row: (not including the "mezzanine" - i.e. those peeking through from just behind) - *Richard Charlton (T); John Reeves (T); Allan Charlton (N); John Sticpewich (N); 1; Ralph Pullinger (N), David Ward (N); - Brown? (N).*

Mezzanine - 2 (stooping behind John Reeves); *Jake Kempster (N - behind Allan Charlton); John McKenzie (N - behind John Sticpewich); Jim Mullholland (N - behind "Brown").*

Second Row - *Terry Lewis (N); 3; G. Bell (N); 4; Hugh Black (T); T. Cupitt (N); 5 (N); L. Adam (N); 6; 7; Jim Barr (N - his face just over shoulder of 7); 8; Max Gilmour (T - immediately behind Jim Mulholland).*

Back Row - *H.M. Ambler (N); Kevan Gosper (N); Graham Henry(N); "Rocket" Poulton? (N); 9; 10; J. Carruthers (N); 11; 12; Colin Ray (N); 13; - Jones (N), Kim Ostinga (N); 14; 15; 16 (N).*