

WHY IS YEAR 8 IMPORTANT

Interview with Mr Allen **Year 8 Coordinator**

1. Why is Year 8 an important year for students?

Year 8 is the transition year where students make the move from Primary school to High School. It is important that they get a good grounding in the way secondary school operates. It is quite different going from having one or two teachers to coming into contact with six quite different teachers. The way the school year is organized with lessons every fifty minutes, the bell rings, the students have to pack up and move on to something else. It is quite different getting used to the way different teachers operate and the way subjects are organized. It is very important that students come to High School and that they become familiar with all the differences and make the adjustments so by the time they get to Year 11 and 12 they are going to be successful.

2. What do you do as a Year level coordinator?

Generally my responsibility is to ensure the smooth running of the Year 8 group of students. This starts at the middle of the year and I'm already thinking about next year. We have to organize with Ms Reimann the Open Night that publicizes the school and tells parents how we operate. Then by the end of the year we have got our 100 or so students who have applied to come to us. Ms Reimann and I organize another Parent Night where we explain what happens in Year 8 in a lot more detail. We go over to the Primary Schools and talk to the teachers and we get a lot of information about students so when they come to us we know all about them. We know them as individuals rather than just names. Then the year proper starts, when we make sure their timetables are working and from then on I help teachers with any problems that may arise. If students are naughty then I can help teachers settle those problems. I am often the person that contacts parents to let them know how their son or daughter is going. I organize assemblies through the year for Year 8 students to give out certificates or to invite guest speakers.

3. What has been some of the positive and negative things that have happened to you as a Year Level Coordinator?

The positive things are seeing students grow and develop. I think Year 8 is the year when they come to us as fairly young, almost immature children. By the end of Year 8 they are beginning to become young adults. It is really pleasing to see students settle in and develop, meet with successes and see themselves as able to cope with Year 11 and 12. Now the negative things—there are not too many negative things but there are always little jobs that you have to run around checking. These include checking students attendance, making sure they are in uniform, that they are being cooperative for teachers. The negative things are fairly minor when you weigh up the positives.

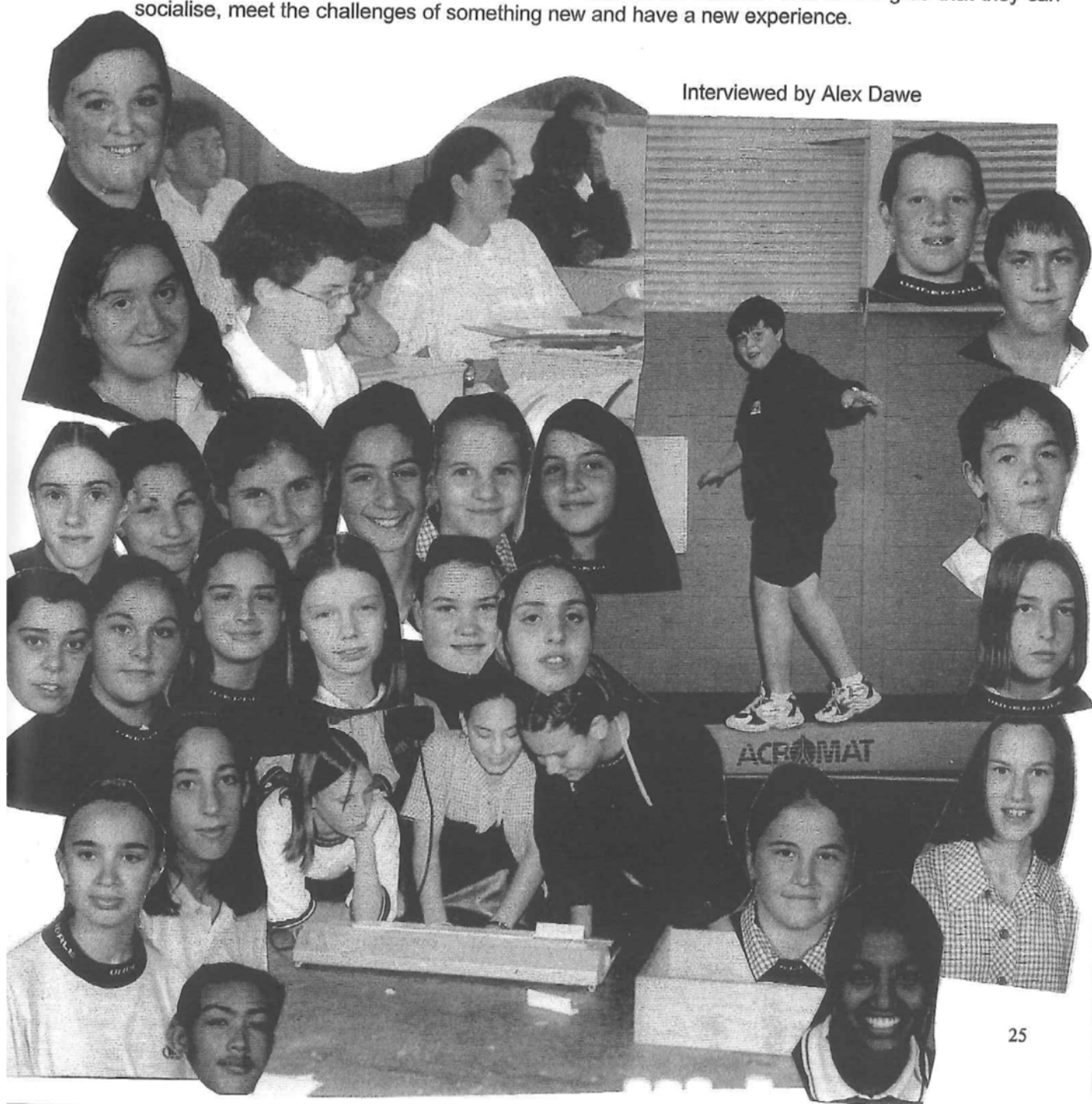


4. What are some of the transition programs that exist in this school to help Year 8 students settle into High School?

We have a number of programs as I said. We hold a Parent/Teacher Night to make sure parents know what is happening in the school. We go around to the primary schools and have really good talks with the primary school teachers and find out all about our students. We send students to primary schools so they meet secondary students. Sometimes I take Year 8s to speak to the Year 7, 6 and 5 students. Ms Rycroft takes the school band to primary schools to perform. Sometimes people like Mr Bullard invite primary school students to come in and do science lessons in our labs. We have an Orientation Day for year 7s in December where we invite all of the new students to come in and spend half a day at school. You'll remember that! We had a barbecue. You had your ID photograph taken. You met your Home Group teacher and you had some lessons just to get a feel of how the school operates.

Then at the beginning of the year, we have Peer Support, where the Year 11 student work with small groups of Year 8s getting to know them, familiarizing them with how the school operates, playing get to know you activities. After that we take all the students rock climbing so that they can socialise, meet the challenges of something new and have a new experience.

Interviewed by Alex Dawe



Year 8 SURVEY

Most Likely To Succeed:

Male: Alan Johnson

Female: Krystal Risely



Best Sportsperson:

Male: Matt Sporn

Female: Naomi Edwards



Most Popular

Male: Brad Chiswell

Female: Ivana Aligrudic



Quietest Person:

Male: Adrian Cotterell

Female: Carlin Garrott



Best Personality:

Male: Alan Johnson

Female: Ivana Aligrudic



Loudest Person:

Male: Matt Sporn

Female: Alex Apostolakis



Funniest Person

Male: Joe White

Female: Nicole Durham



Favorite Teacher:

Male: Mr Bullard

Female: Ms Castine



Best Looking

Male: Matt Sporn

Female: Ivana Aligrudic



Biggest Flirt:

Male: Luke Pannell

Female: Naomi Edwards



YEAR 8 INTERVIEWS

How do you feel about winning this award?

KRYSTAL: Fine, I enjoy it a lot.

NAOMI: Good! I feel happy and proud.

ALAN: Pretty good. I enjoy it.

How's High School been so far for you this year?

KRYSTAL: It's been fun.

NAOMI: It's been good because there's fun things to do, and I like changing lessons.

ALAN: Not very hard, it's been all right.

How is High School different from Primary School, and where would you rather be?

KRYSTAL: I would rather be at High School because it's different, and there are more subjects.

NAOMI: I would rather be at High School because at Primary School you have all the little receptionists and at High School there's no one to annoy you.

ALAN: It's better than Primary school, because you have different teachers for every lesson.

What do you hope to do when you finish High School?

KRYSTAL: I'd like to be a student counsellor.

NAOMI: I want to go to University and become a teacher.

ALAN: I want to be an architect.

What are some of your interests?

KRYSTAL: I like music, going to the movies, and my favorite subject is technology.

NAOMI: I like Sport and my favorite subject is Maths.

ALAN: Art, music, computers and I play Basketball.



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 Teachers: MR. G. HASTWELL & MR. A. BAIN (Year Co-ordinator)
 Year: 2GH36



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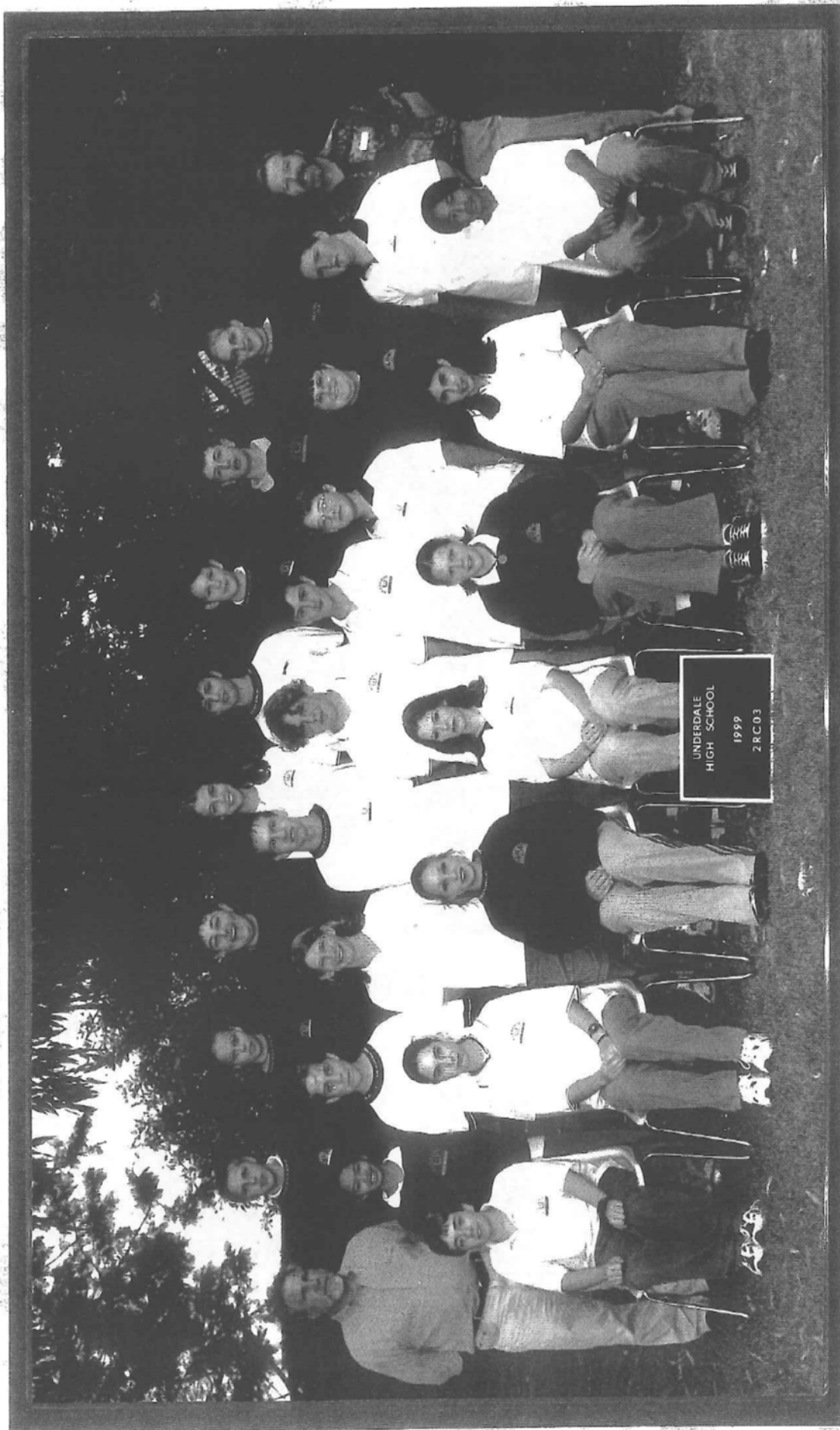
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Row 1: LEONIDAS HALKIOPOULOS, REBECCA ZOUMIS, ALEX CAPALDO, JANA PARISH, TARA MILDENHALL, DIONISIA LOTOSOS, JUP DAVIS.

Absent: DAVID MADSEN.

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Teachers: MR. R. CHESTERFIELD & MR. A. BAIN

Year: 2RC03



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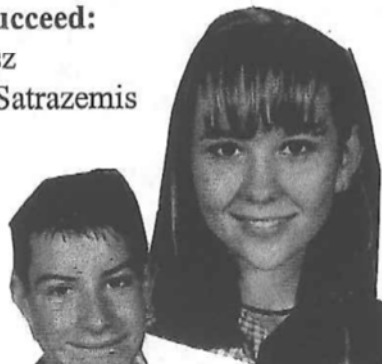


YEAR 9 SURVEY

Most likely to succeed:

Male: Luke Brosz

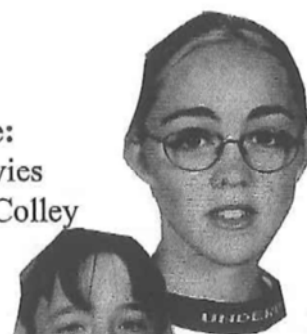
Female: Joanna Satrazemis



Most Hyperactive:

Male: Andrew Davies

Female: Shannon Colley



Most popular

Male: Ben Vivien

Female: Milijana Stojadinovic



Loudest person:

Male: Emmanuel Scali

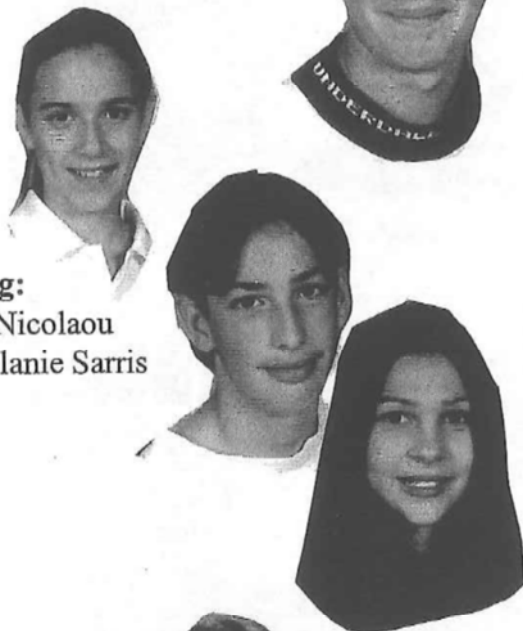
Female: Alex Calpaldo



Best looking:

Male: Paul Nicolaou

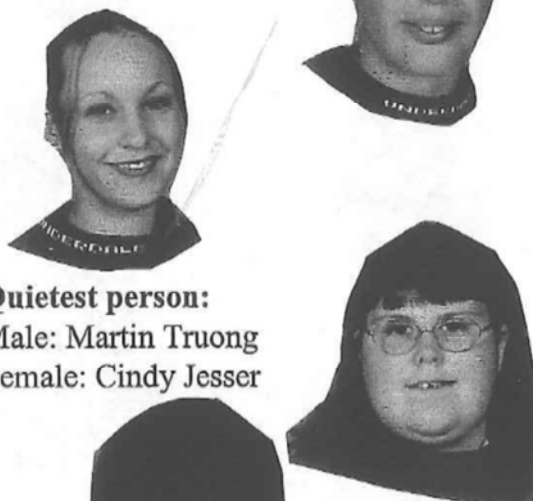
Female: Melanie Sarris



Quietest person:

Male: Martin Truong

Female: Cindy Jesser



Best Personality:

Male: Luke Rogers

Female: Carly Lowe



Biggest Flirt:

Male: Mark Reid

Female: Jana Parish



Funniest Person:

Male: Chris Braham

Female: Lisa Pellegrino



Favorite Teacher:

Male: Mr Burger

Female: Mrs Rycroft

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Row 2: MILANA CREVAR, RYAN LATUS, SARAH LA SCALA, MAYA HUNTER, CHRIS BRAHAM, GOYTOM YABIO.

Row 1: DANIEL BRODERICK, JARRAD DAEBELER, SANDY TRINH, SPOMENKA VITOR, KRISTINA GORGULA, MATT HOBBA, TODD PANNELL.

Absent: ALISTAIR ROYAL-GRAY.

Principal: MR. A. SEXTON

Teachers: MS. K. MOUVERI, MS. A. AXARLIS & MR. A. BAIN

Year: 2KA29



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 Teacher: MRS. G. GORDON
 Year: 3GG15



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 Principal: MR. A. SEXTON

Teachers: MS. H. MOSKWA & MR. J. PROVIS
 Year: 3HM14



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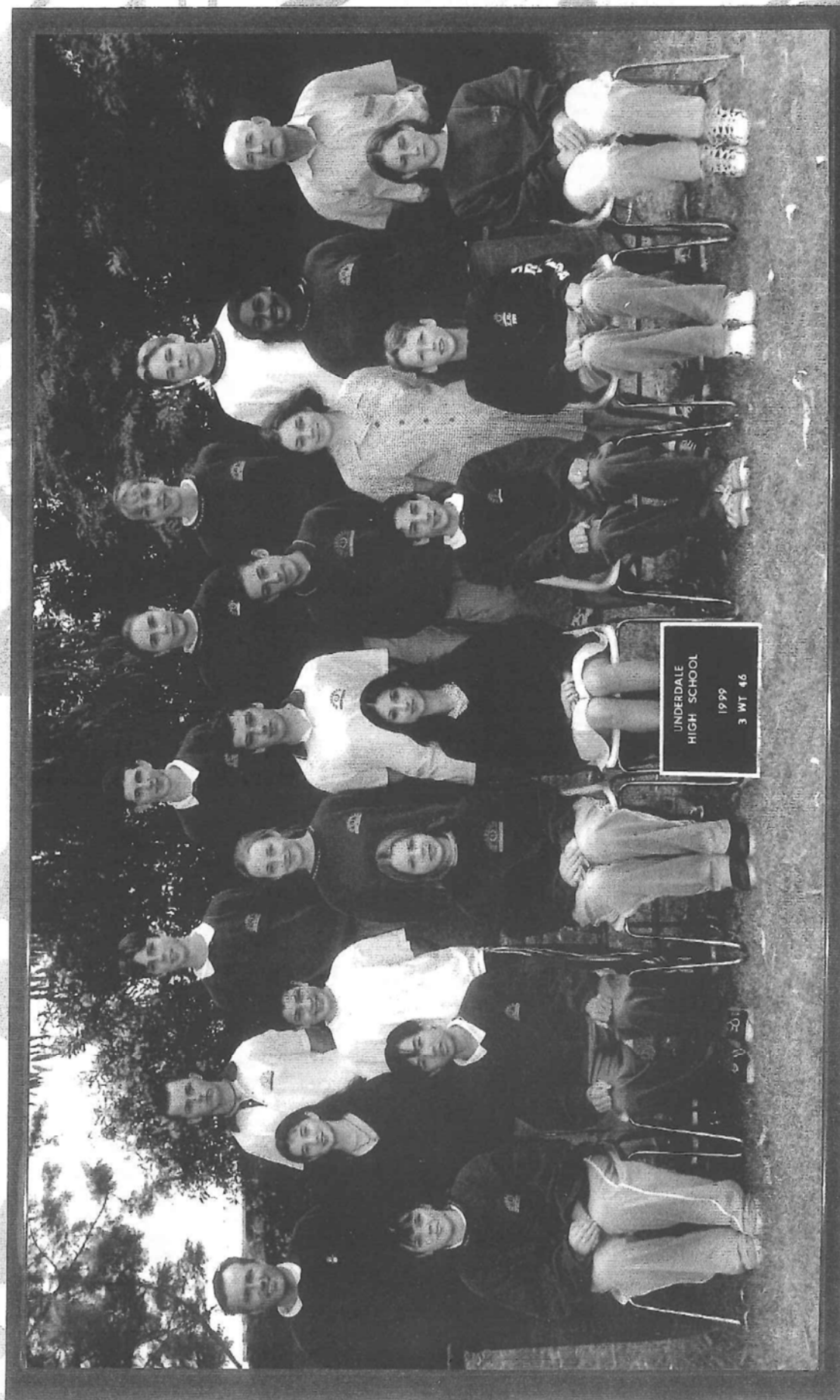
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Principal: MR. A. SEXTON



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 Principal: MR. A. SEXTON
 Teachers: MR. W. THOMAS & MR. J. PROVVIS
 Year: 3WT46



Year 10 SURVEY

Most Likely To Succeed:

Male: Reuben Harwood
Female: Heidi Rosato



Teacher's Pet:

Male: Jake Darcy
Female: Carla Opie



Funniest Person:

Male: Hayden Russell Anthony O'Neil
Female: Kara Muscat



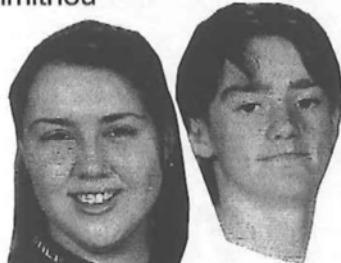
Quietest Person:

Male: Monty Jackson
Female: Angela Tolari



Best Personality:

Male: Sean Robertson Anthony O'Neill
Female: Connie Hagidimitriou



Loudest Person:

Male: Sean Robertson
Female: Kameelah Zaman



Most Popular:

Male: Sean Robertson
Female: Connie Hagidimitriou



Most Memorable Hairstyle:

Male: Luca Falcone
Female: Elena Savvas



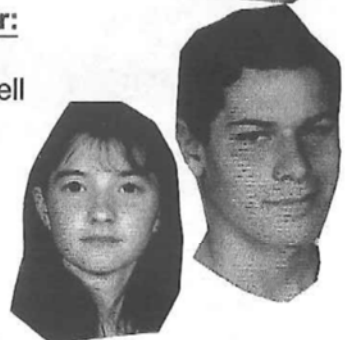
Best Looking:

Male: Sean Robertson
Female: Lauren Dajka



Favorite Teacher:

Male: Mr Provis
Female: Ms Morrell



Most Hyperactive:

Male: Alex Dawe
Female: Tracy Reed



Biggest Flirt:

Male: Sandro Franco
Female: Lisa Arthur



***Who wrote this – Sean Robertson or Connie Hagidimitriou???????

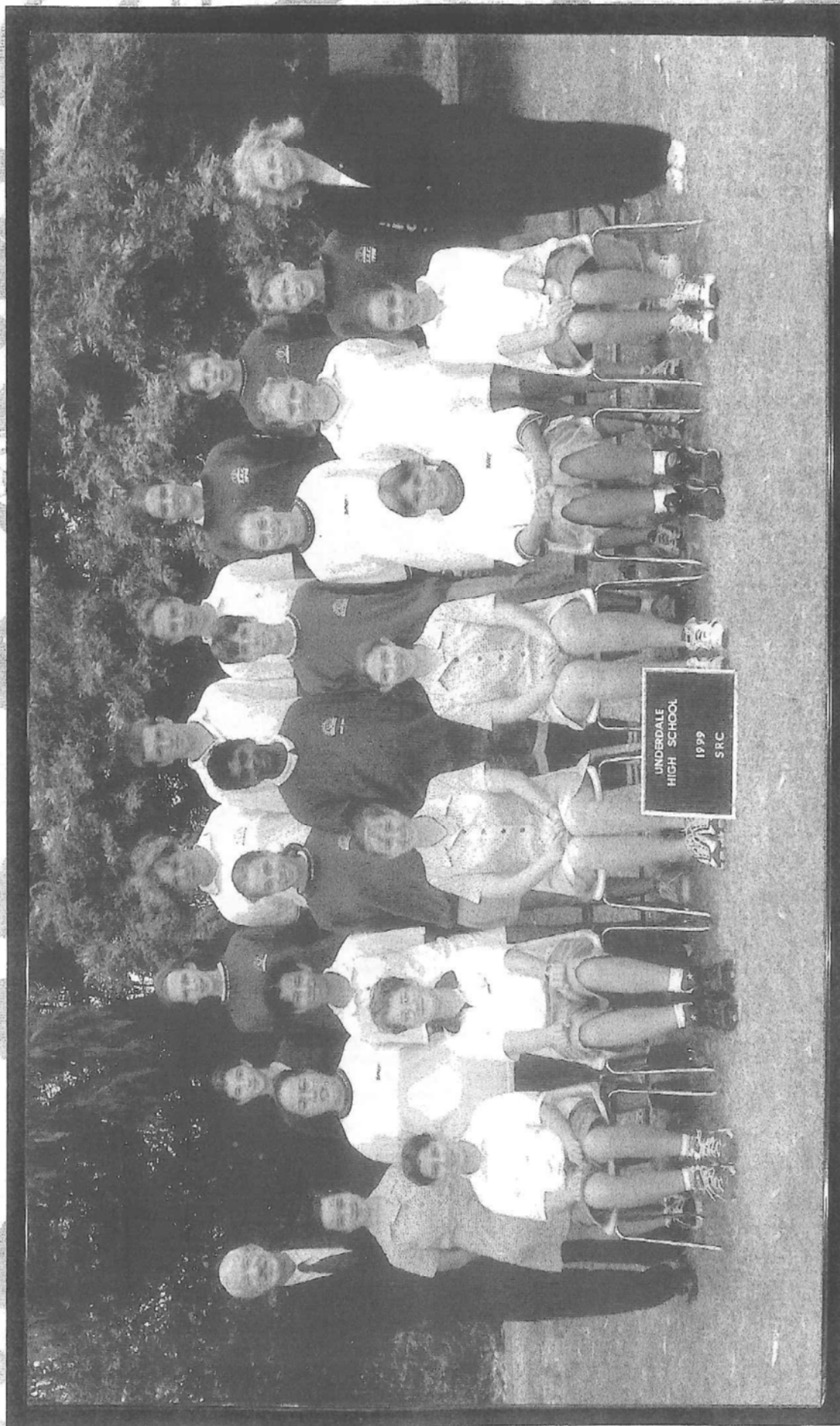
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Row 2: ELISHIA MASON, HAYDEN RUSSELL, BEN JAMES, CHRIS BALE, MONTY JACKSON, PETAR CETOJEVIC, VEHAB AMINI, CLINTON DURHAM, CARLA OPIE.
 Row 1: KIM LE, SAMANTHA RICHARDSON, BRENDAN GARRETT, FATMIR MEHMED, ROBERT VAN GORP, JOTI WEYERS-COGLAN, ELENA SAVVAS, SONJA BLAZEVIC.
 Absent: KATERINA MAOUTSIDIS, LISA ARTHUR, LAUREN DAJKA, MATTHEW NEWCHURCH, DARREN SUMNER.
 Principal: MR. A. SEXTON
 Teachers: MR. J. PROVIS & MS. V. CASTINE
 Year: 3VC42



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Absent: NICK ZOUMIS, CHANTELE CARROLL, THEO CHRISTOPOULOS, JESSICA SCUTELLA.

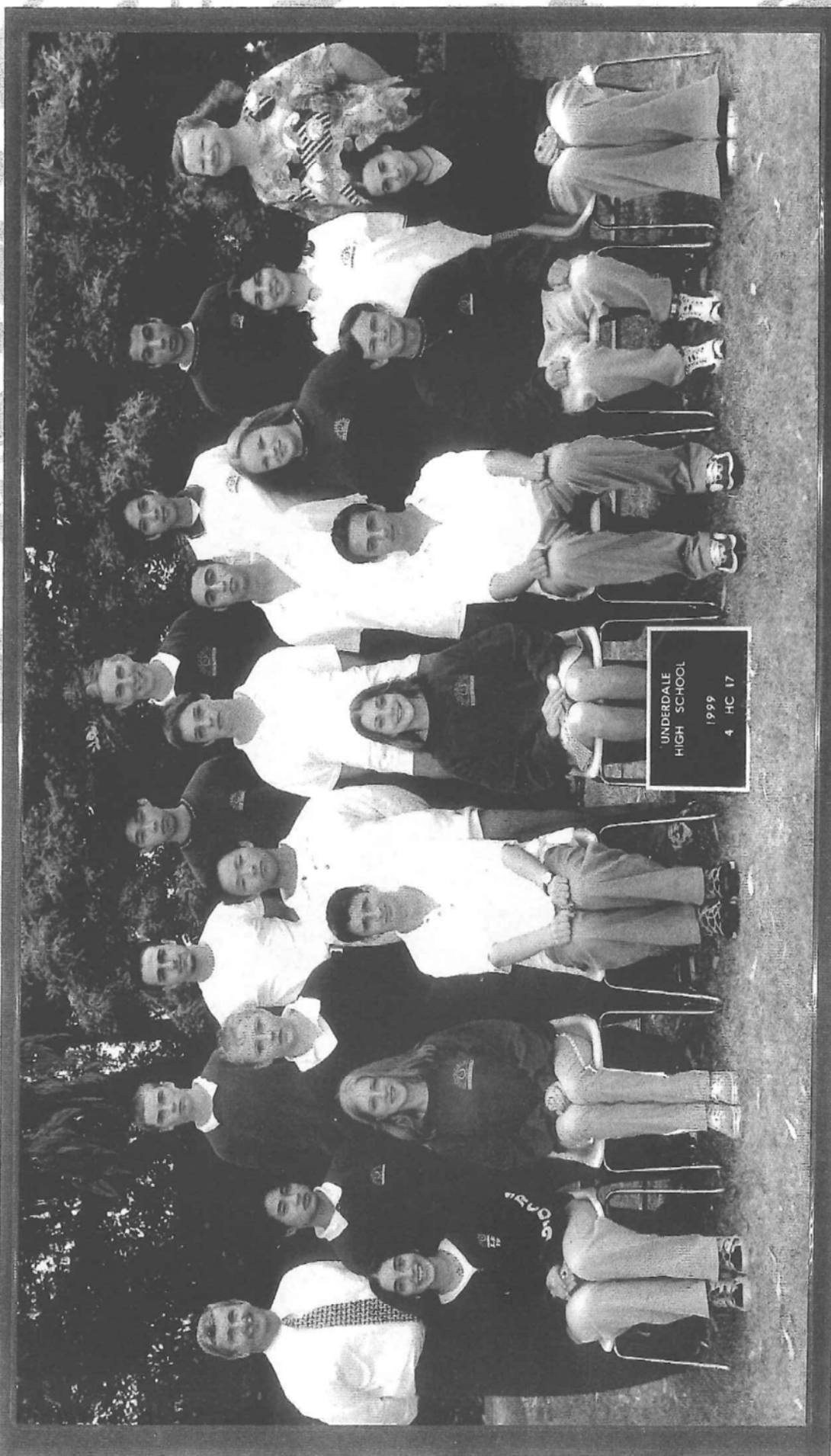
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Teacher: MR. D. PAPPAGEORGIOU



Year: 4DP25

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Row 1: KATHERINE MANDALIOS, MARY ANGELOPOULOS, KON MARKOS, TALIA ALLESSIO, IVAN ZIBAR, NATHAN MCQUILLAN, MARIA MICHALATOS.

Absent: DEAN WOITE, ROSE NAGHSHI.

Principal: MR. A. SEXTON

Teacher: MRS. H. CASTLE

Year: 4HC17



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Row 1: BROOKE STANTON, TONNY TUTTLE, BETTY KONTOPOULOS, JANICE VIRANT-CROWDER, SHASTA SEIDEL, RA CHUM, SYLVIA CARBONE.

Absent: MICHAEL SPAGNOLO, ELE CAREY, NICK CHRISTOPOULOS, SILVIJA GODIC, MARIUSZ JAKOBCZAK, DEAN SLADE.

Principal: MR. A. SEXTON

Teacher: MR. A. FLYNN & MRS. T. MORRELL

Year: 4TM70



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Row 2: TRACY EDWARDS, NATHAN DAVIS, SRENG TANG, LYNDON PANCHO, VINCENZO DEBLASIO, KANNARA LACH, CARY PLESSNIG, MICHAEL IVEY.

Row 1: SIV HAR LY, SIV YEANG LY, ALEX PESCH, SARAH WALKER, KERSTIN SCHUSTER, MARITSA STEVENS, CROL FAIELLO.

Absent: SAMATH CHHUON, JAY RICHARDS.

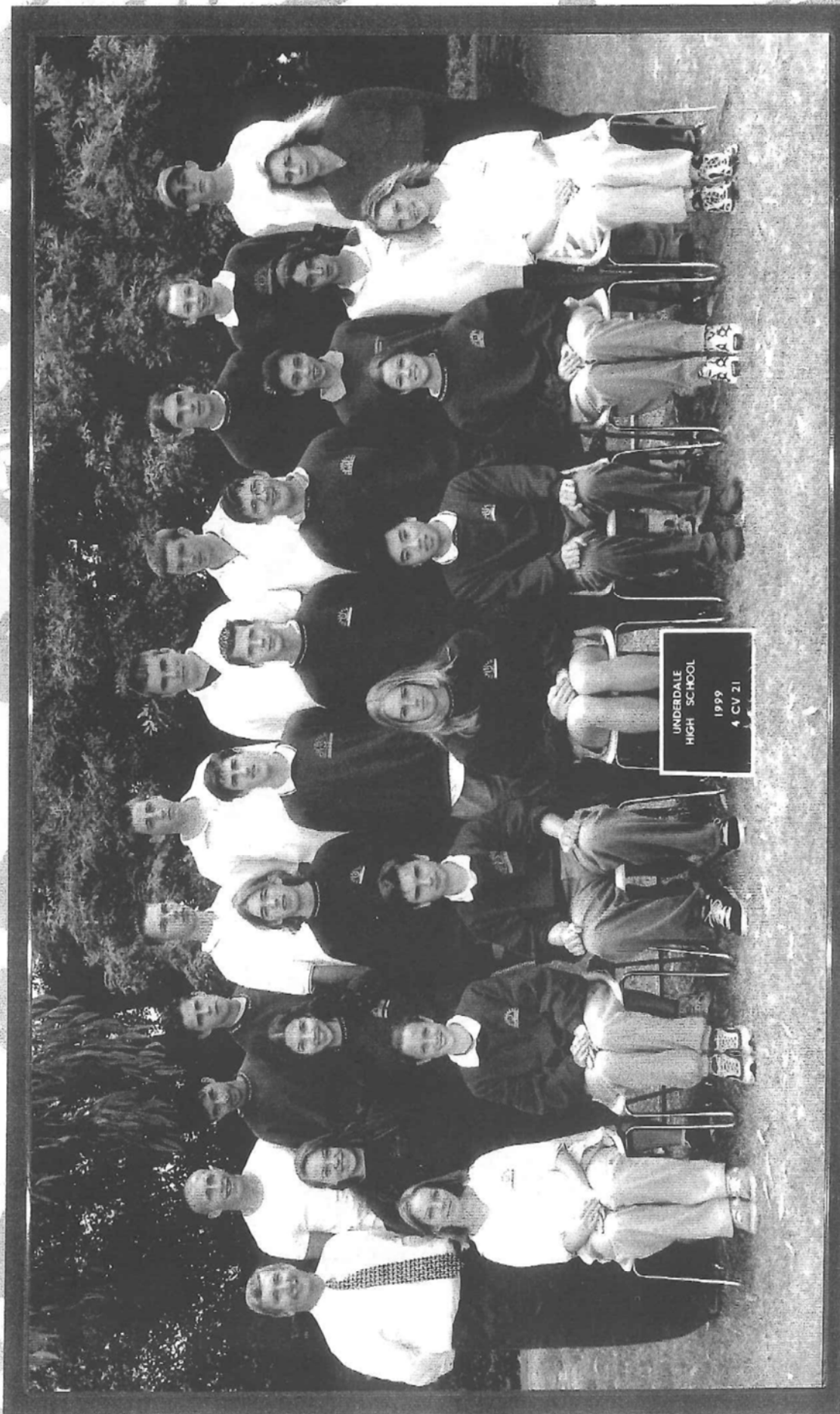
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Teacher: MRS. N. ESPOSITO

Year: 4NE44



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Row 2: KAREN PORELLI, INDRA JOHNSON, JOEL HOWIE, ROBERT WARD, STEFAN LEYPOLDT, MIRALEM IBRANOVIC, ALIS SHENOUDA, LAURA CALTABIANO.

Row 1: VICTORIA BOWES, LAUREN MILDENHALL, PETER MLOTKOWSKI, KARA HANCOCK, THINH LE, CASSIE WILSON, ANNA BOWES.

Principal: MR. A. SEXTON

Teacher: MR. A. FLYNN (Co-ordinator) & MS. M. DELIS

Year: 4CV21



YEAR 11 CHAMPS

A real friend is one who walks in when the rest
of the world walks out.

Walter Winchell, 1879-1972
American journalist





All the things we achieve are things we have
first of all imagined and then made happen.

David Malouf, b. 1934
Australian writer