



HOUSE SPIRIT

In 2017 the role of the School Houses, Beauaraba, Condamine and Yandilla, has been expanded as Care Groups are replaced by Home or House Groupings which are comprised of students of the same House. The idea is to build greater bonds between students of different year levels using their House as a unifying tool. So now instead of 10a for example we have Y7. Our Houses have always been an important part of the school fabric.

In 1962, before the formation of the High School on its current site, there is no mention of Condamine with Yandilla and Beauaraba contesting the swimming carnival in the new town pool built in 1961. In 1964 though the three Houses came together in the first year of interhouse competition. Beauaraba swept all before them commenting in the yearbook that it was due to their 'superior athletic ability' whereas the Condamine House leaders promised to 'wear our defeat with a smile'. Interhouse competitions were not only carried out on the sporting field but also in the classroom with an academic element to House contests.

An interesting addition to the competition in 1965 was the Street Stall competition which also acted as a fundraiser for the schools. House parents and staff were congratulated on their contributions especially of lamingtons and the 'bob-a-job'. In 1966 Yandilla – the 'whites' then not 'yellow' – raised \$49.

In the first year of Pittsworth State High School, Condamine took both shields largely, it would seem, thanks to the contributions of Jim and Christine Henschell, Robyn Eising and Jill Baker. Robyn Eising was the Open Champion in Athletics and Swimming in 1967.

In 2017 our Prefects have taken the role of the House Captains and instead of Cultural, Sporting or Student Forum Prefects, these six positions are now filled by Prefects of Beauaraba, Condamine or Yandilla and a host of events will be contested by Houses not just those requiring some sporting prowess. Will Condamine repeat their success of 1967 in our Jubilee year? The Swimming Carnival will be held on the 6th March.