



THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

In 2002 Kellie Holmes and Robyn Silcock were selected for the State Honours Band and Robyn was leader of her ensemble whilst Kellie performed a solo. The Concert Band were again successful in their endeavours with second place at the Australian Festival of Music. Furthermore they were the only country school to make it to the finals and they were the smallest school as well!

The Music Captain's Report was an initiative of the 2003 Magazine Committee. Robyn Silcock was Captain that year and both she and Kellie Holmes made the MOST camp. On this occasion Kellie performed a saxophone solo and was recognised as one of the prominent saxophonists in the state! Former student, Toni Warfield, was at the helm of many music programs and both she and Stella Rotar passed their wisdom onto our budding musicians. World class jazz saxophonist, Richie Cole, and his gifted accompanist, guitarist Phil Wright, worked with the Stage Band in 2004 and Clare Silcock was selected to play with the State Honours Band. The Rossvale Music Centre received a 'facelift' with paint donated by the Warfield family and a Whirley Bird for the roof donated by JB Faux Electrical. The Van Bekkum Family also made a donation of a piano!

In 2005 the School Music Program was transplanted to Canberra. For seven glorious days in September, after massive amounts of fundraising, 33 students travelled to Canberra and performed at the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and the National Capital Exhibition. The school music camp even featured in the Canberra Times.

Five students made the State Honours Band in 2006- Brendan Mansbridge, Cody Gordon, Erana Kofe, Keely McDicken and, Music Captain, Jillanta Clapham. Cousins, Cassandra McIntyre and Toni Warfield, were heavily involved in the PSHS Music programs in 2007. The annual school recital showcased a number of talented soloists and the guest performer was Jeff Poole – a talented trumpet player.

In 2011 an elite Jazz Combo was formed with Music Teacher, Miss Wilson, in charge. This group replaced the Stage Band. In the same year a recording studio was built in Rossvale allowing students to create and record their own compositions in peace and with privacy. Rock bands and C-Gen (Creative Generation) became a feature of the Musical landscape and Miss McInnes came on board as a Music Teacher. Some of the 'rockers' were Codie Talbot, Natalie Gruhl, Adoniqua Cheetham, Sam Wheeldon, Thomas Patterson, Clayton Davies, Lachie Wheeldon and Hayley Moore. Students also travelled to Brisbane to see 'Wicked' and in 2013 another group saw 'Legally Blonde: The Musical'.

A highlight of 2013 was a chance to work with acclaimed musician, Katie Noonan. Junior and Senior students participated in a Video Conference and afterwards some of the students performed a personal cover of Gotye's song 'Hearts a Mess'. Adoniqua Cheetham hosted a number of musical events in 2014: an Open Mic lunch, a tour of local primary schools with the Stage and Rock Bands and an Arts Showcase. The Arts Evening continued in 2015 under the guidance of Music Captain, Erin Birch, and Erin was heavily involved in the C-Gen performance. PSHS students were dancing, singing and working back stage in the monumental annual show.

In 2017, students are involved in C-Gen under the guidance of school parent, Carole McEwan; a Jubilee Concert is being planned for the 8th September and our band plays the National Anthem every Monday.