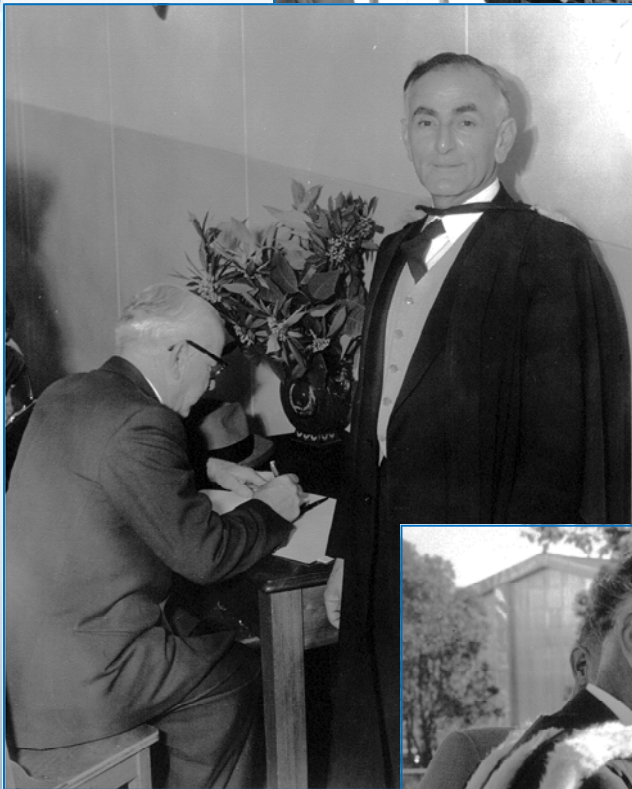




# East Hills Boys High School

Opening of the Assembly Hall



The Opening of the School Hall  
on Thursday, 6th August 1959.  
By the Minister of Education  
the Hon. R. J. Heffron





# 60th Anniversary 1955-2015

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Guests of Honour: R.J. Heffron, Minister of Education, Mr Kelly, M.L.A. for East Hills, Alderman C.H. Little, Mayor of Bankstown, and his wife, and the headmistress of our sister school, Mrs Shuttleworth.

Mr M. Cannon, Principal and Master Allan Gordon School Captain and Master of Ceremonies.







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The R. J. Heffron Hall

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THIS HALL WAS OFFICIALLY

OPENED BY

THE HON. R. J. HEFFRON,  
M.L.A.

Deputy Premier and Minister for  
Education

6<sup>th</sup> August, 1959

R. J. KELLY, M.L.A.

Member for East Hills

Harold S. Wyndham, M.A., Ed.D.,  
Dip.Ed.





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The official opening of the Assembly Hall took place on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1959. The School Captain, Allan Gordon, was Master of Ceremonies.

After the Headmaster and guests of honour—the Minister for Education, the Hon. R. J. Heffron; Mr. Kelly, M.L.A. for East Hills; the Mayor of Bankstown, Alderman C. H. Little, and his wife; and the Headmistress of our sister school, Mrs. Shuttleworth had taken their seats on stage, the ceremony was opened with the singing of the school song.

The Headmaster, Mr. Cannon, extended a welcome to the guests of honour and to parents and friends. Mr. Cannon proudly announced that the occasion was a happy one, an occasion which the school had awaited for five years. Except for the library, the most important part of a school was its assembly hall. Mr. Cannon thanked the Minister, the Department of Education, the P. and C. Association and all those who had worked to obtain an assembly hall for East Hills Boys' High. The school sang the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

Mr. Kelly, M.L.A., introduced the Minister to the audience and emphasised the great honour it was to have Mr. Heffron to open the hall. He asked the Minister to allow the hall to be named after him, "R. J. Heffron Hall," as a tribute to him as Minister of Education.

Mr. Heffron, in his speech, said how happy he was to be with us. He regarded it as a great honour to have the hall named after him as he was greatly impressed by the building. He pointed out that in the past ten years 340 million pounds had been spent on education, and the Department spends more than a million pounds each week.

There are over 21,000 teachers, 7 Teachers' Colleges and 4,500 teachers in training. He mentioned further the high standard of education in our school, which will stand comparison with any other school in N.S.W. or Australia. The school is good, teachers are highly trained and the headmaster and staff are capable. Money spent on education is a good investment.

He went on to say that Australia must build up its population and is glad to receive and provide opportunities for migrants. The country is crying out for population, for highly trained artisans, and for higher and higher education to obtain the leadership that is necessary to live in peace with other nations in other parts of the globe. Mr. Heffron urged parents to allow pupils to stay at school as long as possible and to get the highest education obtainable. He thanked everyone for the job being done at East Hills, and concluded with the words: "It is my great pleasure to declare this hall open. Thank you to all." Then, by removing a flag, he unveiled a brass plate bearing the following inscription:



# East Hills Boys High School

Patrons: Mr. R. J. Kelly, M.L.A. and ALD. G. A. Johnstone.

President: Mr C. Owens.

Senior Vice-President: Mrs. I. Gouttman.

Vice-President: Messrs. J. Barnett. G. Adams. L. Gouttman. J. Kencis.

Secretary: Mrs. F. H. Colton.

Treasurer: Mr. J. Crispo.

The last year has been a period of successful activity by the P. & C.

More than £500 has been raised and applied to school amenities.

There have been many, many ventures-a film night, guessing

Competition, dances, gardening bees, Father and Son evenings, a rag

drive-but the most satisfying feature of all has been the steadily growing attendances at our monthly meetings. The highlight of the year's efforts was the very successful Fete. It was a colourful affair, and we are looking forward to an even better display next year.

With the assistance of the Department of Education, plus work by P.&C. members, the school's concrete cricket pitches were completed recently and officially commissioned on Open Day by the Director of Physical Education. The next task for the association is provision of basketball and tennis courts, a costly proposition for which we will need all the help we can get.

A picnic supper dance which was held a few weeks ago at Bardwell Park provided a great deal of fun for friends of the school, and the Social Committee has quickly prepared for a second dance to be held soon in the same hall.

Members of the P & C. have added books to the school library, installed the telephone system, venetian blinds. Future plans include improvement of the school grounds. The Ladies' Auxiliary has been doing important work in connection with the most of the activities already mentioned.

East Hills Boys' High School P.&C. Association looks forward to its coming responsibilities, which include a continuation of the struggle to secure from the Department of Education a gymnasium-assembly hall and a septic system. To those members who have recently joined us we say sincerely "thank you", and offer a warm welcome to other helping hands.

Mrs. F. H. COLTON, Secretary.

Parents & Citizens 1957



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Parents & Citizens 2015

This year has been a very productive and successful year for the P&C.

There have been many different activities organised by the P&C this year, including a very successful Bunnings BBQ, Entertainment Books and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pavers. Plans are already underway for a Trivia night next year. Along with donations from our community and fundraising efforts, the P&C have raised almost \$4000.

As a P&C we continue to support our school, the community that is East Hills Boys High School. We pride ourselves on striving to make the school a happy and healthy learning environment for our boys and staff. We work closely with the school and this year has been no exception.

Our P&C meetings continue to be well attended. This year we began an extra daytime P&C meeting alongside our regular night meetings to accommodate our school community's needs.

Our fundraising efforts this year have contributed to the purchase of data projectors essential for 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching, new staging for the hall to enhance our students' performances and school marquees that can be taken to promote our school name at events and most importantly protect our boys from the weather.

As a P&C we earnestly look forward to next year working together and alongside the staff to continue supporting our boys in their learning.

**Ms Lynn DeWildt**

**Secretary EHBHS P&C Association.**

President: Ms Kim Pearson

Secretary: Ms Lynn DeWildt

Treasurer: Mrs Simone Hennessy