



NEW TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Traditions stay strong

RYAN ROSENDALE

NEW Town High School celebrated 60 years at its Midwood St site on November 9.

Highlights included a 60th anniversary film and the cutting of a birthday cake by fourth-generation students Cameron Trousselot and Keehan Webb.

An exhibition depicting much of the schools' history was on display in the main foyer and students' knowledge of it was put to the test in a school-wide home group quiz.

The anniversary film made by Grade 10 students Will Cole and Ryan Rosendale showcased the history and generational strength of the school and featured interviews with long-serving staff members and Old Boys who are now staff members.

The film can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=EET00ixLF5M

"The standard of the school has always stayed the same," teacher Mark Dew said.

"We've always had a high expectation of the boys. We've kept that standard when a lot of other schools have let it slip," he said.

NTHS opened in 1919 as the Hobart Junior Technical College in Bathurst St, Hobart, with 50 students.

In 1951 the school moved to the Midwood St site and in 1962 it adopted the name New Town High School.

In the early 1970s enrolments reached an all-time high of 1220 students.

Then, in 1989 with the enrolment at just 300 students, New Town High faced its darkest days.

No one saw it coming, remembers Old Boy and teacher, Paul Clifford. "The very night the premier announced they were considering the school for closure, an Old Boys reunion was being held and everyone got really upset, but then they got organised and motivated," Mr Clifford said.

"It was a shock, but it made the school look at itself and ask why should we be left open? Instead of

apologising for not teaching girls, we asked ourselves... what's good about boys' education?"

NTHS has seen many changes over its 60 years.

Mr Clifford recalls a school not quite as modernised as it is today. "As a student here, we didn't have cooking, computers or drama, and we didn't have the gymnasium. All those things have been brilliant changes," he said.

In the last 10 years, along with the gymnasium and drama suite being built, the English, languages and science departments have been refurbished as have the art and music areas.

Today New Town High has an enrolment of 800 and is still working hard to fulfil its motto: "We build for the future".

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ANNIVERSARY: Fourth-generation students Keehan Webb, 13, and Cameron Trousselot, 16, were asked to cut New Town High School's 60th birthday cake.

School talk

What was your highlight of the recent trip to France?



The night visit to the Eiffel Tower.
Patrick Schwaiger, 16.



The artist market at Montmartre.
Hayley Noonan, 27.



Disneyland and the Eiffel Tower.
Cameron Weston, 15.



The Loire Valley, it's a pretty part of the country.
Daniel Herbert, 16.



Sacre Coeur, but it was all pretty cool.
Daniel Chapman, 16.



Patrick Schwaiger getting chased by some female con artists.
Trent-James Robinson, 15.



Going up the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe and walking along the Champs Elysees.
Shaun Newbold, 39.

Big night showcased high school talent

FERGUS SCOTT

ABOUT 400 people attended the annual New Town High School related arts night on October 13.

The event showcased the school's best artists, actors, musicians, writers, chefs and craftsmen.

It featured contributions from 680 students and was organised by the arts curriculum leader, Mr Andrew Sweeney.

Grade 10 drama started the night with a lot of

laughs and the musical performances were outstanding, but these were not the only things on show.

Short film screenings were held, possibly revealing the next Spielberg.

The school's best woodwork and metal projects were on display as was poetry by the writers' workshop class.

Art pieces were exhibited and judged by the guests.

Foods teacher Mrs Karen Weitnauer and student

chefs provided finger food for all guests in attendance.

The night ended with Grade 10 rock bands entertaining an appreciative audience in the library.

Mr Sweeney said the evening was a success because "It's the students' work on display and it really showcases the school's arts program."

"It was really well organised, the parents loved it and the food was sensational!" Grade 9 student Samuel Lewis said.



GUITARIST: New Town High School student Matthew Kim prepares to perform at the related arts night.

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