

FROM CENTRAL TO HUNTER EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

As Amended 3rd March, 2015.

1. The name shall be **From Central to Hunter Ex-Students' Association** (hereinafter called 'the Association').
2. Aims:
 - a) to perpetuate the vision of the Committee for the Publication of **From Central to Hunter: The Story of a School 1923-1975**.
 - b) to reflect the traditions of the former schools represented by the Association by encouraging and promoting academic attainment with the student body of Newcastle High School and Hunter School of the Performing Arts.
 - c) To facilitate reunions of former students and teachers.
 - d) To acquire and maintain an archive of memorabilia associated with schools represented by the Association.

3. The assets of the Association shall be used:

a:i) to administer and award annual prizes for academic attainment by one female and one male student in each of years 7 to 12 at Newcastle High School subject to such selection by the School. Where the School advises that it cannot advance the name of a male and female student in each of years 7 to 12 for such an award, the Association will be guided by the recommendation of the School in the awarding of the prize.

a:ii) to accept responsibility for the continuation of the award of the Dora Woollett-Ewers Prize for Vice Captains.

b) to administer and award prizes to students of Hunter School of the Performing Arts.

These shall be:

One prize to be known as the Boyd Campbell Roberts Memorial Prize to be awarded to a music student in Year 12 **AND**

One prize to be known as the From Central to Hunter Ex-Students' Association Prize for Performance to be awarded to a student chosen by the School **AND**

One prize to be known as the From Central to Hunter Ex-Students' Association Prize for Theatre Technical Services to be awarded to a student chosen by the School.

The Association accepts the discretion of Hunter School of the Performing Arts in decisions regarding the awarding of these prizes.

c) to hold and facilitate the holding of dinners, reunions and like events for former students and teachers.

d) for the maintenance of memorabilia.

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4. The Association may be dissolved by a resolution carried at a General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting provided due notice has been given. At dissolution, any financial assets remaining shall be divided equally between Newcastle High School and Hunter School of the Performing Arts on the understanding that the money is to be invested and the proceeds used for the continuation of the awarding of the Association prizes as outlined in 3.(a:ii) and 3.(b) above. Any remaining physical assets are to remain the property of Newcastle High School.

5. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the first quarter of each year on a date determined by a majority of the Committee. Prior notice of at least seven days will be given by advertising in the local media.

6. No alterations may be made to this Constitution except by vote of a majority (deemed to be 75%) present at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

7. Honorary Office Bearers and Sub-Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by an ordinary majority and comprise the Committee.

The Honorary Office Bearers shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary
- d) Assistant Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Assistant Treasurer
- g) Publicity Officer
- h) Website Officer
- i) School Liaison Officer (x2)

The Sub-Committees shall be:

- a) Membership (x4)
- b) Functions (x4)
- c) Historical (x4)
- d) Books (x2)

8. Committee meetings shall be held approximately every two months.

9. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum at Committee Meetings.

10. Membership of the Association shall be open to all ex-students and ex-staff of Newcastle Central School, Newcastle Domestic Science School, Newcastle Home Science High School and Hunter Girls' High School.

11. Annual membership subscription shall be \$5, or some other amount determined by the Committee. Life membership shall be \$50.

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12. A Register of members of the Association shall be compiled and held by the Membership Committee.

13. All monies received by the Association shall be banked at Newcastle Permanent Building Society in the name of From Central to Hunter Ex-Student' Association Inc. Cheques drawn for payment shall be signed by any two of three duly authorised Committee members.

14. The assets and income of the Association shall be applied exclusively to the promotion of its aims and objectives and no portion shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except as bona fide remuneration for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

15. The financial affairs of the Association shall be independently examined annually.