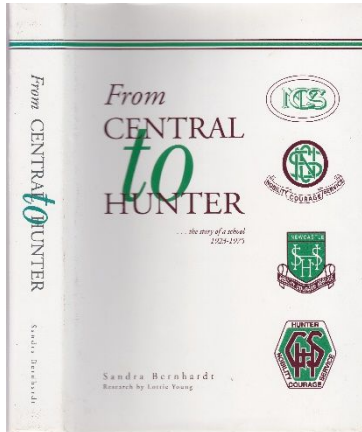


“From Central to Hunter...The story of a school 1923-1975”

by Sandra Bernhardt and Lottie Young



This book was produced by two very dedicated women, Sandra Bernhardt and Charlotte (Lottie) Young, both of whom spent many of their teaching years at the school.

The school had four name changes as it developed:

- Newcastle Central School
- Newcastle Central Domestic Science School
- Newcastle Home Science High School
- Hunter Girls' High School

Central Girls' Department started off quietly in 1923 as a place where girls could learn the skills necessary to become good wives and mothers. From that unassuming beginning the school grew to become a pre-eminent selective girls high school. Its sense of community, commitment to learning and dedication to its girls was constant; as society changed so the school changed, but these basic principles remained.

"From Central to Hunter" tells the story of its teachers, students, parents and friends. Drawn from school magazines, minutes, memories, the NSW State Archives, newspapers and photographs, the story reveals a school that had a sense of humour and yet took itself seriously, that responded to its great women leaders, took pride in its considerable achievements and loved and valued its eccentrics. Above all, whatever its name at the time, the school was a community of scholars who might not have needed a resurgent feminist movement to assure itself of its strength and worth but were happy to provide a good example.

"From Central to Hunter" is for those who, as part of its story, can celebrate the school and be pleased that they were there at the time and for those who enjoy meeting people and tracking social and educational change.

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