



TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, KEW

HISTORY

On 14 November, 1902 six men met in order to discuss the need for the establishing of a Preparatory Grammar School in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Kew. The Vestry of Holy Trinity approved the decisions made and the resolutions proposed at the meeting and, at the beginning of 1903, Trinity Grammar School came into existence as a Preparatory School for boys between seven and thirteen years. The location was, initially, in the Parish Hall and the School's first Headmaster was the Rev Edward Taffs.

Headmaster	From	To
Rev Edward Taffs	1903	1903
Rev G M Long	1904	1911
Rev A W Tonge	1911	1917
Mr Frank Shann	1917	1943
Mr Alfred Bright	1943	1959
Mr John Leppitt	1959	1978
Mr Don Marles	1979	1992
Mr Peter Crawley	1993	1998
Mr Richard Tudor	1999	2013
Dr Michael Davies	2014	

There are 12 houses as follows:

Junior School

House Name	House Colour	About the House Patron
Friend	Light Blue/Yellow	Colin Friend was the son of Benjamin H Friend, Australia's first Parliamentary Hansard Reporter for the new Federal Government. Benjamin H served on the School's Council 1904 – 1907 and was responsible for framing the School's constitution and donating the first books, which established the School's first library.
Henderson	Red/Blue	Alan Henderson was one of four Henderson brothers enrolled in 1903. High academic achiever, member of the Cadet Corps and active in several sporting activities, Henderson was made a Prefect and matriculated in 1911. In 1914 he volunteered with the First Expeditionary Force as a Lieutenant and was injured at the landing at

		Gallipoli in April 1915. He died two days later at the age of 22.
Inglis	Maroon/Grey	Edgar and John Inglis were the sons of founding School Councillor Edgar Inglis who was the Kew Health Officer and gave his medical services to the School gratis for over 24 years.
Summers	Purple/Orange	Robert and Reginald Summers were the sons of vestryman Robert Summers, who was a bank manager in Kew. Although Robert was not on the School's Council, he was instrumental in encouraging vestry members to support the founding of the School. Rob junior prepared the drawing of the Mitre which was made into a block and used on the front cover of The Mitre 1907 – 1957.

Senior School

House Name	House Colour	About the House Patron
Arnold	Purple	G C Arnold was an insurer and financier. For many years he acted as the honorary secretary and chief financial advisor to both the Council and the School. Arnold Hall was named in his honour in 1925.
Cowen	Orange	Dr H O Cowen was a foundation member of the School Council 1902 – 1919. He was a leading physician in Kew, a prominent member of the Holy Trinity vestry, and a founder of St George's Hospital, an Anglican foundation in Cotham Road. He participated in the drawing up of the first School prospectus and was a generous subscriber to the School's debentures.
Henty	Light Blue	A O Henty was the solicitor who framed the School's constitution in 1907. The house name honours him directly and also his family. His father was Henty Henty who, as a vestryman at Holy Trinity, served on many committees leading up to the School's formation and was the negotiator for the purchase of "Roxeth" now Henty House.
Hindley	Grey	Archdeacon W G Hindley was the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church 1895 – 1904. He chaired the first meeting of interested parents to found the School and was elected as the first President of the School Council 1902 – 1904. Through his support the School was able to draw up an agreement between the Parish and the School and later between the Melbourne Diocese and the School.
Kent Hughes	Red	W Kent-Hughes, a Victorian born surgeon, was one of the main driving forces behind the foundation of the School and a founding member of the School Council 1902 – 1906. He saw active service during WW1.
Merritt	Maroon	J K Merritt was an importer, company director and

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		politician. He was a lay canon of St Paul's Cathedral and a member of Synod. As a member of the School Council for 25 years and President 1906 – 1910, Merritt was a generous supporter of the School. Following the purchase of "Molina" the home of Kew High School, the property was renamed Merritt House in his honour.
Roberts	Dark Blue	W J Roberts was a founder and life governor of the School and a member of the Melbourne Stock Exchange. Roberts was a Council member of Melbourne's Anglican diocese and for many years chairman of its finance committee. He was influential in the purchase of Roberts House, which was named in his honour.
Sutton	Yellow	Canon George Sutton was Vicar of Holy Trinity Church and served as a School Councillor 1904 – 1934. He was President from 1904 – 1907 and became the Honorary School Captain in 1917. He had been the first Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral.