

The School Year 1981

Feb 2	First term begins.
Feb 5	Visit by Mr. M. Wellington, Minister of Education.
Feb 26, 27	Athletic Sports.
Mar 9	Shirley Boys' Sports Visit.
Mar 25 - 27	Visit to Southland Boys' High School.
April 4	Gala Day.
April 23 - 25	National Volleyball Championships.
April 28	Inter-form Cross Country.
May 8	First term ends.
May 19	Epping Boys' Sports Visit.
May 25	Second term begins.
June 1	Queen's Birthday - Old Boys' Games.
June 17	Waitaki Boys' Sports Visit.
June 24	Otago Boys' Sports Visit.
July 22	Southland Boys' Sports Visit.
Aug 4	Shirley Boys' Sports Visit.
Aug 21	Second Term ends.
Sept 14	Third Term begins.
Sept 19	School Formal.
Oct 10	Mathletics.
Oct 16	Funeral of Mr. S.G. Emslie - King's longest serving staff member - 1941 - 1975.
Oct 28 - 29	Waitaki Boys' High School Sports Visit.
Nov 4	Blues Dinner - Guest speaker Laurie Mains.
Nov 17	Senior Prize Giving.
Nov 26	Board/parents/staff - Farewell to Mr. Bremner.
Dec 8	Junior Prize giving

End of an Era



"The beginning of an era" referring to the first time the senior position in the School, the Rector, was to filled by an Old Boy, Ian Simpson. The "end of an era" referring to the retirement of the School's longest-serving Rector, Jack Bremner.

Mr Bremner started at Kings in September 1966, He initiated many changes, and supported to the full the efforts made to bring them all to completion. These he can look back on as material changes he has helped bring to fruition, but there is no doubt that looking back over the last fifteen years, the main satisfaction will come from contemplating the influence he and Kings have had on the hundreds of pupils who attended the school in that time.

The Fitness Track



Kings High School is the first school in Otago to build its own community fitness track, and it is being put to good use by school pupils and the public.

The school council took up the request and agreed to assist with the project.

Mr McLean, with the assistance of pupils who had been accredited with university entrance, started building the track during the last week of the school year.

A grant of \$200 from the St. Kilda Borough Council helped pay for the tantalised poles, concrete and nuts and bolts needed to put down the track.

The track which is situated on the Kirkcaldy Street side of the school grounds runs on either side of a row of poplars.

It consists of a series of short sprint-jog distances which are interspaced with fitness stations. Each of these is designed to condition a group of muscles.

The exercise equipment includes a stretching machine, a back extender, parallel bars, step-ups, trunk turning tables, and stations for situps and pushups.

What is the value of the fitness track for Kings High School?

"We have used it at the beginning of the winter season as part of our general fitness training," Mr McLean said when interviewed.

Open Evening



A language class demonstration



Computers in action

For a number of years Kings has held an "Open Evening" just before the closing date for new enrolments. Thanks partly to effective advertising and partly to a steadily improving school image in the public eye, there was a record attendance of Form Two pupils and their families. More than two hundred and fifty people crowded into the library for a brief outline of the school's history and an account of the effect of zoning within the area. They heard of changes in curriculum over the years, of widening sporting and cultural activities, of the aims of the school in broad terms and available courses in detail. Divided into a dozen groups, the visitors were guided on a tour of the school in which every aspect of work and recreation was either demonstrated or discussed. As one who accompanied a group, I have never been more impressed with the activities, attitudes and facilities existing in any school.



English classes are like this.

Senior pupils acting as group guides and pupils of all ages who had volunteered to demonstrate school work deserved and gained high praise.

Parents and their children were greatly impressed by all they saw and heard and several who had been undecided on their choice of school were now firmly in favour of Kings. A common factor which a number of parents mentioned was the relaxed and friendly relationship between pupils and teachers. For me that was the most impressive part of the evening.



Demonstrations in the workshop



Rex Smith demonstrates his wares

Music



1981 has seen two additions to lunch time activities - drum lessons from rock drummer Neil Dobier (who has since gone to Australia) and guitar lessons from Miss Sandra Dingwall. The band continues to develop and will again be appearing at the end of the year.



Steven Godfrey is hoping to have completed an original composition for the occasion. He is busy and talented - he is now a member of National Youth Band.

Composition has become a regular part of the music week with Tony Watson being appointed itinerant composer in schools. A lot of enthusiasm has been raised.

Fourth former David Coleclough continues to appear on T.V. - this year on Telethon giving an impressive rendition of "This Old House".



Music being made in the classroom. Boys get first-hand experience with instruments.



Trail Riding



An interested group of motor-cyclists have "done" the Dunstan Track. This roadway was one of the early coach tracks to Central Otago - this one leading to "the Dunstan", now known as Clyde, during gold rush days. On the first trip a group of ten - including students, a parent and a staff member spent a happy Saturday travelling the route: Dunedin, Mosgiel, Clarks Junction, Rocklands Station, Paerau - Patearoa, where lunch was eaten.

The return trip included a visit to "The Blackball" (an old inn site) and various side trips into tussock and swamp. Some emergency repairs were needed, but only one bike was towed back to town.

The second trip involved a weekend. The numbers dropped to six. over the Dunstan to Paerau again - staying the night at Patearoa.

Friday night

Saturday's trail riding involved a trip from Paerau to Lake Onslow, Millers Flat and a late lunch at Roxburgh. The main road was taken to Alexandra where we refuelled, then on to the relatively unknown part of the Dunstan from Galloway to Moa Creek. Sunday morning was devoted to routine maintenance and the afternoon to the trip home.



Anzac Day



The wreath laying ceremony at the School's annual Anzac Day Service. The speaker at the service, Archdeacon Sellwood and Board Chairman Doug Coombes follow Warwick Larkin, Old Boys President and the Rector.



Outdoor Education



We arrived at camp around mid-day on Monday August 17th.

We were in the first group to camp out overnight and therefore we packed our sleeping bags and set off about one o'clock. We had to carry our sleeping bags and clothes while the tents were taken for us in the van.

The tramp to the camp site took two and a half hours including a rest stop beside a lake.

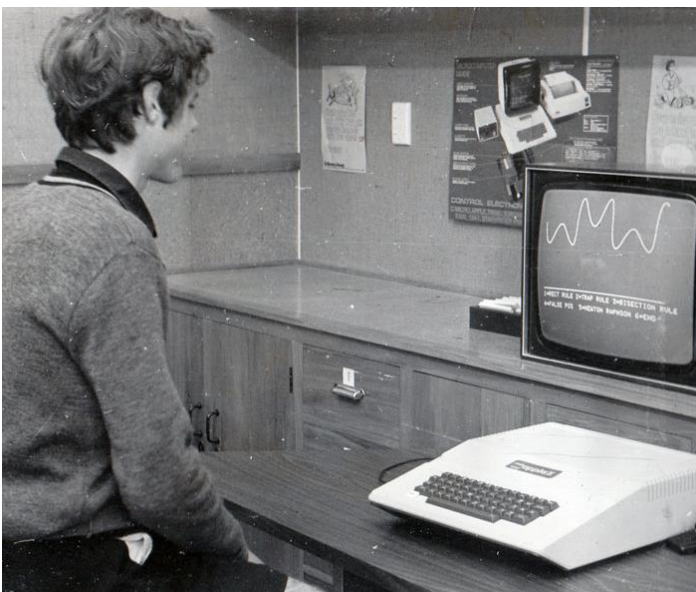
Sir-enity said that whoever found the camp site would get something extra. We did and we didn't.

We erected our tents and collected some fire wood and then set off about 5.30 to find the falls. Naturally we went the hard way and got lost, we soon returned and cooked tea. Ours was superb, but the teachers' meal! Well! It was so bad they ate with us.

We went to bed about 9 p.m. There was a lot of hanky panky going on that night, but eventually people started dropping off to sleep.

We woke at seven and decided to use the gas stoves. We had lovely sausages and bread with steak sauce. Just before nine we set off for home. Thirty minutes the main road and then on to the Cathedral Caves signpost where we waited for stragglers and munched on apples. Getting to the caves took a further half hour.

Computing



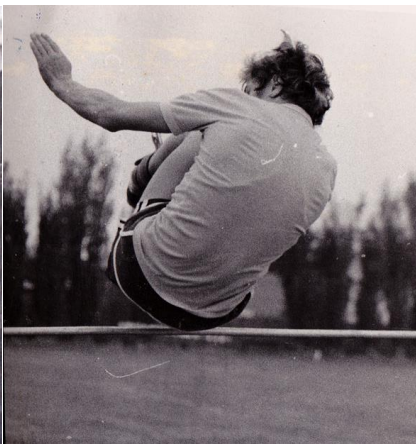
Raymond Scurr is using the School's first desktop computer. It was an Apple 2 with a TV screen for a monitor and a small tape drive for storage.

The Athletic Sports

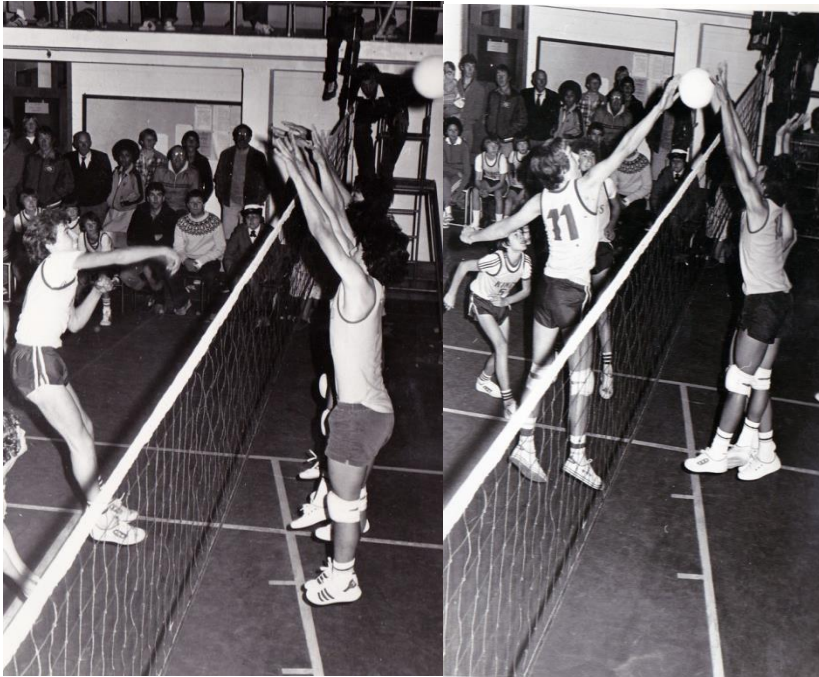


The start of the Senior 1500 metres.
Placings

M. Metzger 4:39.1, 1st; G. Alexander
2nd; P. Cameron 3rd



Volleyball



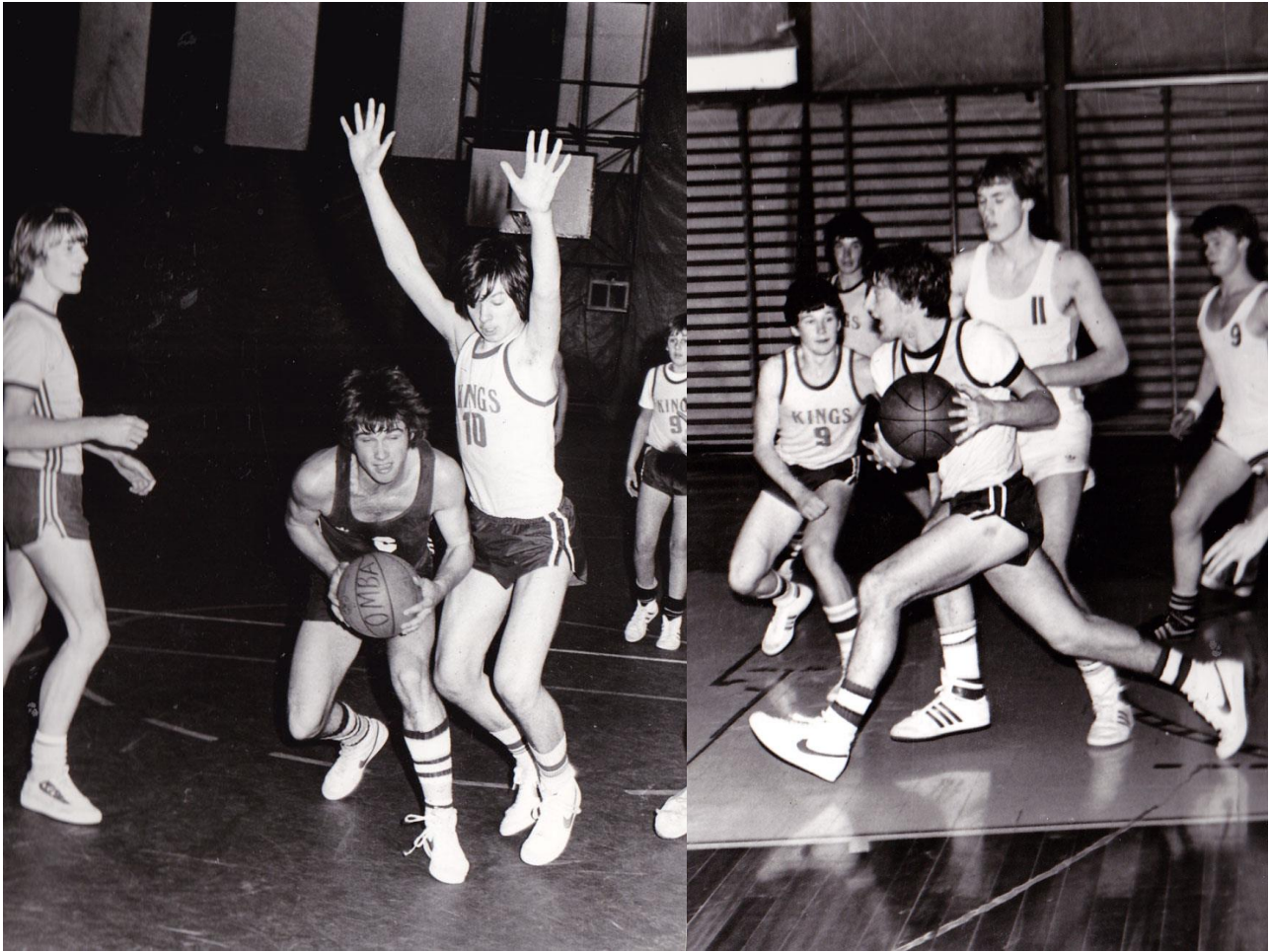
This year has seen a continuation of large numbers of boys playing Volleyball, and it has been in terms of results, our most successful year to date.

In local competitions we had about 14 teams entered at serious and social levels, and the interest amongst 3rd formers has been very high. This has no doubt been aided by the National Schoolboys Tournament being held here. The Otago Regional Tournament saw three senior and three junior Kings teams qualify for the South Island Tournament. The trip to Christchurch for the South Island Tournament was a very happy one not just because of the results, but because of the very happy atmosphere amongst the whole group. Winning the South Island Tournament has now stretched the Kings run of wins to five successive in the juniors and three at the senior level.

The National Tournament resulted in our Senior team finishing 2nd. I would only add that I felt the dedication and the enthusiasm shown by the team in preparing for the Tournament was exceptional, and that because of this they fully deserved their success. I feel that if this dedication can be maintained by the senior squad, then we could see a Kings win next year. ·

Basketball

The National Tournament saw Kings achieving its best result ever. After qualifying for the semi-finals the team had a last minute one point loss to the eventual winners – Timaru boys. In the playoffs for 3rd place Kings beat Wanganui Collegiate 77-58.



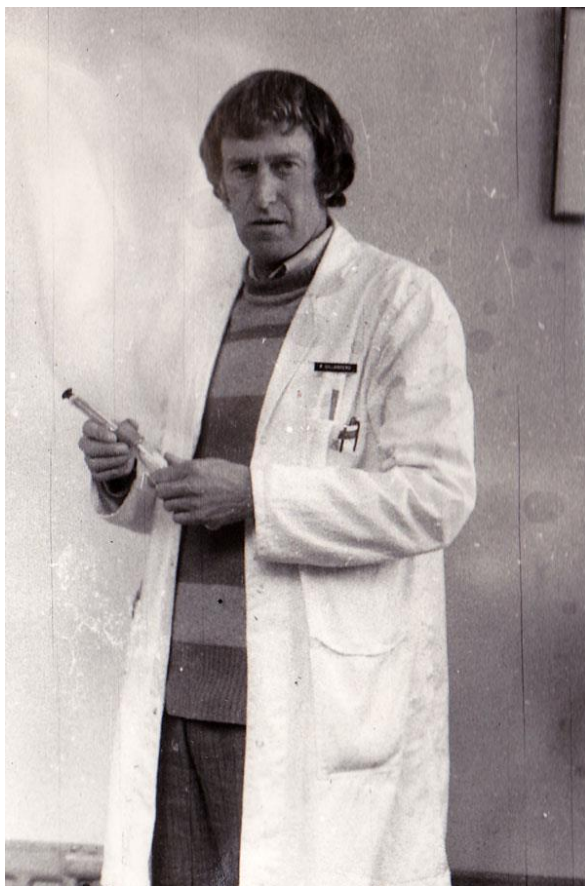
Todd Marshall defends.

Staff Matters



Paul Aubin and Bryan Frost relax.

Stephanie Niven and Dan McLean pass



This science stuff is serious – Ross Gillanders



Ian Simpson in deep thought.



Bryan Frost with his toys.



Jim McReady makes a presentation.

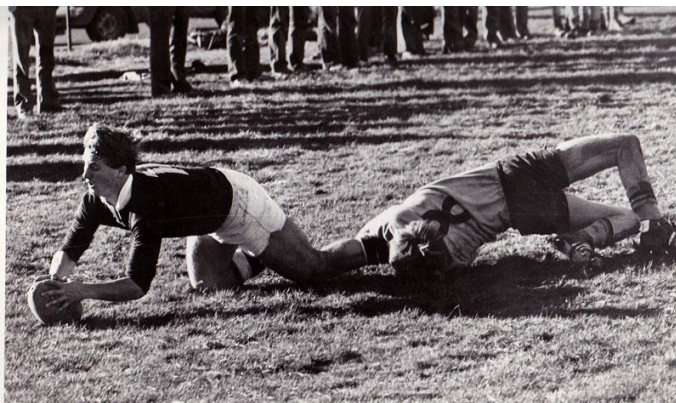


Bryan Frost relaxes with Marie Aubin



Jim McKay, Tony Pelvin and Hec Browett in the Staff Room

Rugby



A desperate tackle



Michael Page makes a determined run in the Junior game with Waitaki



Looks like a try coming up

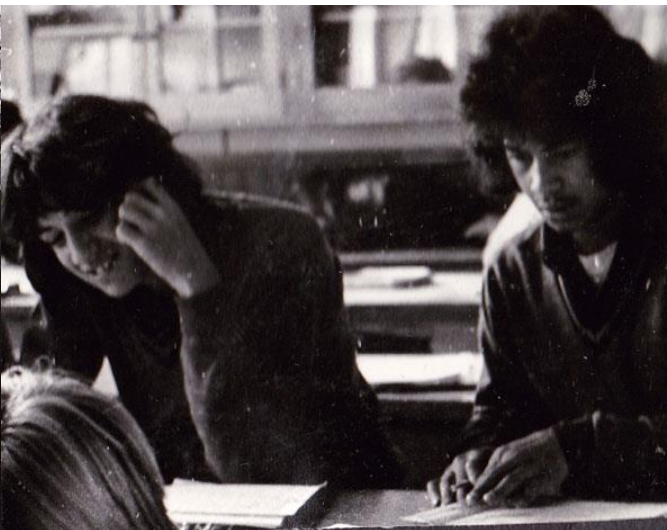


Tony Graves breaks clear with Mark Metzger and Greg Davidson in support.

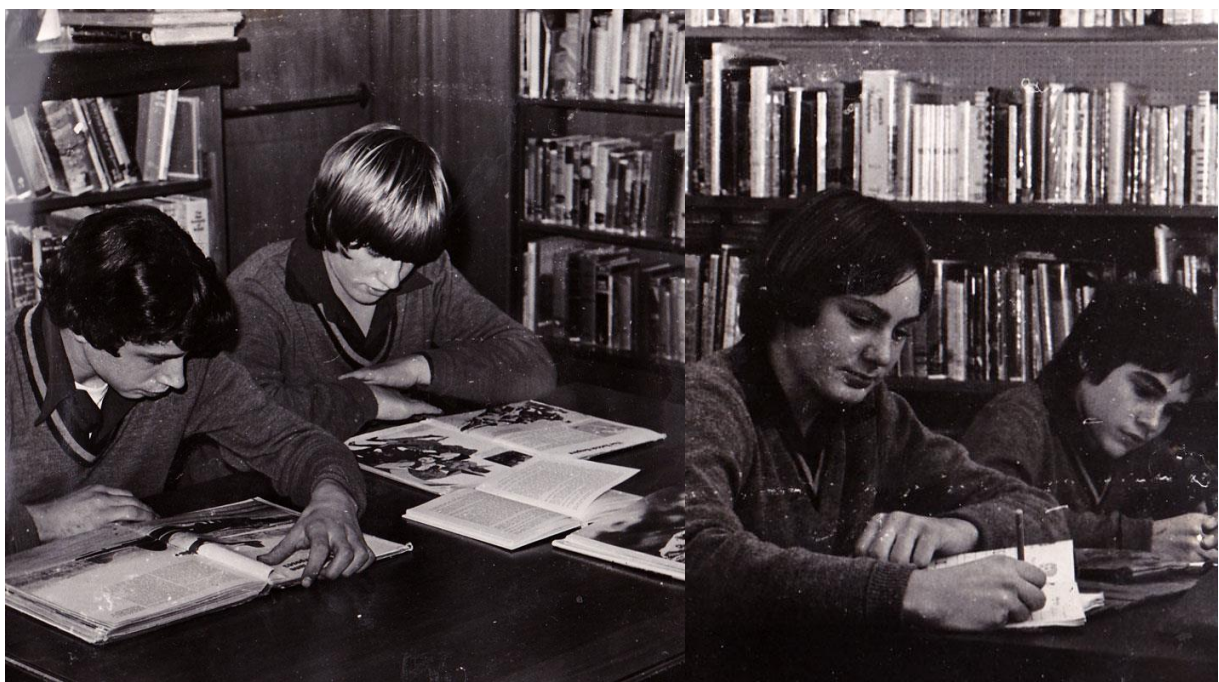
Boys at Work



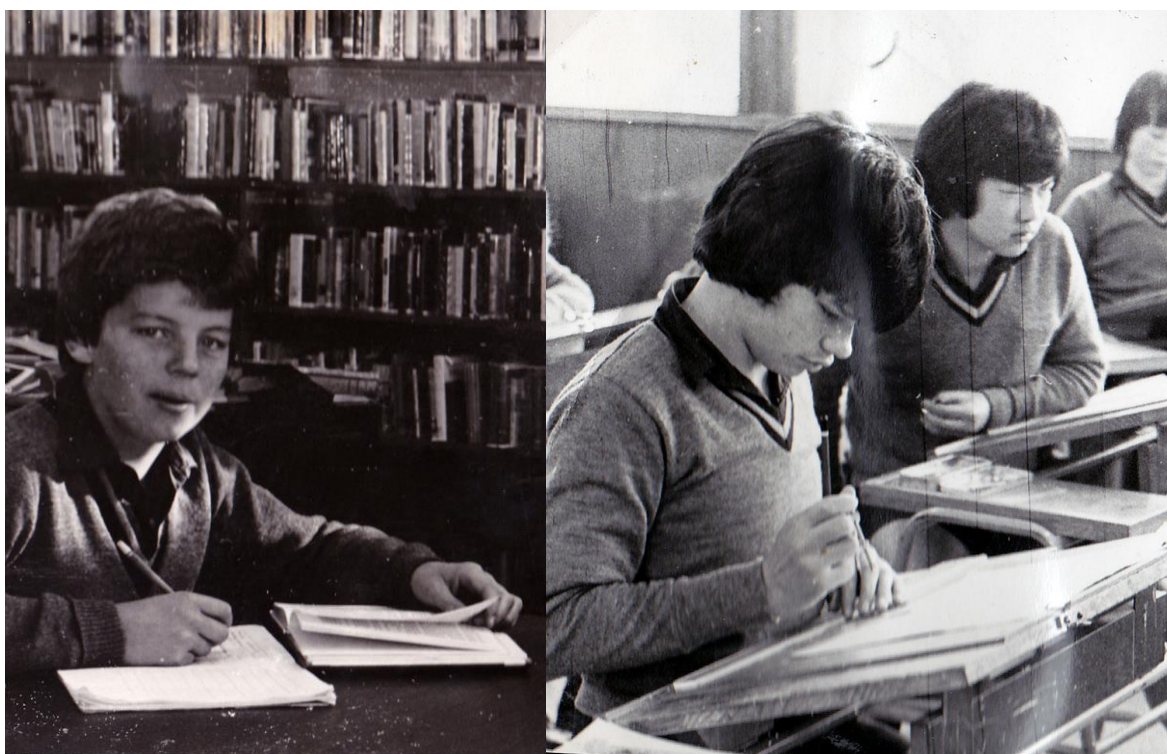
Reading in the library



Hard at their studies



More work in the Library



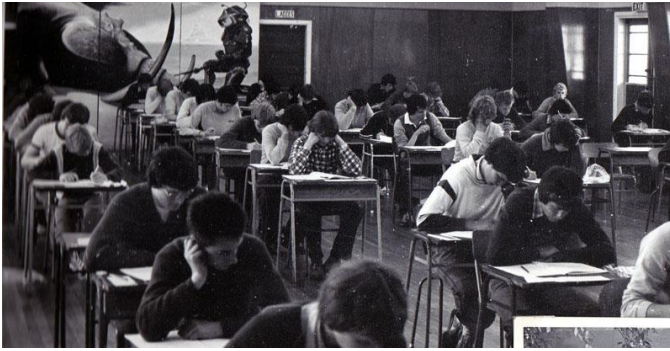
Studying

Technical drawing



Chemistry

Tony Lafferty researches snails



Exams in the School Hall



Work on the School Magazine



The BMX boys



Shooting



Model Planes



Model Trains



Video filming



More video camera work

1981 KINGS HIGH SCHOOL FORMAL



The Senior Formal this year was on Saturday the 20th of September and was attended by over fifty couples. The hall was plainly but superbly decorated with crepe paper and this was highlighted by a large and rather splendid reproduction of a science fiction illustration by Peter Mathias which gave the theme of "the future" a special touch.

The music, too, was more formal than in previous years with the band playing the traditional waltzes, which gave the teachers a chance to brush up on

their dancing skills and gave the pupils the chance to attempt the traditional dances of yesteryear. This formality was contrasted with a number of rock songs which introduced the craze of "the pogo" (invented by Sid Vicious) and made the evening all the more enjoyable.

At about 10.30 there was a supper held in the library. Here I must express our thanks to Mrs. Denham and all her helpers for providing a superb supper.

After this we returned to the hall for another session of dancing to midnight ~the last two songs played.' as all the streamers were pulled down and everyone 'let go.' It was a most enjoyable and memorable night.