

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: John H. BUCKLEY

Mr. John Buckley was employed as a member of the teaching staff at Geelong Grammar School for the greater part of the years 1962 to 1991. He was a skilful teacher with a wide range of interests and talents. As a result he was able to be employed and to make a very valuable contribution in different ways in different parts of the school. His overall period of service included primary teaching at the Glamorgan campus, secondary teaching at Glamorgan when that part of the school was extended to Years 7 and 8 from 1987, general middle secondary teaching at the Timbertop campus of the school at Mansfield, and specialist teaching of English and Art at senior secondary level at the Corio campus. He also possessed very considerable skills as a teacher of drama and as a producer of lively dramatic productions.

John had a real capacity to interest students in the work which they were tackling and to extend their horizons. He made subjects live for them, and was good at getting them to think for themselves. He had an ability to get close to them in a way that they found supportive and encouraging.

During his period of association with the school he took leave of absence from time to time in order to pursue his interests in the field of modern art, and during those times he was involved in both the establishment and the running of significant Australian galleries.

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