

Reopening & Dedication of Graythwaite

Sunday 4 May 2014

11.00am

Order of Proceedings



Vice-Regal Salute

National Anthem

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

Mr Stephen Williams LLB (Syd), Chairman of School Council

Headmaster's Address

Dr Timothy Wright

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Governor's Address and Reopening of Graythwaite

Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO,
Governor of New South Wales

Dedication

The Most Reverend Dr Glenn Davies BSc MDiv ThM DipA PhD,
Archbishop of Sydney

Vote of Thanks

Lachlan Mactier, Second Prefect

Closure

Mr Stephen Williams LLB (Syd), Chairman of School Council

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The reopening today of Graythwaite heralds a new, revitalised future for this magnificent nineteenth century building. Incorporated into the site and life of Sydney Church of England Grammar School as a finance, archival and administration centre, Graythwaite is reunited with a number of historic buildings that once were part of the Dibbs estate. Sir Thomas Dibbs was one of the founding fathers of the School and two of his Old Boy grandsons who were killed in World War I are commemorated in the Chapel of the School. For decades boys from the School were involved with the residents and patients at Graythwaite. These, and many other threads, are re-joined today and give living meaning to our motto *Vitai Lampada Tradunt*.

The journey towards today has been slow and painstaking. Many School Councils considered the possibilities that could be achieved with the incorporation of the site into the School. When the School obtained the site through a process of public tender in 2009, a new stage of careful preparation began. The School acknowledges the work of many Council members over the years and members of its broader community in supporting the process. We are indebted to the Planning and Architectural advice from Howard Tanner (Tanner Kibble Denton Architects), Peter Mayoh (Mayoh Architects), Sandra Robinson (Robinson Urban Planning) and Dennis Zines (Kadenz Environmental Consultancy) as well as significant input from Matthew Taylor (Taylor Brammer), Jo Simmons, George Phillips and others. The School project management team of Angus Gardner and Kathy Dickson assisted by Nick Reissis (Reissis Project Management) has worked with our builders to realise this wonderful project. We acknowledge the commitment, meticulous care and professional excellence of the Carfax team led by Paul Reimer, John Booth and Daniel Bacic.

We thank Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, for gracing the occasion with her presence and also the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney and President of the School Council, The Most Reverend Dr Glenn Davies. We trust that all of our other guests and visitors who join us today will enjoy the ceremony and the opportunity to experience the beauty of the house and grounds.