



DR CARSON DRON

23 March 1939 – 7 February 2025

Former Headmaster (1970 – 1994)

Late last week, the College received the sad news of the passing of Dr Carson Dron, St Peters' third Headmaster, at age 85 after a long battle with illness.

Dr Dron was appointed Headmaster at just 31 years of age, assuming the role in October 1970. He served with dedication for 24 years until 1994, making him St Peters' longest-serving Head. Throughout his tenure, he led the College through a period of profound change and development.

Dr Dron embraced the best in contemporary educational thinking, and together with his boldness of vision and ability to treat obstacles simply as challenges to be met, the reputation and stature of St Peters in the local, state and national scene grew.

During his time, the College was at the forefront of innovation, pioneering the introduction of Computers and Computer Education in schools nationwide. He also introduced Social Education (Soc Ed), which included Human Relationship Education—an initiative ahead of its time in Queensland.

One of Dr Dron's most enduring legacies is our now iconic Ironbark Program, which continues to be a point of difference for St Peters. He also strengthened Pastoral Care within the Boarding Program by introducing the Pastoral Houses system. His tenure saw significant campus development, with the construction of Lohe House, the Schneider Building, the Technology Building, the Langer Library, the Gymnasium and the 50m Pool.

Dr Dron's influence extended beyond academics. Success in Sport was also a feature of his time, including three consecutive 1st XV Rugby Premierships in the 1970s. Under his leadership and influence, the strong musical traditions of St Peters, especially the Chorale, were developed and attracted national and international acclaim.

Everything Dr Dron did was framed by the consistent achievement of standards of excellence—Plus Ultra.

The St Peters community of the past, present, and future has much to be grateful for, including the legacy that Dr Dron created and left us with. It is a legacy that will live on in many ways in our College.

A Memorial Service for Dr Dron will be held in the College Chapel on Friday 21 February, at 10:30am.



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