

# Newington Medal Recipients 2014

*The Newington Medal recognises outstanding contributions, actions and achievements of Old Boys who have gone beyond the normal expectations. This is the highest honour Newington can bestow on an Old Boy for meritorious and commendable achievement. The Medal acknowledges an Old Boy (both Australian and International residents) whose work, profession, skill, dedication, generosity and/or support has involved meritorious and commendable achievement in business, the professions, community service, industrial development, technology, human relations, education, cultural development, sport, international relations, the arts or philanthropy.*



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Graham Colditz was a student at Newington from 1967 to 1972. It is safe to say that whilst gifted academically, he was also a leader and a student well respected by his peers and teachers alike.

The Newingtonian of 1972 records the Headmaster Tony Rae observe, "The school has been led by two young men of distinction in Captain Tony Bosman and Vice-Captain Graham Colditz". G A Colditz also received the Old Boys' Prize for Leadership, Scholarship and Sport and his Valete notes he played 1st XI Cricket, 3rd XV Rugby, Athletics and was Cadet Senior Under Officer and Vice Captain (now Deputy Senior Prefect).

Graham and his younger brother Ian (ON 1974), were also keen photographers, with Graham achieving a first and a third in the 1972 NSW Secondary Schools Photographic Competition. As a result of this interest, they have a rich photographic archive of life at Newington at this time.

Graham graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Medicine and later Doctor of Medicine from the University of Queensland Medical School and his academic and medical research career since would rank him as one of Newington's most distinguished Old Boys. He achieved his Masters and then Doctorate of Public Health at Harvard University and with his extensive research into the causes of cancer, particularly in women, he is now internationally recognised as a leader in cancer prevention.

Based at Washington University in St Louis, Missouri, he is the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery and a Professor of Medicine; Chief of the Division of Public Health Sciences in the Department of Surgery; Deputy Director of the Institute for Public Health at the School of Medicine; and Associate Director of Prevention and Control at Siteman Cancer Center.

He was both a Fulbright Scholar and Knox Fellow at Harvard University and has won numerous awards and scholarships over a distinguished 40 year career. In 2011 he was honoured with the American Cancer Society's highest award, the Medal of Honor and in 2014 the American Society of Clinical Oncology awarded him their highest award, the American Cancer Society Award.

Earlier this year, the College was pleased to have had the opportunity to also recognise Graham's achievements and support with the naming of one of our Science Laboratories in his honour.

Through a life of selfless dedication to the cause of medical research and cancer prevention, Professor Graham Colditz has brought great distinction to himself, his family and Newington College. It is with much pride that the College honours such service to humanity in awarding him the Newington Medal (International) for 2014.