



2015 Newington Parent Citation

John Treloar (ON 1970)

John Treloar has deep roots in Newington's soil. His grandfather, Archibald Law was Senior Prefect in 1919, whilst Uncles Brian Law (ON 1951) was Senior House Prefect and John Law (ON 1962) played in the 1961 GPS Premiership-winning 1st XV. John's generation at Newington included his brothers Philip (ON 1972) and Geoffrey (ON 1976) and several cousins. John's sons Thomas (ON 2005) and Edward (ON 2015) have had fine careers at Newington, with Edward serving as Deputy Senior Prefect in 2015.

John was at Newington from 1965 to 1970. His school career continued the tradition of service and achievement, particularly in sport, of his forebears. In his final year, he served as both a Prefect and as a Cadet CUO, commanding a platoon. John was a keen rower: rowing in the 1968 4th IV, the 1969 2nd VIII, winning third place at the GPS Regatta and the 1970 1st VIII, gaining Rowing Colours that year. He played Rugby, represented the College in Athletics and competed in Swimming.

John Treloar has been for many years a highly active member of the P&F Association through the Rowing Association of which he was President from 2013 to 2015. During his term, he focused on bringing a stronger parent community interest, participation and spirit to the Boatshed and Rowing events. He worked tirelessly throughout the Rowing seasons to ensure activities such as working bees and Saturday morning BBQs were well attended by the Newington Rowing Community. He is most proud of the restoration and re-opening of the Bowes Family Lawn adjacent to the Boatshed for the use of parents and the Year 7 and senior rowers, thereby creating a great bond between all the boys. John has been involved in three very successful Rowing Seafood nights and was the driving force behind the 2014 Oarsman's Lunch.

His most recent achievement is the success of the Newington Corporate Rowing in 2015, with Newington entering eight crews in the Great Autumn Regatta, the most entries from a single school. John's leadership was further displayed as a Corporate Rowing coach which culminated in medals back to the Newington Boatshed. John is also an active member of the Rowing Masters, participating in many of their events and a generous financial supporter of the Boatshed.

John's involvement and community spirit is not limited to Rowing at Newington, he has also been an active supporter of the Athletic and Cross Country Community. Although his son Edward participated in Cross Country, John ensured he then attended every 1st XV Rugby game to support the College and encourage the Newington Rugby Community. Often John rose early to bake scones or fruit cake to bring along to Rowing or Rugby, with many parents and boys enjoying these tasty delights.

John's wife Catherine is also a strong supporter of Newington College, volunteering for many years in the Second Hand Clothing Pool and assisting at rowing events. John would be the first to acknowledge her support and efforts on behalf of the College.

With a smiling face and an eye for any opportunity to support the College, John is a well-respected member of the Rowing and Newington Community. This is John's final year as a Newington parent but in true form, he has already put his hand up to assist with Corporate Rowing next year.

John Treloar, Old Boy and Parent, embodies the spirit of Newington College and is a well-deserved winner of the 2015 Newington Citation.