



2016 Newington Medal

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.

Ian Webster (ON 1970)

Ian Webster was a student at Newington College from 1963 to 1970. He is one of many of the greater Webster Family to have attended Newington over many decades.

Ian was a Prefect and achieved good results in the 1970 HSC, being awarded a Commonwealth University Scholarship. During his time at the College he was a keen sportsman, but enjoyed and excelled in the Cadet Unit. By 1969 he was appointed a Cadet Unit Officer (CUO), commanding 2 Platoon in A Company and in his final year Ian was appointed Senior CUO, the student post with the highest responsibilities.

Since leaving Newington College, Ian has been a leader in the Australian publishing world. Universal Publishing for many years produced the annual Gregory's Street Directory and following sale of the business in 2009, Ian was appointed Managing Director, a position he held until 2012.

Ian has also run a very successful family business, Sally Milner Publishing for many years as well as the family rural property at Binda in southern NSW.

Ian's service to Newington over the years has been immeasurable. He has been a member of the ONU Council or a Country Vice President for most of his adult life and served as President of the Old Newingtonians' Union from 1993 to 1994. In 2002 he was elected as an ONU Member of the College Council and served with distinction in that role for over a decade.

Ian is also an enthusiastic supporter of the College's philanthropic endeavours. He was the founding Chairman of the ONU Centennial Trust and nurtured it in the early days to the respected foundation it is today some 20 years later. Ian is also a founding member of the Founders Society, the College's Bequest Program.

Ian was the inaugural Chairman of the College's Sesquicentenary Committee and was responsible for setting the Committee on a path that led to the successful Sesquicentenary celebrations for the College in 2013. Ian also provided, at no cost to the College, the editing and publishing resources for the Sesquicentenary History Book published that year.

Ian's connections with Newington took on a further dimension when his sons Alexander (ON 2003) and Thomas (ON 2007) attended the College. No doubt, we will see more generations of Websters at Newington in the years to come.

Ian's leadership in the publishing industry and his lifetime support of the Newington community as an Old Boy provides an inspirational example of achievement for past and present students of the College. It is an honour to name Ian Webster as the Newington Medallist (Australia) for 2016.