

ROGER MARTIN: SCIENCE TEACHER, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, 1978 - 1998



Roger Bernard Martin was born in 1936 in Bendigo to Bernard Vincent Martin and Doreen May Rodger. The family had moved to Maribyrnong (Footscray North) by 1954. Little is known about their ancestry. Roger became a teacher-in-training in 1959 and served 40 years with the Department of Education.

Roger Bernard Martin married Caroline Joan Duval in 1967 at Brighton; she was also a teacher. Her parents were James Lionel Duval and Theodora Graeme Cumbrae-Stewart. In 1963 they were living in Balacalva with their children Caroline and James jnr.

Roger and Caroline Martin raised three daughters: Elizabeth, Catherine, and Cehra. In 1977 the family were living in Essendon, with Roger and Caroline both working as teachers. Roger was the Deputy Principal at St Albans High School from 1978 to 1998 - *two decades* - and must have been one of the longest-serving teachers at the school. (His position titles varied, as he was also referred to as Vice Principal and Assistant Principal.) He died of cancer in 2005 at age 69:

Martin - Roger Bernard. 1936 - 2005. Eldest son of Bernard and Doreen Martin (both dec.). Dearly beloved husband and best friend of Caroline. Loving father of Elizabeth (and Greg), Catherine (and Brian) and Cehra (and Steve). Proud Grand-Daddy of Sam and Tomas "Sib and Sub" and "Woger" of Jack and Sarah. Special thanks to Western Palliative staff and the district nurses for their tender care. Thank you to the many friends and relatives for their support.

FAREWELL

I find it difficult to bid farewell to my school of 21 years and to the St Albans Community. I will miss my professional colleagues and friends who accepted me into this enthusiastic and hard working team. I will miss the many parents and families with whom I have shared the various challenges that test the educational development of our youngsters. I have particularly enjoyed the enrichment provided by the variety and energy of our multicultural society. Say hello when we meet on occasion at High Point West. Bye.

Roger Martin, 1998.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with much sadness that the College is saying farewell to Mr Roger Martin. Roger has decided that the time has come for him to enjoy life outside the D.O.E.

Roger's teaching career began at Melbourne Teacher's College in 1959, and 1960 where he was a student in training after completing his Science degree at Melbourne University. He was then posted to the bush and spent 1961-62 at Manangatang High School. Roger returned to the city and from 1963-1969 taught at Footscray High School. In 1969 he moved to Maribyrnong High School and spent three years there teaching in the Science area. Roger spent 1972 at Essendon High School and moved to Braybrook High School in 1973 as a Senior Teacher. He remained at Braybrook until 1978 when he was promoted to the position of Deputy Principal at St Albans High School. He has continued to work at our College as Vice Principal and then Assistant Principal until now.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working as the "other" Assistant Principal with Mr Martin and have greatly appreciated and will miss the support, advice and friendship Roger has offered me over the last six years.

1998 has again been very successful for our College.

We have enjoyed the support of our parents through their participation on the Parents and Friends Committee. Our parents, helped by Mr Tarr, have organised a number of fund raising activities in an effort to raise money to purchase lockers for the Senior School. The parents have organised two successful chocolate drives, two casino trips, a Trivia Night as well as a Trash and Treasure.

We would also like to thank our parent group for their sponsorship of the Year 12 Awards Night.

Each of our Sub Schools have been involved in a number of fundraising activities this year. These have included Jeans for Genes Day, Red Nose Day, and Daffodil Day as well as the State Schools Relief Organisation. These fundraising activities have been warmly supported by students in all Sub Schools.

I am looking forward to attending our first Year 10 Formal and also the Year 12 Formal.

It has been a pleasure to watch the students in the junior and Middle School mature and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the junior and Middle School Coordinators over the last year and look forward to continuing my work with them in 1999. I wish the VCE class of 1998 every success in their exams and hope they gain entry into whatever course they want.

I.H. Doherty Assistant Principal, 1998.

ROGER MARTIN SCIENCE WING

One of the major events of the back to school 50th Anniversary Celebration was the dedication of one the College's science wings to the memory of respected former Assistant Principal, Roger Martin. Roger Martin provided nearly 40 years of service to the students of Victoria after starting his employment with the Department of Education in 1959 as a teacher in training. He taught at schools across the state that included: Manangatang, Footscray, Maribyrnong, Essendon, Braybrook and St Albans. He was a senior biology teacher of distinction who had an enormous interest in current science issues. He was appointed to St Albans High School as Deputy Principal in 1978 and went on to be the school's longest serving principal class officer, retiring in 1998. Roger became a mentor to many staff always offering support and a listening ear. He became a father figure to the many young staff who joined him at St Albans during tumultuous years of the mid and late seventies at the school.

Roger Martin died after a battle with cancer.

The science wing was dedicated to his memory by the Regional Director of Education for the Western Metropolitan Region, Mr Rob Blachford. Speaking to a large audience of Roger's family, friends, colleagues and former students, Mr Blachford spoke of Roger's dedication to students, the education system and his support and leadership for teachers. The Roger Martin Memorial Science Wing will be a lasting memory to the level of his service to the school.

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