

Seventeenth Latin Summer School — January 2011

The 17th LSS was held 17-21 January in the New Education Building and the Old Teachers' College at the University of Sydney. It offered intensive language study in a wide range of levels from beginners' to advanced, a series of guest lectures and a Special Interest series for advanced students. There was a total enrolment of 206, with 22 tutors. 94 of the total were students from 19 schools in NSW. As always, the LSS also attracted a number of undergraduates and postgraduates from the following Universities: the University of Sydney, ANU, UNE, UNSW, Monash and the University of Queensland. The courses being studied by these students included Classics, Modern Languages, English literature, History, Law, and Software Engineering (UNSW).

The 18 classes were taught by experienced school teachers, university lecturers, and post-graduate students from a wide variety of institutions and we are very grateful to them for their participation.

- 1A Mary Jane Cuyler
- 1B Matthew Ross
- 1C Lisa Aronson
- 2A John Coombs & Robert Marshall
- 2B Kalina Slaska-Sapala & Atticus Cox
- 2C Seumas MacDonald
- 3A Helen Pigram
Jane Williams
Anne Richardson
- 3B (i) Michelle McVeigh & Sarah Lawrence
- 3B (ii) Roger Pitcher & Alison Waters
- 4.1 Peter Kalina
- 4.2 Chris Ransom
- 4.3 Bob Cowan
- 4.4 Anthony Alexander
- 4.5 Ian McLeod
- 4.X Paul Roche
- 4.Y Anne Rogerson

A very interesting and varied series of Guest Lectures was again given as follows:

- Paul Roche: *Reinventing Flavian Rome*
- Robert Forgács *Virgil in the 16th century: musical settings of his poetry*
- John Coombs *The end of Roman Britain*
- Robin Dixon *Roman Comedy in Performance*
- Chris Ransom *The Poetry of Statius*
- Seumas MacDonald *The Direct Method of Latin Teaching in the early 20th century*

Matthew Macallum *Baths and Bathing in the Greek and Roman world*

Andrew Miles Latin *Pronunciation made easy*

Two Special Interest Groups were presented for level 4 in the afternoon:

Frances Muecke: *The Roman Triumph in history and literature*

Eleanor Cowan: *Powerful monuments: the Res Gestae Divi Augusti and the Senatus Consultum on the murder of Germanicus*

We were very pleased to have a new up-market, colourful and attractive website designed for the LSS by Blair McKenzie, a professional web designer, who has attended the last two schools as a student. This website has made online enrolments and student downloading of material possible, and many students have used this facility. Printing costs have been cut and administrative time has been saved. The new website will be developed as an increasingly significant resource, channel of communication, and means of advertising for the LSS.

LSS is a great week of learning, where it is possible to widen one's repertoire and meet fellow lovers of Latin in a relaxed atmosphere. Abbeys Bookshop provides a range of relevant books through their presence for 3 days. Profits from the Summer School go towards promoting Latin at universities and funding visits by distinguished scholars, especially to present the Todd Memorial lecture at the University of Sydney.

LSS 2010 was directed by Dr Robert Forgács, Dr Paul Roche and Frances Muecke. We said farewell to the caterer of the last 5 years, Anne Bryant.

22 January 2010

The Directors