



John Edward Colebrook MA (Cantab) MACE

John Colebrook was born in Farley Green, Guildford, Surrey on 27th July 1927, the eldest son of Hector and Winifred Colebrook. He had two brothers.

He attended Lanesborough Preparatory School, Guildford and Steyning Grammar School, Sussex as a boarder from 1940-1945, where he was Senior Prefect and gained Blues in Cricket, Hockey and Rugby. He then joined the Royal Navy, training at Portsmouth and came to Australia with the British Fleet, where he spent time in Sydney ashore on HMS Golden Hind. He then joined the crew of HMS Euryalis, a Cruiser which went to Hong Kong and Japan.

On being demobbed, John taught temporarily at Brighton College Junior School, before reading History at Emmanuel College, Cambridge (1948-1951) where he also played Rugby and Cricket.

Following a further spell teaching at Brighton College Junior School, John was appointed as an Assistant Master to Knox Grammar in late 1951. At Knox he taught History, coached Cricket and Rugby, was an Officer in the Cadets and was an Assistant Master in a Boarding House. It was at Knox that he acquired his nickname 'Jackie'. He also met the sister of one of his pupils, Margaret Moir and they were married in August 1955.

John moved to Shore in January 1956 and then began his satisfying life at the School. Again he involved himself in a number of activities, teaching History, English and Latin, while at the same time coaching Rugby and Cricket and involvement in the Cadets as an Officer and producing drama. From 1957-1984 he was Head of the History Department.

John had a distinguished career at Shore . During his 38 years at the School he was:

- Housemaster Robson House 1972-1987
- Master of Studies 1985-1987
- Deputy Head Master 1983-1993
- Acting Headmaster Term 3 1990
- Committee Member AAGPS from 1980, Chairman 1980-1993
- Chairman of selectors for GPS Rugby

John and Margaret had two children. John retired from Shore in 1993 and sadly died seven months into retirement in July 1994.