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Janene Best Memorial Scholarships

Name: _____

Academic Year: _____

Address: _____

I wish to apply for a Janene Best Memorial Scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2016 Year 10 Advisor's
signature: Mr Trotter



The Janene Best Memorial Scholarship is awarded to two students going into the senior school. Recipients of the scholarships are viewed as all-rounders who have proven they possess strong academic ability, leadership qualities, public speaking skills, and school spirit. These awards commemorate the memory of Janene Best who was a member of the English and History staff at Hurlstone from 1981 until her medical retirement at the end of 1992.

Janene came to Hurlstone on a transfer from Ashcroft High in 1981, having taught there for five years. At Hurlstone, apart from teaching English and History, Janene was active in coaching and promoting debating and public speaking. She was also involved in cadets and served as Macquarie House Coordinator. While at Hurlstone, Janene met Social Science teacher Paul Gabel, the man she was to marry at Easter in 1989.

While on her honeymoon on the south coast, Janene collapsed, falling into a coma. Diagnosed with a brain tumour. Janene was determined to return to work and did so in record time. Over the next four years Janene fought her illness with a courage and determination which was inspirational to all who knew her. She endured surgery and a variety of other treatments with stoicism and good humour. Whenever her health allowed, Janene returned to Hurlstone, for a while to teach, then later to visit the people and the school which meant so much to her, always certain that she would be back again. She passed away on April 21st 1993.

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A committee comprising representatives from English / History faculties, the careers advisor, and the Principal's representative will determine the two successful applicants.

Checklist

- Year 10 HAHS 2016 (Continuing student from Year 7)
Continuing to Years 11&12
- Write a paragraph on the following achievements – no more than 2 pages
- Application form completed
 - Portfolio, including
 - A copy of my last reports
 - Record of involvement of service activities at school or externally
 - Copies of certificates and awards from High School
 - Record of involvement in Public Speaking and/or Debating
- Submit by 3pm, Friday November 18 to Ms Young at The Cottage.**



In memory of Janene Best

Janene was a wonderfully special person whose death was a great loss to the teaching profession as well as to her friends and family. She was always vitally interested in other people. She was a Student Adviser at Ashcroft and, as mentioned before, a House Coordinator when she lived in at Hurlstone. In both these roles Janene showed the dedication and compassion that imbued every aspect of her life. She was always concerned about the welfare of others, willing to listen to their problems and offer positive advice and consolation. This attitude carried through even during her own illness, when, although very sick herself, she was worried about other people's problems. Janene used to say she felt like a fraud when other people would express concern about her. She would say that she was lucky; she had family and friends who loved her and who gave her the courage to fight on.

Janene fought her illness every step of the way, resenting the independence it cost her, yet grateful for the insights on life it offered her. Throughout the ordeal she was able to maintain her sense of humour, believing this to be a vital part of the human spirit. Janene's laughter, her smile and her good cheer welcomed every visitor during her final months. Those privileged to know Janene Best found their lives enriched by the experience. She left us with her philosophy "To live in the hearts and minds of those we leave behind is not to die."