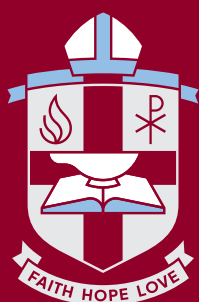
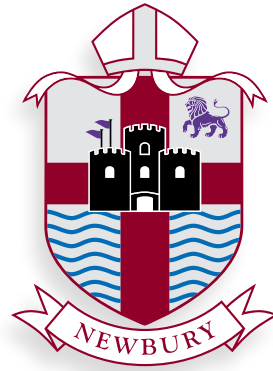
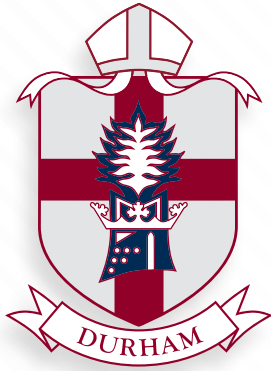


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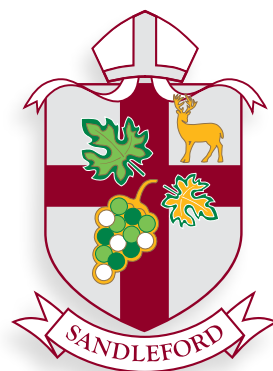


John Septimus Roe
ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL



The JSR House system furthers each student's sense of belonging and connection with school life, evoking a sense of pride and community amongst the students.

Our House names listed in this document represent the History of the school and its namesake, John Septimus Roe, the first surveyor of Western Australia.





Durham

History

The School was first named in honour of Thomas Scott, who was the archdeacon of the diocese of Durham and the only ordained minister in Perth in 1829.

Scott was a Church of England clergyman. He was ordained deacon in 1821, became a priest that same year, and in 1822 was appointed rector of Whitfield, in the diocese of Durham.

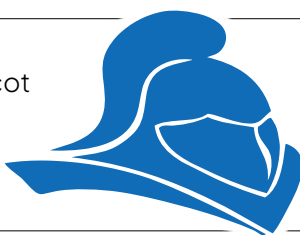
Between 1824 and 1829, Scott held the position of archdeacon of New South Wales with authority in the dependencies of New South Wales, including Van Diemen's Land. He tried to establish schools that would be funded by investments from land given

to the Church but he faced strong opposition from many government sectors and other religious traditions. He resigned this role in 1829.

Scott was delayed in Perth for some months as the ship taking him home hit a reef and had to be repaired and he became actively involved in Church life in the newly founded colony. He eventually returned to his parish at Whitfield in England, was appointed archdeacon there in 1841 and became an honorary canon of Durham Cathedral in 1845.

Mascot

Durham's mascot is a **Knight**.



Colour

Durham's colour is **Dark Blue**.
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Durham's sport shirt is **bright blue**.
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Recent Interhouse Results

Winner	2024 Ivan Jordanoff Shield
3rd Place	2025 Primary Athletics Carnival
1st Place	2025 Primary Cross Country
3rd Place	2025 Primary Swimming Carnival
1st Place	2025 Secondary Athletics
2nd Place	2025 Secondary Cross Country
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Kelmscott

History

In 1830, Governor Sir James Stirling named the new town site Kelmscott in honour of Archdeacon Thomas Scott's birthplace in England.

Previously, in 1829, just five months after the founding of the Swan River Colony in 1829, Governor Stirling led a exploration party – including surveyor John Septimus Roe – to chose a site for a new town on the banks of the Canning River.

In the new colony at the time was Archdeacon Thomas Hobbes Scott, who had found himself effectively marooned in the area after his return voyage about H.M.S. Success struck a reef off Fremantle.

While Scott had originally planned to return to England after some years of service in New South Wales trying to establish church directed schools, he was at the time the only ordained minister in Perth.

So, Scott built a temporary church, with help from the garrison and settlers, and went on to hold the colony's very first Christmas service and Holy Communion.

When the colonial chaplain, J. B. Wittenoom arrived, Scott had already won such popular regard with the new community that the village was named in his honour.

Mascot

Kelmscott's mascot is a **Cougar**.



Colour

Kelmscott's colour is **Green**.

Recent Interhouse Results

3rd Place 2025 Secondary Athletics
1st Place 2025 Secondary Cross Country
1st Place 2024 Primary Cross Country
3rd Place 2024 Primary Swimming Carnival

3rd Place 2024 Secondary Cross Country
2nd Place 2023 Primary Athletics Carnival
2nd Place 2023 Primary Cross Country
3rd Place 2023 Secondary Cross Country



Newbury

History

Newbury was established as a House for the School in 2010. Newbury is named after the town of Newbury in the county of Berkshire, England where John Septimus Roe was born in May 1797.

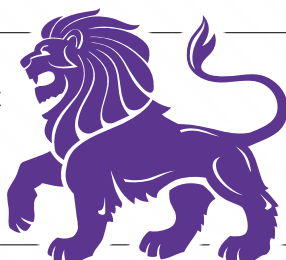
Newbury was founded late in the eleventh century following the Norman invasion as a new borough, hence its name. Although there are references to the borough that predate the Domesday Survey it is not mentioned by name in the survey. Doubt has been cast over the existence of 'Newbury Castle', but the town did have Royal connections and was visited a number of times by King John and Henry III

while hunting in the area. Newbury was also the site of two Civil War battles; the nearby Donnington Castle was reduced to a ruin in the aftermath of the second battle.

Today, Newbury town has a population of about 33,000 and serves as the major commercial and retail centre of West Berkshire. It is situated on the River Kennet and the Kennet and Avon Canal, and has a town centre containing many 17th century buildings. Newbury is best known for its racecourse and the adjoining former USAF airbase at Greenham Common.

Mascot

Newbury's mascot is a **Lion**.



Colour

Newbury's colour is **Purple**.

Recent Interhouse Results

2nd Place 2025 Secondary Athletics
2nd Place 2025 Secondary Swimming
3rd Place 2024 Music Festival
2nd Place 2024 Primary Athletics Carnival

3rd Place 2024 Secondary Athletics
2nd Place 2024 Secondary Swimming
2nd Place 2023 Secondary Swimming



Parmelia

History

Parmelia was established as a House for the School in 2010. Parmelia is named after the barque (ship) that John Septimus Roe and his wife Matilda travelled aboard from England to the Swan River Colony.

They departed England 3 February and arrived at Swan River Colony 1 June 1829. The *Parmelia* was built in Quebec, Canada in 1825. She was 36 metres long, 9 metres wide and 6 metres deep in the hold, rated at 443 tons.

Parmelia was sent to London in 1826, first used as a troop carrier, then a year operating under charter to the British East India Company between London and Bengal.

In 1828 the British government, at the urging of Captain James Stirling, decided to establish a colony at the Swan River in Western Australia and the *Parmelia* was responsible for carriage of the civilian officials and settlers.

In 1830, the *Parmelia* returned to England, tasked to transport convicts to the east coast of Australia. The ship made nine such voyages in nine years, each of them carrying at least 200 prisoners.

Finally, on 3 May 1839, the *Parmelia* was destroyed by fire. Five days later, Lloyd's of London wrote her off; any remaining timbers were probably salvaged for other purposes..

Mascot

Parmelia's mascot is an **Eagle**.



Colour

Parmelia's colour is **Black**.

Recent Interhouse Results

1st Place 2025 Primary Athletics Carnival

2nd Place 2025 Primary Cross Country

2nd Place 2025 Primary Swimming Carnival

3rd Place 2025 Secondary Cross Country

1st Place 2025 Secondary Swimming

2nd Place 2024 Music Festival

2nd Place 2024 Secondary Cross Country

1st Place 2024 Secondary Swimming

Winner 2023 Ivan Jordanoff Shield

3rd Place 2023 Music Festival

2nd Place 2023 Primary Swimming Carnival

1st Place 2023 Secondary Athletics

2nd Place 2023 Secondary Cross Country

1st Place 2023 Secondary Swimming



Roebourne

History

Roebourne House was named after John Septimus Roe, who was the first Surveyor-General of Western Australia and the school namesake.

When Roe and his wife Matilda arrived at the Swan River Colony on 1 June 1829. The Surveyor-General immediately set about making preliminary surveys of the harbour, river and surrounding land.

The sites of Perth and Fremantle were chosen on John Septimus Roe's recommendation and he was additionally responsible for surveying many of the main towns outside of Perth.

Arguably the most significant legacy left by Roe was the setting aside of Kings Park. Whilst Malcolm Fraser and John Forrest were most instrumental in the later establishment of Kings Park, it was clearly Roe who was responsible for the initial setting aside of the park.

John's devotion to Matilda is reflected in his work – Perth's popular Matilda Bay boasts her name, for example. There's also an unusual dogleg bend in the CBD's St Georges Terrace that was implemented to preserve Matilda's rose garden – that otherwise lay right in the way of the planned road.

Mascot

Roebourne's mascot is a **Dragon**.



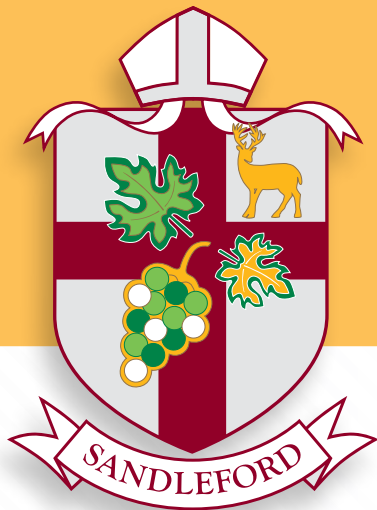
Colour

Roebourne's colour is **Red**.

Recent Interhouse Results

2nd Place 2025 Primary Athletics Carnival
3rd Place 2025 Primary Cross Country
2nd Place 2024 Primary Cross Country
1st Place 2024 Primary Swimming Carnival
1st Place 2023 Music Festival

1st Place 2023 Primary Athletics Carnival
1st Place 2023 Primary Cross Country
3rd Place 2023 Primary Swimming Carnival
2nd Place 2023 Secondary Athletics



Sandleford

History

Sandleford was named after Sandleford Priory which was situated in Roe's home town of Newbury.

John Septimus Roe was born in Newbury, Berkshire in May 1797. He was the seventh son of Reverend James Roe, then Rector of Newbury Parish.

Nearby was Sandleford Priory, a largely 18th century country house built around the chapel of a former monastery at Sandleford in the English county of Berkshire. Reverend James Roe sometimes held services at the Priory; the Roe family background was deeply rooted in the Church, a heritage they cherished.

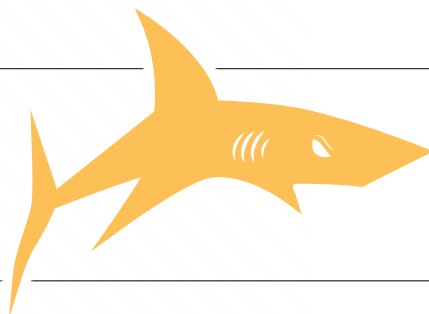
The original Priory dates back to the late 12th Century, but abandoned after the passing of the last prior in 1478, the estate passing to the Bishop of Salisbury and the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, whom leased it out to various tenants such as the Kingsmill family.

Later, the Priory would become residence to Mrs Elizabeth Montagu, a prominent social pioneer championing literature and women's education. During this time, Sandleford Priory was significantly expanded and refurbished.

Sandleford Priory is currently the home of St Gabriel's School.

Mascot

Sandleford's mascot is a **Shark**.



Colour

Sandleford's colour is **Yellow**.

Recent Interhouse Results

1st Place 2025 Primary Swimming Carnival

1st Place 2024 Music Festival

1st Place 2024 Primary Athletics Carnival

2nd Place 2024 Primary Cross Country

2nd Place 2024 Primary Swimming Carnival

2nd Place 2024 Secondary Athletics

3rd Place 2023 Primary Athletics Carnival

3rd Place 2023 Primary Cross Country

1st Place 2023 Primary Swimming Carnival

2nd Place 2023 Music Festival