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INFORMATION FROM THE TSS ARCHIVES

Arthur Charles Campbell “Squarey” Thorold was born in Sussex, England in 1873. He attended colleges at Cambridge, Oxford and Marlborough and later became assistant housemaster at St Edward’s, Oxford.

In 1906 he arrived in Australia and accepted a teaching position at The Southport School.

In February, 1908, Thorold constructed his own residence and boarding house at the school which would become Thorold House. The Headmaster paid Thorold £106 per annum as his wage and when the amount of boarders increased to over 19, the wage was ceased and Thorold would take the proceeds of the boarding house.

Two years later Thorold purchased one third of the Southport School from the Founder, Dixon, for the sum of £1650. They each drew a monthly wage of £30 for Thorold and £40 for Dixon. They later sold the school to the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane in 1913 for £6200. They were both then employed by the Diocese.

Thorold was responsible for the establishment of the first official school magazine “The Southportonian”, the boat club, house system (introducing McKinley and Delpratt), the house shields, house suppers, the rowing club and it’s Oxford style of rowing, the school blazer and the representative blazer, changing the colours to maroon, white, navy-blue, exact copies of the Old Marlburian blazer which was in vogue in England from 1884 until 1939.

He married Kathleen Jeffrey in 1913 and had two sons, who were both born at The Southport School.

Thorold resigned from TSS in 1917 to become Headmaster and Founder of Mentone Grammar School in Melbourne.

He died in Melbourne, aged 66 years, on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1939

*“A sad day for The Southport School which he had loved so much and served so well”* Dixon wrote on the news of Thorold’s passing.

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