

The Memorial Room Library



In 1948 the foundation stone for the new Memorial Library was laid by the Bishop Dixon, Founder and Headmaster of The Southport School (1901-1929).

The Memorial Library was built to commemorate the TSS students who were killed in action during the Second World War.

The Memorial Library continued to flourish until it outgrew the Memorial room and a new Library was commissioned to be built in 1974. It was to be named The Harley Stumm Centre in memory of Harley Stumm, a past student.

Harley was born in 1913, attended TSS as a Thorold House member from 1927-1931, became a TSS Prefect and a Rhodes Scholar in 1942. Harley joined the RAF in 1940, became a Wing Commander, was awarded the Flying Cross Medal and was shot down and killed in action over India in 1944.

On November 1975 the Library was officially opened by Harley Stumm's widow, Lorraine Palmer (Stumm).

This year the Harley Stumm Centre, or Senior Library, will be upgraded to make way for exciting new spaces, including a Library, lecture theatres and study rooms. This means the books and staff will be vacated to N1 and The Memorial Room so building can commence towards the end of the year.

The Memorial Room once again houses books and is used as a Library, 41 years later.

