The Chelmsford Cup (originally called The Governor’s Cup) was presented to the school by Lady Chelmsford at the opening of the new dining hall in 1907.

Lord Chelmsford was the Governor of Queensland at the time (1905 to 1909) and was away on business, so Lady Chelmsford agreed to attend the ceremony. The Governor’s son, Hon. Frederick Thesiger was in attendance at TSS during this time and the family were always very supportive of the school. Sadly Frederick went on to give his life for King and Country during World War 1.

The cup was to be awarded annually, based on the Rhodes Scholarship principles, rewarding the most outstanding student of the school in honour of the Governor of Queensland. The student’s name was to be engraved on the cup.

The selected student each year was to be

‘Considered to stand out as a leader amongst his fellows and whose record from the point of steady work, prowess in sport, and nobility in character would place him head and shoulders above the others’.

The first Chelmsford cup recipient was Harold Osborne (1904 to 1907) who was also the editor of the first Tell Tale school magazine in 1906.

P. Paull, Chelmsford Cup winner in 1935, Lord Chelmsford in 1905 and Harold Osborn in 1907