



# MHS MAY DAY



GEORGE LANGLEY, SIR DALLAS BROOKS & BILL WOODFULL



Dear Gentlemen

**When Brigadier Langley retired as Principal of MHS on 1st May 1956 the Governor of Victoria took the unprecedented step of attending Langley's final Assembly and in full military uniform.**

In those days teachers were required to retire on their 65th birthday.

The Governor, General Sir Dallas Brooks came because Langley was so highly regarded.

He had an outstanding military career serving in two world wars with great distinction and was regarded as an outstanding Principal.

An old boy of the school himself he was an inspirational principal and much loved. He recruited talented staff at a time when this was difficult to do, he encouraged innovation strongly endorsed and expanded the co-curricula activities.

He started the cadet band, was a great supporter of music and was a superb speaker. Boys remember so well his assembly addresses.

At the final assembly the Governor used his vice-regal powers and declared that hereafter the school would commence a half an hour later on 1 May in honour of Langley.

So today - 1 May 2020 - we honour one of the truly great principals of MHS: Brigadier George Furner Langley CBE DSO ED OSTJ Serbian Order of the White Eagle.

Article by Alan Gregory with thanks. Honour the Work.

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