

Major House History

Major House was born in 1959, when the number of day-boys became too great to be carried by the two existing Houses. It takes its name, of course, from the great Headmaster C T Major. It opened with a roll of 65 and the first Housemaster was D G Skegg. Ten years later, the number of boys determined that the House was divided into 'A' and 'B' halves and D A English a founding member of Major House as a boy joined Donald Skegg. Since then the Housemasters have been:

- * D G Skegg, M D Keller 1975-1976
- * M D Keller 1977-1978
- * R G Bass 1978-1981
- * R S M Algie 1982-85
- * P Greenhalgh 1986-1990
- * P Dodd 1991-1994
- * Dr A Huffadine 1995-present

In a relatively few years much change has taken place from the cramped quarters under the old 'Gym'. The House moved in 1972 to share old School House with Peart. This building was demolished at the end of 1975 to make way for the new facility which would be the base for all three Day Houses; and that came into use in 1977. The House has benefited from the survival of some grand School House trees. For four years, 1980 - 1983, girls too were members of Major and the other day Houses, until the building of Middlemore Lodge gave them a place of their own. Now, with numbers over the hundred, Major takes its place with confidence in every endeavour of the College ... there is change, but the same ideals prevail.

Major House employed local artists to design their badge and C T Major's white stallion (on which he rode up the College drive to join the Boer War contingent) features strongly.