

Parnell House History

Parnell House was established in 1924 under the name of Middlemore, with 27 Boarders and A Thomson as the first Housemaster. But in 1928 the change to the name of Parnell was made, to mark the affiliation of King's with the old Church of England Grammar School in Parnell, the sale of which in 1893 produced funds later used in purchasing the present site of King's.

Like School House and St John's, Parnell initially occupied a wooden building on the site of the present School House built as a 'temporary' measure in the early twenties. But in 1969 the boys moved into their permanent home on the private road between School and Selwyn House.

Mr Thomson was followed by L Delph and then in 1933 the Housemastership passed to A H Hunt who was in charge for the next fifteen years.

He was then followed by:

- * Rev C M Sinclair 1949
- * W A Craig 1949-1951, the first old boy to become a Housemaster at the College.
- * J D Lewis 1952-1959, also an old boy but in this case returning to his old House.
- * V F Maxwell 1960
- * W G Kerry 1961-1974, an old boy from Town House
- * D A English 1975-1976 another old boy from Parnell House
- * S Manners 1977-1981
- * A P S Robinson 1982-1986
- * G Savage 1987-1993
- * K Carrington 1994-1999
- * C McLachlan 2000-2006
- * A Massey 2007
- * C McLachlan 2008 - current

With T H Macindoe as Head of House in 1978, Parnell celebrated its 50th anniversary since its change of name from Middlemore. A special gathering was held attracting 160 old boys of the House. To mark the occasion, a tree was planted near the entrance of the house by H L G Macindoe, T H's father, who had been head of the House in 1933.