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CHATSWOOD

HOUSE CRESTS EXPLANATIONS

BARRON

The Four Quadrants of the Barron Shield

The Barron Shield is divided into four quadrants, each representing a key value and characteristic of the Barron community:

- **Bear (top left):** Symbolising strength, leadership, and protection, the bear reflects the courage to face challenges and the responsibility to care for others.
- **Bible (top right):** Representing the Word of God, the Bible serves as the foundation of faith, values, and moral guidance, inspiring members of the community to live with integrity and purpose.
- **Waratah (bottom left):** As an iconic Australian flower, the waratah signifies courage, resilience, and perseverance. It reminds students to grow through adversity and embrace opportunities for personal development.
- **Gospel Spirituality Touchstone (bottom right):** This symbol reflects a Christ-centred approach to life, encouraging compassion, hope, service, and a commitment to living out Gospel values in everyday actions.

The House Motto: *Bonum Certamen Certa*

Translated from Latin, *Bonum Certamen Certa* means "Fight the Good Fight". The motto encourages members of the House to pursue excellence with determination, courage, and integrity. It reminds students to stand up for what is right, persevere through challenges, and strive to make a positive impact on those around them.

Indigenous Connection to Country

The symbols within the Barron Shield also encourage respect for the rich cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Through the Australian waratah and our commitment to stewardship, community, and care, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and recognise the importance of learning from the world's oldest continuous living cultures. This connection reminds House members of their responsibility to care for each other, the environment, and the broader community.



PURTON

The Four Quadrants of the Purton Shield

The Purton Shield is divided into four quadrants, each representing a key value and characteristic of the Purton community:

- **Panther (top left):** Symbolising courage, determination, and leadership, the panther reflects confidence in action and the strength to overcome challenges.
- **Celtic Cross (top right):** Representing the meeting of earthly life and eternity, the Celtic Cross acknowledges the House's Irish heritage and the enduring presence of faith in daily life.
- **Eucalyptus Leaves (bottom left):** Native to Australia, the eucalyptus symbolises healing, purity, resilience, and strength. It reflects growth through adversity and a deep connection to the Australian environment.
- **Justice & Solidarity Touchstone (bottom right):** This symbol represents a commitment to standing with others, especially those in need. It encourages students to promote fairness, compassion, inclusion, and social responsibility.

The House Motto: *Concordia Feroces*

Translated from Latin, *Concordia Feroces* means "Strength Through Unity" or "United in Courage". The motto highlights the belief that individuals achieve their greatest success when they work together. It encourages members of Purton House to support one another, build strong relationships, and face challenges with collective determination and purpose.

Indigenous Connection to Country

The Purton Shield reflects a commitment to respecting and learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Peoples of Australia. Through the inclusion of the eucalyptus leaves, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and honour their enduring connection to Country, culture, and community. This recognition encourages members of Purton House to value stewardship, unity, and respect for all people and the environment.



RICE

The Four Quadrants of the Rice Shield

The Rice Shield is divided into four quadrants, each representing a key value and characteristic of the Rice community:

- **Trident (top left):** Symbolising the legacy of Edmund Rice, the trident reflects faith, strength, courage, and a commitment to serving others.
- **Knotted Celtic Cross (top right):** Representing eternity, unity, and the school's Irish heritage, this symbol acknowledges the traditions and values upon which the Rice community was founded.
- **Wattle (bottom left):** Australia's national floral emblem, the wattle signifies resilience, growth, and renewal, reflecting the spirit of the Australian landscape and community.
- **Liberating Education Touchstone (bottom right):** Depicting people reaching upwards together, this symbol represents the transformative power of education, encouraging each person to realise their potential and contribute positively to society.

The House Motto: *Veritas Vos Liberabit*

Translated from Latin, *Veritas Vos Liberabit* means "The Truth Will Set You Free". The motto emphasises the pursuit of truth through faith, learning, integrity, and wisdom. It encourages students to seek out understanding, act with honesty, and use their knowledge to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Indigenous Connection to Country

The Rice Shield reflects respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Peoples of Australia. Through the inclusion of the wattle, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and honour their enduring connection to Country, culture, and community. This recognition aligns with the Edmund Rice tradition of justice, inclusion, and dignity, encouraging members of Rice House to learn from and walk alongside the world's oldest continuing cultures.



TREACY

The Four Quadrants of the Treacy Shield

The Treacy Shield is divided into four quadrants, each representing a key value and characteristic of the Treacy community:

- **Titan (top left):** Symbolising strength, determination, and resilience, the Titan reflects the courage to face challenges and the perseverance required to achieve personal excellence.
- **Star of Bethlehem (top right):** Representing divine guidance, hope, and light, the Star of Bethlehem reminds members of the House to seek direction through faith and to be a positive influence on others.
- **Southern Cross (bottom left):** A significant symbol of Australia, the Southern Cross represents guidance, hope, and belonging. It reflects the House's connection to the Australian landscape and its commitment to navigating life's journey with purpose and integrity.
- **Inclusive Community Touchstone (bottom right):** This symbol represents welcome, belonging, and respect for all people. It encourages students to build a community where each person is valued, supported, and empowered to contribute.

The House Motto: *Esto Lux et Spes*

Translated from Latin, *Esto Lux et Spes* means "Be Light and Hope". The motto challenges members of Treacy House to be a source of encouragement, compassion, and positivity for others. It calls students to lead by example, act with kindness, and bring hope to their community through their words and actions.

Indigenous Connection to Country

The Treacy Shield acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia and honours their enduring connection to Country. Through the Southern Cross, we recognise the rich cultural knowledge and traditions that have guided communities for generations. This connection reflects Treacy House's commitment to belonging, respect, and inclusion, encouraging its students to value the diversity, the wisdom, and the heritage of the world's oldest continuing cultures.

