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*"It is qualities, that fit a man for life  
of usefulness, not the mental possession of  
facts.*

*The school that best helps to form character,  
not*

*The one that imparts the most information,  
is*

*The school the future will demand."*

### School Motto

We are familiar with the School motto "Nil Sine Pulvere" and its literal translation "Nothing without Dust"; and most of us, I think, quite realize that this does not refer to the clouds of dust which arise with the passing of every vehicle from the Cavendish Road to envelop the school; but rather, to the effort required to achieve.

The words are, of course, Latin and to the Romans themselves "Pulvis" had the wider meaning of work, effort or sweat. Its application, too, was not confined to ant one field. There was the "Pulvis Olympics", the dust of the circus or wrestling place, which in time, became the name of the arena where gladiatorial combats took place; and the "Pulvis Eruditus", the sand or dust in which the old mathematicians drew their diagrams, hence the dust of learning.

The words "Sine Pulvere, palmae" appear in an epistle of the great Roman, Horace, to his patron, Maecenas, where, in cynical strain, he asks whether there be any man who would refuse the rewards of victory just because he had gained it without effort.

However, John Milton, obviously recalling the words of Horace, looks at things in a different light when he says, "I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race

where the immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat."

The choice of the names of our school houses – Churchill, Scott, Flynn and Kingsford-Smith – was no accident. The lives of these famous men, two English, two Australian, provide us with excellent examples of the practice of this virtue of perseverance and continuous striving towards ideals. All four had to face, in addition to natural forces, the ridicule, criticism and opposition of mankind, and, at times, failure itself; but each had the courage to surmount these difficulties and continue along his chosen way. For Scott and Kingsford-Smith this ended in tragedy- Scott perishing in 1912 on the return journey from the South Pole as a result of bad weather and insufficient food; Kingsford-Smith being lost in 1933 en route to Singapore in another flight attempt from England to Australia. Both Flynn and Churchill were spared to enjoy seeing the fruitful results of their labours. Flynn, before his death, saw his Flying Doctor service a successful and accomplished fact; while Churchill, once again Prime Minister of England, continues his efforts to render service to his country.

With their lives to guide us, let us then be continually striving and toiling towards our goal. Every one of us may seem to seek a different goal, but in affect it is the same – to attain the best of which we are capable. It matters that we seldom attain fulfilment of our desires; "It is not every man's lot to gain Corinth"; what is essential is that we have courage to continue in spite of our failures; this is the true spirit of "Nil Sine Pulvere".

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### →Next Issue←

Our next issue of *Cavroadian Reflections* is due to come out at the end of September. We look forward to your input to make our second issue even better than our first. Please send your input or articles to [llook3@eq.edu.au](mailto:llook3@eq.edu.au)  
Thank –You!!

The following are the words to our School's Song, aptly titled "School Song". I'm sure many of the current students and staff are unaware that such a song even exists. Reading the lyrics promotes a real sense of pride in our School and Nation. I can only imagine what it sounded like being sung by a hall filled with student's voices raised on high.

### SCHOOL SONG

*This is our song – it's the School Song.  
Let us raise our voice high in chorus,  
For the Green and White, let's play the  
game,  
For the brainy, brawny, brave and bright,  
Yes' we're brainy, brawny, brave and  
bright,  
And that is all there is.  
Long live our school, our Glorious Alma  
Mater,  
To thee, we'll always be true and loyal,  
God bless our Land, God save and protect  
her  
Thro' the dangers that beset her every day.*

*In the sporting field – in the class room  
Striving ever on, ever forward,*

*Fair land Australia – Our wide and free  
land,  
Oh, how we praise and cherish every beauty  
there  
Young hearts are gay – at work and play.  
Soon we must say farewell to Cavendish  
Road.  
Long live our school, our Glorious Alma  
Mater,  
To thee, we'll always be true and loyal.  
God bless our Land, God save her and  
protect her,  
Come follow, follow, follow, our Nil Sine  
Pulvere.*

*Let us do our best, Yes, we'll do our best,  
For the Green and White, the Green and  
White,  
We'll do our very, very, very, very,  
very, very, BEST.  
Long live our school, our Glorious Alma  
Mater,*

*To thee, we'll always be true and loyal.  
God bless our Land, God save her and  
protect her,  
Come follow, follow, follow, our Nil Sine  
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### Now It's Your Turn

We would love to have your contributions included in the next issues of 'Cavroadian Reflections'. What Cav Road meant to you, any funny stories, any interesting facts, in fact anything at all. The magazine is a way to keep you in touch with your past classmates, school and our current school community.

### Touch Championships

In December of 2006, Cavendish Road students (both males and females) from ages 15-17, travelled to Singapore to compete in the World All-schools Touch Championships. This is an event that is held every two years, but this was the first time outside of Australia. The competition involved players from a number of different nationalities. These included Australian, South African, New Zealand, French, Singaporean and various other Asian nations.

The Cavendish Rd State High School students gave the competition all they had and their hard work and dedication paid off. They won all three divisions in which the teams competed, Open girls, Open boys and Open mixed.

Cavendish Road SHS has incredible talent amongst both the male and female players. These players range from District to Queensland representative levels. The competition was a hard battle but at the end of the day the Cavendish Road SHS's team work and determination could not be beaten. The tournament was played in tremendous spirit and the players enjoyed a wonderful sporting and cultural experience with the opportunity to travel overseas