

# A Taste of History

## THE BUNTINE ORATION

### *A Short History*

A bequest to the College, made by the family of the late Dr Walter Murray Buntine, provides funding for a biennial Oration at the College Conference.

Dr W. A. Buntine was prominent in the development of education in the State of Victoria over a long period during the early 1900's. He was born in 1866 and, after some years at Scotch College, proceeded to the University of Melbourne where he graduated Master of Arts. Following some years of private teaching, and the establishment of a private school at Wynstay Road Armadale, he accepted the Headmastership of Caulfield Grammar School in 1896 and continued there until the end of 1932 when he retired.

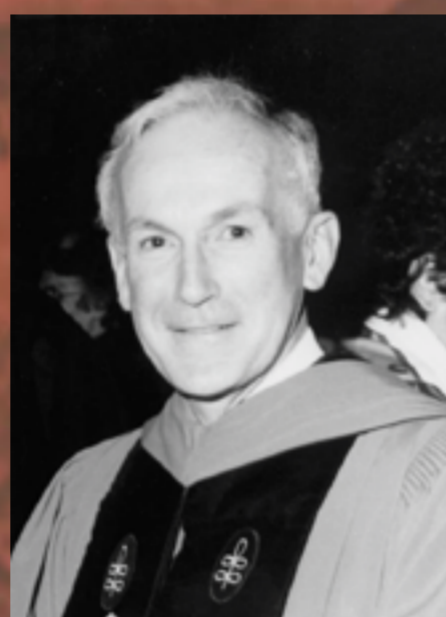
The inaugural Buntine Oration was delivered in the Wilson Hall at the University of Melbourne at the opening session of the Third Annual ACE Conference on May 18 1962, by Professor Peter H Karmel from the University of Adelaide.

In his 1972 Oration in Brisbane, Sir James Darling spoke of Dr Buntine and the background to the bequest from the Buntine family. The College Archives holds the full text of this address by Sir James Darling and also an audio recording.

At the Silver Jubilee Conference in Canberra in 1984, the Buntine Oration was delivered by Justice Michael Kirby - he also gave some interesting background on the purpose of the Buntine Oration.



Professor Peter Karmel  
Melbourne 1962  
(Photo courtesy of The University of Adelaide)



Professor Hedley Beare  
Adelaide 1986



Professor Millicent Poole  
Canberra 1998



Professor Stephanie Young  
Sunshine Coast 2003

## BUNTINE ORATIONS

1962

Professor Peter H Karmel  
*Some Economic Aspects of Education*

1964

Hon Paul M C Hasluck  
*Australia and its Neighbours*

1966

Professor P H Partridge  
*Some Problems of Educational Policy in Democratic Societies*

1968

Sir John Crawford, CBE  
*The Accountability of Universities*

1970

Dr H C Coombs  
*Human Values—Education in the Changing Australian Society*

1972

Sir James Darling, CMG, OBE  
*Responsibility*

1974

Mr Michael Somare  
*Educating for Self-reliance*

1976

Hon H R Hudson, MHA  
*The Political Economy of Educational Advancement*

1978

Ms Barbara Falk  
*Personal Identity Making in Australia*

1980

Sir Zelman Cowen, AK, GCMG, GCVO, DSEJ, QC  
*Politics in Education*

1982

Professor Kwong Lee Dow  
*Education Policy Making in Australia*

1984

Hon Justice M D Kirby, CMG  
*Education—On Hanging in There*

1986

Professor Hedley Beare  
*Shared Meanings About Education: The economic paradigm considered*

1988

Professor Di Yerbury  
*The Tradition of Scholarly Excellence*

1990

Dr Stephen FltzGerald, AO  
*Asia, Education and the Australian Mind*

1992

Hon Justice K J A Asche, QC  
*The Literacy Imperative*

1994

Professor Paige Porter  
*Women and Leadership in Education: The Construction of Gender in the Workplace*

1996

Hon Justice R S French  
*Educating for Democracy in the Twenty First Century*

1997

Dr Frances H Christie  
*Literacy Research and Teaching: Paradigms for the Late Twentieth Century*

1998

Professor Millicent Poole  
*Re-Framing Higher Education: Mind the Market*

1999

Mr Alan Ruby  
*Difference is the Essence of Humanity*

2000

Dr Barry McGaw  
*International Comparisons of Expenditure in Education*

2001

Professor Toh Swee-Hin  
*Uprooting Violence, Growing Peace: Education for Compassionate Citizenship*

2003

Professor Stephanie Young  
*Passive Consumers or Co-creators - Listening to Learners?*



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