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THE CAMBERWELL GRAMMARIAN



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Mr Glyn Henry France (1927-2006)
first Chinese teacher
in Camberwell Grammar School





From the *Grammarian* (and *Spectemur*):

“Why Asian Studies?”

Camberwell Grammar Pioneers the Chinese Language, 1960.

“It is time to tear down the veil of ignorance. And what better place to begin than in our own School?”

G.H. France, Master-in-Charge of the Junior School, Grammarian, 1960.

Australians, most notably educators, are continually reminded that the twenty-first century will be the ‘Asian century’, mandating the learning of Asian languages by local students, amongst other educational innovations. As so often, those reporting what they consider to be cutting-edge trends are mistaken – Australian attention to the ‘Near North’ (as enlightened observers were calling it as early as the 1930s) is of long-standing duration. Nowhere is that more apparent than in the history of Camberwell Grammar, where instruction in the dominant form of the Chinese language (Mandarin), one of the school’s current strengths, was introduced over half-a-century ago in 1960. For our learning community, the past century had already become an ‘Asian’ one four decades before the end of the millennium.

Camberwell Grammar had considered itself progressive from its beginnings in 1886, but tradition was never ignored and instruction in languages such as French and Latin predominated in the school’s first decades, either taught or patronised by the first four headmasters (Taylor, Hall, Buntine and Tonkin), but the origins of Asian studies were already apparent for those who cared to search. One of the first members of the School Council in November 1925 was John Latham, the federal member for Kooyong, federal minister and later a prominent member of the influential Japan-Australia Society. He was also a close friend of Old Boy Walter Murdoch (1886-89). Latham had urged the Council ‘to go forward in the project at hand’ and he always did so in his political life with his own projects; his personal interest in the ‘Near North’ played a considerable part in construction of the Australian Eastern Mission, a diplomatic party which he led to East Asia in 1934 as Minister of External Affairs. A strengthening Japan, not a disintegrating China, was its focus, but its northward focus was the point of significance. In Tokyo, Latham referred to himself before the Japanese Foreign Minister as a ‘barbarian from the south’ – Mr Hirota (later executed for war crimes) was not amused. Back home, the little southern barbarians at Burke Road and soon on the new campus at Mont Albert Road were stirring, perhaps conscious that their home was ‘a city on the fringes of South-East Asia’, as Old Grammarian Barry Humphries/Edna Everage (1941-46) would soon maintain to the shock of many Melburnians. Their interest in Asia, however, was not always benign. During a 1929 House debate (Macrow vs Derham) the Derham team leader, Thomas Griffiths (1919-30), had summarised their argument by suggesting that ‘there was a possibility of racial degeneration’ in Australia which would lead to the possibility of ‘Orientals overrunning Australia’. Soon, the Japanese Imperial Army made such imagined threats seem real enough, as the school prepared itself for an Asian invasion c.1942. The young Barry Humphries wondered if the funds raised at the school for patriotic efforts to dispel the Japanese would be refunded if an invasion did not eventuate – Headmaster Tonkin was



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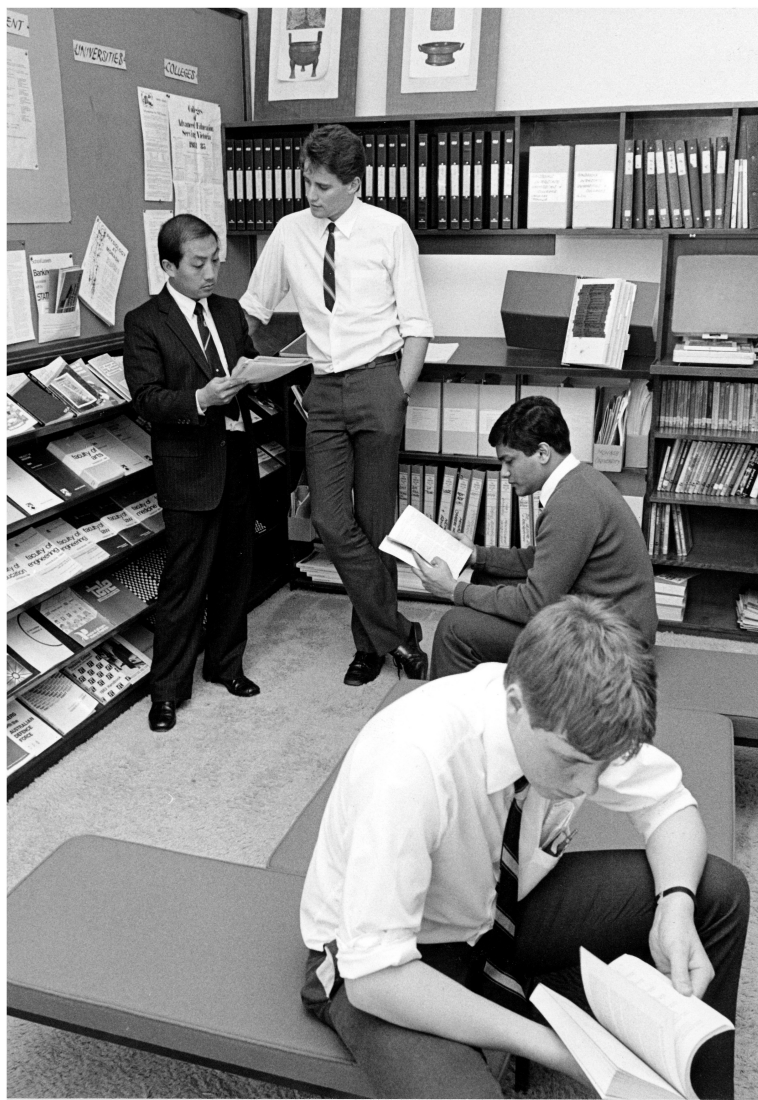
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Stephen Lee

Teaching Chinese for 41 years

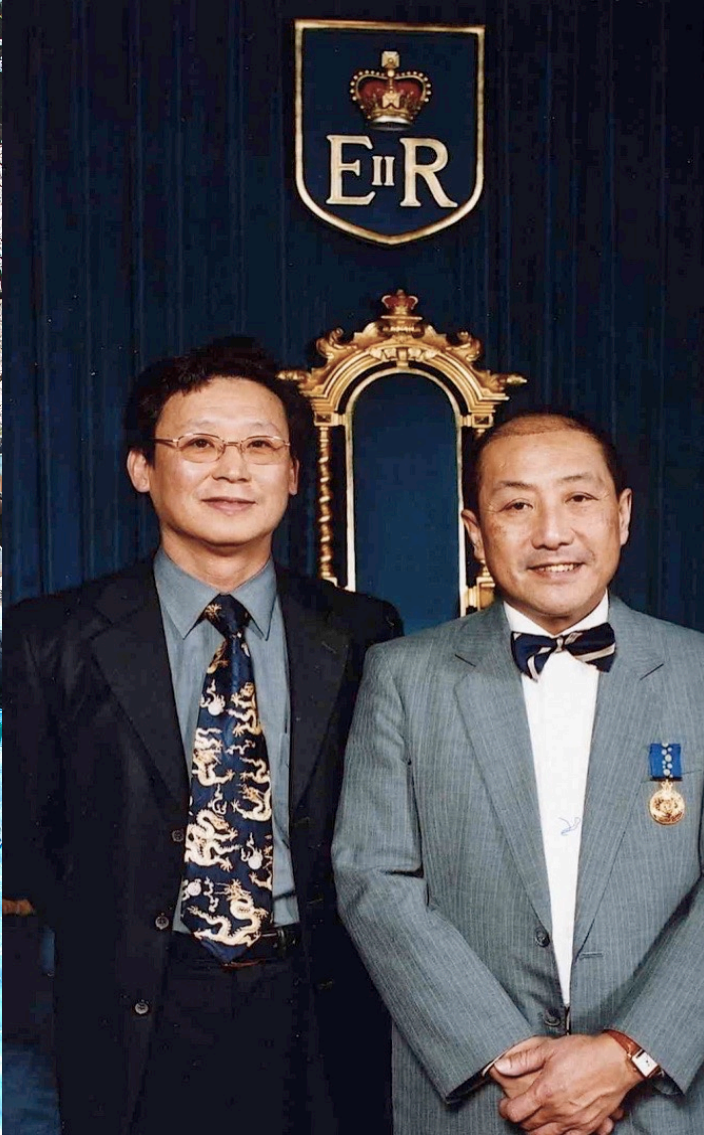


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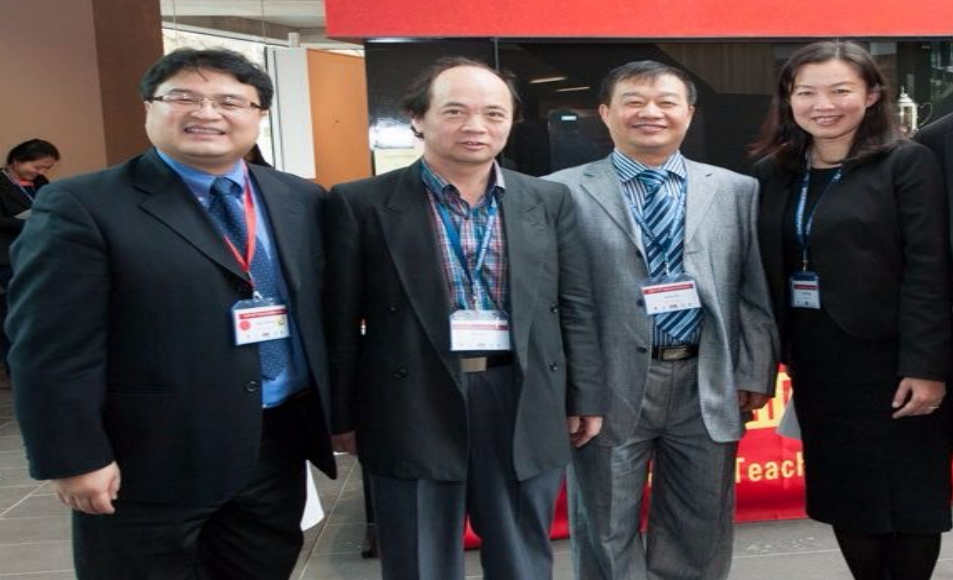




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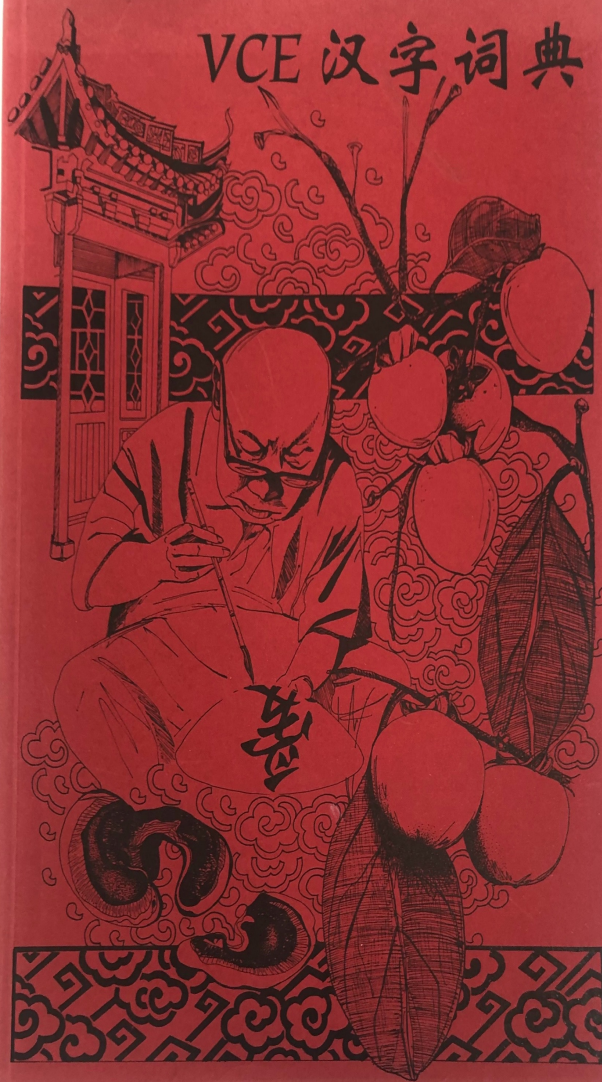
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