



"Well there are not many things teachers won't do to amuse students at State High - dressing up in a tight old uniform like I have today! It is not the case that I have put on weight, it was the 90s and we wore it tight.

*The crowd laughed when Mr Stergou walked into the Piazza... dressed in his school uniform!*

I have however noticed the change in how boys wear their uniform now - shorts dangling from their knees and shirts hanging out. But I could not show you this today because I have no knees!

Not much has changed since seven years ago I graduated from the mighty old State High. Most of the teachers who taught me then are still here today:

- Mr Dosen still talks about how expensive his clothes are.
- Ms Underwood seemed taller then but we were also shorter.
- Mr Reimers was called 'The Terminator' because he slowly roamed around the playground, enforcing litter duty, with groovy shades and always promised "he'll be back".
- Mr Mahony can still be heard teaching Maths under C Block, even when you're playing music out aloud in K Block. Year 8s are still called 'vegies' - some traditions never die!

I never skipped school at State High but I heard that South Bank was okay. I believe it still is today, on a hot summer's day.

We come to school to learn each day,  
And hope that it will show us a better way.  
For me this happened almost two years ago,  
When I returned to give teaching a go.

To me, the meaning of State High came later in my schooling, for I had noticed an appreciation for all that the school had made me. As I look around the school today I see this starting early, Year 8s and 9s walking tall and proud with all of State High's glory."

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