



CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL EMBLEM AND MOTTO

THE GRIFFIN

The Griffin is a legendary animal with the body of a lion and the wings and head of an eagle. It is said to have dwelt in the Rhipaeen Mountains between two peoples, the Hyperboreans and the One-Eyed Arimaspians.

Legend has it that these two peoples fought with the Griffins for possession of the gold guarded by those Griffins in the mountains.

So what? You may be asking yourself. How did such a beast come to be connected with Chatham High School? Well, during the first and second world wars a group of soldiers (gathered from the surrounding area) called the 33rd Battalion also carried the Griffin as a sign of courage.

In fact the colours of the 1/33rd and 2/33rd still hang today in St John's Church of England in Taree.

OUR MOTTO

"SEMPER INTREPIDI" roughly translated from the Latin means "ever undaunted". It is to be hoped that we at Chatham can give those words real meaning in a spirit (though not necessarily manner) similar to those men of the 33rd Battalion.



This is a GRIFFIN which is in the front of a temple in Nepal (close to Kathmandu).

