

# Bruce Henry

**Associate Professor, Head of the School of Mathematics and Statistics – UNSW**

HSC Year: 1976

## **Training (eg TAFE, University etc)**

- BSc (Hons), Theoretical Physics and Applied Mathematics, University of New South Wales, awarded 1981
- PhD, Theoretical Physics, University of New South Wales, awarded 1985



## **Special Educational Achievements (eg University medal, honours etc)**

- Honours Class I and University Medal
- Commonwealth Postgraduate Research Award
- Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship
- Fellow Australian Institute of Physics

## **Jobs**

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Waterloo, Canada, 1984-1985
- Assistant Professor, Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Waterloo, Canada, 1986
- School Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering, Australian National University, 1987
- Queen Elizabeth II Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Research School of Physical Sciences and Engineering, Australian National University, 1988, 1989
- Lecturer, Applied Mathematics, University of New South Wales, 1990
- Senior Lecturer, Applied Mathematics, University of New South Wales, 1994
- Associate Professor, Applied Mathematics, University of New South Wales, 2004
- Deputy Head, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of New South Wales, 2008-2012

## **What are you doing now?**

Head, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of New South Wales, 2012

## **Interesting Experiences**

- Walking to and from work 45 minutes each way at the University of Waterloo, Canada, twenty degrees below zero, between three metre high snow banks

## **Other comments /Memories from Chatham High Days**

I had several superb teachers Mrs Godfrey, Miss Muldoon, Mr Garland in Mathematics. Mr Simms and Mrs Galvin in English.

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## Tips for our students

### *Whilst completing HSC*

- You can't be overprepared. Summarize your notes, Summarize your summaries. Attempt past papers without your notes or summaries. If you have problems with any parts then can you answer them using your summaries? If not can you answer them using your full notes? If not seek help and add to your notes and summaries.

### *Going to University*

- Work hard at your studies. This is your educational moment. It's the future of all those exams and classes at High School. Give yourself Friday night off every week and celebrate that freedom but then back to the educational moment. Never stay up later than 10pm except on your night off. You need to be fully alert to be able to understand your lectures. Say hullo to other students in your class. Talk to them about their experience in lectures, living away from home etc.

### *Getting a job*

- Know your strengths and weaknesses. You almost certainly are better in some way than any other applicant. Try to identify this aspect in yourself and bring it the fore.

## Other Tips

Get yourself a guitar. Get lessons or teach yourself. You can never master it. You will always be learning, and you will have fun with it after a while.