

# Shorn for cancer

THE Top Quad of Chatham High School buzzed with the sound of hair clippers and more than 400 excited students at the end of last term.

The students swarmed around a small group of brave individuals who had signed up to remove hair from their head or lip to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation via its 'Shave For A Cure' initiative.

It was standing room only as teacher, Mr Bob Wilson 'Wilso' and year 12 students, Zac Sheather and Chad Wood sat to be shorn.

For 25 years, Mr Wilson has carefully clipped and cleaned his moustache and so the decision to remove it was a milestone moment.

"In recent years I have lost a few friends to cancer and I saw this as a way to contribute to funding research," Mr Wilson said.

"I'd thought about it last year but this year, once I mentioned to a few people, it was clear that yes, this it was it, it's time to get it done!"

Sitting in the Top Quad, Mr Wilson played to the students and added drama to the event by ca-

ressing and styling the bushy white moustache.

To commemorate the day he received a 'Wilso' cupcake and early estimates indicate that he has raised more than \$370.

Year 12 students Zac Sheather and Chad Hood sat to have their locks shorn and their contribution should boost the collective fundraising total to more than \$600.

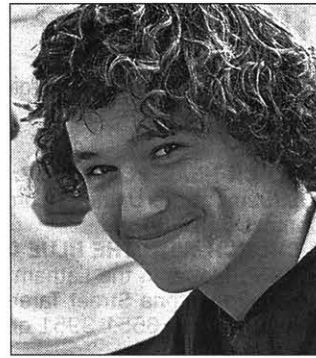
School captain Zac stepped up to the challenge simply because it would raise money for a good cause.

"I don't know anyone affected by cancer but I thought this was a great fundraising idea of the Student Representative Council," Zac said.

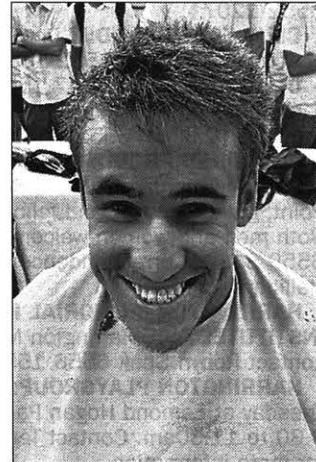
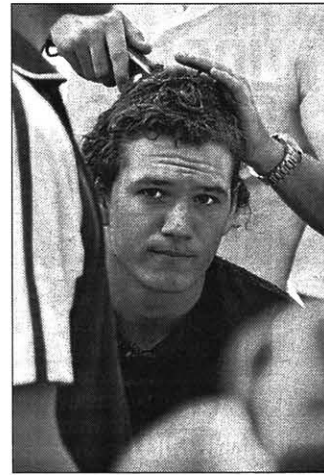
He said he wasn't nervous about losing his locks but was surprised that Chad had put his hand up.

"He's got more hair," Zac said. "He is very vain - it's not like him at all to do this!"

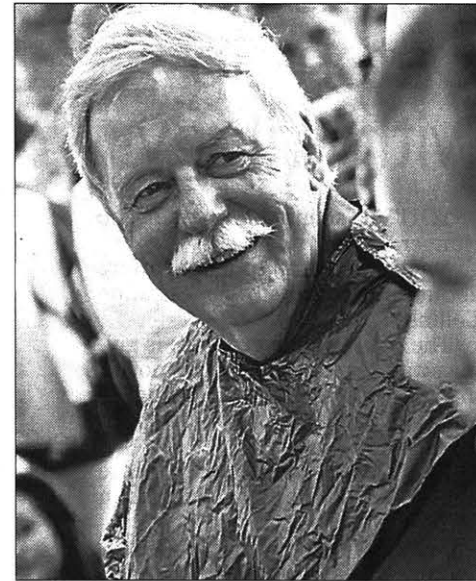
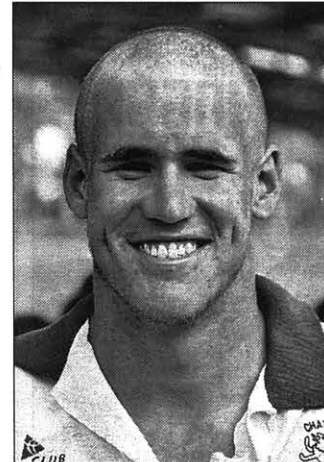
The Student Representative Council would also add proceeds from a cake stall to the final fundraising tally which is expected to be known this week.



**Above: All smiles as the cutting begins on Chad Hood and (right), looking a little more worried as the locks come off.**



**School captain Zac Sheather before and after his Shave.**



**Teacher Bob Wilson prepares to lose his moustache of 25 years and (below) halfway there.**

