

Dr Matthew McCloskey and Mr Ian Stephens are the 2 Heads of the 2 prep Schools of Grammar. Martin Smith and I are the 2 Heads of Music, and Annette McClure and Jacqui Fane are the 2 Choral directors for the schools-I conduct choirs too. We are all deeply saddened by his death.

Sydney Grammar School tribute, written by Matthew McCloskey, Head of Sydney Grammar Edgecliff Prep:

Mr Harley Mead was undoubtedly a talented and beautiful man. His passing is shocking and he will be sadly missed.

Harley understood the innocence of childhood and recognised that not all children were born into worlds of their making. He taught our boys about the importance of peace and love, and he reminded us that universally, children are happy when they can sing, play drums and dance. Harley applied those lessons to the consideration of the plight of refugees and in composing 'Under one Sky', he taught our boys about equality and the importance of humanity and acceptance. It was a privilege for our boys to work with him – his music is a gift.

Harley taught our boys about the power of music. He was possessed by it, and making music with him was moving, joyful and inspirational. Harley achieved this with enormous warmth, charisma, fun and energy- our boys (and staff) were always drawn to him. The memory of Harley and the music he leaves behind are beautiful legacies for which we are very grateful.

He leaves with our love and we hope he rests in peace.

Dr Matthew McCloskey and Mr Ian Stephens



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