Rowing has been a huge part of TSS since before 1906 with the boys happily rowing up and down Pong Creek for entertainment. The boats were crude dug outs until 1907 when Horace Dixon donated a good second hand four and a tub pair, which the boys thoroughly overhauled by themselves.

This enabled them to compete against The Brisbane Boys College, with Regattas held on the Brisbane and Nerang Rivers.

When Charles Thorold founded the TSS House system and the TSS Rowing Club in 1909, boys then competed against each House as well as other schools.

By the end of 1910 the new Boatshed was completed and a brand new boat was donated by The Lascelles family in memory of their son Geoffrey, an outstanding TSS rower, who met an untimely death in early 1910.

The first Challenge Flag was awarded in 1910 and was competed for in an annual Regatta hosted and won by TSS in its inaugural year. This original Flag has been framed and resides in the Memorial Room on the north wall. We are currently up to flag replacement number 6.

The GPS Head of the River (All Schools Race as it was known then) began in 1918 and the O’Connor Cup was first awarded in 1922, but backdated to 1918 with TSS being overall victors for that year.

The O’Connor Cup was awarded to the 1st 1V until 1954, then to the 1st V111 since 1955.

The Old Boy’s cup was introduced in 1988 and was to reward the school with the most overall points in a year. TSS won this in 1989.

Rowing during Term 1 is already in full swing and Head of the River in March will be hotly contested as usual.

To our talented rowers and coaches, best of luck and have a great season.