

The Coat of Arms conferred on Swinburne College of Technology, as it then was, by the College of Heralds on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1969, is based on that of the Swinburne family. In 1967, when we initiated proceedings to get such armorial bearings, Miss G. Swinburne, daughter of the founders, supplied the following information:—

“At a period during the 12th-13th century, when the northern counties of England were ruled by the Scots, a knight from France aided Queen Margaret of Scotland in the wars. She rewarded him by a grant of land in what is now Northumberland, on the banks of the Swin Burn, a small river that flows into the North Tyne, and there he built a castle. He became known as William Swinburn(e), and soon the county reverted to the crown of England.

“The Swinburne coat of arms in Mediaeval times was silver with three boars’ heads in triangular formation. In the 17th century, during the wars between the Stuart Kings and the Parliament of England, the Swinburnes fought for the royalist side. After the restoration of Charles II, 1660, the head of the family was created a baronet for his services. The crest became a baronet’s coronet, with the boar’s head rising from it, and the coat of arms, divided horizontally red and silver, was charged three cinquefoils countercharged.

“About a hundred years after this, one baronet had eleven sons, and the family name is widespread over the county of Northumberland with slight variations in the spelling.

“When times became more peaceful, Swinburne Castle on the small river was no longer the seat of the baronet. The family moved to Capheaton.”

This College holds a unique place among Colleges of advanced education in Australia in the link that persists between the institution and the founder and his family. The conferring on the College of a modification of the family’s Coat of Arms should preserve and strengthen that link, as well as indicate in an interesting though archaic way something of our history.

The Blazon (heraldic description) of the Armorial Bearings reads:

ARMS: *Per pale Gules and Argent two cinquefoils in fess on a bordure four Mulletts all countercharged.*

CREST: *On a wreath of the colours a demi Boar Sable bristled and tusked Or supporting with the hooves an open Book proper charged with a Cinquefoil Gules.*

BADGE: *Issuant in an Annulet embattled on the outer Or a Demi Boar Sable bristled and tusked Or holding an open Book proper charged with a Cinquefoil Gules.*

MOTTO: *FACTUM PER LITTERAS.*

In explanation of this specialised and archaic language the following comments are of interest:

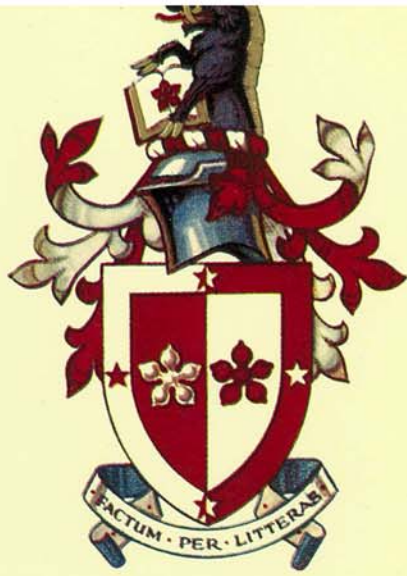
The Arms: *The basic colours of red and white, as also the cinquefoils charged on the shield, commemorate the Arms of the Swinburne family. The omission of the third cinquefoil which appears in the family coat and the addition of the Bordure and the Mulletts (Stars) are what are known heraldically as ‘differences’, which may often serve to indicate an association with another armigerous body or family. The four Mulletts in Cross symbolise the Southern Cross.*

The Crest: *The demi Boar recalls that in the Swinburne family crest; the book is symbolic of learning; the cinquefoil is further to identify the Swinburne connection.*

The Badge: *Here again the Swinburne demi Boar has been featured, this time in an ‘Annulet embattled’ which in appearance resembles a type of cogwheel thus symbolising the technological work of the College.*

The College of Heralds wanted to show the Boar holding a clarion to symbolise the College’s attention to the Arts but we thought the significance would be lost since the clarion depicted was quite unrecognisable as a musical instrument or as anything else.

The Motto: *The College of Heralds’ translation of the Motto is ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH LEARNING.*



TO ALL AND SINGULAR

to whom these Presents shall come, We Anthony Richard Wagner, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Garter Principal King of Arms, John Riddell, Blomhead Walker, Esquire, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Clarenceux King of Arms and Richard Weston, Graham Tuzan, Esquire, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, upon whom has been conferred the Decoration of the Military Cross, Norrey and Ulster, King of Arms, send greeting. Whereas Roy George Parsons, Esquire, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, President of the Council of the SWINBURNE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, hath represented unto The Most Noble Bernard, Marmaduke, Duke of Norfolk, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Carl, Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England and One of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council that The Eastern Suburbs Technical College was founded by the Honourable George Swinburne, sometime Minister for State Rivers and Water Supply, subsequently State Treasurer and ultimately Minister for Agriculture, all in the said State of Victoria, and was duly

incorporated on the Eighth day of July 1908 in accordance with the Companies Act 1890 that the management and control of the said College is vested in a Council and that by a resolution of that Council the name of The College was changed to The Swinburne Technical College on the Fourth day of May 1915 which name by a further resolution of that Council was changed to the Swinburne College of Technology on the Twelfth day of March 1968 that the said Council is now desirous of having Armorial Ensigns duly assigned to the Swinburne College of Technology under lawful authority and he therefore on its behalf hath requested the favour of His Grace's Warrant for Our granting and assigning such Arms and Crest and in the same Patent such Device or Badge as We may consider fit and proper to be borne and used by the Swinburne College of Technology on Seals or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms And forasmuch as the said Carl, Marshal did by Warrant under his hand and Seal bearing date the twenty-seventh day of February last authorize and direct Us to grant and assign such Arms and Crest and such Device or Badge accordingly Know Ye therefore that We the said Garter, Clarenceux and Norrey and several Offices to each of Us respectively granted do by these Presents grant and assign that is to say: Per pale Gules and Argent two Cinquefoils in fess on a Dor Colours A demi Boar Sable bristled and tusked Or supporting with the hooves margin hereof more plainly depicted And by the Authority aforesaid We do further in an Annulet embattled on the outer rim Or a demi Boar Sable bristled as herein depicted, the whole to be borne and used for ever hereafter by the Swinburne College of Technology the Arms following: Issuant and tusked Or holding an open Book proper charged with a Cinquefoil Gules Swinburne College of Technology on Seals or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms In witness whereof We the said Garter, Clarenceux and Norrey and Ulster, Kings of Arms have to these Presents subscribed Our names and affixed the Seals of Our several Offices this Twenty-fifth day of June in the Eighteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith and in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.



Anthony R. Wagner

Garter

J. R. B. Wagner

Clarenceux

R. R. Weston

Norrey & Ulster

