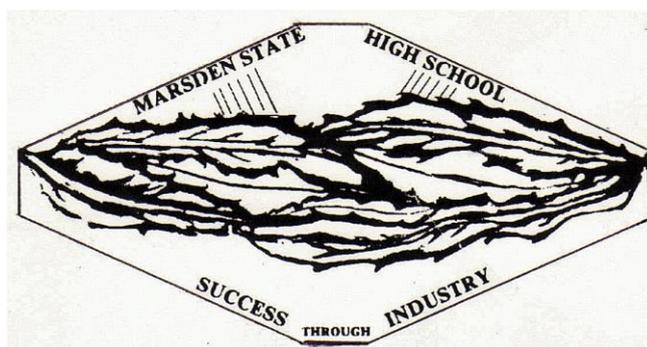


## The School Badges

The original design for the school badge came from a parent (unknown) who attended the first series of meetings of the steering committee of the Parents and Citizens' Association in 1986. This badge was in the shape of a regular octagon with the tree of knowledge in the centre, the name of the school around the top edge, and the words tolerance, industry, achievement, and courtesy around the bottom edge. During 1987, a competition was conducted among the students to design a badge and to invent a motto. From this competition, and many discussions with Parents and Staff, Mrs Cheryl Therkelsen chose and designed a few badges for consideration. The badge below featuring the laurel wreath of victory was the best effort at this time and this was the badge that appeared on the foundation students' certificate for the official opening of the School in 1987.



In response to the general feeling of disappointment with the badge at this time, Mrs Therkelsen again began the laborious process of "uncluttering" the middle of the badge. The laurel wreath disappeared, and the theme of "School environment" that was part of the original tree of knowledge again became the central idea. Mr Kim Cadell undertook to represent graphically the ideas that were presented and, in mid 1988, he produced the first drawings of the present school badge.



In 1988, before the Commerce and Art blocks were completed, if one stood at the students' entrance to the Administration block and looked into the School, one could see the oval. The badge represents this view; the bars at the top of the badge symbolise shafts of sunlight through the treetops and the low-lying clouds; the bars at the bottom represent water and earth, the oval in flood as part of it was in 1988. With sunlight, treetops, clouds, water and earth, the badge symbolises our School environment.

In 2010 the School Captain Team (see SCHOOL CAPTAINS section of this website) undertook a process to reinvigorate the school EMBLEM in line with the new colours of the school uniform. As a result of their consultation process with staff, students and community the following EMBLEM was developed:



The new EMBLEM represents:

- **New school colours** – burgundy, black, grey and white.
- **Tradition** - highlights the Marsden MAKOS shark (characteristics of never giving up and never afraid of a challenge, strong & dominant).
- **Vision** – incorporates the school's VISION (Empowering Individuals, Expanding Horizons and Creating Futures).
- **Values** – incorporates our school's @marsden.i core values.
- **Round Shape** – represents our WORLD/GLOBE (vision of EXPANDING HORIZONS) and making a difference not only at Marsden but leaving a legacy.
- **History** – acknowledging that the school was established in 1987 and that the CORE of the school's success today was built by the founding Principal, staff, student and community in 1987.