House Badges and Mottoes

Miss Daniell, in her *History of Ruyton 1878-1956*, described Ruyton as being organised initially by forms (year levels). In 1922 badges and mottoes were introduced for the forms and first illustrated in *The Ruytonian* of December 1922. No explanation has been found as to why the badges and mottoes were adopted or how their designs were inspired. (The Form IIIa monkeys did not appear in *The Ruytonian* until the next issue.)

The badges below are in order left to right: Forms VI, Va, Vb, IVa, IVb, IV, IIIa, IIIb

As we know, four of these seven badges were transferred to Houses when the house system was introduced in the last term of 1924. The others were discarded.

The four houses were:

- **Anderson** (Colour Red; Motto *To Strive, To Seek, To Find, & Not To Yield*)
- **Bromby** (Colour Dark Blue; Motto *Floret Qui Laboret* – He prospers Who Labours). Had Bromby’s motto been written today (in Latin which is most unlikely) it would have been *Floret Quae Laboret* meaning “She prospers Who Labours”
- **Lascelles** (Colour White: Motto *Non Sine Pulvere Palma* – No success Without Toil. The literal translation is “Not without dust a hand”),
- **Daniell** formerly School House which comprised the boarders. (Colour Light Blue; Motto *A Ma Puissance* – To The Utmost of My Power) Over the years the illustration of this motto was corrupted to Ama (French) instead of A Ma (Latin) something Miss Daniell would not have countenanced. With fewer numbers in the boarding house and uneven competition, it was decided to let day girls join and the name of the house was changed to Daniell in the second half of 1928. (The boarding house closed at the end of 1971)


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