

# DOMINIC COLLEGE HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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## BUSINESS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

### HUMAN SPIRIT



### *Peter Hope (dec): Savio College 1961 – 1967*

Peter Hope spent thirty years flying helicopters in often difficult conditions. As a student, he joined the Air Cadets on a RAAF scholarship and graduated as a pilot in 1971. In the RAAF, he worked as a flying instructor, examiner and test pilot before joining the active reserve in 1984. In 1989 he was a casual pilot for television channels and the Queensland Emergency Services (QES) air unit, and became Senior Pilot and Base Manager for QES (Townsville) in 1995. In 1997, he won national and international acclaim when he flew 300km into the heart of Cyclone Justin to rescue a Canadian couple from their sinking yacht. Awards included *Most Outstanding Helicopter Rescue of 1997* from the International Helicopter Association based in California and an *Australian Bravery Award*, as well as The Royal Human Society *Medal of Bravery Award*. He joined the Civil Aviation Authority in Brisbane as a flying operations inspector in 1998 and was tragically killed in March 2003 when a Bell 47 helicopter rolled on takeoff.