



CECIL ABBOTT

Class of 1939

Since leaving Sydney Technical High School in 1939, Cecil Abbott has followed a distinguished career in the Police Force. After graduation from the New South Wales Police Cadet Corps, Cecil entered the Police Force in 1945. In 1946 he was attached to the Criminal Investigation Branch and later held the office of Assistant Commissioner of Crime. He was appointed as Commissioner of Police in New South Wales 1981- 1984.

During his career Cecil specialised in the study and investigation of drug-related crime at state, national and international levels and was recognised as a leading authority by International Law Enforcement Agencies. In 1983 Cecil represented Australia at I.C.P.O. (Interpol) at the International Drug Conference in France.

In 1976 he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal (Q.P.M.) for distinguished service and in 1985 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (A.O.) for his contribution to public service and particularly the New South Wales Police Force.