

LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR MERVYN BROGAN

Class of 1931

Lieutenant General Sir Mervyn Brogan, KBE, CB, BE, Hon FIE Aust FAIM, was a former Chief of Staff of the Royal Australian Armed Forces.

He attended Sydney Technical High School from 1926 to 1931. During his time he represented the school in swimming (six years), being Under 14 swimming champion and Under 16 swimming champion. He also played for three years in the first grade Rugby Union team and represented in CHS Athletics. Mervyn was a School Prefect.

He then entered the Royal Military College of Duntroon, where he graduated in 1935, winning the prestigious Sword of Honour, "for exemplary conduct and performance of duty". He was seconded to the Sydney University, where he graduated in 1938 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and a Rugby Blue.

General Brogan's military record included service in World War II with the Royal Australian Army Engineers, and later in Europe, USA, Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam. He held many posts including Commanding Officer of the School of Military Engineering, General Officer (Commanding) of Northern Command and General Officer (Commanding) of Eastern Command.

He was invested by HRH Queen Elizabeth as a Commander of the Order of Bath (CB) in 1970, and a Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE) in 1972.