



## **KEN SHORTMAN**

### **Class of 1953**

Ken Shortman (1949-1953) PhD FAA reflects that he obtained the lowest mark ever for French, minus 73 (marks were deducted from 100 for errors) and was punished for reading Dostoevsky under the desk when bored during a maths class.

In 1957 he graduated from Sydney university with a Bachelor of Science (Honours First Class), and a PhD from the University of Melbourne in 1961.

Dr. Shortman continued his postdoctoral studies at Gif-sur-Yvette, France and Stanford University, USA, 1961-1964, followed by research at The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI), Melbourne, successively in Biochemistry, Biophysics and now Cellular Immunology, from 1964 to present. He has had periods of sabbatical research in Lausanne, Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, Marseille, Paris and Lyon, France.

Professor Shortman has been Head of Immunology Division, WEHI (1997-2007) and was elected as Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1999. He is currently senior principal Research Fellow, NHMRC Australia and research Profession of Developmental Immunology, university of Melbourne.

His interests include music (classical, jazz, rock) bushwalking, skiing (downhill, cross country), windsurfing and kayaking.