NOELENE BLOOMFIELD

CLASS OF 1956

Noelene Watt was the Girls’ School Captain in 1956. Her parents, Alan and Elva (nee Hartley), both came from the Orara Valley. After winning a Foreign Student Scholarship to the USA, Noelene returned to Australia in 1967 to lecture in French at the University of Western Australia. She is now a Research Fellow and is writing a book on the French expeditions in the Indo-Pacific Region.

Noelene was the Chief Examiner for French in WA for some years. She has written a book and produced an educational DVD, CD-ROM and a French Maritime history exhibition which toured many national and international venues. In 2004, Noelene received the “Palmes Academiques” (Order of France) from the French Government; and she is in the “Who’s Who of Australian Women”. Noelene has been married for over 50 years to John Bloomfield; they have one daughter, two sons and four grandchildren.