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Justice Michael Kirby attended the Sydney Law School 1958 to 1961 and returned to pick up a LLM degree in 1966-67. He was elected Law III representative on the SU Law Society in 1960; President of that Society in 1962; SRC Representative for Law in 1962; President of the SRC in 1962 and again in 1963. He acquired a taste for overseas travel as SRC President leading Australian delegations to Nigeria, Ghana and Malaya in the 1960s. Eventually, after more farewells than Nellie Melba he exited student politics in 1969 having been elected successively President of the SU Union, Student Senator and Honorary Life Member of the Australian Union of University Students. In between all this he picked up BA LLM BEC, the LLM with First Class Honours and survived as an articled clerk on his Master Solicitor's biscuits. He was appointed to federal judicial office in 1974 at the age of 35 years and is still at it.

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