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\$75,000 for school project

THE State Government has allocated \$75,000 for the construction of a multi-purpose court complex at Norwood High School.

The \$132,000 complex will be made up of six fenced courts.

The courts will be suitable for netball, volleyball, tennis and basketball.

The announcement was made at the school

by the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Neil Tresize.

His department contributed \$25,000 and the Education Department represented by the Member for Ringwood, Mrs Kay Setches, gave \$50,000 to the cost.

The school principal, Mr Ian Macfarlane, said the school community hoped to raise \$32,000 and the Ringwood Council had been asked for a further \$25,000.

He said there was no definite starting date for the complex, but if the council agreed to make a contribution work could begin before Christmas.

The council will consider making a grant at its October estimates' meeting.

Mr Macfarlane said: "The complex will be a magnificent boost for the

school because we are short of sporting facilities. We have a lasting tradition here of high achievement in sport and we are hoping for further success using the new facility."

The complex will be used by the school's 1000 students and the 1400 Melbourne East Netball Association members.

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Mayoral memories linger

THE former Croydon Mayor, Mr Phil Everett, must be wondering if he has finished his term after recent editions of the Mail.

The Mayor's Diary a regular fortnightly column in the Mail has been attributed to Mr Everett on the past two occasions.

However, the comments belong to the new Mayor, Cr Gordon Coutts, who was sworn in to the official post more than a month ago.

The Mail hopes that Cr Coutts has not been too inconvenienced by the misunderstanding and hopefully it will be third time lucky.

Pressing point

THE Mail has been conducting a little survey of late on our most prolific press release sender, the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr John Dawkins.

In the past couple of weeks, we have received 23 press releases and one huge press kit on the budget from him.

It wouldn't be so bad if the information related to Croydon and Ringwood, but most of the releases have little to do with the local area.

ROUND RINGWOOD & CROYDON

Some of the topics have included:

- The launch of a new Sydney company to develop the export of contemporary music;

- The international Maths Olympiad in Canberra;

- The appointment of a man to head a committee to advise on a new university in Canberra; and

- The Federal Government's new commitment to education in Australia which will greatly benefit young people and families in Ipswich (Queensland) and surrounding districts.

Last Friday week the Mail received an unbelievable five press releases in five envelopes from Mr Dawkins' office.

Two were about Federal Government grants to private schools in Queensland and

Tasmania, and there was some more information about Ipswich.

We know politicians like a high profile, but such a waste of time and resources is ridiculous.

The Mail wishes newspapers could put up signs like those on letterboxes saying NO JUNK MAIL.

Parking woes

IT seems as though some people are getting a bit fed up with the lack of all day parking at the top end of Eastland Car Park.

At his weekly press conference, Ringwood's mayor, Cr Robin Gardini, said that there had been a number of complaints to council.

But it seems as though one irate motorist is taking things to the extreme.

Our friend, believe it or not, wrote to council asking if he could pay his parking fines in advance.

Council could not take up the offer, although it was suggested with just a hint of a smile that council would benefit through interest.

The mayor was at pains to point out that there is all day parking at the bottom or north end of Eastland.

New citizens

RINGWOOD Council will hold a citizenship ceremony following its

monthly council meeting on September 26 to officially welcome 17 new citizens.

The council sent out 20 letters to see whether the applicants wanted to wait until Australia Day to receive citizenship, and 17 replied that they wanted it straight away.

Achiever

NORWOOD High School student Priscilla Williams has had her unselfish community work recognised by Dennys Restaurant in Ringwood.

Priscilla, a Year 12 student at Norwood was awarded the Denny's Community Achievement Award for her fund raising efforts to assist local welfare projects.

As part of the school's social welfare committee, Priscilla has personally raised \$102 for the Red Shield Appeal, \$50 for more instruments in the school's music room, and \$100 for a new basketball court.

Priscilla is off to the United States as an exchange student at the end of the year.

Jim speaks

WELL known Group A touring car racing driver and North Ringwood resident, Jim Richards, will be guest speaker at the next Ringwood Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday, October 12.

Just a couple of days later, Richards will be entertaining an audience of a different sort, as he thunders around the curves and straights of Bathurst.

The luncheon is at 12.30 at the Ringwood RSL.

Salt and sail experience for Jeremy

NORWOOD High School student, Jeremy Palmer, flies to Brisbane this week for the adventure of a lifetime.

The soft-spoken 17-year-old, studying in Year 11, has been selected to join the crew on the 'Young Endeavour' and sail Australia's east coast from Brisbane to Newcastle.

The 'Young Endeavour' is the United Kingdom's Bicentennial gift to Australia.

This week's departure is the culmination of a long and anxious wait for Jeremy.

It is nine months since the Tall Ships first docked in Sydney harbor and it was about that time the advertisement for applicants to sail on the 'Young Endeavour', a replica of the Tall Ships, first appeared.

Jeremy applied and was selected with 23 others this week to sail the seas and experience thrills similar to those their forefathers experienced 200 years ago.

Though he has no previous sailing experience, Jeremy is excited by the challenges ahead.

"It's not the type of thing you do everyday and it is different to anything I've ever done.

"Kind of like an adventure," he said.

The director of the

By ANDREW JOHNSTONE

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, Mr Paul Birch, told the Mail the idea of the scheme is to develop the individual's personal skills.

"It's a lot like a boarding school on water and we like the youths to develop their individual skills," he said.

While learning may be a key part of the tour, all of those aboard gain a thorough understanding of the ship and by the end actually run the vessel.



Jeremy Palmer ... looking forward to the challenge



NORWOOD High School students, Cindy Lee (left) and Sharon Ashley, will spend a year in Illinois in the United States under the AFS International Exchange program.
Both girls left Australia on August 10 and will serve as ambassadors for their country during the American school year.

Trivia night

ENJOY a trivia night at Norwood High School hall, Byron St, North Ringwood, from 7.30 pm on Friday, August 12.

Funds raised will go to the proposed new tennis courts.

Cost is \$15 a person, to be paid by Friday, August 5.

For tickets contact the school on 870 5399.

School courts gain support

NORWOOD High School's bid for six multi-purpose sports courts in the new year has received the backing of Mrs Kay Setches, the Member for Ringwood.

Mrs Setches has approached the Ministers for Education and Sport and Recreation for financial help for the complex which is expected to cost \$115,000.

She said there was a

By LIZ HOGG

lack of sports and recreation facilities at the school.

The proposed courts would cater for 1,400 players and they would be suitable for night sports.

The school plans to contribute \$32,000 through fund-raising and intends asking Ringwood Council for a one-third grant.



TEACHER Ms Laurette Dobb introduces Ian Band and Marcela Jansen to the mysteries of a computer during the North Ringwood Community House computer course.

Getting to know computers

ARE you afraid of the latest computer technology which has rapidly developed during the past few years?

Many people are, particularly those who have never received any schooling or training on computers and know little about them.

Some people find this limits their job prospects because they cannot take advantage of new technology.

But the North Ringwood Community House, with the help of the

Norwood High School, is trying to bridge the gap between the computer-educated and the not-so-fortunate.

The director of the community house, Mrs Jo Osbourne, said the group got TAFE funding for the project from the Eastern Metropolitan TAFE Board, and had set up ongoing four-week courses in basic computing.

Mrs Osbourne said the courses would provide training as a lead for people in getting a job involving computer use.

Computer teacher, Ms Lorrette Dobb, said the course was tailored for learners.

"We do an introduction session on word processing, and then we lead on to programming, and in the last session we explore a computing subject of your choice," Ms Dobb said.

"I find quite a lot of the people who are interested in these courses are looking at getting back into the workforce."

More details from the Ringwood Community House on 876 4043.

MDA students get help

STUDENTS forced out of a Melbourne school suspended from enrolling overseas students over complaints about standards will be offered free places in state secondary schools.

The assurance follows a meeting between the Federal Education Minister, Mr Dawkins; a member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, Lee Yu Tai; and parents of children who attended MDA Grammar School in Mooroolbark.

Mr Dawkins said overseas students who had left

MDA and enrolled at other non-government schools faced a second round of fees which many of them could not afford to pay.

He said the students had not had their fees reimbursed by MDA, which was suspended from the Federal Government's overseas student program in February, pending a formal investigation by the Registered Schools' Board of Victoria.

The suspension followed complaints from overseas students about the standard of education and sup-

port services at the school.

Mr Dawkins said the Federal and Victorian Governments had agreed that former MDA overseas students, who had enrolled at other non-government schools before June 14, would be offered the option of a free place at a government secondary school, or a subsidised overseas student place at their current school.

He described the MDA "difficulties" as a teething problem in the early stages of Australia's effort to market its education services overseas.



MRS Dot Whitehead of the Red Cross with Tim Puckey and Jacqui Ward of Norwood High School, winner of the Red Cross Shield.

Norwood High takes shield

NORWOOD High School took the Red Cross Shield from Ringwood High School when the students raised \$1,180 for the appeal.

Mrs Dot Whitehead of the Red Cross made the shield presentation to Ringwood's mayor, Cr John Caffyn.

Cr Caffyn said that the \$26,353 raised this year in the Ringwood community was down on last year's total.

But overall Ringwood had raised \$235,721.88 and next year the city hoped to pass the \$250,000 mark, Cr Caffyn said.

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**NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
BYRON STREET, RINGWOOD**

OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1988

**7.30 pm-9.30 pm
7.30 SCHOOL HALL**

**INTRODUCTION TO NORWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL**

**FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR
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8-9.30 subject displays and student activities

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Celebrations at Norwood

It was a special day in the life of Norwood High School on Friday June 3 as past and present students and staff celebrated the opening of the new administration building and the school's 30th birthday.

It was also the school's official opening, making up for the opening it never had thirty years ago.

The Minister for Education, Ms Caroline Hogg attended with MLA for Ringwood Mrs Kay Setches, the Mayor of Ringwood councillor John Caffyn and other dignitaries from the local area.

During her opening speech to an assembly hall filled to capacity, the minister said the recently completed administration building and staff upgrade was another chapter in the great history of the school.

"Norwood enjoys an excellent academic reputation with one of the highest Year 12 pass rates in the State and one of the highest retention rates in the State.

Ninety-seven point four per cent of students complete Year 12 and looking at the school, it's easy to see why students want to stay," she said.

"Tremendous effort has gone into creating a caring school with a full time chaplain, student welfare co-ordinator and a well established pastoral system," Ms Hogg said.

The Minister had time to see over the new building which has taken four years to complete at a cost of \$870,000. The building includes offices, conference rooms, counselling rooms and other facilities which meet the present 1020 students' and the 78 teaching staff's needs.

Thirty years late, Norwood is open

By **DARREN COOK**

THE Minister for Education, Ms Hogg, has officially opened the Norwood High School — 30 years after it started teaching students.

The minister was about to open the school's new administration block, completed at a cost of \$830,000, when she discovered the school had never been officially opened.

"I know it should have been done quite some time ago, but 30 years late, I now officially open the Norwood High School," Ms Hogg said.

For good measure, the minister also opened the new administration block, which according to the builder, Mr Ralph Mackie, almost never

made it past the drawing board.

Mr Mackie said the Government at one stage found that funding for the new building was not available and scrapped the idea.

But thanks to efforts by the school and the Member for Ringwood, Mrs Kay Setches, the decision was reversed.

An extra \$138,000 was also obtained for an art-craft and

graphics building, which will be built soon.

"I probably sound like Kay Setches' press secretary, but if it were not for Kay, this job just wouldn't have happened," Mr Mackie said.

The school principal, Mr Ian Macfarlane, thanked Mrs Setches, Mr Mackie, former headmaster Mr Lou Toscano, and the school council for their efforts.



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Introduction to Norwood High School for prospective students and their parents.

8-9.30 PM SUBJECT DISPLAYS AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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Norwood High Birthday

Norwood High School as well as officially opening the new Administration Buildings, is launching its 30th Birthday Celebrations on June 3. For further information telephone 870 5399.



NORWOOD High School student Peter Weston will go to France as an exchange student in September.

Knowledge of French came in handy for Peter

PETER Weston, 16, of Ringwood, will leave for France on a cultural exchange tour in September for 10 months.

A Year 11 student at Norwood High, Peter decided to join the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange after a friend returned from a similar overseas trip.

"But I mainly decided to go out of interest sake I suppose," Peter said.

Luckily, Peter knows the French language and feels this weighed heavily in getting him the exchange student place.

"I had to write an essay in French and go through a personal interview before I was chosen," he said.

"And I can speak French, — just."

During his time in France, Peter will go to a French school and stay with a host family.

"I don't know exactly where I'm going yet, but hopefully I'll also do some snow skiing, and if I end up near the coast I'll do some water sports," Peter said.

"One of the things that is planned is a three-day stay in Paris at the end of my stay."

"But I think it's most likely I'll be placed in a rural area, rather than end up in a large town or city," Peter said.

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School year to end earlier

VICTORIAN schools are set to close three days earlier at the end of this year.

It follows a Government decision to let teachers use the last three days of school to attend seminars and courses for professional development.

The school year has traditionally ended on the Tuesday before Christmas. The new arrangement would mean the school ends by the Thursday or Friday of the week before Christmas.

An Education Ministry task-force is now working out details of the proposal which affects all state schools.

Opposition Education spokesman Haddon Storey said yesterday the early finish was the result of a "shadowy deal" between the Government and teacher unions.

By LEON GETTLER

He said the students would suffer under the deal, which included a 4 per cent second-tier wage rise. There was no productivity in the arrangement.

"It is a disgrace that the minister has agreed to this without consultation with parents, school councils or the general public," Mr Storey said.

"The minister's buckling in to the teacher unions for the sake of industrial peace has let down the children of Victoria."

He said details of the early finish should have been worked out before any deal was made.

"No matter what the minister comes up with, students will have three days less teaching.

"Teaching time has been progressively removed during the life of the Labor Government, and it is the students who are the losers," Mr Storey said.

A spokesman for Education Minister Mrs Hogg said yesterday that the agreement had been ratified by the State Industrial Commission.

He said it would provide real savings by allowing teachers to attend seminars and short courses at the end of the final term rather than during the year when they would have to be replaced by emergency teachers.

The decision was made after principals and parents complained about the "messy" situation during the last days of school when work had been completed and many students stayed away.

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New school chaplain appointed

THE newly appointed school chaplain at Ringwood's Norwood High School, the Rev Heather Marshall, promised to maintain, care and encourage her school community at her induction service.

The Rev Marshall, of Ringwood North, was inducted by the Moderator of the Uniting Church the Rev Hamish Christie-Johnston.

There are 29 chaplains in state secondary schools throughout Victoria.

The tradition has been carried out at Norwood High School for the past 18 years.

The director of the Council for Christian Education in Schools, the Rev Andrew Curnow, told the school that the idea of a chaplain did not fit in with the traditional image of the clergy in

society, which was sometimes negative.

The role of a school chaplain was to care for the school community, to show that the most important part of religion is people and that religion can affect all parts of life's experiences and to show that the church has a human face.

"The role of the chaplain is not to do with hymn books, black suits and bibles. The most important part is the people," the Rev Curnow explained.

"Heather is here to show that the church is not just a building," he said.

The Rev Marshall is a Tasmanian. She has been a secretary and an administrator at a health education centre and received her degree in theology in 1982.

She has been a parish minister and a parent on the school council.



THE newly inducted chaplain for Norwood High School, the Rev Heather Marshall, with the director of the Council for Christian Education in Schools, the Rev Andrew Curnow, and the Moderator of the Uniting Church, the Rev Hamish Christie-Johnston.

Norwood High School

Norwood High School is a well-established coeducational school in Ringwood North with a projected enrolment of 1007 in 1988. It offers a very broad curriculum with an academic focus in Years 11 and 12. In the middle school an extensive unit/elective system operates. The school has a wide and successful extracurricular program, including a well-established camp site at Gooram near Euroa.

The school has a very high retention rate and its enrolment has been stable over many years. Organisation is based on the traditional horizontal model with strong emphasis on the role of subject and level coordination. A move towards subschools (junior, middle and senior) was recently begun. An extensive committee structure encourages staff initiatives and a well-established pastoral system is operated by the year-level coordinators, the student welfare coordinator, and the school chaplain.

The successful applicant, in addition to fulfilling the specified general requirements of the role of the principal, will be expected to demonstrate—

- (a) strong leadership qualities and an ability to develop and promote a cooperative and harmonious atmosphere within the school community;
- (b) a high level of organisational ability and managerial competence;
- (c) a strong commitment to state education and the ability to promote a positive image of the school in the community;
- (d) ability to liaise and represent the school effectively with the Ministry of Education, both at regional and central levels;
- (e) educational leadership and a familiarity with current educational and curriculum developments;
- (f) an understanding of financial procedures, including an ongoing commitment to program budgeting and the initiative to gain finance and other resources for the school;
- (g) a knowledge of and a commitment to the implementation of industrial agreements;
- (h) a strong commitment to democratic and collaborative decision-making processes;
- (i) the capacity to foster the professional development and welfare of staff and the effective application of their skills and expertise;
- (j) the capacity to implement and refine the discipline and welfare policies of the school in conjunction with the year-level coordinators in order to maintain the school as a caring and effective learning environment;
- (k) a capacity to initiate and implement change effectively;
- (l) a commitment to working with the school council in the development of plans and policies and encouraging parent participation throughout the school.

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NORWOOD High School students, Celia Robinson, Tim Puckey, Jeff Taylor, and Jacqui Ward, with 1st Fleet re-enactment member Anthony Timbs, look over goods donated in Norwood's 1st Fleet cultural exchange.

Cultural exchange

NORWOOD High School has promoted international relations in a cultural exchange with children from the Pacific islands.

The school's student council representatives, Tracie McCormack and Jeff Taylor, and school captains Tim Puckey and Jacqui Ward,

handed over a cargo of novels, paper, chalk, and other stationery to Captain of the 1st Fleet Re-enactment ship, *The Eye of the Wind*.

The cargo, and four letters signed by the students, will be carried by the ship to schools in the Cook Islands and Tahiti.



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A spotlight on
community issues

School fees 'are not compulsory'

THE Education Ministry entered the school fees debate by reassuring parents that payment of the fees was "completely voluntary".

The assurance was given by the chief general manager of the Ministry's Schools Division, Mr Kevin Collins.

Mr Collins said because of the apparent uncertainty surrounding the voluntary contributions, it was up to individual school councils to spell out the situation to parents.

His division has had several inquiries from parents of government school students asking whether payment of school council levies is compulsory.

This follows claims by the Victorian Federation of State School Parents Clubs on *The Leader Page* (February 10), that some parents — who will not or could not pay the fees — are being discriminated against.

Federation president, Mrs Anne McLeish, said what began as requests for voluntary contributions from parents had in many cases become "quasi compulsory fees".

Mr Collins believes uncertainty over voluntary fee payments has intensified in recent years as a result of the ministry's more complex budgeting processes.

"In their desire to become more systematic and directly relate expenditure to curriculum programs, schools have

By VICKI AMIGUET

needed to develop more sophisticated budgeting processes," he said.

The Government currently pays three allowances — the Education Allowance which is paid directly to schools, and the Education Maintenance Allowance and the new Education Expense Allowance which are paid to parents.

Mr Collins said the Education Allowance, which ranges from \$27.50 for each prep to \$102.50 for each VCE student, covered the cost of books and subject materials.

Part of the school council's management of this allowance is to inform parents which items have been charged against it.

"If there are costs that exceed the allowance and schools wish to ask for contributions then they must ensure that parents are aware these are voluntary," he said.

Mr Collins said schools could not insist on payment of contributions or exclude students from classes if payment was not made.

"It would be contrary to a fundamental principle of public education to deny a child access on the basis of a parent's ability or willingness to pay," he said.

Details of education allowances are available at all schools.

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Rotary seeks youth leaders

The Rotary Club of Croydon is seeking Youth Leaders from the local area to receive Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for 1988. The two young people chosen will attend a residential youth leadership training seminar from Saturday, May 14 to Friday, May 20 1988, at the expense of the Rotary Club.

Candidates must be aged between 18 and 24 (inclusive) and actively engaged as voluntary leaders in a youth group. They will join about 50 other individuals sponsored by Rotary Clubs throughout District 981 at the Clevedon Conference Centre, The Basin. Qualified staff and visiting

lecturers will provide a broad program of theoretical and practical subjects, including techniques of leadership, interpersonal relationships, community responsibility, public speaking, programs and games leading.

These annual seminars are attended by leaders and trainee leaders from a variety of community organisations such as Scouts and Guides, Church groups, sporting clubs and youth groups. The Rotary Club of Croydon is interested in hearing now from anyone wishing to nominate for selection for participate in the 1988 Seminar.

Please contact Graham Otens on 725 0898 by March 6.



Back row l to r, Blair Jeanes from Ringwood, Xenia Groh from West Germany, Christopher Selden from USA, Grant Kennaway from Ringwood. (Blair and Grant have just returned from overseas.)

Middle row l to r, Sharon Ashley from Ringwood, Cindy Wong from Hong Kong, Melanie Mueller from USA, Nanette Florin from USA, Cindy Lee from Ringwood. (Sharon and Cindy Lee leave for overseas in June this year)
Front, Miwa Oishi from Japan.

Students from all over

A social evening was recently held at Norwood High School to welcome all the overseas students for 1988.

The evening was also an opportunity to welcome back home all the Norwood

students who had spent a year studying overseas.

Information was obtained from all the students as to the different schemes for exchange students available at the school.

Enjoying the evening were

students, host parents and family members, counsellors, school council members and Norwood High staff. Countries represented in the schemes this year are West Germany, Hong Kong, United States of America, Japan, Canada and Sweden.

Woman priest at Norwood



The Reverend Heather Marshall joins year 7 students from Norwood High School. From l to r Jane Miller, Elizabeth Wilson, Lynette Winduss, Evan Menoque, Dennis O'Brien, Darren Cochcroft (middle row) and top Johnathon Hodgson. Ms Marshall hopes to bring some new and innovative programs to her role as counsellor and pastoral care worker at the school.

The Reverend Heather Marshall has joined the staff and students at local Norwood High school this year in her first placement as a high school chaplain. Ms Marshall steps into the well established role previously performed by David McKecknie. Mr McKecknie spent more than 20 years as Norwood High's chaplain. The Reverend Marshall is the first woman to take up the posting as chaplain at Norwood High and aims to direct her work towards the development of student welfare, working in the areas of human relationships, group interaction, development and growth. Ms Marshall says she will be concentrating more on pastoral care and counselling rather than on classroom teaching. The role of chaplain is supported by all the local churches in the area, the Norwood High Chaplaincy Committee, the Council for Christian Education in Schools and the Synod Chaplaincy Committee. Ms Marshall joins a team of more than 70 staff members and more than 1,000 students from Year 7 to Year 12.

In the first few weeks of school Ms Marshall has spent her time with the Year 7 students, assisting with their integration into the new

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Education

A letter from Peter Cutter

Since being appointed to the position of General Manager, Eastern Metropolitan Region, I have espoused the view that education must be relevant to serve the needs of the community and reflect our changing society. In order to achieve this we must listen to the opinions and ideas of groups in the community, including parents and members from private enterprise. The restructured ministry must be seen to be positive and dynamic, but flexible enough to cope with a changing environment.

Perhaps the most significant change in the organisation of education in 1988 will be the decision by the government to decentralise

the management of education into regions, then within regions to school support centres. Education decisions will be brought closer to the schools and parents.

The importance of school support centres in this process cannot be overemphasised. Each centre will provide a community of 50 - 60 schools with a wide range of resources, assistance and advice on matters such as curriculum and student services. It is vital that schools liaise closely with their local support centre to ensure that the professional services they offer are thoroughly utilised.

The central regional office located at 39 Ringwood Street, Ringwood will continue to provide services to

schools on matters such as facilities, personnel, finance and pupil placement. I am very happy with the staff we have gained at the new Eastern Region. There is a suitable balance of personnel from each of the old regions who have brought with them much expertise and invaluable local knowledge of schools within the boundaries of the new Eastern Region.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome views from all schools in Eastern Region on ways to improve the provision of education. I am looking forward to meeting and working with each school in planning goals and targets for future activities in our new region.

PETER CUTTER



Mr Cutter

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et team defeated Melbourne High in the Victorian High School Cricket Championship grand final.

This was only the beginning of the cricket team's achievements.

They went on to make history on Thursday, December 10, when the senior cricket team defeated Mentone Grammar's first XI to win the magnificent silver Lord's Taverners Cup.

Norwood also defeated Scotch College and St Leo's to become the premier Victorian school cricket team for 1987.

The Victorian School Cricket Association, which is linked to the Victorian Cricket Association, conducts a cricket carnival over three days among the best eight teams from all schools in Victoria.

The eight champion schools for their sections were:

- Scotch College (Public Schools);
- St Pats, Ballarat (Ballarat Public Schools Assoc.);
- St Bede's, Mentone (Catholic Colleges, ACC Assoc.);
- Heatherhill High (Senior finalists at All High);
- Mentone Grammar (Grammar Schools AGS Assoc);
- St. Leo's, Box Hill (Eastern Independent);
- Nagle College (by invitation — Bairnsdale);
- and,
- Norwood High School (All High Schools Premiers).

Mr Macfarlane advised that the grand final was very tense towards the end with Norwood taking to the second last over to snatch victory.

The Lord's Taverners Australia competition commenced in 1962, and they support the game of cricket at all levels in Australia.

In Victoria, this association is led by Frank Tyson and Andrew Buckle. They are instrumental in raising funds for any worthwhile cause.

They have donated the silver trophy worth \$3000 to the Victorian Schools' Cricket Association to conduct this schoolboy championship.

The senior cricket team now joins with the Norwood senior football team which won the Senior Metro Cup at VFL Park during last season.

The Ringwood community joins me in saying "Well done, Norwood".

**Kay Setches, MLA,
Member for Ringwood.**

Cricket success

SIR — In the lead-up to the hectic Christmas season some important matters can be overlooked.

Mr Ian Macfarlane, acting principal of Norwood High School, has informed me that Norwood High's senior crick-

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Students stage fashion parade

NORWOOD High School finished the year with its own fashion parade.

The parents' association displayed the garments made by the needlecraft students in the course of the school year.

On display was the coveted embroiderers' guild award won by the school in the "best entry" open section of the Royal Melbourne Show last September.

The fashion parade was organised by Mrs Dawn Brand.

