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~~Mrs. Henry~~ replaced Mrs. Seymour

John

Julianne B. de Paphany

designed school uniform
with student approval.
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1965.

The Beginnings.

Croydon West High School opened in February 1965, in three portable classrooms situated in the grounds of Croydon High School. The staff of the new school met for the first time on Tuesday 2nd of February 1965. The staff comprized:

Mr. L. L. Young B.A., Dip.Ed. Headmaster.
Mr. P. D. Donnelly T.P.T.C., University subjects.
Mrs. J. A. Paphazy T.S.T.C. Senior Mistress.
Mrs. P. L. Seymour
Mrs. J. B. Briede
Mrs. V. P. De Gidro (part-time).

On February 3rd, 1965, thirty-nine students (18 boys and 21 girls) answered the first bell and were divided into two Forms - 1B and 1S. The Forms were named after the initial letters of their Form Teachers' names, thus 1B - Mrs. Briede; 1S - Mrs. Seymour (this procedure has continued throughout the school's life and aims at avoiding the "ability rating" names such as A, B, C, D etc.) During the year the school acquired five new pupils (4 girls and 1 boy) and lost two (1 girl and 1 boy).

While conditions throughout the first year were less than ideal, the wonderful co-operation of Croydon High School's Headmaster, Mr. A. W. Douglas and his staff and students and the enthusiasm of Croydon West's Headmaster, staff, pupils and parents, made the year a very successful one. The students achieved a good academic standard, and on the sporting field made up for lack of success with tremendous enthusiasm and a "never-say-die" spirit. (An interesting point: on several occasions the football team had to "borrow" opposition reserves in order to play a game - the school had only eighteen boys).

The school was saddened on July 14th 1965, when it learnt of the death of Mrs. P. L. Seymour. At her funeral two days later, students from Croydon West formed a guard-of-honour. The passing of the late Mrs. Seymour is recorded with deep regret.

As the year drew to a close both staff and students were very happy to hear that the contract for the permanent building was let (November 3rd, 1965).

The school year, 1965, closed with a small "Speech Night" gathering in one of the Sewing Room at Croydon High School.

At the Speech Night Mr. Young gave his report of the year's activities, Honour Certificates were presented and the students put on several short plays and some Choral Verse speaking.

1966:

1966 saw the enrolment of eighty new students and the arrival of ¹five ²new staff members: Mr. J. H. Kelly, Mr. J. P. Aughterson, Mr. A. S. Smith and Mrs. A. ⁴Hedgemont who became the Senior Mistress. Toward the end of 1965, the school had lost the services of Mrs. V. F. De Gidro. ?

The number of portables increased to five in 1966 to accommodate our new students, one of the new classrooms was set up as a Science room.

Once again despite less than ideal conditions the school functioned very well - buoyed up, perhaps, by the knowledge that the permanent buildings would be ready in Third Term. Once again the school was distinguished more through its willingness to put up a game performance than through its success on the sporting field, although the girls' hockey team did go through the season undefeated in six games.

October 26th saw the long-awaited move from temporary to permanent accommodation - the shift was accomplished with the help of the P.W.D. teachers' cars, and the Form II boys. The new buildings were situated behind the Wilhelmena Soccer Club grounds, off the Maroondah Highway and consisted of a central office and classroom block, and the Domestic Science and Art wing. ^{B wing} ^{C wing} The grounds of the new school were unpaved and covered with crushed rock. Any short comings in the new school were, however, outweighed by the knowledge that the school no longer had to put up with temporary accommodation.

The school year closed with a Speech Night held in the Croydon Presbyterian Church Hall. Once again in addition to the more formal business of presentations and reports the students entertained the parents with a Christmas pageant and two short plays. The 1966 Speech Night also saw the first appearance of the School Song, composed by Mrs. A. Hedgemont.

During 1966 the school welcomed two new staff members, Mrs. B. A. Sheaffe and Mrs. A. Keyser.

At the end of 1966 the school lost the services of Mrs. A. Hedgemont and Mrs. J. ~~de~~ Paphazy.

1967:

In 1967 the school population rose to 201 and we welcomed eight new staff members: Mr. S. L. Woodberry, Senior Master, Mr. J. Dooley, Mr. A. R. Carr, Miss M. E. Evans, Senior Mistress, Mrs. P. M. Newby, Mrs. V. McConchie, Mrs. M. Joiner and Mrs. B. Tanner, Librarian.

During 1967 the school lost the services of Mr. J. Kelly who resigned to join the Ford Motor Company.

One of the highlights of 1967 was the production of the School Play "Toad of Toad Hall". The cast numbered some eighty pupils with many others being used in the building of sets and collection of "props". The play produced by Mr. Dooley and Mr. Donnelly was a great success, playing to packed houses on the two nights and rating two photographs in "The Sun" newspaper.

During 1967 the school grounds were paved and gardens started - giving the exterior a more ordered appearance.

The end of 1967 saw the departure of the school's foundation Headmaster, Mr. L. L. Young, who left to take over Nunawading High School. Mr. Young's departure was deeply regretted by staff, students and parents.

1968:

The school population rose to 336 in 1968, we received twelve new staff members and Mr. F. R. Russell became Head Master. The new teachers were: Mr. G. Douglas, Mr. T. Aichison, Mr. R. Growcott, Mr. J. Heldoorn, Mr. E. Coonan, Mr. R. Grant, Mrs. J. Griffiths, Mrs. S. Chandler, Mrs. A. Ford, Miss I. Graham and Mrs. G. Matthews. Miss M. Evans was on leave during 1968 and her place as Senior Mistress was taken by Mrs. Griffiths. During the first three months of the year, Mr. Woodberry was on leave and his place as Senior Master was taken by Mr. Douglas. Very early in the year Mr. Aichison died suddenly, his passing is recorded with regret.

Once again the School Play was one of the highlights of the year. The play "Too-ra-lie-cora-lie-ay", a story of the goldfields, was a great success, and featured a cast of about 90-100 students and the Pembroke High School orchestra.

Pembroke High School was located in the grounds of Groydon West during 1968-69.

During 1968 the second stage of the school buildings was commenced. *A wing*

The end of 1968 saw the departure of Mr. Russell who left to become the foundation headmaster of Doncaster High School. The school also lost the services of Mr. Dooley, Mr. Aughterson and Mr. Heldeorn.

1969:

The school population reached 442 at the beginning of 1969. Mr. H. Fletcher became Principal, and 10 staff members joined the staff. Mr. K. Morrish, Senior Master, Mr. R. Meehan, Mr. H. Wood, Mr. L Young, Mr. L. Koltai, Mrs. K. Sicecnieks, Mrs. W. Martin, Mrs. ^EM. Buchanan, Mrs. E. Hall, and Miss I. Fischer. Miss Evans returned from leave at the beginning of 1969 and resumed her position as Senior Mistress.

Very early in the year Mrs. Keyser resigned from the staff to return to her homeland, Holland, Mrs. Martin, who was to take her place also left the staff and was replaced by Miss Fischer.

1969 saw the school's first Leaving Certificate class.

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A wing

POINTS.

1. I think MRS. HEDGEMONT REPLACED MRS. SEYMORE AS MUSIC MISTRESS
MRS. FLENCE REPLACED MRS. HEDGEMONT AS MUSIC MISTRESS
2. MRS. B.A. SHEAFFE JOINED STAFF TOWARD END OF 1966 AS 'SCIENCE' - LENT TO CROYDON HIGH TO SET UP THEIR NEW COMMONWEALTH SCIENCE LABS. (CROYDON HAST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER!)
3. SCHOOL GROUNDS MOSTLY MUD - WHEN IT RAINED THE STAFF HAD TO LEAVE CARS ON MAROONDAH HWY. AND WALK IN WEARING BOOTS - 'ROAD IMPASSABLE.
4. ~~FIRST~~ SECOND SPEECH NIGHT HAD STAFF + PRINCIPAL'S WIFE SINGING IN THE CHOR TO MAKE UP THE VOLUME

ANY PHOTOS ETC. I HAD WHEN I LEFT
I GAVE TO BESSIE TANNER.

Betty Anne.