

Necessity for Higher Elementary Schl at Ringwood.

Box Hill is the nearest High Schl. : Box Hill Tech nearest Girls Tech Schl. (No High Schl for Girls)

and no Tech Schl for Boys at Box Hill
Lilydale is the nearest Higher Elementary Schl

Recently a High Schl has been built at Upwey to serve the Sandersons. It is no use to Ringwood on $\frac{1}{2}$ of its inaccessibility. All the above are several miles from Ringwood.

Why should workingman's child have to go past Ringwood for at least 2 yrs after primary school education.

The general trend in education is to advance to age of leaving school from 14 to 15 yrs.

Now is the child of the working man going to get on. It is imperative that facilities for his or her education should be provided.

Hence the absolute necessity for a
 or at least ← Higher Elem Schl. at Ringwood. (This means
 Central school classes for 2 yrs. at least
 that post primary classes for 2 yrs. would be taken at Ringwood Schl.) It does not mean the building of a new school but simply making provision at the local school for the advanced work by the appointment of perhaps one or two additional members to the present existing staff.

It may not even mean the addition of a classroom.

Ringwood is ideally situated for such a school being at the junction of two important railway lines.

The following list of schools and their approximate attendances will show conclusively that the necessity is there.

Ringwood	350	
Ring. East	150	
Ring. North	65	
Warrendyke	120	} bus runs from Warrendyke to Ring.
Warrendyke Stn	45	
Wautoma	65	
Bornia	150	
Baywater	130	
Mitcham	250	
Croydon	250	} Talk of a bus service likely to be established here
Croydon Nth.	55	
	<u>1700</u>	

For instance say 50% in each school took advantage of the H.E.S. it follows that there would be an attendance of about 80 children - quite sufficient for the establishment of such conveniences in education in Ringwood. And this approximate number would be increased in the following years.

The expense to parents living around the outskirts of Ring. Borough to send children down the line is boiled down to providing access to Ringwood first; then the train to Lilydale, Box Hill, Camberwell E. or Letchburne (Glenferrie). Post primary education for at least two years means everything to the working man's child hence it is imperative that his expenses should be cut by eliminating at least the cost of travel.

Children attending many of the outlying schools could easily cycle to Ringwood without expense to the parents - then why force upon them the cost of train travelling when there is no necessity for it.

Through the absence of H.E.S. at Ring many children who would probably go on for at least a couple of years are debarred simply on account of the financial position of the parents and thus seek any job offering when they complete the 8th grade in primary school.

The cost to the Dept would not be great as it is improbable that additional Classrooms would be required at Ringwood - the only extra cost would be in additional members of staff qualified in such subjects that would be necessary for the class of schools.

Another factor that might be raised where, from a departmental standpoint, the cost of additional accommodation is raised is the fact that at least 30 children attend Ringwood from areas where they are far closer to the school near their home.

The Dept has zoned schools before this, and that could be done here when junior children are nearer to another school and attend Ringwood.

These facts are not known to the general public nor are they known to the Dept.