

Williamstown High School



52nd ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT

Williamstown Town Hall

Tuesday, 9th April, 1968, at 8 p.m.

Chairman: J. C. COE, Esq.

Principal: F. W. HOWE, B.A., B.Ed.

Senior Master: A. M. BADCOCK, B.A., M.Ed. M.A.C.E.

Senior Mistress: Miss M. M. Charnock, Com. Teachers' Diploma (Scot.)

Music: Mrs. H. LAZLO, Dip. of Ed. in Music

School Pianiste: Susan Page.

Programme

- 1 The National Anthem.
- 2 Chairman's Remarks: Mr. J. C. COE, President, Advisory Council
- 3 Principal's Comments on Annual Report.
- 4 "The New Mathematics" Mr. R. F. Howe, B.Sc., T.S.T.C.
- 5 Presentation of Awards (List read by Senior Master)
- 6 Presentation of Badges to School and House Captains.
- 7 Pianoforte Solo by Glenn Campbell, A.Mus. A.
- 8 Choir:
 - "A Round" Traditional
 - "Seven Locks" Hungarian Folk Song arranged by Matyas Seiber
 - "The Ash Grove" Welsh Folk Song arranged with descant
 - "Evening Song" by Karl Marx
- 9 The School
 - "Hold Fast" Words by A. H. Lawson and C. A. Hughes
Music by Denis Gerity
 - "The Best School of All" Sir Henry Newbolt

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - 1967

It is my pleasure to present the 52nd Annual Report of Williamstown High School.

ENROLMENT:

The 1967 school year began with an enrolment of 804 students and remained stable.

Fewer pupils undertook the Matriculation course but the operation of the new regulations governing eligibility to present for the Matriculation examinations no doubt accounted for this decrease.

ACCOMMODATION AND BUILDINGS:

No improvement in accommodation was effected in 1967 and classes had to be housed quite inadequately in rooms at the drill hall site.

Science and art classes continued to be held in rooms unchanged for decades.

It is most regrettable that there has been no external painting of the school for many years with the result that woodwork has deteriorated seriously and the general appearance of the building is depressingly drab.

It would be both fair and prudent to repeat a remark made in the 1966 report that the school deficiencies are well-known to the Board of Secondary Inspectors whose comments in the last Triennial Report were most forthright.

The commencement of the New wing in 1967 gave cause for rejoicing and aroused considerable interest.

Unfortunately, work on the building ceased several weeks ago; but it is hoped that activity will continue in the near future.

The removal of two portable classrooms before school resumed this year added to our accommodation problems.

At present, we have no option but to accept as philosophically as possible the difficulties which confront us.

I assure parents that the department is fully conversant with the situation.

GROUNDS:

Though grounds are in urgent need of attention and beautification, little can be achieved until the new building is constructed and the installation of the new heating system in the original building completed.

The demolition of the Verdon Street house, acquired by the Department in 1966, provides a valuable area for development.

Some helpful suggestions have been made for its improvement and beautification and these will be presented to the Public Works Department in the near future.

The unsightly and rapidly disintegrating wooden

bicycle racks in the girls' ground have been replaced by neat concrete supports.

When the new building is completed, the Public Works Department will carry out urgently required site works.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT:

Items supplied by the Department are as follows: Eight new typewriters, a new incinerator, office bookcase, visitors chairs, chairs for the Women's Staff room, filing cabinet.

Aids received under the Commonwealth Science Grant Scheme include molecular models, magnetic compass, mercury vapour lamp, sodium vapour lamp, neon mounted lamp, parasitology set biology equipment, charts and a photo-copier.

The school purchased a projector, six amplifiers, physical education and sporting equipment and records.

LIBRARY:

The school has long out-grown the limited library space familiar to most of you.

Two large classrooms have been converted into a modern library, but one library room has to be used as a general classroom in the present emergency.

Nearly \$1,400 was allocated to the library from the composite fee in 1967 and the Parents and Citizens Association has been generous in its annual donations.

We are grateful to the Williamstown City Council for many books from the former Mechanics Institute Library.

Parents will be pleased to learn that the new subsidy scheme for school libraries adds substantially to the Governments contribution.

Instead of the previous \$200 subsidy, the school will receive 60 cents for each pupil enrolled in February.

The importance of the library cannot be over-emphasized, particularly to senior students who hope to proceed to tertiary education.

It is essential that seniors develop the habit of reading widely and learn to make full use of the private study periods for reference work.

It is lamentable that some Matriculation candidates do not make full and profitable use of the time which should be devoted to additional reading.

At this level students should be fully aware that success comes through consistent and purposeful work both at school and at home.

Academic success exacts its price and those anxious to do well must be self-disciplined and dedicated.

CURRICULUM:

The 1967 curriculum was similar to that available in previous years; but some restriction in choice of subjects was introduced at the Leaving and Matriculation level.

The limitation of choice, which has been applied since the beginning of 1967, places no student at any great disadvantage.

Completely free choice of subjects frequently results in ill-balanced or dead-end courses of study and gives rise to classes disproportionate in size.

It is unjustifiable to allow unrestricted choice of subjects in time of teacher shortage - especially of highly-qualified staff.

Parents should note that every group of subjects, from Forms V and VI students have to select their subjects, enables the student to continue his education at the tertiary level should he desire to do so.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Sixty four per cent of Form VI students in 1967 qualified for Matriculation.

Seven students gained Commonwealth Tertiary Scholarships, nine gained secondary teaching studentships and fifteen students secured primary studentships.

AWARDS:

1. Commonwealth Tertiary Scholarships:

Glenn Campbell, David Hedley, Geoffrey King, William Francome, Geoffrey Legg, William Sims, Ronald Sorrhagan.

Teaching Studentships:

2. Secondary :

Eleanor Berus, Glenn Campbell, William Francome, Barry Hewet, Geoffrey Legg, Alan Newton, Phillip Parker, Ronald Sorrhagan, Kenneth Wilhelms.

3. Primary:

Christine Allen, Brigitte Balodis, Denise Bates, Marianne Goetz, Robyn Hall, Anna Hatzimanolis, Suzanne Jorgensen, Maree Martin, Robyn McDonald, Velia Murphy, Barbara Muster, Maria Romita, Clare Torma, Sandra Whear, Alan Hurst.

TEACHING BURSARIES — 1967

Leaving:

Nellie Chaly, Lorraine Cumming, Julie Bell, James Handley, John Handley, Ian Bates, Deborah Starbuck.

Matriculation:

Christine Allen; Denise Bates, Eleanor Berus, Marianne Goetz, Julie Huxtable, June McDonald, Maree Martin, Maria Romita, Sandra Whear.

AWARDS FOR 1968 :

Leaving:

Kathleen Bicknell, Margaret Dougan, Julie Steward, Lynn Birkett.

Matriculation:

Lorraine Cumming, Irene Sahhar, Deborah

Starbuck, Ian Bates, James Handley, John Handley.

JUNIOR GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Fifty six Junior Government Scholarships were awarded to the 1967 Form II pupils.

The J. A. Dennis Scholarship was won by Alan Sheers.

COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS:

1967 Awards:

Ilga Balodis, Phillip Burgoyne, Michael Evans, Laima Jekabsons, Alexis Makarov, Frederick Rosewarne, Lynette Thompson, Colin Wiseman.

1968 Awards:

Sue Mathews, Paul Pearce, Gary Pollard, Helen Rosenberg, Indo Saarelaht, Lois Scates.

Nursing Bursaries: 1967:

Michelle Raymond, Agnes Veltmeyer, Lois Viney, Roseanne White, Lesley Whittington.

1968: Glenda Bryant, Anne Congdon.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS: 1967

City of Williamstown Awards:

Barry Hewet, Gavan Hynes, Jeffrey Lovegrove, Ian Miller, Keith Jobson, William Sims.

The City Council has now discontinued its grant for scholarships.

Australian Carbon Black: Gavan Criddle, Kenneth Wilhelms, Jeffrey Collins.

Parents & Citizens' Association: Raymond Titter Ronald Sorrhagan.

Petroleum Refineries: Maria Romita, Anton Kuni-giskis, Thomas Nascarella.

A.C.I.: James Brown, Ian McLaren.

Felt & Textiles: William Francome.

Nugget Pty. Ltd.: Russell Green.

Ex-Students' Association: Luciano Lucina, Costas Krokas, Brigitte Balodis.

City of Footscray: Geoffrey King.

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS:

Through the generosity of the Williamstown Rotary Club, six scholarships, valued at \$200 each were made available to the following boys who completed their Form V course in 1967:

Joseph Bonich, John Falcone, Ian Hampson Ronald Butter, Santo Genovesi, Elias Kampouropoulos.

The School is most grateful to all donors of local scholarships and expresses its sincere appreciation for their generosity and for their interest in education.

NOTE: If parents are interested in the special scholarships awarded through the Education Department, their attention is directed to the list of scholarships published in the second August Gazette annually. This Gazette is available from leading city booksellers and from the Government Printer for five cents.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

District Clergy continue to give most regular and devoted service to our students.

Students should regard religious education as an essential feature in their development.

Secular knowledge has a dimension missing and a sound grounding in moral principles and Christian ethics needs to be grafted to it.

Very sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the following instructors for their services to the school in 1967:

Rev. E. T. Withington (Convener), Rev. A. Absalom, Rev. A. Brass, Rev. A. K. Wilhelms, Rev. H. M. Moorehouse, Rev. L. N. Bean, Capt. R. Balfour, Mrs. C. A. Whitehurst, Rev. Fr. B. Wallis and Mrs. V. B. Boyle.

CANTEEN:

A combination of factors made it necessary for the advisory Council to discontinue the conduct of the canteen under the guidance of a manageress and volunteer workers.

Throughout the year it was most evident that the canteen was no longer an economic proposition.

In the latter part of 1967, a marked decline in the number of voluntary helpers was apparent and it was obvious that a radical change was unavoidable.

This change has now been implemented and your children have access to an efficiently-conducted and well-stocked canteen.

The school's deep gratitude is extended to the very loyal and industrious body of volunteer workers who gave such generous service to the school over the years.

I again convey my thanks to Mrs. M. A. Colley (Advisory Council) whose contribution to the canteen merits a special word of praise.

SOCIAL SERVICE:

Under the able direction of Mrs. B. Gilbert, contributions to social service were made regularly throughout the year. Chief donations are as follows:

Williamstown Hospital	\$100.00
Williamstown Elderly Citizens Club	50.00
Brotherhood of St. Lawrence	40.85
Institute for the Blind	45.00
School for Deaf Children	45.00
Williamstown Hospital Egg Appeal	41.61
Sale of R.S.L. Poppies	24.60

Apart from weekly collections, it is most pleasing to report that some forms initiated special fund-raising functions to improve the school's contributions to those less fortunate than themselves.

This is most commendable and I trust that the awareness of the need to assist others will find expression in similar activity this year.

CADETS:

Under the direction of Capt. J. O'Connor the Cadet Corps continues to play an important role in the lives of many boys.

The strength of the unit increased to 103 in 1967 thus enabling a fourth platoon to be formed.

The Cadet Corps, as is customary, supplied sentries for the Anzac Day Ceremony. The cadets who participated were a credit to the unit and contributed greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

The Passing-Out Parade was carried out most efficiently and the Unit was honored by the presence of the Mayor of Williamstown, Cr. H. Whitaker, the Battalion Commander, Capt. J. T. D. Joyce and the President of the Advisory Council Mr. J. C. Coe.

One observation, which I should like to impress upon parents of Cadets, is that joining the unit is a completely voluntary matter, but if a boy elects to become a cadet he does so on the clear understanding that he serves for at least two years except in case of medical unfitness.

ADVISORY COUNCIL:

It is sometimes said that members of the Advisory Council are not known to parents:

I therefore include in this report the names of all members of the Advisory Council:—

Mr. J. C. Coe (President), Cr. L. A. Parker, (Treasurer), Mrs. G. H. Taylor, Mrs. M. A. Colley, Cr. L. E. Burgoyne, Mr. J. A. Criddle, Mr. E. H. Richards, Mr. J. T. Gray, Mr. W. L. Floyd, M.L.A., Mr. F. G. Dearing, Mr. B. McAllister, ex-officio members Mr. T. J. Dunstone (District Inspector), and the Headmaster who acts as Secretary of the Council.

The Council is concerned with every aspect of school life and the parents and students of this school have been well-served by the capable and conscientious men and women who comprise the Advisory Council.

On behalf of the staff and students, I express most sincere appreciation to the President, Mr. J. C. Coe, and his associates for their loyalty, interest and zealous concern with the welfare and development of the school.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION:

Office Bearers for 1967:

President: Mr. F. G. Dearing.
Immediate Past President: Mr. D. K. Hutchison
Vice Presidents: Mr. A. H. Starbuck, Mr. W. Jackson.

Secretary: Mr. J. Doull
Asst. Secretary: Mr. F. N. Hutchison.
Treasurer: Mrs. N. L. Sheers.
Committee: Mrs. F. Sidgwick, Mrs. W. P. Evans, Mrs. E. Cumming, Mr. J. A. Criddle, Mr. A. Wyatt.

Under the leadership of Mr. F. G. Dearing, and his Executive the Association had a particularly good year which culminated in a most successful fete in December.

Many parents and some members of staff gave unstintingly of their time and effort.

In particular, I place on record the services of the Chairman of the Fete Committee, Mr. A. Wyatt, and of Mr. A. M. Badcock (Snr. Master) whose contributions to the success of the fete were outstanding.

Throughout the year the Association organised a number of dances for students; the proceeds from which substantially augmented funds.

The school is most grateful to the Association for the amenities which it has provided for our students.

I should like to appeal to parents of recently enrolled pupils to participate in the activities of the Association.

All too frequently the burden of work is borne by a few willing workers; but if the facilities, which you desire for your children, are to become tangible whole-hearted support from as many parents as possible is not only desirable but essential.

SPORT:

In 1967 the following sports were available:
(a) Boys: Football, Cricket, Volley Ball, Lacrosse, Tennis, Basketball, Soccer and Squash.

(b) Girls: Basketball, Volley Ball, Hockey, Tennis Table Tennis, Softball and Cricket.

Table Tennis has been introduced as a new sport for girls and sailing has been omitted for boys because of the high cost of maintaining boats in relation to the number of boys who sail them.

The Annual Swimming Carnival was held in Term 1 and the Athletic Sports at the Williamstown Football Ground.

Results of the Inter-House Competition which includes points for the Choral Contest are as follows:

Possum 159	Koala 85
Dingo 132	Wombat 78

House Captains - 1967 :

Dingo House: Jill Tobin, John Handley.
Possum House: Ann Hamill, Noel Davis.
Koala House: Barbara Muster, Angus Morrison
Wombat House: Ilga Balodis, Keith Hamilton

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT:

This school is a member of the Western Division of the Metropolitan High Schools Sports Association and most inter-school sporting functions, which we participated in, were those organised by the Division.

In the A Section Swimming Carnival, Williamstown gained third position.

However, in Athletics our performance was poor and without doubt, we will find ourselves relegated to B Section for Athletics this year.

In the Winter Sports Competition, Williamstown gained second place in Senior Boys Tennis, Senior Girls Tennis and in Senior Girls Basketball.

It perhaps is worth observing that the school does well in sports which do not require large playing fields:— Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball and Swimming.

The lack of a school oval is a serious handicap to our students.

Senior boys participated in inter-school Lacrosse matches.

Apart from the Western Division Fixtures, matches of a more social nature were played in various spots with the Williamstown Technical School, Williamstown Girls' High School, and H.M.A.S. Parramatta.

Perhaps the most notable achievement by students in sport was the gaining of two places in the all High Schools Cricket Team. Our representatives were Geoffrey Collins and Alan Hurst.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Sportsmaster, Mr. B. A. Halloran, the Sportsmistress of 1967, Miss C. Currer and Mrs. C. Trsek, and the Assistant Sportsmaster, Mr. D. Nilson, as well as to all the House Teachers.

APPRECIATION:

The school's gratitude is conveyed to the following organizations for their willingness to make available facilities which the school cannot provide:.

(A) The Williamstown City Council, Holy Trinity Church of England, Williamstown, Central and Newport Tennis Clubs and the Williamstown Swimming and Life-Saving Club, all of whom provided sporting facilities.

(B) The Williamstown and District General Hospital:

We are very conscious of the skilled and prompt medical attention given to students who sustain injuries at school.

In addition to this service, the Hospital also conducts a Pre-Nursing Club for girls attending the school.

To Matron Hardham and the Hospital Staff the school conveys its sincere appreciation.

STUDENT LEADERS:

It is most appropriate that a tribute be paid to the Prefects, House Captains, Magazine Committee, Social Service Representatives, Bell Boys and Form Captains for their valuable assistance to Staff throughout the year.

PREFECTS: 1967:

Head Prefects: Sandra Whear, and Barry Hewet.
Christine Allen, Brigitte Balodis, Jennifer Gilbertson, Marianne Goetz, Anna Hatzimanolis, Julie Huxtable, Marion Lees, Maria Romita, Ria Schepers, Lynette Thompson, Beverley Foote.

Jeffrey Collins, Noel Davis, Geoffrey Legg, Luciano Lucina, Ian McLaren, Phillip Parker, Ronald Sorrhagan, Raymond Titter, Glenn Campbell, William Sims, Gavan Hynes.

MAINTENANCE STAFF:

Old Buildings are not easy to keep clean and tidy and present special problems to the maintenance staff. I am most grateful to Mr. K. Grieve (Caretaker) Mrs. N. Grieve and Mrs. N. Flett for their effort and co-operation.

CLERICAL STAFF:

We are very pleased that Mrs. M. Nicholls accepted the senior office position following the resignation of Mrs. O. Matthews in January 1967.

To Mrs. Nicholls and Mrs. F. Titter, I convey my sincere appreciation for their loyal support and willing assistance on all occasions.

TEACHING STAFF:

We welcomed to the staff in 1967 Miss M. M. Charnock, (Senior Mistress), Mrs. J. M. Corbett, Miss M. E. Lynch, Mrs. K. Jones, Miss C. Currer, Mrs. A. Youakim, Mr. A. R. Fraser, Mr. R. L. Lamble, Mr. C. Nicholls, Mr. C. R. Lewis, Mr. R. F. Howe, Mr. N. A. Butterfield, Mr. A. Macys, Mr. T. R. Purves, Mr. P. D. McArthur, Mr. R. L. Gilbert, and Mr. R. P. Tandberg.

This lengthy list illustrates very clearly the extent to which the staff changes from year to year and gives point to the need for introduction to the long-awaited new classification scheme as soon as possible.

In recent years the lot of secondary teachers has been far from easy and straightforward.

Conditions are very different from the time when parents of present-day pupils were in attendance at secondary schools.

This is something which can be so readily overlooked.

I am most conscious of the heavy burdens which teachers have to carry and desire to express my appreciation of the service which they give to the school over and above their classroom work.

I am particularly mindful of the excellent service given to the school and to the Parent Bodies by the Senior Master, Mr. A. M. Badcock, who was in charge during my long absence from duty last year.

It is with deep regret that I record the loss the school sustained in the unexpected and tragic death of Mr. K. S. McKenzie at the Newport Oval.

It is pleasing to report that the following teachers received promotion within the school — Miss D. Gunn, Mr. C. Nicholls, Mr. R. F. Howe and Mr. D. G. Collett.

At the end of the year the school lost the services of the following, through promotion, transfer or resignation.

Mr. A. R. Fraser, Mr. R. L. Lamble, Mr. L. F. Hughes, Mr. A. G. Blyth, Mr. R. L. Gilbert, Mr. N. Butterfield, Mr. P. D. McArthur, Miss S. Dennehy, Mrs. K. Jones and Mrs. J. A. Gilbertson.

New Members of Staff for 1968 are: Mrs. L. J. O'Loughlan, Miss E. Didzys, Mrs. A. M. Fitch, Mrs. E. Sheffield Miss N. L. Routley, Miss S. M. Quigley, Miss J. Molesworth, Miss D. M. Jokubauskas, Mr. R. E. Vivian, Mr. G. A. Gason, and Mr. P. J. Harrison.

We trust that they will have a very happy association with the school.

CONCLUSION:

Despite the difficulties which we face through inadequate accommodation, I am confident that with patience and goodwill 1968 will be an excellent year.

F. W. HOWE, Principal.