



DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL

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Head Master's Annual Report

1961

ATTENDANCE:

As predicted the enrolment has continued to increase but the rate of doing so has slowed considerably. There are now about 500 boys and 600 girls, a total of 1100. Doveton High School, now in its second year, has changed our position completely and the opening of Lyndale High School and Noble Park High School at the beginning of this year has given us great relief from the Melbourne side of Dandenong. This has reduced our Form I to the reasonable size of 200 pupils. As predicted we are now enrolling from very few schools outside Dandenong City. They are all smallish country schools—Scoresby, Lysterfield, Mulgrave, Dingley, Keysborough, Bangholme, and all told supply about 20 pupils. We are continuing to enrol brothers and sisters of pupils in attendance from all areas, but these do not form a significant proportion. The most important feature is that the Matriculation form continues to grow—last year 46, this year 62, but next year we will probably have fewer as Springvale High School will have its own. The

large enrolments of a few years ago have caused a "bulge" in the middle of the school and with 290 pupils in Form III we have had to make seven forms and this large group will continue to be an embarrassment to our accommodation for some time to come. The Form I enrolment this year of 200 pupils enabled us to make five forms of very suitable size and present indications are that next year will be very close to a repetition of this.

ACCOMMODATION:

The very large number in the Form III, professional course forced us to divide this into four—the IIIA Form following a slightly different curriculum. The forms throughout the school are of reasonable size, save for the three upper forms in the second year, which each contain 50 or more pupils, and the fourth forms doing the professional course (IVa—45, IVb—47) which are much too large. This has overtaxed our accommodation considerably so that on occasion every available space is used, including the laundry, library, Headmaster's Office and the girls' or boys' dressing room. We are in urgent need of extra rooms but we are very pleased that the Public Works Department is erecting a portable classroom within our grounds for 1962.

We also need improvement in our facilities for teaching science. Room 32 has been taken over for a Biology room and Room 3 for senior Physics and Mathematics and although the masters in charge have done a tremendous amount towards making these rooms suitable we feel that permanent and proper facilities should be installed.

GROUNDS:

A considerable amount of work has been done towards making the David Street ground useful for sport. Some trees have been removed and a bulldozer has pushed the scrub into heaps which have been burnt. Recently all rubbish has been removed and the ground levelled still more and we must thank the Dandenong City Council for its help in this. Recently a six feet wide strip has been rotary hoed around the ground, largely through the help of Central Motors, Dandenong, whom we also thank. Unfortunately the dry season has prevented us planting some hundreds of trees right round these grounds as we had originally planned, but this will be done next year. When completed this area will be made into a hockey field and a junior football/cricket ground separated by the row of gum trees left standing. The school will then be very well off for sports grounds with two en-tout-cas tennis courts, four asphalt basketball courts, two hockey grounds, two football grounds, a baseball/softball ground and two gymnasias. In addition we have the use of Hemmings Park across the Highway for soccer and junior cricket. The Dandenong City Council also helps by lending us the showground twice a week for football. The reciprocal arrangement with this body whereby we grant the use of our grounds to local sporting bodies (which invariably include ex-pupils), in return for the mowing of the grass and general assistance, is a very good one and our relations with the Council are such that we expect it to continue. The oval is in need of top-dressing and we hope to do this soon.

IMPROVEMENTS:

Among the numerous improvements which have been effected this year are the completion of the girls' gymnasium with hot and cold showers, largely through the help of the Ladies' Welfare Club. The conversion of the old bicycle shed into a boys' dressing shed with new floor, seats and fluorescent lighting. Gas heaters installed in Room 38, fluorescent lighting in the library, a new water service to the school, electric lighting in all of the outdoor sheds.

We have, with the assistance of a donation of £94 as the proceeds of the very successful Dandenong High School Ladies' Wel-

fare Club and Ex-Students' Association Annual Ball, installed hot and cold showers in the boys' changing room at a total cost of £175. Later it is planned that the staff and boys will line and paint this room. Many other improvements have been promised, including fluorescent lighting in the woodwork room, interior painting of the girls' gymnasium, wash troughs in the old toilets, hot water services in the science rooms and many others. Equipment purchased included a new 16 m.m. movie projector, towards the cost of which the Ladies' Welfare Club has donated £200, so that the school need only add £10, which, with the Government's grant of £50, covers the full cost. Room 32 has been fitted with black-out curtains and we have purchased a further film strip projector and screen so that very few schools are as well equipped as ourselves for visual education. A mitre box and buzz planer and heavy sander have been purchased for the woodwork room. A considerable amount of extra seating has been installed in the grounds. Other improvements include additional equipment for both gymnasias (new mats, parallel bars, climbing ladder, etc.) and a specially designed cabinet for the rest room, where two power points have been installed, enabling us to use radiator, fan and hot water. The library also has been altered so that it is now completely lined with shelves of books and the maximum number of pupils can be accommodated there. A very important feature is the amount of work done by the staff and pupils, for instance, the storage shed has been converted into a girls' sports store, a French polishing room, cleaner's work room and another area intended for a boys' sport store. Mr. Szidat has donated an attractive mural for the entrance hall which has created much interest among the pupils. The garden has not been forgotten, as an avenue of standard roses has been planted along the entrance pathway and has been so successful that it will be extended next year, while the garden around the new building is looking very pleasant largely due to the work of the staff and the gardening club. We are unable to mention numerous other improvements which have been made.

CURRICULUM:

We are continuing with the very wide range of courses and subjects which the school has offered to its pupils for many years past. We have introduced a new professional course in Form III, which includes the study of Commercial Principles and Practice for boys, thus opening up for them the many excellent jobs offering in Dandenong and District with the opportunity of rising to important positions. The girls of this form study Musical Appreciation and this also is proving successful. These subjects are taken in place of a foreign language, generally because the pupils have shown a weakness in this; otherwise they are following the full professional course. We have introduced Economics in Forms V and VI and one result of this has been that several of our Commercial pupils are remaining for Matriculation, sometimes with the idea of entering a profession.

The number of academic successes continues to increase, as shown by the following list:

	1959	1960
INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATES	99	122
LEAVING CERTIFICATES	54	61
MATRICULATIONS	20	31
COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT		
SCHOLARSHIPS	7	10
OTHER GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS	16	21
TEACHING STUDENTSHIPS—Secondary ..	7	14
Primary	14	7
TEACHING BURSARIES—Leaving	12	10
Matriculation	11	14
NURSING BURSARIES	7	2

The number of external scholarships is of approximately the same value as last year and will continue to provide a great incentive for our pupils. One advance made by the Education Department is that where a holder surrenders a Junior Government Scholarship before its expiration it may be re-awarded by the school. This gave us two extra scholarships at the fifth form level this year. Next year we will have 12 Junior Government Scholarships and 6 Free Places at the junior level and one scholarship at the Intermediate standard; the others being 10 from the International Harvester Co., two each from Dandenong City, Berwick Shire, the Advisory Council, the Ladies' Welfare Club and from an anonymous donor, as well as two Barnard-Ward Prizes for our exit pupils.

The library is a wonderful help to our pupils and we are continuing to add to the number of books and to improve it in other ways. Next year we plan to have a staff member almost full time in the library. We are very grateful to the Advisory Council for the donation of the book prizes for academic work and to the Ladies' Welfare Club for the donation of sports and cultural awards which you will see presented tonight. In addition, we endeavour to stimulate our pupils to do their best by Honour Certificates and by commendation, both at school assemblies and in the local press. We must mention the importance of each pupil striving for his or her best academic work so as to qualify for the increasingly large number of scholarships, bursaries and awards made available nowadays. An estimate of the potential value of some of these will help parents to realize that the rewards for success are great.

Secondary Teaching Scholarships—about £2000 over four years.

Commonwealth Scholarships—about £500 over four years.

Senior Scholarships—£40 per year.

University Free Places—Free tuition fees.

Numerous other bursaries and awards from Governmental, semi-Governmental and private bodies of various values.

Nursing Bursaries—£78.

Teaching Bursaries—£50.

SPORTING, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

The Sportsmaster, Mr. T. Hancy, and Sportsmistress, Mrs. A. Daly, have continued their excellent work, their main aim being that each child may have an opportunity to take part in some interesting sport, to have the honour of representing his or her house, and for many, the great honour of representing the school. The inter-house spirit continues at its very high level, and in inter-school competition we climaxed our successful career in the Peninsula Division of the M.H.S.S.A. when for the first time in history, we won the Swimming shield, as well as the Athletics. We have now joined the Monash Division and look forward to a very successful future there.

Cultural activities have gained strength and this year we were represented in the Dandenong Festival by two plays and two choirs, the junior girls' choir being successful in gaining equal third place. The inter-house choral and debating contests are continuing at their previous high level.

The school continues to organise excursions to plays, concerts, etc., and in these pupils and staff join in a very suitable way. This year we have visited "My Fair Lady", "Knight of the Burning Pestle", "Arms and the Man", "The Student Prince", "Twelfth Night" and "Knock". Most of these visits are taken in the evening to avoid losing school time. Educational film screenings are arranged regularly at the local theatre.

SOCIAL SERVICE:

The same system as in previous years is continuing successfully. Last year we again contributed £156 to the Menzies Boys' Home and over £200 to other charities and approximately 2000 dozen eggs to hospitals as well as other minor donations. Also £30 was raised

for the American Field Service Scholarship fund. A pupil of this school, Miss Barbara Hunter, was one of the first such scholarship holders and this year Garry Huntingford was chosen to go to America. Our other activities of concert groups entertaining elderly people, etc., and toys being donated to needy children still continue.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

It is with great regret that we were unable to take part in this during 1961 owing to the extremely heavy calls on the local Ministers' Fraternal. Our opening ceremony was a great success and we will be holding a closing one next week. We have good news for 1962 in that it appears certain that Religious Education will be re-introduced for at least all Forms I and II pupils. The I.S.C.F. group continues its very good work, if anything, stronger than ever.

STAFF:

Our staff has continued at its very high level with Mr. K. Higgs still performing wonders with what must be one of the most difficult problems in organization in the whole State; ours is the third largest High School and in some ways is more complex than those larger than it. We have been very fortunate in our Senior Mistress, Miss H. Houston, who has taken a very keen interest in our school and particularly in the girls. All other members of the academic staff have given loyal and skilful service to their pupils and the community. With our large numbers and crowded conditions they are under continual strain, but have stood up to it and we feel have brought their pupils through to a successful conclusion. Again we are forced to suffer losses of staff very hard to replace. During the year Mrs. D. Barber left us after three years and later, much to our regret, Mrs. G. Hollingsworth left. We are now faced with those changes brought about through promotion of several of our staff members to more senior positions in other schools. Miss Gillespie has been promoted to Glenroy High School and Mrs. Wilson is leaving us to take charge of a Domestic Arts Centre nearer to her home. We greatly regret that Miss A. Maxwell has decided to return to Scotland as she has been a great worker and has taken a very keen interest in all aspects of our school. She will be greatly missed. Another great loss is that of Mr. L. Smith, who has taught senior Science and Mathematics for the past five years. His outstanding work has led to his appointment as Senior Master at Bonbeach High School, where he has a very bright future. We are also losing Mr. T. Hancy, who has been Sportsmaster for the last two years, and who has done excellent work with our Matriculation Art classes. He has been promoted to Blackburn South High School. We wish all of these the best of success and happiness in their new spheres. As yet the only replacements we know are Mr. M. Oldmeadow, a former member of our staff, whom we are delighted to welcome back, and Mr. C. Zoutendyk, a former pupil. Finally it is pleasing to know that the good work of Mrs. V. Evans and Mr. K. Szidat has been recognized by appointing them as permanent teachers on our staff. We are still proud of the very fine work of our clerical staff, though somewhat saddened by the loss of Miss Swann, who, after seventeen years' service, has been forced to take extended leave in order to care for her mother. The school office has not been quite the same without Miss Swann and we do not know as yet whether she will be able to return but we express the views of all present and past pupils and the staff when we wish her the very best in the future. Despite this great loss our office staff has continued to function very well and with amazing patience and good humour. We are very grateful to them.

The cleaning staff continue to perform their work in such a way that it is clear that they take a pride in it and aim at high standards which they achieve.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, the tone of the school continues to be high and the unity which we have mentioned before is still here. The pupils who hold the various offices in the school are continuing their excellent work and are largely responsible for the high standards of appearance and courtesy of our pupils so often mentioned to us by prospective employers. This year we have made a start with parent-teacher meetings and next year plan to develop this still further, our aim being to have an even wider co-operation between the community and the school.

The Advisory Council continues its excellent work and has shown great wisdom in considering plans for the many improvements and in assisting in the achievement of them. This year they have had a large part in the development of the David Street ground and in planning for the erection of a Canteen. Mr. C. G. Hartley continues to be a very able leader and we are very grateful to him and the other members of this excellent body.

The Ladies' Welfare Club, under Mrs. G. Scadden, has been a very happy and successful body. Some idea of their work is gained when we realize that the value of their donations to the school in 1960 exceeded £500 and this year's efforts have been correspondingly successful. We wish them the best of success and happiness for the future years.

The Ex-Student's Association, with Mr. D. Clift as President, has been active this year, the principal success being that in conjunction with the Ladies' Welfare Club they conducted a most enjoyable Ball from which the school received a donation of £94, already mentioned. We strongly urge all ex-students to join this Association and do their best to help it become even stronger.

This outline should serve to show that our school continues to be very active, is determined to progress and at all times it and all those connected with it are working for the betterment of our Community. We are aiming at producing the most valuable contribution of all to our country—pupils trained to fulfil a useful vocation and to serve as good citizens.

DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1960.

MATRICULATION:**BOYS—**

John M. Andrews, Roger F. Barlee, Lucian Czerkawski, Peter Van Hoof, Peter Holloway, Garry Huntingford, Anton Iseli, Graeme Morden, Ronald B. Nethercott, Brian E. Pearce, Ivars Satins,

GIRLS—

Joan E. Alexander, Judith S. A'Vard, Jennifer Bright, Pamela A. Carr, Elizabeth A. Cox, Margaret I. Davies, Evelyne Felbel, Patricia M. Gaston, Jeanette M. Gibson, Elizabeth A. Holdsworth, Pamela J. Johnson, Grace M. Kermod, Denise O. Knight, Kaye I. Longmuir, Marilyn I. Norman, Margaret Rogers, Jennifer L. Symons, Gael Thomsen, Lyndon, J. Webb, Robert W. Wilson.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE:**BOYS—**

John A. Adlam, Richard D. Allen, Andre M. Bokos, Graeme W. Brownfield, Harry C. Denbrave, Thorold J. Edwards, Russell A. Hawkins, Daryl W. Hood, Colin A. Howard, Timothy F. Kupsch, Henri J. Licht, Gordon D. Lowing, G. Bruce Merat, Norbert Nissen, John F. O'Brien, Patrick J. J. O'Brien, Malcolm G. Pettigrove, Bernard J. Phillips, Colin W. Phillips, Keith Reitsema, Wilhelmus T. Reyntjes, Andrew D. Rout, David J. Ryan, Raivo Sark, H. Robert Smith, Peter J. Smythe, Ralph T. Sutcliffe, John R. Taylor, Ferenc Udvary, Graham R. Williams.

GIRLS—

Maureen H. Baker, Ruth F. Camp, Carole E. Charles, Pamela J. Clark, Valerie Cormack, Barbara A. Creed, Judith A. Cummings, Lois E. Edwards, Gillian L. Ellett, Margaret Fowler, Jacqueline C. Hawkes, Rosalie Hodgins, Pamela J. Kelly, Valerie J. Kidd, Pamela J. Maddocks, Paula E. Muskens, Pamela A. M. Oultram, Marjorie L. Pentland, Geraldine P. Perlstein, Beverley L. Pike, Elaine E. Richards, Margery J. Richards, Heather E. Ross, Emilia A. F. Smudek, Margaret A. Stewart, Joan Tuinzing, Juanita M. Twyford, Jillian L. Vaughan, Ursula M. Wahr, Jean M. Ward, Eunice M. Wood.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE:**BOYS—**

James R. Alexander, Peter G. Austin, Stanley V. Barker, Bernard E. Boardman, Terence J. Booth, John W. Brown, David G. Byrne, Allen V. Canobie, Raymond J. Carter, Colin J. Clark, Walter K. Christie, Alan J. Edgoose, Allan H. Elliott, John Fowler, Barry G. Furlong, Clifford D. Graeme, Stephen M. Gray, Noel T. Goldsmith, Bruce J. Hill, Trevor C. Holland, Daryl T. Hopkins, Michael F. Husa, Rodney W. James, David G. Jesson, Robert A. Jolly, Sergio D. Licit, Ian R. McDonald, James S. McDonald, Peter L. McNeil, John S. McSweeney, John B. Macgillivray, Ekke Martini, Gary L. Matthews, Peter D. Mitchell, Antonie H. Mussert, Leslie J. Nethercott, Stuart C. Oliver, Geoffrey S. Osborne, Kenneth B. Peart, Dennis R. Potter, John V. Reid, Peter W. Schneider, John W. Sheard, Ronald Smith, Thomas J. Smith, Peter J. Smythe, Peter G. Stocks, Trevor C. Turner, Tibor Udvary, Raymond S. Vanderpligt, Christopher A. Waite, David J. Wilson, Michael L. Worthington.

GIRLS—

June E. Baker, Mary A. Bertoncello, Carole A. Bird, J. Jane Bongers, Maureen H. Booker, Kerry Bradshaw, Barbara Bright, Judith R. Brown, Ruth E. Brownfield, Norma Campbell, Lorraine B. Childs, Pamela J. Clark, Margaret Cohen, Marilyn D. Cope, Jennifer A. Cummings, Margaret J. Curtis, Noriko Cutland, Grieta De Vries, Linda M. Edis, Carol R. Elletson, Ruth M. Evans, Josephine A. Falla, Frances Farquhar, Faye L. Fick, Lesley L. Fimmel, Lynne C. Ford, Barbara E. Funston, Carol A. Gilbert, Pamela J. Gilbert, Kay L. Glasson, Dawn H. Griffiths, Barbara J. Hamilton, Deidre Hankinson, Doreen M. Hansen, Sybil L. Hayes, Eleanor Hodgins, Pauline Keast, Robyn J. Kelly, Valerie A. Lendon, Anita Lockwood, Margaret J. McCombe, Margaret G. McDowell, Heather M. McLeish, A. Rose Marson, Susanne K. Martin, Karen J. Maxwell, Loris J. Medlin, Judith L. Morgan, Pamela A. Piddock-Denne, Ruth V. Potter, Angelika T. Reibnegger, Julie M. Ross, Patricia M. Saunders, M. Ann Scadden, Jillian M. Smith, Margaret J. E. Sparks, Lynette I. Stone, Dagnija Strazdins, Angelica C. K. Szidat, Barbara J. Trenery, Katarina Trnovsky, Marianne Tuinzing, Veronica Verhelst, Carole S. Walton, Diane M. Warner, Lynette J. Waterstrom, Jeanette A. Way, Renate U. Weber, Marie E. Wilton.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS:

Lucian Czerkawski, Anton Iseli, Brian E. Pearce, Ivars Satins, Joan Alexander, Pamela A. Carr, Margaret I. Davies, Elizabeth A. Holdsworth, Marilyn I. Norman, Gael Thomsen.

TEACHING STUDENTSHIPS:**SECONDARY—**

Lucian Czerkawski, Anton Iseli, Ronald B. Nethercott, Brian E. Pearce, Lyndon J. Webb.

Joan E. Alexander, Judith S. A'Vard, Margaret I. Davies, Evelyne Felbel, Marilyn I. Norman, Margaret Rogers, Jennifer L. Symons, Gael Thomsen.

DOMESTIC ARTS: Jennifer Bright.

PRIMARY—

Joy E. Annear, Elizabeth A. Cox, Patricia M. Gaston, Jeanette M. Gibson, Jillian F. Huxtable, Kaye I. Longmuir, M. Joan Roberts.

ALEXANDER RUSHALL SCHOLARSHIP: Terence Tovey.

FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP: Ronald B. Nethercott.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP: Walter K. Christie.

BURSARIES:

TEACHING—

Matriculation: Barbara A. Creed, Harry C. Denbrave, Lois E. Edwards, Gillian L. Ellett, Margaret Fowler, Pamela J. Kelly, Henry J. Licht, Patrick J. O'Brien, Marjorie L. Pentland, Geraldine P. Perlstein, Malcolm G. Pettigrove, Margery J. Richards, Joan Tuinzing, Jean M. Ward.

Leaving: John W. Brown, Norma M. Campbell, Alan V. Canobie, Noriko M. Cutland, Linda M. Edis, Lesley L. Fimmel, Pamela J. Gilbert, Sybil L. Hayes, John B. Macgillivray, Carole S. Walton.

NURSING—

Josephine A. Falla, Margaret J. Sparks.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

JUNIOR GOVERNMENT—

David Jacobs, Marion R. Law, I. Bruce Forsyth, Roland L. H. Heimans, Margaret J. Osborne, Corrie C. Denbrave, Susan L. Austin, Geoffrey Cox, Eve E. Jelinek, Olesia Dackiw, A. Rosemary Judge, Robert K. Stewart, Helen Coram, John R. Munn.

FREE PLACES—

Lynette V. Howie, Czeslaw Bus, Franciscus Van Den Boogert, Graeme L. Cheeseman, Nicholas Luhowski, Les Midro, Janet L. Byrne.

INTERNATIONAL HARVEST COMPANY SCHOLARSHIPS—

Junior Awards: John Scott, Judith Metherall, Andrew McVean, Rosemary Kelly.

Senior Awards: Michael Pass, Anna Bonk, Tibor Udvary, Dawn Griffiths, David Ryan, Paula Muskens.

BARNARD-WARD PRIZES: Ivars Satins, Pamela Carr.

ANONYMOUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Ferenc Udvary, Emilia Smudek.

ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS: Peter Mitchell, Judith Cummings.

LADIES' WELFARE CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS: Senior—Leslie Nethercott. Junior—Janet Cole.

DANDENONG CITY SCHOLARSHIPS—

Daryl Hood, Heather Ross.

BERWICK SHIRE SCHOLARSHIPS—

Bruce Merat, Eleanor Hodgins.

CRANBOURNE SHIRE SCHOLARSHIPS—

Graham Connor.