

**A HISTORY OF THE  
SCHOOL .  
1957 ~ 1982**

## INTRODUCTORY

The character and development of any school is, to a large extent the responsibility of the Principal.

### CLEELAND HIGH SCHOOL

owes much to its five Head Mistresses and Principals.

In this History, each section emphasises the qualities of devotion, enthusiasm, purpose and perseverance of these personalities.

## P R E F A C E

Every school has its history of development and owes a debt of recognition to people who have contributed in many ways during the life of that school. Ours is no different. Fortunately some of the developments have been recorded and some people have been named. These achievements have been noted, factually and without embellishment, in the main part of this History. Apologies to those who, inadvertently have gone unmentioned.

However certain facts and incidents best ignored in the past, can now be revealed and reminisced upon with amusement and affection.

For example .....

Various administrators in the past have demonstrated their aptitudes and talents in divers ways:

MISS BOND - conducted the school in a factory for eighteen months and then in the new building, developed a beautiful garden.

MISS BOARDMAN - built the hall, promoted melodious music and purchased a superb, rarely-seen "baby grand."

MISS FITZPATRICK - extended the hall to include a common room and introduced pigeon holes into the staff.

MR. LAIRD - filled those pigeon holes with notes and numerous papers. He also introduced Human Relations and a Crèche.

MR. CARBERRY - ensured a male and female staff member were on yard duty each lunch hour.

MR. LAMBERT - is now holding the fort, displaying organizational talent, and his horticultural interests could lead to the school producing "little horticulturists".

Disasters occurred on many of the school's "special occasion" days - primarily "Official Openings" - Which staff member, at the opening of the new building, called Mr. Bloomfield to "hasten to the dining room to afternoon tea" - Mr. Bloomfield was still in the middle of his speech?" (P.A. menace)

And which staff member still had her class cleaning 'Bon-Ami' off the windows facing the sundial, just as the official party - Miss Boardman in her gown, Mr. Reid M.L.A. and Miss Bond - was arriving to unveil the Sundial?

Of course, as related in the subsequent account of the official Hall opening, the wiring of the lights was attached to the P.A. system and vice versa, until ten minutes before the actual event.

On a special occasion in Eclarte, beautiful flowers decorated the large hall. When the function was over and only four students remained in the building, Miss S... said "Some of you had better take these flowers home," and she promptly despatched the four children with a bunch each, to take home to Mum.

Soon after, Miss Bond appeared and angrily said, "Where are those flowers, they're to go to the hospital?" Poor Miss S.. then proceeded to chase the four children with the flowers. Only one bunch was not retrieved; the others went to their destination - the hospital.

- What other school could boast of a teacher who left, later to become a MATADOR?

- Who was the first Craft teacher whose only piece of equipment was an ICE-PICK?

- At the Dandenong Baths, when stiffened half-slips were fashionable, two rather coarse looking teenage girls walked into the dressing rooms and out again soon after with very wide skirts - you've guessed it - our students lost one, two or three half-slips each. No one woke up to what was happening until too late.

- Mrs. Y's "Excursion to end all excursions" was a trip to the "Union Theatre" on a very wet day, when one hundred form III's walked from the train to Queensberry St., to lunch on the floor of the Music Teachers' headquarters - the gardens were out because of the inclement weather. After lunch, the large group scurried up to Melbourne University's Union Theatre. The corridors were packed with lunch hour Uni. students, ours completely cluttered the area.

Unfortunately, the arrangements were made by phone; the venue was Russell St., so the poor students were then rushed to Swanston St. to catch a peak hour tram to Flinders St. In the midst of the disorganized chaos, two students began to fight about the ownership of a certain raincoat. No member of staff could reach the participants through the dense crowds of lunchtime workers and shoppers; the trammies were highly entertained and amused by the antics of the brawlers.

The group red-faced and wet eventually reached the "Union Theatre", Russell St. clattering in, too worn out to really appreciate the performance - it was most unfortunate for Mrs. Y that the Head Mistress attended THAT particular excursion.

- Another excursion, organized by Mrs. G.. was a half-day one to the Dandenongs. When the bus failed to arrive back for afternoon school, some concern was felt. At four o'clock a bedraggled, grim-faced and taciturn group drifted in. Mrs. G. reported back with "Oh no, it was a full day's excursion". We later found out that two students became lost and the half day was spent SEARCHING for them! The report was that the two girls tried to get lost, so they could hitch-hike home.

- This excursion story involves the Peninsula Annual Geography trip, early in the year. The selected day was particularly hot, the buses were not air conditioned, and staff and students were 'roasting'. On arriving at Stony Point, one "joker" threw a ball into the water. With one accord, a large number of the students waded, splashed or slunk into the cool waters of Western Port Bay! The heat was such that most of the group followed, shoes, dresses and all but, back in the bus, the sodden group soon dried out.

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- which group of staff members used to escape to the sick bay for their game of Solo? The leader of the group was always armed with the book of rules; this enabled her to control the others with "You can't do that it's not in the rule book", or "Just a minute, (usually more) I'll look it up".

- who had such an awesome dread of spiders that when a toy spider was thrust under her nose, her screams echoed throughout the school? - to the class's dismay.

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- a certain staff member chided a girl for ogling boys over the fence of the dressing room at the old Dandenong Baths. Quick as a needle, the student replied "How do you expect a girl to catch a husband, Mrs. T..?"

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- The Princess in the successful review "The Drummer Boy" was an accident-prone student so it was felt that the safest place for her, where she couldn't do any damage, was in the "tower". However, during the evening she excelled herself by falling off the Town Hall stage and nearly losing the "tower".

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- One of the older teachers in her hey-day, went with a man whose surname was that of a student. When the student was asked if her father was the one the teacher knew, the student replied quite blandly "Perhaps you knew my Grand-father!"

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- which teacher inadvertently dropped her car keys in the basket, near her desk, of a neighbouring teacher? The keys were not recovered for several days!

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- a strict teacher was given one of the unruliest classes as an extra, last period of the day. As she approached them the class was on its worst behaviour making a terrible noise. The teacher lined them up, lectured them, then marched them, military style, into the room. Making them stand to attention again, the teacher proceeded to lecture the class once more. Very subdued the class sat down and commenced private study without any fuss. All of a sudden the teacher who had been perched on the table, collapsed in a heap as the table crashed to the floor. The peace was shattered! as the class broke into roars of laughter - even the unhurt teacher laughed with the class. Next day a subdued student told the teacher that her Mummy said the class should not have laughed as the teacher could have been hurt.

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- one of the early students was very thin - skinned and a scratch or pin-prick invariably led to an unprecedented loss of blood. The same student had the uncanny ability to fake a faint - usually at the beginning of every English lesson.

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- another student had a hole-in-the-heart, but tried to conceal her condition from staff and students alike. Imagine the horror of one staff member who had raced a group of students up Collins St., to be told on her return to school, that the student could have a fatal attack at any time! After one of the first "open heart" operations, the student returned to talk about her "op." to the Biology class. Later, but briefly, she was an Art teacher at the school.

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- one inexperienced staff member refused to mark exam papers in Geography and History. She didn't want to hurt the girls' feelings, so gave marks between 80%-100% having judged the students on how she imagined the "little darlings" would look in their night attire.

(The Geography and History Co-ordinators were NOT amused - they had to "re-mark all the papers.)

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- which non-swimming staff member panicked when her rubber tube was overturned during a staff and student "swimming race" The perpetrator of that deed was later punished by a student supporter of that teacher - crawler!

- a pleasant Form II, finding out the date of their form teachers's birthday, decided on a lunchtime party. The form enlisted the assistance of Form IV, being taught by that teacher the period before lunch, to ensure she didn't rush off on the bell, as was her habit. The IV's played up unnaturally throughout the lesson and, to their delight, were all kept after the lunch bell. The reason for the misbehaviour was explained when Form II came to "collect" their Form Teacher.

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- a student, caught throwing a paper dart, was told to remain after school to clean up all papers on the floor and encouraged the class to make it worth his while. Paper was torn into confetti-sized pieces whilst the teacher and staff were convulsed as the floor developed a carpet of white paper. The student, however, after the class had left, refused to stay and disappeared with the chagrined teacher following him with "but you must stay to clean up this mess". Guess who cleaned it up. You're right - the teacher!

- "CONDITION GREEN - ROOM .. - STAFF MEMBER".. This was to be the call over the P.A. system when Nicky required urgent medical help. Guess who was the first to use the call. A staff member who had a serious collapse and needed hospitalization.

MISS BOND - 1957-1960:

In 1956 Miss Bond was appointed to organize, in 1957, a new Girls' school to be known as Dandenong Girls' Secondary School.

But what a daunting task confronted her! NO building, NO books, NO equipment- and NO parent association to assist her to organize the school.

She set about hiring three halls - the Memorial Hall, St. Luke's Hall and an upper room in the Dandenong Town Hall. They were to be temporary classrooms.

On 5th. February, 1957, in the Memorial Hall (long since demolished), ninety excited, chattering girls met Miss Bond and her very concerned staff of five. There the students were informed of the three halls which were to be 'home' until a better location could be found.

What a sense of foreboding must have been experienced by staff and students alike! How could one teach and learn satisfactorily without desks, equipment, books, etc. It was small wonder that by the end of Term I, two of the most experienced staff members had gained transfers. This led to Miss Bond's "begging" two locals to replace them.

Eclarte, a former lace (now umbrella factory), was rented for the Education Dept. by Miss Bond, so in Term II, 1957, the move to this building was made. For that year it was wonderful for the whole school to be under the one roof; it was so convenient despite the distance from the town centre.

A typical girls' school curriculum was followed with some emphasis on Cookery, Needlework, Art and Home Management; English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography were, naturally the important subjects, whilst Craft, Physical and Religious education completed the course taken by all.

As the school commenced the year after the Melbourne Olympics, 1956, the Torch was adopted as its badge; "... as a reminder of many things; the brotherhood that brought men and women of every race, colour, creed, rich and poor, to compete in friendly rivalry, the spirit of fair play... of the unselfish spirit of the athletes who disciplined themselves; of the courage that refused to accept defeat. The Torch has led to the path of freedom... its upward leaping tongues of flame are a symbol of life itself. So we should live eagerly, gladly, ever-aspiring.." (Torch, 1958)

Blue and Gold were chosen as the school colours - Blue, symbolic of the Blue Dandenongs, and Gold, symbolic of the wattles and yellow cape flowers.

House names honoured four of Australia's finest athletes:

CUTHBERT - after Betty Cuthbert who won four gold medals at the 1956 games;  
LANDY - honoured a fine sportsman John Landy, a famous middle-distance medal winner.

MARSHALL - John Marshall represented Australia as a swimmer, winning medals in most freestyle events.

STRICKLAND - Shirley Strickland was a very famous hurdler and sprinter who won five gold medals in 1956, 1960, 1964.

"Above Renown" was the motto chosen to indicate that we should be "above seeking rewards and fame". The school song includes the motto - it was written by a member of the 1957/58 staff, Miss Styles. The song was set to music by her friend, Miss Colechin. (The author of this history still recalls the memorable occasion when the song was first sung by Miss Howell and Mr. Stocks (District Inspector) both had beautiful voices and thrilled all who were privileged to hear the rendition)

Thereafter, the school song was sung at all official occasions, assemblies, speech nights, etc. It is to be regretted that since 1975 the song has rarely been sung, so that many students and ex-students have never heard it.

In 1958 the Ann Street building was still incomplete so Eclarte was still retained as 'home' but that year, with an extra six classes, it was quite a squeeze. Often four or five classes were accommodated in the large 'hall'. Impossible situations arose - the teacher with the loudest voice gained the greatest attention - and competition was fierce as theoretical classes (History, etc.) vied with practical groups (Art, etc.) for students' notice.

Open days were always a feature of school life and were well attended by parents and interested public, some of whom were so impressed by the standard of work, happy atmosphere and diligence of the staff, that they endeavoured to "book in" daughters for two or three years ahead. In this way the public became aware of the potential of this type of school.

In March 1957 a meeting of interested parents and friends was called to form the Advisory Council and the Mothers' Club. The first meeting of the former saw such long standing members commencing their connections with the school, as Cr. Rae, Cr. Wachter, Mrs. Caithness, Mrs. Annear, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Stocks, Mr. Kemworthy and Mr. Pearce.

Mrs. Caithness was immediately given the onerous task of attending to finance, a position she so capably handled for many years. She donated the school's first banner.

The Council dealt with the acquisition of equipment; playground seats, bicycle racks, basketball posts, etc. (what tales these objects could relate), these were eventually installed by Messrs. Sanders and Sheriff.

There was great concern felt that the building would still be incomplete in September 1958 and, despite parent and political pressure, the swampy grounds prohibited occupation of the buildings in that year.

£130.00 was given by the parents for the purchase of a piano to replace one on loan from Mrs. Cox.

April 2nd, 1957, the first Mothers' Club meeting was held in the supper room of the Town Hall. Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Brody and Mrs. McConbrie were the first office-bearers. Functions decided upon for the raising of money were - card afternoons, beetles, raffles, tradetables and concerts.

Soon the students participated in sport and every house member was encouraged to compete. In swimming, apart from the normal events, there were such fun races as balloon race, umbrella race, cork scramble, boat race and there was even a wading race for the non-swimmers. Athletics also provided the opportunity for the less competent. The first athletics sports held on the Dandenong West oval (thanks to Mr. MacDonald), had a great picnic atmosphere - it was a happy day where, once again, the majority of the school participated in such events as siamese race, sack race, egg and spoon race, potato race and early-morning race, all of which created great hilarity.

In the Combined Girls' Secondary School sports, Yvonne Chard (Under 13) gained a first placing, three students gained seconds and two, third places. It was excellent, considering the "pocket-handkerchief" sports ground available for practices. At these combined athletic sports, there was an opportunity for vast numbers of students to compete in the team games such as crossball, tunnel sry, leaderball, diamond throw and hockey dribble, whilst a team of twenty-four well-groomed students represented the school in Marching - a very spectacular event! (After 1958 it was a great thrill to see hundreds of students in the grounds spending lunch hour perfecting the skills required to perform competently in these colourful events.)

As Eclarte had limited space available for sport, the whole school, on sports afternoons walked crocodile fashion to the D.H.S. sports grounds and were kindly permitted to use D.H.S. equipment. (Who was the staff member who tagged along at the tail end of the "crocodile" but never quite 'made it' - which was strange as she later became a Bull-fighter in Spain!!)



Towards the end of 1957, instead of a Speech Night as such, a "Fancy Dress Frolic" was organized and proved a huge success.

In 1958 Miss Bond produced a musical "The Drummer Boy" - in which nearly every student and staff member was involved in one capacity or other. Innovative and resourceful costuming ideas (including bottle-tops for jewellery and towels for clothes) emanated from Mrs. Bowes, Mrs. Goldberg and Miss Vincent; excellent singing by Miss Howell's choir; dancing, marching, acrobatics by Mrs. Tyler's groups and excellent props, all contributed to the success and enjoyment of such a production - what a thrill it was for all concerned. One horrifying moment occurred when the "tower" lurched over dangerously but the "princess" rescued it (or was it the "bear") This was the best production ever performed by the school as a whole.

Little wonder that students emphasized the "happy" atmosphere in some of their written work. Common problems brought the school and students into a closer relationship. Students' quotes from an English exercise were :

- "We all work happily. Everyone is happy here."

- "The girls are kind and the teachers willing to help."

- "We are proud of our school."

- "It's a clean school with clean teachers and girls."

- "I think that however long I stayed at this school, I will always be happy."

One amusing incident was that the ceiling contained possums - one day, one "leaked" on to a staff member's desk - her spirits were not dampened and the hole was soon patched up.

No so amusing - when a few drops of rain fell, Room 4, (the basement room), flooded so staff and students were sent scurrying for dry areas.



Room 4 - Éclarte

## FROM ÉCLARTE TO ANN STREET

Towards the end of 1958 the new building was ready for inspection by the school as a whole - although it was far from completed. Miss Bond took great pleasure in leading the students from the Ann Street footpath across all kinds of obstructions, planks, stones, etc. to the Library entrance - no one slipped into the murky ooze beneath the planks.

In the room, now known as Room 3, the one hundred and ninety girls sat on the floor addressed by Miss Bond (Head Mistress); her very capable senior mistress, Mrs. Clarnette, gave her moral support.

The excitement was extreme, and that day, despite no piano, the school song was rendered with great verve and gusto. It was a most historic occasion heralding the occupation of the new building.

1959: It is difficult to describe the feeling of at last "belonging". The new school building became the symbol of stability - an improbable dream had become a reality.

Miss Henry became the very popular senior mistress, replacing Mrs. Clarnette.

The new building provided desks in place of trestles; subject rooms instead of sharing small spaces with other faculties; a library in place of cupboards containing "tatty" borrowed books; equipment could now be housed in permanent places; offices were now available for the Head Mistress and the office staff; the grounds offered the possibility of larger, open spaces for sport, (but were not yet graded) and the staff were now housed in a light and spacious room (which is now part of the Deputy Principal's office).

Miss Bond resided in the flat at the south-eastern corner of the school - this was the "practice" flat for the Home Management students. Her car, left behind the flat, was often the target for wicked pranksters who filled the petrol tank with sand, etc.

As gardening was her great leisure time activity, Miss Bond wasted no time in establishing the school garden. During the hot summer months, she personally attended to the watering of the roses and shrubs.

Within the building, students, overjoyed at having their own form room, did not need the incentives offered for the tidiest and most attractive room. Each month a vase was donated to the form with the neatest room - the prefects held daily lunch time inspections to "mark" the rooms. The overall result was very pleasurable - a refreshingly clean and attractive school about which everyone cared.

Of course there were many "growing pains". The grounds still presented a swamp-like appearance until the Public Works Department, provided huge boulders which built the ground to the requisite level. From time to time, holes appeared in the asphalt outside Room 10 and the staffroom windows - a reminder of the crews of sewerage workers who walked off, what they said, was an impossible task in such a swampy area!

Equipment was slow to arrive and the money available could not possibly cover all the demands. Continuity of staff was a problem, as Dandenong was considered "country" and, in those early days, few teachers could afford to run a car. As the staff and school population increased, the early rapport between staff and students was difficult to maintain. Those early years, with so many problems and lack of facilities, had brought the small school community closer and were the happiest by far, of the school's twenty-five years.

The schools were not zoned until later, so the students were drawn from areas quite far afield especially from the country - from Hughesdale, Oakleigh, Frankston, Dingley, Carrum Downs, Tooradin, Cranbourne, Eakenham, Belgrave, Ferntree Gully, Emerald, Upper Beaconsfield, Officer and Lyndhurst, to name a few places. This entailed the utilization of many buses - a great disadvantage as the school could rarely be dismissed early, students could not be "kept" for detention unless the parents had been forewarned and practices for choir, drama and sport were seriously curtailed to fit in with bus schedules.

A canteen committee was formed with full power to manage the Cafeteria and pass all accounts for payment. The Advisory Council asked Mr. Kenworthy and his son to draw up plans for the new canteen to be located in a space 32 feet by 16 feet, between the two shelter sheds.

The canteen operated from one of the kitchens and trestles in the corridor provided selling space. It was a very awkward situation as the lino layers arrived creating a dust hazard as well as moving the poor confused ladies hither and thither. They fled eventually, to the flat to elude the workmen constructing Stage 3, the holes in the floor and the building materials left lying around. D.G.S.S. provided the first canteen in the Dandenong area to be run by parents. Their motto always was "We serve the children".

The Springvale-Noble Park Council donated four loads of loam for use on the flower beds and Mr. Williams donated the school's first record player.

It was in this year, that Mr. Stocks was asked by the Advisory Council to urge that a new High School be erected in the Noble Park-Harrisfield area to cope with the rapidly growing population.

An excellent mannequin parade was organized by Mrs. Smith - clothes were modelled by forty boys and girls ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Well known T.V. personality, Wendy Marshall, compared the parade and Rockman's supplied the fashions during the second half of the programme. The sum of £145.00 was taken (\$290.00); Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Goldberg assisted with the organization.

This year Her Majesty's inmates provided the school's first tumbling mat at £12.0.0 A Phillip's sound system was purchased at the cost of £598.0.0 - this P.A. system has often been cursed since!

Although classes were held throughout 1959, the new building was not officially opened until 1960 by the then Minister for Education, Mr. Bloomfield. He unveiled the commemorative plaque in the school foyer, after which he toured the school. He was so interested in the Education Week displays of students' work that he was late for afternoon tea (a lavish function).

During her speech at the opening, Miss Bond reflected that, "It was a deeply moving moment - by that simple act we became a school - after four years - along the rocky upward path - the spirit of mateship has welded us into a working team." Later the Advisory Council congratulated the Head Mistress and staff on the wonderful displays of work and the fine behaviour of the children at the Opening.

At this stage, Mr. Reid, M.L.A., endeavoured to expedite the letting of tenders for the third stage of the building (which at that time stopped short at Rooms 25 and 12). The tenders were not called until the end of October 1960 so it would certainly not be completed by February 1961.

After negotiations by Miss Bond with the Methodists for the use of their hall by two hundred and thirty students, the Department then informed Miss Bond that four portables would be delivered to the school - two for the use of the new Lyndale High School and two for D.G.S.S. Also two shops in David Street were rented for 1961; a great deal of valuable time was wasted.

July 19th. was Arbor Day at the school and at an impressive ceremony, many of the trees now in the grounds, were planted.

At the end of the year, Miss Bond who had seen the school through so many difficulties and who for most of her time at D.G.S.S. was dogged by lack of space, was appointed as Head Mistress of J.H. Boyd Girls' School.

She had dedicated her energies to placing the school on a "sound educational basis and to creating an effective unit which stands high in public esteem." (1960 "Torch")

"The Torch" 1960 stated ... "Miss Bond, by her wiles and enthusiasm co-opted leading citizens to work with her for the school she loved." Mr. Bloomfield, at the school opening, had stated that "the Dandenong Girls' Secondary School had put Girls' schools on the map."

From the first, the school had provided something for everyone - opportunity to show ability in directions other than academic - to participate in activities following the Olympic ideal - it was important to be "in it" not to win. Miss Bond had encouraged this all-round development.

The following is an account of a staff/student hockey match held at the end of 1960 as reported in "The Torch" that year.

This was intended to be a serious contest as the staff felt it had sufficient good players to cover several weak positions.

These positions were important ones, e.g. goalie. Here the staff posted two members who turned out to be so afraid of the little hard ball that they protected themselves with masks, chest protectors, pads, etc., and the goals had a net drawn across from one post to the other. In case that failed they used six little Form 1 girls as added protection. They (Miss Henry and Mrs. Smith) then settled down to enjoy a thermos of tea, taking no further interest in the game.

Meanwhile, another weakness showed itself: Mrs. Delfos was too warmly clad (a fur collar for a hockey match indeed!). Little thanks to her that we won (or did we?)

Indeed our thanks went to several who ensured a victory for us. Miss B. Martin turned on such a brilliant turn of strategy that all who saw it were amazed. In her brilliant little gym costume, she gained the ball then, with lightning speed, charged for the goals to score a clever one for the staff. No one could tackle her—they were too stunned (what happened to her stick during that run we cannot say, but at least she had the ball).

The umpire allowed too much laxity, and fouling went on unperceived. Mrs. Bowes was bowed under by the weight of clothes she was wearing and it is doubtful whether she could even find her whistle under all those jumpers. Mrs. Milligan occasionally made her whistle heard above the cheering of the spectators.

MISS BOARDMAN - 1961 - 1969 (585 students enrolled)

Miss Boardman continued to maintain the standard with great energy, devotion and determination.

As with Miss Bond, she had many problems eg. borers in the building; lack of space; playing areas still to be levelled, etc. She realized the necessity for staff washroom and toilet additions, so the contractors for Stage III tendered for alterations to the existing building.

On August 17th. the first House choir competition was successfully held, with Strickland running out the first winners. Later in the year a debating competition, still on a house basis, gave Cuthbert a win. These activities were new and, added to sport, social service, uniform inspection, the Egg Appeal and yard duty, laid a great burden on four very efficient, tireless house captains and their deputies.

Miss Boardman's brilliant ideas included obtaining quotes for a tennis practice wall and the suggestion of the need for more "robust physical activity - a gymnasium and/or hall would make this possible". The Advisory Council resolved to write to the Department requesting Section IV be considered, whilst a committee was formed from the Council to "formulate ways and means of erecting a gymnasium, approximately 40' x 50'". It was suggested that it be built in stages.

On Monday August 14th. classes were able to use the third section of the school. Sylvia Peters, student, gained Third prize in the Sun Youth Art Show whilst Roslyn Smith's work was selected for exhibition purposes. This year, Mrs. MacDonald, a parent, offered to start a Guide Company (she became the first Captain, the Lieutenant was Mrs. Nash (staff) and the company leader was Roberta Smith). Eighteen girls made up the four patrols. Miss Godfrey (staff) later kept the company an active force within the school.

The very efficient ex-students Association organized a highly successful, well patronized dance. In order to perpetuate Miss Bond's name, the Advisory Council made several suggestions eg. entrance gates, etc., a sundial was finally agreed upon. The Council also presented plans for a sports room, trees along David Street and seating around the school.

The 1961 Mothers' Club continued its support of the school, helping in the Canteen and fund-raising efforts eg. Market Stalls.

Miss Bond, with her very close ties to D.G.S.S., organized a pleasant Sports Day against her present school, J.H. Boyd. D.G.S.S. did not perform so well, but thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Elizabeth Dobson, Head Prefect, and Ruth Morely, Beris Daws, Lillian Dunn, Betty Kenworth, Barbara McDonald, Pam Smith, Roberta Smith, Barbara Whittell, June Anton, and Denise Nancarrow were in their final year (Form V); each of these students had started at D.G.S.S. in 1957; they had contributed in the various capacities opened to them in leadership and each felt extremely sad to be leaving the school they had seen through so many difficult times. Most of these girls achieved their ambition of becoming mothers, nurses or teachers.

"The Torch", the official school magazine, was produced within the school for the first time - economy was the main reason.

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Miss Bond and Mrs. Large proved excellent in defence; whilst Miss Baldwin gave a brilliant display at centre half-back, ably supported by Mrs. Goldburg and Miss W. Martin. On the forward line, Mrs. Watson, Miss Wood, Miss Gay and Mrs. Tyler dazzled the defence with science, but lack of wind in most cases prevented many advantages from being pressed home.

As is usual in matches such as this, the students lacked the courage to "go in." Perhaps they saw a "that's mine" look on the teacher's face and diplomacy made them hang back.

How June Coughlan and Marilyn Quirk ever sent the ball through the barrage which cluttered goals will for ever be a mystery.

**NO ONE IS SURE OF THE FINAL RESULT.**

[Mrs. Tyler, our indomitable little sports mistress and a former inter-State hockey star, of course, did NOTHING in this epic contest!—Ed.]

1962: enrolment 620

An inauguration ceremony at the Dandenong Town Hall marked the opening of the school year and the installation of the school prefects. Mrs. Yule spoke about Christianity in China after which the Form Captains, House Captains and Prefects were presented to the new senior mistress, Mrs. Farquharson. Moira McKay, head prefect, took the pledge on behalf of the prefects, who were then presented with their badges.

The Advisory Council lost the services of its first Chairman, Mr. Kenworthy, who retired after years spent on many school committees. Cr. Wachter also retired - he did not seek re-election as a Springvale Councillor. New members, Mr. R. Reed and Mr. Edwards were welcomed.

Improvements to Canteen were made; the Mothers' Club started the annual scholarship which is still awarded to a student in Year 11 and one in Year 12.

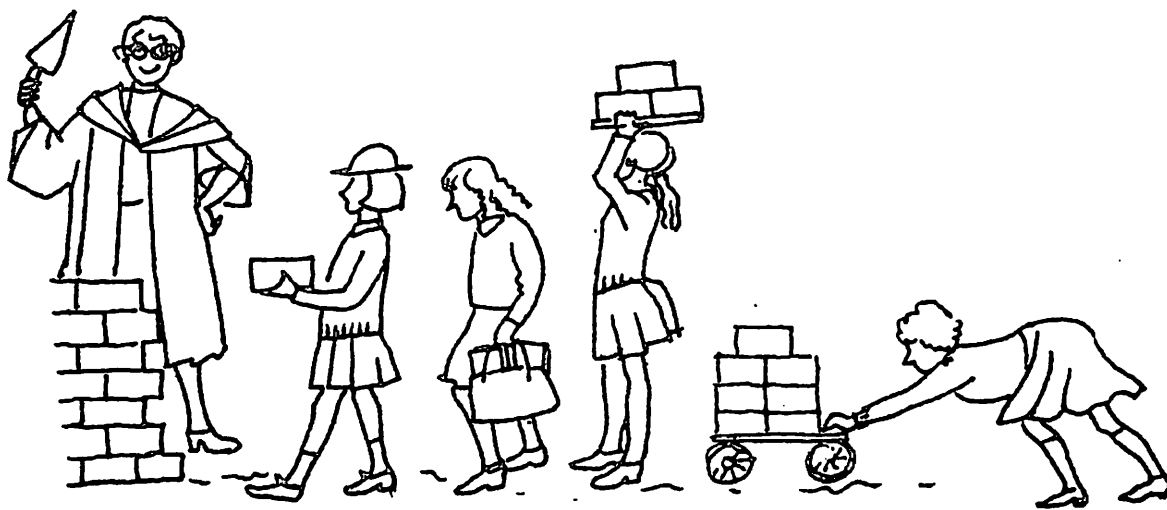
Miss Boardman and Cr. Rae, as in 1961, continued to inspect halls and gymnasias in both private and state schools before deciding on the most suitable structure for the area. Mr. Wright provided expertise by testing the soil on the hall site. The Gymnasium project was the time-consuming effort for 1962. As sub-contractors were not permitted for the hall an architect (Mr. Duncan) was appointed. The only appeal for the year was for the Hall/Gymnasium fund. Mr. Wright prepared preliminary plans and specifications for the gymnasium. A cooler was purchased for the Head Mistress's office, black-out curtains hung in two rooms and a jumping pit near the far shelter shed was installed by the Advisory Council.

Leadership was still promoted by house system in which house captains and their helpers were encouraged to - produce, lead and participate in Drama, train juniors and seniors in, sport, choir, debating, marching and social service. This was one of the school's most successful years in Athletics - D.G.S.S. won the Open section, were second in the Juniors and overall were placed second to Mentone. Janice Manning was the star, winning the open 75 and 100 metre events. Later in the year she competed in the Open 100 metre event at the All Schools' Athletic Meeting and gained third placing in that prestigious race. Efforts were made this year to prevent the P.W.D. from fencing the front area of the school - the Council felt fences would be detrimental to the appearance of the school. All money raised by the Mothers' Club and Canteen was placed into the Gymnasium/Hall fund. In order to raise the loan to pay for the first section, sponsors were organized to act as guarantors - the E.S. & A. Bank agreed to an overdraft for the school and all money in other Banks was transferred to the E.S. & A. Jenny Cornwall was awarded the Lady Northcote Scholarship in 1962 and Denise Nancarrow gained a Matriculation Bursary.

1963:

By 14th. February, the first section of the Gymnasium had reached the lock-up stage. Gymnasium appeal booklets were drawn up and Mrs. Goldberg undertook to organize the Brick Appeal. It was run on a house basis, with a banner being donated to each house selling all £1.0.0 per student, booklets.

At the Advisory Council meeting it was decided that the Gymnasium should be known as the "A.B. Boardman Hall" and that a permanent plate signifying this, be erected recording date of opening etc. Cr. Rae was asked to open the Hall because of his long and devoted service to the school. Miss Boardman investigated the free issue of chairs for the Assembly Hall.



### 'Bricks for Boardy'

Other Advisory Council business this year included - Mr. Manks gained the donation of a table-tennis table from the Lions Club; Mr. Sanders erected basketball posts for at least six basketball courts; a subsidy was granted for the asphaltting of one basketball court; discussion concerning a sundial being placed in the front garden as a tribute to Miss Bond.

During the annual visit of inspectors to D.G.S.S., they had commented most favourably on the "excellent atmosphere in the school" and "the outstanding work of the Council".

Permission was granted to introduce a matriculation stream into the school. The Mothers' Club conducted their annual fete and were able to donate £305.0.0 to the Hall Fund. Mary Ellen Carroll won First Prize in Dandenong Art Show.

Mrs. Bassett was now in charge of the Canteen. On 19th. April, the first stage of the Hall (back section) was opened. With the audience facing the rear wall, the Head Mistress, visiting speakers and guests, sat on a raised dais (four boxes approximately 6' x 6' and eight to ten inches in height) facing the front of the Hall.

The Hall/Gymnasium proved useful despite its limited space - all school assemblies had to be separated into senior and junior. So plans were immediately advanced for the second stage of the Hall - double the forty by fifty feet first stage. It would be very expensive as the dressing rooms, stage, showers, toilets, acoustically treated walls, complete stage lighting, store rooms, kitchen facilities, blue and gold curtains, as well as black-out ones, and a grand piano were envisaged.

The first stage in the meantime, provided a much needed venue for meetings, films for small groups, gymnasium classes, discussion groups, lectures, debating, assemblies, parent/teacher evenings, etc. Prior to 1963, all assemblies had been conducted in the quadrangle where the flag became the focal point at the Monday assemblies.

A book store was being run by the school and proved a profitable concern for the school, but in later years the sale of books was conducted by large firms.

Miss Henry was sadly farewelled by the Advisory Council, staff and students, who wished her well in her new position at Heidelberg High School.

With the supply of summer dress material difficult to obtain, the Mothers' Club and Head Mistress conferred re-changing the material.

1964:

Miss Baldwin was appointed as Senior Mistress replacing Miss Henry. Early in 1958, clubs had been introduced in the school, to develop talents in areas outside the school scene. One of the most important of these was the Hospital helpers club - two students visited the local hospital to feed patients unable to do so themselves. The members spent the Club period making gifts for children and elderly.

I.S.C.F. (Inter Schools Christian Fellowship), Y.W.C.A., Junior Red Cross, Athletics basketball, chess, soft toys, table tennis and choir, were the other clubs conducted in 1964. The latter club was very active - the junior choir gained third placing at the Dandenong Festival. A combined choir was formed with the Dandenong Technical School and performed at both schools' Speech Nights. The girls' choir performed in the festival at MacRobertson High at the Choral and Orchestral concert in the Dandenong Town Hall and at the Combined Technical Schools' Festival. House choirs were important in the schools' programme. Diane Thomas won Third prize in the Under 14 singing section of the Dandenong Festival.

For the first time the school conducted classes for Matriculation - ten students, with three desks, plus two shelves were to be found housed in the Library. Lynda Downing gained a Commonwealth Scholarship, Jenny Cornwall (V), Pam Moysey (V) won Secondary Studentships and Glenys Edwards (IV) a nursing bursary; Pam Harding gained a primary studentship.

As it was proposed not to permit the school to grow beyond 700 students, Miss Boardman pressed for a new High School in the Noble Park district. It was proposed to apply for recognition of D.G.S.S. as a class 'A' school. A High School stream, studying Mathematics and French was begun with one group of Form II students. The Head Mistress reported that country students constituted one-third of the school.



SOFT TOY CLUB



GYMNASTIC CLUB

Council news included - Mr.Reed, Sandra Reed and Mr.Cornwall were responsible for spreading some of the soil on the oval and grading it; Mr.Reed also attended to the gymnasium floor; Miss Boardman was granted a large Post Office box,ensuring no interference with delivered mail; a Careers Night was agreed to by the Council; Architects were asked to prepare plans for additions to the existing gymnasium; the school sponsored the Dandenong Municipal Orchestral Concert.; total cost for gymnasium completion was £18,000.0.0

Mrs. Wilmott was appointed to replace Mrs.Farquharson as the new Class 1 assistant.

Cr.Rae organized a Form I four-farm visit - his own farm was included and all girls had a wonderful day.

The Advisory Council provided a banner to each house - these were hung in the Link but they have since been mislaid!

The Mothers' Club presented a suitably inscribed trophy cabinet to the school - it is now in the school foyer outside the General Office.

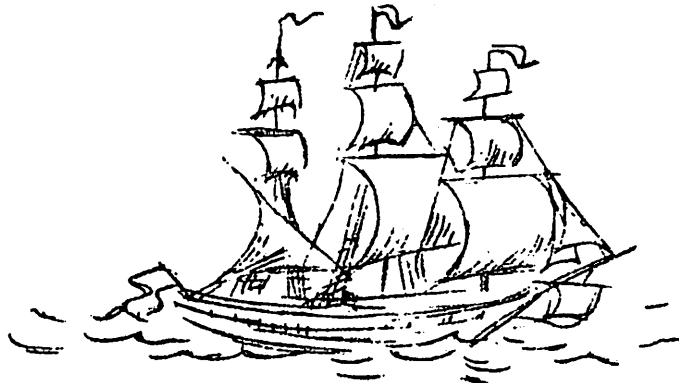
"Paper pattern project" was the effort produced by the Mothers to provide paper patterns to all parents who required copies of the new summer frock. The new material, grey with blue and gold small patterns, was in a synthetic material, hot on an extremely hot day, but serviceable and requiring a minimum of laundering - it was dissimilar to that of any other school in the area.

The Advisory Council farewelled one of its long standing members, Mr.Brunt, to whom they paid tribute and expressed gratitude.

Girton Girls Grammer (Bendigo) paid its usual annual visit and the girls were accommodated in private homes. Their visit coincided with the Dandenong Festival in which they competed. A reciprocal visit was paid by D.G.S.S. to Girton, later in the year when the two schools competed in tennis and debating. A large group of D.G.S.S. students travelled to Matthew Flinders Girls' School to compete in table tennis, softball, hockey, basketball and volleyball - it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. Later in the year a return trip was made.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday saw a large contingent of girls from the school. march to the Town Hall where they participated in the Annual Youth Sunday service.

Mrs. Neagoe was appointed as Miss Boardman's secretary - a position she held until 1975. She replaced Mrs.Furb ton who was promoted as Bursar at D.H.S.





The Minister for Education, Mr. Bloomfield signs the Honour Book in the presence of Miss Bond, on the occasion of the Opening of the School. October 1960.



In 1965 Miss Bond returned to the school to unveil the sun-dial.



The Delicate Touch.



Care for a Game?



House Captains 1964.



Volleyball team.



Some members of staff 1964.

1965:

Seven hundred students stretched facilities to their capacity. Eight students were studying for their Matriculation - their final results were brilliant - everyone passed; the group gained eight honours between them - most went on to tertiary courses, some being most successful in their field of endeavour.

This year the school paid off the debt on the existing half-Hall.

Miss Bond was invited back to unveil the sundial which was to perpetuate her name

Miss Bond wrote to the school Council to express her appreciation of the visit to Wangaratta made by some school councillors on the occasion of her retirement.

Choral work continued to play an important part in extra-curricular activities and once again Matthew Flinders visited the school to compete in sport. Girton also paid their yearly visit.

The Mothers' Club, as one of their fund-raising efforts, gave a luncheon for staff. These luncheons have been a feature of the Mothers' Club every year since, and have always been well patronized by hungry staff members.

Extensions were begun to the section of the school opposite the "Demonstration Room" where a new dining room and kitchen were added. Miss Baldwin (Senior Mistress), who was instrumental in adding Home Economics (now Human Development) to the Matriculation course, left to undertake study and duties in Canada. She had added poise, dignity and a fresh approach to her subject area - the school Council, the Head Mistress, Mothers' Club and staff were most appreciative of all she had done for the school. A gift was also presented to the Librarian, Mrs. Milligan in gratitude for her contribution to the school. Mrs. Funston (Secretary) was promoted to Dandenong H.S. and was a great loss to D.G.S.S.

Cheshire's Book Company undertook to employ two staff members, nominated by the school for two weeks only, to sell books.

With the second section of the Hall being planned, special attention was given to acoustics - the top two-thirds of each wall was treated. The Hall heating system was to be installed and connected to a new school system.

Mr. Reid, M.L.A. continued his valuable support by expediting many matters for the Council with the Education Department; this year he was Guest Speaker at the Anzac Day ceremony.

Miss Boardman reported at first that the 1966 intake would be 142 students from the Dandenong area and 40 from the country. Later this was changed to 204 students!

Mr. Wright was, as usual, most active in advising about building, extensions and alterations. The Council was told that the Education Department, on a 3: 1 subsidy basis would, in 1966, only contribute £36,000; it had all been spent this year. The auditorium was planned to seat 750 people.

The possibility of irrigating the oval was investigated and was later implemented.

With the approval of the Education Department and the Advisory Council, the name Dandenong Girls' Secondary School was changed to Dandenong Girls' High School. The Head Mistress reported that French would be studied up to Form V and Mathematics in Form VI - Business Mathematics in Forms IV and V was available. She anticipated an intake of 120 students in 1967.

Mr. Pearce paid a tribute to Mrs. Caithness for her painstaking financial statements and their clarity.

Miss Boardman reported on the appointment of Mrs. Niam in 1967, for three and a half days per week, voluntary, as a Christian Education teacher; and a counsellor, where necessary.

Jenny Ling (nee Cornwall) was the first ex-student to take up teaching duties in the school.

The Mothers' Club once again awarded two bursaries to Form V and a Form VI student. For the first time this year, two members of the Mothers' Club were appointed to the Advisory Council.

Cr. Rae and Mrs. Caithness were praised in an article in "The Torch" by a "grateful parent" for their "zeal, efficiency and diligence" whilst Miss Boardman was congratulated for her "assiduity and ability to cope with arduous problems", the Council realized her "inestimable value" and "the sacrifices she had made to the school". He went on to say "it was a privilege to send his daughters to D.G.H.S. where they were encouraged to become "decent citizens". (Torch)

Mrs. Bishop was appointed as Senior Mistress. She endeared herself to staff and students alike.

House competitions, which encouraged participation, sportsmanship and friendly rivalry, continued with quizzes in General Knowledge, debating, drama, choir, social service and of course most sports. Many of these were in both senior and junior age groups so more could participate. The house teachers, captains, leaders and helpers were kept "at it" all through the year. (No wonder one transferred teacher complained about boredom in her new school that did not provide relief(?) from the "all school work" atmosphere).

At the Dandenong Festival, the Senior Choir received an honourable mention, the Juniors gained a third placing whilst our Drama group, under Mrs. Young, gained First place.

The first male teacher. Mr. Pattison, a Canadian was appointed to the all-women staff. Poor Man! but he coped very adequately, ignoring those who objected to his pipe!

Once again the combined D.T.S. and D.G.H.S. choirs performed at both Speech Nights - they also sang at a concert for the Hall fund.

Sport in 1966 saw the end of the Girls' Secondary School sports as D.G.H.S. were now in the Monash division of the High Schools Sports Association.

# 100 at farewell to teacher

More than 100 friends, teachers and representatives of Wangaratta High School organisations said farewell to the school's senior mistress, Miss Dorothy Bond, at a social at The Centre last night.

Miss Bond is retiring from the Education Department after two years at the high school.

Before coming to Wangaratta she was the first headmistress at Dandenong Girls' High School, and was for two years principal of the J. H. Boyd Domestic College in Melbourne.

Headmaster of Wangaratta High School, Mr C. F. English, said Miss Bond had done an excellent job maintaining tone among 650 girls at the school.

Chairman of the school's advisory council, Mr. V. Edgar, said the council appreciated the work Miss Bond had done during her two years with the school and wished her a happy retirement.

The chairman of Dandenong Girls' School Advisory Council, Cr G. Rae, was also present.

He said Miss Bond had done an excellent job during the early days of the school when it was housed in an old spinning mill known as the "Elcter."

When she started with the school in 1957 it had 300 pupils. Today it had more than 700, Cr Rae said.

When the school moved into new buildings Miss Bond was responsible for establishing the gardens as well as her normal duties. These had won the Australian Natives' Association award for the best school gardens, he said.

Miss Bond was presented with a cheque for £30.

Musical items were presented by Cheryl Tippett and Messrs Jack Ferguson, Kevin Williams and Frank Mastroinni.

Organisations represented at the evening were the school's advisory council, mothers' club, parents-teachers association, ex-students and staff.



Cr. G. Rae, Chairman.

## SCHOOL OCCASION

Wednesday morning, June the first,  
Every girl feared the worst;  
Moans and groans filled the air,  
Weeping girls were everywhere.

In the toilets, some were hiding,  
Others happily were smiling,  
Their yellow cards said, "No"  
So they didn't have to go.

In the Link the way was barred,  
By officials, waving yellow cards,  
Waiting girls stood in a queue,  
Miss Boardman was watching too.

Legs all bared so carefully,  
Skirts held high so daintily;  
Was it a new school uniform?  
No! Injection Day had dawned.





SENIOR  
CHOIR

Honourable  
Mention

DANDENONG FESTIVAL 1966.

CAST OF  
"THE LULLABY"

Winners of the Caithness Cup



JUNIOR  
CHOIR

Second Place

1967:

14th. August 1967, was a joyous occasion as the first school assembly was held in the new Hall. Cr. Rae, Mrs. Caithness, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. McLachlan, represented school organizations, Kaye Hogben (Follett)-the ex-students, Mr. Stocks (D.I.) and others were present.

Officially, the "Beatrice Boardman Hall" was opened on Tuesday 10th. October by Cr. Rae. Present were Miss Bond, Mayor and Mayoress of Dandenong Cr. & Mrs. Wagstaff, Mr. L. Reid, M.L.A., Director of Secondary Education Mr. Reed, District Inspector Mr. Stocks, Shire Presidents, Members of the Advisory Council and Mothers' Club.

Cr. Rae and Miss Boardman thanked all who had contributed in any way to the building, especially the Advisory Council. Drama groups and special choirs entertained whilst Beryl Raufer conducted the massed singing to conclude the programme.

Official guests were served afternoon tea in the Cookery Centre by the Domestic Science students and staff.

Things did go wrong! Horror of horrors, when the speaker system was tested the morning of the opening, it was found that the Public Address system had been wired to the light system and vice versa. It was a terrible moment for Miss Boardman who contacted the electrician at once. His prompt service to rectify the apprentice's error, led to it being fixed ten minutes before the ceremony began.

February 1967 marked the Tenth year of the school - at the General Assembly on the first day of the school year, Miss Boardman read messages of congratulations from friends of the school, after which the whole school joined in singing "Happy Birthday". From ninety D.G.S.S. students, D.G.H.S. now had an enrolment of over seven hundred girls.

The new sprinkler system was tried out with every member of staff and student body invited to attend the trial.

Many excursions were conducted; choral festival at MacRobertson High, to the Science Exhibition, to the Dandenongs and Mornington Peninsula, Heinz Factory, etc.

The Dandenong Technical School Hall was opened on 10th. November and some of our "good cooks" were invited to cater for the officials.

Miss Boardman's "red chariot" appeared this year, nullifying the long walks around the now lengthy corridors; her staff (and students) were extremely envious.

Beryl Raufer and Glenda Simmons both gained Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships for 1966, Diane Tivendale, Robyn Hart, Ann Maree VanBeers and Lynette Wookey all gained nursing bursaries whilst Sheelagh Purdon was granted a Commonwealth Scholarship. A Market Cake Stall yielded £74.0.0 and a Fete for the Hall funds, was the Mothers' Club contribution. The canteen assisted - the bricks represented many thousands of bread rolls, the stage curtains and furnishings so many thousand pies, pasties and vanilla slices dispensed by Mrs. Bassett and her canteen volunteers. The mothers baby-sat during Mrs. Nunn's Religions Education classes.

1968: enrolment - 680 girls.

The "Trans-World Quiz" took the limelight this year. Many schools were visited by the A.B.C., but D.G.H.S. was selected for several reasons - the Hall had a very superior acoustic system and the overhead hall struts were excellent for supporting the huge lights.

A number of students from D.G.H.S. and D.T.S. were processed in the effort to find two girls and two boys as quiz contestants to represent Australia against England and Scotland; Dinah Edwards and Susan Robinson were selected.

Men laid land-line telephone communications by digging from the school, through the rose garden (only one rose was the victim) the lines remain to bear testimony to this. Huge lights were erected and after eight weeks of preparation, Bill Salmon, the Australian T.V. Quizmaster was given the 'all-clear'. Although well beaten, the Australian representatives gained experience and fame, whilst for three weeks OUR school was pictured at the opening of the programme.

School business proceeded as usual - the prefects, Form and House office bearers were installed in conjunction with the Women's World Day of Prayer.

House competitions continued in previously mentioned activities - this year included was a House Art and Craft competition which encouraged the practical development of students - each House was assigned to one Art room in which Cookery, Art, Craft, Needlework were decoratively displayed. These were adjudicated by an outside expert and became a popular annual event.

A "garage" for the grand piano was obtained to ensure the piano's £2250. value was safely protected - with the gradual hiring out of the Hall, this was essential. Some subsidence in half of the Hall flooring was noted and capably dealt with by Mr. Wright. Westminster Carpets donated carpet for the Hall steps and ante-rooms.

Mrs. Edwards sought approval of the Advisory Council for programmed teaching aids. The Council, very sadly accepted Cr. Wachter's resignation - the Springvale Council felt it now unnecessary to be represented as so few girls in the area attended D.G.H.S. Cr. Wachter would be greatly missed and the Council expressed its appreciation of his services - a letter was sent to the Education Department to this effect.

Mrs. Caithness reported on the steady reduction of the Hall overdraft. Tenders were called for the Library extensions and Mr. Reed was granted six months leave.

Miss Boardman reported that, of a staff of forty-two, thirteen were men in 1968. The new enrolment for 1969 would be over 150 students. Mrs. Willis left after six years of "loyal service".

After the end-of-year examinations, an exchange system of practical subjects with D.T.S. was developed. 20 Fourth Form students came to D.G.H.S. to learn Cookery whilst 20 girls were invited to D.T.S. to learn motor mechanics, woodwork, sheet-metal work or jewellery making.

Proud students of both schools returned, displaying some creditable results. It is now the practice with most schools for girls to take Woodwork and Metalwork and the boys Cookery and Needlework.

Thirteen students represented D.G.H.S. in the All-High Athletic Sports finals, whilst two other students were selected to represent Victoria in the Under 18 Softball team.

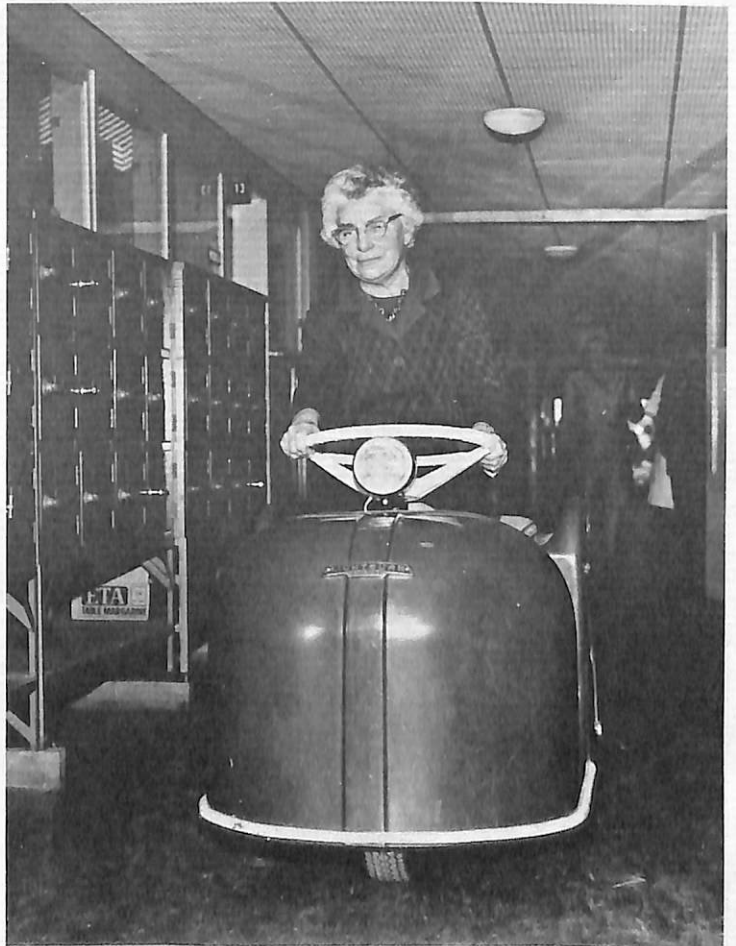
The first school Orchestra was formed.



#### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BEATRICE BOARDMAN HALL

Tuesday 10th October was an historic day for students and staff. All seats were packed with students, staff and guests, as Cr. G. Rae officially opened the hall and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

As a memento, Fiona Brown (Senior Prefect) presented Cr. Rae with a picture painted by Valerie Sheard.



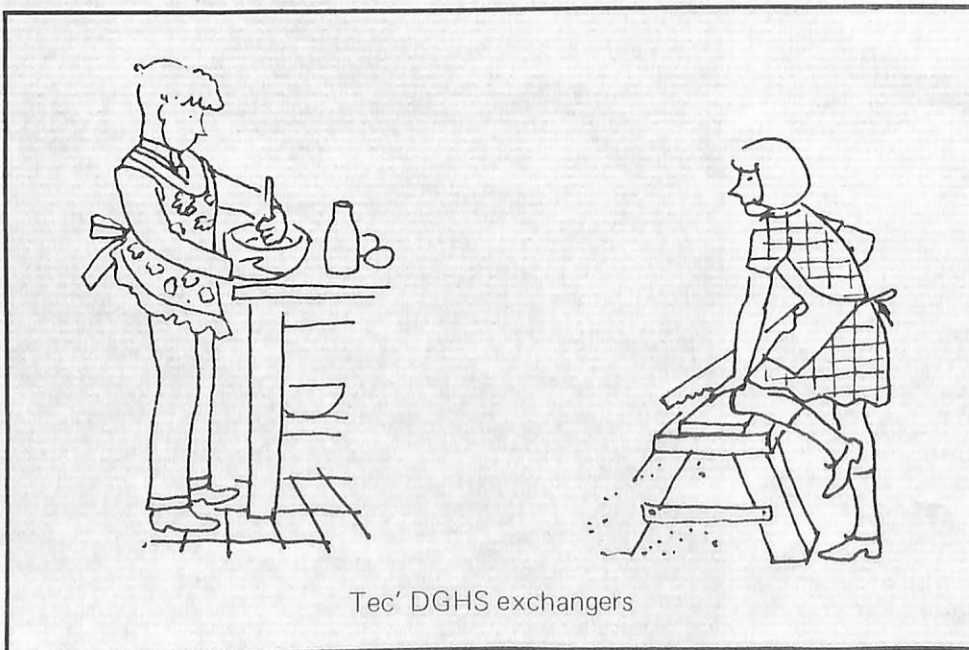
Miss Boardman drove her little red car when she visited the rooms in the far corridor.



Prize-winning choir



SOME OF OUR GOOD FRIENDS



Tec' DGHS exchangers

1969:

The first Walkathon was conducted and over \$2000. was raised towards the basketball/tennis court area. The 'walk' was a great success - check points ensured that students did not 'stray' from the pre-determined route - the one still followed to this day.

Prizes were awarded to individuals and forms raising the greatest amounts. Form Five won a trip to Phillip Island and invited 5 to share the bus. The Walkathon has since become the school's major fund raising effort replacing the School Fetes which were run by the Mothers' Club, but were often poorly supported.

On July 21st.1969, all students were enabled to watch "Man's first Walk on the Moon" T.V. sets were hired for the day and placed in strategic points around the school. It was a thrilling experience for all who watched man's dream become a reality.

A film appreciation course was available to all Form IV students as part of the English programme. Instruction was given in editing, writing scripts, intricate mechanisms of photography, scenery, etc.

Camera crews appeared in the school - for a different purpose - the R.A.C.V. introduced a simulated driver-education course with most humorous results - the car kangaroo hopping, stalling, shooting backward, etc. (S.Guilfoyle was in her element being an experienced driver!)

V.Kissell brought honour to the school by winning the A.N.Z. essay competition.

In the Matriculation results, the school obtained five Secondary and three Primary Scholarships - two first class honours including one distinction.



House Pianists and Conductresses

*It was with regret that the Council accepted Mr. Reed's resignation. He had worked so hard for the school and this year, had obtained loam, fertilizer and superphosphate for top dressing the hockey field.*

*The Myer Foundation donated a \$98. grant towards musical instruments.*

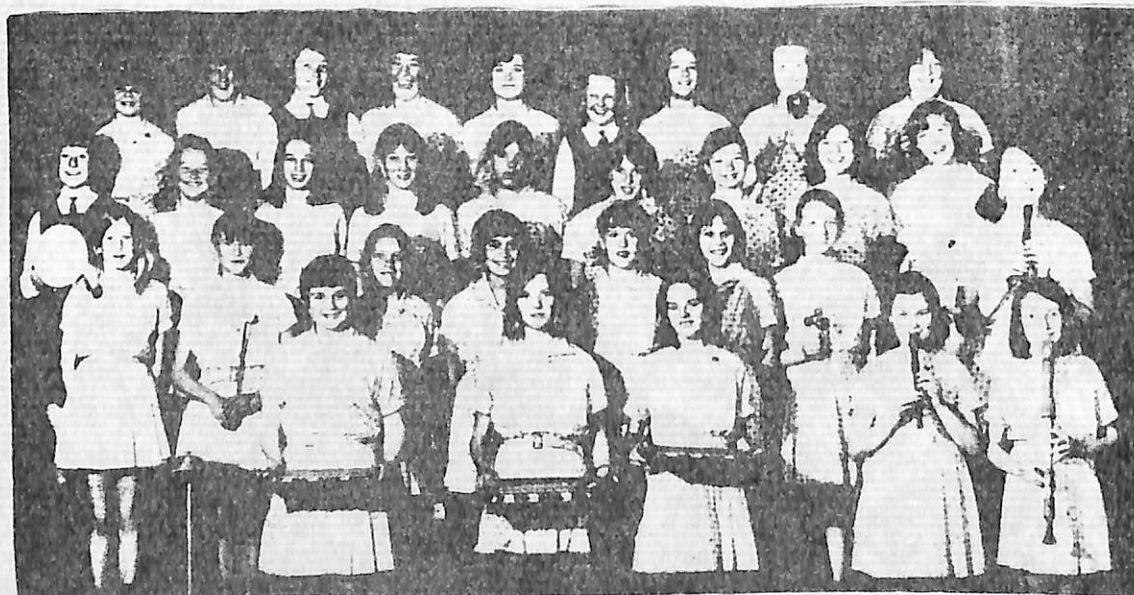
*Mr. Dawes organized the S.E.C. to test the electricity and they found the need for more fuses.*

*Mrs. Edwards was reluctantly farewelled by the Mothers' Club - she was a dedicated worker and the Council expressed its appreciation to her.*

*The Advisory Council wished to have Science subjects included at Form VI level, but permission was refused!*

*This was Miss Boardman's last year. She donated an Honour Board to record all School Captains' names. Her fear of a large farewell led to a small picnic function being arranged on the Guide Hall lawns where Mrs. Bishop made a presentation to her on behalf of the staff.*

*The Council recorded its appreciation of her dedication and industry. She had always encouraged the girls to develop, not only academically, but to pursue various cultural, sporting and community interests. Her energy was noted in every facet of school life (even in the enjoyment she gained from a "Staff versus Student" hockey game) her "loyalty, ability to organize and devotion to the school, enabled her successor to step into a progressive attractive and well-established school" Torch, 1970.*



Junior Choir and Instrumentalists

Miss Fitzpatrick expressed delight at the enthusiasm of staff, students and official school bodies. She adjusted quickly to her new school and as in the case of the previous two Principals, she established a good rapport with all connected with the school.

No task was too much for her and she strongly supported Advisory Council, Mothers' Club and the Canteen helpers. She quickly learnt the names of students, parents and friends of the school.

Mrs. Hedgemont became the first Deputy Principal appointed to the school; her Music training assured the continuation of school and house choral festivals.

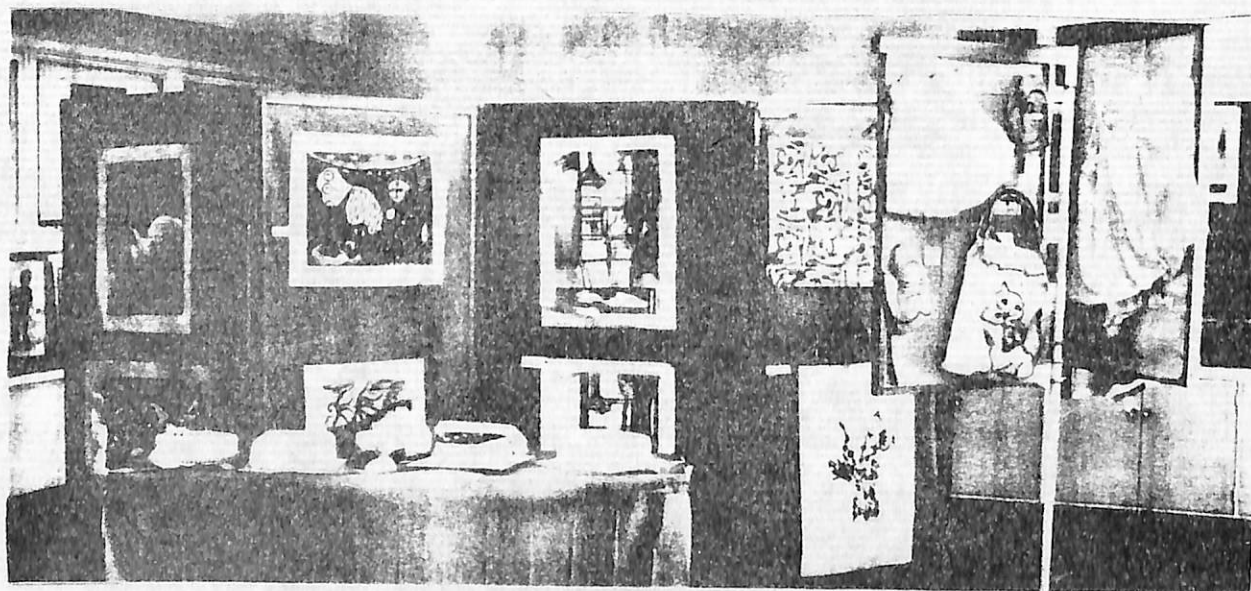
It was with much regret that our much loved Mrs. Bishop resigned. She had been a Senior Mistress in the school since 1966 bringing to that position poise, dignity and serenity. Her farewell was noted for the beautiful musical items performed by the choir and the massed singing.

Public tenders were soon called for the tennis courts and the Walkathon contributions helped to pay for these. Tip Top Bakeries kindly donated 300 rolls and supplied another 300 for \$10. Tarax provided some drinks; Myers, Coles and other local bodies gave donations.

The Hospital helpers continued to do wonderful social work; each lunch hour students visited the hospital to assist in feeding patients etc.

Department classes were introduced as a lunch-time activity and included skin care, grooming, make-up, etiquette, etc. It was very popular.

Inter-school Christian Fellowship was another well patronized lunch-time activity. Visiting speakers, panel discussions and question time were invaluable facets of this worthwhile enterprise.



STRICKLAND'S ART AND CRAFT DISPLAY - SECOND

The Canteen continued to function on a profit-making basis and when Mrs. Bassett resigned, Mrs. Wall replaced her as manageress - she had an excellent Canteen Committee, led by Mrs. McLachlan, to guide her.

It was unfortunate that Mrs. McLachlan retired from her position on the Advisory Council after thirteen years of loyal service to the school. Cr. Rae extended the Council's thanks to her.

Mr. Oakenfull and Mr. Witham took on the onerous task of tending to the oval - a new mower made their job a little less time-consuming.

Intruders were always a problem and the Principal met with members of the Police Force to try to eliminate the numbers of break-ins.

The Council this year built a wall around the incinerator, blacked-out an Art room, hired a gardener, obtained assistance from the Dandenong Council to prune the shrubs, and donated finance for Mathematics equipment and furnishings for the Deputy Principal's office.

It was arranged to have the House choir festival and the House Art and Craft Display in Education Week.

During the Queen's visit, 75 Form I's and the Form VI choir, attended the M.C.G. to honour Her Majesty.

Junior and Senior socials were held and the school Athletics Sports were postponed due to inclement weather.

Girton visited the school again and later in the year, the hospitality was returned, with contests in sport, drama and debating competitions, at Girton (Bendigo) - a concert in the evening was most successful - many friendships were made.

The school was sad to lose Mrs. Bowes, who had gained promotion to Mentone Girls High. She was a most enthusiastic staff member who "looked after" Form VI. Her many talents would be sadly missed.



CAST AND PRODUCERS OF LANDY'S PLAY  
"MOTHER'S DAY" WINNERS OF THE INTER-HOUSE DRAMA

1971:

For the first year a Rotary Exchange student widened our vistas - Mary McKay proved an excellent ambassador from New Zealand. She provided great competition in the swimming sports. She was surprised to see so few aborigines and to note the extremes of temperature experienced in one week! Chris Collins was her 'exchange' and spent Term II in New Zealand with Mary.

The basketball/tennis area was completed -paid for with Walkathon money and Government subsidy. It was officially opened by Mr.Lind M.L.A. in Mr.Wright's absence. Basketball matches were organized against St.Angela's College (pictures in 1971 magazine).

Friday 5th.March, to correspond with Women's World Day of Prayer, the investiture of school office bearers was a major official function.

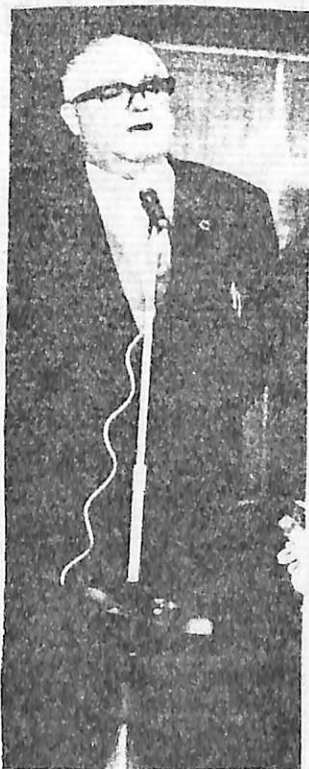
Mrs.Slater and the Mothers' Club organized a highly successful "Wool Board" Day when \$1,000. was taken.

When the V.S.T.A. went out on strike, Forms V and VI were dismissed.

The Council purchased a Remington-Rand Scanner for the school. Later,a record player and a tape recorder were stolen. The Council sent a letter of appreciation to Mr.T.Pearce who was forced to resign because of ill-health.

July 14th. D.G.H.S. sent a dance group of French students, to perform at the National Mutual Square in Collins St. to celebrate Bastille Day.

A religious seminar for Senior students was conducted by the local Ministers of Religion and included was a Doctor from the Psychiatric Clinic. Students questions were dealt with and the whole exercise was informative and worthwhile.



Instead of the usual format for House choirs, two choir items were followed by an individual or small folk group effort.

1971 saw D.G.H.S. win the Aggregate Shield at the Girls' High School Sports for the first time. Heather Turner went on to win the Gold medal in the under 13 Long Jump at the All-High School sports.

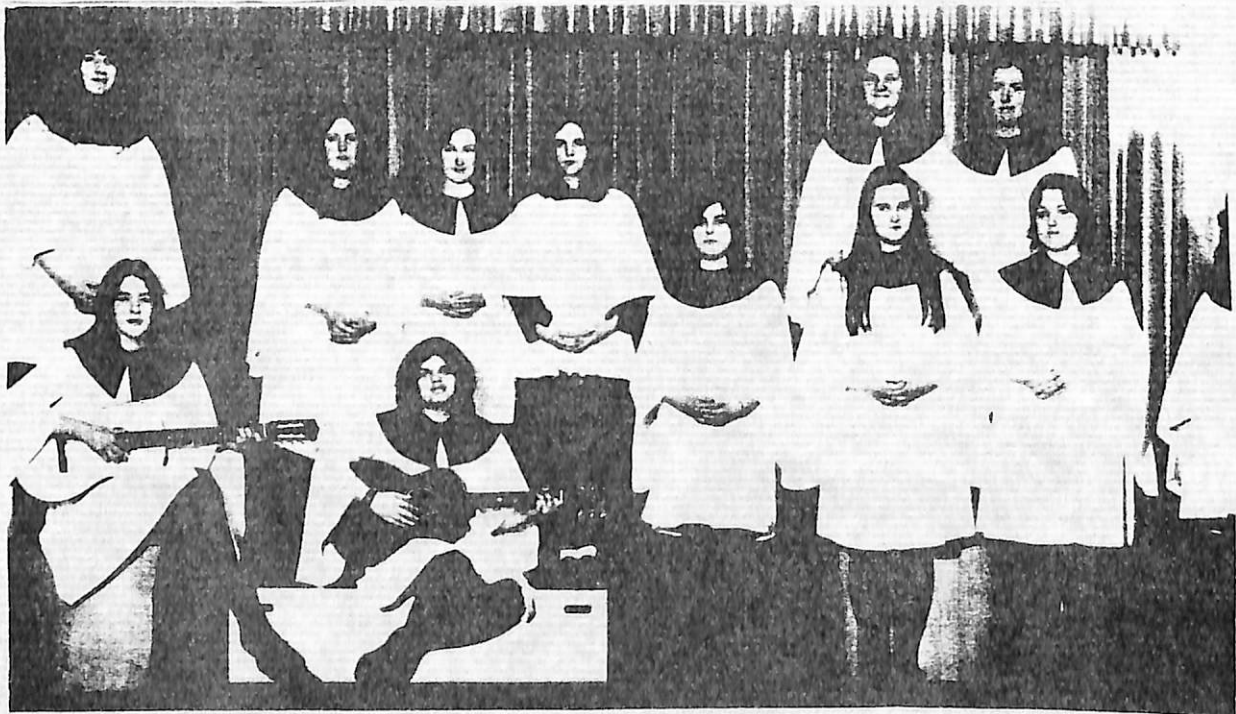
Debbie Wheatley was placed second in the Sydney based T.V. programme "Jeopardy" winning an atlas.

"Natulya" again had donated a scholarship for a deserving student - an annual donation.

Miss Boardman returned as a temporary teacher on a .5 time fraction.

Other items: book store sales were proving most unsatisfactory, a resource centre was developed in the Library, and the Advisory Council discussed the possibility of burglar alarms to prevent the all too costly burglaries; trees were planted around the tennis court area.

At Speech Night the choir orchestra with some outside trumpeters, helped to perform most successfully, "The Old Hundred". To all privileged to hear or perform in it, it was a thrilling experience, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Hedgemont, Miss Boardman and Mrs. Zakis. The author of this has a wonderful tape of the rendition.



Cuthbert Folk Group

1972:

After fourteen years, the school at last received its second coat of paint; the Library was extended and Room 14 was divided to make two smaller rooms.

The Advisory Council was delighted that all existing debts on the school Hall had now been cleared and all guarantors received letters of thanks.

The investiture of school officials once again, coincided with the Women's World Day of Prayer which was led by Mrs. McLachlan. Mrs. Pedder, Mayoress (later a teacher at the school) presented the badges of office to the students.

Vicki Seal of Form VI had written the State's best loyalty message to the Queen; for this she received a letter from the Governor's secretary expressing the Queen's thanks.

Mrs. Hedgemont was invited to send a choir into "New Faces". As Cuthbert House had recently won the House choral festival, it was decided that Cuthbert choir would represent the school. Pat Bradley, Lynette Crerar (conductresses) and Bev. Bassett (pianist) and the complete choir performed beautifully, winning \$50. encouragement award and "Fred" (in Cuthbert colours)

The Walkathon was a wash-out so a "Dance-a-thon" in the Hall was substituted. Most of the sponsors gave generously and the students enjoyed the continuous dancing - the promised total of \$1900. was collected. This money was put towards scholarships for needy students - one at each form level, as decided by the S.R.C.

Most of the sport was competitively played on the one day, at Royal Park, where seven schools competed against each other. It was very successful in some sports, in others, where organization was left in the hands of ineffectual individual staff, the day was marred.

Extra outdoor seats were constructed using some of the old bicycle racks as stands; new drinking troughs were installed and the development of the Hall verandah was discussed.

Miss Fitzpatrick, along with D.H.S. and Lyndale Principals, was concerned with Dandenong Girls' High declining intake, whilst the other two schools needed to be relieved of students at Form I level.

The main suggestion was to introduce boys into Form I as girls seemed to prefer attending co-educational schools. Miss Fitzpatrick pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of this move. The advantages included: better staffing, to relieve pressure on neighbouring schools and a wider span of educational experiences. Whilst the disadvantages were - the necessity to change name of school, parents desire for segregated or unisex school, and some students cope better in a girls' school environment.

If the school was to be kept viable, the intake must be raised and the only satisfactory way to ensure this was to admit boys. Zoning would be altered to boys and girls north of the Highway.

The Council agreed and reluctantly "in the best interests of the school", so did the Mothers' Club. However, Mr. Schruhm was invited to speak to and answer questions from parents. Mr. Schruhm pointed out that the welfare of the total community was better served by changing to a co-educational institution - a number of Girls' Schools had been forced to make a similar decision or "wither away."

So the temporary title of Dandenong North High School was selected until a better one could be discussed.

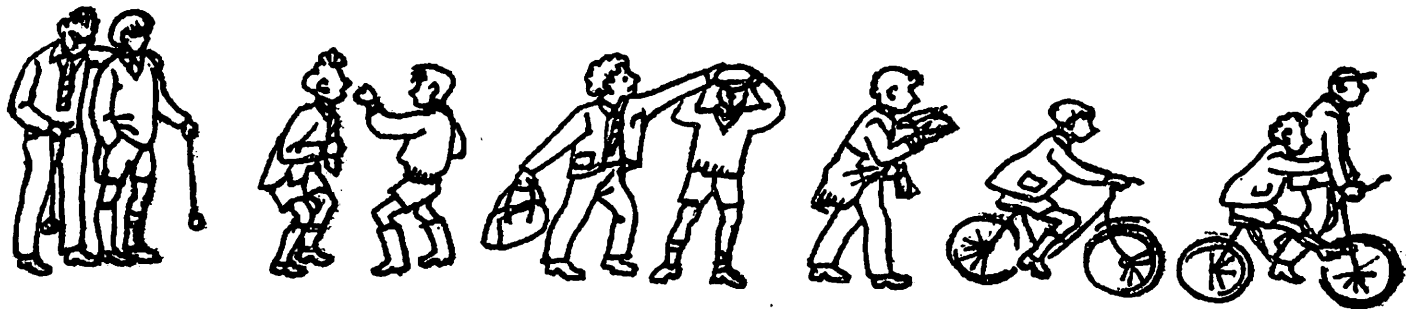
Immediately Council discussed sporting facilities for boys - cricket pitches, football posts, etc. Room 18 was converted to a Woodwork room replacing the Room 17 Needlework room, and Room 19 a general classroom. Room 17 became a Metalwork room.

Cr. Rae was congratulated on his election as Shire President. The Advisory Council was very sad to lose the services of Mrs. Annear who had given sixteen years to the school and the Canteen Committee. Mrs. Cornwall was farewelled by the Mothers' Club after serving that body in various capacities for sixteen years.

News of the change to boys did not reach a crescendo until Orientation Day, when thirty reluctant boys joined thrice as many girls. Would the girls' practical work suffer? Maybe the boys would become budding dress designers and chefs!

The room, which now has become the Careers room, was once a staffroom for "older" staff members who were sent to that side corridor ostensibly to maintain discipline in an area thin on staff supervision.

The group was so compatible that parties were held each time one of them, the Principal or the Deputy Principal, had a birthday and a "great time was had by all" (thanks Heather for those gorgeous fattening marshmallow cakes). What stories THAT room could relate!



'Boys arrive'

# Very Important People



Cleaning Staff



Mothers' Club – Office Bearers



Mrs. Basset and Canteen Helpers



**Winning House Drama Group-Cuthbert-1972**



**Form Five  
Fashion  
Designers-1972**

The name change was inevitable. Thirty-one lively, energetic boys and seventy or so girls started at the beginning of Term I. Girls vied with the boys for use of the hockey field. Danger lurked when the boys hurled their cricket bats with great abandon at the hard cricket balls, for all who dared lunch mid-field or even on the perimeter of what was once the girls' domain. The seats, so strategically placed by the Advisory Council, stood in the "flight path" of whirlwind bashes.

Graffiti (mostly by girls naming their boy friends), swearing, (again by girls endeavouring to emulate the boys or to attract the boys' attention) and disappearing blackboard dusters (for use as footballs) - all became obvious and altered the tone of the junior school. School now became as any other High School.

A lethargy, that led to the dropping of many house activities was noted; a laxity in school uniform, attitudes and conduct was deplored by many who knew what the school had been. These were symptomatic of the whole community and in common with most schools about this time. So school life was gradually changing - a change regretted by many staff, ex-students and members of the public who failed to understand the reasons, so were vitally concerned by it. Was it a change from a teenagers world to a world against teenagers? or vice versa.

In her 'Torch' message, Miss Fitzpatrick expressed concern about "noisy, boisterous behaviour, selfishness, untidiness and vandalism..."

Five male staff members certainly livened the staffroom. Some senior classes were held with D.H.S., providing a wider choice of subjects for H.S.C. students.

The Advisory Council discussed fully a new name and decided upon "Cleeland" as being the most suitable, but needed departmental approval before it was adopted.



'Confrontation'

New classrooms, a male toilet block and store rooms, were converted from existing areas. Two new Commonwealth Science rooms were to be built in the near future.

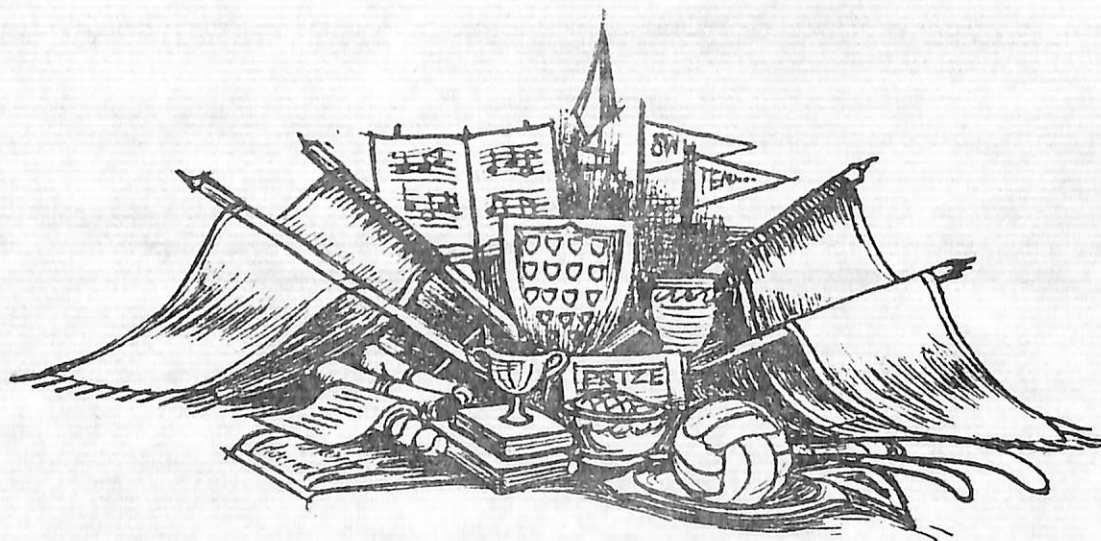
It was anticipated that the 1974 intake could be approximately 140 students. Some liaison work with feeder schools was carried out by Senior Staff.

Mr. Bavington, School Inspector, attended the Advisory Council meeting, commenting most favourably upon the initiative, energy and spirit of adventure displayed in the development of the Hall, buildings and grounds - of forty-two schools he had visited, ours was the only one with no outstanding accounts for payment. Through Cr. Powell he extended thanks to the City of Dandenong for its continued support to the school. He spoke of "local control", inadequacy of the school site and urged a master plan - eg. the acquisition of properties in Elizabeth Court; Colonel Tait's land and/or Apex Park. A submission was thus sent to Mr. Schrum, Director of Secondary Education - Mr. Lind's assistance was also sought.

Staffroom alterations began; new furniture arrived, carpets and office furniture ordered and new typing tables and chairs were ordered.

The V.S.T.A. began its 'hard line' policy. Changes were proposed in re-structuring the schools' Advisory Council, surveys were taken within the schools, but D.N.H.S. approved of the present structure, having been served so well by successive Councils.

Speech nights were always a "Grande Finale" to the school year, these being well supported by parents and students alike. The music at these was always magnificent; colours, awards, trophies and the 'Cock' House Shield were as usual, presented by prominent school and community leaders.



*This must surely be the final name change - how confusing for ex-students to decide exactly which of the FOUR they had attended.*

*Cleeland Street formed the eastern boundary of the school. Mr. Cleeland was the accountant for a Mr. Ross who owned a huge area of North Dandenong. The streets Ann, Elizabeth and David are named after Mr. Cleeland's children.*

*The reciprocal agreement with D.H.S. to share Form VI classes developed further this year - French, Russian, Art, Chemistry and Physics were studied at D.H.S., whilst Accounting, Politics (two classes) and Biology were taken at Cleeland High. This gave Form VI Matriculation students at both schools a much wider range of subjects and the opportunity to fraternize with other Matric. students - socially and academically! (Audrey and Mick are soon to be wed)*

*More space was available for Form VI with the completion of the Hall verandah. This was named the "B. Fitzpatrick Commonroom" and a plaque commemorates the efforts made by her. A party was held to "hand over" the room to Form VI.*

*As the new Science Wing encroached on the limited playing fields, the Advisory Council pressed for additional space - the purchase of nearby land.*

*The V.S.T.A. prepared a "conditions case" - several strikes disrupted the smooth running of the school.*

*Mrs. Wookey stressed that price increases, rising wages and the cost of hiring additional labour to replace the limited number of volunteers, all must lead to dearer goods for students in the Canteen.*

*Mr. Oakenful retired from the Advisory Council and was thanked for his services to the school.*

*One shelter shed was converted to a boys' changing room but was not very successful as such. A book allowance now replaced Government Scholarships.*

*Discussions took place between the new Principal and Deputy Principal elect, Mr. Moss and Miss Power (D.H.S.) to ensure continuity at Form VI level of the interchange system for 1974 - no radical changes were envisaged.*

*A public meeting of parents, staff and interested people regarding the structuring of the Advisory Council was reasonably well attended.*

*Mrs. Fielder showed canteen helpers films of her overseas trip as part of the end-of-year party.*

*Mrs. Hedgemont, that tireless, patient and conscientious Deputy Principal transferred to Frankston High; great tributes were paid to her by students, staff and parent bodies.*

*Regretably Miss Fitzpatrick received a transfer to Wattle Park High for 1975 - this move necessitated much less travelling for her. She had gained great popularity at Cleeland and her loyalty and sincerity were recognized at farewells from staff, students, Mothers' Club and Advisory Council who all felt that our loss would assuredly be Wattle Park's gain.*

1975: MR. LAIRD

The first male Principal, Mr. Laird began his duties in February, and was prepared to introduce completely new ideas as to the type of school Cleeland High should be; the general trend in Education was for change.

He endeavoured to alter many of the existing traditional notions and to eradicate the "Girls' School" concept.

The reciprocal agreement with D.H.S. Form VI was cancelled and instead a dual matriculation course within the school was offered at this level. The idea emanating mainly from the Form VI Co-ordinator, Mr. Stevenson, was to try to keep the 'lesser-able' or non-academic student at school for a final year, so a Higher Qualifying Certificate was offered for those willing to avail themselves of the opportunity. Unfortunately it was difficult to gain Senior technical school accreditation for this extra year; adults were invited to join H.S.C. classes.

Complex planning, involving new subjects, new courses and new methods, were introduced. Human Relations and Graphic Communications replaced Geography and History as Core subjects in Forms III and IV, whilst a very wide range of electives was available for students in Forms I - IV. It was compulsory for every Form I and II student to undertake six months of Cookery, Needlework, Woodwork and Language.

The D.R.U. (Development Resource Unit) was now housed in the Library.

Drama continued with one production per House, but with the resignation of Mrs. Berzins, Music had now faded into oblivion, with no Music or Instrumental teachers. Marnequin parades, Clubs, Choirs, Art and Craft displays, Debating and the Hospital Egg Appeals, all features of past years, were long forgotten.

The Commonwealth Science Wing gave new emphasis to science teaching. Form IV Environmental Science students participated in "Keep Australia Beautiful" by attempting to "clean-up" areas of Dandenong Creek.

The Environmental staff prepared an "innovations submission" case which included hothouse, fish pond, weather instruments and received \$1000. for their efforts.

Applications were submitted to the Departmental Staffing officers for migrant and remedial teachers to cater for our changing needs - the D.R.U. assisted staff became familiar with the different levels of ability in the classroom.

Members of the S.R.C. (Student Representative Council) discussed the possibility of slacks being worn in winter - this was passed on to the Mothers' Club and Advisory Council, after which all parents were surveyed.

On May 8th. the school's major fund raising event, the Walkathon, raised \$1800. (approx.) to subsidise needy students who could not afford extended tours.

A Library feasibility study was conducted and it was decided to press for extensions to the Library.

A child-minding centre or Crèche was established in the Flat to care for children of emergency teachers.

As usual, the Mothers' Club provided a Staff luncheon to augment M.C. funds.

A public meeting was called to discuss the proposed alterations to the Advisory Council structure.

This year many of the "old reliable" staff members left. Mrs. Neagoe was sadly missed after many years of loyal, conscientious service in the office -

What's a board for - decorating -

Confucious once say  
"Person who want to  
wake up with smile on  
face, not necessarily have  
to go to bed with foot  
in mouth"

THE ZYGOTES ???  
Are coming  
SUPER FLY  
Z Z Z Z I P.  
THIS WEEK IS <<HATE  
PEOPLE WEEK>>  
Are you dominant or  
recessive ???  
door that one up in your  
fun (wagnail)  
DEB LOVES KATE  
KATE LOVES CHRIS  
CHRIS LOVES DEB  
VICIOUS CIRCLE  
we are queer

WINK  
YGRO ROF REVE  
CRAZY (dressed)  
DAISY  
Mullen is a nympho  
we all are

HOOO  
que tu es oate, deb.  
DHS is HOMOZYGOUS  
definition of hope -  
<<Asking for half-price  
into an <@> rared leave.>>  
up with revolutions  
over thru the staffroom  
DHS do you love us?  
do your friends week  
drop off. What friends?  
confucious say <<chemist  
who fall in acid absorbed  
in work >>

KING RAT.  
HMM

innocence  
HMMM  
B Z Z Z Z  
this week is  
be nice to frenchies  
week.  
Lo it's  
Hate french  
week.

ASK YOUR FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
GARBAGE COLLECTOR.  
Instant coffee.  
instant insanity.  
wags me.

ORGY  
WAS  
HERE  
drop on your head,  
ya little waterlose punk.

VAMP  
Are your  
games showing???

JOIN THE GREASIES.  
BE A SUCK-BACK  
YAY ROCKERS.  
deb has a rare  
phenotype, but  
you should see  
Carolee's genotype

MOTHER MURPHY  
Leroy loves Mullen

Be a BIRK

YAY YACHTIES.  
multiplication  
HEN HEN

we want a Bike-a-  
thon so where  
we believe in  
HEATNESS.  
I want it food.  
HEY GOOBIES  
DHS "WHAT YOU JUST QUER?"  
FOUND - GOLD CHROMOS-  
OMES WITH INITIALS  
D D T.

Janet is a Radical.  
HEY J C, I'VE READ  
YOUR BOOK.  
ROBO LOVES SHILL  
We  
won

CONFUCIOUS SAY "Man  
who can read  
woman hire a door  
usually hire to read  
in bed."

MYRELLA IS UNMENTIONABLE  
What does the future  
hold for you, neh?  
Vene loves wolfman

JUDY IS GOING WITH  
GEORGE, LOVES JEFF'S  
CLOVES, AND IS IN LOVE  
WITH MR. HOBBS.  
Pam loves us all.

GUESS WHO?  
(You never  
will).

FORM 6 (rare ones).  
ANGER.  
UP WITH BUSHY  
EYEBROWS AND  
Hairy LEGS  
who loves chris T.M?  
Dulcie loves him

Fraulein Schmidt  
(Hell Hitler)  
\* \* \* \* \*  
SUPER CATTER!!  
CLAPS OFF FRANS  
IN A SINGLE BOUND

cheryl vail,  
SUPER STAR  
EGGS MAKE  
YOU SEXY  
Butter-batters  
make  
Better lovers  
BALLBALLS IS A  
(K)NIE  
Lorelle loves  
John love.  
Have a Banana.  
THIRST  
LOVE IS FATTENING  
Jealousy is a curse  
but  
Pregnancy's worse  
CURIOSITY KILLED  
THE CAT BUT  
SAT IS PACTON  
BROUGHT IT BACK.  
Leroy is a PINK.

THOSE RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THIS BOARD  
ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THEMSELVES  
"Beyond Reform"  
(Your school song).  
H BUT WE LOVE US  
(Somebody has to).

WE ARE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE  
"I love you." And "I love you."  
"I love you more than you love me."  
"Drop on your head, I love you more."  
"Shut up you dumb I love you more."

ONE THING I HOPE YOU REALISE  
ABOUT THIS BOARD:  
IT'S CLEAN

PLEASE LEAVE  
SHLLUPP!!  
SONG TITLE - "My girl to  
me is a perfect stranger,  
since she caught her fate  
in the record changer"

THIS IS A  
SPRUSAGE BOO  
OBSERVE NATIONAL  
PRUNE FUNGUS WEEK  
We love the  
Amir Panther.  
Do you get HIGH  
on mountains??  
ATTACK  
Bullwinkle for President  
Wanna do something  
naughty, exciting and  
dangerous - hire  
smoke a cigarette

EVERYBODY'S  
MOTHER.

EFFIGY!

BARE, BOLO AND  
BRILLIANT  
I love to do my English, it  
makes me feel so good.  
I love to do exactly as my  
teacher thinks I should.  
I love my school so very  
much, I never ditch a day  
I even love the men in  
white who are taking  
me away

FORM 6 for ever.  
Never put off what tomorrow  
what you can do today.  
That day if you hire if you  
can do it again tomorrow!

BAN ALL HIPPOPOTAMUS  
SIT-INS  
Epitaph on the tombstone  
of a Hypochondriac :-  
"See... I told you  
I was sick!"  
\* And as Form 6 rises  
to power, and the  
staffroom sinks into  
oblivion, and the 501  
formers are all plain ...

# Dandenong Show Entries





CUTHBERT FOOTBALL TEAM  
1976



THE ANNUAL WALKATHON  
1976



MARSHALL FOOTBALL TEAM 1976



Collaboration.

1976:

Staffing this year appeared to present no problems. A school Review Board was anticipated for September so "Curriculum" days were planned.

This was to be the last year of the Advisory Council as such. Mr. Wright received the Councils' acknowledgement for services rendered to the School and was wished good health and happy retirement.

Finance was given to one staff member to attend an "education" delegation to Canberra. The Australia Day Council gave \$1000; and the Minister for Sport and Recreation donated \$200. towards after-school activities.

There were many discussions re "survival courses" to carry students into a world where employment was a luxury not shared by all -

There was considerable worry concerning the "growing complexity of society" and how the school could best adjust to a changing world. The trend of students to spend longer at school was due to the necessity to be "better educated", so the emphases were altered to "training for living".

Boys became involved in a series of house football matches - four male staff members indulged in friendly rivalry and presented four fit and capable teams!

The creche to cater for the children of emergency teachers enabled the school a greater range of these "emergencies". Mrs. Crawford carried on her job as Creche Leader for two years.

Mr. Landvogt, acted as Principal in Mr. Laird's 'Long Service Leave' absence, competently and efficiently.

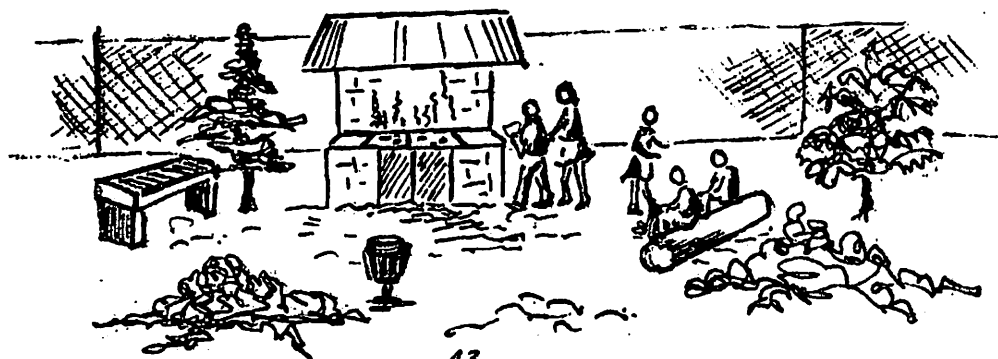
The school had frequently refused to join VICCSO, but this year agreed to pay the affiliation fee.

Mr. Yates, M.H.R. visited the school promising to try to enlist Federal assistance but the Federal Minister for Education would not uphold Mr. Yates' support for Cleeland.

The Mothers' Club this year, spent a most enjoyable day in the Hills on a "Mystery Trip" visiting the Tulip Farm at Mt. Evelyn and the Healesville Sanctuary.

The Walkathon funds were diverted to paying for two gas Barbeques. Cr. Rae and Mrs. Milnes once again provided wood for the B.B.Q's at Churchill Park. Approximately \$1900. was collected.

Uniform presented a problem which was discussed by the Advisory Council; they endorsed the continuation of uniform in the school.



1977:

The new "School Council" met in 1977. The retirement of Mr. Rae and Mrs. Caithness, who had given so many years of sterling service to the school, was regretted by past Council members, staff, parents and students. Few knew the work, frustrations and joys that these two had endured for the school, yet both "slipped away" into oblivion with no formal recognition of the tremendous sacrifices and service over a period of twenty years.

The Council was concerned about staff shortages in the area of migrant and remedial teaching, also a Librarian and two English teachers. So the Council took the unprecedented step of advising parents to withdraw their children from the school on 14th. and 15th. April - "as a protest at the Minister's failure to respond to the needs of the school." The Council sought and gained the maximum of publicity.

With the appointment of a Migrant teacher, the school was now 4.8 "above base". However further protests stressed the need for migrant teachers and staff, for refugees.

Suggestions that the Walkathon proceeds be directed towards a "Student Centre" were accepted. The "Centre" was located in the boys' changing shed on the eastern side of the canteen.

Doubts were expressed by the Canteen Committee concerning the profitability of the Canteen so a decision was made by the Advisory Council to advertise a lease of the building.

At a Wine and Cheese function, the staff, Council and friends farewelled Mr. Cox the school's stalwart handyman and cleaner, adviser and loyal worker.

The Council also expressed its appreciation of the work of Mr. Landvogt who was promoted as Principal, to Hastings High School. They wished him well in his new role and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of Cleeland High.

Validity of maintaining the crèche was in doubt with the ready availability of emergency staff without reliance on those with children.

"Elizabeth House" in Elizabeth Court was established to cater for the needs of 'unfortunate' students. The plan was the "brainchild" of the Psychology and Guidance staff who hoped other schools might share costs on a per-capita basis.

Mesdames McKenzie, Lapham and Emmerton organized a final luncheon in recognition of Mrs. Wall's services.



1978:

Twenty-one years had seen many changes - four name changes and four Principals, as well as new courses, new subjects, new emphases, new ideas; some were highly successful, many were not, but changes were inevitable.

Great success was achieved when the Mothers' Club organized a luncheon to recognise the twenty-first year of the school. Why did the staff and students not have such a function, and why was there so little mention made of the twenty-one years to the students? Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Cox (who incidentally spoke extremely well of those twenty-one years) are to be congratulated for their initiative, originality and drive - all previous Principals were present as well as some original Mothers' Club members, parents and staff.

The Mothers continued their great service to the School selling clothing, providing suppers and making money for Cleeland.

The Community Education Programme included H.S.C. subjects, which could be studied at night by adults from the community.

A part-time first-aider was hired by the Council to cope with the "sickies", many of whom should never have been sent to school!

The School Council was restructured to include staff and student representatives as well as parents; Mr. Dilley was the first President under this new system. Mr. Witham continued his excellent job of tending to the grounds and gardens.

Year 11 were allocated a section of the Corridor in the new Science Block to be used as a Commonroom - their lockers were located in the same area.

School Captains Tracey Blythe and Andrew Dilley were congratulated by the School Council for the quality of leadership.

\$1720. was raised for the Walkathon and this was for extensions to the Canteen area which was to be used eventually as a Student Centre.

Mrs. Bryant produced a very excellent Recipe Book which sold out rapidly. These books were available on Speech Night.

## **Mothers' Club Twenty-First Anniversary**



The gradual buying up of homes in the area of Elizabeth Court continues and will add much needed space to Cleeland High.

Student Genevieve Marie was selected as a member of the Secondary Schools' Volleyball Team.

Mr. Laird reported that the school Hall was let every day and night (out of school hours) for the year. (The hall has certainly been a boon to the devious smokers who with "nits" active, were able to smoke with apparent freedom. Not so the girls' toilet smokers who failed to realise that the tell-tale drifting smoke spirals were a dead giveaway!)

Mr. & Mrs. Dilley entertained the School Council and spouses, at an end-of-year social evening.

1979:

Mr. Carberry, Deputy Principal became Acting Principal, after the resignation of Mr. Laird.

The very fact that the position was temporary made Mr. Carberry's task difficult. However he devoted himself conscientiously and professionally to keeping the school running smoothly.

He was well supported by the School Council who attended to "budgeting the finances", beautifying the grounds and attending wholeheartedly to administering the affairs of the school.

Mr. Carberry encouraged students and staff to participate in extra-curricular activities - one staff member was given the task of co-ordinating the activities programme which with all the drama and sport undertaken, gave tremendous scope for leadership, responsibility, team work, self-discipline and self confidence.

Within the school, the girls staged a strike against the wearing of desert boots or lace up shoes. One day when the bell rang to signify the end of lunch, the "young rebels" remained on the oval. Mr. Carberry was faced with a ticklish situation but was to be admired for his shrewd handling of it.

The girls were invited to the Hall where a very orderly meeting was conducted. Students spoke giving their reasons for wanting sandals introduced, whilst the Principal listened intently. After a meeting of staff and parents, sandals for the summer became an accepted part of the uniform. The Acting Principal was to be congratulated for his excellent attitude to the whole issue.

For many years excursions had been a major feature of the school year with each form level being offered an educational experience in a different environment. For economic or other reasons many students failed to avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in these worthwhile occurrences often resulting in whole form levels missing out. One week was set aside for ALL excursions.

The name "FORM" was changed this year to "YEAR" so that "Form I" became "YEAR 7" and "Form VI" - "YEAR 12".

The school, with the assistance of the Psychology and Guidance Branch, had been involved for several years in a rehabilitation scheme at "Ellimatta" - Elizabeth Court, but unfortunately it had to be closed despite Mrs. David's staunch effort to keep it a viable proposition.

Mrs. Caitness was nominated as Dandenong City Council's "Citizen of the Year" - a thoroughly deserved title - the School Council sent her a letter of congratulations.

Mrs. Lynette Sanders, after a fourteen year link with the school, first as a student, then as a Typist, was forced to take sick leave and finally to resign. The Council and staff showed their appreciation of her services.

Janine Leed was presented with a tablet to commemorate her winning the Garribaldi Turri Scholarship.

Eleven V.S.T.A. members went on strike, so Year 7 was dismissed for the day.

Faculty leaders "fronted" up to the School Council to "sell" their subjects or justify the existence of these to the Council, who all were genuinely interested.

Improvements to the Link entrance were planned by Mrs. Jan Bryant in the hope that it would eventually become the main entrance - the Mothers' Club provided attractive blue curtains to enhance the area - the School Council noted its appreciation of Jan's services.

A dinner dance raised \$1760. - the School Council expressed its appreciation of Mr. Carberry, the Committee involved, the prefects and above all, the cleaners who gave their services free of charge.

Farewell gifts were presented to Mr. Laird by the School Council; and later by some staff at a Wine and Cheese function.

The Mothers' Club ran a successful snowball drive - one student, G. McFadries, sold fifty-four dozen! (whose teeth are rotting Graham)

The December meeting of Council was held at the home of Cr. and Mrs. Dilley.

A hand-drawn collage of student notes and drawings on lined paper. The notes include:

- "MARSHALL DRAMA A SMASH HIT - they won the swimming sports too!"
- "International Year of the Child Disco - with a 'REAL' D.J."
- "Yesterday I was in Form 3. Today I'm in Year 9. Will the work be harder?"
- "ATHLETICS... CUTHBERT 1st"
- "YOU CAN TEACH ON THE BEACH. HAVE FUN IN THE SUN. WE CAN ALL BRAVE A WAVE. AT THE YEAR 7 CAMP."
- "WEDDING BELLS YEAR 10 DING DONGS."
- "I luv sandals." (with a heart drawing)
- "Offset Printer arrives. long live Solvol!"
- "H.S.C Camp Shoreham?"
- "Go many snowballs" (with a drawing of a person throwing a snowball)
- "JULY 25th WALKATON" (with a sun drawing)

There are also several small drawings of shoes and a person lying down.

1980: MR. LAMBERT

Mr. Lambert was appointed as the fifth Principal and Mr. Carberry, once again, became Deputy Principal after a most successful period as Acting Principal.

The Gifted Childrens' program was introduced in 1980 and special courses were conducted at T.A.F.E. College or individual schools, where a student who is gifted in Art, Photography, Mathematics, Creative Writing, etc., was enabled to attend classes with a group similarly gifted. Cleeland is particularly grateful to Mrs. Jungwirth who is co-ordinating this program.

The acquisition of Apex Park provides more ground space and some shady lunch areas.

With the whole Dandenong area being continually plagued by vandalism, Cleeland High decided after many years of indecision, to have installed, an alarm system.

Work Experience continued to provide an opportunity for Year 10 or 11 students to decide on careers, by spending one or two weeks during the year at some job in which they were interested; Mr. Wintle was responsible for the programme.

Photographs of past and present Principals<sup>are</sup>/now framed, mounted and suitably displayed in the Principal/Deputy Principal's office area.

Mr. VanLangenberg resigned his position on the School Council owing to a transfer to Fairhills High. The Council thanked him sincerely for his contributions and service over the past three and one half years.

School Council sent its congratulations to the school's most successful athletes - Jenny Gawley, U17 and Jackie Watkins U13, both of whom won their events in the Inter-Zone Athletic Sports.

This year's H.S.C. students obtained excellent results - an 85% pass rate; 90% entered Tertiary institutions including the first two students to study for medicine, Roger Berry and Stuart Dilley.

The link programme with T.A.F.E. continued whereby some Year 10 and 11 students were enabled to study automotive engineering and mechanics.

During 1980 special attention was given to the school's literacy program and the academic content of many subjects was increased, and the school administration was involved in changing the pattern of declining enrolment at Cleeland High School; a real priority due to the likelihood of the closure of Dandenong Technical School in 1982. As a consequence of this involvement, enrolment increased by 105 students in 1981.

The Presentation Afternoon held on Thursday December 11th., 1980 provided an excellent opportunity for all students to participate in the annual recognition of student involvement in this school. The Guest Speaker Dr. Moyle, Director of the Institute of Educational Administration of Victoria, spoke on "Education into the Eighties" and participated in the presentation of awards.

A Music Teacher was appointed this year so once again the sounds of drums, flutes, the piano and voices were heard down the corridors.

Mr. & Mrs. Abberton provided their home for the final School Council meeting.

1981: (enrolment 658)

The 20th. March, all prefects and school office bearers were invested to their office; the school councillors were invited to attend and a light luncheon was provided for them.

Great concern was felt for the future of post-primary students in the Dandenong area and, at the time of this going to print, many pertinent questions remained unanswered. Post-primary Rationalization Meetings were discussing moves which "might", "could" and "will" take place.

The Gifted Childrens' programme continued to open avenues for the brighter student.

The new security system resulted in the quick apprehension of an offender endeavouring to gain illegal entry into the school.

Furniture quotes for the new Student Centre were received and Gippsland Cabinets' was accepted.

The Students' Action Committee ran a poster competition for "Keep Australia Beautiful" and "Keep Cleeland Clean".

Mr. Scott received best wishes for his long service leave (mid-term) after he had explained to the School Council what a rewarding experience it had been to serve on that Council.

A letter of thanks was sent from the Council to Mrs. McMillan for her fine contribution to the school over the fifteen years of her incumbency and she received the Council's best wishes for her retirement.

The Australian Development Assistance Bureau (Department of Foreign Affairs) sent a letter of appreciation via Mr. S. Schneider, to thank the school for its concern for overseas students, over and above what they had ever received from any school previously.

Elizabeth Court now looks very desolate with very few houses remaining to be purchased by the Department - the Dandenong City Council has provided filling to build up part of the area for a Practical Living Learning Program, to be introduced in 1982.

The Ladies' Auxiliary continued to be active by providing the Annual staff luncheon and donating paint for the beautification of sick bay.

A plain paper copier was provided by the Council for staff use - the latter were very grateful.

Concern was felt for students travelling on the over-crowded Rowville bus and political action was threatened if Grenda's failed to provide another bus!

The project for the 1981 Walkathon was a plain paper copier for exclusive use of the student population.

As a result of the school administration's effective planning and the public acceptance of the type of education provided at Cleeland High School, the expected enrolment for 1982 is 728; with a Year 7 intake of 180. Additional accommodation is to be provided by the S.E.M.R.

At a successful Drama evening, Landy's play was selected as the best by the adjudicator, with Marshall as second - this broke Landy's long drought.

The Council sent a congratulatory telegram to Cr. Warwick Dilley on his election as Mayor of Dandenong - our "Bev." now becomes Lady Mayoress.

Sport provided the usual keen competition - In Inter-school, the Junior Netball Team advanced to the All-High Finals. Those teams to reach the Inter-Zone finals were :- Junior Girls' Basketball, Senior Boys' Basketball and the Senior Boys' Badminton.

Prizes in the recent Year of the Disabled poster competition included First Prize Secondary School level; special City of Dandenong award; the Myer Dandenong award and the presentation of a commemorative plaque to a winning student.

The Student Centre was completed and officially opened by the President of the School Council, Mr. Norm Abberton; a student committee is responsible for the administration of this Centre.

The Boys' School Captain Adrian Jones received news that, in 1982, he had gained admission to Duntroon Military Academy. Congratulations Adrian!

1982 looks destined to another successful year for Cleeland High School.



## The Torch Cleeland High School

Kay remembers well the three Halls - she recalls Monday as the school Assembly day with morning assemblies in the Park near the football ground. It was the only time in the week that the school could be all together other than for sport.

Tuesday afternoon was set aside for sport in the same park - the St. Luke's students had to walk all the way from Dandenong West! Teachers were ferried from hall to hall by car.

Lockers were cupboards with ten shelves and one key, so locker monitors unlocked in the morning and locked in the afternoon after school.

There were always at least forty per class except for practical classes.

*Eclarté*, Term II, brought altogether under the one roof; a football style outdoor toilet and a downstairs Home Management room which invariably flooded. This room had one stove which would take ONE cake and that would rise lop-sided!

Occasionally teachers "let their hair down" - one, Mrs. Watson (nee Miss Howell) entertained the school by singing "I'm going to wash that man right out of my hair" and "June is a busting out all over" - she was wearing only a towel! On another occasion a farewell romp to strict Miss Styles ended in a crazy dance in the Guide Hall. Hockey matches against the teachers always provided a great deal of entertainment and amusement..

On moving into Ann Street, the fences did not provide a bar to meeting the boyfriend, so an imaginary boundary ten feet inside had to be patrolled by prefects whilst the Technical School prefects endeavoured to check for miscreants seeking out girlfriends (times haven't changed Kay).

A combined Dance was held at the Scout Hall 1959/60 arranged by the Technical School and our prefects! Claude Quist's "Old Time" Dance Band provided the 'Music' at a time when Rock'n Roll was in its Heyday!!

The "new" school was all too much - proper lockers with keys and coat lockers, for blazers and sports uniforms. No blazers were permitted to be worn in the classroom and bags had to be put under lockers.

When the asphalt in the quadrangle "gave way" it went in like "an inner spring mattress" and students, bouncing in the hole did nothing to improve matters.

The prefects were given a small room off the Library for meetings, etc., but its use was revoked when the prefects became too noisy.

School sports trips were a big feature as there were no school camps or outings, I remember some girls organizing a trip to the Semco factory during the holidays.

TWENTY-FIFTY ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Co-ordinators of the Committees included -  
Kay Hogben, Jenny Ling - Ex-students  
Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Meadows - Ladies' Auxiliary  
Mr. Abberton - School Council  
Mr. Proctor, Mrs. Milnes - Present Staff  
Miss Boardman, Mrs. Tyler - Ex-staff.

The whole committee is co-ordinated by Mr. Lambert (Principal) and to him we all owe a great debt of gratitude for his intense interest in the events; he has given freely of his time and nothing has been too much trouble for him. If this Anniversary is a success, special thanks is due to his perseverance, tolerance and determination. Thanks Russell!

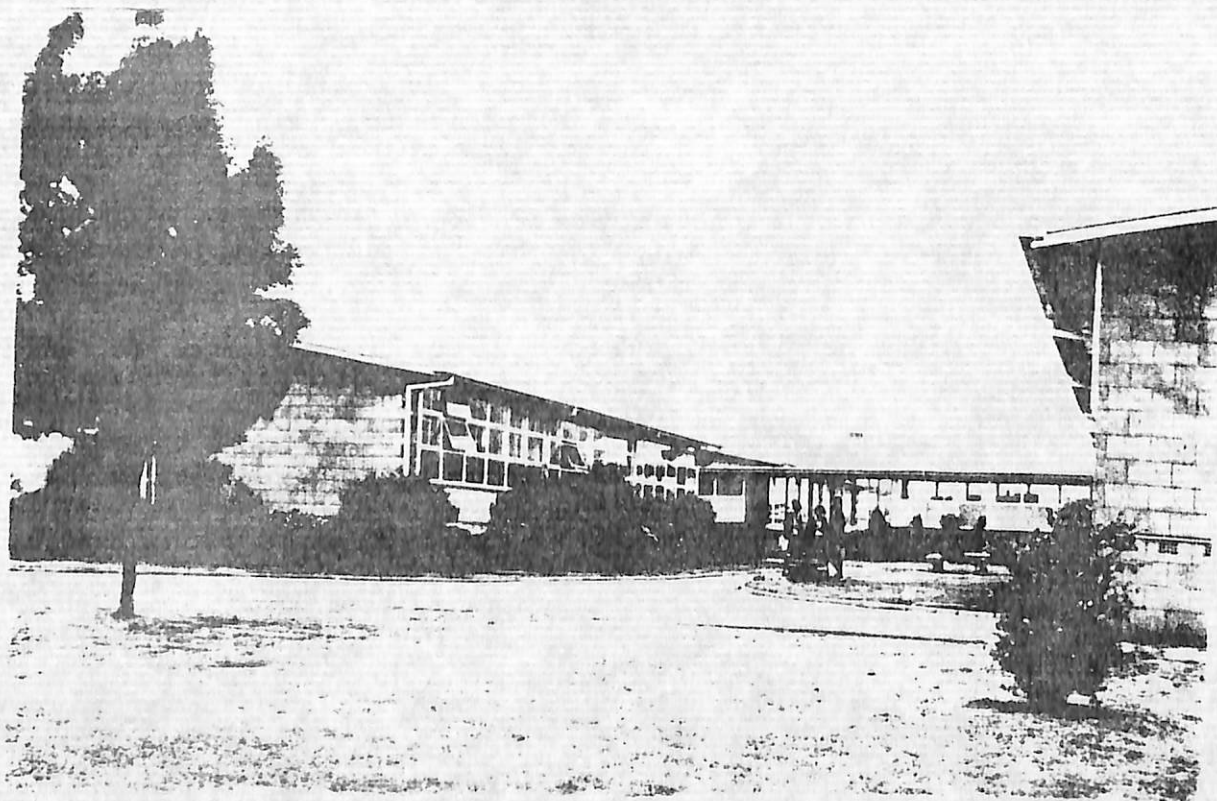
Others who worked hard on the various committees were Janine Davies, Jill French, Robyn Naher, Lynette Sanders, Rhonda Clarke and Genine Kemp.

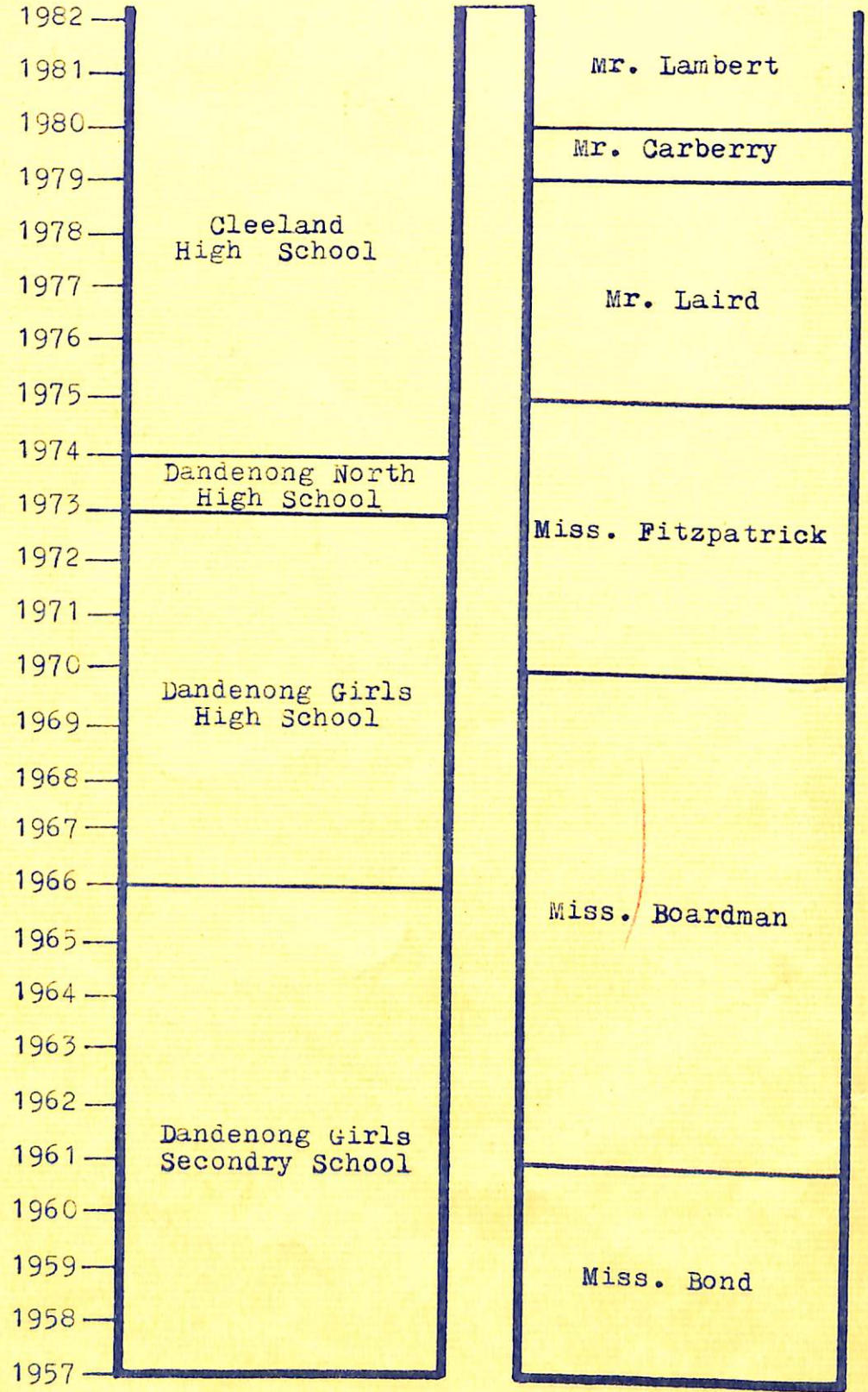
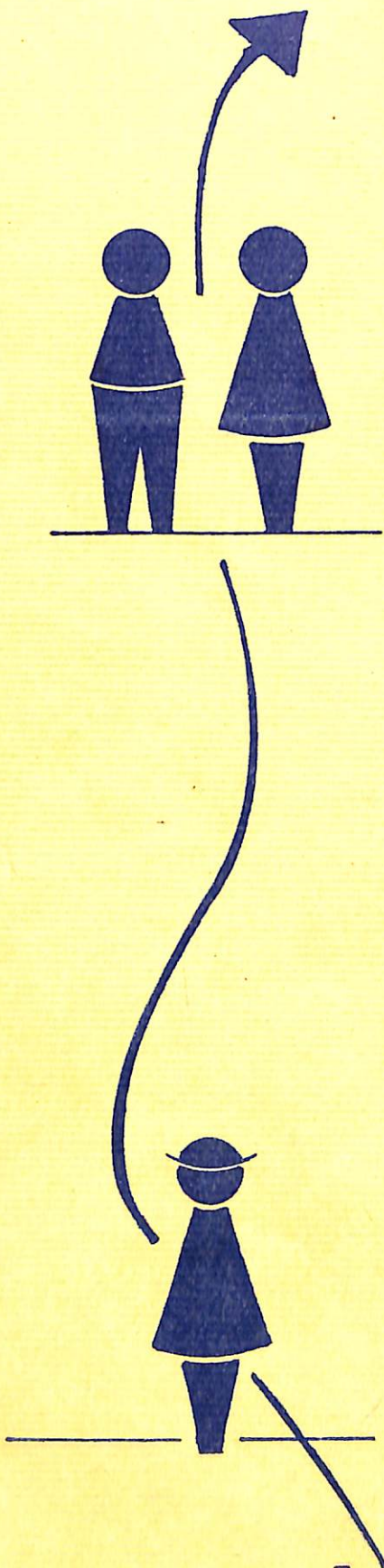
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