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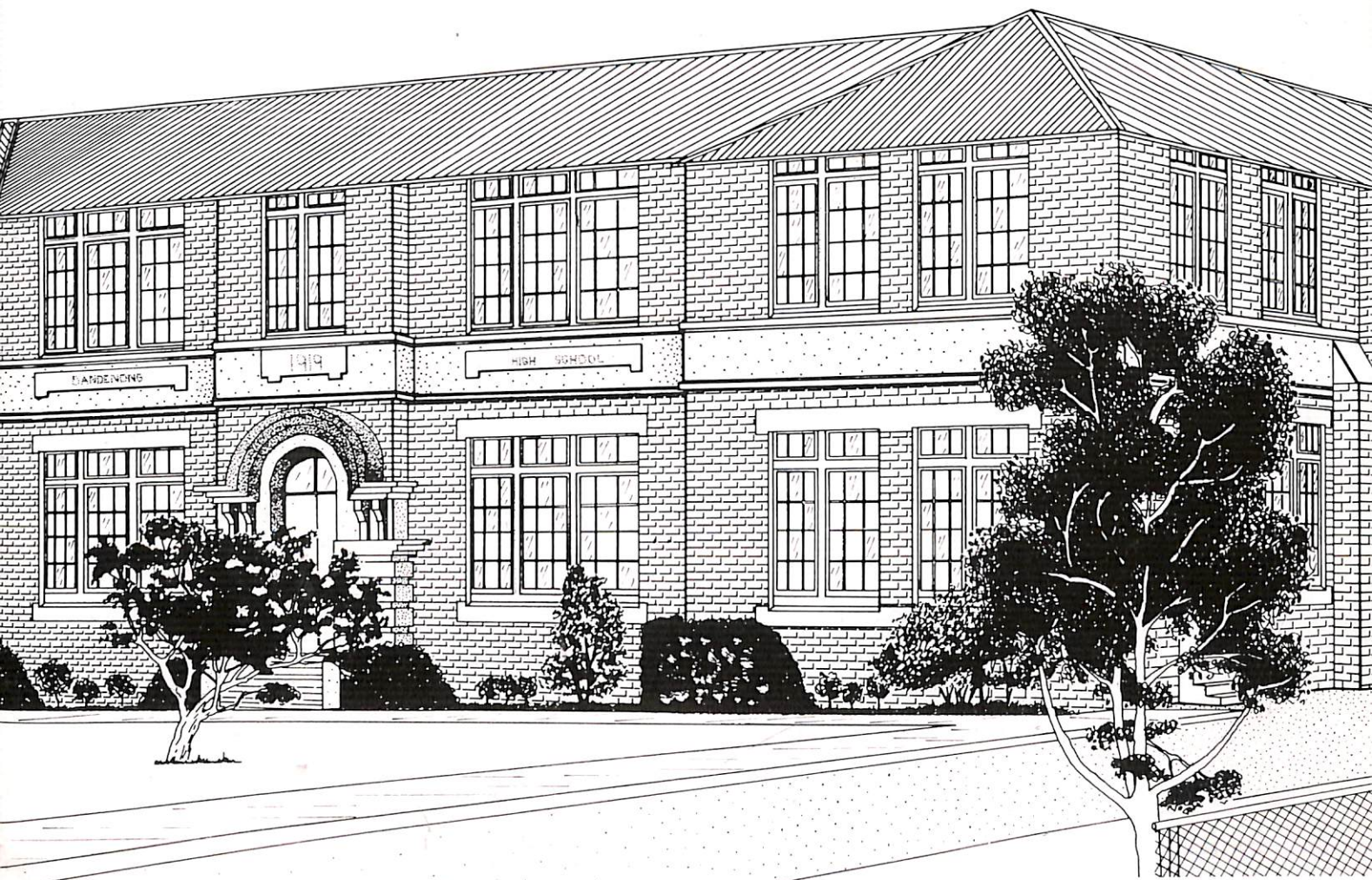
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Principals...

1919-1934 LANGFORD, P.C.W.
 1935-1936 JAMES, A.V.G. Dr.
 1937-1952 GRIFFITHS, J.L.
 1953-1957 ANDREWS, R.W.
 1958-1964 COOKE, L.A.
 1965-1971 MITCHELL, K.B.
 1972-1981 MOSS, B.M.
 1982-1986 WILLIAMS, R.A.
 1987-.... RAYMENT, B.R.

Milestones...

1919 Foundation stone laid by Hon. W. Hutchinson, Minister of Public Instruction.

1927 First copy of "The Gate". Radio hired to allow students to hear broadcast of opening of first Parliament House in Canberra.

1935 Ladies' Auxiliary formed.

1936 "Sustenance" workers employed on levelling, painting and drainage.

1944 Fund raising for Hall begins.

1952 "Bristol" unit erected at rear of main building.

1958 New 14 classroom block completed.

1963 School Canteen service opens.

1965 Rev. K. Heath appointed first Chaplain.

1967 Last of the Intermediate Exams. First central Australia Tour. Level 12 Committee System replaces Prefects.

1979 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Griffiths Library opened.

1984 "Baby Boom" school population peaks at 1276 students.

1986 New School Council Constitution - council has policy control of School.

1989 School celebrates 70th Anniversary. Preparations for phasing in of new Victorian Certificate of Education courses.

Enrolments...

School established in 1919

1919 - 104	1930 - 450
1925 - 275	1933 - 202

1933 Introduction of fees in Forms E & F during Depression caused a temporary drop to 202 students.

1935 - 275	1950 - 750
1940 - 500	1955 - 780
1945 - 605	1960 - 1050

Opening of Doveton H.S. caused reduction in enrolment in 1961

1965 - 1080	1970 - 1008
1975 - 1054	1981 - 1012
1982 - 1021	1983 - 1166

Buildings...

1920 New building opened on 7 1/2 acre site in Bushy Park.

1922 Dandenong, Leongatha, Warragul High Schools formed "Gippsland Sports Association."

1927 First publication of school magazine "The Gate."

1945 Army Huts used for additional accommodation.

1957 Extra land bought for erection of a Manual Arts and Domestic Arts Block.

1960 Ann Street Sports Ground added to school area.

1967 New Science Block and Woodwork Rooms completed, old part of school remodelled.

1968 Assembly Hall completed

1978 New Library and 8-Class Room Block built, Office and Staff Room redesigned. Second kitchen built, the Bristol unit was moved. Two new tennis courts were built, gardens were re-designed.

1983 Re-locatables, Ordinary and Specialists Units added in various places.

Colours...

Red/Light Blue/Dark Blue - Regimental Colours 4th Light Horse with which Headmaster P.C.W. Langford had been associated.

Thanks to...

The school community thanks Mrs. Megan Coote, Mr. Neil Roy, Mrs. Glenys Andrews, Mrs. Helen Hook, Mrs. Jenny Osborne and especially Mrs. Marion Trigg. (Whoever said she had retired?).

The perspective view of the school on the cover of "The Gate" formed part of Warren van Damme's V.C.E. (H.S.C) Graphic Communication folio in 1988. Before beginning work on this drawing, Warren had to measure every part of the building as original Plans and Elevations of this 1919 building were not available. Warren put in many hours of patient, detailed work.

END

Creation...

Mr. P.C.W. Langford was the first Headmaster of Dandenong High School, appointed in 1919 where he remained in charge until 1934 when a fall in enrolments necessitated his transfer to Mildura High School. Having served in the 4th Light Horse Regiment and being a "cricketer of some note" he proved to be the ideal man to steer a new school from its raw beginnings. Seven and a half acres of Bushy Park on the Princes Highway was the area chosen after the Rev. H.A. Buntine had petitioned for a secondary school.

Some difficulties encountered were red gum stumps on the oval, one big red gum causing the hockey field to be foreshortened, the trees planted in the front garden died.

From Inspectors' reports of 1922 1923, 1924 we read -

"There are no shelter sheds"

"A bookcase, a washhand basin, a screen, a hearth rail and floor covering are required for the headmaster's office."

"When prices are lower a set of drawing boards, T squares should be supplied."

"Pupils have contributed books for the formation of form libraries."

"There are 7 boarders, 4 boys and 3 girls." Where were they housed?"

"Other school activities viz... school concert, school speech night and parents' meetings have (also) been well developed in a short time."

"The extension of this fence (i.e. quadrangle/fence) to separate the boys' and girls' grounds is very necessary."

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

The Cookery Centre (now the Common Room) was a centre for visiting schools as well as Dandenong High School. On a certain day the cookery teacher must have had a harrowing day. When the School Inspector arrived at 3 p.m. (unannounced as was the custom) the centre was closed. Oh dear!!!

The report is caustic. School is expected to continue until 4 p.m. and

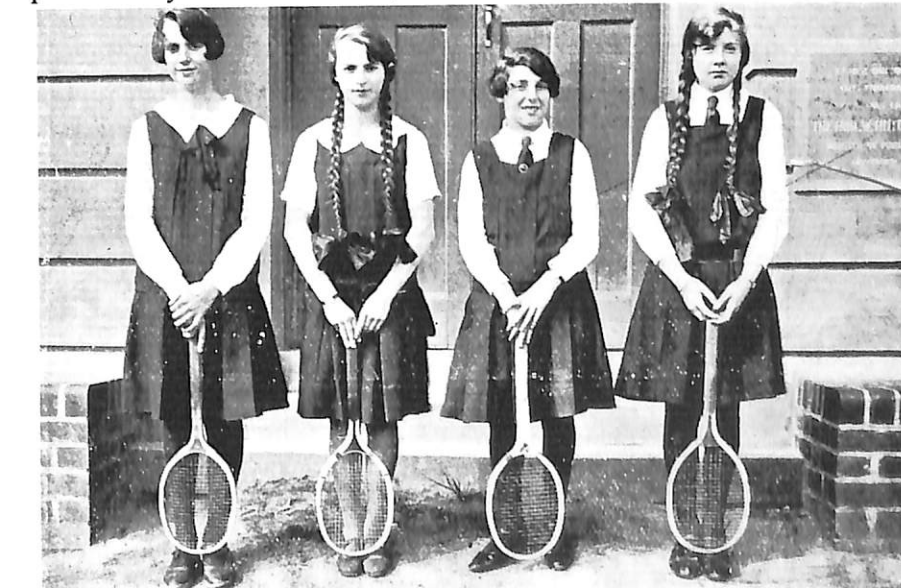
the stoves (wood and oil) were dirty. An appointment was made peremptorily for a full inspection and the said teacher did not appear on the roll next year.

Do those of us who were at school in the thirties remember another teacher being demoted to the bottom of the classified teachers' roll because a student wrote in his history book that "Mr. Albert Dunstan was an astute scheming politician." Parent of child must have belonged to the Party in power???



The Boomerang Theatre was well filled on August 23rd 1927 when the School presented "Quality Street" produced by Misses Schneider,

Tassel & Abbott. E. Keddie, A. O'Donoghue & G. Bush were principal actors supported by R. Cowan, K. Brumley & A. Tharle.



TENNIS - Lyla Pretty, Alma Tharle Frances Noack, Edna Ireland.

Faber Quisque Fortunae
...DANDENONG
High School Speech Night

Town Hall
THURSDAY, EVENING, DEC. 18th, 1919

Cap. S. M. Bruce, M.H.R., will distribute the Hon. Certificates
and Prizes
ADMIT THREE

Dandenong High School

Princes Highway

Band. 2 0561

PAGE 1. DAY 1. 1919

REGISTER OF THE *High* SCHOOL AT *Dandenong*

Register Number.	NAME. Christian Names to be in full, and to be entered after the Surnames.	Date of Birth.			Date of Admission.	Name of Parent or Guardian.	Residence of Parent or Guardian.	Occupation of Parent or Guardian.
		Day.	Month.	Year.				
1.	Attott Jean Wright	23	1	'06	10/3/19	Attott John	Mason St Dandenong	Storekeeper
2.	Carlisle Maude	14	12	'06	10/3/19	Carlisle William A.	Melbourne Rd "	Retired Farmer
3.	Facey Marie Bethune	6	7	'06	10/3/19	Facey Francis J. P.	Robertson St. "	Cash Builder
4.	Grant Elsie Vera Winifred	23	10	'05	10/3/19	Anderson Elizabeth (Mrs)	Hemming St. "	Domestic Duties
5.	McNast Jean Chrissie	16	2	'06	10/3/19	McNast Donald	Langhorne St. "	Machinery Expert
6.	Orgill Mabel Helmore	14	1	'05	10/3/19	Orgill Thomas A.	Langhorne St. "	Carpenter
7.	Pearson Lodie Isabel	21	9	'04	10/3/19	Pearson Alexander W.	Thomas St. "	Gentleman
8.	Reese Maud Victoria	14	9	'05	10/3/19	Reese Henry A.	Leonard St. Melbourne	Mechanics
9.	Richards Mabel Harriet	12	12	'06	10/3/19	Richards Henry J.	Frankston Rd. Frankston	School Teacher
10.	Sharp Olive Elizabeth	31	8	'05	10/3/19	McLean Jackson (Mrs)	Toward St. Melbourne	Retired Farmer
11.	Simms Mario Julian	1	8	'04	10/3/19	Simms William Thos	Melbourne Rd. Gt. St.	Cattle Dealer
12.	Slater Midge	8	4	'06	10/3/19	Slater George Wm	McGrath St. Dandenong	School Teacher
13.	Tharle Ena Marie	2	1	'06	10/3/19	Tharle Walter	East St. Dandenong	Retired Butcher
14.	Walker Marion Aylet	21	7	'05	10/3/19	Walker Edward P.	Melbourne Rd. Gt. St.	Grain Merchant
15.	Wangman Dorothy Belle	13	7	'05	10/3/19	Wangman William F.	Robertson St. Gt. St.	Butcher
16.	Alexander George Frederick	23	11	'05	10/3/19	Albansen Albert	Heatherton Rd. Dandenong	Grocer
17.	Buckley Charles Edward	12	2	'04	10/3/19	Buckley Ben	Narracan East	Farmer
18.	Buntine Hugh Alexander	9	1	'06	10/3/19	Buntine Hugh A. Ret.	Langhorne St. Dandenong	Minister

TERM III., DECEMBER, 1926
FINAL EXAMINATION.

Subject.	Per-centage.	Class Average.	Subject.	Per-centage.	Class Average.
English	52	50	Drawing	62	54
History	72	55	Modelling		
French			Woodwork		
German			Metalwork		
Latin	76	80	Agriculture		
Arithmetic	71	53	Cookery		
Algebra	76	54	Needlework		
Geometry	69	58	Hygiene		
Trigonometry					
Mechanics					
N. Study					
El. Science					
Physics	76	48			
Chemistry	74	43			
Geology					
Geography					

TERMINAL
REPORTS
ON

William Worth

FORM *D*

19 *26*

1,278/1,325—4156.

TERM I., 1926

ATTENDANCE: Absent *5* days. Late *5* times.

HOME WORK: Writing Work *C*

Learning Work *B*

WORK IN CLASS: *B*

EXAMINATION WORK: *B+*

PLACE IN FORM OF 30 PUPILS *1st*

SPECIAL REMARKS:

Good solid work.

Head Master.

Form Teacher.

Signature of Parent or Guardian *L. H. H. H.*

Date *1/10/26*

Please return on or before first day of second term.

Dedication

With the appointment of Mr. J.L. Griffiths as Principal in 1937, no more enthusiastic person could have been assigned the task of consolidating the creation of Dandenong High School. In the difficult years of depression and World War II he led a dedicated staff, inspiring them by his interest and his presence. Students of his era will recall how he would visit the music classes singing just above his office to ask them to repeat a favourite song of his. A brilliant mathematician and expert in the field of English Literature, he demanded a high standard of performance from staff and students alike.

Poverty abounded, so that not only was dedication essential in the field of study, but also in the awareness of the pressing needs of many in the community. Severe floods in Gippsland necessitated the school being used as a haven for

flood victims. School lessons were abandoned as children arrived soaking wet and teachers improvised lines in front of open fires to make possible the journey home. Many students from Koo-wee-rup were away from home for twelve hours every day. What dedication from them and their parents!

Yet the dominant memories are of fun times - of sports trips to Geelong, Warrigal, Inter-school swimming and athletics, memories of Speech Nights in the Boomerang Theatre, of Fete days, of House rivalries, particularly in the Egg Appeal for the Dandenong Hospital. The Hospital gained its much needed 1750 dozen eggs but the students of Dandenong High School used every trick in the book to gather the most eggs. And who remembers "THE CLEANEST FORM ROOM" competition? Flowers, clean blackboard (and shelf) AND NO RUBBISH IN DESKS and all inkwells filled - were some of the essentials. What dedication!!! 1939

FORM IIIa

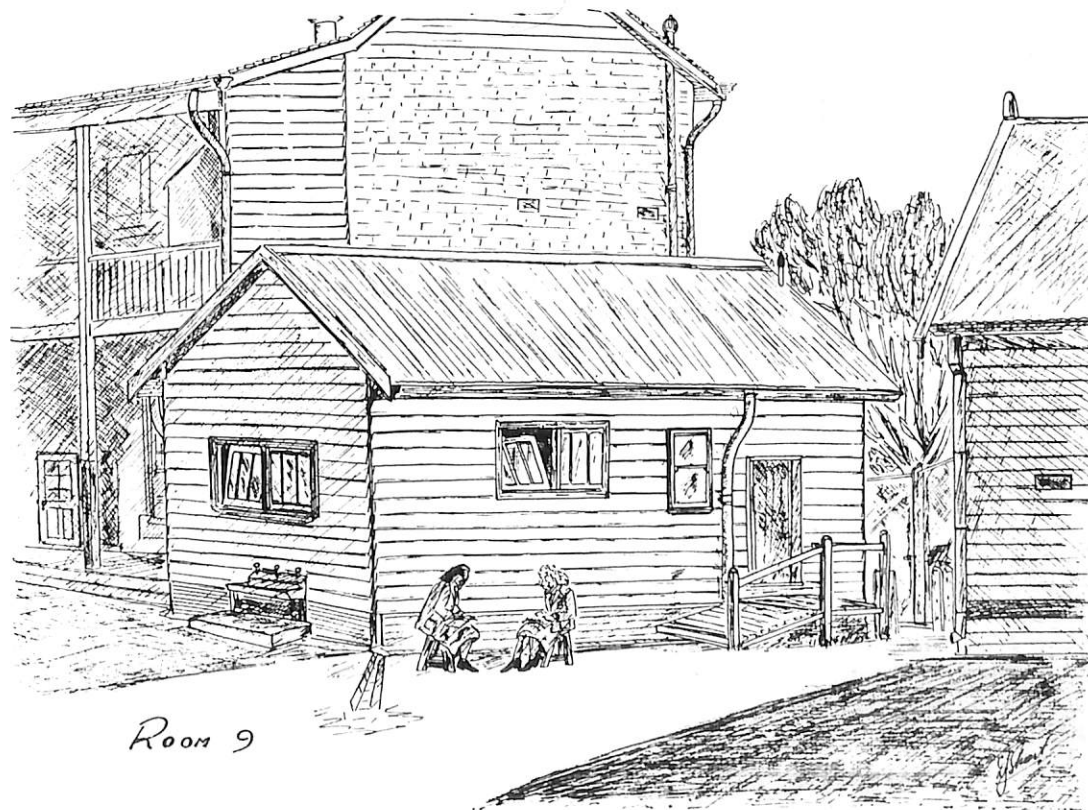
Hallo! Hallo! Hallo! This is Form IIIA speaking, and what a form we are, consisting of about forty-four pupils.

Our form is honoured by having A. Pedder as the school whistle blower. It is really a great delight to us when, in say an Algebra or Latin period, Allan gets up, goes to the door, takes a mighty breath, and blows hard, as if to say: "Well, that's the end of that period."

Next year we all hope to be promoted to a fourth form, in which we will strive (?) to obtain our Intermediate Certificates.



"Little Sir Echo."



Room 9



Conflagration...

1939 OUTBREAK OF WAR

As the Editorial to "The Gate" 1940 indicates, a new sombre atmosphere entered Dandenong High School at this time. We sang "To the School at War", our brothers, fathers, uncles, friends volunteered for active service. The War Effort became a dominant part of our lives with blackouts in Dandenong, a convalescent hospital for soldiers in the Scout Hall and needlework classes meant knitting socks and balaclavas.

The Oakleigh bus, our life line along the Princes Highway was forced to use a gas producer in the absence of petrol and then did not run at all in the dark days of 1941. Plans were made for the evacuation of children to the Dandenongs during the Christmas holidays and teachers remained on duty. Other teachers worked in "essential" factories during their vacations. Lists of those missing and believed killed appeared daily.

But the school continued with its high standard of education. In 1940 Mr. Griffiths was successful in introducing the first Form 6 or Leaving honours course into the school and Leaving (Matriculation) was awarded on internal assessments. All sports flourished as each Wednesday afternoon the whole school repaired to the playing fields. Music flourished under Miss Doherty and Miss Dawson (Mrs Vukmirovic) with productions such as "The Mikado" and "The Gondoliers" to brighten the hearts of the huge audiences which packed the Dandenong Town hall for these events. One grand choral festival ended fittingly with the massed choirs singing "There'll Always be an England". Senior Mistress, Miss Carpenter, looking ahead, produced the play "Daddy Long Legs" in 1944, which raised £600 and began the Hall fund. The Hall was eventually built in 1968.

Everyone looked forward to Peace.

OBITUARY - 1939 F.A. BISHOP



Frederick Alan Bishop, a former pupil of this school, was the first Australian killed abroad after the outbreak of war. He was only twenty-three years of age.

Alan was a motor engineer, and he went abroad to obtain experience, working his passage to England in June last year. He arrived in London a few weeks before the September crisis and immediately offered his services in any capacity to the War Office.

While working as a mechanic at Hatfield he received the opportunity of becoming a pilot, the Air Ministry then sending him to Scotland. While under special training he was killed, being buried, with full service honours, at Dirlton, near Edinburgh.

EDITORIAL - 1940

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'"

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." Thus it is in our world today. The world has been precipitated from its Throne of Peace into the Chaos of War. It is a world of fear and terror. Millions of refugees, civilized, peace-loving people, tramp the roads of Europe - driven from their homes by a barbarous enemy, they flee beridden with fear of a terrible death. Beautiful cities are being destroyed and thousands of men, women and children killed,

by bombs that modern man has made. For the first time in our lives we, the school children all over the world are witnessing scenes of pain and human suffering more terrible than any before in the history of man. We live in a world in which man is taught to hate his fellow men, where gallant men strive against gallant men.

DUNKIRK

Janet Lee IVC

*The British Tommy's very brave
His job he does not shirk
He fought and died and tried to
save
The City of Dunkirk*

*Many died to save old France
Others wounded in the work
Could not get through, but still they
tried
To save the town Dunkirk*

*The nurses, too, they did their
share
Of most heroic work,
They tended sick and wounded men
Who fell before Dunkirk*

*'Neath heavy fire of bombs and
shells
They fought where dangers lurk
Those famous men, the B.E.F.,
The Heroes of Dunkirk.*

THE BERWICK BUS

Hazel Dennis IIIC

*The Berwick 'bus is green and white
As o'er the hill it comes in sight
A groan goes up, "Here comes the
tub"
Then there is a great hubbub.*

*The noise that goes on in that crate!
"Done your maths?" "Hope we're
late"*

*A din of voices, tut! tut! fuss!
The noise that goes on, on that 'bus'.*

*Our drivers are expert throwers-out
The minute you're in a bit of a rout
Out you go and out you stay
'Till the next of the 'buses comes
your way.*

HOCKEY TEAM, 1940



Left to Right: M. Dawson (Captain), E. Gascoigne, M. Perry, I. Stooke, L. de Graaf, P. Dawson, J. Platt, A. McDowell, B. Rodd, J. Sinclair, K. Murphy.



HOUSE CAPTAINS, 1942

ROLL OF HONOUR

The following list has been compiled of ex-students who lost their lives while on service with the Forces in the recent war. It is realised that the following list is not necessarily complete or accurate. As it is desirable that a permanent and complete record should be made, the Editors will be glad to receive additional information relating to ex-students whose names should appear in this list.

Aumann, Cyril (R.A.N.).	†Limbrick, Frederick (R.A.A.F.).
Barton, Alfred K. (A.I.F.).	Llewelyn, Ronald (R.A.A.F.).
Bishop, Allan (R.A.F.).	†Pocknee, Frank R. (R.A.A.F.).
Canterbury, William J. (R.A.A.F.).	Pollock, Donald (R.A.A.F.).
*Chalmers, Frank (A.I.F.).	Potter, Christopher (R.A.N.).
*Collins, Lindsay (R.A.A.F.).	Renfree, Eric (R.A.A.F.).
Garside, Ian W. (R.A.A.F.).	Smethurst, Stanley (R.A.A.F.).
†Graham, Gordon (R.A.N.).	Swords, Robert (R.A.A.F.).
Green, Mervyn (R.A.A.F.).	Thomson, James (R.A.A.F.).
James, Douglas (R.A.A.F.).	†Kerr, George (R.A.A.F.).
James, Kenneth (R.A.A.F.).	Lewin, Austin (R.A.A.F.).

*Missing, believed killed.
†Missing.

The Dandenong High School Students

PRESENT

"DADDY LONG LEGS"

TOWN HALL, DANDENONG

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

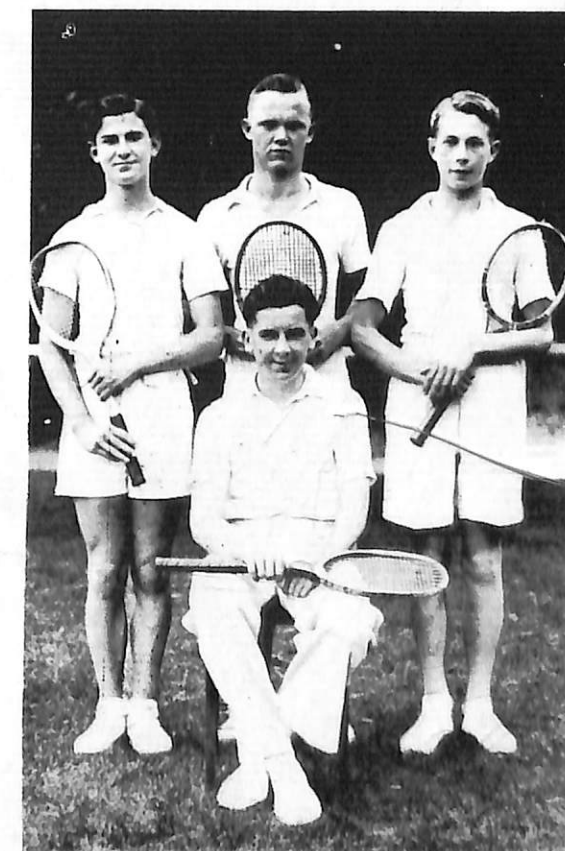
— 1944 —

Producer - Miss E. S. Carpenter

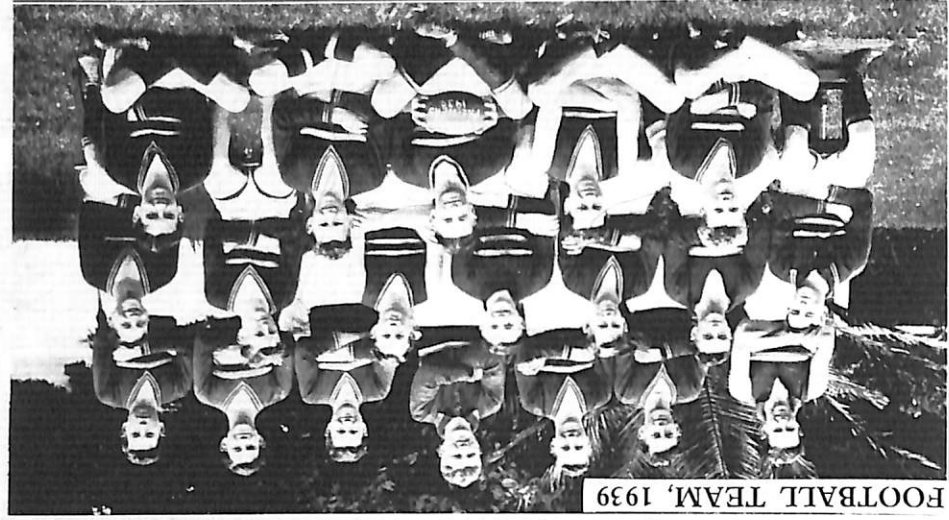
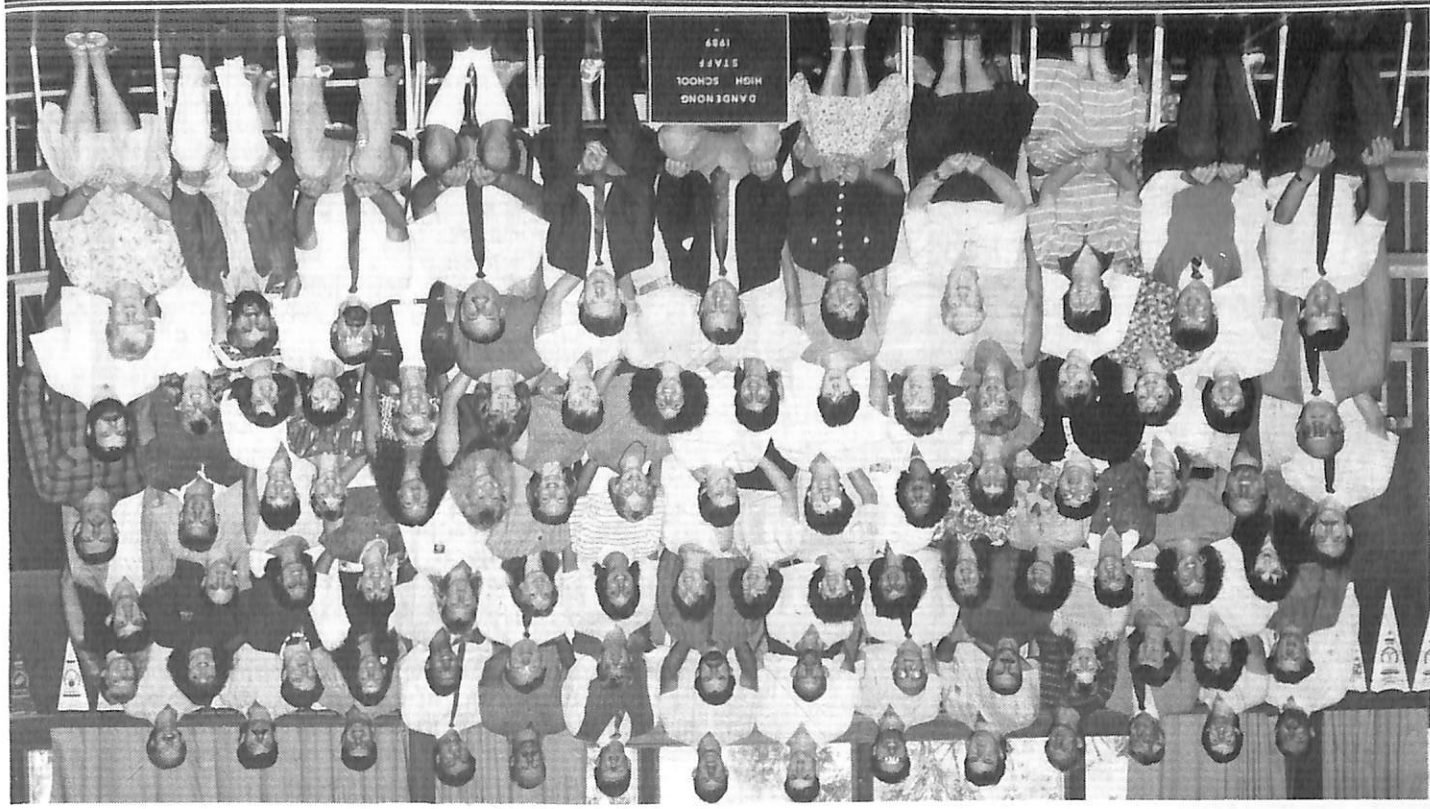
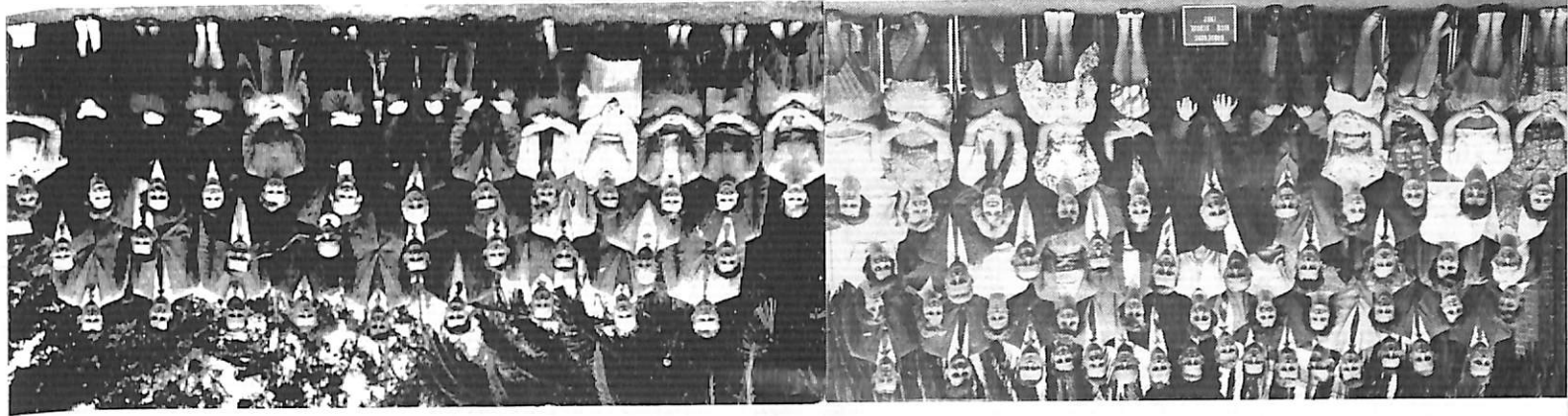
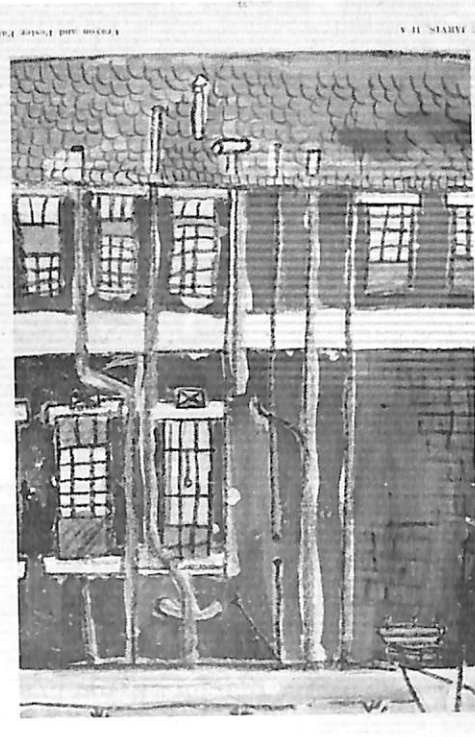
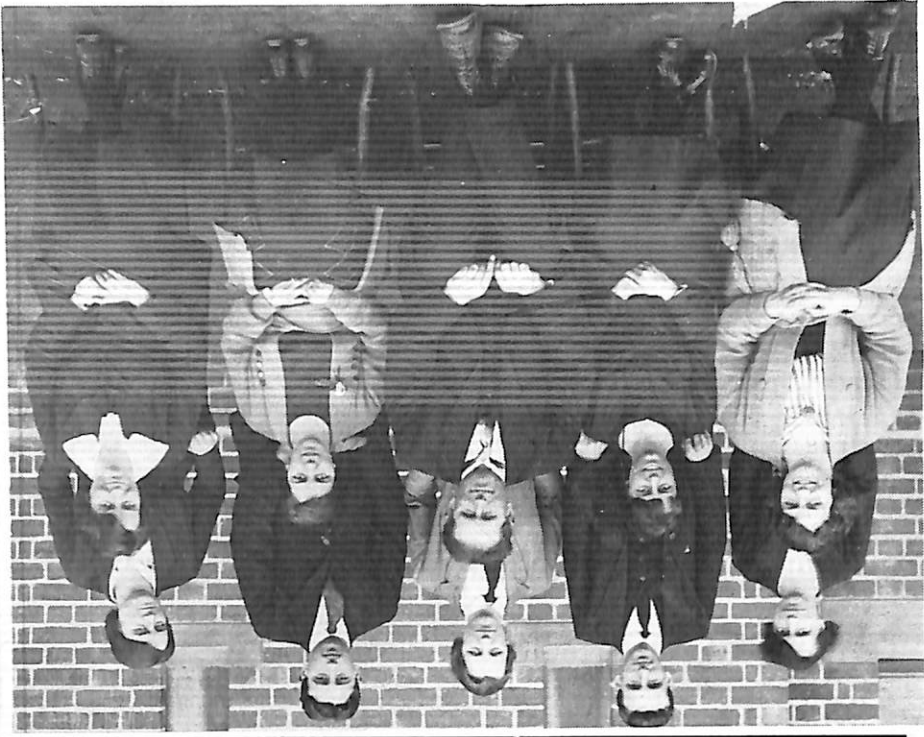
Secretary & House Manager	Mr J. L. Griffiths
Stage Manager	Mr C. Jones
Asst. Stage Manager	Mr A. Sinclair
Asst. Producer	Miss P. Fallow
Prompter	Pam Chadwick

PRICE 3s.

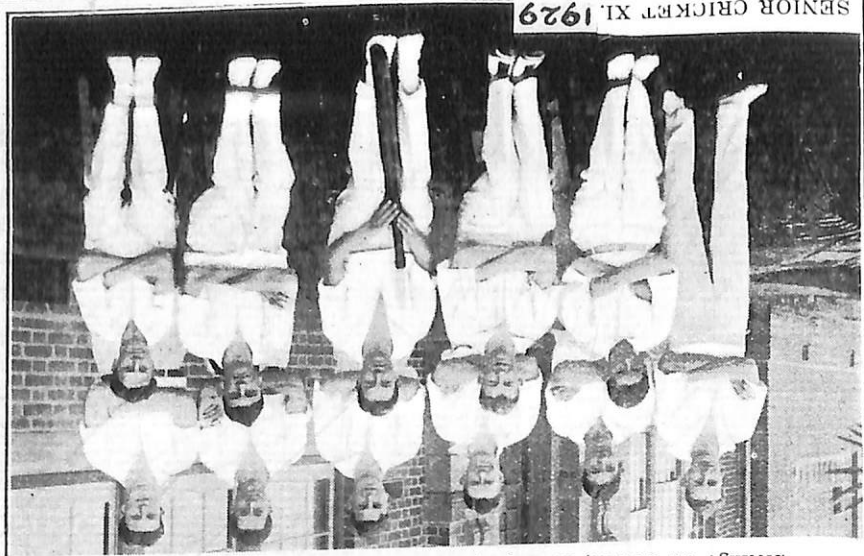
BOYS' TENNIS TEAM, 1939



Standing (from left): K. Griffiths, R. Witham, M. Oldmeadow.
Sitting: R. Hurley.



FOOTBALL TEAM, 1939
Standing: S. McLeod, T. Reid, W. Adamson, L. Courtney, C. Cole, K. Griffiths, M. Hamilton
Centre: D. McFarlane, T. Jones, A. Baird, R. Weeks, M. Oldmeadow, M. Powell,
G. McPherson.
Sitting: R. Powell, R. Payne, D. Morris (Capt.), K. Eyer, R. Hurley.



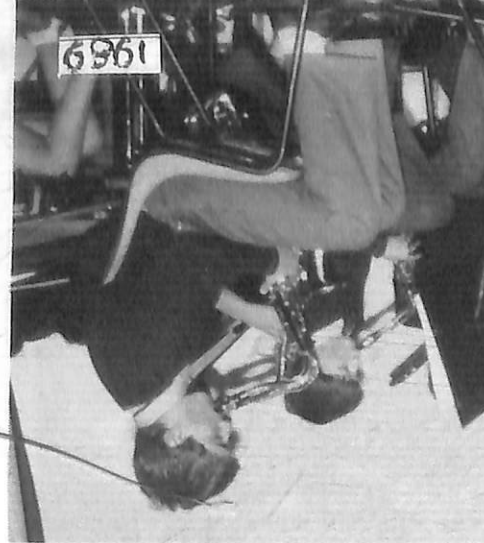
SENIOR CRICKET XI, 1929



1979



1989



1969

Stabilisation...

Mr. R. Andrews (1953-57), Mr. L. Cooke (1958-64) and Mr. K. Mitchell (1965-71) presided over these rather affluent, expansive years.

Nothing could stop the new waves of confidence as we experienced the post-war era. The last generation had made a mess of the world - we would do better. "Jack's as good as his master" isn't he? "I've got my Captain working for me now". These and many similar sentiments pervaded the general atmosphere. Uniforms followed the New Look - down to calf-length. Mr. John Menadue composed the music for the new School Song.

"We Shall be Strong",

Mr. Ziggy Martini and Mrs. Alice Daly took Physical Education and sport into new and varied areas. To the usual sports were added volley ball, softball, baseball, vigaro and judo.

A Debating Club formed under Mr. B.O. Jones in 1958, reflected developing desire for young people to discuss, argue and be heard. Dandenong High School sent its school debating team to appear on HERALD - H.S.V. 7 feature "PARLIAMENT OF YOUTH" in 1959 the topic being "Do co-educational schools provide the best kind of education?" And appropriately Dandenong said "Yes". Perhaps the mood of the 50's and 60's is expressed in these words

"Here while yet young, we are taught to live our own lives together, contributing now and then to the particular institution, but essentially living in an atmosphere of co-operation, harmony and understanding aimed at enlarging our cultural appreciation and intellectual grasp."

The Music Department distinguished itself by winning with its Senior Choir at the Dandenong Festival in 1962 and the Madrigal Choir entered the Festival and their items were broadcast by the A.B.C.

In 1967 the new wing was completed including a fine Commonwealth Science block, new woodwork rooms, and additional specialist classrooms. The old section of the building was re-modelled, providing additional staff and



DEBATING TEAM 1964.



Library amenities, and in 1968 the Assembly Hall, for which fundraising commenced in 1944 was erected occupied early in the year.

In September of this year a very successful Art Exhibition was held in the Assembly Hall over a three day period. 200 paintings plus a fine selection of works in sculpture and plastic arts were displayed by the students.

A truly expansive, exciting period in the history of our School.

THE WAR

Louise O'Ryan 4L

Two years of his life he has been in the war

*Two years wasted in killing, burning, destroying
And for what?*

*Perhaps he once had some sense of morals about this war
And knew what he was fighting for*

*But they are dust
As are so many strong young men
His mates killed, people with limbs hanging by strips of bloody flesh*

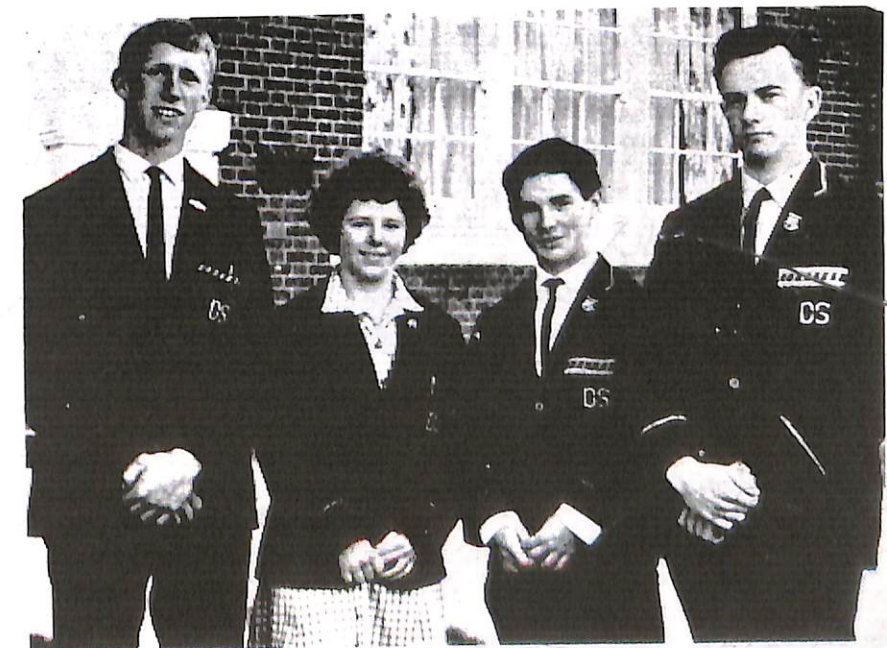
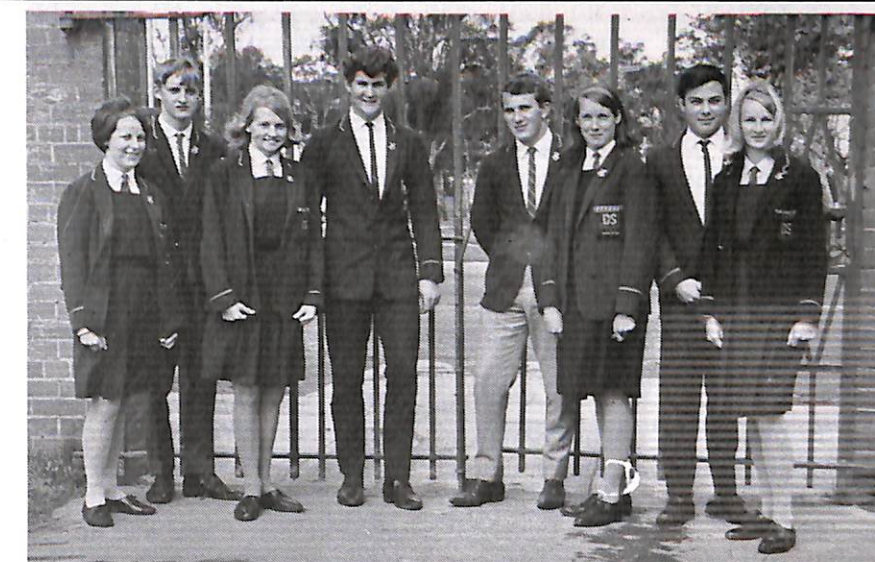
*And the blood:
Sticky blood coated with dust
And well he remembers the first time he killed his fellow man
And times since
Only one month to go and it will all be behind him
Then he can leave this hell,
Yes he will leave, but he will not forget.*

It is one of the School's objects to update our records generally. Any details of students who served or died in Korea, Malaya or Vietnam would be greatly appreciated. Also please let us know of any corrections or additions to the Roll of Honour on page vi in this supplement.

THE NEW JERUSALEM

By Barbara Creed (VI)

*New god which art on earth,
Tele be thy name:
They programme come:
Thy will be done from birth,
As you are our heaven:
Give us this night our evening blood,
And forgive us our conversations,
As we forgive those who converse with us,
And lead us not into meditation:
But deliver us from this evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the payments,
For ever and ever. AMEN*



HOUSE CHOIR CONDUCTORS, 1963.
L. to R.: J. Wallis (Clematis), M. Osborne (Bluegum), I. Clarke (Wattle), M. Hallett (Orchid).

Integration...

Mr. B. Moss, Mr. R. Williams and Mr. B. Rayment were the Principals who spanned the years of a vast shift in emphasis from nationalism to global vision.

One of the dominant features of the 70's and 80's has been the influx of new people from other lands. This has resulted in a slight change of perspective and perhaps has tended to jolt us out of the complacency of the 60's.

While the modern day school is certainly international outlook and representation, it hasn't always been so. As is to be expected, the composition of our student population has closely followed the general pattern of migration to Australia over the years. At first our migrant students were mostly from Britain, but after the Second World War, Dandenong High School began welcoming students from southern Europe too, particularly from Greece and Italy. In the past 20 years, the pattern has changed again, reflecting more recent world conflicts in Vietnam, Lebanon, Timor, Cyprus, Cambodia, Chile. As well we have continued to welcome the presence of students from Russia, China, Mauritius, Poland, Romania, India, Columbia, Syria, Egypt..... to mention just a few.

The following is a short selection of pieces of writing from some of our fairly recent arrivals from overseas. This selection offers a small insight into some of the thoughts and memories of our newer students.

SADNESS

Sadness is when I think of my relatives and miss my homeland, Sadness is when the Khmer Rouge killed my father and left him in the ricefield,

Sadness is when my mother and relatives cried because my father was a kind person

Sadness is when I stayed in the Thai Camp with high fences around us

Sadness is when there was no school to study and I stayed at home and did nothing

Sadness is when it was difficult for me to learn English

Sadness is when I stood in the rain with no friends to play with

Sadness is when I couldn't speak English; well they laughed at me.

HOMELAND - AUSTRALIA

As I look back now, I know that I will always remember the terrible experiences of my last years in Cambodia. But I am also very grateful that I was able to escape to Thailand and then to come to Australia. We just came for freedom. Australians, you are very lucky that you have such a shady and safe country - that's why we want to say forever. I promise that if anything happens to Australia, I will help to protect it. *



OTHER PERSPECTIVES have shifted too, particularly in the 80's, with more contribution from parents and students in the decision making processes of the school, with the introduction of such events as the Annual Walkathon, the Debutante Ball, Work Experience, the Exchange Student Programme, the

introduction and growth of English as a Second Language.

As well as these, existing programmes and events continued and expanded through the 70's and 80's. Pastoral Care and Counselling continued to provide support and care; the House Competition system remained very strong; and music expanded to include not only very fine annual productions, but a school band and choir, both of which competed in festivals, performed at school functions and made guest appearances in the Dandenong district. The camping and school tour programmes too, have developed over these two decades.

In sport, achievements were always of a high standard. In 1985 - Cup winners were Orchid House. Dandenong Group Flag winners, 33 flags - golf, cricket, baseball, table tennis, basketball, hockey, badminton, crosscountry, athletics, racquet ball, gymnastics at all levels and Southern Zone flag winners in -Senior Boys' cricket; Senior Girls' cricket; Intermediate Girls' cricket; Senior Girls' basketball; Boys' Aggregate athletics.

Dandenong High School has changed rapidly in the last twenty years. Activities remain much the same but students from many countries mingle naturally and make great friendships. Our badminton team of 1979 consisted of six Chinese students and Graham Johnson and, under the coaching of Mr. Greg. Moyle, it advanced to the finals of the All High Competition.

On 17th July 1989 Abel Gutu sang at Assembly in his own language, Romanian; Greek and Latvian dances were performed expertly; and an exchange student, Christina Formark, said goodbye and showed us slides of her beloved Sweden. The school sat, listened, accepted, understood and was united. A feeling of one world. A long step from seven and a half acres of red gum bush on the Princes Highway 70 years ago.



PAST ASSOCIATES...

Many people have been associated with Dandenong High School in its seventy year long history. Victoria's Treasurer, Mr. Rob. Jolly, is a former student; Australia's Minister for Science and Technology, Mr. Barry Jones is a former teacher.

Thousands of not-so-famous people have been part of this school, some from very far away. It is surprising the fondness with which the school is remembered by people from all walks of life and intriguing the things they remember about the place.

Contact was recently made with two such ex-students: Peter McKenzie now a Ranger at Uluru National Park in the Northern Territory whose "favourite haunt was in front of the hall playing handball," and Ernst Scholten a vet in Holland who regards the school as "a major stepping stone to his future". His letter concludes:-

"What I most missed when I saw the School in February 1989 was the classroom 'Siberia'. It was due to be demolished before I started school in 1960. It was called Siberia because it was so far away from the other buildings in the school grounds. It was 'our' classroom. It had natural ventilation (cracks and holes everywhere). The quadrangle where we used to assemble every morning has also changed and lost its function. I hope they demolished the old boys' gym before it finally fell down of its own accord. The building inspectors were pretty easy in those days. It

was good to see the old school still going on strong; long live DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL."

Still perhaps the last word should go to a well known "ex", Mr. Rob. Jolly:

"My interest in 'collective ownership' of resources was well established by my last year at Dandenong High School. In fact, six students invested in an early model Hillman. This provided miles of enjoyment and was a great diversion from the classroom. The purchase provided an insight into high finance, as the student who used the car the most failed to provide the up-front cash for his share and regularly left the car deserted in the streets of Dandenong without petrol."



FAREWELLS

During this era we said goodbye to Mr. Moss (1981) and Mr. Williams (1986).

Mr. Moss fought hard for the wonderful improvements to the school buildings.

These cost well over \$1000 per man, woman and child in the school. What a legacy to leave behind!

Mr. Williams brought to Dandenong High School a message that education must be more than the 3"R's" and he was instrumental in some of the wonderful achievements in sport in the 80's.

In March 1976 we said a sad farewell to Miss Power our Deputy Principal. She taught at Dandenong High School from 1950 -

1956, then returned in 1968 as a Senior Mistress.

In 1980 our Senior Mistress, Mrs. V. Vukmirovic ended her teaching career at Dandenong High School which began in 1946. "Her ties with the school go back to 1933", writes David Eckstein "and she is the school's longest serving member - a Victorian record.

Mr. Kurt Szidat (25 years) and Mr. Reg Joseph (14 years) both retired in 1971 after making great contributions to Dandenong High school.

Mr. Leigh Ward ex-pupil of Dandenong High School and member of staff for 15 years was promoted to Deputy Principal of East Doncaster High School in 1987.

Mr. Don Metcalfe - President of the School Council for five years. "He brought a breadth of knowledge and alert commentary to every meeting," said the incoming President, Mrs. Geraldine O'Dwyer.

Mrs Alice Daly (1957 - 1981) taught physical education at first. Later she became Senior Librarian. She will always be remembered for her magnificent efforts in the realm of social service.

Mrs Marion Trigg (1934 - 1940 as a student & 1969 - 1988 as member of staff). She was a highly respected and well loved member of the D.H.S. community and has left a huge gap since her retirement last year.





Ye olde Rustic Forme Room.

Room 13 was our abode,
Until the Powers That Be
Turned us out upon the road,
The noble Form Cc.

Soon with paint brush and with tool,
We made our rustic home
The best of all forms in the school,
We never more will roam.

—N. Lee.



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