

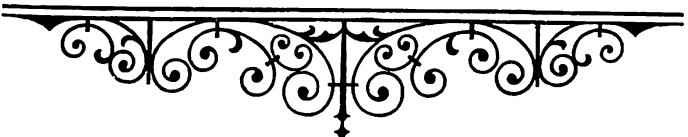


A HISTORY
OF THE
DANDENONG
HIGH SCHOOL

1919-1968



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FOREWORD

I made my first direct contact with Dandenong High School when, as a young teacher, I took a football team from Essendon High School to play Dandenong High School on the oval at the rear of the school. I think the year was 1927. I remember that it was a rough oval in those days, with one end appreciably higher than the other, and that the school building then consisted entirely of the original two-storey brick block, open on the northern side. As a matter of historical fact I have to record that Essendon won the match, but Essendon High was then a big school and Dandenong a small one.

However, Dandenong High School was known to me before this time, as I had been in Teachers' College with some ex-students of that school, notably Reg Singleton, Fred Searle, and Marie Facey, and found that there was a strong loyalty to the old school. I well remember the head master, Mr. P. Langford, then a staunch bachelor and still a cricketer of some note, whose friendly personality made a deep impression on me. By the end of the 1920's Dandenong High School was no longer a young high school; it had an assured place among the secondary schools of the State and was going from strength to strength.

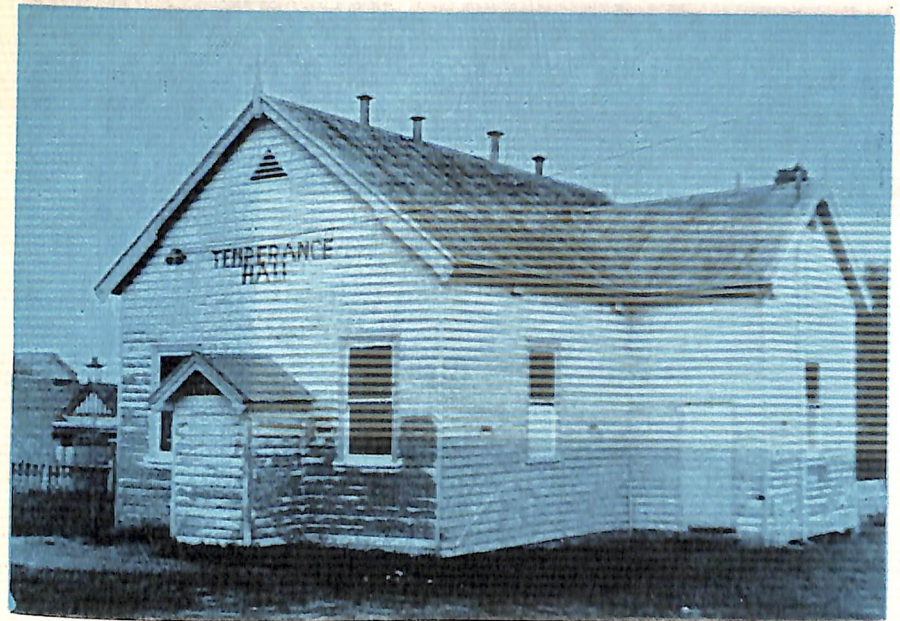
I feel that it has never looked back. It has had its problems and difficulties at times, too many pupils at some stages, hardly ever enough room, poor facilities for special subjects and the rest of it, but it never lost its unique character, which appeared to me to combine rugged independence with a forthright approach to school matters. Perhaps it owed something to its semirural environment in the early days. It has never lacked progressive principals, great teachers, distinguished pupils, or enthusiastic and determined parents, and many of the improvements that have taken place in its buildings and facilities have resulted from the persistent drive of people such as these.

As a building, Dandenong High School will always be something of an agglomerate, because so many parts of it have been erected at different times, but as a school it will always have cohesion. Dandenong High School is people, past, present and future. It is these people who give it strength. Long may it continue to flourish!

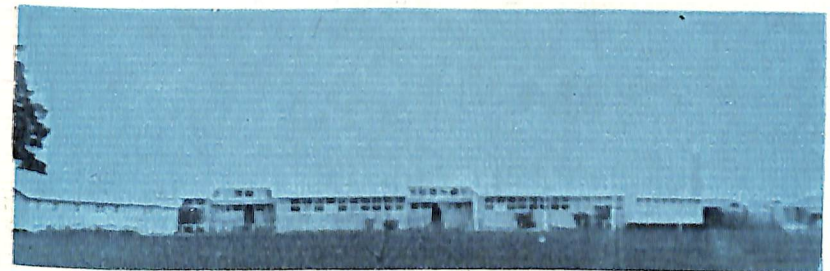
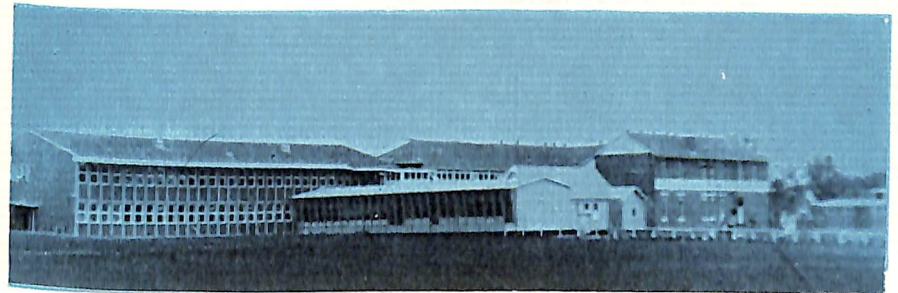
R. A. REED,



Director of Secondary Education.



Senior Students used this building as temporary accommodation in 1919.



DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL, 1968.

BEGINNINGS

The first recorded correspondence in connection with the establishment of a High School at Dandenong consists of a letter from Mr. M. P. Hansen, Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools, as follows —

Education Office,
Melbourne.
29th August, 1918

Rev. H. A. Buntine,
The Manse,
Dandenong.

Dear Mr. Buntine,

The Public Works Department is now preparing plans for the new High School at Dandenong, but it is necessary that we should go slowly as the amount of money available for building is very limited, and the expense of building at present is very high. I do not think it is possible to squeeze more out of our present vote than is sufficient to build rooms enough to accommodate about 100 pupils, but I am anxious that good plans should be prepared so that extensions which I have no doubt will be very much needed, will be possible during the next financial year. The limitation of building is purely due to the present financial stress.

Personally I do not think we would be making provision for more than sufficient if the school were made for 200 pupils, but the cost makes this out of the question for the present.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

M. P. HANSEN.

The Rev. H. A. Buntine had been the leader of a small group of Dandenong citizens who had worked for some years towards the establishment of the school. At the first meeting of the Advisory Council, held in the Fire Brigade Hall on Monday, 23rd June, 1919, he was unanimously elected as Chairman, in recognition of his services.

The school opened in temporary premises on March 10, 1919. This was later in the year than the normal school opening date and the delay was due to the outbreak of "pneumonic" influenza, then sweeping the world as an aftermath of World War I.

Junior students were accommodated in the old Fire Station, and the seniors in the Temperance Hall and the Church of Christ.

On 21st November, 1919, the foundation stone of the new building was laid by the Hon. W. Hutchinson, M.L.A., Minister of Public Instruction, on a site of 7½ acres in Bushy Park, an estate to the north of the town. This property was purchased at a cost of £100 per acre.

The original members of the teaching staff were Mr. P. C. W. Langford (Head Master), Mr. R. Frencham, Mr. A. J. Stephen and Misses A. M. Frusher, T. Kirkham and D. McKinnon.

Enrolment of students as at 31st March, 1919, as recorded during the first visit to the school of an Education Department Inspector (Miss J. T. Flynn) was 104, with 55 boys and 49 girls.

According to existing school records, each of these attended the school during 1919, and may claim to be original students of Dandenong High School —

BOYS: George Alexander, John Arnold, Leopold Bailey, Charles Blain, Theodor Bowman, John Brakewell, Colin Brewis, Charles Buckley, Hugh Buntine, Wilford Carlisle, Norman Casbolt, Henry Cooper, Clive Figgins, Roy Fink, James Gardner, Claude Gilchrist, Leonard Godfrey, John Grogan, Darrell Harvey, Robert Hayes, Robert Jones, Arnold Keys, Charles McCord, David McCord, Alexander McInnes, William McKinnon, Charles McPherson, Austin Mehrens, Eric Meeking, Terres Middleton, John Ordish, Arthur Ralston, Fred Randall, Hector Randall, Donald Robertson, John Robert-

son, William Rowlands, William Ryan, Norman Scott, Frederick Searle, Allan Shannon, John Sharkie, Arthur Spetts, John Staughton, Edward Strachan, Edward Stutterd, Marcus Swann, Earl Tatham, John Taylor, Frank Tharle, Harvey Tharle, Percy Threlfall, Norman Trask, Edgar Vial, Edward Walker, George Weetman, Mervyn Williams.

GIRLS: Jean Abbott, Gertrude Allchin, Isobel Allen, Jessie Bowman, Eva Buckley, Evelyn Bullivant, Jean Buntine, Gladys Burns, Margaret Campbell, Maude Carlisle, Ellen Corrigan, Maura Crowe, Mernda Currie, Lorraine Day, Marie Facey, Gladys Gilbertson, Helene Gill, Nellie Gorman, Elsie Grant, Ruby Harris, Norah Hill, Jane McCord, Jean McNabb, Jessie Mitchell, Kath Morphey, Elsie Murray, Ellwy Nielsen, Mabel Orgill, Lola Pearson, Sadie Pearson, Mary Quigley, Chrissie Raven, Ethel Rayner, Maud Reeve, Mabel Richards, Doreen Sharkie, Olive Sharp, Lillian Sims, Madge Slater, Edith Snell, Norah Strange, Tasma Statterd, Ena Tharle, Louisa Tharle, Mary Thomas, Dorothy Trask, Marion Walker, Dorothy Wangman, Gladys Wangman, Eva Winn, Frances Woolard.

From these students the first school Prefects were appointed —

BOYS: Charles Buckley (Senior), John Sharkie, Austin Mehrens, Harvey Tharle.

GIRLS: Marie Facey (Senior), Sadie Pearson, Madge Slater, Jean Abbott.

As its colours the school adopted the red and two blues from the regimental colours of the 4th Light Horse, with which the Headmaster had been associated during World War I. As its motto, the school chose "FABER, QUISQUE,

FORTUNAE" — "Every man is the architect of his own destiny."

Available school records give little indication of the day to day progress of the school during 1919. It is known that 6 girls and 9 boys obtained their Merit Certificates, then a good qualification, at the end of that first year, and the following extracts from the first report of the Board of Secondary School Inspectors, dated 9/5/1919 gives some idea of the pioneering difficulties of that year — "The school has opened with the accommodation taxed to the utmost, and the establishment of the High School has been justified by the large enrolment of pupils anxious to continue secondary education."

"The equipment is insufficient but there is no way of adding to it at present."

"Science is not taught, as there is no provision for practical work."

"The school work is carried on smoothly and this is very commendable, considering the conditions of accommodation."

"The school has already achieved much in the way of securing a secondary spirit. The pupils are well behaved and industrious and are interested in their school."

"The Headmaster has established the High School on very sound lines, and there is every indication that the school will develop into a successful High School. He has been helped very materially by the present teachers, and great credit is due to all concerned."

The full list of High Schools already established in Victoria prior to 1919, is as follows —

Melbourne, University, Geelong, Castlemaine, Colac, Mansfield, Warragul, Leongatha, Kyneton, Maryborough, Stawell, Horsham, Bairnsdale, Echuca, Mildura, Ararat, St. Arnaud, Essendon, Williamstown, Coburg, Benalla, Hamilton, Kerang. (In 1968, there are approximately 250 High Schools.



Mr. P. C. W. LANGFORD,
Dip.Ed., T.T.C.
Headmaster, 1919-1934

Mr. Langford entered the Education Department as a student teacher at S.S. Craigieburn, and in 1905, commenced a two year course at the Melbourne Teachers' College, where one of his fellow students was Mr. Griffiths. After some years as teacher in charge of rural schools, he joined the staff of University High School in 1912, and remained in the position until he enlisted in the A.I.F. in August 1914. Mr. Langford served in the 4th Light Horse Regiment, with

which unit he was associated in the Sinai-Palestine campaign. He was invalided to Western Australia in 1916, and then carried out recruiting work for the Army.

In 1919, he was appointed to the new Dandenong High School as Headmaster, and remained in charge until 1934, when it was necessary to adjust his position by transfer to Mildura High School. In 1937, he took charge of Frankston High School, from which position he retired from the Education Department in 1948. Mr. Langford later rejoined the staff of Dandenong High School for a period from 1950, then lived in retirement at Frankston, where he died in 1964.

THE CONTINUING STORY, **1920-1968**

No attempt can be made in a work of this nature to record all details of the progress of the school over a period of fifty years. An effort has been made, however, to cover those events which marked an important area of development. In particular, the aim is to give as many personal glimpses as possible, of students, teachers and friends of the school who participated, through half a century, in building up a fine tradition of scholarship and service to the community.

1920

The school was officially opened late in this year, in the presence of Sir Alexander Peacock (Minister), Mr. F. Tate (Director), Professor John Smyth, and the Rev. H. Buntine.

The following students obtained the Intermediate Certificate —

Jean Abbott, Katie Bloomfield, Charlie Buckley, Maggie Campbell, Austin Mehrens, Fred Searle, Allan Shannon, Madge Slater, Ena Tharle.

These were the first students to obtain this qualification at Dandenong High School.

The names and colours of the Houses were selected by Miss Dora Taylor, Senior Mistress. There were originally six Houses—Bluegum, Clematis, Orchid, Wattle, Boronia and Waratah.

The Headmaster's salary was £312 per annum.

The school building was occupied late in the year, when the enrolment was already greater than the new accommodation, which consisted of the cookery centre, Headmaster's office, entrance hall, art room, chemistry room. Above the cookery centre was a science room, and behind it class-room buildings on one floor extended for about 30 feet. Prompt action by the Director of Edu-

cation, Mr. Frank Tate, soon resulted in the building of additional classrooms.

Enrolment in 1920, was approximately 150, including 60 from Bunyip, Pakenham, Berwick, Garfield, Lyndhurst, Hallam, Kooweerup, Carnegie and Murrumbeena areas.

The School Crest was designed by the Art Mistress, Miss D. McKinnon (Mrs. Roche).

1921

The first school flag and pole were presented by Chief Officer Woolcott, who had rescued the flag when his ship "Perth" was wrecked on a trading voyage to New Zealand.

Jean Abbott, Isobel Allen, Kitty Bloomfield, Marie Facey, Ena Tharle and Fred Searle qualified for the Leaving Certificate, and became the first students of the school to achieve this distinction.

From Minutes of Advisory Council meeting, 11/7/21 — "As trees had been planted in the school grounds it was necessary to keep the ponies tethered on fenced off portion of the ground. Mr. Hemming's paddock was suggested as a grazing area." (This was later made available, at a rental of 1/6 a week — now Hemming's Park).

1922

At the Leaving Honors examinations Isobel Allen, Kitty Bloomfield and Ena Tharle each gained Honors in two subjects, and Marie Facey in three.

Dandenong joined with Leongatha and Warragul High Schools to form the Gippsland Sports Association. Other schools which subsequently joined were Sale, Bairnsdale, Traralgon and Orbost. Because of travel and accommodation difficulties, the Association later broke up into smaller sections.

The Combined Sports Official Luncheon was held at the Club Hotel, at a cost of 2/- per head.

At this stage, meetings of the Advisory

Council were held in the Shire Council Chambers.

1923

Students who presented for the Intermediate Certificate in this year were — Elvie Cadle, Derrick Chapple, Clarence Corrigan, Margaret Freshney, George Funston, Herbert Godfrey, Aileen Griffin, Guy Halahan, William Herkes, Pearl Hughes, Arnold Keys, Lindsay Lawson, Jack McAleese, Ivan McAlpine, Charles McCord, Janie McCord, Jessie Mitchell, Jack Mudge, Alan Russell, Ella Service, Jack Standish, Jack Tomlinson, James Thomson, Arthur Weetman, Grace Wadsley, Jean Wallace, Gilbert Dyke. 24 of these students qualified.

The Rev. H. Buntine was elected President of the Advisory Council for the period 1923-1926.

From Inspectors' report — "greater tidiness is desirable in the boys' locker room."

Miss Roberts resigned from the teaching staff, and considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining a replacement.

Nineteen branches of the A.N.A. met at Bairnsdale, and donated an amount of £25 towards trophies for inter-school sport in the Gippsland area.

Mr. McAfee, a member of the Advisory Council, was congratulated on his recent marriage.

Mr. Sims sought permission from the Advisory Council to place a turnstile opposite his shop in James Street.

Ivan McAlpine, later to join Footscray, coach Hawthorn, and secure second place to Syd. Coventry in the award of the Brownlow Medal, was a prominent member of the school football team.

1924

The High Schools Comedy Company, consisting of ex-students and teachers of Coburg, Dandenong, Geelong, Melbourne and University High Schools

was formed, and gave two performances of "The Lilies of the Field."

The only High Schools in the Melbourne Metropolitan area were Coburg, Dandenong, Essendon, Frankston, Melbourne, Mordialloc, Williamstown and University.

On 9th September, eight palms and 24 cypress trees were planted along the frontage, by pupils representative of all forms. They were Gwen Abbott, Elvie Cadle, G. Wadsley, Phyllis Powell, Lorna Currie, Marjorie Painter, Rita O'Connor, Richard Sorensen, Elma Manks, Nancy Gardner, Annie Manks, N. Bailey, Chrissie Wolls-Cobb, F. Vizard, L. Andrews (the palms were still standing in their original situation in 1968).

On the resignation of the Rev. Buntine as President of the Advisory Council consequent on his transfer from the district, Mr. Singleton was unanimously elected to the position.

From Inspectors' report — "the extension of the fence to separate the boys' and girls' grounds is very necessary."

The first recorded meeting of the Old Pupils' Association was held on 15th April. Mr. P. C. Langford was elected President; Miss McKinnon and Charles Buckley, Vice-Presidents; J. Hall, Secretary and Jim Sharkie, Treasurer. Other members of the Executive were Misses G. Wilson, K. Bloomfield, M. Facey, E. Tharle, J. Abbott, and Messrs. K. Gregg, F. Searle and R. Taylor.

Consequent on a trip to England, Mr. Abbott was extended six months leave by the Advisory Council.

School Honor Boards were prepared and lettered during this year.

1925

Tenders were called by the Advisory Council for fencing the oval on the side adjoining the school buildings. This was later erected at a cost of £26.

From cookery inspector's report — "school visited at 3 p.m. The class had all gone home."

114 new students entered the school. 71 were from grade 6 (63 having passed the Qualifying Examination) 10 from grade 7, and 33 from grade 8 (27 having qualified for the Merit Certificate). At the end of 1924, 98 students left school.

All students in the highest form, preparing for Leaving Certificate, were required to take 5 subjects, from English, History, French, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Mechanics, Physics and Drawing.

From Inspector's report — "a tendency to talk too much at times rather detracts from the work of this teacher."

Members of the visiting Board of Inspectors were L. J. Wrigley, J. T. Flynn, J. A. Seitz, L. S. Davies and S. Llewellyn.

Louis Garlick, later to become Chairman of the Teachers' Tribunal, was awarded a Junior Swimming Certificate.

1926

The Education Department promised to provide additional accommodation — four classrooms, a new sloyd room and new out-offices.

Enrolment, June: 152 boys, 169 girls. Of these, 200 came from outside the town. Four typewriters were purchased for commercial students — the Department paid half the cost!

As book lockers were not available from the Education Department, a set of 24 was made at the school.

From Inspectors' report — "rather too much of the experienced teachers' time is given to the two pupils doing Leaving Certificate Honors." "There is no doubt that the school enjoys a very good reputation in the community, and that it is serving its purpose excellently as a district High School."

Muriel Schinckel won a Swimming Medallion.

1927

The first volume of the school magazine was published. The name — "The Gate" — was suggested by Kathleen Brumley (Form E), who wrote — "The Gate is a good name, because Dandenong is the gate to Gippsland; our School is the gate to learning, and our magazine is the gate by which many of us hope to reach literary fame."

Athletics championships were won by Thelma Hocking, Thelma Lindsay, Marjorie Scoble, B. Myring, E. Pelling, C. Wynne, L. Roberts.

Two tennis courts were constructed in the grounds, at a cost of £173 4s. 1d. An Accident Fund was established, to give students insurance cover at a cost of 1/- per year.

The Dramatic Club presented "Followers," under the direction of Miss Schneider, Miss Watson and Miss Little.

Kathleen Twendale, Elsie Grant, Maisie Dobson and Beryl Randall each obtained a Pass with Credit at the Technical School examination in Elementary Typing.

For House Competitions established in this year, points were awarded for athletics, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, rounders, swimming, tennis and service. Examination results were included after 1929.

In a spelling test conducted by the Board of Inspectors, Joy Dawson and Frank Asling were best with one error in twenty words given. One boy (name withheld) had 17 errors!

1928

On 23rd August, the Dramatic Club presented J. M. Barrie's "Quality Street" in the Boomerang Theatre (later the "Mayfair"). Principal parts were played by Enid Keddie, A. Donohue and Gwenda Bush.

News of ex-students: Dave Lombard (3rd year Engineering), Fred Searle

(B.Sc., completing Dip.Ed.), Jessie Mitchell (3rd year Arts).

At the Teachers' College were Ella Service, Eric Simpson, Marie Jaboor, Jack Rice, Violet Chapman, Edna Griffiths, Thirza Quinn, Maggie Norris, Marjorie Painter, Agnes Rice, Mollie Walsh. Ida Hillard was at the Alfred Hospital, and Madge Slater at the Pharmacy College. Many were teaching in the Education Department. To name a few — Vern. Fleming (Colac), Ethel Vincent (Oakleigh), Doris Hopkins (Dandenong

West), Reg. Singleton (Essendon H.S.), Ivan McAlpine (Reedy Creek).

Home room for Forms A and B was the entrance hall; later in the year they were housed in the Headmaster's office.

Quote — "F1" is one of the lowest forms in the school."

Miss E. R. Little resigned from the staff, to marry Mr. E. Fisher, and to live at Warrnambool.

Inter-House Swimming: Orchid (108), Bluegum (87), Clematis (79), Waratah (74), Wattle (54), Boronia (46).

OFFICIAL OPENING, 1920.

PREMIER TENNIS TEAM, 1923. Dorothy Arundel, Jean Waugh. Doris Dartnell, Martha Olsen.



BASKET BALL, 1924.

Gwen Abbott, Mary Freshney, Freda Allinson, Florrie Wallace, Marjorie Painter, Jean Wallace, Lorna Currie.



STAFF, 1927.

Back row: Mr. C. E. Brook, Miss K. Crooke, Mr. W. L. Brumley.
Middle row: Misses D. McKinnon, E. E. Pope, E. R. Little, E. M. Schneider, A. Watson.
Front row: Mr. G. W. Slater, Mr. H. E. Glover, Miss D. B. Taylor, Mr. P. C. W. Langford (Head Master), Miss E. Jukes, Mr. C. H. Moore, Mr. C. R. Hill.



PREFECTS, 1928.

K. Hopkins, J. Melven, R. White, A. Butler, L. Ahern, B. Russell, J. Duff.
Front row: Margaret Mudge, Una Russell, Edna Hopkins, Frances Noack,
Kathleen Tivendale, Mary Hayward, Phyllis McCahon.



HOUSE CAPTAINS, 1928.

Back row: K. Hopkins, B. Russell, I. Nicholas, A. Butler, A. O'Donoghue, P. Healy.
Front row: Mary Hayward, Kathleen Tivendale, Betty Gillies, Frances Noack,
Evelyne Blick, Edna Hopkins.

1929

Enrolment: Boys — 196; Girls — 203.

Hec. Randall, an original student of the school in 1919, was appointed to the cleaning staff. Hec. is still on the job, providing efficient and cheerful service to the school around which his life has been centred.

Ex-student Kitty Bloomfield was the first woman in Victoria to obtain a pilot's licence.

The school was connected by telephone with the outside world!

Senior Mistress, Miss D. B. Taylor was granted an exchange for twelve months to the Girls' School in Fleetwood, England.

Farewells: at school social, to Miss Schneider and Miss Watson prior to a trip abroad.

Prize for spelling bee — a piece of Mr. Langford's birthday cake, won by Ray Johnson.

The death occurred in this year of Cr. W. B. Tharle, J.P., an original member of the Advisory Council.

At Speech Night, Mr. Langford was presented by past and present students with a writing desk.

1930

Entrance gates to the school were erected as a memorial to the late Councillor Tharle, who had done much to support and develop the work of the School in its early days.

Miss McKinnon (12 years on staff) and Miss Denton (4 years) resigned from the Education Department.

Four new classrooms and a sloyd room were completed, and a concrete entrance drive constructed.

A new song, "The school on the hill at the top of the town", was published in "The Gate".

Oh gone are the days with the bat and the ball,

The hours that we spent in the best school of all;

The wild stirring times with the world at our feet,

When youth in our blood made our hearts faster beat,

As loud rose the call from the field rising clear,

"Play up, the Old High!" And away went our fear.

The game must be won for the red and the blue!

Ah long, happy years as to manhood we grew.

Those days are all gone, yet she proudly looks down —

The school on the hill at the top of the town.

To you they have come with the dreams of their youth,

With you they have looked on the clear face of truth.

Your walls saw the course of their hopes and their fears.

The world of the boy with its joys and its tears.

The end of the year, and the long happy days.

The call of the surf, and the white wind-ing ways,

The lure of the bush with its magical glades.

Just made for a boy to adventure its shades,

On brown eager faces you fondly look down,

Old school on the hill at the top of the town.

From you they have gone to the struggle of life,

But ever they hear in the din and the strife:

The call of the school. "For the red and the blue,

Fight on with a heart ever steady and true."

And now when the years in their flight leave us old,

A story by night to our children is told.

Of days when we played at the old Dandy High.

And they too will go and we'll hear
the old cry
Of youth ringing bold, to our ears float-
ing down,
From school on the hill at the top of
town.

Dandenong 10.15 defeated Warragul
9.13.

With Miss Jukes, Forms A and B
saw the Alan Wilkie production of
"Hamlet".

Girls' tennis team: Kathleen Brumley,
Hazel Walker, Irene Kingston, Lyla
Wilson.

1931

From Inspector's report (cookery) —
"the centre occupies a room in the
building of the High School. It com-
prises of a large kitchen with pantry and
scullery attached and a dining alcove
at one end" (This is now the Staff
Common Room).

Prize List: B. James Hurley, Nancy
Lee, C1: Mervyn Brumley, Mary Lee,
C2: Olive Colvin, Keith Argus, Cc
Douglas Brumley, Gwen Parker, Ds:
Colin Jones, Doreen McCahon, D: Olive
Marshall, Eric O'Shea, Dc: Muriel Den-
nis, Clive Gilbert, Remove: Molly
Colvin, George Fraser, E1: Joyce Stran-
ger, Mervyn Board, E2: Ruby Hopkins,
Una Murray, F2: Phyllis Kirkham, Jessie
Curtis, F1: Eva Baird, Isobel Barton.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE: Lucey
Alford, Ruth Greening, James Hurley,
Enid Keddle, George Kerr, Stanley Kirk,
Nancy Lee, Frederick McFarland,
Edward Mawdsley, Alan McCahon.

Form Captains included Norman Tul-
loch, now a member of the Advisory
Council, and Len. Reid, who now re-

presents Dandenong in the Legislative
Assembly of the Victorian Parliament.

1932

Inspectors' report — "a board in the
floor of the chemistry room has been
attacked by borers."

House Captains: Bluegum: R. Cox, L.
Baker. Clematis: T. Hocking, L. Bowen
Orchid: M. Christensen, C. Oldmeadow.
Wattle: V. Wright, G. Smith.

Members of the Advisory Council
were F. A. Singleton, J. McAfee, G. P.
Bates, E. C. Butler, R. D. Corbell, J.
W. Field, C. P. Gartside, H. Gill, C. W.
Russell.

The teaching staff in this year con-
sisted of Messrs. P. C. W. Langford,
W. L. Brumley, C. F. Jeffery, H. F.
Tonkin, C. H. Moore, G. W. Slater, R.
G. White and Misses D. B. Taylor, E.
Jukes, M. I. A. Steel, E. McLean, H. M.
Ferguson, I. Cordner, M. I. Banks, L.
H. Sweetman.

Prefects: L. Bowen, K. Angus, H. Gar-
lick, F. Morley, C. Oldmeadow, G.
Smith, T. Hocking, N. Butler, R. Cox,
M. Lee, N. Stephenson, N. Thomson.

1933

Enrolment dropped to 202, because
of introduction of fees for Forms F and
E, as well as for higher forms.

In this year the Old Pupils' Associa-

tion was disbanded, not to be revived
until 1937.

Ruby Caroline Hopkins was awarded
a Junior Scholarship.

School Prefects were Marie Taylor,
Vida Wright, Olive Colvin, Nessie
Donaldson, Sydney Carpenter, Gordon
Graham, Dave Corrigan, Eric O'Shea.

Swimming Medallions were awarded
to Margaret Brumley, Jean Deam,
Margaret Douglas, Vida Wright, Joan
Jowett, John Beswicki, Trevor Perry.

1934

Enrolment rose to 288 through the
introduction of a Domestic Arts course
for girls, but total enrolment was still
well below that of previous years. For
this reason the school was reduced in
status to Class 2. As a result, Mr.
Langford had to adjust his position, and
transferred to the position of Headmaster
at Mildura High School, at the end of
1934.

Severe flooding occurred throughout
the Kooweerup swamp area, and many
residents had to be evacuated. Some of
the women and children came to Dan-
denong, and slept in the school class-
rooms.

Fanny Amor topped the temperance
examination conducted annually by the
Independent Order of Rechabites.

1935

The Dandenong High School Ladies'
Auxiliary was formed, with Mesdames
Corbel, Mitchell, Amor, Ronaldson,
Trebilcock, Male, Chandler, Hopkins,
Smith, Griffin, Cloke and Dobson as
original members.

The organization was disbanded in
1936, but re-formed as a Committee
working in association with the Advisory
Council.

Dr. A. V. G. James, a well-known
geographer and geologist, succeeded Mr.
Langford as Headmaster, and came to
Dandenong from Colac High School.

Edna H. Dawson was awarded a
Junior Scholarship.

In the Metropolitan area, there were
now twelve High Schools — Box Hill,
Coburg, Dandenong, Essendon, Frank-
ston, Hampton, MacRobertson Girls',
Melbourne Boys', Mordialloc, Northcote,
University, Williamstown.

A request was made to the Education
Department for the erection of a care-
taker's cottage within the school grounds.

Members of the Advisory Council were
unanimous in the opinion that children
should not be brought to social func-
tions organized for parents.

It was considered desirable that, as
soon as funds became available, a wire-
less set should be obtained for school
use. A set borrowed for the Armistice
Day broadcast had been a great success.

The Guest Speaker at Speech Day was
Mr. Frank Tate, formerly Director of
Education.

1936

A Reunion Ball was held in the Town
Hall, with dancing 8.30 to 2 a.m. Tickets
were 2/6 (18th November).

At a meeting of the Advisory Council
held on 13th November, Dr. James,
Headmaster, received a formal farewell.

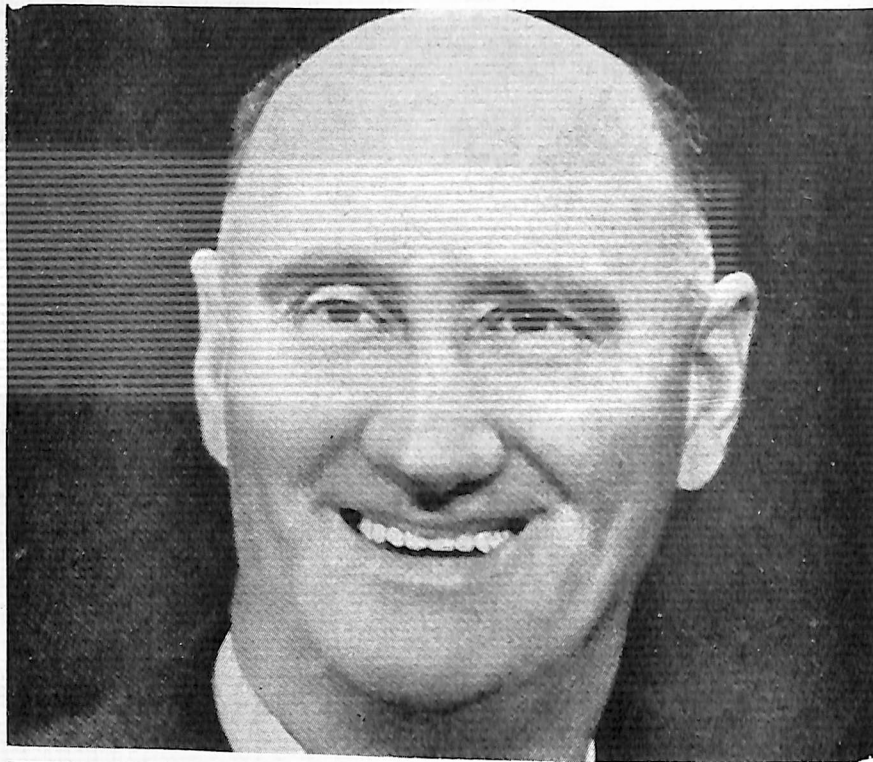
Fanny Amor, Mary Drake, William
Kingston, Elaine Brumley, John Fullard
and Alfred Chandler were awarded
Junior Scholarships.

Mr. Singleton referred to the diffi-
culty he had experienced in obtaining an
interview with the Minister of Public
Works on a question of school renova-
tion. It was decided to take the matter
to the Director of Education.

"Sustenance" workers had achieved
splendid results in connection with level-
ling, drainage and painting within the
school grounds.

"Hoopla" was deleted from the list
of side-shows to be held at the fete,
because of possible objections from the
police.

The Guest Speaker at Speech Night
was Professor G. S. Browne, of the Uni-
versity of Melbourne.



Dr. A. V. G. JAMES
B.A., D.Sc., Dip.Ed.
FINAL HONOR AND KERNOT
RESEARCH SCHOLAR
HEADMASTER, 1935-1936

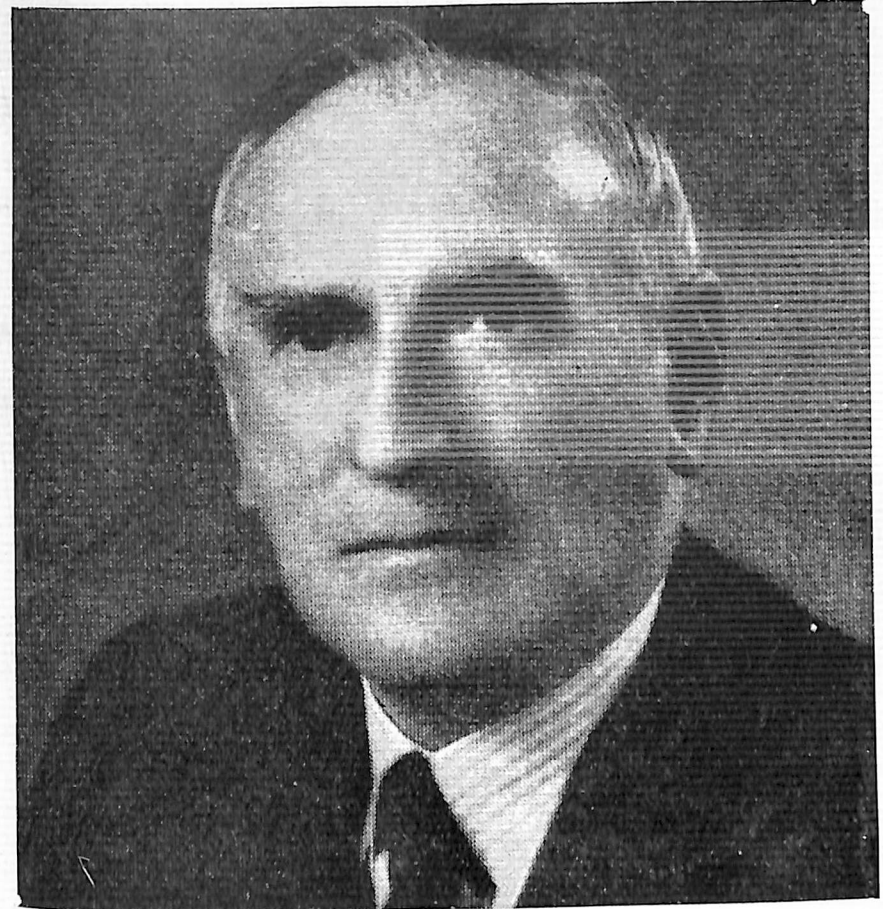
Dr. James entered the Education Department as a Monitor at S.S. 1490, Fitzroy North, in 1899, and in 1901 was appointed to the same school as a Pupil Teacher. After gaining the Trained Teachers Certificate at Melbourne Teachers' College in 1904, he was appointed in 1905 as Head Teacher of S.S. 746, Moliogul, the township where the "Welcome Stranger" nugget had been found some years before.

In 1907 he completed a specialist nature study course, and taught this subject in the Warragul, Seymour, Melbourne and Geelong districts. Teaching appoint-

ments followed at the Melbourne Continuation School (now Melbourne H.S.), and at Coburg, Bendigo, St. Arnaud and Colac High Schools, the last two as Headmaster.

During this period, Dr. James commenced the writing of the geography text books which became so widely used in Victorian secondary schools, in which work he was later joined by Professor G. S. Browne as co-author.

He came to Dandenong from Colac in 1935 and remained until the end of 1936. After a short period at Northcote H.S., he was appointed inaugural Headmaster of Camberwell H.S., from which school he retired from the Education Department on 21/12/47. During 1957, Dr. James died, survived by his widow and two of his three sons, Max and Des. Ken, 460 Squadron R.A.A.F., is buried in Denmark.



Mr. J. L. I. GRIFFITHS,
B.A., Dip.Ed.
Headmaster, 1937-1952

After training at the Melbourne Teachers' College in 1906, Mr. Griffiths taught in rural schools for some years, then entered Melbourne University as a member of the "Diploma Twenty." He joined the staff of University High School in 1912, was appointed Vice-Principal in 1915, and remained at the school until 1936, when he became Headmaster of Dandenong High School. He remained in this position until his

retirement from the Education Department in 1952.

In addition to his demanding duties as the Head of an expanding school, Mr. Griffiths was at various times President of the Victorian Teachers' Union, Teachers' Representative of the Secondary Division of the Board of Classifiers, a member of the Executive of the Schools' Board and of the Standing Committee of Convocation of the University of Melbourne.

Since his retirement he has continued to live in Dandenong, and retains his interest in the welfare of the school and in educational progress generally.

As a meeting of the Advisory Council held on 12th March a formal welcome was extended to the new Headmaster, Mr. Griffiths.

At a meeting convened by the Headmaster on 14th April, the Old Pupils' Association was re-formed. Charles Buckley was appointed President, Alma Tharle and L. Green as Vice-Presidents, Lloyd Stuart as Secretary and Eric Renfree as Treasurer.

The Dandenong Council decided to make an annual grant of £10 10s. for the provision of bursaries to students of the School.

Colonel Knox, M.L.A., was invited to an Advisory Council meeting to discuss ways and means towards the provision of an adequate school library.

Marion Dawson obtained top marks of 92 in the I.O.R. temperance examination.

The school was approved under the Class A system to conduct internal examinations for the Intermediate Certificate.

First awards of Dandenong Council Bursaries were made to Norma Fyfe, R. Warburton, W. Murphy and J. Peterson.

The Advisory Council decided that the financial condition of the State was such that it would be inopportune to continue agitation in favour of required school extensions.

School Prefects were Lesley Donaldson, Jessie Ferguson, Norma Fyfe, Gwen McPhee, Joan Gray, Jean Shaw, David Morris, John Turnbull, Reg Warburton, Harold Heathcote, James Adamson.



FULL CAST OF "QUALITY STREET", 1929.



Enid McKeddie and Paddy O'Donague in "Quality Street", 1929.



HOUSE CAPTAINS, 1930.

Wattle: J. Cahill, Masie Corrigan. Orchid: A. Farrant, Marjorie Herbert.
Blue gum: D. Hooper, Irene Kingston. Clematis: S. Smith, Ronnie Ryan.

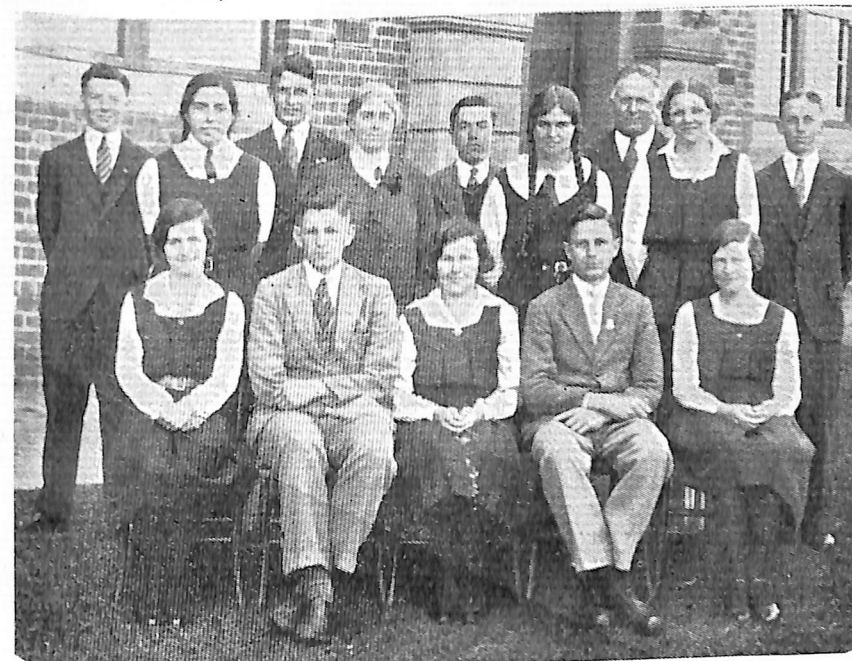


PREFECTS, 1930.

Girls: Irene Kingston, Ronnie Ryan, Ruth Lade (Snr.), Miss Jukes, Mary Ferguson, Nelle Garlick, Kathleen Brumley.
Boys: S. T. J. Alford, S. J. Kirkham, J. A. O'Meara (Snr.), Mr. Langford, D. J. Hooper, A. E. Farrant, W. G. Clements.



FORM CAPTAINS, 1931.



PREFECTS, 1932.

Back Row: H. Garlick, Nell Stephenson, Geo. Smith, F. Morley, Rita Cox, Mary Lee, K. Angus.
Front Row: Nina Thomson, L. Bowen (Senior), Thelma Hocking (Senior), C. Oldmeadow, Nancy Butler.

1939

An Entertainment on 29th August included a play "Elizabeth Refuses" presented by students of Form 5. The cast included Lorna Corbel, Vera Coventry, Mary Harmer, Constance McFarlane and Mildred Carpenter.

The school was approved under the Class A system to conduct internal examinations for the Leaving Certificate.

World War 2 commenced, and soon many fine ex-students of the school were in the Armed Forces.

Frederick Alan Bishop, a former pupil of the school, was the first Australian in the armed forces killed abroad after the outbreak of war.

Thomas Lewis Rothfield, an ex-student, was in London, presenting his play "The Immigrant" at the Torch Theatre.

Visitors to the school during the year included two members of the U.S.A. Mormon basketball team, a Mr. Pocklington who had travelled in Tibet, Mr. Mel. Morris (well known sporting commentator and Mr. Harry Curtis (former star League footballer).

House Sports Results: Bluegum 309, Orchid 302, Clematis 211, Wattle 267.

The school won the life-saving premiership of Victoria, in open competition with adult bayside clubs. This was the first occasion on which a High School had gained such a high distinction.

Editors of "The Gate" were Mildred Carpenter and Ken Griffiths.

Dave Morris and Trevor Jones won trebles at the Combined Athletic Sports.

1940

Leaving Honours (Matriculation) classes were instituted.

Because of the outbreak of war, it was decided that after the Annual Ball

the Old Pupils' Association be disbanded until circumstances were more favourable.

Mr. Henry left the teaching staff to take up a position as Headmaster of Maryborough High School.

Miss Jessie Mitchell, who joined the teaching staff in 1939, and who was an original student of the school, transferred to the Matthew Flinders Girls' School in Geelong. She subsequently returned to Dandenong, and retired in 1967 as Senior Mistress of the School.

From "The Gate" — **The Berwick Bus:** 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".

Owing to the acute shortage of teachers, woodwork had been discontinued temporarily as a school subject. Inspectors reported that short answer tests used at the Intermediate level were generally ineffective, except in the hands of very experienced teachers.

The Headmaster (Mr. J. L. Griffiths) approached the Shire Council with a plan to utilize more fully Hemmings Park as a sports ground.

At an Entertainment on 24th September, a detective comedy, "The Man on the Sofa", was presented. Players were Ronald Weeks, Max McCallum, Helen Pagan, Marion Dawson, Jean Sinclair, Kenneth Griffiths, Joan Taylor, Maurice Nixon, John Griggs and Betty Crump.

1941

The Editorial Committee of "The Gate" consisted of R. Westmoreland, F. Adamson, K. Child, T. Whitehead, J. Sinclair, P. Johns.

Flight-Lieutenant Austin Lewin, an ex-student, was killed on a daylight raid over Germany while serving with the R.A.F.

The football team won six of the eight matches played, but was twice defeated by Frankston.

At the Combined Sports, the hockey girls gained three first places in the hockey dribble. In individual events, K. Murphy, W. Adamson, G. Brown and E. Mitchell gained first places, and the girls also won the intermediate shuttle relay.

The school won the Life Saving Premiership of Victoria for the third consecutive year.

News of ex-students: Elvie Adamson (Melbourne Hospital), Max McCallum (Bank of N.S.W.), Harry Garlick and Cliff Hunt (graduated in Medicine). Doris Crockett was awarded a Free Place to the University of Melbourne.

A new brown rubber flooring, incorporating the school crest, was provided for the entrance hall by the Ladies' Welfare Club.

1942

Enrolment: Boys 215, Girls 310.

Staff movements: In — Mr. McAughtrie, Mr. Jones, Mr. Baird, Mr. Sander-son, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Player, Miss Broughton. Out — Mr. Keane, Mr. Miller, Mr. Baird.

The combined athletic sports were not held in this year.

The usual concert was held in Term I, the proceeds being given to the Education Department War Relief Fund. For the year, a total of over £200 was raised for the Fund. In addition, 5000 eggs were collected for the Hospitals Appeal.

House Captains: W. Harrington, M. Hill (Bluegum); R. Canterbury, B. Crump (Clematis); G. Brown, G. Gardiner (Orchid); A. Reid, B. Rodd (Wattle).

W. Orgill, A. Brewer, R. Hill, A. Dean and G. Westmoreland won Bars to the Bronze Medallion.

Teaney Turner, Gwen Decker and Eunice Babbington had joined the W.A.A.A.F.

On 14th August, Miss A. M. Broughton was farewelled, after six years as Senior Mistress.

1943

Miss Carpenter took over the duties of Senior Mistress.

The school was grieved to hear of the death of Miss Broughton, who had retired in the previous year.

Ex-students reported killed in action — Alfred Barton, Ian Garside, Mervyn Green, Allan Bishop, Cyril Aumann, Gordon Graham, Eric Renfree, Robert Swords, Austin Lewin, Stanley Smet-hurst, W. Canterbury, Kenneth James, Donald Pollock, Keith Barton, James Thomson, Douglas James. Lest we forget.

8000 eggs were collected for the hospitals. Wattle collected the most.

Mr. C. C. Fisher was appointed as Headmaster of Castlemaine High School.

The teaching staff requested the Advisory Council to take action against "the intolerable stench emanating from the Council rubbish tip".

1944

The Education Department authorised the erection of an Assembly Hall to seat 1000 persons, on the understanding that the Advisory Council would contribute £3000 towards the cost over a period of

five years.

A Concert was held on 22nd August. Lois Nicholson, Pat Hosking, Bob Wills, Wilma Trewern, John Dawson and Andrew Brown presented a one-act play — "The Dear Departed."

Editors of "The Gate" were Shirley Lewis and Robert Wills.

Ex-students at the University included Doris Crockett, Marion Dawson, Muriel Dowling, Alison McKenzie, Gillian Ward, Robert Canterbury.

Elaine Brumley finished her B.A. Degree with First Class Honours in Classical Philology, and won the H.B. Higgins Scholarship, the Wyselaskie Scholarship and the R.G. Wilson Prize.

Margaret Smith won the Dr. Jeffrey Ward Gold Medal, presented annually to the most outstanding nurse of the year (Children's Hospital).

Miss Egerton left the staff to take up a position on promotion to Ararat High School.

For the first time in many years a boxing tournament was conducted, with Mr. Jones in charge. Bluegum proved to be the best House in this sport.

An ex-D.H.S. Hockey Club was formed and captained by Edna Cascoigne. During the year the team was unbeaten in the Victorian Women's Hockey Association, B. Grade.

Wattle collected 3,742 of the total 11,752 eggs collected for the hospitals.

Produced by Miss E. S. Carpenter, "Daddy Long-Legs" was presented by the school at the Town Hall.

Trevor Birchill and Archie Cashmore received the Award of Merit from the Royal Life Saving Society.

1945

Inspectors' report: "The school has secured permissive occupancy of mili-

tary hospital huts for overflow classes and this has relieved congestion in the main building for the present."

"The ceiling and walls are discoloured through leakage from drainpipes in the Science room" (this continued until 1967!).

"More than £700 has been raised for a School Hall."

Mrs. Randall retired in this year as school cleaner, a position she had occupied since the establishment of the school in 1919. Her place was taken by her daughter, Mrs. Lambert, who still holds the position, and carries out her duties in the best family tradition.

Ladies' Welfare Club in this year had Mrs. Griffiths as President, Mrs. Richards as Secretary and Mrs. Pike as Treasurer.

Ex-students who returned home after release as prisoners-of-war included Harry Bishop, Ian Jack, Dudley McLerie, Douglas Brumley, Keith Nicholson, Dal. Lethbridge, Keith McKay.

The first school orchestra was formed, with staff assistance from Misses Cantwell, Carpenter and Thompson.

Corporal William Lancaster, a former member of the staff, died on 7th June, while a prisoner-of-war in Borneo.

Hospital egg collections, 1945 — Orchid 493 doz.; Wattle 413 doz.; Clematis 311 doz.; Bluegum 198 doz.

Noel Fletcher was awarded a residential scholarship to Queen's College — the first of this type to a D.H.S. student.

Geoff. Goldsworthy won the cross country race.

The school presented "Seven Sisters" in the Town Hall. Players were Lucy Keys, Heather McPherson, Dorothy Griffiths, Joyce Little, Dorothy Smith, Beth Allison, Margot Pegg, Wilma Dowse, Noel Fletcher, Eric Mitchell, Stuart Jones, Eric Collins, Ken Master-ton and John Dawson.

1946

Inspectors' report — "the main building is structurally sound but in urgent need of repair and renovation." (this was done in 1967-68!).

The Assembly Hall Fund reached £2,100.

The Old Pupils' Association was again re-formed, but received little support at this stage.

Following the transfer on promotion of Miss Carpenter, Miss V. Armstrong commenced duty as Senior Mistress.

The Hon. Francis Field, Minister of Public Instruction, presented to the school a water colour of the Dandenong Creek by Kenneth Jack.

The "Sun News-Pictorial" announced that Frankston won at the Metropolitan High Schools Sports. In fact, the honours went to Dandenong!

"O Cicero, O Nero, O shades of Caesar's ghost,

Why must the Latin language make

D.H.S. its home?

(G. Wheelhouse — "The Gate").

The school presented excerpts from "The Gondoliers". Parts were taken by Winifred Whiteley, Lynette Brown, Jill McGuire, Dorothy Smith, Marjorie Radbone, Lorna Hosking, Loris Browley, Margaret Edwards, Margaret Stewart, Margot Pegg, Mary Dobson, Judith Hadley, Ruth Bradford, Daphne Cowen, Margaret Burge and Hazel Cameron.

1947

At an Entertainment on 26th August, Lorraine Rudge played the name part in "Alice in Wonderland". The Mad Hatter was played by Doris Wilson.

Recent marriages (ex-students) — Verma Bell, Betty Crump, Betty Rodd, Jean Crogan, Wilma Evans, Betty Cooper, Jessie Ferguson, Bob Mitham

Bill Adamson, Pat Cline, Dorothy Blanksby, Betty McRay, Betty Browne, Jean Little, Shirley Gatter.

Editors of "The Gate" were Dorothy Griffiths and Phillip Newell.

Ex-students at the University of Melbourne included Ken Griffiths, Stuart Banks Smith, Lucy Keys, John Loveridge, Peter Adamson, Bob. Canterbury, Shirley Ward, Bob. Crabtree, Noel Fletcher, Jean and Beth Allison, Len Lloyd, Noel Courtney, Bill Stanhope, Jack Griggs.

Not one goal was scored against the Senior Hockey team in inter-school competition.

1948

Editors of "The Gate" were David McDonald and Dorothy Wilson.

The school was saddened by news of the death of Miss A. E. Doherty, who was first a member of the staff in 1937.

Graeme McCahon and Stuart Brown were students at the Mildura branch of the University of Melbourne.

"Quality Street" was presented in the Dandenong Town Hall. Leading parts were played by David McDonald, Judith Russell and Beverley Stutterd.

Bronze swimming medallions were won by Graham Ward, Kevin Thomas, Walter Harris, Graham Wilkie, Lesley Barnes, Valerie Ball, Patricia Harding, Barbara McKay.

Q. Which form is the worst in the school?

A. Whichever one Mr. Sinclair happens to be talking to.

Prefects were Patel Scholz, Dorothy Wilson, Margaret Jones, Mynys Evans, Julia Watson, Mair Evans, Marjorie Lanigan, Joan Russell, Bruce Kennedy, Keith Anderson, John Cook, Alan Witham, Geoff. Hayes, Robert Chalmers.

Mr. A. Sinclair, who had been a member of the staff for many years, received promotion to Warragul High School.



PREFECTS, 1939.

Back Row: R. Webster, K. Fryer, Dave Morris (Senior Prefect), J. Reid, R. Hurley, M. Hamilton.
Front Row: M. Aspinall, R. Bean, M. Dawson, N. Fyfe (Senior Prefect), M. Carpenter, C. McFarlane.



FOOTBALL TEAM, 1940.

Standing: M. Powell, B. Ward, P. Child, M. McCallum, W. Adamson, R. Webster, M. Newbound.
Centre: G. Cowe, K. Child, K. Griffiths, J. James, R. Weeks, A. Baird.
Sitting: D. McFarlane, A. Reid, R. Powell, K. Johnson, K. Powell.



SWIMMERS, 1941.

Back Row: B. Rodd, N. Young, B. Crump, D. Dennis, L. McKay, M. Ferguson, B. Breedom, L. Stephenson, P. Cline, A. Wigg.
Centre: P. Sullivan, M. Bailey, D. Smith, S. Cameron, S. Harrington, C. Cornish, L. Keys, E. Gascoigne, K. Crosby.
Sitting: W. Orgill, M. Perry, J. Trewern (Award of Merit), D. Crockett (Award of Merit), J. Sinclair (Award of Merit), M. Gorwell (Award of Merit), D. McCabe, G. Gunther.



STAFF, 1944.

Back Row: Messrs. T. McAughtrie, L. Treacey, W. Wirth, L. Smith, J. Sanderson, W. Ford, A. Sinclair, C. Jones.
Centre Row: Miss N. Malseed, Miss E. Molony, Mr. W. Brumley, Mr. J. L. Griffiths (Headmaster), Miss D. Milne, Miss S. Cantwell, Miss R. Pollard.
Sitting: Miss H. Begg, Miss H. Wood, Mrs. B. Gardner, Mrs. E. Skinner, Miss S. Carpenter, Miss U. Thompson, Miss E. Mahoney, Miss D. Egerton.



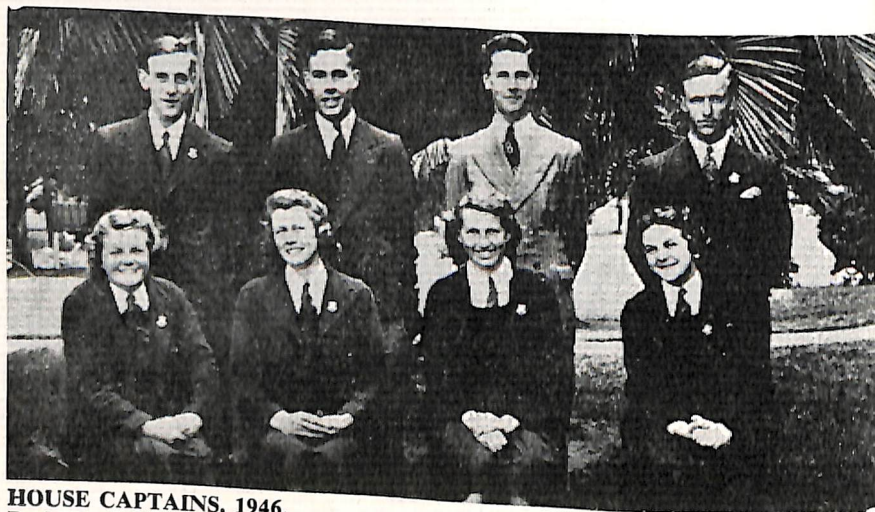
SIXTH FORM, 1945.

Back Row: K. Masterton, E. Mitchell, J. Dawson.

Second Row: N. Fletcher, K. Douglas, Miss E. Carpenter (Form Mistress), K. Garry, J. Loveridge, D. Jones.

Seated: J. Browne, L. Keys, J. Watson, J. Little, H. McPherson.

Front Row: B. Allison, B. Beavis, S. Ward, I. Aisbett.



HOUSE CAPTAINS, 1946.

Back Row: F. O'Shea, J. Einsiedel, M. Gregory, W. Russell.

Front Row: N. Murphy, B. J. Watson, C. J. Young, W. D. Griffiths (O).

1949

Enrolment: Boys 268, Girls 341. 49 students travelled by bus from Berwick-Beaconsfield, 52 from Narnargoon-Pakenham, 33 from Cheltenham, 28 from Oakleigh, 57 from Catani, 29 from Kooweerup, 40 from Cranbourne, with smaller numbers from other areas — a total of 332.

Geoffrey Hayes, Kenneth Lee, Colin Pierrehumbert, Francis Smith and John Cook passed the Matriculation examinations.

Newcomers to the staff were Mr. G. Ellis, Mr. W. McCubbin, Mr. J. McCarthy and Miss L. Rofe.

From "The Gate" — "The goal of £1000 has now been reached, and the money will be forwarded to the Education Department with a request that the Assembly Hall be built as soon as possible."

"Haven't we seen the boys sneaking out to assemblies with caps stuffed in their pockets?" ("The Gate").

The cross-country race was won for the third time by Len Robinson. From Form 6, "Buxom" Biddington, "Pyjamas" Hayes, "Baby" Lee, "Gorgeous Gussy" Gorwell, Herb "Bag" Rossetti and "Legs" Pierrehumbert also competed (?).

On 16th November, the new tennis courts were officially opened. Mr. Brumley served the first ball.

1950

Inspector's report: "the two new tennis courts are now completed, the area for basket ball has been extended and the oval is now in excellent order."

Editors of "The Gate" were Judith Russell and Ian Thomas.

Mr. Langford returned to the school as a temporary member of staff.

The school won the Inter-school Athletic Carnival, with wins in their events to M. Smith, R. Diggins, B. Ridd, G. Maughan, D. Rose, J. Ellis, C. Young, D. Biles. The events were held on the D.H.S. oval, which had been carefully prepared by Mr. Hector Randall. Senior socials, previously held at the school (Rooms 23 and 24) were for the first time conducted in the Scout Hall.

For the Hospital Appeal, 1759 dozen eggs were collected, with Orchid the winning House (701 dozen).

Miss O. T. Smith left the staff, to become Headmistress of Richmond Girls' School.

The Ladies' Welfare Club in this year had Mrs. Crabtree as President, Mrs. Simon as Secretary and Mrs. Stuart as Treasurer.

1951

Enrolment: Boys — 288; Girls — 457.

House Captains were Gwen Flloyd and Graeme Simon (Bluegum); Lesley Baines and Ron Savory (Clematis); Anne Buckland and Robert Watt (Orchid); Rosemary Ellett, Gordon Young (Wattle).

The Ex-Students' Association was re-formed with Kenneth Lee as President and Fred Cowen as Secretary.

The School won the Combined Athletic Sports, G. Young won the 220, 440 and hop, step and jump. At the Combined Swimming Sports, Dandenong obtained third place, with Lesley Barnes, Frances Gale, Alle Lourens, Barry Simon, Geoffrey Maughan, Peter White and Noel Anderson winning their events.

Mr. Roy Barnes, who had been a popular and capable sportsmaster, left the staff to become Headmaster of Orbost High School.

Four pre-fabricated rooms were erected at the rear of the main building ("The Bristol"). A detached room used for commercial work was moved to the western boundary ("Siberia").

Inspectors' report — "The Headmaster has this year reached the retiring age, after many years' service as a senior officer of the Department. During that period he has been prominent in the management of large secondary schools, in the training of teachers as well as in other professional activities and consequently has played an important part in the development of the present State Secondary system. The Secondary Inspectors wish to place on record their appreciation of the contribution he has thus made to Victorian education and to wish him a long and happy period of retirement." (A reference to the retirement of Mr. J. L. Griffiths in this year.)

Mr. G. Ellis left the staff, to become Headmaster of Yallourn High School.

The competition for the A.N.A. shield between Dandenong and Warragul was revived in this year.

Betty Harris won a major scholarship to the University Women's College and a General Exhibition. Mary Nemet won the Exhibition in Practical Music.

Of the 19 students who presented for the examination, 17 gain the Matriculation Certificate. The Headmaster received a congratulatory letter from the Minister of Education, the Hon. A. E. Shephard.

Inspectors' report: "the main highway running between the two sections of the school is a constant source of danger and anxiety."

J. Graham Bird, Kenneth J. Carroll, Joseph T. Rumble were awarded Commonwealth Scholarships.

Mr. R. W. Andrews was welcomed as the new Headmaster. He had previously been Headmaster of Camberwell High School. The Advisory Council did not favour a request from a shopkeeper to establish a canteen in the school grounds.

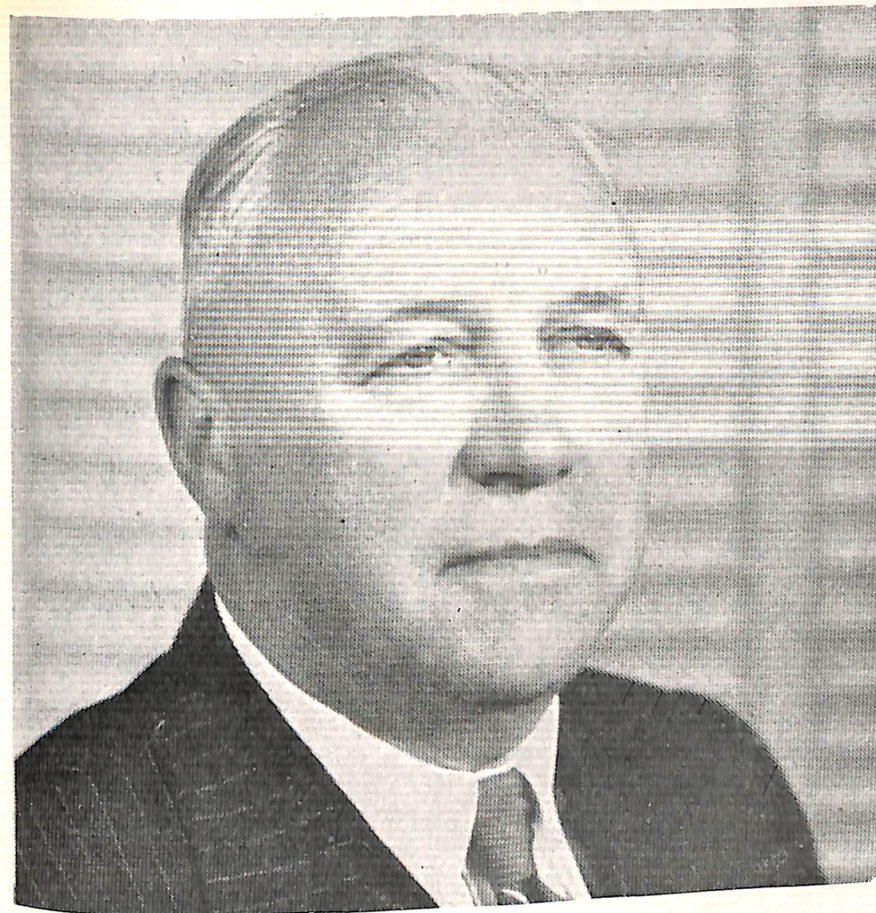
Members of the Advisory Council — Messrs. A. J. Hillard, J. S. Prior, S. R. Roberts, W. G. Wright, I. J. Syer, G. T. Andrews, L. W. Allen, G. F. Knowles, G. F. Rae, A. H. Brown, A. H. Crump, C. G. Hartley (President), J. C. Russell, R. R. Simon, D. C. Streader (District Inspector).

Miss V. M. Armstrong, Senior Mistress for eight years was to become Vice-Principal of MacRobertson High School in 1954, and Mr. G. M. Stirling Headmaster of Moreland High School.

Among ex-students in attendance at Teachers' Colleges were Frank Hicks, Glen Prior, Marian Cunningham, Gweneth Evans, Marjorie Harvey, Val Rodber, Geoff Pentland, Beth Tanks, Bryan Woodward, Elvie Ellett, Glenys Evans, Darrell Middleton.

Mr. Singleton and Mr. McAfee retired from the Advisory Council, both having been members since 1919. For over 30 years Mr. Singleton had been the President. Both gentlemen were presented with gifts from the school by the Head Prefects, Jill Phillips and Max Stuart.

Swimmers who obtained first placings for the school at the Combined Sports were G. Hogg, N. Hogg, M. Bowtell, S. Walker, B. Lewis.



**Mr. R. W. ANDREWS,
B.Sc., B.Ed., M.A.C.E.
Headmaster, 1953-1957**

Mr. Andrews trained at the Melbourne Teachers' College during the period 1917-1920, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and subsequently as Bachelor of Education. From 1921 until 1939, he taught science and mathematics at Ballarat, Essendon, Geelong, Mildura and Kyneton High Schools. In 1940, he commenced his long and distinguished career in school administration, first as Headmaster of

Warrnambool High School (1940-1947), and later at Camberwell (1948-1952) and Dandenong (1953-1957).

In 1958, he returned as Principal to Camberwell and occupied one of the senior positions in the service. Mr. Andrews remained at Camberwell until his retirement from the Education Department in 1965. During his career he occupied various positions of professional distinction, including that of President of the Victorian High Schools Principals Association, and as a member of the Australian College of Education. Mr. Andrews is in good health, and lives at Balwyn.

Dandenong won the Grand Aggregate at the Combined Athletic Sports. J. Vigers broke the 15 years Hop, Step and Jump record and M. Stuart the senior 220 yards record.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was the Hon. Mr. Justice Sholl.

For use as classrooms, pre-fabricated buildings were erected in the grounds.

1954

The opening of Springvale High School and Dandenong Technical School in this year, temporarily relieved the accommodation problem.

About 70 ex-Form I students were transferred to Springvale.

Additional land was purchased by the Education Department for the erection of a new domestic and manual arts block.

M. J. Barley, C. D. Gray, J. R. Harris, T. Kinsella, D. B. Campbell, L. J. Hewson, E. D. Fenn, R. J. McKenry, M. P. Mumme, B. A. Poole, H. D. Shaw passed the Matriculation examinations.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was The Hon. Sir Edmund Herring. The Junior School was addressed by Mr. A. McDonell, Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools.

Kenneth J. Carroll was awarded a Major Queen's College Scholarship.

Grateful acknowledgment to the Dandenong Shire Council was made by the Headmaster for its assistance in maintaining the playing fields in such fine condition.

1955

The Bernard-Ward Scholarship for first year University ex-students was established.

Mr. Ward was a former member of the Advisory Council. Each of his three daughters was educated at the school,

and each graduated in Science from the University of Melbourne. The eldest daughter Gillian, was subsequently awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, while engaged in research work in England.

The gun presented to the school after World War I was transferred to the grounds of the Dandenong Drill Hall.

Mr. J. R. Carroll was appointed Headmaster of Seymour High School, to take up the appointment in 1956.

Under a new system of inter-school sport organization, Dandenong became a member of the Senior Section of the Peninsula group, with Frankston, Hampton and Mordialloc.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was the Hon. Mr. Justice Dean, Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

The Ladies' Welfare Club in this year had Mrs. Lewis as President, Mrs. Bramley as Secretary and Mrs. Brown as Treasurer.

1956

Enrolment: Boys — 262, Girls — 520. Students travelling by bus now totalled only 140.

Advisory Council for period 1956-1959: Messrs Hillard, Kavanagh, Syer, Seebeck, Gange, Andrews, Billing, Rae, Knowles, Crump, Hartley, Jolly, Russell, Wright, Stocks (District Inspector).

Vacancies during the period were filled by the appointment of Mr. A. T. Fisher and Mr. W. T. Gardiner. Mr. C. G. Hartley was re-elected as President.

Editors of "The Gate" were Elayne Wanke and Joseph Hajdu.

A Debutante Set was a feature of the Annual Ball, organized by the Ex-Students' Association and the Ladies' Welfare Club. Debutantes were Berenice Neumann, Margaret Anderson, Elaine

Woods, Wendy Osborne, Valerie Hance, Fay Clifton, Barbara Lewis, Elaine Bredon, Irene Petzke, Marion Rivett, Barbara St. Clair, Barbara Evers, Gloria Gardner and Rosemary Thompson. All were past or present students of the school.

Mr. W. L. Brumley, who was a member of the staff for 32 years retired from the Education Department, and was farewelled at a special school function. "Brum" as he was affectionately known to the thousands of students who had passed through his hands, will long remain part of the cherished tradition of the school.

Commonwealth Scholarships were awarded to Colin Campbell, Ian Cocks, Joseph Hajdu, Ian Lewis, Noel Marshall, Arthur Smith, Lois Barber, Elayne Wanke.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was Sir John Medley, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne.

1957

Tenders were called for the erection of the new domestic arts, art and music block, and work commenced late in the year.

Advisory Council: "The Secretary reported that he considered the time opportune for an approach to be made to the Education Department in connection with the School assembly hall."

The Headmaster, Mr. R. W. Andrews, was appointed as Headmaster of Camberwell High School, to take up his new duties in 1958.

Mrs. A. Jolly was President of the Welfare Club, Mrs. W. H. Annear, Sec-

retary and Mrs. W. G. Wright, Treasurer.

Ex-Students Ian Cocks, Joseph Hajdu, Ron Roberts, Coralie Ling and Elayne Wanke were in training as secondary teachers. Lois Barber was doing pharmacy; Roderick Esdaile was in the Navy and Michael Graefe was at Dookie.

Maxwell Gange and Joan Symonds were awarded Barnard-Ward Prizes.

The Army huts were transferred across the Highway to the school grounds.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was Sir Ian Clumes Ross, Chairman of C.S.I.R.O.

The opening of the Dandenong Girls' Secondary School in this year eased the increasing pressure of enrolment at the High School.



Mr. L. A. COOKE
B.Sc., Dip.Ed.
HEADMASTER, 1958-1964

Mr. Cooke entered the Education Department in 1922, as a Junior Teacher at Eastern Road State School, South Melbourne. In the same year he was awarded a Senior Government Scholarship and a Secondary Studentship to Melbourne University, from where he graduated Bachelor of Science in 1924 and Diploma of Education in 1925.

His first secondary teaching appointment was to Castlemaine High School in 1926, followed by subsequent transfers on promotion to Donald, Frankston, Melbourne and University High Schools. In 1944, Mr. Cooke became Lecturer in Methods of Science and Mathematics at

the University of Melbourne, and in 1954 was appointed Vice-Principal of University High School. In 1956 he received his first appointment as Headmaster, to the new Bentleigh High School, and transferred on promotion to Dandenong in 1958, and then to Brighton High School as Principal in 1965, to occupy one of the most senior positions in the service.

In addition to his duties as teacher and Principal, Mr. Cooke found time to engage in many matters of educational significance, including broadcasting, and as an examiner in Intermediate and Leaving Mathematics.

In 1968, Mr. Cooke held with distinction the position of President of the Victorian High Schools Principals Association.

1958

Mr. L. A. Cooke took up his duties as Headmaster of the school. Before coming to Dandenong he was Headmaster at Bentleigh High School.

A Debating Club was formed, with Mr. Barry O. Jones as the teacher in charge. Other clubs formed were Red Cross Music and Art Appreciation, Chess, Floral Art, Dramatic, Sketching, Film, Mechanics, Craft and Travel.

In training as secondary teachers were Brian Edgar, Robert Twyford and Joan Symons. At the University also were Don Dezentje and Alick Eremin, both studying Medicine. Wilma Hagan, Faye Clifton, Jane Williams and others were training as nurses. Wilbur Muskens was in New Guinea as a cadet patrol officer.

A. R. Barley, D. A. Clift, D. B. Homer, I. R. Lowe, J. McCallum, H. E. Mills, M. C. Morriss, D. M. Ryan, J. S. Stirling, T. T. Villiers, R. F. Wakefield, R. Woodward, B. L. Young, S. S. Leach, K. W. Davidson, B. B. Hunter, B. Krulls, J. Lewicki, D. G. Shadforth qualified for Matriculation. B. Hunter was awarded an American Field Service International Scholarship.

The Army huts, now in the school grounds, were converted into gymnasium and the new block of 14 classrooms was completed.

1959

Full school colours were awarded to F. Noblet (Cricket, Athletics), P. Strobbe, T. Rogers, H. Licht (Soccer), B. Kenneally (Football, Athletics), G. Mooney

(Football), G. Pettigrove (Baseball), J. Dalton (Athletics), Pam Oultram (Softball), Pam Johnson (Swimming), Marion Murray, Geraldine Perlstein (Basketball), Beverley Billing, Julie Hobson (Tennis), Faye Wade, Elizabeth Cox, Janet Cox, Helen McLachlan (Hockey), Jill Huxtable (Hockey, Athletics) Valerie Bates (Athletics).

Final House points were Wattle, 402; Clematis, 358; Bluegum, 331; Orchid, 297.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was Sir George Paton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. Students presented "The Elizabethan Fair."

Dandenong High School Speech Day Song:

Speech Day is here; the final term is ending,

Our work is done for yet another year; Now as we leave, for some the world lies open,

Some will return to labour once more And may their toils build up a better school yet;

Where all may come, behind us to learn. We gather here; the hopes of years behind us,

Yet future hopes swell up in us anew, For in our toil and in our quest for knowledge

We taste of joys to many unknown: We laboured then for scholarship and learning

We'll labour more ere we leave this day. Now as we leave this year which lies behind us

Some may pass on to yet another life: A life in which, though far from school and learning

We may yet need the lessons learnt to-day,

The lessons not of maths, or art, of science,

But how to live at peace with mankind.



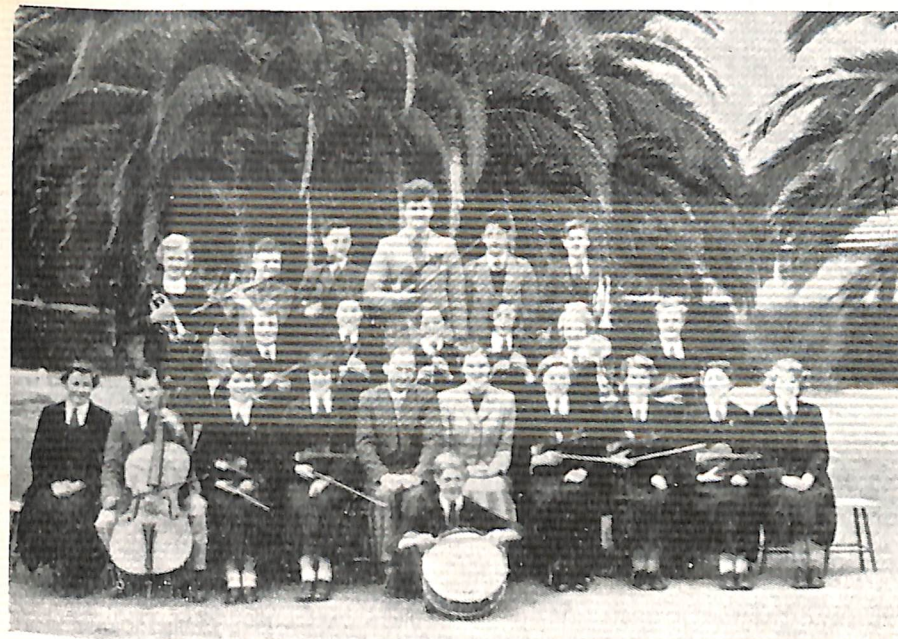
PREFECTS, 1949.

Back: G. Cochrane, J. Cook, G. Rossetti, G. Hayes (Snr.), J. Harris, B. Smith, R. Biddington.
Front: L. Perkins, I. Way, E. McIntosh, M. Evans (Snr.), B. Carr, M. Jennings, B. Stutterd, J. Weaven.



HOUSE CAPTAINS, 1951.

L. to R.: R. Ellett, G. Young (W), A. Buckland, R. Watt (O), L. Barnes, R. Savory (C), G. Lloyd, G. Simon (B).



ORCHESTRA, 1952.

Back: M. Reader, J. Davis, K. Ellis, G. Watson, G. Begg, H. Detez.
Middle: M. Shade, M. Tucker, J. Bumpstead, L. Litera, M. Reader, D. Begg.
Front: F. Coutie, D. Prior, G. Evans, A. Wallace, Mr. McCubbin, Miss Rofe, M. Hill, M. Grove, M. Nemet, E. Fenn.
Drummer: T. Gell.



CHOIR, 1954.



STAFF, 1957.

Back: Messrs. Russel, McKay, Randles, Jones, Wellock, Bongers, McCallum, Sheppard, Wykes.
Centres: Messrs. Worrall, Bryce, Cowen, Menadue, Milne, Rich, Baines, Shepherd, Smith.
Front: Misses Hillier, Hicks, Mesdames Eckstein, Howey, Miss Stainforth, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Andrews, Miss Taylor, Misses Hill, Dawson, Dee, Sands, Mrs. Daly.



FORM CAPTAINS, 1958.

Top row: C. Featherstone, G. Hillard, J. Leah, K. Harris, W. Heppell, S. Favero, M. Douglas, R. Couzens, J. Sherer, R. Handley, R. Stewart, K. Whitehead.
Middle Row: D. Green, K. Davidson, L. Baker, K. Longmuir, H. McLaghlin, H. Zander, H. Ross, G. Perlstein, M. Fowler, A. Rovagna.
Front Row: P. Law, J. Morgan, D. Carson, A. Reibnigger, L. Medlin, L. Edis, D. Williams, Miss Hill, Mr. Smith, J. King, D. Morton, J. Robert, L. McLeod, K. Couzens, J. Dreverman, B. Furlon.

1960

The Ann Street Sports ground was added to the school area.

Bernard-Ward Prizes were awarded to Mary Abbott and John Rooney.

On 3rd April, the Ex-Students' Association presented an Anniversary Afternoon of musical items, to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the school. "Back to Dandenong High School" functions were organized, and a booklet dealing with the development of the school was published.

The opening of Doveton High School in this year eased the pressure of enrolments at Dandenong. This introduced a new era, breaking the traditional mixture of town and country students, and largely limiting enrolment to the Dandenong City area.

The Ladies' Welfare Club in this year had Mrs. Scadden as President, Mrs. Simon as Secretary and Mrs. Barlee as Treasurer.

President of the Ex-Students' Association was Ted Hook, Secretary Lorraine Hicks and Treasurer Bruce Young.

This was the first year of the Inter-House choral competition which was won by Wattle.

Leigh Ward, Henri Licht and Barbara Creed represented the school in the 'Parliament of Youth.'

Sportsmaster was Mr. T. Hancy and Sportsmistress Mrs. A. Daly.

Miss Stainforth left the staff, to take up duty in 1961 as Senior Mistress at Blackburn High School.

Miss Stephanie Swann, who had given dedicated service to the school over a period of some eighteen years, retired from the office staff.

1961

The David Street Sports ground was cleared and developed.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was His Honour, Judge Nelson. Extracts from "Hamlet" were presented

by Geraldine Phillips, Dagnija Strazdens, Len Makin, Ellinor Hodgins, John Wallis, Roland Heimans, Malcolm Pettigrove and Tom Smith.

Mrs. G. Scadden was President of the Welfare Club, Mrs. B. Simon was Secretary and Mrs. M. McLeod was Treasurer.

WE SHALL BE STRONG

Music by J. W. Menadue

Words by J. B. Robertson

Dandenong High School, gateway to the future,

Proudly borne in battle your colours flew,

The standard that led a regiment to conquer,

You give into our keeping to win renown anew.

Chorus —

"Faber Quisque Fortunae!"

Our faith and courage leading us along,

We give our pledge of loyalty,

"We shall be strong."

Architects of fortune labouring together, Gaining inspiration from work and play,

The royal blue we bear has taught us truth and loyalty;

The trust of our companions we would not dare betray.

Heroines and Heroes wearing red for courage,

Forged a great tradition,

In days gone by.

We build for the future, proud of our achievement,

We meet the greatest challenge,

Our courage ever high.

Dandenong High School, though the years divide us,

Worthy sons and daughters we shall remain,

And when through the gate, we enter on our journey,

Our courage, faith and loyalty,

Will build a greater name.

The Senior Choir was awarded first place in its section at the Dandenong Festival.

The school was the third largest High School in Victoria (after Melbourne and Brighton).

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was Dr. J. A. L. Matheson, Vice-Chancellor of Monash University.

House Captains were Timothy Kupsch and Norma Campbell (Bluegum); Robert Stewart and Dagnija Strazkens (Clematis); Luba Slipetskyj and Greta de Vries (Orchid); James McDonald and Sybil Hayes (Wattle).

During Speech Night, an original verse play in one act was presented — "Sam Bowman". Script was by Mr. A. P. O'Brien, production and set Mr. K. Szidat, lighting and effects Mr. R. Ralph. The old cookery room was converted into a senior library. Plans to erect a Canteen were awaiting Education Department approval.

Because of a lack of suitably qualified teachers, the Basic Language course had to be dropped from the curriculum.

Two ex-students, Miss S. Martin and Miss J. Baker, were appointed to the office staff.

Commonwealth Scholarships were awarded to Richard Allan, Graham Brownfield, Harry Denbrave, Leonard Makin, Patrick O'Brien, David Ryan, John Taylor, Helena Berdnikof, Geraldine Perlstein, Marjorie Pentland, Juanita Twyford.

Conductors in the Inter-House Choral Competition were Malcolm Pettigrove (Clematis), Tim Kupsch (Bluegum), Martin Hallett (Orchid), and Ian Clark (Wattle). The adjudicator was Mr. Dan Hardy.

There was an enrolment of 1,140, with almost equal numbers of boys and girls.

A Dandenong School Chaplaincy Committee was formed, to sponsor the appointment of a full time chaplain to the School.

The Guest Speaker at Senior Speech Night was Councillor Sir Maurice Nathan, K.B.E.

The canteen opened for business in September, and it was anticipated that profits would be substantial.

Editors of "The Gate" were Lorrain Hewat and Bernard Bolsh.

House Choir conductors were J. Wallis (Clematis); M. Osborne (Bluegum); I. Clark (Wattle); M. Hallett (Orchid).

The school maintenance staff consisted of Mr. H. T. Randall, Mrs. N. Lambert, Mr. W. T. Mayer and Mrs. C. M. Wilkinson.

Mr. C. G. Stocks, District Inspector of Schools, through his regular attendance at Advisory Council meetings and practical assistance in approaches to the Education Department, continued to make a valuable contribution to the progress of the school.

Mrs. I. McLeod was President of the Mothers' Club, Mesdames Barlee and Simon were Vice-Presidents. Secretary was Mrs. N. Powell and Treasurer, Mrs. M. Rout.

House Captains: Phillip Rooke, Bill Brins, Margaret Osborne, Pam Bradley (Bluegum); Barry Hall, Bob Stewart Deidre Litchfield, Jan Matheson (Clematis); Les Midro, David Price, Jillian Berry, Sandra Simon (Orchid); Ian Clark, Gavin Wibrow, Lynette Banks, Margaret Griffin (Wattle).

President of the Mothers' Club was Mrs. Powell, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. Hartnett and Treasurer, Mrs. Stuart.

Mr. Ken Higgs, Senior Master for nearly ten years, retired from the Education Department.

"Hinemoa's Leap", produced by Miss Orr, was awarded second place in the drama section of the Dandenong Festival. The players were Robin Golding, Margot Hargrove, Roland Heimans, John Garnett and Neil Leed.

Preliminary plans for the construction of a new wing to the school building had been drawn up by the P.W.D. A house in High Street, adjacent to the school was purchased as a caretaker's residence.

The Dandenong Chaplaincy Committee had raised the required amount of money, and the Rev. K. Heath had been appointed as School Chaplain, to commence his duties in 1965.

Miss Houston, Senior Mistress for four years, was appointed Headmistress of Heidelberg Girls' Secondary School.

Mr. L. A. Cooke, Headmaster for seven years, was to take up duty in 1965 as Principal of Brighton High School. At Speech Night, reference was made to his period of fine service to the school, and presentations were made.

Bernard-Ward Prizes were awarded to T. Kerr and L. Dunning.

Guest Speaker at Speech Night was the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, Sir Edmund Herring. Awards were presented by Lady Herring.

Cr. M. Jarvis, an ex-student of the school, was Mayor of Dandenong in this year.



**Mr. K. B. MITCHELL,
B.A., B.Com., B.Ed., M.A.C.E.
Headmaster, 1965-**

After 1½ years as a Junior Teacher at S.S. Brunswick South-West, Mr. Mitchell completed a one year primary teacher training course at Bendigo Teachers' College in 1929. He was then in charge of one teacher rural schools, returning to Melbourne in 1935, to undertake a nominated course at Melbourne University. During this period he taught full time at Collingwood and Footscray Technical Schools, and completed degrees in Arts, Commerce and Education. Subsequently he transferred to the Second

dary Schools Division, and taught at Mildura, Horsham, Warrnambool and Bendigo High Schools.

In 1959, Mr. Mitchell was appointed as Headmaster of Newlands High School, and was responsible for the development of that school over the first four years of its establishment. Subsequently he carried out the same pioneering work at Thornbury High School during the period 1963-64, and in 1965 was appointed to Dandenong High School as Headmaster, a position he still occupies under the new title of Principal.

In 1960, he was admitted as a member of the Australian College of Education.

Mr. K. B. Mitchell commenced duty as Headmaster, after having filled this position at Newlands and Thornbury High Schools.

Guest Speaker at Speech Night was His Honour, Judge J. G. Norris, of the County Courts. This was to be the last formal Speech Night held, with the substitution of Junior and Senior Assemblies at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. G. R. Horne (to Headmaster, Monbulk High School) and Mr. R. Everett (Senior Master, Burwood High School) left to take up these senior positions. Miss E. Dee, after a long association with the school, was married at the end of the year.

A vigorous campaign to expedite school building resulted in news that tenders for a new wing and for an assembly hall were to be called early in 1966.

Form 6 Awards: Alpha Cukurs (Biology, English Expression); Russell Newton (Accounting, Economics, Modern History, Geography, English Expression); David Brooks (Physics, Pure Mathematics); John Westcott (Pure Mathematics); Geoffrey Westwood (General Mathematics); Susan Murray (Chemistry); Janet Cole (English Literature); Gilbert Augustin (French); John Krzwokulski (Art); Quentin Buckley (Art).

Sixty seven students passed the Matriculation examination, with 17 First Class Honours, 65 Second Class Honours and 22 Commonwealth Scholarships.

The canteen was firmly established, and making a major contribution to school funds. Mrs. G. Howard, assisted by Mrs. D. Hawke, was doing a fine job as supervisor, and the voluntary assistants associated with the Mothers' Club were making an outstanding contribution.

The second formal Sixth Form Dinner was held at Monash University. The Chairman was Albert Callewaert (Senior Prefect), and the Guest Speaker was Dr. K. R. Griffiths, M.B., B.S., a former Senior Prefect of the School.

The death occurred in this year of Mr. F. A. Singleton, who had served the school for many years as member and President of the Advisory Council.

Mrs. J. Barlee resigned from the Advisory Council, after years of service to the school.

The Secretary was asked to note in the minutes Advisory Council's awareness and appreciation of the emphasis being placed on scholarship throughout the school, and of the new system of reporting on students, which was being introduced on an experimental basis.

Students, under the supervision of Mr. Szidat and Mr. Adams, had produced and screened a film showing many aspects of the school year.

Mrs. Filcock was President of the Mothers' Club, Mrs. Pretty was Secretary and Mrs. Hall, Treasurer.

Senior students demonstrated within the city area, in support of teachers' demands for better school conditions.

School Prefects — the last group to be elected under the traditional system — were Christine Bates, Brenda Baxter, Robyn Browne, Mary Cameron, Pauline Yates, Karen Jolly (Senior), Glenise Rice, Robyn Golding, Anna Dackiw, Cheryl Sangwell, Ian Berry, Gilbert Augustin, Colin Smith, Bruce Filcock, Graeme Schmutter, Ross Gilham, Geof. Hayres, George de George, Ray Pater-son, Albert Callewaert (Senior).

Conductors of House Choirs were Christine Yates, Pauline Yates (Orchid); Judy Stubbs, John Finning (Wattle); Jenny O'Dea, Anna Dackiw (Clematis); Sue Jarvis, Lilian Frankel (Bluegum).

The Prefect system was abolished, and all students of Form 6 were requested to accept responsibility and service in association with a wide range of Committees established to suit their individual interests.

Cr. R. K. Wagstaff, an ex-student of the school, was appointed as Mayor of Dandenong.

The new wing was completed late in the year, including a fine Commonwealth Science block, new woodwork rooms and additional specialist classrooms. The old section of the building was remodelled, providing additional staff and library amenities.

The Sixth Form Dinner was held at "The Windsor". Guest Speaker was Miss

Houston, a former Senior Mistress.

Under new Government regulations, all Advisory Councils were to include two representatives of the Mothers' Club — Mrs. B. E. M. Francis and Mrs. C. J. Hendrick were nominated to fill these positions.

Form 4 students of this year were the last groups to sit for the Intermediate examinations, to be abolished.

Mr. Max Oldmeadow, after a long association with the school as student and teacher, received promotion for 1968, as Senior Master at Doveton High School.

Karen Jolly, Brenda Baxter, Robyn Browne, Glenise Rice, Linda Robins, Cheryl Sangwell, Robert Walsh and Helene Wilton were all at Frankston Teachers' College.

A Students' Representative Council was formed, with John Finning as Chairman, and including representatives from all forms.

Sixty-six students and seven teachers toured Central Australia (4,054 miles, 16 days).

The Assembly Hall, for which fund raising commenced in 1944, was completed and occupied early in the year. This beautiful and functional building immediately became the long awaited centre of the social and cultural life of the school.

Committees were organized to commence preliminary planning for Jubilee celebrations in 1969.

Wendy Jobbling, a Form 5 student, was selected to represent Victoria in the High Jump at the Australian Women's Athletic Championships.

Accompanied by the Mayor of Dandenong (Cr. R. K. Wagstaff), members of the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Tour visited the school.

Mr. Peter Rich and Mr. Ion Whykes were promoted to senior positions for 1969, Mr. Rich was to remain at Dandenong; Mr. Whykes to go to Pakenham as Senior Master.

Visiting speakers at Assemblies included Pastor Doug Nicholls, Mr. Thorold Merrett; the Minister for Immigration the Hon. B. M. Sneddon, and Mr. Gordon Bryant, M.H.R.

Jennifer Simmons, Lilian Frankel, Carol Gillbee, Helen Aldrige, Susan Johnson, Alison MacLeod, David Brown, Daryl Cheeseman, Geoffrey Elliott, John McPhee, Peter Statton, Peter Whitmore and the Principal attended a Mayoral Reception given to the Governor-General, Lord Casey, and Lady Casey.

Inter-House Debates were adjudicated by Mr. Barry Jones, prominent in academic and television activities, and a former member of the teaching staff. Bluegum won the Senior and Junior sections and Clematis the Intermediate.

The House Choral Festival was held in the Assembly Hall. Conductors were Yvonne Daly, Coralie Hayes (Bluegum);

Helen Stubbs, Annechris Vat (Wattle); Helen Kirkham, Christine Yates (Orchid); Andrew Green, Robyn Pretty (Clematis). The adjudicator (Mrs. Margaret Prior) awarded first place in the Junior section to Orchid, and in the Senior section to Wattle.

Helen Aldrige (Bluegum), Lorri Meers, Alex Kariko (Clematis), Margot Hargrove (Orchid), Lynne Synot (Wattle) were producers of plays entered in the Senior Drama Festival. The adjudicator (Mr. Max Bartlett), awarded first place to Bluegum. The best individual performance award was made to Marilyn Selway.

In September, a very successful Art Exhibition was held in the Assembly Hall over a three day period. On display were some 200 paintings, representative of the work of all age groups, and in addition a fine selection of works in sculpture and the plastic arts.

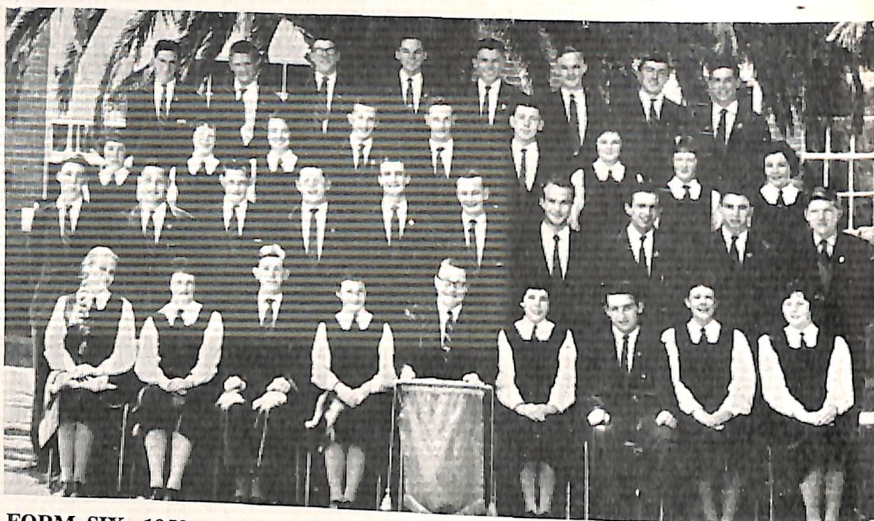
Mr. Graham Miller, who served the school with distinction as Senior Master, had taken up his appointment as Headmaster of Maribyrnong High School.

In this year, the title of "Principal" was substituted for that of "Headmaster" in all Victorian High Schools.

The school won the aggregate and the boys section awards at the Athletic Sports of the East Section, Monash Division, Metropolitan High Schools Sports Association.

Members of the office staff were Mrs. E. J. Funston, Miss H. L. Nichols and Miss A. L. Ellis. The school maintenance staff consisted of Mr. H. T. Randall, Mrs. N. Lambert, Mr. J. Whitehead, Mr. W. Dow, Mrs. S. J. Whitehead, and Mrs. F. Senior. "Hec" had completed 40 years of service to the school.

The Rev. K. Heath had completed his fourth year as School Chaplain, and continued to make a major contribution to the moral, social and economic welfare of his charges.



FORM SIX, 1959.

Back Row: John Wood, Ron Gordon, George Holland, Graham Pettigrove, Fred Noblet, Neville Davidson, W. Galloway, J. Leah.
 Third Row: Mary Abbott, Pamela Robert, Beverley Billing, John Dalton, J. Rooney, I. Wright, Janet Cox, Sandra Hobson, Gail Jenkins.
 Second Row: Dick Wakefield, Ian McGregor, Rodney Tacon, Leigh Ward, John McCallum, Norm Bunn, George Lingohr, George Nikolajuk, Bryan Kenneally, W. Ryland.
 Front Row: Irene Klopotoski, Helen McLachlan, J. Barrett, Heather Barker, Mr. Baines, Margaret Sloan, Alan Stocks, Leigh Weetman, Diane Williams.



FORM CAPTAINS, 1962.

Back Row (L. to R.): R. Mackay, I. Berry, P. Hunt, J. Krzywokulski, A. Calleweart, J. Nelson, D. Saunders, H. Bruce, K. Smith, P. Siggins.
 Second Row: A. McPherson, J. Bishop, E. Westernberg, J. Cotter, B. Gilbert, J. Mayhew, L. Williams, C. Arnott, S. Wall, S. Szidat.
 Third Row: A. Morton, Miss E. Dawson, M. Troynar, G. Cheeseman, I. Watson, B. Hall, W. Thomas, M. Pass, R. Newton, R. Townsend, J. Davies, P. Morcom.
 Front Row: L. Holding, M. Richards, B. Richardson, J. Morrish, V. McNarma, P. Barlee, H. Hallett, C. Phillips, P. Bramley, E. Hodges, J. King.



HOUSE CHOIR CONDUCTORS, 1963.

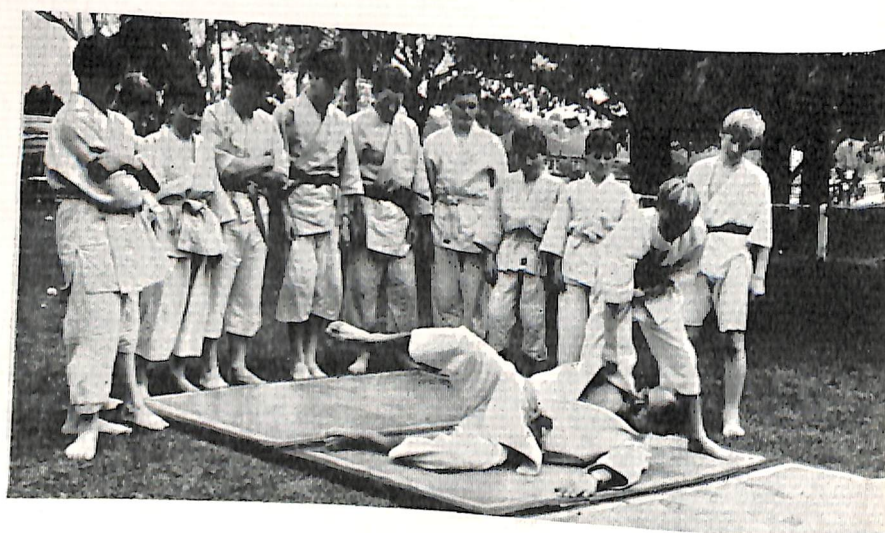
L. to R.: J. Wallis (Clematis), M. Osborne (Bluegum), I. Clarke (Wattle), M. Hallett (Orchid).



DEBATING, 1964.



STAFF, 1965.



JUDO, 1966.

SENIOR PREFECTS, 1919-1966

1919: Marie Facey, Charles Buckley
 1920: Marie Facey, Charles Buckley
 1921: Jean Abbott, Frederick Searle
 1922: Marie Facey, Frederick Searle
 1923: Jean Waugh, Keith Gregg
 1924: Gwen Abbott, Ivan McAlpine
 1925: Grace Wadsley, Allan Russell
 1926: Margaret Norris, John Standish
 1927: Doris Hopkins, Malcolm Hall
 1928: Frances Noack, Geoffrey Cox
 1929: Una Russell, Arthur Butler
 1930: Ruth Lade, John O'Meara
 1931: Marjorie Herbert, Arthur Farrant
 1932: Thelma Hocking, Leslie Bowen
 1933: Marie Taylor, Sydney Carpenter
 1934: Agnes Donaldson, Syd. Carpenter
 1935: Agnes Donaldson, Eric Renfree
 1936: Margaret Brumley, Max James
 1937: Eileen Colvin, John Farrands
 1938: Lesley Donaldson, David Morris
 1939: Norma Fyfe, David Morris
 1940: Marion Dawson, Kenneth Griffiths
 1941: Jean Sinclair, Ray. Westmoreland
 1942: Betty Crump, Allan Reid
 1943: Gillian Ward, William Harrington

1944: Joan Watson, Jean Watson
 Fergus Black
 1945: Jean Watson, Eric Mitchell
 1946: Jean Watson, William Russell
 1947: Dorothy Griffiths, Frank O'Shea
 1948: Patel Scholz, Bruce Kennedy
 1949: Mair Evans, Geoffrey Hayes
 1950: Lesley Barnes, Ralph Biddington
 1951: Lesley Barnes, Graeme Simon
 1952: Gwyneth Evans, Barry Simon
 1953: Jill Phillips, Max Stuart
 1954: Loris Hewson, Barry Burke
 1955: Elsa Carroll, Edward Hook
 1956: Ann Neville, Ian Cocks
 1957: Zenia Dennitt, Ken Bennett
 1958: Grace Shadforth, Alan Barlee
 1959: Janet Cox, John Dalton
 1960: Elizabeth Cox, Leigh Ward
 1961: Barbara Creed, Garry
 Huntingford, Peter Holloway
 1962: Margaret Fowler,
 Malcolm Pettigrove
 1963: Elizabeth Jarvis, Terence Tovey
 1964: Ute Martini, Graeme Cheeseman
 1965: Janet Cole, Douglas Noy
 1966: Karen Jolly, Albert Callewaert

In 1967, the traditional Prefect system was abolished, in favour of one which aimed at involving all senior students in an area of responsibility within the school environment. This resulted from problems of leadership associated with a large senior student body (up to 300 in Forms 5 and 6), and from the comparatively big intake each year of Matriculation students from area schools.

All senior students were invited to join a Committee suited to individual interests and abilities, and to accept responsibility and leadership within such groups. The plan is still in its experimental stages but has gained wide student acceptance, and has already produced leadership in a form which was sometimes lacking under the Prefect system.

ADVISORY COUNCIL, 1919-68

Records of the constitution of the Advisory Council are at some periods

ABBOTT, J.
ALLEN, Cr. L. W.
ANDREWS, Cr. G. T.
ARCHIBALD, I. J.
BARLEE, Mrs. J.
BATES, G. P.
BEAVIS, Mrs. J.
BILLING, Cr. N. A. W.
BOWMAN, Cr. A.
BROWN, A. H.
BUNNY, Cr. A. J.
BUNTINE, Rev. H.
BURGESS, A. S. (D.I.)
BUTLER, Cr. E. C.
CATTILIN, L. C.
CHILDS, P. H.
CORBELL, R. D.
CORNISH, J.
CRUMP, A. H.
CURTIS, E. (D.I.)
FIELD, J. W.
FISHER, A. T.
FRANCIS, Mrs. B.
FUNSTON, Cr. A. J.
GANGE, R. L. R.
GARDINER, W. T.
GARTSIDE, Cr. C. P.
GATLEY, Cr. A.
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JEFFERS, R.
JEWELL, Dr. J. R.

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KNOWLES, Cr. G. F.
LANGLEY, Dr. F. E.
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McLEOD, Mrs. I.
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RUSSELL, C. W.
RUSSELL, J. C.
RYAN, T.
SEEBECK, Cr. B. M.
SHARP, L. D.
SIMON, R. R.
SINGLETON, F. A.
STOCKS, C. G. (D.I.)
STREADER, D. C. (D.I.)
SULLIVAN, Cr. N. C.
SYER, J. J.
TAYLOR, C. W.
TEMPLE, Cr. A. E.
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THARLE, W. B.
THOMPSON, E. C.
TULLOCH, N. K.
WAGSTAFF, Cr. R. K.
WARD, F. S.
WEIR, H. J. (D.I.)
WILLIAMS, Cr. R. W.
WILLIAMSON, G.
WRIGHT, W. G.

THE TEACHING STAFF

The editor regrets any omissions which may have resulted from incomplete records. A tribute is paid to three members of Council in particular. Mr. F. A. Singleton was a member of the original Advisory Council, formed in 1919, and on the resignation of the Rev. H. Buntine, as President in 1924, was unanimously elected to the position, which he held with distinction until his resignation in 1953 — a period of 30 years. The same period of service was given by Mr. J. W. McAfee, who gave devoted and practical attention to the advancement of the school both as member and as office-bearer. On the resignation of Mr. Singleton, the office of President passed to Mr. C. G. Hartley, who has now occupied the position for 16 years, and continues to give the school the benefit of his commercial and social experience.

The present (1968) constitution of the Advisory Council is as follows —

Mr. C. G. Hartley (President; Cr. M. G. Jarvis (Vice-President); Mr. G. A. Newton (Treasurer); Dr. J. R. Jewell, Mr. C. W. Taylor, Mr. N. K. Tulloch, Cr. R. K. Wagstaff, Mr. P. H. Childs, Mrs. E. Green, Dr. K. R. Griffiths, Mr. L. D. Sharp, Mrs. C. J. Hendricks, Mrs. B. E. M. Francis, Mrs. C. G. Stocks (District Inspector of Schools) and Mr. K. B. Mitchell (Secretary and Principal).

Nearly 400 Victoria Education Department teachers have served on the staff of the school over the fifty year period. This is not a large staff turnover, and is an indication of what has become almost a tradition of long association with the school by many individual members of staff. Some have remained without a break, others have returned to the staff on separate occasions. This is not the general pattern in Victorian secondary schools, and must surely be regarded as a manifestation of what can be loosely defined as the development of a school tradition.

Many of those whose names appear on the list have subsequently achieved distinction within the Education Department, and in other career activities. All have shared, according to their differing qualities and abilities, in the development of a great school.

Every effort has been made to present a list which includes the name of every teacher who served the school. However, records are not always complete, and there may be omissions and inaccuracies. If so, this is to be regretted, and the Principal would welcome further details which would enable him to amend the list. In general, where a female teacher married, and rejoined the staff, her maiden name only has been included in the list.

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INTER-HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bluegum	Clematis	Orchid	Wattle
1923	1925	1924	1942
1928	1926	1933	1943
1931	1927	1934	1950
1932	1929	1939	1959
1935	1930	1940	1961
1937	1936	1944	1963
1947	1938	1945	1964
1952	1941	1948	
1953	1946	1951	
1957	1954	1965	
1962	1955		
1966	1956		
1967	1958		
	1960		

(1949 No Competition)

FABER QUISQUE FORTUNAE

1. We are the School,
 We make the rule,
 This is the song that we pass along.
 The word and the rhyme,
 The tune and the time,
 That the School will sing for ever.

Chorus

Work to win,
 Despair is sin,
 The best may fall to rise again,
 The team will win that tries again,
 Work conquers all.

2. This is the gate
 To the way long and straight,
 That leads to the road, where we
 carry our load
 With gladness or care,
 With courage to dare
 While we travel, we'll sing together.

Chorus

3. Work is our aim,
 Till our fortune we frame,
 Till we vanquish our foes
 And forget all our woes,
 Till we win every game
 and earn the fair name
 That the School will sing for ever.

Chorus

BLUEGUM HOUSE SONG

In a High School on the Highway,
 In the City of Dandenong,
 There are pupils, girls and boys,
 Short and tall and fat and long.

Chorus

Oh our Bluegum, Oh our Bluegum,
 To us, you are the best,
 We strive for you in earnest,
 With renewed zeal and zest.
 There are Houses, four in number,
 For which they strive to shine,
 But this one's good old Bluegum.
 How glad I am she's mine.

Chorus

This is Bluegum! We are Bluegum!
 In our swimming we do well,
 In athletics, choir and tennis,
 We really do excel.

Chorus

Here is Bluegum! Mighty Bluegum!
 We have our share of brains,
 With their studies and their lessons,
 Our scholars take great pains.

Chorus

Faber est quisque,
 Suae Fortunae!
 This, our motto, does inspires us,
 For we prove it every day.

Chorus

Onward Bluegum! Always Bluegum!
 Forward for our School's renown,
 But remember this, of all things,
 Never let the old House down.

MUSIC: "Clementine"

WORDS: D. Clift (1955)

CLEMATIS HOUSE SONG

Clematis is the best House in the School;
 Whatever it is, we meet the test,
 The highest standard is our rule,
 A standard higher than the rest.
 When other Houses try to beat us
 Our competition is too great,
 We never lose — we always win,
 We never lose — we always win,
 When they meet us they meet their fate.
 Ours is the best House, the Blue House

— Clematis.

Whatever we do, we don't give in.
 Clematis always march to victory,
 With faithful hearts and will to win
 Second's good, but first is better,
 But win or lose, we're of good cheer.
 We never lose — we always win,
 We never lose — we always win,
 We'll win the Cup again this year.

MUSIC: "Gendarmes Duet"

LYRICS: M. Pettigrove, M. Huss

ORCHID HOUSE SONG

Orchid is the best of all,
And forever, we will see,
Our purple banner flying high
Backed by Orchid's famous cry.
Orchid teamwork never fails
To impress the other teams
Of our most illustrious School.
Of our most illustrious School,
We have learned the Golden Rule —
Pull together to the end.
Never cease till the game's won,
Hope will last while Orchid lives.
On the sports field Orchid shines,
While in classroom Orchid shines,
Leave despair to other kids,
Leave despair to other kids.
When we leave old Dandy High,
We will cherish memories,
Of the fun and games we had
While in Orchid fighting on.
Never will our Orchid fail us,
Though the times be tough and grim,
Orchid still will wear a grin,
Orchid still will wear a grin.
MUSIC: "The Saints go Marching in."
WORDS: Orchid House (1958)

WATTLE HOUSE SONG

Wattle pulls together till the foe is glad
to run,
Our banner waves before us, gleaming
golden in the sun,
And when the game is toughest, Wattle
team-work has it won,
So our fame will live for aye.
Chorus
Wattle fellowship is glorious,
Fighting spirit meritorious,
We'll make Wattle still victorious,
So our fame will live for aye.
At work and on playing field, we give
the rest a fright,
We may not all be brilliant, but we try
with all our might,
And till the game is over, Wattle won't
give up the fight,
So our fame will live for aye.
Chorus
The champions of other years have borne
our flag along,
The School will still be proud of us, for
we won't do it wrong,
And future Wattle champions will join
us in our song,
And our fame will live for aye.
Chorus

FACTORS INFLUENCING MAJOR MOVEMENTS IN ENROLMENT OVER THE PERIOD 1919-1968

From 1919 to 1930 there was a steady annual increase in enrolment, consequent on the normal development of the school, the provision of additional transport facilities from rural areas, and an increasing awareness of the benefits resulting from a secondary education.

This movement was reversed during the period 1930 to 1935, and total enrolment had dropped to just over 200. This was partly due to the effects of a major economic depression, which forced many young people to enter commerce and industry, but an additional reason was the imposition of tuition fees, payable at all form levels by students attending secondary schools. From 1935 to 1953 there was a further period of steady growth punctuated by a fall during the years 1945 to 1947 consequent on a new zoning system, and by a marked rise in 1953 due to the extension of bus services.

To this stage, the school had been taking students from an area extending westwards to Oakleigh and eastwards to Waragul. During the period 1953-1961 High Schools were established at Springvale (1953), Dandenong (1957), Doveton (1960), Noble Park (1961), Lyndale (1961)

and a Technical School at Dandenong (1953). This temporarily levelled out D.H.S. enrolment at about 800, but remarkable growth again followed, to reach an all time high of 1,140 in 1963. This was due mainly to extraordinary industrial activity within the City of Dandenong, now virtually the zoned area of the school, and the attraction to the city of a greatly increased population.

From 1963, there has been another fall in the school population, which it is expected will settle around the 900 student level. This has resulted from the development and extension of the other secondary schools in the area, now in most cases able to provide full courses at all levels. A feature of the D.H.S. enrolment pattern remains the establishment in each year of a large Form VI, usually over 100, with a very wide range of subjects available for study.

As indicated by the enrolment graph, for the approximate period 1933-1960, there was a marked disparity between numbers of boys and girls in attendance. This followed from the introduction of domestic science and commercial courses for girls in 1933, and tended to remain the pattern until the early 1960's, when the Dandenong Girls' High School had become fully established, and D.H.S. teaching was directed more towards entrance to some form of tertiary education.

For THOSE LEAVING SCHOOL:

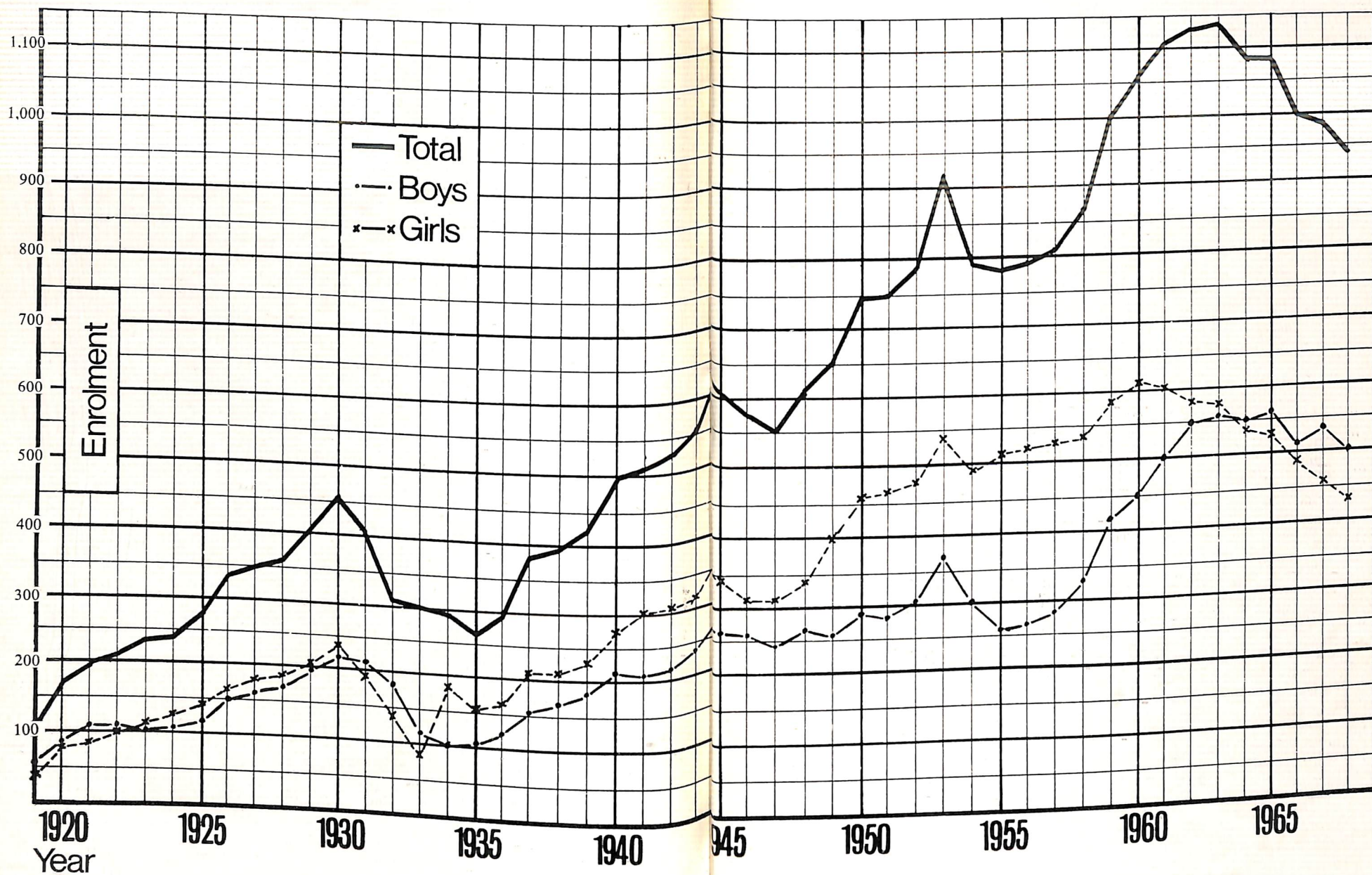
For these whose learning days are o'er,
the world has greater fame,
Remember Wattle's spirit, and you'll
always play the game,
Your House and School have faith in you
— we give you our good name,
And your fame will live for aye!

Chorus

You'll never tame a tiger while he's
hunting for his meat,
You'll never lick an army that refuses
to retreat,
And Wattle can't be beaten, for we never
know defeat,
So our fame will live for aye.

MUSIC: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
WORDS: Mr. J. B. Robertson.

D.H.S. Enrolments 1919-1968



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