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OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AT NUMURKAH
1924 - 1974



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NUMURKAH SECONDARY SCHOOL STAFF, 1975

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John Finlayson,
Graeme Ingram,
Chris King,
Peter Lawlor,
Colin Littlejohn,
Mark McNamara,
Sean McMullan,
Michael Mew,
Michael O'Hare,
Peter Ryan,
Chris Skinner,
Chris Tuttle,
Robert Williams,
Andrew Woods,
Stephen Marriott,
Linda Bale,
Kerrie Bennett,
Joanne Bentley,
Sandra Boase,
Deborah Booth,
Dianna Boers,
Mary Burch,
Karen Burkitt,
Annette Cardwell,
Penny Corken,
Kathy Cummins,
Fiona Guthrie,
Lyn Harris,
Sue Holmes,
Margaret Henderson,
Debra Hobley,
Rhonda McCormack,
Gavle McKeown,
Julie McNamara,
Maureen Maskell,
Rosemary Osredkar,
Diana Pendlebury,
Susanne Pendlebury,
Janet Roughsedge,
Pam Rowe,
Nicole Schoonderbeek
Pam Simmons,
Jill Smith,
Jan Sinclair,
Barabara Sutton,
Deborah Wait,
Christine Woods.

FORM V.N

John Barber,
Gary Connor,
Dennis Cruikshank,
Bryan Dickinson,
Christopher Doody,
Neil Heard,
Steven Hunter,
Stephen Piper.
Beverley Adams,
Sandra Baldock,

Wendy Barwick,
Debra Brown,
Kerry Brown,
Linda Brown,
Deddie Cox,
Nerida Graham,
Elaine Gribben,
Anne Hurley,
Sharyn Loe,
Janice Lukies,
Leonie Moore,
Julie Strawhorn,
Alison White,
Lynne Wilkinson.

FORM V.C

Robert Cox,
Noel Hobley,
Greg Mayberry,
Michael O'Malley,
Alan Rickard,
Ian Scott,
Frank Winn.
Faye Burkitt,
Lynda Gumbys,
Sandra Hall,
Jenny Hallett,
Ruth Harris,
Pam Hendy,
Browyn Hopkins,
Christine Jack,
Joanne Matys,
Maxine Peel,
Jan Sargent,
Bev Stewart,
Carmel Van Ryn,
Lynette Waller,
Cheryl Wilson,
Lorraine Younger.

FORM 5.H

Chris Bell,
Rodney Cowan,
Ian Henderson,
Robert Kirne,
Douglas Miller,
Ross Plant,
Garry Powles,
Andrew Richardson,
Dennic Rickard,
Joe Sozanski,
Joe Wallace,
Josie Barbaro,
Gayle Beitzel,
Valda Betts,
Julie Clark,
Glenda Freeland,
Louise Guthrie,
Jenny Hendy,
Dianne Honey,
Veronica Kelly,
Sue Kinsev,
Jenny Little,

Heather Munro,
Leanne Newby,
Kerrie Sigley,
Cheryl Smith,
Anne Sutton,
Sheree Watson.

FORM 5.S

Stephen Carey,
Peter Cers,
Joey Crawford,
Kevin Dunn,
Christopher Evans,
Christopher Geddes,
Laurie Lawless,
Brian Limbrick,
Ross Moore,
Tony Norris,
Bevan Richards,
Mark Rovers,
Ray Speechly,
David Williams.
Barbara Allen,
Heather Bain,
Lyn Broadbent,
Louise Brown,
Raelene Eddy,
Julie Foster,
Robyn Kilgour,
Julie Reynolds,
Lisa Schoonderbeek,
Maureen Shannon,
Marcia Skinner.

FORM 4.N

Jeffrey Blyth,
Peter Brown,
Trevor Carlisle,
Grant Carroll,
Keith Church,
Kevin Clark,
David Crawford,
Leonard Darcy,
Russell Firman,
Wayne German,
Wayne Helliwell,
Michael Jorgensen,
Barry Lawrence,
Duncan McPherson,
Daniel Massaioli,
Donald O'Brien,
Barry O'Dwyer,
Peter Oswald,
John Peace,
Brian Watson,
Richard Wright,
Julie Baldock,
Pam Bale,
Kristine Cole,
Veronica Coles,
Dawn Hall,
Janine Newton,
Jenine Reynoldson,

Mary-Ann Rovers,
Janet Ryan,
Alison Simpson,
Mary Thorp.

FORM 4.D

Graeme Caccianiga,
Francis Cummins,
Keith Farrar,
Ken Felminghan,
Anthony Hendy,
David Kelly,
Russell Knopp,
David Ludington,
Hugo McMullan,
Neil McPherson,
Gary Schmedje,
Trevor Seccull,
Chris Shannon,
Craig Sharp,
Petre Sprunt,
Gregory Strawhorn,
Anth. Van Grinsven,
Peter Waser.
Robyn Allen,
Glenda Beverley,
Jan Dealy,
Kerrie Fitzpatrick,
Lynne Gillespie,
Jill Holmes,
Rhonda Honey,
Colleen Kirne,
Dianne Mapletoft,
Bev Morris,
Katherine O'Dwyer,
Kevin Shadforth,
Marilyn Trease.

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Danny Burke,
Phillip Daniel,
Steven Felmingham,
Lawrence Foley,
Robert Graham,
Gavin Hall,
Trevor Hopkins,
Jeff Lyon,
Des McCormack,
Greg Miller,
Peter Mitchell,
Ross Nicoll,
Stephen O'Dwyer,
Alan Piggott,
Mark Rumble,
Simon Trencher,
Peter Trew,
Henry Van Den Boom
Phillip Gadsby.
Dianne Brown,
Karen Fitzpatrick,
Christine Danaher,
Bronwyn Green,

Karen Hay,
Louise Hogan,
Elizabeth Kilgour,
Hilary McAllister,
Rosemarie Main,
Elizabeth Manley,
Angie Mitchell,
Margaret Rendall,
Sue Sutherland.
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Harold Andrew,
Andrew Burch,
Philip Cadel,
Michael Fothergill,
Greg Kinross,
Graeme McNamara,
Trevor Norman,
Jeffrey Paynter,
Richard Pryde,
Gregory Stell,
Richard Thomas,
Shirley Clark,
Vicki Cossens,
Kaye Gardham,
Wendy Gread,
Cheryl Little,
Julie McClelland,
Jillian Maloney,
Julie Ottrey,
Leanne Powles,
Susan Schifferle,
Debbie Valentine,
Leanne Webb.
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Mark Davies,
Michael Gledhill,
Rodney Green,
Douglas Larkin,
Bernard Lawlor,
John McRae,
Stephen Mahney,
Stephen Piggott,
Peter Sargent,
Robert Sutton,
Paul Simpson,
Adrain Tyndall.
Wendy Baldi,
Pamela Dimond,
Robin Felmingham,
Leonie Fisher,
Alison Griffin,
Judith Jack,
Sandra Keating,
Natalino Martino,
Anne Monk,
Helen Pendlebury,
Robyn Thomas,
Louise Waite.
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Ralph Burch,

Dale Eyre,
Mark Harris,
Bill Hunter,
Glenn Kennedy,
Ian Mayberry,
Greg McRae,
Chris Partington,
David Pell,
Wayne Scott,
George Stell,
Joe Tyndall,
Bruce Wills,
Peter Woodroofe.
Lynette Billingham,
Dianne Brown,
Judi Carlisle,
Jean Hay,
Lindy Metcalf,
Elizabeth O'Callaghan
Valma Sawyer,
Jackie Simpson,
Helen Sutherland,
Kerrie Walker,
Cathie Wallace,
Susan Waser,
Elizabeth Watson,
Janette Wilson,
Wendy Wright.
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Stephen Brown,
Graham Carroll,
Colin Curtis,
Ricki Dunham,
Daryl Felmingham,
Ricky Kelly,
Wayne Kinsey,
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James Mahoney,
Murray Matthews,
Ian Munro,
Tomothy O'Malley,
Stephen Pedley,
Graeme Pocknee,
Stephen Shannon,
Neville Simkin.
Andrea Dick,
Beth Evans,
Debbie Evans,
Janene Gooding,
Wendy Honey,
Dolly Jenkins,
Debra Keating,
Sandra McAllister,
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Alley Mitchell,
Jennie Pearce,
Chris Ritchie,
Carol Rodaughan,
Helen Rodaughan,
Donna Rumble.
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Desmond Bentley,

Robert Cadel,
Ian Chaffey,
Frank Eddy,
Geoff Hicks,
Stephen Holmes,
Gary Lawlor,
Trevor Menadue,
Murray Patrick,
James Richardson,
Stuart Schifferle,
Steven Sigley,
John Strawhorn,
Graeme Sutton,
Allan Thomson,
Anthony Thorpe,
John Twitt,
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Sally-Anne Crawford,
Coral German,
Kaye Heard,
Leanne Loe,
Kerrie Miller,
Denise Rumbold,
Dianne Sprunt,
Vicki Sutton,
Louise Tuttle,
Sandra Ward,
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Christine Cardwell,
Deborah Kerrins.
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Rodney Campbell,
Allan Cox,
Phillip Ferguson,
John Green,
William Gundrill,
Ian Hendy,
Trevor Hicks,
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Geoffrey McKellar,
Stephen Spence,
Ashley Williams,
David Williams,
Greg Watson,
Jeff Barber.
Rodney Hall.
Robyn Burkitt,
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Susan Duncan,
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Carol Gumbys,
Janine Hands,
Donna Jelliff,
Glenda Pool.
Helen Schifferle,
Rhonda Schulz,
Cathie Smith.
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Doug Brown,
Kevin Callahan,
Gregory Duffy,
Ian Dunn,
Michael Falconer,
Greg Heap,
Gary Hobley,
Neil Jubber,
Chris Marriot,
Neil McNamara,
Mark Norton,
Colin Pendlebury,
Graeme Richards,
Noel Squires,
Jeffrey Taylor,
Barry Thorn,
Coral Van Ryn.
Linda Baker,
Dianna Booth,
Jenny Cardwell,
Leanne Connally,
Debbie Gibbs,
Vicki Graham,
Jennifer Hudson,
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Lynda Nicholl,
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Julie Scott,
Lynette Scott.
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Robert Cook,
Peter Eddy,
Colin French,
Christopher Guthrie,
Stephen Grandell,
Philip Harrison,
Tony Hay,
Hillary Heenan,
Wayne Hendv,
Robert Hubsch,
Tony Mitchell,
Peter Moss,
Tony Mulcahy,
Mark Newton,
Philip O'Dwyer,
Dale Pearce.
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Karen Day,
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Katrina Henderson,
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Donald Ottrey,
Warren Pendlebury,
Russell Piggott,
Russell Retallick,
Peter Stanbrook,
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Robyn Gread,
Susan Kelly,
Megan Kinsey,
Heather Marriott,
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Dale Thomas,
Philip Thompson,
Neil Thomson,
Brett Walker.
Heather Barnstable,
Wendy Carroll,
Irene Chrisafis,
Katherin Cook,
Kathleen Dunn,
Susan Garner,
Karen Graham,
Sue-Anne Graham,
Sue Gregory.
Jennifer Helliwell,
Robyn Hurley,
Sandra Jack,
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Kim McRae,
Jennifer Ogilvie,
Julie Rothenberger,
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INTRODUCTION:

The Numurkah Primary School (S.S. 2134) originated out of a proposal by a selector William Saxton about 1878. Five acres of land in the present central situation had been allocated for a school in the initial town survey. A one room Primary School with Teacher's quarters of 2 rooms (later used as a Head Teacher's residence and then as a shelter shed) was transported to the site and set up at a cost of about £190. It was officially opened in September, 1879 by District Inspector, Robert Craig. The teacher, Mr Thomas Livingstone rode in from Drumanure on horse back each day. Mr Charles Ross of Shepparton became his assistant. There were no buses in those days and pupils walked or found other means of reaching school. Horse back and horse and gig were common. They were tough times and tough people. Most areas remained in timber (Pines, Bull-oaks) and scrub and it is reported that Mr Brenion had to plough a furrow for his children to follow to and from school. Other families blazed trees.

There were 29 pupils representing all classes. Families in the original enrolment were: Brenion (4), Callander (3), Collett (2), Cuthbert (1), Elliott (2), Green (2), Mortill (1), McAuliffe (4), Paterson (2), Ralston (1), Tilburn (2),

Saxton (5). Since the passing of the Education Act of 1872 pupils of all ages commenced their education wherever a school was provided. But many found it tedious or hard-going and were irregular in interest and attendance. Generally their object was to obtain a Certificate of Exemption. Soon the "Stand-



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ard" was established at Class 4 level (allowing pupils to leave) while the "Merit" at Class 6 provided a goal for further education. Later with the adoption of eight "Grades" there was a Qualifying Certificate at Grade 6 and

the Merit Certificate at Grade 8. By 1882 the school attendance was 40 pupils and by 1900 it was over 200 and an Infant Room (30'x18') was added.

From among the early teachers and students we can be proud of such people as Thomas Livingstone, later Minister for Public Instruction in Victoria, John T. Saxton, Chief Inspector of Primary Schools, Miss Mary Lane a Medical Officer for many years with the Education Department, Arthur Green, Minister for the Presbyterian Church and more recently Mr George C. Moss, M.L.A., Leader of the Country Party, Sir Frank Selleck, Lord Mayor of Melbourne 1955-57, Mr Ronald A. Reed, former Senior Master Numurkah H.E.S. who served in the 1960's as Director of Secondary Education, Mr Harold Krutli who in 1974 received recognition for 50 years of dental practice in Maryborough (Vict.)

THE H.E.S. YEARS 1924-1950:

As the town and district continued to grow additional rooms were added and some others hired until in the 1920's there was a desire to extend the standard of education offered to the Intermediate Certificate level. Prominent in the Committee work in this move were Messrs F. G. Moss (first School Council Chairman), J. S. Christie whose untimely death in 1926 shocked the district, J. Findlay, A. E. Morris, C. Corlett, G. A. Bedwell, D F. Rendell, F. A. Guenther, A. Stringer, G. Bitcon, R. J. Barton, C. Hilliard, A. S. Marshall, J. C. Martin. Their efforts were rewarded with the opening of Higher Elementary classes in 1924 with 2 pupils in Form C (present Form IV) and 21 pupils

in Form D (present Form III). Forms F and E replaced Grades 7 and 8 and the students commenced Secondary School courses and subjects. Mr Timothy Lehane was the Head Teacher during 1924 and he was allotted a Secondary Staff consisting of: Miss F. W. Legg, Mr J. H. Miller, Mr Curtain and Mr Richards.



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Pupils for the newly formed Higher Elementary classes were drawn from town and district as follows: Numurkah (64), Katunga (4), Invergordon (2), Wunghnu (1), Strathmerton (1) Drumanure (1), Baulkamaugh (1), Finley (1), Violet Town (1) — Total 76 pupils.

For a time the new classes were held in one large room and a smaller room of the Presbyterian Hall, but with furniture stacked in corners, easel blackboards and practically no playground space, it was felt better to transfer back to the school site. The situation was very cramped at first but there was the promise of new rooms to be built. Subjects offered to Intermediate Certificate level were: English, Latin (dropped), French, History, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science Drawing, Agriculture, Needlework.

Hygiene, Singing, Physical Training. The school hoped soon to have rooms for Cookery and Woodwork. It was noted that equipment was meagre although the young Secondary School had to adjust itself to the quite exacting standards of the Melbourne University's external Intermediate Examinations. The first complete Intermediate qualification was obtained at the Public Examinations in 1925.

A big occasion in the life of the School, town and district was the visit on Friday, 22nd October 1926, by the Minister for Education, Sir Alexander Peacock for the Official Opening of the new Secondary Classrooms. These had been added in brick construction, as planned, to the Primary School unit. Pupils from the district Primary Schools were invited with their teachers and parents and so learned of the new educational opportunities that would be available to them in Numurkah. Shepparton and Nathalia already had Secondary Education.

The newly erected shelter pavilion and the surrounding quadrangle area was the scene of the opening ceremony. A number of distinguished men accompanied Sir Alexander Peacock on the visit. Colonel Bouchier, M.L.A., was well known for his military career, also as a farmer and as a member of our State Parliament where he was then serving as Minister for Agriculture. He had played an active part along with Mr George Tuckett, M.L.C., in having the secondary classes established. Mr John T. Saxton was the senior officer of the Education Department in the absence of the famous Director, Mr Frank Tate, from whom an apology had been recorded. Mr N. C. Heathcote, District Inspector, was present to affirm the commendable enthusiasm that existed

locally for the higher stage of education in the district. The Shire President, Cr James Ball, had received the visitors at a civic luncheon.

Mr F. George Moss, President of the newly formed Secondary School Council, presided at the Official Opening commencing at 2 p.m. He welcomed the many visitors and congratulated the School Council's Secretary (Correspondent), Mr Charles Coriett and the local Committee upon their grand financial effort in having the district's share of funds available so quickly. £1,200 from the community and £300 from Shire Council — Total £1,500.

Sir Alexander spoke of the schools as a great decentralizing force. Victoria as at the time spending £2,000,000 per year on education. He was glad to be pressed by progressive men like Colonel Bouchier and Mr Tuckett to extend to a country centre facilities such as these. Great work had been done by our pioneering families and we must continue their work. They had been prepared to make enormous efforts and to meet sacrifices to obtain education for their children.

Colonel Bouchier also commended the financial feat performed by the local committee. He explained to the early pupils that they would be setting the standards for the development of the young Secondary School and that this was a great responsibility. He referred to the fact that Mr J. T. Saxton, a Chief Inspector of Schools, had begun his education as one of the initial pupils of the newly formed Primary School (S.S. 2134) at Numurkah in 1879. Mr Tuckett supported the Colonel's remarks mentioning that Colonel Bouchier had played the main part in steering the Numurkah project along.

He, himself, had played a larger part in bringing Secondary classes to Nathalia. He felt that the districts must next try to have Leaving classes added.

Mr John T. Saxton spoke of his personal knowledge of the establishment, nearly 50 years ago, of the first little portable school at Numurkah. The children of this district had been running wild until his late father, William Saxton, and other interested settlers had made the move to have a primary School established. He was glad that this district realized that it could not stand still, although he explained just how complex the work of the Education Department was becoming, mentioning the inclusion of correspondence tuition and education for handicapped children as examples. Education was the way to the top and was the way to a full and satisfying life.

The speakers were thanked by Messrs R. J. Barton and G. Bitcon supported by hearty applause from those present. Afternoon tea was then served by the Ladies' Committee for the adults while the children of all the schools in attendance were gathered together in a well planned sports meeting. Pupils of the new H.E.S. classes assisted with stalls to cater for the children's needs and make the occasion quite a memorable day for them.

Past pupils and teachers of the H.E.S. years may recall some of the following points of interest and development:-

1924 76 Pupils: Opening of the H.E.S. classes at the Presbyterian Hall and then their return to the S.S. 2134 site Mr Timothy Lehane, H.T., and Secondary Teachers: Miss Legg (returned later also), Mr Miller, Mr Curtis, Mr Richards School Speech Nights commenced.

1925 85 Pupils: Coming of Mr Norm-

an McHutchinson, H.T. Secondary Teachers: Mr J. H. Miller, Mr C. Jorgensen, Miss L. Davis, Miss M. McIntosh. Plans for 2 larger room, Science Room, Office, 2 Stores, Locker Room for H.E.S. **1926 94 Pupils:** New H.E.S. rooms completed — Opening by Sir Alexander Peacock, Minister for Education, in October 1926. Old Shelter Shed (former Teacher's Residence) removed. New Shelter Shed with 3 divisions locally built at cost of £163 on £1 for £1 basis. Garden reformed. School Orchestra trained by Mr John Lewis.

1927 85 Pupils: Grounds graded and gravelled, 2 Tennis Courts (£56). Electric Light in 4 rooms. Sloyd Room transported in and fitted up. Piano, Sewing machine, Gramophone. Clubs, debates, socials. Red Cross, Inter-School Sports, Junior and Senior Swimming Certificates.

1928 90 Pupils: Ex-students Association commenced. 96 steel lockers (half cost by Ladies Club). Mr Joseph E. Youlden as Head Teacher. New cricket pitch.

1929 89 Pupils: Woodwork teacher added to staff. Efforts to expand Form Libraries and Reference Library. 2 pictures presented by Ex-Student Association.

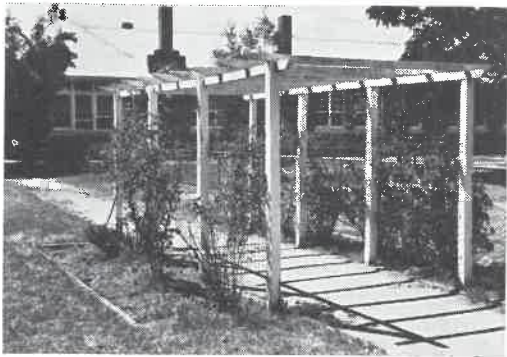
1930 109 Pupils: 8 tanks now for drinking water. Pepper trees lopped. Secondary teachers were Mr J. B. Deegan, Mr F. C. Wenborn, Miss F. W. Legg, Miss M. Fraser.

1931 102 Pupils: Lockers could be provided for each pupil. A system of bells for the classrooms.

1932 100 Pupils: First rose pergola built. Rotary Duplicator £23.15.0. Excursion train to Melbourne raised £60.

1933 96 Pupils: Local water supply for garden. More shrubs, also children's playground.

1934 83 Pupils: Mr William J. A. Doherty came as H.T. in Term III. 2nd Pergola in grounds. 9 pictures and radio set. £5 from Ex-Student efforts. £70 from Train Excursion.



ROSE PERGOLA

1935 82 Pupils: 2 Tennis Courts resurfaced. New B.B. Court from Ex-Students and Mothers Club. New Radiator. Reference Books £16.

1936 79 Pupils: Display boards. Map stand. Clubs for Craft, Drama, Science, Photography.

1937 97 Pupils: Mr Matthew A. Hogan came as H.T. Telephone connections. Plans for a combined tool shed and bike shed.

1938 92 Pupils: Filling in low areas of grounds £70. Garden Kerbing and Paths £22. Bike and Tool Shed built £24. New Typewriter £30. Intermediate Certificate examination results excellent.

1939 105 Pupils: New Form names adopted. Forms I, II, III, IV (replaced F, E, D, C). £54 spent on equipment. New gravel B.B. Courts.

1940 124 Pupils: Bus service from Cobram began. 53 new pupils with half from surrounding district. Excellent I.C. results again. New Dom. Arts Block — Local bodies supplied £100 towards equipment for this. Cookery classes for Forms I, II, III. Blinds for visual educa-

tion. (This cookery room was later used as a Cafeteria for the Primary School).



CAFETERIA — PRIMARY SCHOOL

1941 133 Pupils: Leaving class started with 10 pupils. Cobram bus had 34 pupils. Cookery and Woodwork taken to Form IV. Bicycle shed enlarged. £18 Library, £13.13.0 New Lockers, £13 Education Dept. War Effort.

1942 132 Pupils: Leaving pupil (left early). Most students passed I.C. £10 Pictures, £12 Lockers, £20 Library, £24 Grounds.

1943 131 Pupils: 8 Leaving Certificate pupils (Form V). Vegetable plots in front of school (wartime gesture). £22.10.0 Library Books, £61.16.10 War Relief, Local Social Service projects.

1944 185 Pupils: Mr Carl W. Pettersson came as H.T. Growth of 54 secondary pupils with 99 students travelling on 3 bus services — also 15 boarders. 12 Pupils in Form V. Front Garden reorganized, old trees removed. S.R.C. formed. Wireless £98. Library £30. War Relief £63.3.11 War Savings Certificates. Visit by Mr T. T. Hollway, M.L.A., Minister for Education to consider the possibility of up-grade to High School status.

1945 186 Pupils: 3 bus routes serving Cobram, Strathmerton, Katamatite, Bearii, bringing 115 pupils. Form V of 15 pupils secured outstanding success

at Leaving Certificate exams. Accommodation problem caused Literary classes to be held in Woodwork and Cookery Centres. Seats in grounds. Parallel bars and punch ball, Tennis Courts re-surfaced. Amplifiers £90. Reference and Fiction Library £60. Garden tools.

1946 180 Pupils: 5 Bus Services — Cobram Express (38), Cobram-Strathmerton (27), Cobram-Katamatite (21), Bearii (16), Mundoona-Wunghnu (24). Part-time classes in Typing and Commercial English for ex-servicemen. Library £50, Craft equipment £15. Term Socials and Music excursions.

1947 205 Pupils: 5 buses with 138 pupils. Shortage of rooms now acute Form 11, 55 pupils. More Secondary pupils than Primary (205 : 168). Methodist and M.U. Halls hired. Assemblies in Methodist Hall. (Some boys seated on floor). Loans of prints from National Gallery. Social Service £111. Morning cocoa and biscuits served by Mothers Club with assistance of bus drivers.

1948 210 Pupils: Mr David L. Bartholomew as H.T. 5 buses brought 140 pupils. Part of quadrangle concreted. Visiting speakers at Assemblies. Film Projector £26.15.0. Army hut transferred from Tatura provided for Needlework, Art and Commercial classes.

1949 235 Pupils: Form V (11), Form IV (32), Form III (51). (Leaving, Intermediate, Proficiency). These numbers justified the request for a High School for Numurkah. 2nd Army hut assisted the accommodation of primary grades.

1950 228 Pupils: Education Department confirmed High School status for 1951. Mr A. M. Rogers was appointed as Head Master (Principal). Mr Richard Clements had taken over as H.T. (Primary).



A. M. ROGERS, 1st Headmaster N.H.S.

1951 246 Pupils: Mr A. M. Rogers opened the newly proclaimed High School with 246 pupils in Form 1 to V and a staff of 12 teachers and 1 clerk. Mr William Ross Tennant was appointed at H.T. of the Primary School during this year.

The Ministerial visit on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1944, had proved to be another important milestone in Education for Numurkah. The Minister for Education, Mr Tom Hollway, M.L.A., accompanied by Mr J. G. McDonald, M.L.A., Minister for Water Supply, Mr R. Kilpatrick, M.L.A. and the Director of Education, Mr J. Arnold Seitz, was received at a Numurkah Town Hall Public Meeting while School Committee and district representatives put Numurkah's case for a separate High School as the logical extension of Secondary Education. Local speakers and advocates including Rev. J. B. Allison,

Messrs. W. H. Hunkin (Committee Chairman), W. A. Retallick (Correspondent), Ray Firman, W. Little, G. C. Wilson, G. C. Moss, L. A. Hamon, E. C. Watters, S. Stife, and Crs F. Garonne, Mackenzie, W. Prentice, W. Hooper, W. L. Mcss, J. Henderson, W. R. Denson, Rev. Fr. Rohan, Head Teacher Carl Petterson, and District Inspector H. J. Bennett. They showed the growing number of families who could be served by a local High School, and indicated also that there was local enthusiasm and support for this next stage of progress in education. Following Mr Hollway's expression of general approval the suggested Tocumwal Road block (present High School site) was inspected by Director J. A. Seitz and recommended as suitable. Negotiations were then commenced for its purchase to be made on behalf of the Victorian Education Department.



NUMURKAH HIGH SCHOOL 1951

Much follow up work and investigation had been necessary in pressing the case for a High School. The succeeding Committee Chairman, Mr W. D. McDonald, and the Correspondent, Mr G. H. Morieson, supported by their Committee and by district organisations are to be commended on their continuing efforts to have the higher stage of Secondary Education established in Numurkah as soon as possible.

1951 had seen the proclamation of the Numurkah High School with the Primary and Secondary divisions under separate Head Masters, Mr Arch M. Rogers, B. A., Dip. Ed., Secondary, and Mr William Ross Tennant, Primary. The schools operated on the same site and bore some handicaps as they concentrated upon their separate programmes. Bus services were now well established and the 1952 growth in numbers saw a further bus service, and a two-roomed aluminium unit added as well as the hiring of the Band Hall. Rapid growth continued and a wooden pre-fabricated met the immediate need. unit of two classrooms and a staff room



W. J. LITTLE, President of original Advisory Council

A new Badge had been designed by Bettye Sloley, Form V, using the old motto, 'Non Nobis Sed Omnibus' — Not for ourselves but for all. Bangerang was adopted as a title for the school maga-

zine from the general name of the nine small tribes of Aborigines found living around the district creeks when white settlement had first entered the area. House names originated from World War II men whose lives were given in the services and whose families had a long association with the school — John Christie, John Gray, Gregory Hunkin, and Charles Tweddle.

The original Head Master (Principal) and Staff of the new High School, 1951

Mr A. M. Rogers, B.A., Dip. Ed., Head Master,

Mr G. I. Gazzard, B.A., B.Ed., Senior Master.

Mr G. M. Crowl, B.Sc., Dip. Ed.

Mr H. V. Butler, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Mr L. J. Senini, D.T.S.C., T.T.C. (Man. Arts).

Mr R. L. McDermott, T.P.T.C.

Mr R. W. Terrill, B.A., T.P.T.C.

Mr K. J. Nolan, B. Com., T.P.T.C.

Miss J. A. Birt, B.A., Dip. Ed. Senior Mistress.

Miss L. J. Kelso, T.T.C. (Man. Arts).

Miss H. Gill, B.A., Dip. Ed.

Miss E. J. White, T.D.A.T.C.

Miss B. McNamara, Clerk.

Original Advisory Council — Numurkah High School, 1951:

Mr W. J. Little (President),

Mr G. H. Morieson, B.D.Sc. (Treasurer).

Mr R. A. Adams.

Mr G. K. Cowan.

Rev. W. Ellis, B.A., B.D.

Mr C. F. Goodwin.

Mr F. A. Guenther, M.P.S.

Mr V. J. Hargreaves.

Mr J. E. Martin.

Hon. G. C. Moss, M.L.A.

Cr. M. A. Stokes.

Cr. J. J. Thornton.

Mr R. J. Chapman, B.A., B.Ed. (District Inspector).

Mr A. M. Rogers, B.A., Dip. Ed. (Secretary).

Welfare League Office Bearers:

Mr H. Russell, President.

Mrs G. Cowan and Mr C. F. Goodwin, Vice-Presidents.

Mr G. Cowan, Secretary.

Miss O. Lewis, Treasurer.

Religious Education was provided by:

Reverend V. M. Lines.

D. Kennedy.

W. Ellis.

C. J. Williams.

First School Prefects:

Marjorie Reynoldson (Senior Girl Prefect); Alice Brown; Barbara Sanders; Valerie McLeod; Bettye Sloley; Margaret Watters.

Ronald Harding (Senior Boy Prefect); John Clements; Donald Janetski; Kenneth Morgan; Roger Moore; Graeme Sanders.

House Captains 1951:

CHRISTIE:

Majorie Reynoldson, Hugh Henderson.

GRAY:

Barbara Sanders, William Holman.

HUNKIN:

Margaret Watters, Kenneth Morgan.

TWEDDLE:

Alice Brown, Ronald Harding.

Open Day in Education Week 1951 was attended by some 270 visitors who were met by the School Prefects and conducted along to exhibits in various subject rooms.

The Minister for Education, Mr P. P. Inchbold, accompanied by Mr G. C. Moss, then Minister for Agriculture, visited the combined schools on another occasion in 1951.

In its second year, 1952, the school had lost the services of Mr G. Ivor Gazzard, Senior Master who had become Head Master of the new Foster High School. Mr G. M. Crowl

then became Senior Master while Miss J. A. Birt remained as the Senior Mistress. Mr Stokes and Cr J. J. Thornton were also lost to the Advisory Council with just one replacement in Cr A. C. Miller. In the Welfare League, Rev. W. Ellis replaced Miss O. Lewis as Treasurer.

A special feature of this second year was a return visit to Bacchus Marsh High School with additional excursions arranged to the Ford Motor Works and International Harvester Co. and other features of the Geelong area as well as a Brown Coal Mine and the Werribee Gorge. Returning through Melbourne the party was able to make stops at Parliament House, the Eastern Hill Fire Station, the Fitzroy Gardens with Capt. Cook's Cottage, and Studley Park. The 45 pupils from Form IV, V and VI were also able to have time for organized and informed contacts

with the students of their host school.

In 1953, Mr Rogers had Mr V. J. Tippett, S. V. Dyson and I. C. McKean as his Senior Staff members and in that year Mr G. H. Morieson moved to the Leadership of the Advisory Council with Rev. W. Ellis as new Treasurer, Cr J. J. Thornton and Mr J. E. Tuttle were also members. The Welfare League was led by Mr C. F. Goodwin (President), Mr Cleave and Mr Chant (Vice Presidents), Rev W. Ellis (Treasurer) and Mr G. Cowan (Secretary).

Important happenings of the 1953 Coronation Year appear to have set the pattern of Ceremonies for Installation of Prefects and House Captains, Empire Day, Anzac Day and Education Week with a School Open Day. There was also a Ministerial Visit in which the Minister for Education, Mr E. Shepherd was accompanied by the noted Director of Education, Major General



EARLY ADVISORY COUNCIL, 1954

A. H. Ramsay. Most school sports fixtures were established and the School Athletes visited Benalla for the combined Schools Meeting and gained a creditable third place. Excursions to local areas and further afield to Mt Beauty brightened up the year's activities. Several Club activities found a place in the School programme. It is pleasant to record that the Bell Monitor of 1953, Adrian Twitt, is now in charge of the "Centre for Adult Education" in Wangaratta.

For the 1954 year, Mr Rogers still retained most of his teaching staff and Mr James T. Christie had filled the Advisory Council position vacated by Mr V. J. Hargreaves transferring to Melbourne. Mr Christie's late father had been a foremost worker for Secondary Education in Numurkah at the time of his death in 1926. The Welfare League was led by Rev W. Ellis (President), and Mr G. Cowan (Secretary-Treasurer) and a Ladies Auxiliary elected Mrs G. C. Moss (President) and Mrs J. McKenzie (Secretary).

Provision was made on 5th March for all school pupils to assemble at the Deakin Reserve Shepparton for the visit by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. The year was also notable for the considerable progress with the N.H.S. Library and for a Speech Night in which an address by Professor A. B. P. Amies, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Science, emphasized the theme, "That the years that follow great social upheavals (e.g. World War II) are also years of fluctuating moral values"; These were years of very large classes sometimes around 50 pupils in Junior Forms.

1955 was Mr A. M. Rogers' final year with the Numurkah High

School on account of his promotion to Horsham High School. All had recognized his thoughtful, sincere and friendly qualities and his vital part in establishing the new Secondary School on sound lines. During this year Mr G. K. Cowan took over the Treasurer position in the Advisory Council from Rev W. Ellis whose departure was recognised as a loss to the school.

Mr J. T. Christie (President) and Mr G. K. Cowan were now Office Bearers of the Welfare League and the Ladies Auxiliary was led by Mrs Goodwin (President) and Mrs Kirby (Secretary).

Among the school highlights were visits to Alexandra, Rubicon Power Station and Yarrawonga, while Baccus Marsh pupils were again received at this school. Through the efforts of the local committees, work had been started upon the first section of a new High School building upon the Tocumwal Road site where a 9 acre block had been purchased earlier from Mrs Mona Twitt. The combined schools by that time had 620 pupils, 25 teachers, 21 Classrooms and 7 school bus services. Students were impressed by the expanse of windows and the light pastel tinted walls and the general impression of generous space. The School was one of four High Schools that were so designed by Architects that they would have Assembly Hall, Gymnasium and Cafeteria built into the original plan. This has meant a very great deal to the facilities offered and the activities and experiences that can be provided for the benefit of the students.

1956: Mr A. H. Hart, B.A., Dip. Ed., took charge as Head Master and the great event was the occupation of the modern and spacious new building. Mr



A. M. HART, Headmaster 1956-58.

Hart made this move as soon as possible although duckboards and other measures were necessary while the site works were in an incomplete state. The Principal and teachers endeavoured to convey to the students the part they must play in establishing attitudes and standards commensurate with the educational facilities passed over to them. Mr A. Baxter had moved to the office of Advisory Council President with Mr G. K. Cowan as Treasurer, the Secretary's Office being always filled by the School Head Master (or Principal). The Welfare League with Mrs Goodwin (President), Mrs Kirby (Secretary), Mrs M. Guild (Treasurer) had a busy year and one that was felt to be a good one both financially and socially. The

School Fete on 21st September brought a fund of £476 and there were also Stalls and support for school functions.

1957: Mr Hart retained most of his staff in 1957 and Advisory Councillors, Mr A. Baxter and Mr G. K. Cowan retained their offices of Chairman and Treasurer, Cr Fox, Cr A. R. Watters and District Inspector, J. Romanes, B.A., B.Ed. were new members. In the Welfare League Mrs C. Goodwin (President) was assisted by Mrs M. Guild and later Mrs B. Elkington (Secretary) and Mrs Hart (Treasurer). The Opening Ceremony of the New High School building on the fine sunny day of Friday, 10th May 1957 was a most memorable event. Mr Baxter as Advisory Council Chairman welcomed the distinguished visitors — The Hon. John Bloomfield (Minister for Education), the Hon. George C. Moss, M.L.A., Major General Alan H. Ramsay (Director of Education) and Mr Arch M. Rogers accompanying Mr Hart as School Principals. Most of the ceremony took place in front of the school following which it was Mr Bloomfield's honour to unveil the plaque in the school foyer commemorating the event in a permanent manner.

1958: There were rather more staff changes in 1958 which in turn proved to be Mr Arthur Hart's final year with Numurkah. With the reforming of the Advisory Council new members in Messrs. Colin R. McPherson, J. M. Corlass and Ed. J. Coxon joined the body.

The Welfare League was led by Mrs A. Baxter and by Mrs G. C. Moss (Presidents) with Mrs B. Elkington and Mrs A. Hart remaining in the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

The School Cafeteria was opened on 14th April 1958 under the management of a Sub-Committee of the Welfare League until the appointment of the first manageress Mrs Jean Batey who was well supported by the Head Master, Teachers and Girl Prefects. Duty work for boys was also organized by Barry Dourlay. A band of fifty volunteer women had to be maintained keeping a monthly duty roster. A Committee of Management co-ordinated all "Caf" operations and saw that it both met the needs of the pupils and returned a profit for building up and replacing equipment, and then assisting school funds generally.

A change in the appearance of student's uniform came gradually into being at this time. Boys had moved into the double-breasted type grey suit which was soon to be replaced in general use by the grey pullover with school colours. Girls tunics were in process of change from the navy to grey colour. Hemline lengths presented no problem even in sports outfits. Prefects looked quite distinctive in their blazers.

1959: Mr Alan L. McLeod, B.A. B.Ed., followed Mr Hart as Head Master and was supported by Mr Ian McKean and Mr Norm Stewart both of whom have later moved on to Principal positions in other schools. The Hon. G. C. Moss, M.L.A., presided at Advisory Council meetings with Mr J. T. Christie as his Vice President. Office Bearers in the Welfare League were Mrs D. L. Macdonald (President), Mrs A. Bernard (Secretary), and Mrs J. Carr (Treasurer).

During these years there had been steady progress in the improvement of the site. P.W.D. efforts had given a generally workable system of

paths and assembly areas but there remained some 8 acres or so that could be intensively developed largely by subsidized local effort. In April of 1959 the front lawn was prepared for sowing and this was accomplished by working bee.



A. L. McLEOD, Headmaster 1959-61

The school year continued to be filled with routine activities and contests but Friday, 10th October marked a special honour conferred upon the original Head Master, Mr Arch M. Rogers. At a fitting ceremony Mr G. C. Moss, M.L.A., unveiled a plaque naming the School Hall "The A. M. Rogers Hall". Mr Rogers took the opportunity to add a distinctive Assembly Hall Table and a purple cloth featuring the

school monogram. This was later completed when Mr Charles Goodwin on retiring from Advisory Council work presented the four chairs that form part of this set. Mr Charles Thomson was responsible for the Dux Board in the Assemble Hall and by 1971 the S.R.C. made good their desire to have a Board of Honour for School's Head Prefects or School Captains.

1960-61: Mr McLeod continued as Head Master of a now rapidly growing school and fortunately a growing staff. Intensive efforts brought about a properly graded and grassed playing field beyond the sealed areas that had been intensively developed. The assistance of the Municipal Council, the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, Numurkah organizations and private individuals all contributed with time and machinery towards this project. Pupils had to be patient when the wet weather set-back dates when the area could come back into use. Some relief was obtained when permission was gained to use temporarily some land across the railway line.

With the reforming of the Advisory Council again in 1961, Cr G. G. Hendy, Mr J. H. Bredon (District Inspector), and Cr A. S. Gregson had become members. The Welfare League continued through 1960 under the leadership of Mrs D. E. Macdonald (President) with Mrs R. Healy (Secretary) and Mrs J. Carr (Treasurer). In 1961, Mrs J. C. Norman became President. Mrs Macdonald had offered her service as a Temporary Teacher, a post which she continued to fill for many years. Miss J. A. Glover, who joined the staff at this time, occupied the position of Senior Mistress. A large project for the School and School Organizations during 1961

was the hosting at Numurkah Showgrounds of the N.E.D.S.S.S.A. Athletics on 5th October.

As the months went by pupils appreciated seeing the grounds work taking on a purposeful form. Although the £2,000 was an impressive sum, a well grassed oval and sets of Tennis Courts were to be a great advantage and a permanent improvement. It was fitting that after Mr McLeod's rather sudden passing a few years later at Kerang High School, Numurkah saw the opportunity to give the name "Alan McLeod Oval" to the sports ground that he did so much to move forward. Much thought and enquiry had gone into a suitable irrigation system for the playgrounds and an installation with a pump on the S.R.&W.S. Commission Channel was decided upon.

A graded, grassed and irrigated oval created a maintenance problem and it was then that Mr Ed Coxon made a presentation to the school of a David Brown Cropmaster Tractor of very sound quality. The tractor is still in regular use for the cutting of the extended playing fields of 1973-74.

The Roll Call for the year 1961 read:

	Girls	Boys	Total
Form VI	6	5	11
Form V	15	16	31
Form IV	45	45	89
Form III	74	56	130
Form II	86	95	181
Form I	103	106	209
TOTALS	329	322	651

It was clear that there was a very considerable wave of students who would pass through the school and this caused it to be upgraded in the Education Department's classification system.

1962: When Mr William C. E. Head, B.A., Dip. Ed., T.S.T.C., S.T.P.C., took charge of N.H.S. there were 30 teachers including a new Senior Master in Mr. C. A. Love who was soon to move on as Principal of another school. All of these Head Masters had urged the students in their care to give of their best and so utilize to the full the fine facilities that the school had to offer. Mrs E. Jamieson 'Caf' manageress 1962-73, maintained annual donations of about \$1000 through the Welfare League towards equipment for the school.



W. C. E. HEAD, Headmaster 1962-69

Pupils were obviously becoming more aware of the larger numbers and the rules and restraints that were necessary in order to keep the school working consistently. At least they could give vent to their pros and cons on most topics and seemed ready to do this in their magazine. They also recorded faithful-

ly the pleasures and trials that each year seemed to bring.

With the establishment of Cobram High School (formerly Cobram Consolidated School) in 1962 and of separate bus zones in 1963 Numurkah High School had reached a peak number 666 pupils in the 1962 year.

Later in the 1960's there was increasing demand for Technical Education in the Numurkah District and a decision by the Director General and Minister about 1965-66 provided for bus services to take these students to Shepparton.

1963: Mr Head had a new Senior Master in Mr H. Vincent Toomey. Miss J. A. Glover remained in charge of the girls. Overall attendance numbers remained much the same — a full and well used school. Mr J. L. Ellett had joined the Advisory Council during these last two years and shortly Mr B. O'Neill (District Inspector) and Mrs E. McKeown were to become valued members. The Welfare League was led by Mrs Norman (President), Mrs McKeown (Secretary), Mrs Brennan (Treasurer). The purchase of locally constructed seats for the grounds was a Welfare League project that was welcomed by the students. Other purchases included — piano, sewing machines, adding machine, trampoline, office carpet.

The Annual Fete had become a regular feature of school life. It had many facets — fun, financial and the use of initiative. In 1963 there was also a Careers Afternoon in which the Numurkah Rotary Club under its President Mr Noel Manley, and Vocational Service Director Mr Lew Jones, endeavoured to make known to the pupils of Forms III, IV, V, VI the career avenues that were then available to them. Var-

ious skilled experts with personal advice and practical information participated. This of course was the age when TV was commencing to compete for the students' time and had to find a disciplined place in all our lives. In the 1963 year also Mr Pearson and Miss Vincent took a party to Mirboo North from which base much of the Geography of that region — including Victoria's great Brown Coal area was studied. It could be noted that during this year the School leaving age was raised to 15 years. Most pupils at Numurkah were already continuing their education beyond this stage.

By 1964 a new trend was affecting the Numurkah High School intake of pupils. Attendance and consequently staff numbers were on the decline. The reasons were not hard to find. A percentage of pupils had always remained in the Secondary Forms at St Joseph's Convent, and there was a loss of pupils to the new Cobram High School. But there was also a drift towards the more complete forms of Technical Education offered at the Technical School at Shepparton. School bus services grew with the demand and so the Numurkah High School intake dwindled by some considerable number of boys desiring Trade Courses. The Katunga and Numurkah R.S.L. groups were strong advocates of a move for Technical Education in Numurkah.

This period saw a change in the purely High School qualifications. The "Intermediate Certificate" had become a subject qualification entitling the student to a statement of his pass subjects, whatever number he had obtained. The School would decide whether the students could take up a course at the Form V level. By 1964 the Exam-

ining Board was prepared to make the same change in the Leaving Certificate and issue it as a Subject Qualification with few or many pass subjects. This had the effect of providing some elasticity of course development for a greater range of interests and abilities and of encouraging the student of average academic performance to continue through Forms IV and V.

The Melbourne University, through its Schools Board (soon to take into account the Monash University, and later La Trobe University) maintained control of the Matriculation and the Leaving Certificate prerequisites to entry to Matriculation studies. All in all there was a greater opportunity for a school such as Numurkah to diversify its activities and serve its district in its own best way.

During this year there were no Advisory Council changes. The Welfare League Office Bearers were Mrs McKeown (President) Mrs Taylor (Secretary), Mrs Gayfer (Treasurer).

1965: Mr Head had Mr Toomey Mr Reick, Mr Borshmann as his senior male staff members but Miss Cook was new to the school, as Senior Mistress. New Advisory Council Members were Mr E. R. Booth, Cr J. Muir, Mr T. J. Retallick, and Cr F. S. Piper. The new Welfare League Treasurer was Mrs N. Retallick, who at a later stage, in 1974 again served the School as Manageress of the Cafeteria.

With Fete, Talent Quest, Inter-House Sport, Inter-School Sport (N.E.D.S.S.A.), Excursions and the like, another busy year passed by, although thoughtful students were becoming more career conscious — more mindful of the great range in the way in which they could use their lives, to their satis-

faction or otherwise. They had many a reminder that they would have a civic, social and generally a family life to consider and prepare for.

1966: There was a renewal of Advisory Council with Mr J. T. Christie taking office as President, Mr A. S. Gregson as Vice President and Mr E. Coxon as Treasurer. Cr E. Holmes joined the Council as Numurkah Shire Representative. Mrs B. M. Moore and Mrs E. Perry formed the Office Staff and the school cleaning was carried out by Mr and Mrs Visser, Mr and Mrs Heard, Mr and Mrs Jackson and Mrs A. Smith. Our Cafeteria Manageress was Mrs Jamieson.

In that year Mr Head took the opportunity of explaining in his Head Master's Page in Bangerang the manner in which an Advisory Council is composed and how it so well fitted to assist the Head Master and the school generally.

During the year there were again programmed excursions and experiences including the Form V trip to Mirboo North and school participation in a "Train of Knowledge" which on this occasion was used by Numurkah Rotary Club as its means of making careers known to senior students.

1967: The one new name on the Advisory Council list for this year was that of Mr H. V. Sloane, B.A., Dip. Ed., who had taken over as District Inspector from Mr B. O'Neill. Mr Sloane and his family were soon to become well known for their interest and their support wherever required.

Some teaches were changing schools or receiving promotion most years and it was always fortunate to find new personalities taking up the work with the classes as well as introducing varied extra activities.

A pleasing feature of the school during this period was the "uniformity" of school uniform. Photographs of groups of students taken each year support this observation.

1968: Again some well remembered Teachers came to offer their services at Numurkah High School. The men were now headed by Mr A. C. Balfour, Mr T. M. McDonald and Mr F. C. Peck, while Miss J. H. Cook continued as Senior Mistress. Mrs B. M. Moore had joined the ranks of the Teachers and was to give valuable service in developing the school library and later as a fully trained teacher of Commercial subjects. Mrs Perry was then assisted in the school office by Mrs N. E. Radcliffe. Mr A. O. Finn and Dr C. W. Thomson had become Advisory Council Members.

1969: During much of the 1960's attention had been drawn to the desirability of acquiring the area of State Rivers and Water Supply Commission land to the North of the School block. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission Officer, Mr Henry Lea, offered valuable assistance to the Advisory Council in this project. Most of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission activities were centred at Cobram and the approximate $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres seemed to offer a splendid opportunity for school development. Negotiations between Departments were quite prolonged, but the Principal and Advisory Council persisted. The area was very little used and already the gravel roadways were serving as convenient loading zones for the fairly exceptional number of School Buses that served this closely settled irrigation district. Ultimately a purchase was made by the Education Department in 1969 and this allowed plans for development to be

considered.

Another quite far-reaching move was made in 1969, and it had its own set of circumstances. When the school was upgraded in 1962 to Special Class and Mr Head received the nomination as Principal there was the beginning of a very large wave of students entering the lower school. As was expected these numbers were reflected some years later in much enlarged Senior Forms. The Matriculation (Form VI) had nine pupils in 1961 taking only three subjects by direct teaching and four others by Correspondence. By 1969 the Matriculation Form had 38 students and fourteen subjects were available. Also Class A status at Leaving level was obtained for the school in 1969.

At the same time there have been mentioned forces which were reducing the number of pupils at the intake level. The peak school number of 666 students in 1962 had by 1968 and 1969 fallen just below the 500 mark. Again the Principal and Advisory Council responded to the wishes of the district to see if Technical Education could be obtained at Numurkah utilizing at first the workshop facilities that were already in existence. This plan had been helped somewhat by the steady awakening in Education circles that High Schools and Technical Schools were doing very much the same work in the early forms. Two schools, Kyneton H.S. and Daylesford Technical School had already carried out an experiment in providing the same syllabus of work for their Junior and Middle Forms. Core and elective systems were in use in many schools including Numurkah High School to cater for individual differences in subject selection at Form IV.

It was with a view to carrying out this idea in a single school (The

Numurkah Secondary School) that the Secondary and Technical Directors were prepared to amalgamate their resources. Too often already had the problem cropped up of just how well could a child of 11½ years moving out of Primary School gauge just what his abilities and inclinations would fit him for in life. The Comprehensive Secondary School had the answer to this problem. Young girls and boys could have a wide range Comprehensive Education and make vital decisions relative to special studies or skills at a more mature age. Meetings were held and consultations of parents, teachers, senior inspectors took place until it was evident that Numurkah had much to gain by such a development — so long as the needs were met as the inevitable growth took place. Mr Jackson and Mr Watts on the Technical side and Mr Schruhm for the Secondary Division did much to assure us of these means in staff, accommodation and equipment. It was also made clear that there would be a part to play for the community, particularly through its Advisory Council, as the Technical Component was introduced into the school programme.

COMPREHENSIVE SECONDARY EDUCATION:

1970: Mr T. G. Lloyd, B.A., Dip. Ed., T.P.T.C., (Principal), Mr R. B. McGregor (Technical Senior Master) and Mr A. Ferguson (Secondary Senior Master) were all new to the school. Miss Cook and Mr Peck were very helpful in maintaining continuity. But the foundation work had been well done. The new leaders had been given opportunities to participate in the final planning and the additional 50 boys who would otherwise have elected to go to a Technical

School at Shepparton were among the Numurkah intake figures. Three Technical Teachers, Mr Mitchell (Woodwork), Mr Skewes (Science) and Mr Harrison (Plumbing and Welding), were added to the staff with Mr Gregor and all set about making the school work as a single unit providing a sound basis of Comprehensive Education.



T. G. LLOYD, Principal N.C.S.S.

The large volume of innovative thinking must have fallen to Mr McGregor as he endeavoured to orientate himself and his Technical associates into a new situation. We could have nothing but praise for what they accomplished. By attendance regularly at Advisory Council Meetings, Mr McGregor was able to help steer the right course and members soon came to respect his grasp of Technical matters. We found also that we had a very competent all round staff member and lead-

er. Mr McGregor's position was raised to Vice Principal (Technical) status for 1974 but a few weeks later he was nominated to the Principalship of Wodonga Technical School.

In the meantime through the Technical Branch there had been much immediate upgrading of the practical work rooms and, where necessary, portable rooms were brought in and equipped as a means of getting courses under way. By 1973, besides the Woodwork and Sheetmetal work that could frequently be included in normal High School programmes, this School was offering Graphic Communication, Turning and Fitting, Automotive Practice, Welding, Plumbing Practices, Engineering Graphics, Building Graphics, as well as additional experiences in the Art-Craft field. There were in that year 10 Technical Staff members in a full staff of 48 teachers.

A great deal of consideration had been given to the type of permanent unit to be supplied to the Numurkah High School so that it could do the complete Comprehensive job. Ultimately a large unit was decided upon to consist of 9 classrooms together with some 15 store rooms, machine shops and offices. The contract was let to Bruni and Bisogni of Cobram who commenced the layout on 7th June 1973 with a view to having the unit available to the school early in 1974. The cost of the new unit was to be \$416,720.00.

During these years of new growth the total school attendance had risen to a new height of 711 pupils in 1973 with the possibility of further growth to come. The effect of this increase was felt in all departments of the school and by 1972 the Principal and Advisory Council had to make

known these further accommodation suggestions:- Two additional Science Rooms (Portables in use), Commonwealth Library Unit, Home Economics Extensions (two rooms obtained by modifying the Practice Flat), Office Extensions, Staffroom upgraded, Five General Classrooms on the "C" Wing and further specialized rooms extended on to Block "B".

During these recent years the Advisory Council has been able to get on with the development of the additional block of playing fields land. Some P.W.D. assistance was offered with the general plan and a P.W.D. Contract was undertaken to clear the concrete obstructions that remained after the removal of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission's quarters and other associated buildings. It was soon found that the existing lines of water pipe could not be readily utilized as part of a permanent irrigation system but it was found that a quantity of piping had a saleable value among local farmers for dairy yard and other purposes. It was not possible to interest a timber miller in the 40 odd Murray Pines and other trees and the clearing of these was a gesture undertaken by the Advisory Council Chairman, Mr J. T. Christie. Some working bee activity was possible at different stages by both parents and students.

During this time the Welfare League continued its activity in building up towards a fund of \$10,000 which would match a grant offered by the Minister for Education, Mr L. H. Thompson, during a visit that he had made in 1968. It was noted in 1972 that by combining Advisory Council and Welfare League Joint Account resources were able to present Bank Statements showing the local share in hand.

We knew then that large scale contract work would be able to be negotiated through the Education Department Buildings Branch and the P.W.D.

Still Advisory Councillors saw the opportunity for economies in using local resources and members such as Councillor Gordon Hendy with large scale farm grading equipment, and Mr J. T. Christie and Mr J. S. Henderson with useful cultivators were able to work the area over several times bringing it closer to the levels required and



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getting rid of more and more of the impediments which were inevitable in an area formerly used for the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission Camp. The electric connection to the existing pump shed was also re-sited giving a rear approach.

Three relatively small Contracts were approved in 1972 by the P.W.D. Supervisors completing the earth moving, grading and sowing. This work was timed for mid year but it was found that 1972 offered very little in the way of winter and spring rain and so it became imperative to have a spray irrigation system as soon as possible. Tenders were called and that of Cornish Trading Co. was selected at a Contract Price of \$6,010, later increased when

an additional sump was insisted upon to secure maintenance free operation. Water was available by October and the young turf responded.

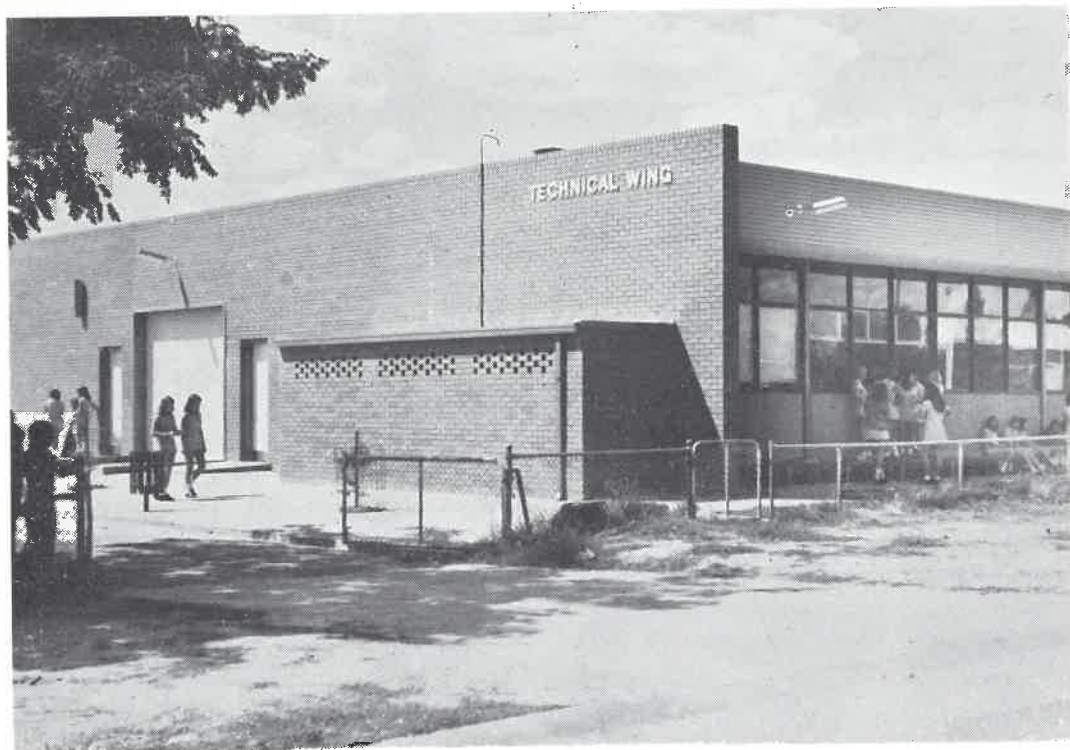
The need for tree planting had been widely discussed by Welfare League and the Advisory Council and both teachers and students had shown their readiness to become involved in this section of the programme. Many trees and shrubs were obtained with Shire assistance as part of a plan for beautifying the northern approaches to the town. Others were obtained from the Education Department's Nursery Branch which was assisting planting of trees in school grounds for the 1972 Centenary of State Education in Victoria. Private gifts also added to what was accomplished. All had emphasized the use of Australian Native trees.

Plans for the completion of

sealed parts of the playing fields and the Bus Loading Zone had also been advancing. The kerbed bus road and loading zone received P.W.D. attention.

It is necessary now to recognize some of the recent helpers in the school and the School Organizations. Mr James M Howie arrived as Deputy Principal in 1972 and had given the school both vigorous and experienced assistance. Mr Frank Kitchen and Mr Ken Hadley were added to the senior staff in 1973. Interest was added in having teachers from the USA and Canada with us for varying periods. In 1969 Mrs D. Hey replaced Mrs Radcliffe in the general office and other ancillary staff appointments were later obtained for clerical laboratory and library work. The work of Senior Mistress has more recently been carried out by Mrs Eileen Booth.

The Advisory Council had the



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sad loss of Mr Ed. Coxon in an air accident late in 1969. This and other vacancies caused by resignations were filled in 1969-70 when Mr F. W. Rodgers, Mr R. Bray and Mr J. S. Henderson became members of the Advisory Council.

The re-election of 1971 introduced new personalities in Charles Allan Gray, Clifford W. Kilgour, Mrs Joan Ludington, Frederick J. Gregory, Shire Engineer N. J. McPherson and Cr Kelvin E. Sidebottom. Mr C. R. McPherson had accepted the office of Advisory Council Treasurer. The new District Inspector following Mr Bert Sloane's departure was Mr Ian McDonald.

The Welfare League has in recent years been ably led by Mrs E. McKeown, President, with over one decade of service in office, assisted by Secretaries, Mrs I. Taylor, Mrs G. Edwards, Mrs J. Ludington, Treasurers Mrs Brennan, Mrs Finn, Mrs Kelly, Mrs K. Sutton and Cafeteria Secretaries, Mrs Lease and Mrs Howie. The Welfare League has remained practically a band of ladies only although a recent change to evening meetings has been given a trial.

It is realized that the proprietors of school buses have made their contribution to the expansion of Secondary education in Numurkah. By 1972 there were 14 buses serving this fairly closely settled district, while other services continue the link with the Shepparton Technical School courses. Capital outlays by people such as Gordon Anderson and son John (Cobram), George and Mrs Wannemacher and son, Frank, Cecil and Mrs Stonehouse, Eddie Holmes and sons, Doug and Henry, Eric Dickinson and son Peter, have been necessary to this growth. Drivers have also been required who

could adopt a pattern of work to provide for morning and afternoon operation. These same buses have been able to assist pupils in reaching neighbouring primary schools and St Joseph's Convent, Numurkah. The co-operation of the Shire Council was a necessary factor in planning bus routes to suit as many families as possible.

Over the years the school has had many Conferences, Speech Nights and parent evenings usually highlighted by the presence of noted guest speakers. Deputations have also on many occasions taken some of our prominent citizens to Melbourne to put a local need or point of view before the Minis-



NEW TREES ESTABLISHED 1972-74

ter for Education or Education Department senior officers. The part played by Mr George Moss, M.L.A. during these visits has been greatly appreciated. Successive Principals and Advisory Council Leaders have appreciated the ready advice and assistance of Mr Charles Newman, Solicitor in Numurkah, since the 1930's Mr Newman has further assisted the link between our Secondary school and the avenues of tertiary education.

Clubs and organizations within the town and district e.g. R.S.L. Branches, Country Party Committees, Apex, Lions, Rotary Clubs, Ex-Students Association, Progress Associations and the

Shire Councils have maintained interested relations with the school and have helped with forward planning, physical development of playing fields and courts and with activities such as career nights and public speaking contests. A most valuable contribution has been the Rotary Exchange program of recent years offering us personal contacts with countries such as Japan, Philippines, Canada, U.S.A., South Africa. Numurkah students involved have been Laurie Batey, Kevin Hansen, Margaret Dimond, Lorraine Rodgers, Russell Ellett, Ross Booth, Gary West, Maureen Oswin, Diane Finlayson, Lynette Maskell, Bronwyn Green and Wayne Delahoy.

Teachers who have had a notable contribution in the development of Secondary education are Mrs Janet McAlister Henderson (nee Smith) who taught Numurkah H.E.S. classes in the 1940's and again joined the High School Staff in June 1967, also Mr Sydney Gooding who obtained his training with the R.A.A.F. and joined the Numurkah High School workshops field in February 1957. Mr Gooding's contribution to the Technical Component work has been appreciated.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE:

A feature of modern educational theory and practice has been the need to meet the rapidity of change. One of the goals of education must be to prepare our young people to be adaptable enough to meet times of change and to help to direct the adjustments that have to take place. We have long considered this idea of education for uncertainty, and we must all recognize its difficulties. Considerable strains are being placed upon both teachers and students and it is becoming clear that school organizations and the communities will

need to become increasingly involved in planning within our schools. Curriculum for instance is no longer set down by a Central Office (Education Department) or by a University Board. It is determined by each school as it tries to meet the needs of its community and present day or future society. We can expect education Committees to be wider and wider based.

Local responsibility for financial management has also been growing. Under the Minister for Education, Mr Lindsay Thompson, and his more recent Directors General, Mr Fred Brooks and Dr Laurie Shears, increased grants have been made to schools often replacing cumbersome subsidy methods of carrying out works and maintenance. The Principal and Advisory Council have been free to budget according to the needs of the particular school. Clearly we must reach out and interest and involve community members, many of whom may have very valuable contributions to make in support of the work done by our professional staff.

The further development of evening classes at Numurkah was to be expected with the growth of technical work. From the nature of this district it was foreseen that apprentice classes would not at present be required, but it was felt that young people from farms and business positions would wish to avail themselves of facilities to improve their work competence or to follow up cultural and hobby activities. More mature aged people could likewise follow their interests by means of evening classes. The school wishes to follow the maxim that wherever there was a reasonable demand for a class, such would be formed. The following have been in existence in recent years:- Woodcraft (cabinet making), Woodcraft



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(Maintenance), Fitting and Machining, Motor Mechanics (owner driver course), Leather craft, Pottery, Art, Dressmaking, Typing.

It is a good idea on occasions to take stock of our situation and a Jubilee year in which we are opening an expensive new Technical Wing is a good time to do this. As we evaluate the situation so we lay our plans. It is possible that further developments in the use of school facilities in serving community needs will be taking place wherever responsible people can come

up with responsible proposals. The Numurkah Secondary School, with its development upon comprehensive lines, should be well fitted to meet this situation. We would expect that there could be leaders, other than teachers who could spare time for service to our young people or for others wishing to lead a fuller life. Already we have a fine record by the Numurkah Singers group in preparing a successful musical and dramatic programme year by year. They use the school facilities to advantage in providing for a section of



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people interested to exercise their talents for their own satisfaction and for that of the community. Other groups have been formed for First Aid Training and for Farm Management — both of unquestioned value in our district. We also have developed playing fields and the Principal and Advisory Council have been pleased to see reliable leaders utilizing these to the benefit of young people outside the normal school hours.

This then is the challenge before us. We have a large and costly educational institution provided for us in Numurkah. It has been equipped over many years by the continuous and seemingly tireless efforts of our school

organizations supported by the town and district families. Generations of students of the past have profited from what it has offered them and we trust that generations of future students will likewise benefit. It is the property of the Education Department and rightly enough is under the control of the Education Department's Officers and representative organizations. But a generous attitude prevails for using it to the full in a responsible and well considered manner.

We will then be true to the motto set down in the early days of our Secondary School — "Non nobis sed omnibus" — Not for Ourselves, but for All.

HOW THE HOUSES WERE NAMED

It was decided to give the Houses the names of men who gave their lives on active service during World War II and whose families have had long associations with the school. The names chosen were Christie, Gray, Tweddle and Hunkin.

CHRISTIE HOUSE — JOHN CHRISTIE

John Christie, who died of wounds received in action in North Africa, was the son of Mrs Margaret Christie, of Katunga, and the late Cr J. S. Christie, and a grandson of John Scott Christie, who came to the Goulburn Valley in 1876 and first selected land at Yalca.

GRAY HOUSE — JOHN ADAM GRAY.

John Adam Gray, who died of illness in a Japanese prison camp, was the son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Gray, of Drumanure, who recently left the district to reside in Melbourne. His grandfather, Donald Gray, was a pioneer settler at Tallygaroopna and came to Drumanure in 1887.

HUNKIN HOUSE —

GREGORY H. HUNKIN.

Gregory Herbert Hunkin, a son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Hunkin, of Numurkah, gave his life on service with the R.A.A.F. in England. His father, Mr W. H. Hunkin, was chairman of the School Committee over a period of many years.

TWEDDLE HOUSE —

CHARLES TWEDDLE

Charles Tweddle, who was lost at the fall of Rabual, was the son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Tweddle, who retired to Numurkah, having of recent years disposed of their farm at Baulkamaugh. The Tweddle family were among the original settlers of Waaia district. Joseph Tweddle made a first selection of land at "Helensvale," Waaia.

1924 STUDENTS AS SHOWN IN SCHOOL RECORDS

FORM C (i.e. FORM IV)

GIRLS

Anastasia McKay

BOYS

Bernard Lehane

FORM D (i.e. FORM III)

Nancy Ambler

Annie Baglin

Muriel Coxon

Gladys Davidson

Mabel Firman

Beatrice Ga'ney

Margaret Hilliard

Elsie Morris

Winifred Pavey

Florence Rowe

Mona Ball

Maria McPherson.

Henry Gough

Ronald Hilliard

Ernest Krutli

Norman McBride

James Tuttle

James Poon

Raymond Wilkinson

Eric Thompson

Henry Welton

Foden Hunt

William Flack

FORM E (i.e. FORM II)

May Baker

Dorothy Bryce

Jessie Frampton

Finis Gear

Evelyn Kenyon

Marie Marcus

Meryl Pearson

Margaret Quinn

Agnes Richards

Helen Watters

Madge Morris.

John Brooks

Elliott Corlett

Albert Ellis

Neville Fairless

John Fowler

Reginald Krutli

Norman Lease

Ronald Lee

Bruce Pavey

John Watters

Alfred Spark

Harman Newby

William Pearson

FORM F (i.e. FORM I)

Doreen Burrows

Nellie Close

Winifred Coxon

Dorothy Daly

Winifred Greig

Gwenneth Matthews

Mona Pavey

Lilian Wall

Flora Findlay.

Edward Barton

Archie Blackley

Albert Burrows

John Bryce

Gerald Heard

Patrick McNamara

Keith Paterson

Trevor Peddle

William Sloley

Ellis Staggard

Oriel Thomson

Joseph Bourke

Leo Carroll

Nelson Findlay

Raymond Williams

Frederick Bligh

NUMURKAH SECONDARY SCHOOL

HONOUR BOARDS

Year	School	Captains	Dux
1951	Ron Harding	Marjorie Reynoldson	MARGARET WATTERS
1952	Graeme Sanders	Margaret Watters	MARGARET WATTERS
1953	Ian McKenzie	Margaret Watters	RUTH MILLER
1954	John Hamilton	Jean Chant	PATRICIA WALSH
1955	John Hamilton	Ann Gladstone	ANNE GLADSTONE
1956	Adrain Twitt	Lorraine Goodwin	ADRAIN TWITT
1957	Barry Dourlay	Gwen Miller	BARRY DOURLAY
1958	Barry Dourlay Graeme Brady	Glenda Hooper	MARGARET COSSENS
1959	John Corneliussen	Carol Neeld	JOHN CLEAVES
1960	Walter Paterson	Barbara Farrall	JUDITH PULS
1961	Clive Neville	Leoni James	LEONI JAMES
1962	Clive Neville	Marcelle Hooper	RICHARD HOOK
1963	Allan Carmichael	Roslyn Farrall	ELIZABETH FOOTE MARCIA DOUGHERTY
1964	Daryl Mares	Dianne Harris	DARYL MARES
1965	John Oddy	Beth Duval	KAY GILBERT
1966	Warren McKeown	Kaye Retallick	HEATHER CARMICHAEL KEN SAMPSON
1967	Owen Daniel	Suzanne Dudley	ANTHEA NICHOLLS BRUCE KELLY
1968	Edward Patching	Geraldine Matters	EDWARD PACTHING
1969	Ross Booth Colin Munro	Noeline Kerrins	DIANNE RENDELL
1970	William McPherson	Lydia Bertrands	JENNIFER FIELDER
1971	Philip Helmore	Susan Bryant	IAN KILGOUR
1972	Michael Harrison	Anne-Marie Pell	ELIZABETH MITCHELL
1973	Robert Bryant	Pamela Braybon	MAXINE BAKER
1974	Michael Mew	Faye Cowan	JAMES WATSON

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HOUSE CAPTAINS

HONOURS BOARD

YEAR CHRISTIE

GRAY

HUNKIN

TWEDDLE

1951	Marjorie Reynoldson	Barbara Sanders	Margaret Watters	Alice Brown
	Hugh Henderson	William Holman	Kenneth Morgan	Ronald Harding
1952	Elaine Pendlebury	Joan Barbour	Margaret Watters	Alice Brown
	Hugh Henderson	James Eddy	William Harding	Graeme Sanders
1953	Jennifer Farrall	Ruth Miller	Margaret Watters	Isobelle Mackenzie
	John Hamilton	Ian McKenzie	William Harding	Colin Firman
1954	Jennifer Farrall	Lois McArthur	Jean Chant	Beverley Bell
	John Hamilton	Douglas Emerson	Graeme Anderson	Ray Ratcliffe
1955	Dorothy Cameron	Gwen Miller	Phyllis Bolt	Judith Bell
	John Hamilton	Keith Hollands	Kevin Bourke	Ray Ratcliffe
1956	Ann Visser	Gwen Miller	Lorraine Goodwin	Lucy Sutton
	Bob Saxton	Barry Dourlay	Geoff Goodall	Noel Strong
1957	Joy Nield	Gwen Miller	Janet Hall	Cavel Wilkinson
	John Adams	Barry Dourlay	Laurie Bernard	Noel Strong
1958	Pamela Johnson	Glenda Hooper	Diane Williams	Cavell Wilkinson
	Graeme Brady	Ron Stone	Geo. Edge	Graeme Ross
1959	Elke Meiser	Ann Miller	Pam Goodall	Dale Clark
	Ian Patrick	John Gordon	Graeme Cowan	Graeme Ross
1960	Margaret Gunn	Jane Corlett	Pam Goodall	Beverley Reilly
	Lance McMillan	Clive Neville	Graeme Cowan	Peter Graham
1961	Carol Frawley	Marcelle Hooper	Valerie Hall	Patricia Vodden
	John McLean	Clive Neville	Bryan Cole	Kevin Hansen
1962	Jennifer McCurdy	Marcelle Hooper	Janice Newnham	Patricia Vodden
	Richard Hook	Clive Neville	Bryan Cole	Laurie Birmingham
1963	Jennifer McCurdy	Ray Gayfer	Janice Newnham	Maree Harris
	John Oddy	Ken McIntosh	Robert Mill'champ	Geoffrey Hendy
1964	Lynette Gunn	Rae Gayfer	Janice Newnham	Sue Aldridge
	John Oddy	Daryl Mares	William Irvine	Douglas Fielder
1965	Jennifer Freestone	Kaye Retallick	Carol Newnham	Judith Learmonth
	Graham Stanley	Ian Taylor	Ray Lundie	Douglas Fielder
1966	Janet Markey	Kaye Retallick	Margaret Wallace	Janece Follett
	Graham Stanley	Ian Taylor	Warren McKeown	Russell Hanna
1967	Geraldine Matters	Alyson Hyde	Irene Beswick	Errell Follett
	Greg McLaren	Kevin Stuart	Bernard Wallace	Trevor Paterson
1968	Clarie Pell	Margaret Littlejohn	Helen Cowan	Chris Learmonth
	Ross Booth	John Lease	Colin Munro	Leslie Williams
1969	Cheryl Kinross	Heather Brown	Eliz. Macdonald	Dianne Rendell
	David Menadue	Bruce Richardson	William McPherson	Geoffrey Mills
1970	Margaret Kennedy	Heather McPherson	Christine Sutton	Dorothy Lee
	Ray Burch	Steven Patching	Phillip Gould	Stuart Miles
1971	Jan'ice Taylor	Rhonda Douglas	Annette Chappell	Erin L'iddell
	Peter Burch	Antony Marriott	Anthony Mew	David Webster
1972	Robyn Rodgers	Cath. Woodroffe	Maxine Baker	Susan Tate
	Alan Menadue	Desmond Kerrins	Ross Gledhill	Alan Salter
1973	Ingrid Henderson	Kerry Hill	Lorraine Beverley	Sharon Parrott
	Jeff Madden	Neil Smith	Noel Watson	Stephen Honey
1974	Debra Taylor	Helen Woodroffe	Lisa Gledhill	Glenis Thomas
	Ian McMillan.	Anthony Tyndall	Shane Wharton	Chris Dickinson

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A considerable effort has been made to find written reference to all details of this historical brochure on the development of secondary education in Numurkah. School records, reports, school magazines, minutes of meetings and newspaper articles have been of great value in maintaining accuracy and often in gauging the relative significance of events. The research has been supported where possible by conversations with many people who have lived through the period and have been associated with the developments.

The value of the assistance and suggestions received is acknowledged with appreciation as is the experience and set up offered by the School Art Co-ordinator.

THOS. G. LLOYD
Principal 1974

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES - 1975

By 1974 Secondary Education at Numurkah had reached its fiftieth year but movement and progress continue. It will be of interest to present day students to have a record of some recent and immediate details. The future, as it were is already with us.

The 1974 and 1975 attendance figures — both years at 710 pupils — appear to indicate the school size has again stabilized at least for a time at this new higher level. Staff numbers have however continued to grow with 55 teachers for 1974 and 59 teachers (4 being part time) for 1975. This increase reflects the attitude of the Education Department in recognizing the needs of a school such as ours offering the Comprehensive education, and the efforts of the school to cater for the needs of all pupils. Besides the range of subjects experiences catered for we have now 1.6 teacher time spent upon specialist remedial work to assist individual pupils and small groups in overcoming problems they face in the normal classes.

Another present day trend is the increase in Ancillary Staff assistance. From the original one clerical assistant and one Home Economics helper for a country High School, we have now reached the stage of two full time and one half time members on accounts and typing, one Laboratory assistant and one Library assistant. The cleaning staff has grown with the extension of the school buildings area. Grounds maintenance and building repairs have so far been covered by cleaning staff members during off-duty hours. We appreciate the co-operation of all these members of the school work force.

The School Library has been developed enormously in its service to the school. From the 1970 position of utilizing a part only of one Teacher-Librarian's time, we have a service occupying one full time Teacher-Librarian, Mrs I. P. White, a full time ancillary clerical library assistant, Miss J. Saxton, and some further teacher assistance when this is possible. Mrs White, a B.Sc. graduate who had already obtained some teaching experience before joining us at Numurkah, has entered upon full library qualifications as a background to her work. Our very great and quite immediate need, is for a modern library building to provide space and facilities for the type of service that is essential to a modern Secondary School. A central site has been selected and we are becoming increasingly interested in the Education Department's priority list.

Early 1975 saw the commencement of renovation work on the original workshops rooms which are being converted into an up-to-date Art Complex. This should offer much improved conditions for instruction and the many-sided experiences developed by Art Teachers under the leadership of Mr John Nicholls.

Follow on work is then anticipated to convert the vacated Art department into modern Science laboratories and so replace the portable classrooms that have been in use since 1971.

Some features of school life which will be remembered have centred around Fete days. Monster Walkathons have involved the whole school, and a "One Day of the Year Luncheon" at-

tracted our community to the school in a happy atmosphere in which students trained by Mr K. Hadley, Mrs E. Booth and other teachers brought considerable credit to the school by their service at this meal in the School Cafeteria. Other students trained by Mr F. Kitchen and Mr R. Elliott gave repeated performances of a musical drama, "Genesis 39" depicting Joseph's experiences in Egypt in a very delightful manner. The reception of this work was reminiscent of the popular appeal in our community of a production, "Noah's Fludde", prepared by Mr Peter Webb and Mr R. Elliott a few years previously.

The preparation of a Cookery Recipe Book was undertaken by the school during 1974. Mr K. Hadley, Mrs E. Booth and Mr G. Millett became particularly involved but the project soon drew in teachers, students, community and prominent personalities throughout Australia. Advertising blocks designed by Mr Millett were of high quality. By early 1975 "Bangarang Baking" had been compiled and was soon to go on sale.

A new stage in the development of Audio-visual equipment in the school was pioneered largely through the efforts of Mr G. Skewes and Mr S. Mitchell, who went to a great deal of trouble to obtain satisfactory equipment. It was very entertaining indeed to be able to play back for the performers their rendering of "Genesis 39". This equipment valued at over \$2000 should be a useful addition to the school.

The involvement of parents and community in the life of the school is on the increase. The Principal and the professionally trained staff must remain

responsible for much of the ultimate decision making, but they require an interested and informed parent and citizen body for consultation and expression of opinion. Mr J. Howie who was called upon to act as Principal for much of Term III, 1974, had made some progress towards a steering committee to obtain wider interest and involvement. We congratulate Mr Howie on his promotion to the principalship of Beechworth High School for 1975, and welcome Mr Rod Ogilvie as he takes up his work as Deputy Principal with us. He has already shown an interest in communication with parents by the regular Newsletter and is ready to see this as a two-way communication. The recognition of student participation is seen in the significance placed upon the position of School Captains, Senior Students, House Captains, Form Captains and the S.R.C. in the school set-up.

Interest has grown in the idea of revised forms of School Councils. An expression of opinion upon the possibility of changes has been passed on from our representative groups. In the meantime our Advisory Council has been re-formed in July 1974 with Mr Tim Stuart joining our ranks in place of Mr Cliff Kilgour. Mr J. T. Christie was again elected Chairman, Mr J. S. C. Henderson has become Deputy Chairman and Mr C. R. McPherson remains Treasurer. An early decision of the newly reformed Council was the naming of the "E. I. McKeown Playing Fields" in recognition of the outstanding leadership of Mrs Betty McKeown in the Welfare League over the long period of fund raising for this grounds development as well as for meeting all current requirements of the school.

The opening of the Technical

Workshops Block was reserved for Thursday, 27th March 1975, in order that site works could be completed, and in order that we could co-ordinate our opening with the general Numurkah Centenary Celebrations. Preparations were planned with Mr Norm Seymour, Technical Vice Principal, since September 1974, assisting the Principal and Advisory Council as organiser. With the help of staff, students, school organizations and the Centenary Committee, interest was aroused to ensure an impressive opening ceremony. On the dais were:

Miss D. Meurer, Secondary Inspector, Mr T. G. Lloyd, Principal, Mr M. Clarke, M.L.C., Mr J. Dunstan, Benalla Regional Director, Mr J. T. Christie, Advisory Council Chairman, Mr R. E. Francis, Director of Secondary Education, Cr K. Sidebottom, Shire President, Mr R. Verso, D.I. Shepparton, Mr R. Grose, Technical Inspector, Mr W. Baxter, M.L.A., and Mr N. M. Seymour, Technical Vice Principal. Apologies had been tendered by both the Minister for Education, Mr Lindsay Thompson, and the Assistant Minister, Mr Brian Dixon, but the Principal had the assurance from our Secondary Director, Mr R. E. Francis, B.Com. Dip.Ed., M.A.C.E., that he and Mrs Francis would join us for this important occasion.

Following an Official Luncheon in the new reception room of the Shamrock Hotel for 72 official guests, an out-door assembly of the whole school took place on the grassed playgrounds to the north of the workshops block. As the school assembled and parents and community members arrived to join the assembly, the Director and members of the official party were able to inspect the new, well equipped practical workrooms.

The opening ceremony began with the organizer, Mr Seymour, introducing the persons on the dais and mentioning the various other groups who had honoured us with their presence for the occasion. Other apologies were noted too.

Cr Kel Sidebottom, Shire President, offered a welcome to the visitors mentioning that Numurkah was proud of what was being achieved in education, a very important industry to our town. He welcomed to the Centenary celebrations any visitors who could remain with us.

Mr J. T. Christie, Advisory Council Chairman, spoke of the circumstances which had caused the request for Technical Education in the district and mentioned with appreciation the names of people who had worked for progress over the years. He felt that this day marked another milestone in our progress, which in turn may be setting a pattern for development in other centres.

Mr T. G. Lloyd, Principal, explained how the Comprehensive Education system had been developed since 1970, with an enriched common course through Forms I - III, and then with the core and elective principle in the Form IV and V years for students to obtain the emphasis which suited their need and abilities. The continued link with the Shepparton Technical College was very valuable to us as a means to follow on courses for our Technical minded students.

Mr R. E. Francis, Director of Secondary Education, traced aspects of education from early times during last century when most education, and particularly post-primary education, was the privilege of the rich families. He showed how the Gold Rush years were

followed by the establishment of Schools of Mines in places like Ballarat and Sandhurst (Bendigo). Frank Tate, a quite famous Director early in this century, had pioneered Government supported secondary education largely at first to prepare promising young people to enter teacher training colleges. Multi-purpose secondary education had for a considerable time now given way to separate divisions of High Schools and Technical Schools. Mr Francis said that he felt it was good to see that, in places such as Numurkah, there was this drawing together again in the interest of the students — He then unveiled the commemorative plaque.

On the Easter Saturday 1975, there were Back to Schools occasions as part of the Numurkah Centenary celebrations. The visitors were encouraged to return to all schools, but to join together for a Bar-B-Q lunch at the High School quadrangle and cafeteria. Hun-

dreds took advantage of the pleasant conditions as Apex Club Members joined a large proportion of the teachers in making them welcome. Very happy reunions took place.

Easter Monday saw an entertaining procession of floats depicting many features of the district's life and history. Students joined with their own group ventures including a birthday cake float representing the 100 years of settlement and the 50 years of secondary education.

Numurkah students seem ready to recognize education as a many sided set of experiences involving, work, play and a helping hand for those in need. We would be glad to see this attitude prevail into the following fifty years of our school's history. We trust that many of today's students will be the ones who will make that evaluation in the year 2024 A.D.



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