

DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL HAD SPLENDID YEAR SCHOLASTICALLY AND IN SPORTING SPHERE

792 ATTENDING; NO ROOM FOR MANY OTHERS

FAILURE TO CARRY OUT Dandenong High School's long-delayed extensions meant that many pupils had to be turned away last year.

This was revealed in the Headmaster's report at the annual Speech Night, presided over by Mr. F. A. Singleton, J.P.

Seven hundred and ninety-two scholars attended the school last year, and both in the scholastic and sporting fields excellent results were achieved. The urgently needed extensions, however, seem just a far off as ever.

HEADMASTER REVIEWS YEAR'S WORK

Presenting the school's 33rd annual report, Mr. J. L. Griffiths, the Principal, said—

"The enrolment this year is 792, one less than last year's record enrolment. The number still in attendance at the end of the year, is however, substantially greater than the corresponding number last year. Because of the failure to provide the much-needed additional accommodation, many pupils from the primary schools had to be denied admission, and a similar state of affairs is now occurring again. There is as yet no sign of the commencement of the intended extensions, and there is no likelihood of the promised Assembly Hall being erected in the near future.

"As usual, much money has been spent on various school requirements. More than £200 has been spent on the library, and £104 on the grounds.

"The Appeal for the Improvement Fund yielded £212, while the two very successful performances of Hansel and Gretel given in June provided £114 for School funds.

"The tennis courts and the oval have been maintained in excellent order.

"SCHOLASTIC RECORD"

"In 1950 90 pupils gained the intermediate certificate, while in addition seven pupils passed in four or more subjects; 52 pupils gained the leaving certificate, while five qualified for matriculation.

"The orchestra, under the guidance of Miss Rofe and Mr. McCubbin continues to progress, and it assisted greatly in the

accommodating committees to progress, and it assisted greatly in the success of the performance of Hansel and Gretel.

"SPORTING SUCCESSES"

"In competitive sport our girls won premierships in senior hockey and junior basketball, while the boys were successful in senior cricket and tennis.

"At the inter-school swimming carnival held at the Olympic Pool on March 13th, Dandenong gained third place.

"At the combined sports, held at the Essendon oval, on October 18th, Dandenong for the second year in succession won the boys and girls and aggregate championships.

"The inter-house sports were held on the School oval on October 5th, and Wattle House won the house championships, repeating its success of last year.

"The inter-house sports championship has this year been won by Orchid House.

"CHARITABLE WORK"

"The school has continued its interest in Social Service—among the institutions helped being the Women's Hospital, the Blind Bables' Home, the Richmond Creche, the Menzies' Boys Home, the Dandenong Home for the Aged and the Pre-School Centre. Our Annual Egg Appeal was again very successful. In money and goods a total of nearly £439 has been provided.

"WELFARE CLUB HELPS"

"We are indebted to the Welfare Club for providing £20 for the School library, and £27 for timber for scoreboards. The erection of these boards has been delayed because of the difficulty of obtaining suitable timber for uprights. This has now been

of obtaining suitable timber for uprights. This has now been obtained, the boards have been constructed and will be placed in position when school resumes in 1952.

"VALE"

"During the year Mr. Carlyle Jones, a former sports master of the School, died suddenly while umpiring a School football match at Hamilton. Members of the cricket and football teams of 1942-1944 (the years of Mr. Jones' association with this School) expressed their desire to place a permanent memorial to him in the School. A very fine water-color by the well-known artist Rex Battarbee has been purchased and hung in the Assembly Room; and a suitable legend will be attached.

"SPORTSMASTER PROMOTED AND TRANSFERRED"

"Mr. R. Barnes, our sports-master and science teacher, has obtained well deserved promotion and is to be headmaster of Orbost High School. He has rendered outstanding service to the School. We congratulate him on his promotion, and wish him every success in his new and responsible position.

"Miss M. Power and Mr. L. Randles have received promotion in their own school.

"The School has had the benefit of a highly qualified and skilled staff, and the year has been a very successful one. I wish to thank the staff for the excellent work they have done, though hampered by large classes and inadequate accommodation.

"I also wish to thank the members of the Advisory Council for their continued help and interest in all matters connected with the welfare of the School."