

IF BELATED PRE-FABRICATED CLASSROOMS DON'T ARRIVE . . .

Dandenong High School May Have To Turn Away 160 Pupils

**Auditor's Report
Deflects Credit**

Unless the long promised pre-fabricated classrooms are ready for the new school year,, Dandenong High School, with a record enrolment of 950 in sight, may have to turn away 160 pupils. Mr. J. L. Griffiths, the headmaster, disclosed this in his annual report at the school's Speech Night last Thursday.

"The foundations are now ready for the erection of the pre-fabricated rooms, but as yet there is no sign of the erection of the rooms themselves," he said. "I have become very disturbed about these pre-fabs. They have not been erected yet, and there is no guarantee that they will be ready when school re-opens. I appeal to you all to interest yourselves in this matter, otherwise there will be another 160 children with no school to go to."

RESIDENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL STEPS DOWN
After welcoming all present and particularly Major-General Ramsay, Director of Education, Mr. F. A. Singleton, J.P., said it all regretted that this was the last Speech Night Mr. J. L. Griffiths would be attending as headmaster of their school. He felt all would join with him in congratulating Mr. Ellis, who had given four years of fine service on the school staff, on his promotion to Alburn High School as headmaster next year. This was his own last year as president of the Advisory Council.



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...ent of the Advisory Council. He chaired about Speech Nights, but this would be his last. At school pupils had a great opportunity to equip themselves for future life. They could take full advantage of the opportunity as it only came once. Character was one of the main things and at school the foundation of their character was laid. Civilisation was to survive they must not let go their moral or spiritual values. To those who are leaving this year he would say "Play the game and play it well." (Applause).
RECORD ENROLMENT — AND BIGGER NEXT YEAR
Presenting the School's 34th Annual Report, Mr. J. L. Griffiths said: "The enrolment this year is a

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The enrolment this year is 38 more than the previous record enrolment. The number in attendance at the end of the year is substantially greater than the corresponding number of the previous year. The number of pupils seeking admission next year could mean an enrolment of more than 950 pupils. It was thought that the provision of pre-fabricated rooms would provide at least the minimum accommodation required, but at present it appears that there may have to be some restriction on the admission of ex-Grade VI pupils. This is due mainly to the very considerable number—about 150—seeking admission from Form I Central Schools, and Grade I Primary Schools. This year, again, a substantial sum of money has been spent on various school requirements.

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The appeal for the Improvement Fund has yielded £224, while School entertainment in 1951 has provided £121 for School funds.

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES

In 1951, 89 pupils gained the Intermediate Certificate, while in addition, four pupils passed in two or more subjects. Thirty-five girls gained the Leaving Certificate, while eight qualified for Matriculation.

Nine pupils were awarded Leaving Certificate Bursaries, while six were awarded Matriculation Bursaries. Two girls obtained Nursing Bursaries. These bursaries carry an allowance of £100 per annum.

The Orchestra has maintained progress under the tutelage of Mrs. Rofe and Mr. McCubbin, who gave very fine assistance on the occasion of our entertainment.

DID WELL AT SPORT

In Competitive Sport our girls won premierships in "A" and Hockey, also Summer Basketball and Tennis. The boys were successful in Tennis.

At the Combined Sports held at the Williamstown Oval on October 17th, Dandenong won the aggregate, and tied with Williamstown for the grand aggregate.

The Inter-House Sports were held on the School oval on October 22nd, and Bluegum House won the House championship. The Inter-House Sports championship has this year been won by Bluegum House.

GOOD SOCIAL SERVICE RECORD

The School has continued to be very active in Social Service, among the institutions helped being the Women's Hospital, the Richmond Creche, The Menzies Home for Boys, the Pre-School Centre, and the Methodist Babies' Home. Over £100 was raised for the Spastic Children's Appeal. Our Annual Egg Appeal was as usual very successful. In money and goods a total of £584 has been provided.

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"In June, the Welfare Club and the Ex-Students' Association combined to hold a most successful Ball in the Town Hall. The proceeds, amounting to £193, were given to the School to purchase a Sound Film Projector, and this has already been used to considerable advantage.

"As so frequently happens, we are losing valued members of staff. Mr. Ellis, who has rendered outstanding service to the School has obtained well-deserved promotion and is to be head master of Yallburn High School. Mr. Shade, who has done outstanding work, both as Sports Master and teacher of Matriculation History has been promoted to a lectureship at the Toorak Teachers' College. Mr. Langford, who opened this School in 1919 and was head master until 1934, and who has been on the staff for the past two years, is transferring to Mordialloc High School. We wish these teachers success in their new positions.

"The School has again had a very successful year, although work has been made difficult by large classes and very inadequate accommodation. This success is largely due to the untiring efforts of a very competent and highly qualified staff.

"The members of the Advisory Council have, as usual, given valuable help to the School and have been very actively interested in the welfare of the School. I wish to pay a special tribute to the unflagging zeal and interest of the president, Mr. F. A. Singleton, and of Mr. J. McAfee, who have been members of the council since its inception. Mr. Singleton has occupied the office of president for 33 years. His record and that of Mr. McAfee can rarely have been equalled, if at all." (Applause).



Mr. F. A. Singleton