

1950

“High School days in the early 1950s were on the whole, carefree. I remember that long walk up Boulter’s heights steps. My bike was left with others in the racks at the foot of the hill.” (Barbara Reid, 1998 *Bunbury, I remember when..... Book 1*. Compiled by The Committee. Page 11)

There were now 531 students.

There was also a shortage of staff.

The school oval was now complete - with grass! Some of the area was still allocated to an oats crop and the sheep.

The hall was now too small for socials so dances had to be split into lower and upper school dances.



Bunbury High School
Cadet Parade Swanbourne 1950



1951

The magazine dedicated to those who fought for Federation (it was the 50th anniversary of Federation) and to those who made the supreme sacrifice in the war.

Sir James Mitchell, now Governor of the State, made his last appearance at the school for the Jubilee Celebrations.

There were major problems with the oval - little water because of a lack of piping meant the oval was being reclaimed by the sandhill.

The girls' hostel was located over the road from the school, with the boys' at Craig House (where the Lighthouse Inn now stands).

There were a record number of cadets - they formed the guards of honour at the Anzac and Jubilee Day services.

1952

Ex-students were fighting for peace in Korea.

The first pre-fab was positioned in the school.

Cloakrooms (now the Deputy Principal Male, and Clerical Office) were used as classrooms.

The oat crop on the oval failed so the students switched to sheep raising.

1953

More pre-fabs as the number of students continued to increase.

The students were "difficult" - wouldn't stay out of rooms; often losing books - "The Pound"; were going up stairs three at a time; and were very noisy in the Library!

The construction of 2 hard tennis courts was begun (at last!) There were suggestions of building an Olympic-sized swimming pool!



The students fundraised for Lady Lawley Cottage; the Bunbury Spastic Centre and the Bunbury Infant Health Centre.

1954

There was no press-printed edition of Kingia this year.

It was a unique year all privileges previously granted to students were taken away in the hope that they might learn to take some pride in the school's appearance and general welfare.

The roadways, paths and squares around the school were bituminised.

There were now 100 cadets at "Beachess."

1955

Exterior and interior renovations were made to the school.

The school was promised a modern Domestic Science centre "in the near future."

Modern teaching methods were adopted, with universal music and study periods for Upper School.

There were 2 pages of the Kingia devoted to banking as a career - this helped defray costs of producing the magazine.

1956

MISS BURGESS, ONE OF THE FOUNDATION STAFF, LEFT BUNBURY HIGH SCHOOL AFTER MAKING THE SCHOOL HER LIFE'S WORK.



New classes were added to provide for those not heading for a professional occupation.

There was a proposal to extend high school to 6 years; discontinue the Junior and Leaving Certificates; and replace them with exams at the end of 4th and 6th years.

The renovations to the school were complete.

Driving lessons began for 5th years - conducted by the National Safety Council.

The school acquired a pennant of it's own, due to popular demand.

The cadets (now numbering 102), came second in the Challenge Sup Shoot.

1957



C.W.A. Girls hostel 1957
Located Opposite the School in Craig
Crescent.

Due to the remarkable progress in Bunbury and the South-West, pressure on the school grew. Marist Brothers expanded but there were demands for a new school in the area.

The tennis courts were finally used fully for the first time! (35 years in the making!)

There were outstanding swimming performances by DAVID DICKSON, a student at the school.

Due to the lack of space in the school, the hall continued to be used as a classroom and the washrooms for private study.



1957 : Margaret Thomson
in BHS hockey uniform



1957 : Margaret Thomson and Helen
Gardiner outside the C.W.A. Hostel

1958

MR DAVIES-MOORE LEFT AFTER MAKING THE SCHOOL HIS LIFE'S WORK.

The Library was being used as a classroom, as was the hall, the hall annexe and the washrooms.

Perth schools were included for the last time at the Country Week Sports carnival.

Visitors to the school included:

- * the W.A. Symphony Orchestra.
- * Patrick O'Hagan (Irish tenor)
- * Niedzielski (Polish pianist)
- * Gavin Casey (Westralian journalist)
- * Alan Marshall (Literary figure)

1959

A new east wing was being built to alleviate the pressure of numbers.

Students and teachers worked together to lay the path to the oval.

The Hon. Thomas Boydell - a controversial speaker, visited the school to present the Nationalist policy on Apartheid in South Africa.

The school was visited by the Bishop of Coventry.

There was concern about the snowballing of interschool sporting fixtures because they were taking up too much valuable school time.

The school was very successful at Country Week, which for the first time only had country schools competing.

German was added to the school curriculum.