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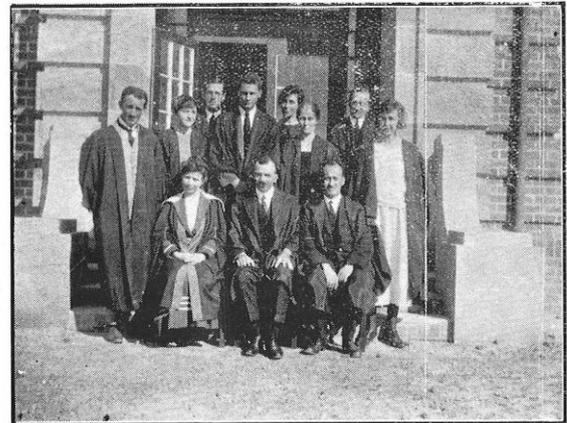


On February 6th, 1923, 162 students from all over the south west began high school at the "school on the hill."

Sir James Mitchell, now Premier of W.A., conducted the official opening on the 9th February, with Mr Hal Colebatch, Minister for Education.

It was the State's fourth high school.

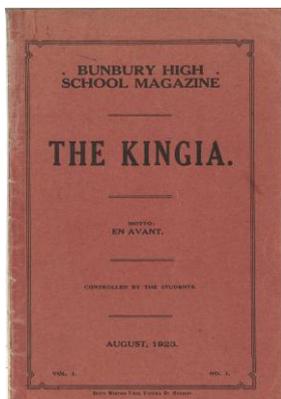
Overseeing a staff of 11 was the Headmaster, Mr Francis Sherlock. The Kingia was chosen to symbolise the school along with the motto " EN AVANT" - Go Forward.



STAFF GROUP.

Standing : Mr. D. R. Marshall, Miss D. Marshall, Mr. Malden, Mr. C. Jenkin, Miss E. Davidson, Miss E. Burgess, Mr. H. L. Fowler, Miss D. Newton.
Sitting : Miss C. Stephens, Mr. F. L. H. Sherlock, Mr. R. Fowler.

And this the students did. They produced 3 Kingia magazines at a cost of 1s6d and keenly competed in the faction competition for both sporting and academic honours.



Four factions emerged - Red, Gold, Blue and Kingia (Green).



PREFECT GROUP.

Standing : Miss L. Tobitt, J. Macaulay, Miss S. Elliott, Miss E. Leeson.
Sitting : W. McEvoy, Miss V. Kealy.
Reclining : K. McKenna, J. Woodhead.

Clubs were formed, eg camera, Christian Union and school orchestra.
The students conducted many social outings: -- picnics to Turkey Point



- afternoon teas
- socials
- plays
- fundraised for a fiction library (no library facilities at all!) via a series of winter lectures organised by the English Master.
- bought a piano for the school

Because the oval was all sand, tennis was played down town at the Bunbury Tennis Club and sports days were held at the Show Grounds.

Proprietaries were observed - there were separate staircases for boys (east) and girls (west), and separate sports days for the sexes.

PUNISHMENT : Students were eager to achieve and were very proud of their new school. Any punishments were extremely harsh with the cane used at all times. Students consequently behaved; they respected their teachers, each other and the school.

1924

There was a big increase in student numbers in 1924, up to 230, but staff numbers did not increase. Sport was still all important, for the honour and fame of the faction.

Interschool sports were held for the first time in Perth (between Perth Modern School, Bunbury, Northam and Kalgoorlie).

A highlight of the year was a visit by Mr Solomon with his phonograph!

Students visited Perth for 2 days to see the theatre, Perth Modern School, the museum and the zoo.

Socially there were beach teas and picnics with the First Master.

The French Club held soirees.

Some interesting clubs were formed. There was the " M.H.S." - a very mysterious club who would not reveal what the initials stood for (a suggestion was Mad Hatter's Society), and was formed to "encourage the assertion of women; with the aim to ensure that everyone is fully conscious of the power and superiority of the female sex." Another club was the R.A.A.S. - "Rejected Artists' Advancement Society" - for those whose articles were consistently rejected by the Kingia Magazine Committee!

Other highlights were:

Quote : "Too many boys at school for all to play the Australian Game, so the unfortunates are allowed to play soccer."

The Upper School Agriculture class attended the Bunbury Show.

Demands for a carpark at the foot of the "terrible hill" to decrease the toiling required to get to school.

A 30 foot mast was erected to hold up a single wired wireless aerial.

1925

The interschool sports carnival was now called Country Week (but still involved Perth Modern School).

Mr A. Henn donated his private book collection to the school after his death..... even more reason now to build a library wing but there were no funds.



HOCKEY TEAM - 1925
Standing:- P. McKenna, G. Smedley, H. Withers, Miss Burgess, J. Struthers, D. Carroll, M. Kealy
Sitting:- B. Lockhart, D. Kell, J. Caldwell, E. Cross (Capt.), E. Steven, C. Lugg, C. McGeary, J. Muir (absent)

A Sea Scout Troop was formed for first and second years. The Sports master had to arrange matches every Saturday afternoon.

The first Annual Swimming Carnival was held at the local Baths.

Concerts were held by the school orchestra to fundraise for the Sports Club.

The Dark Room was in trouble! It was located under the water tank in the Tower, and was VERY damp. Fears of electrocution meant it literally became a DARK ROOM!!!

The "Great Sand-Bomb War" occurred between 1st and 2nd years the 1st years won!

A bazaar was held to fundraise for school activities.

Dr Battye, from the Perth Public Library, lectured to raise £29 for the school library.

A number of the previous year's students were teaching in schools in the South West.

There were plans to build tennis courts at the school.

1926

The school magazine was reduced to 2 issues a year because it was not a financial success (but only due to insufficient student numbers).

Dances were held in the school hall.

The English Master, Mr H. Fowler, won a trip to England.

Country Week sports was not held in Perth.



Bunbury High School
Drill Squad - 1926.



Form 2-E
1926.

1920s UNIFORM :

Girls - blue pinafores, white shirts, black shoes and stockings. A blazer was added in winter.

Boys - knee length shorts, white shirts, white blazer, black shoes, white socks, trousers in winter.
Straw hats were worn outside at all times.



Form 1-C
1926.

1927

This was a year of great activity by the students in the school. The 2nd year boys helped move the sandhill below the oval. This added 1200 sq. yards to the size of the oval.

The tennis courts were marked out and levels pegged (but got no further!)

A plan was drawn up for a new Domestic Science centre..... students were still walking downtown to the Arthur Street building for Domestic Science.

There was a shortage of classrooms which meant that lessons were held in the vestibules.

An extra week's holiday was granted in August to commemorate the visit to Perth by the Duke and Duchess of York.



Bunbury High School
Staff - 1927.

1928

The school achieved great success at the Interschool Sports (Country Week) in Perth. Winning teams were football, hockey and athletics (there were still only 4 schools competing).

1929

A chronic shortage of rooms saw building commence on a new wing to the school - this is the west wing consisting of the library and rooms 42, 43 and 44.



The 1923 Senior Girl - Miss V. Kealy, returned to the school as a teacher.

There was hot debate over the boys' uniform.

2 new clubs were formed - the Horticulture Club and the Philatelists Club.