

1930

The new wing was opened and the school finally had a library!



Prefect's badges were introduced - prefects were imbued with great power from the beginning of the school. They would shepherd students to rooms, check latecomers and watch for unruly behaviour.

Miss Burgess took 6 girls by train to Collie, Perth and Northam on a "Tennis tour".



A Modern History Society club was formed, as was a Literary and Debating Society for 1st years only (this was because 1st years were excluded from most clubs.)

1931



Economic conditions led to a loss of school staff.

The school participated in a benefit concert held by the Bunbury Benevolent Society.

There were fewer girls in the school!

1932

The Great Depression hit the school - there was a fall in numbers because of the general financial stringency in the community. The area had been hard hit by the closing of mills and curtailment of industry. However, Upper School numbers remained the largest on record at 68.

Advertising was introduced to pay for the Kingia magazine.

Clubs operating within the school included a High School Hospital Fund and a "Club of Swots."

1933

This year saw a change in Principal for the first time. Mr Sherlock left after 10 years of service to the school. The new Headmaster was Mr H. Irvine.

1934

Sir James Mitchell visited the school, this time as Premier of W.A.

1935

The ship's bell from the wrecked British sailing ship, Cingalee was bought and installed at the school by teacher Mr. R Fowler. The Prefects repaid Mr Fowler the price of the bell and presented it to the school.



1937

Student numbers picked up again which led to overcrowding.

Excess rain caused some students to remove some of their damp clothing - to the horror of most the girls went to classes with BARE LEGS!!!

Adolf Hitler and Don Bradman rated a mention in the Kingia magazine!

1938

There were now 320 students in the school - "Most parents aim at giving their children at least 1 year in a High School before they face the hardships of earning a livelihood."

The Library changed from being a conversation room to a private study area supervised by staff.

Overcrowding saw classes being conducted in the gymnasium and locker rooms.

Clubs included:

- * Senior Camera Club * Stamp Club
- * Public Speaking Club * Music Club
- * Gymnastics Club * Debating Club * Mechanics Club

During the winter months the junior school chopped the wood for the classroom fires.

There were more students at the school than at any previous time, with 33 students sitting the Leaving Certificate.

The average student allowance was 2/6 per week.

The English Master was the "terror" of all latecomers!

1939

Numbers increased further at the school.

There was a keen faction competition.

Good Grief! An experiment was held with having the boys and girls sports day on the same day!

Swimming and lifesaving classes were held for the first time.

Overcrowding caused "suffocation" at assemblies; fighting along corridors (still a problem today); disciplinary troubles doubled; students were constantly shifted from room to room; and every nook and corner of the school was used for classes.