

in December 1957, while the hall opened in 1959. Matriculation classes began with 24 pupils in 1961, when the school won, for the third successive year, the Ilford Shield awarded to the Victorian school gaining highest aggregate points in the annual photographic competition. The school introduced the study of Japanese for Form III students in 1968.

BURWOOD HEIGHTS:

Principal Miss J.R. McLennan and a staff of three opened Burwood Heights High School on 3rd of February 1970. The 28 Form I pupils were accommodated at Glen Waverley Primary School until June that year when they occupied the first stage of the permanent building. This consisted of the library and student centre in the courtyard design, first introduced into Victorian school architecture in 1970. Three months later, work began on the manual arts block, and a locker block. To mark the establishment of the school, each foundation student planted a tree, and a Parents' and Citizens' Association and a Ladies' Auxiliary were inaugurated. Owing to the paucity of numbers in the first year, the Advisory Council did not meet until 1971.

CAMBERWELL:

The need for a high school in the Camberwell-Hawthorn area was recognised as early as 1921 when local citizens and councils explored suitable sites. None was found until 1928 when Camberwell, Hawthorn, Kew and Blackburn/Mitcham councils donated a total of £6,000 to purchase the present site of 5½ acres, which was part of a 13 acre area between Riversdale and Prospect Hill Rds. From 1929 to 1936 no action was taken to build the proposed high school - successive deputations by councils and parliamentarians were told either that there was no money to build any schools, or that there were more urgent cases. During this period it was assumed by all that this would be a girls high school to complement Box Hill Boys High School. In 1939, however, there was a change in Departmental policy. As the East Camberwell Girls School (now Canterbury High School) had insufficient accommodation, and there was pressure on University, Melbourne, and MacRobertson Girls High Schools, the Director of Education recommended in June 1939 the building of a high school. Costing about £20,000, approved by the Minister in October 1939 and ready for occupation on 27th of May 1941 this school opened with an enrolment of 147 boys, 215 girls. The first Principal was Dr A.V.G. James, who had a staff of twelve.

This occupancy did not last long. Because of the wartime occupation of Melbourne HS by US forces, this school took over Camberwell HS, whose students were dispersed to surrounding central schools or to East Camberwell Girls School. Strong protests from local councils and parents were to no avail and local students did not return until 1945. The second opening of Camberwell saw 345 attending, but within a year the building was overcrowded with 484 pupils. Enrolments increased steadily and rapidly to a peak of 889 pupils by 1962.

Despite additional rooms on the original building; prefabricated classrooms and a gymnasium added in the 1950s, overcrowding of facilities has been a feature of the school, even though numbers declined after 1962 to some extent with the expansion of the adjoining schools. The Advisory Council agitated for fifteen years for extra classrooms and an assembly hall, their efforts being rewarded when these were begun in 1968, to be occupied in May 1970. However, increased enrolment as a result of phasing out of feeder central schools means a continuance of the problem of accommodation, and the acquisition of adjoining properties for future expansion is being effected.

Camberwell has been traditionally an academic school and until the mid 1960s was selective in enrolments. Shortage of accommodation until 1970 gave the school a unique structure, with two first and second forms, with a large intake from local central schools at third form level, and, until recently, further heavy enrolments at fifth and sixth form level from pupils whose schools had not reached matriculation level. By 1970 the school had become recognisably a district high school in structure with a doubling of Form I intake and reduction of Form III intake. In its three decades of existence, the school has had five principals only: Dr A.V.G. James, who opened the school in 1941 and remained until 1947; R. Andrews was Principal from 1948 to 1952 and again from 1958 to 1965; A.T. Ebbels filling this position from 1953 to 1957; I. Gazzard took over from 1966 to 1968, being succeeded by Principal H.J. Slattery. The school has been fortunate in having leaders of the calibre of these five men. Backed by active Advisory Councils and assisted by teachers who identified themselves with the school's aims and activities, they have enhanced Camberwell High School's position both in the community and in the State educational system.

H.J. Slattery.

CANTERBURY GIRLS:

Kate Flynn established the East Camberwell Domestic Arts School, then familiarly known as Mangarra in 1928. The Department intended that it would serve the E suburban areas as did the boys school at Box Hill. The girls shared their two-storey red brick building on its 3 acre site with the Camberwell East Elementary School. Miss Flynn's immediate successors, Clare Brennan (1932-36) and Ethel MacDonald (1937-38) both died in office thus throwing much responsibility on to the Senior Mistress, Miss Cattanach. As a tribute, the girls named their four houses after these fine teachers. Because an area of land in Prospect Hill Rd Camberwell had been reserved for a girls school, the Mangarra Rd accommodation was regarded as temporary. However, Camberwell High School arose on that site in 1941.

In 1942, when the army acquired possession of MacRobertson Girls High School and Melbourne High School, a great number of boys moved out to Camberwell High, whose girls, along with many from MacRobertson were transferred to East Camberwell. This necessitated the departure of the elementary school children for surrounding