

High School, Camberwell.

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY, E.C.  
IN YOUR REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO THE DATE  
AND SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS LETTER.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,

PUBLIC OFFICES, TREASURY PLACE, MELBOURNE, C.2.

3rd March, 1942.

Dear Sir,

As you know, the Department was compelled to hand over the Melbourne Boys' High School and the Mac.Robertson Girls' High School buildings to the military authorities for purposes connected with the administration of the War, particularly in their relation to co-ordination and co-operation with the United States authorities. The Department was therefore faced with the difficult problem of providing satisfactorily for the continued education of the pupils attending these two important schools, most of whom came from the Eastern and South-Eastern suburbs.

After full discussion of the difficulties and problems it is regretted that it has been found necessary to distribute the pupils of Forms I. and II. to surrounding Central Schools and to transfer the girls in Forms III., IV. and V. to the East Camberwell Girls' School in order to make room for the senior boys of Melbourne Boys' High School.

The Department is aware that a certain amount of inconvenience to pupils is being caused by these arrangements, but it asks the pupils to realise that by the willing co-operation that has been given by parents and pupils to these necessary changes, it has been possible to make fairly satisfactory arrangements for the continuation of the education of the senior pupils in the Melbourne Boys' and Mac.Robertson Girls' High Schools. Every child inconvenienced by these changes is making a very definite contribution to the national service at a most critical time.

It is proposed that the Camberwell High School and the Melbourne Boys' High School Councils will function as a combined body to look after the interests of the pupils of both schools as long as it is necessary to work the two schools conjointly. It is also suggested that the Camberwell High School Council should co-operate with the Advisory Council of the East Camberwell Girls' School so that the interests of the two sections of the girls will be fully conserved.

Regretting the necessity for all these changes and hoping that a working amicable solution of the problems arising out of these changes will be found by the Committees concerned.

Yours faithfully,

*J. A. Sutcliffe*  
DIRECTOR.

The President,  
Advisory Council,  
High School,  
CAMBERWELL.



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Gamberwell High School,

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,  
Public Offices, Treasury Place, Melbourne.

14th March, 1942.

The Town Clerk,  
Town Clerk's Office,  
HAYTHORN.

S i r,

Referring to your communication of the 7th instant, regarding the transfer of pupils from the Gamberwell High School, I have by direction to inform you that the resolutions passed by the Council in regard to such transfer of pupils have been noted.

The Department realises that a certain amount of inconvenience has been caused to pupils of both elementary and secondary schools, but pupils displaced have been provided with proper facilities for their education in surrounding elementary or central schools.

The Department will welcome the day when it will be possible to return pupils to the Melbourne Boys' High School and MacRobertson Girls' High School buildings. Gamberwell High School will then be restored to its use as a mixed High School for boys and girls of the Eastern suburbs.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A.F. GRAHAM.

Secretary.

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