



San Clemente *Dominican Convent,* MAYFIELD

SCHOOL REPORT 1957

It is with gratitude to God for His great goodness to us that we present the Report on this year's activities. They began in February with the Mass of the Holy Spirit when we begged God's blessing on the work of our teachers and pupils.

The enrolment showed a slight increase from the previous year and it became more necessary than ever to erect an extra class room. This annexe, though of modest dimensions, came as a most welcome addition when it was completed for the third term.

The prizes which we award for scholastic achievement are indicative of an earnest and sustained effort made throughout the year for it is a commonplace that ability without consistent application does not attain the goal. Therefore we congratulate sincerely all those who have been successful in gaining prizes. The Leaving Certificate results for 1956 detailed in the Report, show 100% passes and it is gratifying to know that these candidates have now all embarked on promising careers. Seven of them are holders of scholarships, two at Armidale, one at Sydney, one at Bathurst and three at Newcastle Teachers' College. The Bathurst student, who claims a Commonwealth Scholarship and a Cadetship is training for teaching in New Guinea. In the Intermediate Certificate Examination forty pupils were successful, twenty-two of whom have now completed Fourth Year work. At this point may we make a digression in order to urge parents to allow their children to remain at school

for at least twelve months of post-Intermediate studies, even though they do not intend to sit for the Leaving Certificate Examination. It is not possible for a girl of fifteen to have developed a true sense of values, or to have learned to appreciate fully our Catholic culture and ideals. She is not yet as firmly grounded in the fundamentals of Christian living. In other words she is not adequately equipped for the part she must play in the world around her, impregnated as it is with materialism and selfish paganism. Such pagan influences can be effectively combated only by rigid adherence to true Christian principles. The assimilation of these principles and the acquiring of a standard of responsible behaviour is the vital work of the Fourth and Fifth Year at school.

In this spiritual and moral training the Christian Doctrine classes, supplemented by the priest's instructions play a major part for here can best be learned those truths that direct lives to the glory of God and furnish a reason for the Faith that is in us. In order to help parents to appreciate this aspect of their children's education a series of lectures was planned. Only one of these talks, given by Fr. Fitzgerald, O.P. has so far been possible, but it is intended to make such discussions part of our programme next year. The appreciation of many parents has already been enthusiastically expressed and we were heartened by their co-operation.

To return to the scholastic report, we note that in the Music, Singing and Art of Speech Examinations all classes and pupils presented were successful and the results were most pleasing, giving ample evidence of the emphasis placed on these branches of study. The number of type-writing pupils of the I.P.S.A. examinations is steadily increasing and we have now had good passes in the Speed, Junior and Senior sections. The practical work of the girls in cooking, Dressmaking, Art and Craft work forms the Display which you are invited to view in the classrooms at the conclusion of this Distribution.

There has been a keen interest in sport this year. The Combined Primary and Secondary Sports were held in August and the Red, Gold, and Blue Colour Teams were obliged to yield victory to the Blue Team. We hope to revive the School Swimming Carnival which has been discontinued for a few years. The Sports Cup, presented by Mr. Lynch and given this year for Physical Culture will be awarded to the winning team at the Swimming Carnival which will be held in February next year. The Sport and Physical Culture is conducted by the Graham-Murrow School of Physical Education and we are indebted to Miss Sue Hoban for the organising of this year's work.

Of the other extra-curricular events the chief were the annual Retreat conducted by Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald O.P. and the Day of Recollection for the senior girls. We took part as usual in St. Patrick's Concert and school concerts for the missions. St. Dominic's Day was celebrated by a High Mass and the evening's entertainment took the form of a Fancy Dress Ball. Other social events included a Talent Quest, two Symphony Concerts at the Century Theatre, the staging of the Merchant of Venice, a visit to the B.H. P. works and a dance in which the senior girls and the senior boys from the Marist Brothers School took part. A group of Fourth Years went to Sydney to see the performing of Hamlet at the Ellensthan Theatre. Mrs. Anderson a Mayfield former pupil explained the aims and organisation of the all Dominican Ex-students' Union; and lecturers of the N.C.G.M. as well as the Vocational Guidance and Employment Bureaux have given advice and instruction to those who are now leaving school. Debating was added to our class

activities and earlier in the year Anne Kane was awarded a Merit Certificate in the Public Speaking Competition.

Before concluding we would like to express our deep appreciation of the help afforded by our kind benefactors who have given generously of their time and labour in spite of heavy parish demands. In particular we refer to the "San Clemente" Committee and we extend an invitation to other interested parents to become members of this Committee. More could be done in the interests of the children if more assistance were offered.

We thank Monsignor Peters who has graciously presided at our Prize Distribution this evening in the unavoidable absence of His Lordship the Bishop. We thank, too, our Parish Priest, Father Withnell and his assistant priests for their continued interest in the school. To those, to the donors of the prizes and to all who have helped us in our work we extend our gratitude and our sincere wishes for the coming festive season and the New Year.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1956.

Helen Arncliffe, Gai Arnold, Glennis Aspinall, Zina Bajalis, Constance Boland, Yvonne Burnog, Carmel Delaney, Julia Doyle, Bernadette Flannery, Patricia Gibbs, Irene O'Hara, Anne O'Sullivan, Anne Peet, Judith Perkins, Henrietta Privora, Susanne von Rabenau, Geraldine Ranclaud, Daphne Ryan, Margaret Schofield, Julie Smith, Maria Soos, Jill Strachan, Margaret Hartigan, Patricia Harwood, Olga Herden, Maria Hughes, Jeanette Jones, Dagmar Kamenz, Margaret Kane, Yvonne Kelly, Claire Linsell, Janice Moore, Maree Mowbray, Janice Mulhearn, Claire Towler, Margaret Walmaley, Helen Wedesweiler, Teresa Williamson, Margaret Willock, Gerardine Young.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS, 1956.

BRIDGET DOBHYN: English, B; Modern History, B; Ancient History, A; Geography, Honours 2; Art, B; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

ANDREA FULOP: English, A; French, A (oral); General Mathematics, A; Modern History, A; Geography, B; Art, B.

BEVERLEY HARTCHER: English, B; General Mathematics, B; Geography, B; Art, A; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

KATHLEEN HOLCS: English, B; Modern History, Honours 2; Ancient History, B; Geography, B; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

ELAINE HOWE: English, B; Modern History, B; Ancient History B; Geography, B; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

JOAN LYDDIARD: English, A; French, B; General Mathematics, B; Modern History, B; Geography, B; Physiology-Hygiene, B.

FLANCES LYNCH: English, B; Modern History, B; Ancient History, A; Geography, B; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

TERESA MIHELIC: French, A (oral); General Mathematics, B; Geography, B; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

PATRICIA PLUNKETT: English, A; Modern History, B; Ancient History, B; Geography, B; Art, B; Physiology and Hygiene, B.

COLLEEN YOUNG: English, B; Modern History, B; Ancient History, B; Geography, B; Art, B.

I. P. S. A. TYPEWRITING EXAMINATION RESULTS

JUNIOR GRADE: Margaret Walmaley, 90; Pauline McGregor, 88; Sandra Date, 86; Claire Towler, 79; Fay Silva, 78; Pamela Melville, 78; Beverley Meale, 77; Anne O'Sullivan, 76; Judith Brindle, 75; Dagmar Kamenz, 65; Helen Fittock, 65.

L.P.S.A. TYPEWRITING EXAMINATION RESULTS

SENIOR GRADE: Margaret Walmsley, 87; Anne O'Sullivan, 83; Claire Towler, 81.

SPEED TEST: Kaye Baker, Judith Brindle.

GRADE VII PATRICIA MABONEY, 90, Honours; Constance Boland, 80, Credit; Carmel Delaney, 78, Credit.

GRADE VI. Ruth Wynn, 78, Credit;

GRADE V— Henrietta Privora, 83, Honours; Robyn Holderhead, 88, Honours.

GRADE IV—Kathryn Mases, 86, Honours; Catherine Quain, 85, Honours; Patricia Coughlan, 81 Credit; Janet Kachel, 78, Credit.

GRADE III—Colleen Fox, 90, Honours; Helen Kachel, 89, Honours; Kerry Holderhead (Violin), 82, Credit.

GRADE II— Claudia Kibble, 87, Honours; Francine Ruggers, 86, Honours; Margaret Quain, 85, Honours; Cashie Conlitz, 85, Honours; Bernice Walsh, 83, Credit; Suzanne McDonald, 80, Credit.

GRADE I— Halina Tarnowsky, 86, Honours; Sue Simpson, 85, Honours; Catherine Byrne, 85, Honours; Anne Stenlund, 80, Credit; Danantia Grzeska, 78, Credit; Katalin Holmer, 77, Credit.

PREPARATORY— Boronia Malkiewicz, 82; Helena Chowyn, 83.

MUSICAL PERCEPTION—

GRADE VII— Patricia Moroney, 89; Constance Boland, 82.

GRADE V— Carmel Delaney, 76; Margaret Walmsley, 76; Henrietta Privora, 72; Jann Mulhearn, 66.

GRADE IV— Patricia Coughlan, 83; Robyn Holderhead, 79; Catherine Quain, 78; Janet Browne, 67; Carolyn McGovern, 66; Janet Kachel, 65.

CHOIR RESULTS.

GRADE IV— 85, Honours.

GRADE V— 85 Honours.
