

EARLY SCHOOLING DAYS IN EUNGELLA



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< Eungella State School students in August 1936

Back Row L to R:
Ron Aspinall; Allan Roseler; Nadia Koch; Dulcie Wrench

2nd Back Row L to R:
Cedric Swayne; Billy Aspinall; Audrey (Pat) Fogarty; Hazel Clews

3rd Back Row L to R:
Des Patullo; Loran Street; Jimmy Mutch; Audrey Hutton; Marge Brown

4th Back Row L to R:
Des Swayne; Norma Fogarty; Beverley Williamson; Gloria Wrench (fringe) behind Agnes Eden

5th Back Row L to R:
Orland Burgess; Noel Patullo; Billy Eden; Jessie Mutch; ? Williamson

Second Front Row L to R:
Lloyd Patullo; Marj Brown?; Thelma Clews; Fay Williamson

Front Row L to R:
Jimmy Brown; Ian Williamson; Marcia Wrench; Berys Fogarty.

IMAGE DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Dalrymple Heights Provisional School Students - 1944

L to R: Teacher: Daphne Jarrott (later Mrs Jim Clews); Bryan Jackson; Gwen Davis; Fay Davis; Alf Clews; Naomi Davis; Rita French; Dell Ward; Marie Thomsett; Gordon Melles; Heather Melles

2. Crediton State School - 1957

Teacher: Kevin Ryan; Noel Turner; Aileen Scott; Hazel Herbert; Cathy Hamilton; Helen Old; Edna Herbert; Beryl and Annabel Freegard; Ralph Freegard; Maxine Turner; Meryl Hamilton; Valda Cowan; Beverly Scott; Helen Cowan; Lynette and Denise Dingle; Stanley Mollenhagen; Neville Freegard; Wallen Mollenhagen; Jimmy Hamilton; Jeffrey Old; Ken and Donald Mollenhagen.

3. The 'new' Eungella State School - 1934

4. Eungella State School students - 1939

Back Row L to R: Ken Burgess, Billy Eden, Jimmy Mutch, Gordon Ross, Sheila Howie, Gloria Wrench, Agnes Eden, Margot Mutch
Middle Row L to R: E. Eden, Ruth Burgess, Reida Wood, Lal Parker, Jessie Mutch, S. Ironside
Front Row L to R: Melvin Burgess, Marcia Wrench, Lance Parker, ? Wood, Billy Burgess, Jim Wrench

Gold was discovered in the Eungella area in 1888 and due to the influx of gold miners and their families, schooling first came to the district in 1891 at 'The Diggings' goldfield 7km south of the current township. However the school was closed in 1900 as the gold boom dissipated.

During the 1920s, moves were afoot to establish a school in the Eungella township. Due to small enrolments, only a Provisional school was opened in 1928 with the average attendance for the year being 11 pupils.

By the mid 1930s student numbers were on the increase and a state school was opened on the current school site on 1 July, 1936. The headmaster, Roger Wasley was noted at the time as requesting - "a brick fireplace or some other efficient heating unit be installed."

Dalrymple Heights State School was also opened during the mid 1930s as settlers continued to venture inland.

Meanwhile the increasing population to the south of Eungella in the Crediton area called for regular schooling, as blocks

of land were opened up. A provisional school was opened there in 1944 in the old homestead of Mr and Mrs Ross.

In 1946 the provisional school was moved to the Crediton Hall until the state school was built. This was followed by the West Crediton State School.

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