

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

A BULLETIN - 11th February, 1970.

A. Please read and retain this section.

1. Vacation dates. (All dates inclusive).

Easter Vacation: Friday 27th March to Tuesday 31st March, 1970.

Term I Vacation: Friday 8th May to Monday 18th May, 1970.

Term II Vacation: Friday 21st August to Monday 7th September, 1970.

Term III Vacation: Friday 18th December to Monday 1st February, 1971.

2. P. and C. Meeting: Wednesday 18th February, 1970. 8 p.m.  
Pearce Primary School Hall.  
Election of 1970 Officers.

3. School Fees.

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| (a) One child only at M.H.S.  | \$16:00 |
| (b) More than one child at M.H.S.   |         |
| First child   | \$16:00 |
| Each other child  | \$12:00 |
| (c) Some family at M.H.S., other<br>family at some other A.C.T.<br>High School. |         |
| Per child   | \$14:00 |

NOTE: In every case the above subscription includes \$1:00 membership fee of the M.H.S. Parents and Citizens' Association.

B. You are invited to read the following if it appears to be of interest to you.

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### Some Comments About Progress

Melrose High School opened on Tuesday 27th January when its staff assembled for the first time. On Wednesday 28th January, the pupils arrived. The Principal welcomed the student body and introduced their staff. The first project was a pupil tour of the school in groups under the guidance of staff. Further briefing followed and lessons began.

Obvious temporary difficulties exist, the establishment of any new school is a complex operation. When this establishment takes place before the building is complete, added difficulties arise. However, the various authorities have minimized these difficulties and the Principal wishes to place on record his personal appreciation of the friendly co-operation by the officers of A. V. JENNINGS, of N.C.D.C., of the Public Works Department, of the Department of Education and Science and sundry other people concerned.

Our stock and equipment are still arriving and being dealt with. Staff is already processing text-books and issue of them is proceeding. A firm time-table is now operating. Sport organization is already being implemented.

### The Melrose High Union

This name is given to the school account which operates to service various requirements and activities of the school e.g. purchase of text-books which are then lent to pupils for the year, purchase of library books, of sporting equipment etc. Outlay on these items by a new school involves considerable expense. Now, this school account is financed by pupils' subscriptions commonly referred to as "school fees". It must here be emphasized that this term "school fee" is in no way a payment for tuition: it refers merely to the contribution each pupil is asked to make so that all pupils can enjoy facilities beyond the very considerable basic facilities provided by the state. Special arrangements will always be available for payments over a period and for those parents in difficult economic circumstances. We expect to invite payment very shortly through your children.

### Parents and Citizens' Association

This organization is educational in purpose and aims to give parents active participation in education. A provisional executive is already in existence. Your attention is drawn to the date and place of the next full meeting when the Permanent Executive for 1970 will be set up: Wednesday 18th Feb., Pearce Primary School at 8 p.m. The Canteen, Uniform and Research Committees have been working hard and you will be interested in their reports at the next meeting.

### School Uniform

Emphasis is here made that no firm decision has yet been made. Some parents have pleaded that I forecast possibilities e.g. colour of shoes. I urge parents to make do for a few weeks with the clothes their children now have. The choice of a school uniform always presents a problem. The retailers emphasize the principles of availability and continuity of materials. Parents seek smartness and economy. The P. and C. School Uniform Committee has worked indefatigably. This week we hope to see a compounding of ideas of manufacturers, retailers, P. and C. and school authorities and the emergence of a school uniform that will be economical for your pocket and satisfying to your sense of clothing elegance.

### The School Canteen

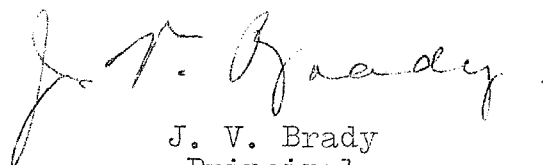
We are making arrangements for the Canteen Committee to begin operating this week. Writing materials and lunches of nutritional value will be on sale. Pupils will be advised of the actual day of opening.

### Safety of Your Children

The School joins with you in seeking the safety of your children: we wish to receive them vigorous and healthy in the morning and return them to you perhaps less vigorous but at least healthy and sound in the afternoon. We urge you to keep emphasizing dangers on the road, to warn against communicating with strangers. At the school even parents may communicate with their children only after they have first greeted the Principal - only in this way can we ensure that your children are safe at all times. At recess times pupils are confined to the school area where they are under supervision; of course, parents may request special arrangements e.g. to go home to lunch, or to leave school for some special purpose. Parents should feel that a ready welcome awaits them at any time: we want parents to feel that the school is a sympathetic ally working for a good and happy maturing process in their children.

### Thanks

The Principal and Staff express their appreciation of the co-operation you have already shown. After the completion of the Science Block, we shall invite you to the school one evening to see the finished school and to exchange social greetings.



J. V. Brady  
Principal