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COUNCIL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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ending 31 December 1983)

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THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

SIXTY-SIXTH REPORT

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This Report, which covers the activities of the Council of Public Education during the period from 1 July 1980 to 23 March 1982 is issued in accordance with section 10(2) of the *Education Act 1958*.

OPERATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Meetings Held

<i>Date</i>							<i>Members Present</i>
6 August 1980	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
19 November 1980	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
25 February 1981	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
27 May 1981	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
19 August 1981	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
18 November 1981	..	..	..	..	..	..	14

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF COUNCIL

DR N. G. CURRY

Dr. Curry, Principal of Toorak State College, was appointed to the Council in January 1981.

MR W. GRAFEN

Mr. Grafen, Catholic Education office, was appointed to the Council in January 1981.

MR S. OATES

Mr. Oates, Senior lecturer, was appointed to the Council in January 1981.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Registration Committee appointed was as follows:

<i>Members</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Dr T. J. Moore (Chairman) .. ..	.. Education Department (until 26.1.82)
Mr T. J. Ford .. ..	.. Education Department
Mr M. K. Collins .. ..	.. Education Department
Dr T. H. Coates (Deputy Chairman) ..	.. Registered Schools
Miss P. Turner .. ..	.. Registered Schools
Mr. W. Grafen .. ..	.. Registered Schools
Mr. D. Sexton .. ..	.. Registered Schools
Mr. G. Bartle .. ..	.. Education in Music
Mr. S. Oates .. ..	.. Universities

Meetings Held

<i>Date</i>	<i>Members Present</i>
21 July 1980	5
8 September 1980	4
29 September 1980	4
27 October	4
15 December 1980	7
2 February 1981	5
23 February 1981	6
30 March 1981	5
27 April 1981	5
25 May 1981	4
29 June 1981	5
27 July 1981	6
24 August 1981	4
28 September 1981	5
12 October 1981	6
26 October 1981	7
7 December 1981	5
8 February 1982	5
22 February 1982	6

INSPECTION OF REGISTERED SCHOOLS

Before a new school can be registered it must be inspected to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Council of Public Education.

In the period under report school inspectors from the Victorian Education Department have conducted these inspections for the Council. Primary schools are inspected by the local District Inspector while the Board of Inspectors of Secondary Schools undertakes inspections of junior-secondary and secondary schools.

The Council greatly appreciates the reports prepared, and other work done during the period by inspectors from the Education Department.

REGISTRATION OF SCHOOLS

In the period 1 July 1980 to 23 March 1982 56 schools applied for registration. The following 18 schools were granted registration in the divisions indicated:—

<i>Registration Number</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Date Approved</i>
1818	.. St. Alban's Parish School, Ballarat ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	21.7.1980
1819	.. Fitzroy Community School, Fitzroy ..	.. Primary ..	27.10.1980
1820	.. St. Paul Apostle School, Endeavour Hills ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	2.2.1981
1821	.. St. Andrew's School, Clayton ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	2.2.1981
1822	.. St. Thomas More's School, Mt. Eliza ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	2.2.1981
1823	.. St. Francis' Primary School, Nathalia ..	.. Primary ..	30.3.1981
1824	.. Creek Street Christian College, Bendigo ..	.. Primary ..	27.7.1981
1825	.. Good Shepherd College, Hamilton ..	.. Prov. Junior-Secondary ..	27.7.1981
1826	.. Plenty Valley Christian School, Mernda ..	.. Primary ..	24.8.1981
1827	.. Tarlina Community School, Macclesfield ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	24.8.1981
1828	.. Hillview Christian College, Red Hill ..	.. Prov. Junior-Secondary ..	28.9.1981
1829	.. St. Thomas Apostle School, Mossfiel ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	7.12.1981
1830	.. St. Simons School, Rowville ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	7.12.1981
1831	.. Altona Bay Catholic's School, Altona Meadows ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	7.12.1981
1832	.. Don Bosco School, Narre Warren ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	7.12.1981
1833	.. Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Ocean Grove ..	.. Prov. Primary ..	7.12.1981
1834	.. Catholic Regional College, Sydenham ..	.. Prov. Secondary ..	7.12.1981
1835	.. Catholic Regional College, North Keilor ..	.. Prov. Junior-Secondary ..	7.12.1981

REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS

During the period 1 July 1980 until 23 March 1982 4105 teachers were granted registration with the Council of Public Education. A comparison with the number of registrations in previous years is set out below:

1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-March 82
1701	2456	2571	2580	2579	1526

MATTERS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

1. *Green Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victoria*

The sub-committee formed to comment on the above paper reported that the paper "concentrates heavily on the State system of education, almost to the exclusion of the non-State system." The main thrust of the paper was for devolution of responsibility to involve more people in decision making at the local level via the Regional Office.

There was however, concern that the central bureaucracy would lose too much power, to the detriment of education. Council proposed "that the Minister give further consideration to the details of conditions under which responsibility for educational and other related functions may be retained centrally or devolved to schools, regions and to districts."

2. *White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools*

Council noted the changed title of the paper and noted that, despite the restrictions suggested by that title, there were specific and significant references to the non-Government sector. The Council of Public Education is to be replaced by a Victorian Education Council with wider representation and a greater advisory power to the Minister than the Council of Public Education.

A new Registered Schools Board will continue the present registration functions of the Council of Public Education.

3. *New Schools*

Council noted the problems the Registration Committee was facing with registration of schools using the American based "Accelerated Christian Education" material. Council agreed that the policy of provisional registration should be re-examined.

Council later agreed that provisional registration should continue to be granted only where the Registration Committee was satisfied with the staffing, education programme and operation of a school and where all technical requirements were likely to be met within the first year of operation.

Council took note of the Registrars prediction that there will be an unprecedented number of new school applications from many diverse groups in the next few years, and that these will provide problem areas never experienced before by the Council.

4. *Ethnic Schools*

Council received confirmation that "ethnic classes" are not "schools" under the meaning of the Education Act. Council agreed that it was an area of concern that was extremely complex and which would have to be addressed by some educational body in the future. Because of the uncertainty about the future of the Council it was agreed to hold over further discussion for the present.

5. *Proposed Registered Schools Board*

Council discussed the proposed new Registered Schools Board and agreed that the Minister be advised that the suggested composition of the new Board should be:—

- The Director-General (or his nominee) as Chairman,
- 3 representatives of the Education Department,
- 4 representatives of non-Government schools.

6. Proposed Victorian Education Council

Council also discussed a draft concerning the new Victorian Education Council.

A similar proposal had been placed before Council by Dr. Shears in his first year of Presidency in 1973, and the Council had recommended its acceptance. At that time the Government did not proceed with the proposal.

In respect to the present draft the Council expressed the view that the actual composition of the new body should be clarified.

7. Schools Commission

Council noted the formation of a working party by the Schools Commission to look at various aspects of non-Government school registration.

8. Conclusion

At its last meeting which was held on 18 November 1982 the President, Dr. Shears, outlined the achievements of the Council over the 70 years of its existence, and many members spoke of its work in relation to registration and its role as an advisory body to the Minister. Dr. Shears closed the meeting expressing the hope of all members that any new body which replaced the Council would be effective and successful.

EDUCATION STATISTICS FOR VICTORIA 1977-81

All figures are derived from the annual school census conducted by the Victorian Education Department on 1 August in each year.

Particulars	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS					
State Schools	2 162	2 152	2 155	2 158	2 149
Registered Schools	584	600	617	633	632
Total Schools	2 746	2 752	2 772	2 791	2 781
NUMBER OF TEACHERS					
State Schools	41 895*	42 981*	42 763	42 201	41 769
Registered Schools	11 356	11 882	12 656	13 034	13 815
Total Teachers	53 251	54 863	55 419	55 235	55 584
NUMBER OF PUPILS					
State Schools	626 317	623 609	614 419	606 147	595 042
Registered Schools	203 318	207 160	211 141	216 125	221 611
Total Pupils	829 635	830 769	825 560	822 272	816 653

* These figures do not include teachers on long-term leave or in support services outside schools.

DR L. W. SHEARS, President (until 26.1.82)

DR N. G. CURRY, President (from 26.1.82)

M. WILKINSON, Registrar