

RESEARCH ON EDUCATION IN OATLEY

Wherewere the first classes held in Oatley while the children waited for a school to be built?

Who was the first headmaster?

What school did the children have to travel to before they had classes in Oatley?

When was Oatley Public School built?

What are the names of the other two schools now in Oatley?

When were they founded?

Who are the current headmasters or headmistresses of the three schools?

Find out about Oatley's college.

What is its name?

When was it founded?

What is taught there?

What was on the site before the college?

What facilities are at the college?

CONSIDER: Do you think there would be more or less emphasis placed on education today compared to the early part of this century?

OATLEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

The school was originally an infants' school. It was opened at the beginning of 1947, with Miss Gwendoline Rowley as teacher in charge.

The school was made a full primary school in 1950.

The site of over 4½ acres was obtained in fourteen lots, by either purchase or resumption, in 1929 and 1930.

The present Principal is Mr. J. Reid.

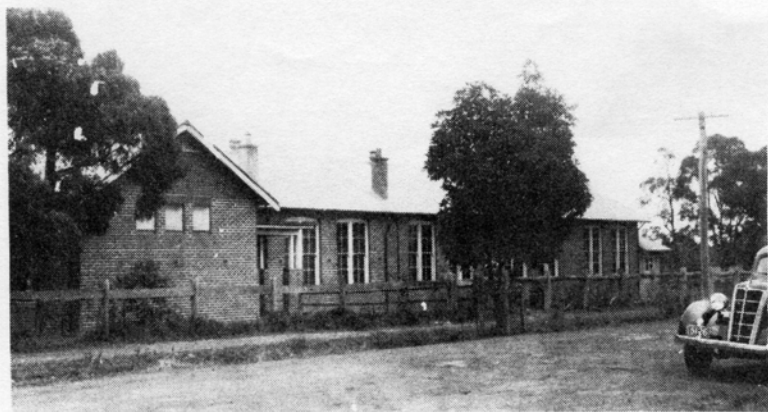
The school enrolment in 1961 was 526.

List of Head Teachers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>
Gwendoline Rowley	January 1947
Harry Callender	January 1950
Edric Bryant	January 1958
J. Reid	January 1962



"Class of 1920 outside the School of Arts, Letitia Street, Oatley — photo lent by Mr. John Derwent."



"Oatley Public School in 1935."

A MODERN TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION

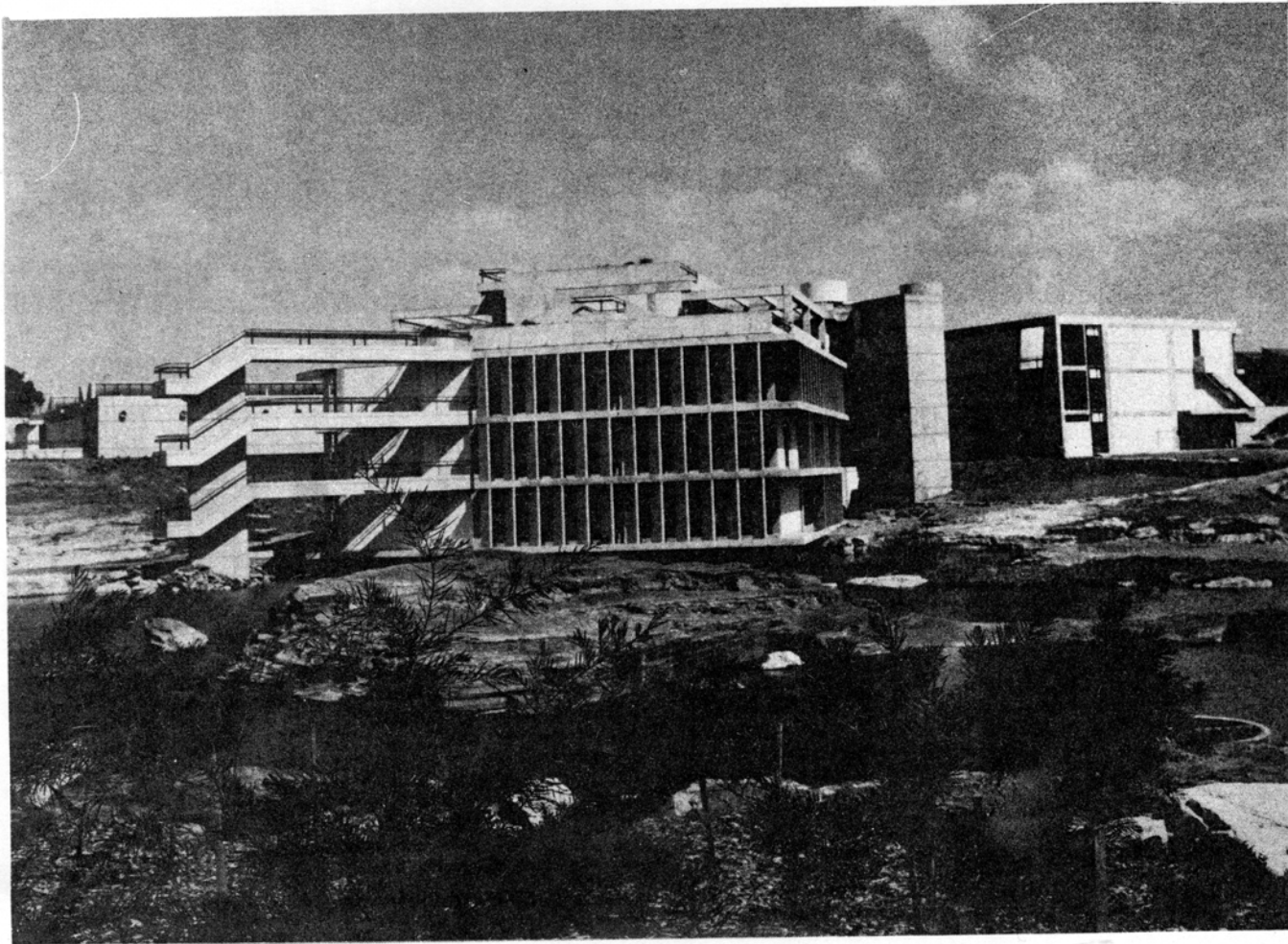
From 1980 the site of Judd's Brickyard has been occupied by a new building, the St. George Institute of Education. The steep and dangerous old brick pits have been transformed now into an artificial lake, a tranquil setting which stands in contrast to the frenetic activities at the brickyards down through the years. The carp that the local children used to fish for — or their relations — remain and have prospered. Whole flotillas of them can be seen sailing across the lake.

Already the development of a landscape plan and the natural growth of the trees and plants have added charm and variety to the surroundings. Colours and scents are concentrated in the inner courtyards and garden roof-terraces of the new building, where ivy, wisteria, bougainvillea and coloured native shrubs such as callistemon and yellow acacias are cultivated.

Children from the local schools still come here but not to trouble the carp. They are on various educational projects, projects as diverse as craft or computers, drama or social studies.

The St. George Institute has many attractive facilities appropriate to the needs of a modern tertiary educational institution. Since 1980 many links have been made with the community and further ones developed during the Oatley Anniversary celebrations.

The Institute now has a well-established regional presence.



Youngster of Oatley chime in with \$1300

A TIMELY donation to the fund to build and maintain Oatley's town clock came from pupils at Oatley West Public School. Principal Marilyn Kelly is pictured presenting a cheque for \$1300 to festival organiser Alec Leach to help pay for the clock, which was dedicated on October 29 by James Oatley's great great grandson Robert Oatley. The money was raised from the sale of refrigerator magnets which featured a clock motif.



St. George Institute of Education

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION ENROLMENT FORM

CLOSING DATE 25-6-1982

Please tear off and return, together with cheque/money order to:-

Community Education Program,
St. George Institute of Education,
P.O. Box 88,
OATLEY. N.S.W. 2223.

Course Title: _____
Course Fee: _____ cash/cheque/m.order _____ Receipt No. _____
Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: _____
Address _____
Post Code: _____ Phone No.: (home) _____ (work) _____

COURSES (Date of Commencement in brackets)

The College reserves the right to cancel a course if insufficient students enrol.

MONDAY

PUBLIC SPEAKING PART I Mr.A.Snow
6.30 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 5.7.82) 7 weeks Fee: \$40

A practical course designed to develop confidence and the ability to communicate individually and in groups. Learning the techniques of what to say and how to say it. Growth of personal identity through the facility to speak well.

STAINED GLASS TECHNIQUES Mr.N.Finn
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 5.7.82) 8 weeks Fee: \$95

The course will introduce participants to stained glass lead panel and foil techniques. Participants will design and produce their own leaded panel and then continue on to individual projects (panels, lamps, boxes etc.) Fees include tools and materials for the first project. (approx. value \$50.00)

BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY (commencing 12.7.82) Mr.D.Wilkinson
6.30 - 9.00 p.m. 6 weeks Fee: \$45

The mysteries of photography explained! Find out how a camera works; what makes film, how to develop and print from a negative. All materials and film supplied - nothing to buy.

SINGING & VOICE TRAINING I Mr.N.Cunio
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 12.7.82) 6 weeks Fee: \$35

The course is designed to equip the participants in handling the singing voice correctly. Amateurs as well as semi-professionals could benefit from these classes.

INTRODUCTION TO COLOUR PROCESSING Mr.D.Wilkinson
6.30 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 13.7.82) 6 weeks Fee: \$55

An introduction to the world of colour photography. Learn how to develop slides and colour film. Make colour prints in well equipped darkrooms. All colour films and materials supplied - nothing to buy.

LIFE IN AMERICA (commencing 13.7.82) Mr.B.L.Jordan
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. 6 weeks Fee: \$50

This fascinating course will be given by an American Educator who is in Australia for two years. It will trace the various ethnic migrations e.g. English, Irish, Italian, Japanese etc. and their effect on the American way of life. As Australia is now a multi-cultural society the course should provide interesting information for our society.

WEDNESDAY

FOCUS ON PSYCHOLOGY Dr.K.Robinson
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 14.7.82) 6 weeks Fee: \$30

This course is designed to provide interested members of the community with an overview of psychology and its methods through studies taken from significant areas such as individual differences, personality, learning and social interaction.

BASIC ELECTRONICS (commencing 14.7.82) Mr.T.Panaretto
6.30 - 9.00 p.m. 6 weeks Fee: \$55

An introduction to Basic Electronics from making printed circuit boards to construction of completed projects. All materials supplied.

PARENTS & THEIR CHILDREN'S MATHEMATICS Mr.M.Churchland
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 14.7.82) 6 weeks Fee: \$30

The course is designed to help parents become familiar with the mathematics which their children meet in modern infants and primary schools. It will involve participants in classes which will explain methods, materials and techniques used in modern mathematics education.

OPTIMAL HEALTH & FITNESS IN THE 80's Mr.J.Porcari
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 14.7.82) 6 weeks Fee: \$30

A detailed analysis of health practices aimed at achieving optimal health in the 80's. Mr. Porcari is a graduate of the Adult Fitness and Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at University of Wisconsin. He is completing his internship at the O.F.C. The special course has been developed to assist people adjust their lives to changing lifestyles.

ST. GEORGE WRITING COURSE (for teachers) Dr.E.Furniss
4.30 - 6.30 p.m. (commencing 28.7.82) 15 weeks Fee: \$55

Course participants will be required to develop their own writing proficiency, implement writing ideas in their classrooms, and write a report on the results of such implementation. Weekly journal writing and sharing of weekly writings for class activities will also be required.

TUESDAY

PUBLIC SPEAKING PART II Mrs.A.Snow
6.30 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 6.7.82) 8 weeks Fee: \$45

This is part II of the Public Speaking course listed above and will further develop effective speaking techniques and relate to specific situations.

QUILTING AND APPLIQUE (commencing 13.7.82) Mrs.L.Lindsay
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon 6 weeks Fee: \$35

These two areas of embroidery combine together naturally. They may also be used with patchwork, in the fascinating area of quiltmaking. No previous experience in patchwork is necessary to do this course. Students will provide their own materials.

THE ART OF HOME MAINTENANCE Mr.R.Peck
7.00 - 9.00 p.m. (commencing 13.7.82) 6 weeks Fee: \$30

The course will provide participants with the knowledge and skill to undertake basic maintenance of the home environment. It will cover general problems and solutions in Plumbing, Carpentry, Bricklaying, Concreting and Decorating.



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AROUND and ABOUT

Old pit reflects battle for College



MARKING the official opening of Alexander Mackie College at Oatley last Friday, from left, Hurstville MP Kevin Ryan, College Council chairman Clive Monk and Education Commission chairman Dr Ralph Rawlinson.

A FANFARE from student trumpeters marked the official opening of the Alexander Mackie College at Oatley last Friday.

Since it opened last March on the site of an abandoned brick pit, the striking college has taken in 400 fulltime and 150 part-time students.

Next year, when Mackie is integrated as

one of four campuses in the new Sydney College of Advanced Education, up to 1,000 students will attend, many in graduate diploma courses.

In addition, the college is seeking the involvement of St George and Sutherland Shire residents to undertake community courses and its impressive facilities at the Oatley Fitness Centre.

Mackie, named after the State's first professor of the Sydney Teachers College, has moved its primary and music education facilities to Oatley.

The harshness and difficulties of the old brick pit reflect a battle to survive which the college faced before the move.

Former principal and now State Education Commission chairman Dr Ralph Rawlinson told guests at the opening the college had gone to the brink of closure before State and Federal funding had been secured to complete the new building.

The college's distinctive lakes, apart from giving rise to the name Moatley, solve problems in storm water runoff.

Declaring the college open, State Member for Hurstville Kevin Ryan praised the college staff and Council for the innovative and exciting courses offered to practicing teachers and the community.

"The courses are proving so popular to business and sporting people there are already waiting lists for next year's community courses.

College information (570-0709).