

Group Settlement Schools : Identified by a Group Number

### **Group 94**

The first school to be opened was situated two miles west of Northcliffe at the junction of Tattenham and Richardson Road. This school was built originally for children from group 94 and 99 but up until 1928 when a school at Northcliffe was opened, it also served the children from the township, from where they had to make a 2 mile journey to attend.

Teachers : Olive Ratcliffe 1925/26, Iris Langoulant 1927, Annie Cullity 1928 to 1930 , Charles Buckingham 1931, Geoff Bridges 1932 until closure in 1941.

### **Group 97/98**

Situated on the Windy Harbour road some 6 miles south of Northcliffe.

This school building was moved to Pemberton where it is used as a youth club in the grounds of Pemberton school.

Teachers: Charles Holten 1925/26, Harold Minchin 1927/28, James Best 1929, Gerald Temple 1930/31, Ernest Iver 1935 until closure of school in 1940.

### **Group 95**

Situated on the western end of Datchet road, 5 miles north of Northcliffe on the Pemberton road. This school closed in 1929 after the Northcliffe School opened. Children attended Northcliffe School instead because it was closer and they could usually get a lift to and from school.

Teachers: John Bradshaw 1925, John Maryan 1926, Richard Brown 1927 and Samuel Durham 1928.

### **Group 100/103**

Situated on Middleton Road opposite the end of Armstrong Road.

The school closed though lack of numbers in 1936.

Teachers: Archibald Gosling 1925, Morris Marshall 1926/27, Ronald Graham 1928, George Callahan 1929 to 1932, Wilfred Dodge 1933/34, James Mews.

### **Group 104/6/7**

Group 104/6/7 was a double school , situated 6 miles from Northcliffe along Richardson Road.

This school was closed in 1930 as many settlers from this area were moved away to more

viable farms, the numbers were no longer there to keep the school open.

The building was moved as it was a double school, one half became group 141 school and the other, group 142 school, both which were sited east of Northcliffe.

Before the school closed one thing the school did have was a very good band. The local parents association purchased a piano and some children played the violin, accordion and mouth organ. Dances were held in the school building about once a month. As a Christmas treat one year there was very little money around for presents, Mr Grimshaw and two other farmers with trucks took the children and parents to Windy Harbour for the day. Other years a Christmas party was held at school with Father Christmas giving out toys. Particularly from this area people travelled many miles to attend the local Saturday night school dance. Travelling was often done with a horse and cart, nobody ever carried a light on their cart because traffic was not a problem.

Teachers: Frank Smith 1926, Clyde Bird 1927/28, William Tonkinson 1929/30.

### **Group 108/9**

Situated on the corner of Boorara Road and Palm Creek Road.

This school was closed in 1935 due to the lack of numbers.

Teachers: Stephen Wallace 1926/28, Edith Atkinson 1927, John Woodhead 1929, Edith Atkinson 1930/33, Charles Staples 1934.

### **Group 117**

Situated five miles north of Northcliffe near the junction of Wheatley Coast Road and Datchet road.

Teachers: Charles Hilson 1926, Robert Danaher 1927/29, Francis Amos 1930/31, John Parker 1932, Jean Reed 1933, G Venning 1934.

### **Group 121**

Sometimes referred to as Scotch School as it served Group 133 as well as Group 121. Group 133 was settled by Scottish settlers and as their children all attended this school it rightly earned its well known name.

This school opened in 1925 and was one of the last to close in December 1946. In February 1947 the children were transported to Northcliffe by bus. The building was used for Christmas parties and dances, also for meetings up until 1975 when it was transported into Northcliffe where it now houses the Pioneer Museum and the Tourist Information Centre.

Teachers: Alfred Johns 1925/27, Roger Evans 1928, Benjamin Cruse 1929/33, Samuel Durham 1934/36, Marie Ganger 1937, Thomas Kennerly, Eric Strauss, Wally Robb, Achibald

Gosling, Dulcie Allan.

## **Northcliffe School**

The Northcliffe School had 29 students in 1946 and the year later had 64 students. In 1950 the School had 93 students and almost 200 in 1955. Children the age of 5 and up to the age of 7 didn't have to go to school if they had to walk more than 2 miles. Children 7 and up to the age of 14 also didn't have to go to school if they had to walk over 3 miles.

## **Northcliffe District High School**

The current school site has 130 ranging from 5 year olds to Year 10. It features a Kindergarten/Pre Primary, 5 Primary Classrooms, Specialised High School classrooms including a computing room and library.

