

History of Northcliffe School Site

Northcliffe School itself was not a group settlement school. The town site population was not high enough to create a school and any students had to attend Group 94 school which was 2 miles from town. Northcliffe School started in February 1928. In 1946 to 1947 students began moving to the Northcliffe Site from surrounding school sites after they closed. The school population rose from 29 to 67.

Due to the town having a lack of money and an increase in student numbers, they had to use the Anglican church for a short time, as a classroom for the younger children. To increase the number of classrooms they transported some of the closed school buildings to the main school, so they didn't have to use the church for long. In 1950 they once again had to use the Church building as the student population rose again.



The Palm Creek school site (108,109) was one such school building used. See below for the plaque used to commemorate the buildings use. The building is no longer a part of the current Northcliffe School site. Northcliffe incurred another increase in students in from 1950-55 due to the War Service Settlement Scheme,

Northcliffe became a Junior High in 1963. Prior to that any student wishing to study beyond Grade Seven was taught by the school headmaster or sent away. As there was no daily bus service to

Manjimup, they had to board with relatives in Manjimup, Bunbury or Perth

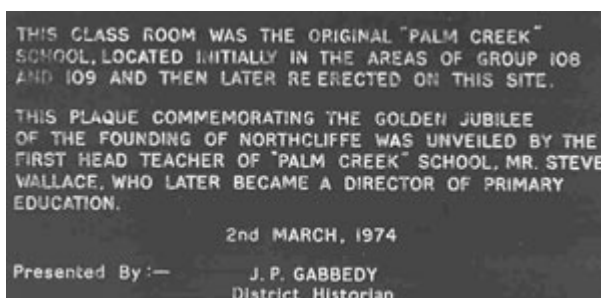
Left : The Anglican Church which was used as a classroom.

The P&C and Staff fought long and hard to get proper high school facilities and it was difficult due to the small amount of students who continued schooling beyond Grade Seven. They applied pressure to the Education Department to provide classrooms for Post Primary schooling.

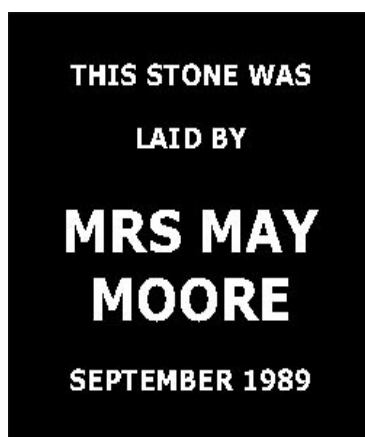
Two new classrooms being opened marked the beginning for Northcliffe Junior High School. In 1967 the present Home Economics and Science rooms were built. The following year a Manual Arts Centre was built. It wasn't until 1971 that the Manual Arts and Home Economics rooms were functional and students no longer had to travel to Pemberton to use their facilities.

Plaques at School

The following plaques show the school Additions and Events.



Unfortunately the classroom is no longer standing, though its location approximately where the current Library and the Computer Room are presently situated.



Left : A plaque laid at the opening of the new primary classroom wing.

Right: To commemorate the time capsule and the school celebration.



Bus Services

The first bus service to Northcliffe started in 1946. Mr. Jack Tomlinson was the first bus contractor. He boarded students from Quinninup so there was enough students for the bus run to start. The extensions to the bus runs coincided with the closure of the remaining group schools. (The Scotch Group was the last to close in 1946.)



1949 ... Adam's school bus service.
A Ford bus with a wooden body.



Northcliffe District High currently has three buses which each have two runs, servicing approximately 80-90% of the school students.