

TRUNGLEY SUBSIDISED SCHOOL

In January 1954, Mr N Sutherland, on behalf of the local community, wrote to the NSW Education Department, applying to establish a school at Trungley north. In April, a meeting was held at the newly completed school, to be called the Trungley Subsidised School. Mr Andy Mooney loaned the £160 to build the school. The school was located on the north-east corner of the Sutherland property, "Oakleigh". There were six children of school age, and Mr Briese offered to start the school, May 3, 1954, until a teacher was found.

By 1958, numbers attending the school had increased so much, that action to acquire a larger building commenced, and an application was lodged to have the school made provisional. There were 14 children enrolled in March of that year, with an average attendance of 12.7. The children attending were: Graydon Erwin Mooney, Marilyn Kay Sutherland, Darryl John Sutherland, Maurice Rex Sutherland, Judith Margaret Cheney, Lois Narel Sutherland, Peter Gerald Wells, Noela Joan Gould, Leon Richard Pike, Warren Raymond Cheney, Gayle Cheney, Graeme Neil Sutherland, Phillip Anthony Wells, and Simon David Pike.

In 1958, the 16' by 12', timber-framed fibro school, was described as being "in good condition, recently painted, a verandah with one end enclosed had been added, a weather shed and two toilets were provided, and the whole area fenced. The 'very neat' interior had a fireplace, three windows, and was painted pastel colours. Adequate cupboards, a blackboard, three long desks and forms, a teacher's table and chair, the usual requisits and books provided. The school also had a wireless. The teacher had been boarded with each family in turn, an arrangement that had worked extremely well".

The Trungley Subsidised School ceased operating in August 1959, following a meeting at Mrs Meta Sutherland's. The Grenelle Provisional School then operated in this building until late 1959, when it was reopened at the Trungley North Recreation Reserve.

The teachers at the Trungley Subsidised School were:-

Miss I Walsh	1954
Miss Jeanette Armour	1955-1958
Miss D Quinn	1958
Mr J Watson	1959



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