



# Cavendish Road High marked the start of a boom in secondary education

**T**HIRTEEN years ago the construction of the Cavendish Road High School marked a new milestone in State secondary education.

On an elevated site overlooking Mount Gravatt and Holland Park, the new school became the second State high school to be built in a Brisbane suburb—and only the third in the metropolitan area.

The first Brisbane State High School, was opened at Mistravre Park in 1924, and Wynnum High School in 1942.

Today there are 26 State high schools in the metropolitan area.

## Facilities

Cavendish Road High School opened in January, 1952, with an enrolment of 70 intermediate students and 29 high school pupils, a total of 99. In January this year there were 1420 pupils from Grade Eight to Senior.

In 1953, Cavendish Road High School entered 34 candidates for the Junior examination, and in 1955 15 candidates sat for Senior. This year, 317 students will sit for Junior and 162 for Senior.

Among the facilities available to the students

are two sports ovals, two laboratories, 40 classrooms, a home science block, a manual training block, a library room and a typewriting room. There are two TV sets in operation.

Under construction at present is a new science block which will cost £50,000 (\$100,000) from a Commonwealth grant. The block will cater for physics, chemistry, zoology and general science students. It is expected to be complete in six months.

The home science block contains two kitchens with gas and electric stoves, two dressmaking rooms, a fitting room, one laundry and a staff room. The manual training block has two wood-work shops, two metal-work shops, and a staff room.

Students can take commercial, industrial, homecraft, home science, and academic courses. The academic course

is a general course including English, foreign languages (French, German), sciences, mathematics, and social studies, which continues to Senior level and enables students to matriculate in most of the faculties at the University of Queensland.

There also is special provision for students who wish to take an all-round course including such subjects as English, maths, A. science, occupations, typewriting, technical drawing, music, and physical education.

There are six blind students at Cavendish Road, one in Senior, three in sub-Junior, and two in grade eight.

There is close contact between the school and the Blind Institute. Voluntary workers go to the school to help the students and a team of volunteer workers

transcribe examination papers and text books into Braille. The school recently received a Braille copy of the Oxford Dictionary.

Cavendish Road is proud of its cadet corps of Army, Navy and Air Force.

## Cadets

The cadets from the three services (Army, Navy, and Air Force) annually take part in the passing out parade and Anzac Day ceremonies at the school, and they also take part with other students of the school in the Anzac Day ceremony at Stones Corner.

All Cavendish Road students are allotted equally to four houses—Kingsford-Smith, Flynn, Scott, and Churchill. Inter-house competition is very strong in swimming and athletics.

The school is proud of its sporting record over a number of years. The girls have won the Queensland Athletics Championships for eight of the past ten years, and the school has been the overall grand champion on four occasions. The Cavendish Road High School was the overall champion in Queensland athletics in 1949.

Last year Rodney Walk won the 100 metres backstroke in the SSS Swimming Carnival and bettered the secondary school open record, the Queensland Junior record, and the Australian junior men's record.

In 1960 the school won the A. N. Robinson Cup and the Holdaway Cup in inter-school swimming. Barbara Windsor won the secondary school's golf competition in 1952.

Denise O'Connor represented the State in the Australian Athletics titles in Perth.

This year the school had five representatives in the Metropolitan Rugby League high schools' team against Toowoomba, and two representatives in the Queensland team against New South Wales.

Grey Core, a member of the Queensland Rugby Association, and Dr. Baggio, Brisbane Rugby League representative in the Bolshoi Cup, both are former pupils of the school. Well known in Queensland athletics are former pupils Lenore Liscomb and Kay Beauchamp, and present

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**Cavendish Road High school pupils gather at their weekly assembly. There are 1420 on the roll.**

A canteen is run at the school with voluntary help from a team of 200 mothers. Each year about £5000 is raised from food sold over the counter.

Parents meetings with the school staff are considered to be of benefit both to the students and staff. Four separate meetings were held this year with an average attendance of more than 200 people. The first was a meeting of staff and parents of grade eight students to discuss the problems facing a pupil in his first year of high school. Similar meetings were held for parents of students in sub-Junior, Junior, sub-Senior, and Senior.

Open scholarship winners from the school are Kay Wright, David Leaver B.A., who graduated in 1963, and the Australian National University with first class honours in mathematics, Leona Bartels (1962) and Richard Smith (1963) and Jeannette Best.

The principal of the Cavendish Road High School is Mr. Gregory Churven, B.A., A. Ed., M.A. C. Ed., and deputy principal, Mr. R. H. Mayne, B. Sc., and the principal mistress, Mrs. M. R. Godfrey, B.A. The teaching staff number 22, with 10 auxiliary staff.

The school colors are blue, green and white. The girls wear a bottle green and white cotton blouse in summer and a long sleeved blouse and tie in winter. The blazer has a monogram pocket. In summer the girls wear a bottle green shirt with white short sleeves and white skirt. In winter the shirt has long sleeves, and a green and white tie is worn.

The Parents and Friends' Association, formed this year, replaces a former committee of seven which last year had raised enough funds to con-



Part of the main sports oval and the school buildings at Cavendish Road High. A new £50,000 (\$100,000) science block is under construction.