

Promising Student Comes Top of the Class

Robert Edwards, a 13 year old Aborigine lad from the village of Enngonia is now a promising student at Saint Stanislaus College, Bathurst, where in his last term's exams he topped the class of 40.

Robert's display of above average scholastical ability, i.e. ability generally higher than his fellow coloured students, was recognised by his teacher and the local Aborigine Welfare Officer, Mr. Luschwitz.

Following liaison with the Enngonia Branch of the Country Women's Association and the Bourke Apex Club an amount of approximately £75 per annum, with equal yearly contribution by each Association, was promised. This amount was considered as indicative of Robert's assured success, i.e. Scholastically by the Aborigines Welfare Board who agreed to meet the remaining cost of the Scholarship partly endowed by the Bourke Apex Club and the Enngonia Country Women's Association.

During Robert's first term at "Stannies," he was placed 3rd in a class of 40 students.

Details of the Form 1B, 2nd term examinations are showing Subject, % Mark, Class Average.

Religious Knowledge (9th) 68, 61; English (2nd) 93, 70; Latin (estimate) 80, 73; Mathematics (3rd) 72, 57; Science 67, 61; Social Studies (1st) 89, 62; Music 67, 62; Art (1st) 83, 60. First in class of 40.

An extract from the report issued by the School Principal says:

"Congratulations to Robert's success in rising to the top of the class. He has shown himself to be a keen, careful and conscientious student. The teachers are very pleased with his work, and the other boys are glad of his success. I am sure he will continue to work vigorously through the 3rd term. His general conduct is excellent and devotion to politeness is gratifying."

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FOR APPRENTICES

The Manager of the Roseby Park Aboriginal Station, Mr. N. R. Lawson, reports that Australian Iron and Steel Pty. Ltd. at Port Kembla want to start another eight Aboriginal boys as apprentices.

In the July issue of *Dawn* a story on the good progress at Port Kembla of three Aboriginal apprentices was published.

One of them, Allen Ballangarry, of Eungai Creek, was presented to Princess Marina during her visit to the firm's Apprentice School.

Allen is studying fitting and turning.