



Guest Editorial

by

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Mainly because of the long and mutually helpful relationship which continues to exist between the Sulphide Corporation and Booragul High School I was happy to be asked to write a brief article for this issue of "Cockle Creek News".

There is obviously a close general association between industry and education. Few people would be so narrow in their concept of secondary education as to maintain that its sole, or even main, purpose is to prepare the student for a vocation.

Education is as broad as life itself and should help us to lead fuller, more satisfying lives. Nevertheless, it would be a shallow and ineffective system of education which failed to prepare a boy or girl adequately for entry into a chosen career.

Booragul High School had been in existence only a little over three years when, on 8th March, 1961, in a ceremony which the school's annual, "Mirror", described as "unusual and impressive", seventeen local scholarships were presented to senior students. Of these awards two were made by the Sulphide Corporation. So began a yearly flow

of generous assistance which was doubled in 1962 and these four Sulphide Scholarships have been maintained ever since. I am aware, of course, that several other schools in our area have received similar help.

Later on, in 1968, "the Sulphide" decided to make an annual award of a scholarship for University studies, and Glenn Green, who had recently completed his final year studies at Booragul High School, received the first of these awards early in 1969.

Undoubtedly the help given by the Sulphide Corporation and other local organisations and persons has encouraged secondary students in the Lake Macquarie region to excel in their studies and to aspire to tertiary education and careers of importance in the community.

It is gratifying, too, to see that the Sulphide, our biggest local industry, gains so many of its younger employees from the schools which it supports in this way. I feel sure that these apprentices, junior office assistants and cadets will have done much to justify the confidence the Sulphide has shown in the high schools of our area.

Mr. Blakemore and the High School Scholarships



MR. D. R. BLAKEMORE

With the emphasis on education in this "News" it was most appropriate that we should have a visit on 7th August from Mr. D. R. Blakemore first Principal of Booragul High School and one of the initiators of the company scholarship systems now well established in four local High Schools.

In January, 1961, approval was given by the Board of Sulphide Corporation for the establishment of two scholarships at Booragul High School to assist selected students to complete their senior studies and thus enable them to proceed to further education at the tertiary level.

At the same time a number of other scholarships were donated to the school and the scholarship scheme began to grow. The idea to establish these educational stimuli was

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