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MONNY HIGH CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Mr Moss was the first Monbulk High School Principal, along with 114 pupils who started in portables in the grounds of Upwey High School in 1963.

1964, the first year in the real school building in David Hill Road, Monbulk, was the year of the mud. There was still ground works going on and a lot of finishing off to do when students first moved into the buildings. A large roll of electric cable ran down the top corridor to the sewing room, but no power! Sewing teacher, Mrs Farley, managed to collect two treadle machines for the girls to start off with for the first few months. An apron was made first, for cooking classes.

Each student received the following information in preparation to start the 1964 year.

THE SCHOOL DIARY
Every pupil was to carry a diary to every lesson, and to their home each night. It should show their homework, and should be used by parents to send absence notes, requests for permission for a child to leave the school ground at lunch-time, and for teachers for any message to be sent home. A parent should sign the diary each week.

UNIFORMS
Until the manufacturers could supply all items of their new uniform, the children were permitted to wear the clothes they already had. All boys were expected to wear a tie.

Girl's Summer Uniform:
School frock - Material is a printed terylene, white background.
Black walking shoes - lace-up type.
White sockettes - short.
School hat - green velour with school band.
Underwear - plain white.

Girl's Winter Uniform:
Skirt - grey pleated wool-terylene, long-sleeved white shirt.
Tie - black string tie and school badge available at school.
Shoes as for summer.
Girls in Forms I and 2 wear grey socks or stockings.
Girls in higher forms wear college-grey stretch nylon stockings.
Hat as for summer.
Pullover - two white bands at neck, plain sleeves.
Blazer - bottle green with school badge on pocket.
Gloves - grey if worn.
Underwear - white or grey.
Long hair - neatly tied or plaited, bottle green ribbons.

Girl's Sports Uniform:
Green flared-line princess tunic with matching bloomers.
White sand shoes & white sockettes.
Bathers - one piece.

Boy's Uniform:
Trousers - grey
Shirt - white long sleeve
Tie - green and white striped
Pullover - two white bands at neck, plain sleeves.
Blazer - bottle green with school badge on pocket.

All garments clearly named.
No jewellery.

SPORTS HOUSES
Every student was assigned to a sports house: Rivers, Ranges, Forest, and Valley.

Mr Baker taking the first assembly in 1964 at the new very muddy school

Cleaning Staff, Jack Halliday, George Watson & Eric McConachy

In the early years of Monbulk High School, every one was familiar with all the staff including the cleaning staff, who all took their jobs very seriously.

STAFF 1964
Back Row: Mr David, Mr Hudson, Mr O'Leary, Mr Moss (Head Master), Mr Stapleton, Mr Straede.
Front Row: Mrs Walker, Miss Peterson, Mrs Lutz, Mrs Farley, Mrs Fox, Mrs Coburn.

FORM 1B 1964
Back Row: Helena Wagemakers, Sandra Shaw, Elsie Peterson, Jane Bowden, Linda Southcott, Jeannie Bastin, Mavis Henderson, Val A'Vard, Gisela Schlaer, Alexis Kendall, Cheryl Francis.
2nd Row: Hennie Kulk, Gabrielle Doyne, Anne Simms, Lynette Wise, Frances Licciardi, Christine Van Der Linde, Glenys Donnolly, Jennifer Casey, Robyn Scott, Lorraine Purton, Toni Black, Susan Pell.
Front Row: Christine Storer, Barbara Horne, Heather Gray, Heather Lee, Paula Massey, Jillian Dawson, Ineke Vegt, Robyn Hughson, Carmel Moloney, Janis Webb, Susan Wallace, Judith Whittaker.

It was 1966 before a huge machine levelled off the top of the hill which was to become the oval. Over the next year landscaping works continued; paths, garden beds and concrete steps to link the terraces, were built.

Many changes have been made to the school over the years: a name change to Monbulk College in 1988, several uniform changes, and of course many staff changes. The school magazine 'Outcome' started in 1967.

Monbulk Historical Society will endeavour to represent as many students from 1963-1971 in their display on the day of the 60th Reunion of the High School.