

10th May 1960.

Box Hill Boys Home

Inspector and Mrs. Jaggs visited Box Hill Boys Home over a period of three days. During that day 94 wards were seen and the information about them has been recorded in their individual files.

Hewattson
Since the last inspection visit there have been many staff changes, including the Manager. The present manager, Major Hewattson, has had considerable experience in boys institutions in other States and impresses as being capable, practical and understanding. St. Sanders is still at the Home, though most of the other staff have been replaced since the last inspection. The staff now stands at 22, including four part time domestics.

Clothing and Personal Appearance - The boys were adequately dressed for the weather. They looked healthy and cheefful and the general atmosphere was happy.

Health - The Medical Officer is a local G.P., Dr. Aitcheson. He does not have a regular session at the Home but is on call. There is a Sick Bay at the Home used for boys with minor ailments. The Health Department dentist visits and emergency dental treatment is carried out by a local practitioner. Some of the boys teeth were in a poor state and Major Hewattson asked if the Health Department's dentist could visit again as soon as possible.

Schooling - There is a staff of five at the School, with Mr. Hirst still Head Master. Mr. Hirst puts a great deal of understanding and enthusiasm into his work and the relationship between the teachers and the institution staff is very good. A recorder band has been formed and the boys seem to enjoy it very much. About a dozen senior boys are attending Box Hill High School and Burwood Tech.

Duties - each boy spends about one hour a day on jobs around the Home. These are changed monthly on a roster basis. They involve such tasks as scullery work, clearing away after meals, cutting lunches for those at School outside, etc.

Misbehaviour No reports of cuffing or slapping, but absconders get the strap. The question of corporal punishment was talked over with Major Hewattson and it was pointed out that corporal punishment is still forbidden under present regulations. Punishments are mainly extra fatigues and deprivation of such privileges as T.V.

Enuretics - about 10 - 12 chronic bedwetters remain, with others occasionally wetting if excited orr upset. Getting boys up at 10.p.m. is the only preventive measure taken. Methods found successful in other institutions were discussed with Major Hewattson.

Pocket Money - no regular allowance, but when boys need it for such outside activities as Sea Cadets, it is given,

Premises - still as before and oercrowded, but fairly definite plans exist for rebuilding on a cottage home basis in the foreseeable future.

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