



Mount Carmel COLLEGE



THE WAY THINGS WERE: The old St Joseph's uniform, as worn by Pat Fisher (Cashion).



TODAY: Modelling the new Mt Carmel uniforms are Heidi Nehrmann (left) in the new summer clothes and Stevee Gardener, winter garb.

School grows and changes

By JENNY MISSON

IN 1941 Father T J O'Donnell purchased a four-room house at 1 View St, Sandy Bay, to be the new parish school.

A year later, a parade marked the new school's official opening.

Initially the school only catered for children up to grade three with the modest total of 49 students — 26 boys and 23 girls.

In 1947, the growing school moved to its current location at 361 Sandy Bay Rd.

Lauramont, the house existing on the property, believed to date back to the 1870s, was purchased from the Fahan School.

Although its verandah has been removed, the interior revamped and lead lighting added, the old house still stands at Mount Carmel, retaining its classic elegance.

In 1957 two new classrooms were constructed for the year seven and eight students.

A new toilet block was also added.

In a mere five years the college had expanded again to include new science labs, a separate secondary school, a kindergarten, primary toilets and more primary locker space.

By this time, the college had grown to 425 students.

In 1983 the art room was demolished to allow room for a new art room, library, science and word processing labs. The tennis and netball courts were also resurfaced.

Eighteen years on, Mount Carmel has seen more changes and additions.

The annual influx of new grade sevens joining the college was greeted by a newly painted locker area featuring blue and yellow, the college colours.

This year, grade 10 students were more than amazed by the transformation of the 40-year-old science lab into two recarpeted and refurbished classrooms.

These rooms are complete with ultra-efficient heaters for those colder months.

As the year progressed even more changes were under way. Within months a deck was constructed alongside these year 10 rooms.

The year sevens and 10s have not been the only ones to benefit from the renovations. Two new science labs are to be opened which will provide a learning environment which is safe, attractive and fully equipped.

From humble beginnings, Mount Carmel College has developed into a valuable educational asset for the community.

It is a place where tradition is of great importance but the ability to adapt and change is also central to the school's unique spirit and atmosphere.

Staying in fashion

By REBECCA CHILTON and JANE CARRICK

THIS year has seen Mount Carmel College students proudly displaying the newly enhanced school uniform.

The traditional uniform has been around since the 1960s. Like all clothing styles, it had become out of touch with the world of fashion.

With numerous Hobart schools revamping their uniforms in some way, it was decided, after reviewing ours, that Mount Carmel College would introduce a new image.

The design was based on the uniform of one of our sister schools in Sydney, St Vincent's College, which was the inspiration for our new look.

The summer uniform has had a complete transformation.

The once-brown blazer has been replaced with navy while the light-blue summer dress has been updated to a darker blue with white pinstripes.

The straight line of the dress and the fuller skirt takes the emphasis away from the waist.

The winter uniform is more like our traditional one, with the skirt and jumper remaining the same.

However, the light-blue blouse has been changed to a white shirt, which fits close to the neck — a benefit during the cold winter months. The white also lifts the brown of the skirt and jumper.

The old bow tie has been replaced with a long knotted tie.

For both uniforms, the new coloured boater with the college crest completes the new look.

The Old Scholars of Mount Carmel College and St Joseph's School (the original Mount Carmel, established in 1847) have reacted positively to the new uniform.

The St Joseph's Old Scholars are particularly pleased with the blazer, as it is similar to the blazer originally worn at St Joseph's.

In a way, this shows that although our uniform has been updated, we have returned to our origins.

As well as getting the approval from Old Scholars, the new uniform has impressed staff members from surrounding schools in Hobart and the general public.

The community of Mount Carmel College has also welcomed the uniform change with

enthusiasm and appreciation.

It is hoped that in future generations the uniform will be worn with the same amount of pride and dignity as it is today.

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