



Willow Grove Primary School
2520
(Formerly Latrobe River State School &
Willow Grove State School)
1883-2023



1970 - 1980

Staff during the 1970s

Head Teachers: Arthur Mether, Ron Young, A Meszaros, Bill Taylor

Teachers: S. Moss, Miss Stephenson, L. Williamson, Susan Spencer, M. Henry, Michelle de Preu, Carolann Thompson, Miss Sims, John Duck, Anne Duck, Chris Avery, Joy Barson

In the school:

In 1973, the students went to the ballet and the zoo.

In 1974, costs include the circus \$4.37, Somers Camp \$12, school camp (Woorabinda) \$11.

In 1975, fees were \$10. Other costs included puppet show 76c, Woorabinda Camp \$15, Folk Museum 70c, film 20c, trip to the Orchestra 65c, swimming 16c and Healesville excursion \$2.75.

The basic educational skills that the children will be expected to have acquired:

Handwriting: To write legibly and with appropriate facility.

Spelling: To spell the common words required for written expression.

In 1976, fees included books \$6-\$7, Art \$4, Library \$2.50. Additional costs were swimming 6c per session (5 sessions), ballet \$1.05, Melbourne excursion \$2.05, Woorabinda \$15.

Reading- All children have individual readers that they read in spare time or at home- plus there is a library borrowing system in the school and a local library van- so all the children have a library book.

In 1977, fees included swimming at 10c, however it was cancelled. The also saw a Māori dancing performance that cost 80c.

In 1979, Mr Duck wrote:

The "FUN WITH WORDS" grammar kit was used ... as were the BRS Reading Kit, Endeavour comprehension kit, and various text books (eg. Encouraging English) occasionally Dictionaries were widely used...The Patterns set of comprehension cards was also useful..."



*School photograph 1971
Arthur Methers was Head Teacher*



School photograph 1972, - Grade 3-6 with Ron Young, Principal