

Memories of School by Margaret Wood (nee Cole)

Born in 1933, I was given Correspondence School lessons in 1939. From about 1940, I went to the Primary School in Cedar Street. Some of the time during the WW2, I was sent to live with family in Cooroy and in Brisbane.

When at school in Maleny, I went to school for half a day, on the cream lorry, 3 days a week. Later, I walked 6 miles home to Goodwin's farm with 2 of the **Goodwin** children. Dad picked me up on the horse & we rode home 1 more mile to the end of the road at Reesville. I did get to ride the horse to school for a very short period until a school lorry was introduced. It picked up kids all the way from our farm to school. It was semi-covered large truck with plank seats. **Cyril Jones** drove the first school bus before he went to Second World War.

During the war, I remember trenches were dug under the big camphor laurel trees growing along the front of the playground area, and then turned at a right angle up to the end of the school building. We had a few air raid practices. There was only one long building with a front enclosed garden.

There was a tennis court at the back of the school and we had a cricket pitch. Somewhere there was basketball played, as I captained a team (about 1947) which went to Conondale School with the boy's teams and we played basketball and vigoro there. I liked to play sport and would try to play cricket with the boys before school. Playtime was always sport. I went to State Commercial High School in Brisbane and lived with my married sister.



Margaret Wood (nee Cole) and her sister Barbara Wright (nee Cole) at Cole Family reunion, Maleny, 13/01/2007